

*Randall's Island Park - where
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Randall's Island Park ACCESS GUIDE 2010

Randall's Island Community Access Task Force

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Randall's Island North Fields 1-49

BB	1, 2, 20, 21, 27, 30, 31, 41, 42, 43, 46, 48
LL	39, 40
SB	12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36
	3, 4, 5, 10, 32, 37, 38, 44, 45, 47

Facilities

Icahn Stadium
Golf Center
Tennis Center
Harlem River Event Area

Phone Numbers

Emergency 311
24 Hour Fields Hot Line 212 860-1830

Ferry Dock

MANHATTAN

Bronx Shore Fields

BRONX



Randall's Island South Fields 50-99

BB	53
LL	N/A
SB	63
	50, 51, 52, 54, 60, 61, 62, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 90, 91

Legend

- Orientation Sign
- Parking Lot
- Pocket Parking
- Restrooms
- Sport Facility
- Park Drives
- Bike/Pedestrian Pathway
- Bike/Pedestrian Access



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RANDALL'S ISLAND HISTORY

Randall's Island's vast green spaces and dramatic views of the surrounding three boroughs have long inspired visions of what could be. In the past century, many envisioned the Park as a cohesive sports and recreation center, although this vision was never fully realized. Nonetheless, the Island hosted historic events attracting sizable crowds, including concerts by the legendary Duke Ellington, Jesse Owens' dazzling victory in the 100-meters at the 1936 Olympic Trials, and Pele's 1975 American debut.

Today, with the City's support and through the efforts of the Randall's Island Sports Foundation (RISF), the Park's restoration and development is nearly complete. Randall's Island Park has become the place where New Yorkers go to play.

RANDALL'S ISLAND COMMUNITY ACCESS TASK FORCE

The Randall's Island Community Access Task Force was created to work with the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation and the Randall's Island Sports Foundation to ensure that the Park's neighboring communities, specifically East Harlem, the South Bronx and Astoria, have access to the Island's facilities. The Task Force, which meets no fewer than four times a year, is Chaired by the Mayor's Office and the Council Member from City Council District 8 serves as Vice Chair. The Task Force is composed of representatives from the following offices: one representative from the Mayor's Office, one representative from the NYC Comptroller's Office, one representative from the Manhattan Borough President's Office, one representative from Manhattan City Council District 8, one representative from Manhattan Community Board # 11, one representative from Bronx Community Board #1, two representatives from the Parks Department, three representatives from the Department of Education, one representative from the Department of Youth and Community Development, two representatives from the Randall's Island Sports Foundation and one representative from each of three community organizations.

THE RANDALL'S ISLAND SPORTS FOUNDATION (RISF)

The Randall's Island Sports Foundation was founded in 1992 as a public-private partnership with the City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation to work on behalf of Randall's Island Park, located in the East River between East Harlem, the South Bronx and Astoria, Queens. RISF works with City leadership and the local community to realize the Island's potential by developing sports and recreational facilities, restoring its natural environment, reclaiming and maintaining parkland, and fostering community programs and access for all New Yorkers.

The Foundation raises private support toward maintenance, management and programming of the Island. In addition to administering and programming the Park, RISF funds ballfield, horticulture, Icahn Stadium, and turf maintenance crews.

November, 2009

Dear Friends and Fans of Randall's Island Park,

On behalf of the Randall's Island Community Access Task Force, we want to welcome you to the Park, and to invite you to spend some time becoming familiar with this new Access Guide.

As you may know, the past couple of years have brought a remarkable transformation to the Island, including many new facilities and increased recreational resources. This Guide is our effort to encourage expanded access to and use of the Park for all New Yorkers. In it, we hope you will find anything you need to know regarding Randall's Island, from maps showing facility and field locations, to transportation options, to permitting processes, as well as some great photographs of Park activities.

In short, what you will find in these pages is a restored, renewed and improved resource, and we are excited about all that has been accomplished. Now it's up to you to add the final touch – to come out and visit, and help us to make Randall's Island Park the place “where New York goes to play.”

See you at the Park,

Randall's Island Community Access Task Force Chair
Dennis Walcott, Deputy Mayor
City of New York

Randall's Island Community Access Task Force Co-Chair
Hon. Melissa Mark-Viverito, Council Member
New York City Council District 8

GETTING TO RANDALL'S ISLAND

Subway/Bus

The M35 bus runs to the Island from the NW corner of 125th Street and Lexington Ave. Transfer is available from the Lexington Avenue 4, 5, or 6 trains at 125th Street.

For updated MTA travel information, (718) 330-1234 or www.mta.info.

Pedestrian/Bicycle

The **103rd Street Pedestrian Footbridge** connects the southern end of Randall's Island to Manhattan, linking to the East River esplanade and across the FDR to 103rd Street in East Harlem.

Hours of Operation:

Dates	Times
March 21 - April 30	6 AM - 7 PM
May 1 - September 30	6 AM - 9 PM
October 1 - November 20	6 AM - 7 PM



The Footbridge is closed by NYC DOT from 11/21-3/20.

