

## THE MANHATTAN WONDERWALK

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011

We at The Secret City are **THRILLED** that you're taking part in **THE THIRD ANNUAL MANHATTAN WONDERWALK!!**

**NOTES:** we do our best to be precise, but all times are approximations. Also, for many of the locations listed, we won't be stopping, but merely passing by. If you're on time and we're not there, wait, we're probably close. If you're late and we're not there, we may have left. If you miss us, call (310) 600 0233 or (917) 757 3930 or (646) 279 6886. And, if you haven't read the detailed info on the website, please do. [themanhattanwonderwalk.com](http://themanhattanwonderwalk.com). Thanks and we'll see you on the streets!

9:30 – 10:00 am. **INWOOD HILL PARK, THE PETER MINUIT MONUMENT.** Take the A train to 207<sup>th</sup>, take the 211<sup>th</sup> St exit. This will put you at Isham and Broadway. Walk due west on Isham (uphill - you should have a big church on your left). At Seaman Avenue you will enter Inwood Hill Park, follow the signs for The Wonderwalk and look for a big rock with a plaque in it. This is reputedly the site where Peter Minuit bought the Island of Manhattan from the Lenape Indians. We'll stretch here and talk a bit about the walk.

10:00 am. **DEPART INWOOD HILL PARK**, and we're OFF!! We'll start with a walk through the woods then enter Ft. Tryon Park. Along the way there will be music.

10:45 am. **SWINDLER COVE**, Dyckman and 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. We'll explore this amazing gem of a park, and see if there might be some strange creature hiding in the trees.

11:30 am. **HIGH BRIDGE TOWER.** 174<sup>th</sup> and Amsterdam Ave. There's a tower overlooking the river – meet us there and listen to the sirens sing.

12:15 pm. **137<sup>TH</sup> AND EDGECOMBE.** Northeast Corner. Join us as we take a little snack break and prepare to enter Central Park, where we'll stroll around Harlem Meer.

1:00 – 2:00. **LUNCH IN THE CONSERVATORY GARDEN.** 105<sup>th</sup> St and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. The formal garden of Central Park, a good spot to take a rest. Grab lunch at the café inside Museo del Barrio or brown bag it in the beautiful garden.

2:00 pm. **DEPART CONSERVATORY GARDEN.** We'll stroll down 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue under a canopy of trees, entering the park in the 80s, enjoying the splendor of this incredible place. Somewhere along the way we'll hear music in the trees.

3:15 pm. **76<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> AVE.** The Children's Gate. We leave Central Park and make our way to the Eastside, taking in Madison and Park Avenues.

4:00 pm. **GREENACRE PARK.** 51st St between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. A beautiful oasis in midtown where we'll take a break and listen to the waterfall. From here we walk east to catch a glimpse of the East River from Tudor City. Further downtown a man will play wine glasses for us.

5:15 pm. **MADISON SQUARE PARK.** Meet at the statue of Chester Alan Arthur at the northeastern end of the park then we'll take a minute to sit on the grass and massage our feet. Have you seen the amazing bust in the center of the park?

6:15 pm. **STUYVESANT SQUARE, PETER STUYVESANT STATUE.** Look for the statue of the man with the wooden leg in the western portion of the park. Someone's playing a ukulele...

7:00 – 8:00 **DINNER IN TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK.** Find a bodega and get something to eat in the park, or sit in one of the cute li'l restaurants in the East Village.

8:00 pm. **DEPART TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK.** Meet us at the Temperance Fountain and we'll all leave the park together. We'll stop by a community garden where they'll be celebrating the new moon.

9:00 pm. **FAB CAFÉ.** 75 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Gather round as a certain soundmaker entrances us with his bells and whistles. Afterward we'll go find a treat near Ludlow Street.

10:00 pm. **DIXON PLACE.** 161A Chrystie Street. We'll take a break here and those who care to can enjoy a cocktail in the Dixon Place lounge. Downstairs in the performance space there might just be a beautiful song or two.

11:00 pm. **COLUMBUS PARK, CHINATOWN.** Bayard and Mulberry Streets. We'll gather at the corner and walk through the old park, somewhere nearby an old phonograph plays.

11:45 pm. **THE PLAZA ON THE EAST SIDE OF CITY HALL.** Centre Street south of Chambers. Prepare to cross the greatest bridge in the world, but first an interaction with a ghost.

Midnight. **THE MIDDLE OF THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE.** We will dance in the middle of the bridge, and feel the Wonder of the Walk, the Beauty of the City, the Magic of our Lives, and the Audacity of our Adventures.

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