



# NYC Lifestyle

April 26, 2024

## New York, Naturally

This week's NYC Lifestyle features food, drinks, and outdoor events blooming across New York City's parks and green spaces.

### Wild Encounters

For a closer look at the animals in the Bronx Zoo, reserve your spot at a family-friendly [Wild Encounters event](#) with an on-staff zookeeper. No two encounters are the same and animals can include a camel, penguin, sloth, or even a cheetah!

### Alice in Wonderland at NYBG

The New York Botanical Garden will host their [Wonderland: Curious Nature](#) exhibition from May 18 to October 27. Discover mind-bending horticultural installations in their greenhouse, tea parties at the Hudson Garden Grill, and larger-than-life art installations across their 250 acres. Adults 21 and over can enjoy cocktails after dark at Wonderland Nights.

### A Rooftop Vineyard

The [Rooftop Reds](#) winery in the Brooklyn Navy Yard is home to NYC's first rooftop vineyard. Sit among the vines or rest in a cozy hammock as you enjoy wine made from the vineyard's own grapes. The winery will reopen April 27 and [reservations are required for all visits](#).

### Smorgasburg

Indulge in the ultimate outdoor food market experience at [Smorgasburg](#), a weekly restaurant pop-up featuring over 70 local and international food vendors! The largest Smorgasburg is on the Williamsburg waterfront, with other locations in Prospect Park, and the World Trade Center's Oculus Plaza.



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### Manhattan's Newest Beach

Kick off your shoes and feel the sand between your toes at the [Gansevoort Peninsula](#). Located in Manhattan's Hudson River Park opposite the Whitney Museum, 1,200 tons of sand were used to create the riverside beach, and you can be among the first to enjoy the urban oasis.

### Cinema Under the Stars

NYC Parks' [Movies Under the Stars](#) program is back for the summer, offering free outdoor screenings in all five boroughs. Bring snacks and a picnic blanket for showings of classics and new favorites like Back to the Future, Barbie, and Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3.

### Hudson River Rail Excursion

This May, take a scenic weekend day trip on a [luxury train car built in 1947](#). The round trip from Penn Station to Albany and back offers picturesque views of the Hudson River for ages 16+ with lunch and drinks served by staff in period clothing.

### Upper West Side Tulip Festival

See over 10,000 tulips blooming in Manhattan's [West Side Community Garden](#). This free month-long event features nearly 100 varieties of tulips along with other colorful springtime florals. The festival wraps up in early May, so be sure to visit soon.