A new **Bronx Shore Footbridge** at the Park's northern end remains closed until construction is complete on the Bronx River Greenway Connector to 132nd Street.

Pedestrian Ramps connect the Park to all three spans of the RFK Bridge.

Manhattan: 125th Street and 2nd Avenue to just behind the Golf Center

Bronx: Cypress Avenue and Bruckner Boulevard to the Bronx Shore Fields

Queens: Hoyt Avenue and 28th Street, adjacent to the Astoria Boulevard N/W station, to mid-Island, adjacent to the Central Fields

Automobile

All automobile access is via the RFK Bridge.

From Manhattan:

Stay left for the exit to Randall's Island, immediately after the toll plaza.

From Queens:

Stay right for the exit to Randall's Island, immediately after the toll plaza.

From the Bronx:

Stay right for the exit to Randall's Island, immediately after the toll plaza.

Ferry Service

For years, RISF and others have advocated for water-based transportation to the Island, as a particularly Park-appropriate link in an improved access system. As a result, ferry service is available for many major events to our dock on the Harlem River from East 35th Street, East 90th Street, Long Island City and other locations.



Handicap Accessibility

Randall's Island Park is fully handicap accessible. The ongoing reconstruction of the Island's facilities has taken into account the needs of all park visitors, with additional curb cuts, accessible restrooms, parking facilities, paved pathways and improved seating.

Accessible rest rooms are available at Icahn Stadium and the Golf and Tennis Centers. Construction is underway on additional accessible comfort stations in the Bronx Shore, Sunken Meadow and Wards Meadow sections of the Park.

Designated parking spaces are provided at Icahn Stadium, the Sportime Randall's Island Tennis Center, the Randall's Island Golf Center, in the lots under the RFK Bridge and adjacent to the playground and Field 72.



PARK FACILITIES

Athletic Fields

To address enormous demand, the City and RISF have reconstructed or created 66 new state-of-the-art sports fields on Randall's Island. The fields accommodate a wide range of sports, including soccer, softball and baseball, as well as football, cricket, lacrosse, field hockey and rugby. The new fields are both natural and synthetic turf, all are irrigated, and many are lighted to allow extended play. Public amenities and access improvements include miles of dedicated waterfront bicycle and pedestrian pathways, new restrooms, designated parking, benches, water fountains, lighting, bleachers, dugouts, backstops, signage and staffed information booths.

The Premier Soccer Field (10) is located adjacent to Icahn Stadium, and the remaining fields are located within 7 geographic areas, which are further outlined on the following pages: East River Fields, Wards Meadow Fields, Sunken Garden Fields, Hell Gate Fields, Central Fields, Sunken Meadow Fields and Bronx Shore Fields.

Premier Soccer Field (10)

Location

- Randall's Island Park north, north of Icahn Stadium

Description

- Artificial turf rectangular field with lights
- Please contact Stadium Supervisor Tom Paliswiat, 212-860-1899, for more information.



Access

- Bicycle/Pedestrian: RFK Bridge Queens, Manhattan and Bronx Pedestrian Ramps, Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways and Bronx Shore Footbridge (future)
- Automobile: Parking areas under RFK Bridge viaduct
- Bus: M35 Bus to Golf Center or Icahn Stadium stops

East River Fields (80-85)

Location

- Randall's Island Park south, along East River

Description

- 80 and 81 are rectangular natural grass fields
- 82-85 are rectangular artificial turf fields



Access

- Bicycle/Pedestrian: 103rd Street Footbridge, RFK Bridge Queens Pedestrian Ramp and Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways
 - Automobile: Parking areas via East River Lane
-

Wards Meadow Fields (70-75)

Location

- Randall's Island Park south, along East River

Description

- 71 is a rectangular natural grass field
- 70 and 72-75 are rectangular artificial turf fields
- 70, 74 and 75 are lighted



Access

- Bicycle/Pedestrian: 103rd Street Footbridge, RFK Bridge Queens Pedestrian Ramp and Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways
- Automobile: Parking areas via Wards Meadow Loop

Sunken Garden Fields (90-92)

Location

- Randall's Island Park south, west of RFK Bridge

Description

- 90 and 91 are rectangular artificial turf fields
- 92 is an overlaid artificial turf rugby field



Access

- Bicycle/Pedestrian: 103rd Street Footbridge, RFK Bridge Queens Pedestrian Ramp and Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways
 - Automobile: Parking areas via Sunken Garden Loop
 - Bus: M35 Bus to Sunken Garden stop
-

Hell Gate Fields (60-63)

Location

- Randall's Island Park south, south of train trestle, along East River

Description

- 60-62 are rectangular natural turf fields
- 63 is a natural grass softball field/cricket pitch



Access

- Bicycle/Pedestrian: 103rd Street Footbridge, RFK Bridge Queens Pedestrian Ramp and Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways
- Automobile: Parking areas via Wards Meadow Loop

Central Fields (50-54)

Location

- Randall's Island Park south, north of water tower

Description

- 50-52 and 54 are rectangular natural grass soccer fields
- 53 is a natural grass baseball field



