

# Marilyn Walks Manhattan | *block by block* | Finale | Sunday, April 19, 2026

## Getting to the Start on Governors Island on the 9:30 am Ferry



You need to get to the [Governors Island Ferry Station](#)\* which is in the **Battery Maritime Building at 10 South Street in Lower Manhattan** in time to get on the 9:30am ferry. It is located to the left of [Casa Cipriani](#).



Most people will travel by train to the ferry. The ferry is free, only takes 8 minutes and **YOU MUST HAVE A [TICKET](#)** to ride!

- **Get your ticket in advance [here](#).**
- **Or you can buy your ticket at the kiosk at the Governors Island Ferry station. *But there could be long lines so it is best to get your ticket as soon as you can (now).***
- Ferries to Governors Island run every half hour, so 9am, 9:30am, 10am. Fast walker start is 10am. Second group will start at 10:10am.
- You do not need a return ticket. When returning to lower Manhattan you need to get on the 1:45pm ferry in order to make the 2pm Victory lunch at [Beckett's Sports Bar](#).

**\*Note:** There are multiple ferry options in the area. Do not take the ferry for Staten Island or Liberty Island (Statue of Liberty or Ellis Island). **ESPECIALLY DO NOT FOLLOW ANY INFORMATION FROM THE GUYS BOMBARDING YOU ON THE STREET!** You just gotta walk right past them!

**THERE ARE SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS ON THE 4 & 5 TRAINS AT THE BOWLING GREEN STATION. EAST SIDERS - YOU'LL NEED TO TAKE THE 4 TRAIN TO 14th STREET AND TRANSFER TO THE R TRAIN. GET OFF AT WHITEHALL STREET. EXIT TOWARD THE FRONT OF THE TRAIN.**

The following trains stop near the Governors Island Ferry:



- West side: 1 Train - Stops at South Ferry station
- East side: 4 Train - Stops at 14th Street, transfer to the R and exit at Whitehall Street
- East/West side: Q Train - Stops at 14th Street, transfer to the R and exit at Whitehall Street
- East/West side: R Trains - Stop at Whitehall Street

### [New York City Train Schedules](#)



Or take the **M15 Select Bus ([M15 SBS](#))** from Second Avenue to South Ferry Terminal

### [Everything you need to know about bus/train FARES in NYC](#)

- Fare for most riders on subways and local, limited, and Select Bus Service buses: \$3 (seniors \$1.75 if you have signed up with MTA for the reduced fare program).
- Express buses cost \$7.
- [Tap to pay your fare](#) with your contactless credit/debit card, smartphone with contactless card, or OMNY card. *Note: MetroCards are no longer valid.*
- [NYC Bus and Train Maps](#)



**Bathrooms:** At Ferry Station, on the ferry, at the start/finish area and various spots along the walk.

## Governors Island Route Information - 5 Miles



We are using the **Footpath Route Planner app** for route mapping. [Use this link to access the route and cue sheet for our Governors Island walk.](#) If you have a [paid subscription](#) for the app (available from the app store) installed on your phone, you can use the navigation feature from the cue sheet to guide you while you are walking. You can also download it for a free 7 day trial. You will have access to real time audible and visual directions. Keep the turns list below handy in case there's an issue with the app's navigation or your cellular service.

### [Governors Island General Map](#)

#### [Overview of our route - 2 loops](#)





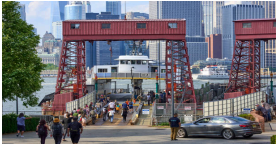
#### [Loop 1 Turn by Turn](#)
















- **Counter clockwise loop around East side**
- Start from grass field at Visitor's Center
- Make right on path toward Soissons Landing
- Left on Carder Road to Castle Williams
- Left on Hay Road
- Left and a quick right on Comfort Road
- Right on Evans Road
- Left on Kimmel Road
- Bear left on Carder Road
- Left up walkway at Soissons Landing

#### [Loop 2 Turn by Turn](#)

- **Counter clockwise loop around center and West side of island**
- Right onto Andes Road
- Left onto Hay Road
- Intersect with Clayton Road
- Right on Owasco Road
- Right on Division Road
- Left on Hammock Grove
- Right onto walkway by the Silver Bird
- Left onto Play Way
- Left on Division Road
- Left onto Craig Road North
- Right onto Walkway toward Outlook Hill
- Left up walkway to top of Outlook Hill
- Down Outlook Hill
- Right at bottom of Outlook Hill
- First right back to Craig Road North
- Left on Craig Road North
- Continue on Craig Road South
- Bear Right onto Kimmel Road
- Left on Evans Road
- Right on Barry Road
- Left on Andres Road
- 2nd. Left on unnamed road (red brick path)
- Right before Chapel of St. Cornelius
- Right on Evans Road
- At circle at end of path, take path on the left of the last house on the right
- Left onto brick road
- Left on Andes Road
- Bear right continuing on Andes Road
- Make right onto the grass field by the Visitor's Center where we started

A **free digital guide for Governors Island** is on the Bloomberg Connects app. More info is [here](#).

