

Great things to do in New York

- Take the **Staten Island Ferry** at night to get an amazing view of the city! It runs every 20-30 minutes, so check the schedule on www.siferry.com.
- The **Downtown Boathouse** is a completely free, volunteer-run organization that allows people access to the Hudson River. Check it out at www.downtownboathouse.org.
- If you're interested in doing a bit of running, try the **East River Park** (closest entrances are on 18th, 20th, and 23rd), or **Central Park**.
- Walk the **Brooklyn Bridge** or stroll through the **High Line** in the Meatpacking District for great views of the city.
- Enjoy a drink at the **Astoria Beer Garden**. Take the N or W train to 24th Ave in Queens (Astoria stop) to enjoy the outdoors and board games.

Want more ideas? Check our story on [cheap things to do in the city](#) from our Summer 2010 newsletter.

Resources to follow

- BecomeANewYorker.com
Written by MU alum and MizzouNYC member Andrew Cafourek.
- Google.com
Use the directions feature (select transit) to get the most direct route to your destination.
- Twitter.com/MTAInsider
Gives you the latest updates on train delays and closed stations.

The Mizzou Alumni Association in New York

When you get to NY, one of the first things to do is to find your home away from home. For MizzouNYC, that's Blackstones at 55th Street and Second Avenue. We crowd the bar with Missouri fans for football and basketball watch parties.

When there's not a game to watch, we'll do other activities, heading out for tours of the city, meeting up for happy hours, and volunteering at local events and charities.

Find out more about MizzouNYC

- **Visit our website, mizzounyc.com.**
The site is frequently updated with the latest news and event information.
- **Sign up for email updates through our website.**
Our eblasts are sent out weekly and let you know about the events that have been planned for our members.
- **Join our group on Facebook.**
We post event information here as well, plus photos from events and links about Missouri-related events in the city.

Do you have more questions?

Please feel free to contact us via email with any questions you may have while you're out and about the city. We know what it's like to be here for the first time.

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Welcome to New York!



Navigating New York

Transportation

Except during rush hour, **cabs** are often the easiest (although more expensive) way to travel the city. If the numbers are lit in the middle of the cab's sign on its roof, then it is vacant and ready for use. If the full sign is lit, the cab is off-duty, and if the light is off, the cab has a rider inside.

Remember: The more cabs you take, the more likely you will leave your stuff in them — do a once over in the backseat and floorboards before you shut the door, and keep the cab receipt after every ride.



The bus is a great way to see the city. The bus uses the same MetroCard as the subway and is less crowded and smelly. Hit the yellow strip on the inside of the bus to request a stop at the next bus stop. **Note:** There are new express buses that require special passes.

The subway is a fast way to get places in the city while sometimes being hot, smelly and crowded. While waiting for people to get off the train, stand to either side of the doors so that people may exit. After all of the people have exited, enter the train and move to the furthest corner — and **hang on**. If you miss your stop, get out at the next available stop and re-evaluate your circumstances. Normally, you can get on the train heading the opposite direction (from the other side of the tracks where you exit) or just walk the difference. **When walking on the sidewalk or stairs, ALWAYS walk on the right side and not the left.** If you have a smartphone, there are several apps that you can download with a full system map; some of them will even tell you about service on the lines and train delays.



You can get a **MetroCard** in most subway stops by using the automated machine and paying with a credit card or cash.

Cool places to eat

Corner Bistro, (331 W. 4th Street) located in the West Village, is the “Booches” of NYC. Along with being extremely inexpensive, Bistro has McSorley’s Ale on draft for \$2.50. This joint is small and **cash only** (ATM inside), so expect to stand in line for a short time and to put up with a few elbows. Don’t worry, it’s worth it. (And if you ask nicely, you might score extra pickles!) **Shake Shack**, (Madison Square Park, 23rd Street & Madison Avenue) is a great place to dine outside on a lazy day when you don’t mind waiting in line. The Shack is known for great burgers, fries and any type of milkshake you may crave.



Although **Artichoke**, (328 E. 14th Street) is not the least expensive pizza in the city, it IS one of the more famous places to go. This pizza is not the folding type and one slice will fill you up! Other pizza suggestions are **Vezzo** (30th Street and 3rd Avenue — get the shroom!) and **Pizza 33** at 33rd Street and 3rd Avenue. For a thin, foldable slice of pizza and a true NY atmosphere, try **John’s Pizzeria**, (278 Bleeker Street). Go early and plan on staying in the neighborhood to shop or stop next door at the candy store.



The **West 79th Street Boat Basin** is a great place to spend the day. Right on the Hudson River, this bar/restaurant is completely outside and void of the city sounds.

Maneuvering Manhattan

It can be a bit overwhelming, but in all actuality it’s a very simple grid.

- The Grid was established in 1811 and begins above Houston (pronounced HOW-STON) Street on the east and 14th Street on the west.
- Even streets will go east, and odd streets will go west.
- 5th Avenue is the dividing line between east and west.
- 6th Avenue = Avenue of the Americas
- 7th Avenue = Fashion Avenue