Access

- Bicycle/Pedestrian: RFK Bridge Queens Pedestrian Ramp and Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths
 - Automobile: Parking areas via Hell Gate Circle
 - Bus: M35 Bus to Clarke Thomas stop
-

Sunken Meadow Fields (12-48)

(Expected completion Spring 2010)

Location

- Randall's Island Park north, east of train trestle near Tennis Center

Description

- 32, 37, 38, 44, 45 and 47 are natural grass rectangular fields
- 20, 21, 27, 30, 31, 41-43, 46 and 48 are natural grass baseball fields
- 39 and 40 are natural grass Little League fields
- 12-19, 22-26, 28, 29 and 34-37 are natural grass softball fields
- 20, 21, 46 and 48 are lighted



Access

- Bicycle/Pedestrian: RFK Bridge Manhattan and Bronx Pedestrian Ramps, Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways and Bronx Shore Footbridge (future)
- Automobile: Parking areas via Sunken Meadow Loop or Central parking lots
- Bus: M35 Bus to Tennis Center or Sunken Meadow stops

Bronx Shore Fields (1-5)

(Construction Scheduled 2010)

Location

- Randall's Island Park south, north of RFK Bridge, along Bronx Kill

Description

- 1 and 2 will be natural grass baseball fields
- 1 and 2 will be lighted
- 3, 4 and 5 will be natural grass rectangular fields



Access

- Bicycle/Pedestrian: RFK Bridge Manhattan and Bronx Pedestrian Ramps, Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways and Bronx Shore Footbridge (future)
- Automobile: Parking areas via Bronx Shore Road
- Bus: M35 Bus to Bronx Shore or Robert Moses Building stops

Before coming to the Park, please call the 24-Hour Fields Hotline at (212) 860-1899 to confirm your field is open.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways

Approximately 4.5 miles of dedicated bicycle and pedestrian pathways run along the Island's waterfront, providing comprehensive non-vehicular access throughout the Park. Many routes have already been constructed, and the remaining pathways will be complete in 2010. These meandering pathways - free from cars, trucks and buses - have radically enhanced the Park experience for strollers, runners, cyclists and anyone traveling to and from the Park's new fields and facilities.



Riding Academy

The NYC Riding Academy is a developmental riding program that has been in operation for more than twenty years. It is located on Randall's Island Park south, adjacent to the 103rd Street Footbridge. The Riding Academy operates under a permit with DASNY and offers an Introduction to Horses Program for children and adults. (212) 860-2989 or riding@newyorkcityridingacademy.org

Playground

Scylla Playground, located near the Hell Gate Fields, features swings, slides, adventure play equipment, open space to play and picnic tables. Access is limited to children and their adult caretakers.



Picnic Areas

Informal picnic areas are located throughout the Island, and are typically available on a first-come, first-served basis. Cars are not allowed off the roads, so picnic supplies must be carried in and carried out. Barbequing is allowed only in designated areas and charcoal and ash must be disposed of in marked containers. Glass bottles are prohibited. Picnic and lawn areas are very popular on summer weekends, so large set-ups and loud music are not appropriate. If planning a large picnic, please see Special Event information on page 13. Popular areas include:

- Harlem River shoreline, just south of the Manhattan span of the RFK Bridge
- South Shoreline, from the 103rd Street Pedestrian Bridge to Hell Gate
- Wards Meadow, adjacent to Fields 70 and 75
- Hell Gate, just south of Scylla Playground
- Sunken Meadow Overlook, south of Field 27

Golf Center

The 25-acre Randall's Island Golf Center, overlooking the Harlem River and uptown Manhattan, features 78 indoor/outdoor driving stalls on two levels, with laser-measured targets, grass tees and a 320-yard grass landing area. It also offers a 36 hole landscaped miniature golf course and a short game area with bunker, as well as batting cages, a beer garden and grill, a WiFi patio lounge, and a 4,000 square foot seasonal special events tent. (212) 427-5689 or www.RandallsIslandGolfCenter.com



Tennis Center

In July 2009, Sportime replaced the Park's outmoded courts with a premier \$17 million tennis destination for New Yorkers.

The all-new facility features 20 courts: 10 Deco-Turf hard courts and 10 Har-Tru clay courts. From May through Columbus Day, 10 courts are reserved for Parks Tennis Permit holders at no additional charge. 5 hard courts and the 10 clay courts are enclosed in state-of-the-art air structures during the indoor season, and are available for outdoor play during the summer. 5 hard courts are located within the clubhouse itself.



The award-winning 20,000 square-foot clubhouse also features a Functional Training and Fitness Center; comfortable lounge areas with excellent viewing; spacious adult-only and youth locker rooms; steam, sauna and treatment areas; a pro shop featuring top brands and 24-hour stringing; indoor and outdoor cafe/bar serving healthy food, snacks and beverages; classrooms, meeting and special event facilities; and public restrooms.

Each July, the Tennis Center hosts World TeamTennis and home team the NY Sportimes.