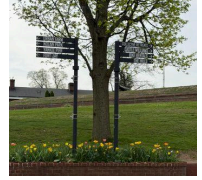
<b>Cue Sheet - Governors Island 5 Miles</b>  <b>9:15am ~ Check in starts</b> <b>9:50am ~ Welcome &amp; Instructions</b> <b>10am ~ Fast walker start, 10:10am second group start</b> <b>12:45pm ~ Be back at the START/FINISH to pick up pom poms and whistles</b> <b>1pm ~ Marilyn crosses the FINISH line</b> <b>1:45pm ~ Depart on ferry and go to <a href="#">Becketts Sportsbar</a> for Victory Lunch</b>	<b>Points of Interest</b>
<p><b>START/FINISH waiting area:</b> Exit the ferry and walk  up steps straight ahead. Make a  left onto grass field behind the Visitor Center Kiosk at top of steps.</p> <p>Governors Island is a 172-acre island in the heart of New York Harbor with great historical significance dating back to 1524. Read all about it <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	
<p> <b>Bathrooms</b> are available across from the Start/Finish area in the <a href="#">LMCC Arts Center</a>. You can also grab a drink from the vending machine. The security office is also housed here.</p>	
<b>Loop 1: Counter clockwise around East side of island</b>	
<p>0.00 mi  <b>Start from the grass field at the Visitor's Center kiosk.</b></p> <p><b>Stretch with Heather begins at 10am</b> on the grass field in the Start/Finish area. Don't miss your 10 minute opportunity to limber up before the walk.</p>	
<p>0.02 mi  <b>Turn  right on the path toward Soissons Ferry Landing.</b> Walk downhill toward the water.</p>	
<p>0.06 mi  <b>Turn  left on Carder Road toward Castle Williams.</b> Walk right through the outdoor restaurant area and adjacent to the green shipping container on your left. There's a bit of construction going on here. Make your way out toward the right to border the water.</p>	
<p>0.16 mi  <b>Continue  straight onto Carder Road.</b> Be sure to look left at the incredible <a href="#">QCNV - Spa of Wonders</a>! It's one of the most unique spaces on the island. Come back to bathe in their heated pools, get a massage and watch the NYC skyline at sunset!</p>	

<p>0.24 mi</p> <p><b>Turn</b>  <b>left onto Hay Road</b> after you check out <a href="#">Castle Williams</a>, a national monument. “The castle” is a circular fortification made of sandstone as part of a system of forts designed and constructed in the early 19th century to protect NYC from naval attack.</p>	
<p>0.34 mi</p> <p><b>Turn</b>  <b>left onto Comfort Road and then a quick right.</b> The left is on an unnamed path just before the fork in the road. It will be to the left of the orange cone. The Parade Grounds (big field) surrounding <a href="#">Fort Jay</a> will be on your left.</p> <p>Walk all the way to the end of the road, pass the red bell and <a href="#">Our Lady Star of the Sea - Catholic Chapel</a> on your right. The chapel opened during the Second World War with the expansion of the former U.S. Army base. Check out the graffiti art on the walls.</p>	 
<p>0.72 mi</p> <p><b>Turn</b>  <b>right onto Evans Road.</b> The <a href="#">Lavender Field</a> at the end of Evans Road is on the right (not yet in bloom). Created in 2017, it’s the only lavender field in New York City—a peaceful, fragrant space that supports pollinators, nurtures the earth, and offers visitors a place to slow down and step away from the rush of city life.</p>	
<p>0.78 mi</p> <p><b>Turn</b>  <b>left onto Kimmel Road.</b> Keep the river on your right as you head back to where you started by Soissons Landing. Maybe you’ll catch a cruise ship in the harbor or see some NYC bridges on the horizon.</p> <p> Bathrooms are on the right in trailers just before Pier 102.</p>	
<p>1.06 mi</p> <p><b>Keep</b>  <b>right onto Carder Road.</b></p> <p>Keep an eye out for the <a href="#">Marine and Science Technology Center (MAST)</a>. It’s an unusual space with a laboratory with an on-site oyster hatchery, a boat construction and maintenance shop and more... Read up on the <a href="#">Billion Oyster Project</a> here.</p>	
<p>1.26 mi</p> <p><b>Turn</b>  <b>left and walk up the walkway (short hill) at Soissons Landing</b> near the start of the walk. Don’t take the steps this time. Just stay on the right side of the road. And watch for people disembarking!</p> <p> Bathrooms are on the right in the Arts Center. There's also a refreshment vending machine.</p>	

