DIRECTIONS TO NEW YORK CITY’S PENN STATION FROM HOFSTRA VIA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

Traveling to New York City:
Take Hofstra’s Blue Beetle to the Hempstead train station. Blue Beetle buses are scheduled to meet incoming trains. Purchase train tickets at counter or at machine before boarding train.

The Hempstead line goes to both Penn Station and Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn. If the train is heading to Flatbush Avenue, you will need to transfer to a Penn Station train at Jamaica Station. The conductor will tell you if you need to transfer. Take your ticket with you.

These subway lines can be found at Penn Station: A, C, E (34th Street and 8th Avenue) and 1, 2, 3 (34th Street and 7th Avenue).

Traveling From New York City to Hofstra:
From Penn Station you will need to board a train to Hempstead or Mineola. Please check the Blue Beetle schedule; during the evening, the Blue Beetle picks up at the Mineola train station.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM/TO NEW YORK CITY:

From New York City:
From the Queens Midtown Tunnel, continue on the Long Island Expressway (I-495) east to exit 38, Northern State Parkway East, to the Meadowbrook Parkway South (exit 31A). Stay on the Meadowbrook Parkway until exit M4 (sign reads “Hempstead” and “Coliseum”). From exit M4 of the Meadowbrook Parkway you will be on Route 24 West (Hempstead Turnpike). Stay on 24W for about one mile; pass Nassau Coliseum. Hofstra University is on both sides of Hempstead Turnpike. You will see three overhead walkways; for the North Campus main entrance, make the first right after the first overhead walkway.

To New York City:
Meadowbrook Parkway North to Northern State Parkway (NSP) West. You may elect to switch to the Long Island Expressway (LIE), Rt. 495 West, via exit 29A on NSP toward New York. NSP ends with Triborough Bridge (Upper East Side of Manhattan, at 125th Street). LIE ends at Midtown Tunnel, which enters Manhattan at 38th Street.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO ROOSEVELT FIELD SHOPPING MALL FROM HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY:

(Bloomingdale’s, Macy’s, Nordstrom, JCPenney, Banana Republic, Gap, Abercrombie & Fitch, The Disney Store, Dick’s Sporting Goods, H & M, etc.)
Take Hempstead Turnpike East to Meadowbrook Parkway North (Mineola). Take Meadowbrook Parkway North to exit 2W (Shopping Mall). Take Ring Road to your favorite store.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO TARGET FROM HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY:

Take Hempstead Turnpike East to Meadowbrook Parkway North. Leave Meadowbrook Parkway at Exit M3 (Merchants Concourse). Turn right at the end of exit ramp. Turn left at the first traffic light. Target is on your right (approximately 1/2 mile ahead).

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO STOP & SHOP FROM HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY:

Take Hempstead Turnpike East and cross Meadowbrook Parkway. Continue east through several lights, about 2 miles. You will pass Nassau University Medical Center on the left. The supermarket is on the left, at the corner of Newbridge Road.

MUSEUM ROW
(1/2 mile north of the Hofstra campus)

Cradle of Aviation Museum: (516) 572-4111
Open everyday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Now featuring Hollywood IMAX films (evenings).
Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Garden City

Nassau County Firefighters Museum: (516) 572-4177
Open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Located at the Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City

Long Island Children’s Museum: (516) 224-5800
Open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
11 Davis Avenue, Garden City

PARKS AND BEACHES

Adventuredland (Amusement Park):
2245 Route 110, Farmingdale; (631) 694-6868

Cantiague Park: West John Street, Hicksville (L.I.E., Exit 40); (516) 571-7056

Eisenhower Park: Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow; (516) 572-0348

Hempstead Lake State Park:
Southern State Parkway, Exit 18 South; (516) 766-1029

Jones Beach State Park:
South end of Wantagh and Meadowbrook Parkways, Wantagh; (516) 785-1600

Mitchel Field Athletic Complex:
Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Uniondale; (516) 572-0400

TRANSPORTATION

All Island Taxi: (516) 481-1111

All Season Transportation, Inc.: (516) 333-3131

Pub Taxi: (516) 481-0675

Long Island Rail Road: (516) 822-LIRR

Metropolitan Suburban Bus Authority (Buses): (516) 766-MSBA

MOVIES

AMC Loews Roosevelt Field:
(516) 741-4007; Roosevelt Field Shopping Mall, Garden City

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NEW YORK CITY PLACES OF INTEREST

Central Park spans two and a half miles from 59th Street to 110th Street and half a mile from Fifth Avenue to Eighth Avenue, and was the first urban landscaped park in the United States. The park is home to numerous restaurants, playgrounds, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Central Park Zoo and Trump Wollman Rink.

One of New York City’s finest office buildings, the Chrysler Building, was designed as a tribute to the booming automotive industry. Built in 1930, it was the world’s tallest skyscraper at the time, until the Empire State Building claimed that title just months later. There are no organized tours or exhibits, but the gleaming chrome lobby is open daily to tourists. Location: 405 Lexington Avenue, at 42nd Street. Take the 4, 5, 6 or 7 subway lines to Grand Central. For more information, call (212) 682-3070.