Sportime at Randall's Island Tennis Center is open year round, Monday through Friday from 8 AM-11 PM and on Saturday and Sunday from 8 AM-10 PM. (917) 720-2798 or www.sportimetfm.com

Track & Field Stadium

New York City's showcase for outdoor track & field sits just as proudly now as it did on opening day in 2005. Icahn Stadium offers remarkable facilities for a wide range of meets, from local events such as the Youth Jamboree to high school competitions like the New York Relays - as well as international events with Olympic stars like the Reebok Grand Prix. RISF's Jesse Owens Track & Field program, provides free instruction to hundreds of local children, ensures that New York City will continue to foster track & field champions of the future



The Stadium features an extremely fast 400-meter Mondo surface running track, flanked by covered spectator seating for 5,000. The facility also offers a modern Daktronics scoreboard and a Finish Lynx timing system, as well as fitness, exercise and meeting rooms. A premier FIFA-certified soccer field to the north (Field 10) is part of the Icahn Stadium complex.



Icahn Stadium's track is open for use by permit only. The track season starts in mid-March and runs through the summer. For more information, contact Louis Vazquez, Icahn Stadium Director, at (212) 860-1899 or louis.vazquez@parks.nyc.gov.

RISF SUMMER CAMP

RISF's summer camp features instruction in softball, soccer, track & field, golf, tennis, horseback riding, volleyball and basketball, as well as sessions in music/dance and nature explorations. The camp is organized on a modular basis, which allows local community groups to attend as best suits their programs and summer schedules. For more information call Louis Vazquez at (212) 860-1899.



NATURAL AREAS AND HORTICULTURE

Wetlands

In 2008, restoration was completed on 8 acres of salt marsh and freshwater wetlands at the Little Hell Gate Inlet. A second smaller site in the Bronx Kill was also restored as salt marsh in 2008. These sites are now filtering nonpoint source pollution, serving as habitat for fish, birds and other wildlife, and welcoming schoolchildren, environmental groups and visitors from around the world.

RISF especially seeks connections to programs and volunteers who might serve as wetlands stewards, and contribute some time each season to maintaining and preserving these remarkable resources.

While visiting the Randall's Island Wetlands, please:

- Observe the wetlands from the boardwalk and pathways to prevent injury to you and to the wildlife. Be careful not to step on or trample any of the plants in the wetlands.
- Pick up any litter you see in and around the wetlands and place in trash cans. Be sure not to leave any of your own trash behind
- Quietly observe the wetlands. Loud noises and too much activity may disturb wildlife that use the wetlands for nesting, feeding, and rest.



Gardens

The Park offers a variety of planted and themed gardens and landscaped areas, all created using native species and sustainable practices. These gardens offer ongoing opportunities for volunteers - corporate and school groups, children and families - to participate in Island stewardship, and RISF plans to expand outreach to bring more gardening friends to its shores.



Wildlife

Randall's Island Park offers a much greater variety of wildlife than might be expected in the middle of one of the world's most populous cities, and with restoration of natural areas, we expect to find many more species. The restored salt marsh is attracting migratory and resident wading birds, shorebirds, and waterfowl, in particular providing foraging grounds for the great and snowy egrets and black-crowned and yellow-crowned night herons that nest on nearby South Brother Island. It also provides habitat for blue crabs, fiddler crabs and ribbed mussels as well as nursery grounds and feeding habitat for finfish and shellfish. The restored freshwater wetlands are providing critical habitat for several species of butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies, and habitat for birds such as red-winged blackbirds, marsh wrens, common yellow throats, swamp sparrows and green herons. Documented sightings throughout the Park include pheasants, wild geese, raccoons, red-tailed hawks, rabbits and even a beaver - seemingly confirmed by news reports of the beaver's return to the Bronx River.

Environmental Explorations

Since 2001, RISF has worked with local public schools and community-based organizations to bring thousands of children to the Park for environmental activities and studies, working with the Urban Park Rangers and with the Bank Street College of Education. With the new wetlands sites, and with increased restoration of and access to the Island's vast shoreline areas, RISF hopes to bring a greater number and range of groups to explore this unique natural environment. RISF is developing partnerships with local, regional and national environmental advocacy groups in order to foster drop-in programs, group visits and walking tours for all ages.

Volunteers

Several thousand corporate, school and individual volunteers annually enjoy planting and restoration projects on Randall's Island.

Employees from corporations such as Avon, Bloomberg LP, Deloitte & Touche and Goldman Sachs and students from area schools and colleges have visited the Island for over 10 years planting flowers, shrubs and trees, cleaning specific areas of the park and helping to beautify new gardens and pathways. Our projects have earned Goldman Sachs Community TeamWorks' "Outstanding Project Management" award. One of our volunteers wrote us, "I come here every year and live in an apartment and don't have a chance to plant, so I love to do my part at Randall's Island to make it beautiful."

Upon arrival at the Park, groups will find the planting site prepared with tools, gloves, and planting materials all ready. Our experienced horticulturists explain the tasks and oversee and work alongside the volunteers throughout the day. A typical day runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Most volunteer groups fund planting materials, tools, bottled water and lunch.