**Loop 2: Counter clockwise loop through center & West of island & back to start**

1.28 mi

**Turn** ➡ **right onto Andes Road**. Now you will walk past the [QCNV](#) - Spa of Wonders on your right, this time. The [Fort Jay](#) Parade Grounds (big field) on your left. A row of Citibikes will also be on your right (if you are walking in the road).



1.46 mi

**Turn** ⬅ **left onto Hay Road** just before [Castle Williams](#). Yes again! We are doubling back just a little bit!

**Stay** ⬆ **straight on Hay Road**. This time you will pass the orange cone on the left and the big billboard will be on your right. Do not take the road closest to the bike rentals.



1.71 mi

**Keep going straight on Hay and merge onto** ⬆ **Clayton Road**.

[The Modern Brick House](#) sculpture will be on your right. But don't look for a house! Look for black tires arranged like a dragon or serpent! [Liggett Hall](#) is in the background. It housed 1,375 men belonging to the 16th Infantry Regimental Barracks, an infantry group that was part of the Second Corps, between World War I and World War II.



1.80 mi

**Turn** ➡ **right onto Owasco Road** which is the road on the right just before the church. Unfortunately, the sign for Owasco is on the left side of the street (who knows why) - turn RIGHT anyway!

**But first, ring the red bell in the middle of the road in front of the church** to announce that Marilyn is almost done with her 630 mile walk! Ring the bell for good luck and to congratulate her! Push the metal bar forward to ring it.



Check out the old YMCA and [Fort Jay Theater](#) on the left. Broadway music composer Irving Berlin helped produce a show about World War II called "This is the Army." The show was inspired by a performance he saw at the Fort Jay Theater in 1942.



1.87 mi

Turn ➡ **right onto Division Road.**

Look left to see white the [Yankee Hanger](#) public artwork.

Keep your eyes peeled for some historical markers on the right, including a facsimile of a Wright Brothers aircraft propeller and 2 street markers named after the first soldier casualties in World Wars.



2.01 mi

Turn ⬅ **left onto Hammock Grove.** You might be tempted to try out the hammocks! That's what they are there for. Do it!



2.15 mi

Make first ➡ **sharp right onto Play Lawn toward the big silver bird sculpture, BIRD MMXXIII.** This is the piece de resistance of the public art work on the island! See if you can take a pic and catch your own reflection in it.



2.31 mi

Keep straight left on **Play Way.** You're going to pass through more tempting hammocks on your left and right



2.33 mi

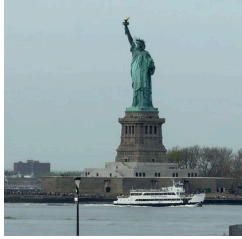

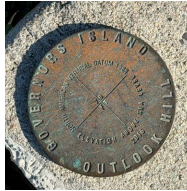




Turn ⬅ **left onto Division Road.**









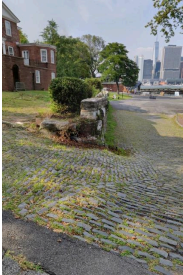




Bathrooms in white trailers on the right.

You'll pass the very unique [Harbor School](#) on your right. Fun fact: Ann Marie's sister helped to found the school! Students learn to build and operate boats; spawn and harvest millions of oysters; design submersible, remotely operated vehicles; conduct real-life research; and dive underwater.