The Empire State Building is no longer the world’s tallest skyscraper, but the classic Art Deco architecture and rich history make the 102-story building a popular stop for visitors to the city. Built in 1931, the 1,454-foot-tall building has an exterior observatory on the 86th floor, from which visitors can see up to 80 miles away on a clear day. The observatory is open everyday, 9:30 a.m. to midnight (last tickets sold at 11:15 p.m.). Special holiday hours are observed. Security check upon entry, leave extra time and bring a picture ID. Location: 350 Fifth Avenue, at 34th Street. For more information, call (212) 736-3100.

Ellis Island is currently open. Liberty Island is also open, though access to the interior of the Statue of Liberty Monument is restricted as a security measure. Ferry boats leave from Battery Park for the 27-acre island, including an option to visit the Statue of Liberty, located on an island nearby. Ferries operate every day, from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For specific ferry schedules and information, call the Circle Line Ferry at (212) 269-5755 or visit statueoflibertyferry.com.

Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts is on Broadway between 62nd and 66th Streets. This large complex is home to The Juilliard School of Music, Avery Fisher Hall, Metropolitan Opera House, NY State Theater, Mitzi Newhouse Theater, NY Public Library, Museum of the Performing Arts, and the Vivian Beaumont Theater. Take the 1 or 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 subway lines to 66th Street/Lincoln Center. For more information, call (212) 875-5000.

You may tour Rockefeller Center, the famous midtown complex, by picking up the easy-to-follow tour map in the lobby of the GE Building, located at 30 Rockefeller Plaza. It details Rockefeller Center’s historical and cultural highlights, including the 24-acre underground shopping mall with more than 300 shops, the golden statue of Prometheus and the Channel Gardens. There are 35 restaurants in the complex, including the famous Rainbow Room. Located between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, and between 49th and 50th Streets. Take the B, D, F or Q train to Rockefeller Center.

What used to be a bustling seaport in the 18th and 19th centuries, South Street Seaport now encompasses newly restored buildings that house a variety of restaurants, specialty food shops and boutiques. Also nearby is the South Street Seaport Museum, located within the 12-square block Landmark Historic District that stretches from Fulton Street to the Brooklyn Bridge. Take the 2, 3, 4, 5, J or M train to Fulton Street, or the A or C train to Broadway/Nassau Street. Phone: (212) SEA-PORT.

The United Nations is located on the banks of the scenic East River. This international zone is the only section of land in Manhattan that is not part of the United States. The 181 flags in front of the building represent each of the member countries’ commitment to working together for peaceful means of conflict resolution. Guided tours operate daily; English-speaking tours leave approximately every 15 minutes, from 9:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Children under 5 years old are not permitted on tour. For tours in other languages, call (212) 963-7539 on the morning you want to visit to find out the schedule, or you can reserve a foreign language tour with a large group. Reservations are required for groups of 15 or more. Location: First Avenue at 46th Street. For information and reservations, call (212) 963-7113.

Times Square is known as the “Crossroads of the World,” where commerce meets the performing arts, a magnet for both business and tourism. Located at 42nd Street where 7th Avenue and Broadway cross. Take the N, R, S, 1, 2, 3, 7 or 9 train to the Times Square station.

Theater Ticket information: Tickets for current Broadway shows can be purchased the day of the show at the theater box office. Availability varies depending on the show. The Theater Direct phone number is (800) BROADWAY.

Discount show tickets can also be purchased daily at the TKTS booth located in Times Square and at the South Street Seaport. TKTS accepts only cash, traveler’s checks or TKTS gift certificates. Both locations sell tickets at a 50, 35 and 25 percent discount. Availability and ticket inventory change throughout the day and at the discretion of individual productions.

Times Square TKTS location information: Temporarily located at the Marriott Marquis Hotel during the renovation of Duffy Square: West 46th Street between Broadway and 8th Avenue. The Times Square booth sells day-of-performance tickets only.

South Street Seaport TKTS location information: At the corner of Front and John Streets, near the rear of the Resnick/Prudential Building at 199 Water Street. The South Street Seaport booth sells tickets to evening performances on the day of the performance, and matinee tickets for the next day.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art
Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street • (212) 535-7710 • Subways: 4, 5, 6 to 86th Street
Closed Monday; Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Guggenheim Museum
1071 Fifth Avenue at 89th Street • (212) 423-3500 • Subways: 4, 5, 6 to 86th Street
Sunday-Wednesday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Closed Thursday

The Museum of Modern Art
11 West 53rd Street between 5th and 6th Avenue • (212) 708-9400
Subways: E, V to Fifth Avenue/53rd Street
Saturday-Monday, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Friday, 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

American Museum of Natural History
Central Park West at 79th Street • (212) 769-5100
Advance tickets and groups: (212) 769-5200
Subway: B, C to 81st Street; 1, 9 to 79th Street
Daily 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m. The Rose Center remains open on Friday until 8:45 p.m. Museum is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.