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New York Today: Outdoor Gaming

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[Skip to Bronx Music Heritage Center \(BMHC\) mention](#)

Good morning on this Fry-day.

Even if you don't consider yourself a gamer, you've probably heard about Pokémon Go.

The game can be a great way to tour New York City. ([Here are some suggestions](#) on making the most of it.)

But it isn't the only outdoor game in town.

On Friday and Saturday in Times Square, you can play games created by students at Magnet, the Media and Games Network, at New York University.

They were designed for Times Square's multilingual and multicultural audience, and they take into account the unique challenges of the crossroads of the world.

(Basically, simple instructions and engaging gameplay.)

Here are a few on offer:

- Race through Times Square using high-fives from passers-by to escape separated zones in “High5Zone.”
- “Prom Game” asks strangers to get to know one another using love tests during quick one-on-one interactions.
- Navigate Times Square with instructions provided through headphones, while others do the same, in “Museum of Missed Connections.”
- Or try “Subway Chaos,” in which players navigate colored lines while overcoming unforeseen roadblocks.

(Sounds just like our morning commute.)

The games, free to play, are on the Broadway plazas between 42nd and 45th Streets.

Or go old school this weekend:

A [board game social](#) is at Bryant Park at 6 p.m. [Free]

[Learn to play chess](#) at Pier 6 in Brooklyn Bridge Park on Sunday. [Free]

Play table tennis at [Tompkins Square Park](#) or [Luther Gulick Park](#) in Manhattan. [Free, bring your own paddle]

Or pick up a game of [miniature golf](#) at Pier 25 in TriBeCa. [\$5]

Here’s what else is happening:

Weather

TODAY IN [NEW YORK, NY](#)

A thunderstorm around this afternoon 85°F 91° 76°

TOMORROW: 92° 72°

This is it: An excuse to wear swim trunks on the subway. To start a water balloon fight at work. Or perhaps to cannonball into the Hudson River unannounced.

Say hello to a humid [93-degree](#) Friday — but it’ll feel more like the upper 90s.

The National Weather Service has issued a [heat advisory](#) from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Things will remain pretty toasty this weekend, but at least we’ll have blue skies and sunshine.

In the News

- David Samson, a longtime ally of Gov. Chris Christie, admitted to bribery while he was chairman of the Port Authority. [[New York Times](#)]
- The K2 overdose tally, for this week alone, has risen to at least 130 cases. [[New York Times](#)]
- Relatives of Robert Durst's wife, who contend that Mr. Durst killed her when she vanished in 1982, have asked a city court to declare her dead. [[New York Times](#)]
- French New Yorkers react to the Bastille Day attack in Nice. [[NBC](#)]
- ... And in the wake of the attack, Donald J. Trump postponed the announcement of his vice-presidential running mate. [[CBS](#)]
- Mayor Bill de Blasio has translated voter registration forms into five more languages, expanding access to voting. [[WNYC](#)]
- A project to turn an abandoned trolley station on the Lower East Side into an underground park called the "Lowline" may soon be underway. [[Crain's](#)]
- Shootings are down on Staten Island in 2016, compared with last year. [[Staten Island Live](#)]
- Police officers confiscated thousands of books from street vendors on the Upper West Side. [[DNAInfo](#)]
- What will be the heir to the [MetroCard](#)? [[WNYC](#)]
- Hundreds of turtles are migrating across runways at John F. Kennedy International Airport — many of them, to mate. [[DNAInfo](#)]
- The silver lining to the L-train shutdown? Cheaper condos in Williamsburg. [[DNAInfo](#)]
- Today's Metropolitan Diary: "[Film Crew vs. Street Repair Crew](#)"
- For a global look at what's happening, see [Your Friday Briefing](#).

Coming Up Today

- Bring your children to a game of [flag football](#) at the Faber Pool and Park on Staten Island. Noon. [Free]
- Galleries and tattoo seminars are at the [Empire State Tattoo Expo](#) at the New York Hilton in Midtown Manhattan. 4 p.m. [[\\$30](#)]
- A performance of Shakespeare's "[As You Like It](#)" is at the Music Pagoda in Prospect Park in Brooklyn. 7 p.m. [\$5 suggested donation]
- [Comedians riff on](#) "Batman & Robin" during a screening at Q.E.D. in Astoria, Queens. 11 p.m. [[\\$10](#)]

- Yankees host Red Sox, 7:05 p.m. (WPIX.) Mets at Phillies, 7:05 p.m. (SNY). New York Liberty at Minnesota Lynx, 8 p.m. (MSG).

The Weekend

Saturday

- Boat tours, kayaking and paddle-boarding, part of the [City of Water Day](#), are at Governors Island. 10 a.m. [Free]
- A day of music and food [celebrating the life of Louis Armstrong](#) is at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park in Queens. 1 p.m. [Free]
- An afternoon of folk and acoustic music, part of [Hudson RiverStage](#), is at Pier 97 in Midtown Manhattan. 2 p.m. [Free]
- Concerts, boat rides and tours of Herman Melville's grave site of , part of the [Anchors Aweigh! festival](#), are at Hunts Point Riverside Park in the Bronx. 2:30 p.m. [Free]
- [Story Fest 2016](#), a storytelling festival, continues at the Peoples Improv Theater in Kips Bay. 7:30 p.m. [\$25]
- Yankees host Red Sox, 4:05 p.m. (YES.) Mets at Phillies, 7:05 p.m. (WPIX.)
- Watch "The New York Times Close Up," featuring The Times's [Elizabeth Spayd](#) and other guests. Saturday at 10 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. on NY1.

Sunday

- A pop-up exhibition on the emoji, "[Love: From Cave to Keyboard](#)," is at 433 Broadway in Lower Manhattan. 10 a.m. [Free]
- Start your morning with a [yoga class in Prospect Park](#). 10 a.m. [Free]
- [Kayak off the shore of South Beach](#) at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Boardwalk and Beach on Staten Island. Noon. [Free]
- Learn how to [cook with edible flowers](#) at Wave Hill in the Bronx. 1 p.m. [\$8]
- A screening of the Travel Channel's "Bizarre Foods," featuring the Lechonera La Piraña food truck from the South Bronx, is at the stage at [Vendy Plaza at La Marqueta](#) in East Harlem. 3 p.m. [Free]

- Mets at Phillies, 1:35 p.m. (WPIX.) New York Liberty host Connecticut Sun, 3 p.m. (MSG.) New York City F.C. at Montreal Impact, 5 p.m. (ESPN.) New York Red Bulls at Philadelphia Union, 7 p.m. (FS1.) Yankees host Red Sox, 8:05 p.m. (ESPN.)
- For more events, see The Times's [Arts & Entertainment guide](#). And if you seek things to do outside the city, The Times's Metropolitan section has suggestions. See this weekend's listings for [Hudson Valley](#), [Long Island](#), [New Jersey](#) and [Connecticut](#).

Commute

- [Subway](#) and [PATH](#)
- **Railroads:** [L.I.R.R.](#), [Metro-North](#), [N.J. Transit](#), [Amtrak](#)
- **Roads:** Check [traffic map](#) or radio report on [the 1s](#) or [the 8s](#).
- **Alternate-side parking:** [in effect](#) until Aug. 15.
- **Ferries:** [Staten Island Ferry](#), [New York Waterway](#), [East River Ferry](#)
- **Airports:** [La Guardia](#), [J.F.K.](#), [Newark](#)
- **Weekend travel hassles:** Check [subway disruptions](#) and a [list of street closings](#).

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