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Love New York Awards 2018

# Love is in the air

We asked for your favorite spots, and the votes (all 134,000 of 'em) are in! And the winners of our annual Love New York Awards are...

## Most-loved parks

### 1. Central Park

Landscape architects Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux may have started work on this park before the Civil War, but the 843-acre green space is as cherished by modern-day New Yorkers as it was by their 19th-century predecessors. (Last year alone, nearly 40 million people were estimated to have visited—and 40 million people can't be wrong.) From the summer staple Shakespeare in the Park to the winter wonderland of Wollman Rink, the sloping hills and overgrown bramble make Gothamites' lives a little bit better, no matter the season.  
→ 59th St to 110th St between Fifth Ave and Central Park West (centralparknyc.org)

### 2. WAVE HILL

(See page 19.)

### 3. WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK

From Henry James to the WWI freshman pursuing a degree in creative writing, artists have always flocked to the beating heart of the Village, with its flickering lampposts and famous arch.  
→ W 4th St to Waverly Pl between MacDougal St and University Pl

### 4. BRYANT PARK

Not only does this midtown respite host crazy-popular

events like its Winter Village and summer movie nights, but it also has the loveliest public bathroom in town, period.  
→ 40th to 42nd Sts between Fifth and Sixth Aves (tryantpark.org)

### 5. BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK

What's not to love about a public waterfront where you can do everything from rock climbing to carousel riding?  
→ East River between Adams St and Atlantic Ave, Brooklyn (brooklynbridgepark.org) ■ Will Gleason

### 3. MR. PURPLE

If you're willing to wait in line and throw down \$16 for a cocktail, you will be rewarded with chic surroundings and a stellar vista of the Empire State Building. Major bonus: There's a pool!  
→ 180 Orchard St (212-237-1790, mrpurplenyc.com)

## Most-loved outdoor bars



### Brooklyn Barge Bar

The city has too much to drink and not enough boats. Luckily, this floating Greenwich spot—yes, it's really a barge—opened in 2015 for wannabe sailors to indulge in their seafaring fantasies. Even if the extent of the voyage is some light bobbing on the East River. Munch on tacos, shrimp, sliders, nachos and other treats from an on-site food truck, sip summery \$12 cocktails (like

Kim's Kayak Colada, with pineapple, coconut and Novo Fogo Cachaça), or share \$24 pitchers of brew and bask in the long-awaited rays. If the barge grows too crowded (and it almost always does), the mainland touts even more sun-soaked space. The walk to the train may be a slight hardship, but when those long, burning nights finally hit, you won't mind at all.

### 1. FRYING PAN

It's one of the favorite "5 o'clock somewhere" for suds, sunbathing and that sweet, sweet view of New Jersey.  
→ Pier 66 Maritime at W 26th St (212-989-6363, fryingpan.com)

### 2. AZUL ON THE ROOFTOP

Go "ooh nah-nah" at this Havana-themed bar atop the trendy Hotel Hugo, home to Rooftop Cinema Club

screenings on Mondays.  
→ 525 Greenwich St (azulrooftop.com)

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→ 3 Milton St, Brooklyn (929-337-7212, thebrooklynbarge.com)

### 5. BOAT BASIN CAFÉ

The Upper West Side lightens up (a bit) with loaded nacho platters, frozen drinks and cornhole games at this seasonal spot close to Riverside Park.  
→ W 79th St at Henry Hudson Pkwy (212-498-5542, boatbasincafe.com) ■ Jillian Anthony