<p>2.41 mi  <b>Turn</b> ← <b>left onto Craig Road North.</b>  Take in the river breezes and get a closer glimpse of the Statue of Liberty.</p>	
<p>2.69 mi  <b>Turn</b> ← <b>left onto the walkway toward Outlook Hill.</b>  You're going back into the center of part of the island again. Pass the stone steps on the right. Get ready for your panoramic view.</p>	
<p>2.78 mi  <b>Turn</b> ⇒ <b>right onto the walkway up to the top of Outlook Hill.</b>  Climb to the top of Outlook Hill and find the survey marker. Know the elevation (in feet above sea level)? Be the first person to tell Ann Marie (and show a pic) and score a free drink at the Victory Lunch! <i>Spoiler: The answer's right on the marker</i> 😊</p>	
<p>2.94 mi  <b>Make a U turn and go back down Outlook Hill.</b> Same way you came up! Catch a view one more time</p>	
<p>3.10 mi  <b>Turn</b> ⇒ <b>Right</b> at the bottom of Outlook Hill to get back on path.</p>	
<p>3.12 mi  <b>Sharp</b> ⇒ <b>right back toward Craig Road North.</b>  Be sure to check out the view again. Let this imprint in your mind. Or just take a pic!</p>	
<p>3.26 mi  <b>Turn</b> ← <b>left onto Craig Road North.</b> Continue on Craig Road South.  Don't blink or you'll miss it! There's a <a href="#">Cabin upon a Hill</a> to your left, another public art work.  4.01 mi  <b>Keep</b> ⇒ <b>right onto Kimmel Road.</b></p>	

<p>4.11 mi  <b>Turn</b>  <b>left onto Evans Road.</b> This is where you saw the lavender field earlier.</p>	
<p>4.14 mi  <b>Turn</b>  <b>right onto Barry Road.</b>   Bathrooms in white trailers on the right.</p>	
<p><b>Check out the <a href="#">The Yard - Adventure Playground</a> on the right</b> made from recycled materials.</p>	
<p><b>Also on the right are the remnants of a <a href="#">Jewish Synagogue</a>:</b> “Among the abandoned buildings and derelict facilities on Governors Island, one small house stands as a testament to the Jews who once called it home. It was, and still is, a Shul. Congregation Shaare Shomayim took over and converted the warehouse at what was then a US military base, making it into a functioning shul, proudly displaying a Star of David, stained glass windows, and Hebrew lettering over the doors. In 1996, the shul, along with the entire base, shut down. Since then, the shul has remained as is, slowly deteriorating along with the many other parts of what was once a thriving community.”</p>	
<p>4.39 mi  <b>Turn</b>  <b>left BEFORE reaching Andes Road.</b> At the bottom of Barry Road, find the last house on the left. Just past that house, on the right side, there’s a cobblestone path. Walk up the path, then take the first left along the edge of the house—this turn happens before you reach Andes Road.</p>	
<p>4.42 mi  <b>2nd.</b>  <b>Left on unnamed road (red brick path).</b> Look up to see <a href="#">A Sudden Gust of Wind</a>, it’s just a few kites.</p>	

4.60 mi

**Straight** ↗ **onto the walkway.** Check out the Commanding Officers Quarters where high ranking officials lived and historical canons and more. **Wherever you are at 12:30pm - head back to the START/FINISH area to pick up your pom poms and whistles. Marilyn will be crossing the finish line at 1pm!**



4.61 mi

⇒ **Right before the Chapel of St. Cornelius.** You'll be on the right side of the chapel. **Wherever you are at 12:30pm - head back to the START/FINISH area to pick up your pom poms and whistles. Marilyn will be crossing the finish line at 1pm!**



4.62 mi

**Turn** ⇒ **right onto the footpath.** **Wherever you are at 12:30pm - head back to the START/FINISH area to pick up your pom poms and whistles. Marilyn will be crossing the finish line at 1pm!**



4.65 mi

**Turn** ⇒ **right onto Evans Road.** The [Fort Jay](#) Parade Grounds will be on your left.

4.76 mi

**Walk around the right side of the circle at the end of the path, take the path to the** ↶ **left of the last house on the right.**



4.79 mi

**Turn** ↶ **left onto the red brick walkway.**



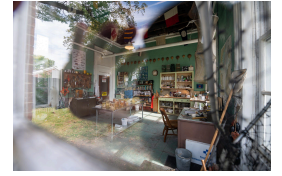
4.86 mi

**Turn** ↶ **left onto Andes Road.** There may be construction on the right. Check out the entrance to [Fort Jay](#) on your left if you have time. There are some interesting sign posts and a few real cannons!



4.97 mi

**Bear** ➡ right continuing on Andes Road. Check out the [Field Station of the Melanchology Modern Biologist](#) along the way.



4.98 mi

**Make** ➡ right onto the grass field by the Visitor's Center where we started.



5.01 mi

**Marilyn will end by Soissons Black Gate at 1 pm.**

Pick up your poms and whistles! Stay clear of the area in front of the Visitors Center Kiosk until 12:55pm. Once Marilyn crosses the finish line, we'll take a few pics and then quickly catch the 1:45pm ferry back to Manhattan and meetup at [Becketts Sports Bar](#) for our Victory Lunch! We hope you can join us whether or not you RSVP'd in advance. They are reserving upstairs for us! Time to party!