Individual Gardeners without a garden are invited to join us on Tuesdays from 10-2, from May through September. Volunteers meet at Icahn Stadium.

For more information on group and individual volunteer projects, please contact Phyllis Odessey at (917) 301-4012 or phyllis.odessey@parks.nyc.gov to discuss your firm's volunteer needs and interests. You'll have a great time at Randall's Island working together and see wonderful results from your efforts!

BOATING AND FISHING

Boating

Randall's Island does not have a public marina or boat launch. We are working to improve access to and around the island for small, hand-powered craft, such as canoes and kayaks.

Fishing

Fishing is allowed in the rivers surrounding Randall's Island Park.

By observing the following regulations when fishing in waters under the jurisdiction of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, you will help preserve our marine resources for future generations to enjoy. For State and federal regulations of which you should be aware, please visit the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation website.

(The following is an excerpt from Section §1-05(h) Regulated Uses of the Rules & Regulations of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation.)

1. Fishing shall be permitted from locations under the jurisdiction of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, except in open swimming areas or where specifically prohibited.
2. Any person who engages in fishing shall obey all posted guidelines and comply with all applicable City, State, and Federal laws and regulations, including Title 6 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law.
3. The use of lead fishing weights in waters under the jurisdiction of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation shall be a violation of these rules.
4. Failure to remove fishing line fragments and hooks from land and waters under the jurisdiction of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation shall be a violation of these rules.
5. All fish caught in freshwater areas shall be immediately released. The use of barbed hooks in such areas shall be a violation of these rules.
6. The use of traps to catch fish and/or crustaceans in areas under the jurisdiction of the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation shall be a violation of these rules.

RANDALL'S ISLAND PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

Park Hours

- Randall's Island Park is open daily to the public from 5 AM to 11 PM.

Field Use

- Permits are required for all fields. Please see page [20].

Vehicles

- Vehicles must be parked in designated areas.
- Vehicles may not obstruct roadways, pedestrian crossings, entries or exits.
- Vehicles are not allowed on lawns, athletic fields or other landscaped areas.
- All vehicles must obey the traffic laws of the Park.

Dirt Bikes / ATVs

- Dirt bikes and ATVs are prohibited on Randall's Island Park at all times.

Barbecuing

- Barbecuing is allowed ONLY in designated areas. No flames are allowed on the sports fields.
- No barbecuing permitted under trees.
- All coals & litter must be disposed in trash receptacles.

Food & Beverages

- Various food and beverage concessions are located around the island, including at the Golf Center, Sportime Tennis Center and Icahn Stadium, as well as at seasonal mobile locations.
- Glass bottles are not allowed in the Park.
- Patrons are permitted to bring food and beverages to the Island for their own consumption. However, any vending requires permission from Parks' Revenue division and may require additional permits from the Department of Health or other agencies.
- Only alcoholic beverages purchased from authorized vendors are permitted.

Sound

- Large speakers and sound systems are not allowed without an NYPD Sound Permit.

Pets

- Other than service animals, pets are not permitted on the athletic fields, in the playground, or at Icahn Stadium, the Golf Center or Sportime Randall's Island Tennis Center.
- Dogs are allowed off-leash in other areas of the Island before 9 AM and after 9 PM.

The following activities are prohibited:

- Entering the Park after it is closed
- Littering or dumping of debris
- Using illegal drugs or alcohol
- Performing or rallying except by permit
- Engaging in commercial activity except by permit
- Feeding birds, squirrels or other wildlife

Special Events

- Organized gatherings of more than 25 people will require a Special Event Permit. Please see following pages.

PERMIT PROCESSES

Special Event Permits

Organized gatherings of 25 or more people, or smaller gatherings with elaborate physical set-ups, require a Parks Special Event Permit. The Special Event Permit application can be found at www.nyc.gov/parks, and is available at the Manhattan Borough Office, 24 West 61st Street, New York, NY 10023.

The permit application carries a \$25 processing fee. Except under special circumstances, applications must be filed at least a month in advance of the desired event date, but not before November of the preceding year. Amplified sound requires Parks approval and a Sound Permit from NYPD 25th Precinct. Submitting a permit application does not guarantee approval of the permit nor approval of all requested activities and locations.

Randall's Island also hosts a variety of large public and private events, such as concerts, circuses, charity fundraisers and picnics. The fees and arrangements for these events are determined based on the particulars of the event, including location, size and duration of setup, Parks staff involvement required, impact on other park uses and admission fees charged.

Tennis Permits

Parks begins processing new tennis permit requests and mailing out online renewals in March. Permits purchased are good for use on any of Parks' public courts across the city from issuance until the end of the season in November. Note: For anybody who is interested in purchasing a permit late in the season, the same fees and expiration date apply.

For single play, permits are good for one hour of tennis each day, in any borough. For doubles play, permits are good for two hours of tennis each day in any borough. All players must have permits or single-play (one-time use) tickets. Court users must adhere to the Tennis Rules & Regulations and Guidelines for Use of Field and Court Space.

