Playgrounds, picnics, pools, and more—there’s so much to do and see in New York City’s beautiful parks.

Grab your crayons and let’s explore!
The Arsenal in Central Park is the main office of NYC Parks. It was also the original location of the American Museum of Natural History!

Can you **spot the eight differences** between these two buildings?
In our parks, you can adopt a bench for a loved one by putting a message on it. **Write the name of someone special** on your bench.
An Afternoon in the Park

It’s a beautiful day in _______________ Park! The _______________ are blooming, _______________ are rolling in the _______________ grass, and the sky is a beautiful _______________. You brought a _______________ picnic basket full of _______________ and _______________, with a thermos of _______________ to wash it all down. Just make sure the ants don’t _______________ your picnic!

After your _______________ meal, you lie down in the shade of a _______________ for a/n _______________ nap. Later, you’ll visit _______________ playground, where you can _______________ in the sandbox and go down the slide _______________ times.

Whee! Let’s _______________ here again soon!
Did you know that pigeons are also called rock doves? **Color in these birds,** and see how many you can spot outside.
The city takes care of many gardens where people grow plants, flowers, and vegetables. **What will you grow** in your GreenThumb garden?
Squirrels store acorns all year long so they have plenty of food during the winter. **Help this squirrel** get to his dinner!
At the Prospect Park Carousel in Brooklyn, you can ride a deer, a giraffe, or a horse, of course! **Color in** this handsome fellow.
We work hard to keep your park clean every day! Can you spot the eight differences between these NYC Parks garbage trucks?
Search for the words in the puzzle, then try to find each one in your park.
Statues and artwork help make our parks beautiful. **Color in Balto**, a famous sled dog who can be seen in Central Park.
Rockaway Beach in Queens is New York City’s largest beach! Draw your own sand castle on the shore.
On a walk in the park, you’ll see lots of different food carts where you can buy snacks. **Color in** these delicious treats.
Red-tailed hawks are large birds that you can sometimes see in our parks. **Connect the dots** to make your own feathered friend.
Let’s get ready for a walk in the Greenbelt, a big group of trails in Staten Island. Can you circle the four items that DO NOT belong on your hike?
Lots of different trees grow in New York City. **Color in each leaf** and try to find the tree it belongs to in your park.

- Red Maple
- American Beech
- Yellow-poplar
- Northern Red Oak
Even when it's cold out, you can still visit parks—try sledding or building a snowman. Decorate this one with a funny face!
You can play all kinds of games at our recreation centers! **Match the item** on the left to the sports equipment on the right.
People love spending time in parks near the Bronx River, where lots of different fish live. **Draw some friends** for these two.
Biking is a fun and healthy way to see a park. **Decorate your bike,** and don't forget your helmet!