



Tuxedo Union Free School District Community-As-School Project

Tuxedo's Community-As-School Project

Each school in the project has different learning experiences

Schools in the project include:

Tuxedo-As-School

Historic Hudson Valley-As-School

New York City-As-School

Tuxedo-As-School

Experiences in this school include:

Sterling Forest

State Park

Tuxedo Park

Visit one of the largest recent additions
the New York State parks system

To extend the outdoor experience, build in:

- Picnic in the park
- Build in study of how state parks are maintained and protected
- Research why it's one of the largest additions to the parks system in the last 50 years
- Research the history of the park and tie in a thematic scavenger hunt

Town of Tuxedo

Tuxedo

Learn about public service and how local
government works from those who do it

For the outdoor experience, build in:

- Return to the school district after learning its role in the town and have a picnic
- Visit the shared locations between the town and the school district
- Interview a member of the Town of Tuxedo outside like a news reporter
- Walk to the Tuxedo Park Post Office and study its historic architecture



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[Harriman State Park](#)

Southfields

Visit the second largest park in New York State

To extend the outdoor experience, build in:

- Picnic in the park
- Build in study of how state parks are maintained and protected
- Interview someone from the New York State parks department
- Research the history of the park and tie in a thematic scavenger hunt

Historic Hudson Valley-As-School

Experiences in these schools include:

[Hudson River Museum](#)

Yonkers, New York

Learn about the Hudson River through the museum's galleries, planetarium, amphitheatre and educational spaces

For the outdoor experience, build in:

- Stop at the State Line Lookout off the Palisades Parkway
- Stop at the Bear Mountain Lookout
- Pick your favorite Hudson River School painter and do some outdoor landscape painting
- Walk the former Tappan Zee Bridge's new walkway

[Rockland Lake State Park](#)

Valley Cottage

Learn about the historic ice trade along the Hudson River and the harvesting of ice during the 1800s



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To extend the outdoor experience, build in:

- Visit the sites of historical remains of ice boxes along Rockland Lake
- Walk the perimeter of the lake and stop for a picnic
- Create an open-air classroom and read about the Knickerbocker Ice Company

[Bear Mountain Bridge](#)

Fort Montgomery
& Peekskill

This bridge was the first vehicular river crossing between New York City and Albany. At the time it was built it was the longest suspension bridge in the world.

To extend the outdoor experience, build in:

- A visit to Bear Mountain Lookout to view bridges along the Hudson River
- Stop by the [Bear Mountain Bridge Historic Toll House](#) to learn more
- Find out why the [Palisades Interstate Parkway](#) is on the National Register of Historic Places and its connection to the Bear Mountain Bridge

[Bear Mountain State Park](#)

Bear Mountain

Bear Mountain was once the premier winter sports destination for ski jumping and considered a possible site for the 1932 Olympic Games

To extend the outdoor experience, build in:

- A visit to Bear Mountain Lookout
- Hike
- Visit Trailside Museum



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- Observe the Bear Mountain Bridge as a suspension bridge and its history of preservation
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Rockefeller State Park Preserve

Pleasantville,
New York

The easy-to-walk trails are crushed stone carriage roads laid out by John D. Rockefeller Sr. and Jr. in the first half of the 20th century.

To extend the outdoor experience, build in:

- Picnic in the park
 - Compare original map of the property to map of today
 - Explore why this particular estate is now a preserve
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Dia: Beacon

Beacon, New York

Contemporary art museum that is one of the 11 sites managed from the Dia Art Foundation

For the outdoor experience, build in:

- Stop at the State Line Lookout off the Palisades Parkway
- Stop at the Bear Mountain Lookout
- On-site outdoor painting and ideating



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New York City-As-School

Experiences in this school include:

The Highline

West Village
& Chelsea

The first train ran on the Highline

To extend the outdoor experience, build in:

- Walk the Highline with teachable stops along the way
- Trace the tracks to Grand Central Station and step inside for its splendor

Little Island Park

Chelsea

A floating island park constructed in the area of the Hudson River that used to be known as "Luxury Liner Row."

To extend the outdoor experience:

- Thematic scavenger hunt
- Create a documentary on the evolution of "Luxury Liner Row"
- Create a brochure for other classes



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[Museum of Ice Cream](#)
& the [Slimoo Institute](#)

Soho

Multi-sensory installations
Slime inspires wonder and joy

For the outdoor experience, build in:

Multi-sensory experiences of touch, smell, hear:

- Visit [Little Island Park](#)
- Washington Square Park
- Union Square
- Walk over the Brooklyn Bridge
- Picnic in the [Hudson River Park](#)

Graffiti & Street Art
Walking Tour ([virtual, too](#))

Chelsea, Soho & Bushwick

Is there truly a difference
graffiti and street art?

To extend the outdoor experience, build in:

- Sketch your own site-specific works along the way
- If in Brooklyn, stop at Prospect Park for a picnic
- If in Manhattan, stop at [Hudson River Park](#) for a picnic

American Museum of
Natural History ([AMNH](#))

Upper West Side

Explore the natural world and
known universe

For the outdoor experience, build in:

- Walk across the street to Central Park



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- If visiting the planetarium, connect the learning to the joy of cloud-watching

**Metropolitan Museum
of Art ([The Met](#))**

Upper East Side

One of the world's largest
and finest art museums

**Museum of Modern
Art ([MoMA](#))**

Midtown West

Modern art museum with
an extensive research
department

For the outdoor experience, build in:

- Get a view of Manhattan from the little-known rooftop experience of The Met
- Walk across the street to central park
- Check out one of Diego Rivera's murals hidden in a historic skyscraper nearby
- Spend time in the outdoor sculpture garden

**New York Botanical
Gardens ([NYBG](#))**

Bronx

Self-guided tours of the
gardens available and
programs by grade level

To extend the outdoor experience:

- Have kids make a map of the gardens and where you'll be stopping, add a checklist of specific flora and fauna for them to spot
- Create an open-air classroom next to one of the art sculptures in the gardens and discuss what it means to be a site-specific artwork
- Have students design their own site-specific artwork in an area of the gardens of their choosing



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