Cost of Permits

Adults (ages 18-61)	\$100 (Permit Requires Photograph)
Senior Citizens (ages 62 and over)	\$20 (Permit Requires Photograph)
Junior (ages 17 and under)	\$10 (Permit Requires Photograph)
Single-Play Tickets (per ticket)	\$7 (No Photograph Required)
Reservation Tickets (per ticket)	\$7 (No Photograph Required)

Arsenal Tennis Permit Office

830 5th Avenue - The Arsenal, Room 1 (Basement)

(212) 360-8131

Monday through Friday: 9 AM -4 PM

Saturday : 9 AM-12 PM (April-June only)

Permits are also available from each borough's tennis permit office, as well as at Paragon Sports at 18th Street and Broadway.

Sports Fields Permits:
Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Football, Rugby, Field Hockey, Cricket

Organized play on Randall’s Island fields is by permit only. Each season’s permits are typically scheduled several months before the season begins. Priority is given to school groups and youth leagues over adult users. Every effort is made to allow established, returning, groups to receive a similar allocation of fields from year to year, allowing for continuity in their program.

A sports permit application must be completed for each desired permit. The application form can be found at www.nyc.gov/parks. A sample form can be found on pages [22 and 23].

Deadlines and Fees

Spring field permit applications are due by January 15 and fall field permit applications are due by July 1. Applications received before the seasonal deadlines will be given priority for scheduling fields. This does not mean you are guaranteed your request. Applications can be sent after these dates, but will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Standard New York City Department of Parks and Recreation field permit rates apply.

Youth (under 18)	Free
Bat & Ball Field	\$16 per 2 hour session
Rectangular Field	\$20 per 2 hour session
Field Lights	\$32 per 2 hour session

Field Closures

In order to protect the condition of our fields, and to ensure that they will remain in good condition for years to come, as well as to protect the safety of the athletes, Randall’s Island occasionally must close the fields without advance warning.

Fields may be closed for the following reasons: Heavy rains, snow, lightning, and ongoing maintenance.

Red flags on a field mean that the field is closed. Only when the flags are removed will the field be open. Fields may also be marked closed with caution tape, signage or other means.

Play on flagged, closed fields may result in suspension of permit, summons or arrest.

Before coming to the Park, please call the RISF 24-Hour Fields Hotline at (212) 860-1899 to confirm your field is open.

After-School Field Usage

Per agreement, 20 local independent schools are allocated 50% of the field playing time on weekdays from 3 PM to 6 PM for 20 weeks of each school year.

New York City public schools and community-based organizations have preference for use of 40% of the field playing time on weekdays from 3 PM to 6 PM. The Randall's Island Community Access Task Force, Parks and RISF work closely with the DOE Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL) and CHAMPS programs to bring public middle and high school teams to the fields on weekday afternoons as well as during the school day. PSAL and CHAMPS are given priority for these fields during this time. Any unused fields are available for other public schools.

10% of weekday playing field time from 3 PM to 6 PM is open to all users, including independent, public and parochial schools. These permits are given by order of request. If more requests than fields available are received, a lottery determines usage for the current season.

Seasonal Usage

Spring/Summer (Early April - Labor Day)

- A total of 57 fields will be available during the spring/summer season. Rectangular fields that are overlapped by bat & ball fields will not be permitted during the spring. See map on page 24.

Fall (Mid-September - November)

- A total of 51 fields will be available during the fall season. Bat & ball fields that are overlapped by rectangular fields will not be permitted in the fall. See map on page 25.

Winter (December - March)

- Winter play will be concentrated on the 12 synthetic turf fields in order to protect the dormant turf on the grass fields.

Lighted Fields

Selected fields have been outfitted with sports lighting for night play up until 11 PM. There is an additional permit fee for use of the field lights. The following rectangular fields will be lighted at night for play: 10, 70, 74 and 75. The following baseball fields will be lighted at night for play: 20, 21, 46 and 48. *In addition, Bronx Shore baseball Fields 1 and 2 will be lighted as part of the upcoming construction project on Randall's Island north.*

Community Permit Workshops

Community workshops are held twice a year, in the fall and spring, at Randall's Island. These workshops are open to all and offer comprehensive information concerning the permit process and the Park in general. They will take place in the spring and fall. Please contact Laurence Vargas at (212) 860-1899 or laurence.vargas@parks.nyc.gov if you are interested in attending.

SPORTS PERMIT RULES

1. Each group of players using a field or court must purchase and possess a permit. Parks & Recreation reserves the right to request that the players provide proof of approved ballfield or court use.
 2. Permittees are responsible for the conduct of anyone playing under the permit and will be liable for damages to persons or property arising from such conduct.
 3. Permits are not valid unless embossed with an official Parks seal.
 4. Permits may not be transferred or resold. Any violation of this provision will result in revocation of all permits issued to the permittee.
 5. Permits are not available for practice sessions.
 6. Permits are terminable at will by the Commissioner of Parks.
 7. Parks retains the right to temporarily suspend permits, or to change permit locations. The agency will make reasonable efforts to provide an alternative location.
 8. The granting of a permit does not give the permittee the right to sell or offer for sale any articles, tickets, or refreshments, within or adjacent to the park. Any sales require a separate Temporary Use Authorization issued by Parks' Revenue Division. There is a fee required for a Temporary Use Authorization.
 9. Alcoholic beverages may not be sold or consumed on Parks property except where specifically authorized by the Commissioner of Parks.
 10. Barbecuing and the use of propane tanks are prohibited except where designated by sign or special permit.
 11. Motor vehicles may not be brought into or operated in any area of a park, except in designated areas.
 12. Littering is prohibited. Teams must leave the field or court free of litter and debris.
 13. Noncommercial literature or pamphlets may not be distributed within or adjacent to any park area, except from a fixed location approved by Parks and specified in the permit.
 14. Commercial literature, signage or advertising material of any kind may not be posted, placed or distributed at the courts or ballfields, unless such permission is granted by Parks.
 15. The agency reserves the right to require a permittee to post a bond or other security to ensure compliance with these rules.
 16. Permits may be terminated if the field or court is reserved but not used.
 17. In addition to the above terms and conditions, permittees are required to comply with all other rules of the City of New York/Parks & Recreation, including but not limited to Section 2-09 of Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York.
 18. Violation of any rules will result in revocation of all permits and/or other sanctions including a summons to appear in civil court or criminal court.
 19. Permittees should call the Randall's Island Sports Foundation in advance if unable to use any assigned time sessions, so that the agency can try to accommodate others who wish to use the field or court.
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SPORTS PERMIT APPLICATION

- Attach copies of your leagues guidelines and by-laws.
- Answer all sections of this application completely; incomplete applications will be returned.
- Return completed applications to the permit office in the borough you would like to play.
- Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope in which we can return your permit(s) to you.
- Within 15 days of receipt of permit, a full schedule of games must be submitted to the appropriate borough office.
- No permits will be granted unless the back of this application is signed.

Section I Applicant	1a. Name of Applicant: _____ 1b. Organization (if any): _____ 2. Mailing Address: _____ 3. Phone: Day time: (____) _____ - _____ Night time: (____) _____ - _____ 4. E-mail Address: _____
Section II Permit Information	1. Is Application for (check one): Game__ League__ Tournament__ School__ 2. If for School (check): Elem__ JHS__ HS__ College__ Public__ Private__ 3. Sport: Softball__ Baseball__ Football__ Soccer__ Frisbee__ Cricket__ Other: _____ 4. Courts(s)/Field(s) desired: _____ (If requesting permits for multiple courts or fields, please fill out separate applications) First Choice: _____; Day of the week: Su M Tu W Th F Sa Start date: ____/____/____ End date: ____/____/____; Start time: _____ End time: _____ Second Choice: _____; Day of the week: Su M Tu W Th F Sa Start date: ____/____/____ End date: ____/____/____; Start time: _____ End time: _____
Section III League/Team	1. Name of League/Team: _____ 2. Gender of players (check one): Male__ Female__ Co-ed__ 3. Age (check one): Are any players over 18? Yes__ No__ 4. How long has the league received permits? ____ years. List previous year's permit # _____ 5. What type of league (check one): Association__ Corporation__ Independent__ Municipal__ Other (describe) _____
Section IV Contact Information	Alternate Contact: _____ Home Address: _____ Phone: Day time: (____) _____ - _____ Night time: (____) _____ - _____
Section V Background Information	1. Does the team pay membership to league? Yes __ (amount \$ _____) No __ 2. Number of players per team: ____ Number of teams ____ 3. Number of referees per game: ____ Are the referees compensated? Yes__ No__ By whom? _____ 4. Does the league provide any other services? Yes__ No__ If yes, please list: _____ 5. Number of spectators anticipated? ____ 6. Will the spectators be charged? Yes__ No__ If yes, how much? ____ 7. Will there be sponsorship signage at the event? Yes__ No__ 8. Will there be vendors at the event? Yes__ No__ 9. Will the event be advertised? Yes__ No__ 10. Will you be utilizing amplified sound at the event? Yes__ No__ If yes, you must obtain a Special Event Permit from Parks and a Sound Permit from NYPD 11. Does your organization have personal liability insurance? Yes__ No__ If yes, at what rate? _____ 12. Have you made any provisions for on-site security? Yes__ No__ If so, what type? _____ 13. Have you made any provisions for on-site medical service? Yes__ No__ If so, what type? _____

City of New York Parks & Recreation

Guidelines for Use of Field and Court Space

APPLICATIONS

- (1) Those who wish to reserve a court, rink or ballfield (sports facility) under the jurisdiction or management of the Department for the sports of basketball, baseball, softball, cricket, roller hockey, volleyball football, lacrosse, rugby, ultimate frisbee, and soccer must obtain a written permit from the Department. If an individual is applying for a permit on behalf of a group or athletic league, he or she must so designate on the permit. Only one individual may apply for a permit per group or athletic league.
- (2) Those who wish to reserve a court, rink or ballfield (sports facility) under the jurisdiction or management of the Department for any other purposes may require a Special Events Permit. For more information, please contact the Special Events office in the Borough in which you wish to hold the event.
- (3) The completed application must be received by the Department no later than JANUARY 15 of each year for spring and summer reservations, and no later than JULY 1 for fall reservations. Later applications will be filled on a space available basis.
- (4) The completed application must include a list of all sports facilities requested.
- (5) The Department reserves the right to require a clean up bond and/or personal liability insurance for the event/game, naming the City of New York as co-insured. The factors to be considered in requiring a bond and/or insurance are:
 - (i) estimated number of spectators to attend sessions,
 - (ii) involvement of vendors (where permitted by the Department),
 - (iii) past history of league/event.
- (6) Admission tickets, refreshments or any other articles may not be sold or offered for sale within or adjacent to any park area without the prior written authorization of the Department.

PERMITS

- (1) The permittee must confine sports activities to the locations and times specified on the permit.
- (2) The permittee shall remain subject to the Rules of the Department, the specific terms of the permit, and to all rules, regulations and laws of all City, State and Federal departments insofar as applicable.
- (3) The permittee must clean and restore the premises after each session.
- (4) Pamphlets, handbills, or advertising material of any kind may not be posted, placed or distributed at the courts or ballfields, unless written permission is granted by the Department.
- (5) The permittee must have in his/her possession at the time and site of the reserved session the permit for the use of the sports facility and any other permits or documents required by the Department or any other City agency for proposed activities at the session.
- (6) The permittee is liable for all damage or injury to property or persons that may occur or be caused by the use of the permit, and by accepting the permit the permittee agrees to save the City of New York and the Department harmless from any claim whatsoever which may result from such use.
- (7) Any transfer of permits requires the approval of the athletic permit coordinator of the borough in which the sports facilities are located. Such transfer, if approved, must take place in the office of the athletic permit coordinator of the relevant borough with both transferor and transferee present. The permit is not otherwise transferable.
- (8) The permit is revocable at any time at the discretion of the Commissioner, or his or her representative. The reasons for revocation include, but are not limited to,
 - (i) providing incorrect information on an application form,
 - (ii) failure to adhere to the rules of the Department or the conditions of the permit,
 - (iii) the use of a permit issued to a youth organization by adults. If a reserved session is cancelled by the Department for administrative reasons, the session may be rescheduled where feasible. The permittee has the right to appeal the revocation of a permit to the Counsel for the Parks Department within 10 days immediately following the mailing of notice of revocation by the Department. Such appeal must be in writing. The decision of the Counsel shall be final.
- (9) The maximum number of reserved sessions that any adult single permit-holder or league may control is limited to sixteen sessions per week, per park. The maximum length of any permit is six months. Because of high demand for permits, if the permittee does not reasonably need all of the session time requested, the Department may approve the permit in part, granting to the permittee some fraction of the field or court time applied for.
- (11) The Department may inspect the site to determine if the permittee is utilizing all of the reserved time requested. In the event that the Department determines that the permittee is not using all of the time requested, the Department may reduce the number of permitted sessions.
- (12) Due to space limitations, the Department will not allow the reservation of sports facility space for practice sessions.
- (13) Use of amplified sound is not permitted under a sports permit. To use amplified sound, applicants must obtain a Parks Special Events Permit, as well as a sound permit from the local police precinct.

As the applicant, I hereby certify that the information I have provided on the form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to abide by the terms set forth in this application, and the Rules & Regulations of the City of New York/Parks & Recreation. I understand that failure to do so may lead to the cancellation of the permit, the denial of future permit applications, or other legal action by Parks.

Agreed, _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Spring Season Fields

Randall's Island North Fields 1-49

BB	1, 2, 20, 21, 27, 30, 31, 41, 42, 43, 46, 48
LL	39, 40
SB	12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36
	3, 4, 5, 10

Facilities

Icahn Stadium
Golf Center
Tennis Center
Harlem River Event Area

Phone Numbers

Emergency 311
24 Hour Fields Hot Line 212 860-1830

Ferry Dock

MANHATTAN

Bronx Shore Fields

BRONX

Wetlands

Sunken Meadow Fields

Golf Center

Harlem River Event Area

Icahn Stadium

Tennis Center

Salt Marsh

Wetlands

Randall's Island South Fields 50-99

BB	53
LL	N/A
SB	63
	50, 51, 60, 61, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 90, 91

Legend

O	Orientation Sign
A	Parking Lot
P	Pocket Parking
■	Restrooms
●	Sport Facility
—	Park Drives
—	Bike/Pedestrian Pathway
◆	Bike/Pedestrian Access



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Sports Foundation
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Fall Season Fields

Randall's Island North Fields 1-49

BB	1, 2, 20, 21, 27, 30, 31, 41, 42, 43, 46, 48
LL	39, 40
SB	12, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29
	3, 4, 5, 10, 32, 37, 38, 44, 45, 47

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MANHATTAN

Bronx Shore Fields

BRONX



Randall's Island South Fields 50-99

BB	N/A
LL	N/A
SB	N/A
	50, 51, 52, 54, 60, 61, 62, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 90, 91

Legend

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