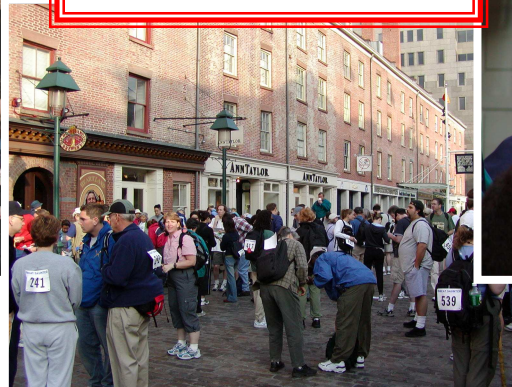


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33 mile Perimeter Walk of Manhattan Island, May 1, 2004



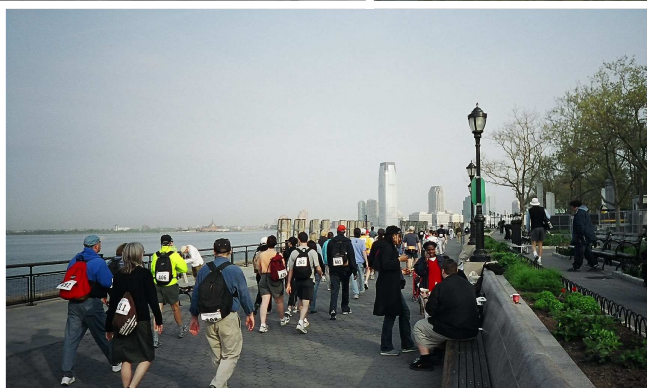
The Start



Cy Adler, the main leader for the walk, making some announcements.

We started at South Street Seaport and went towards the west side of the island. At the end of this first hour we were leaving Battery Park City.

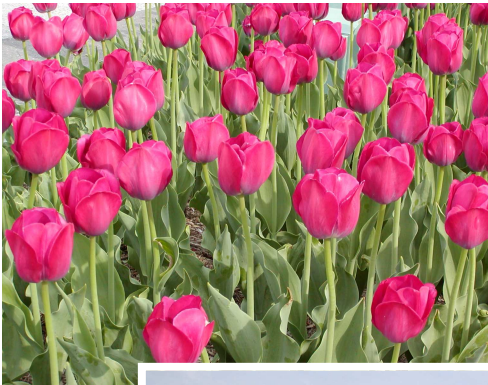
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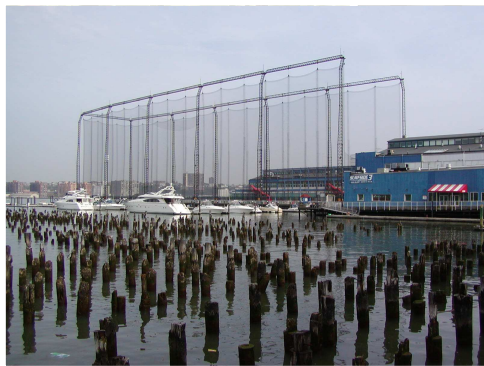
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Hour 2



The remnants of an old pier, and the air vents for the Holland Tunnel.



Left: A driving range.

Right: Our first official rest stop at the Circle Line Cruise docks.



Hour 3



All these buildings are owned by Trump. In past years, security has harassed the Saunterers.



At times the path was wide, and at others it was pretty narrow.



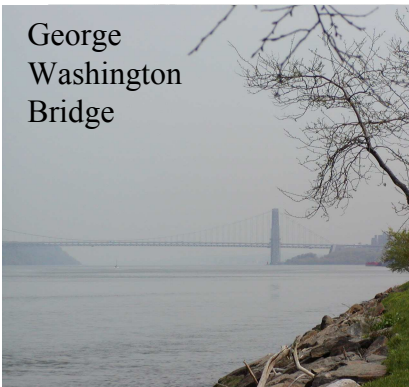
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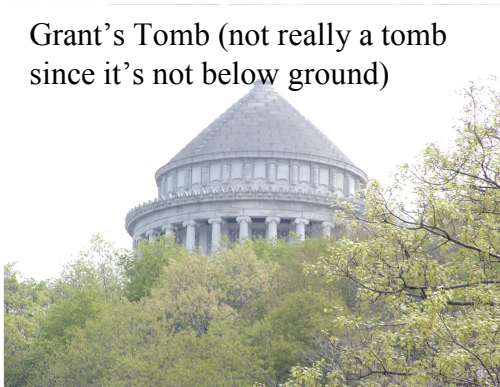
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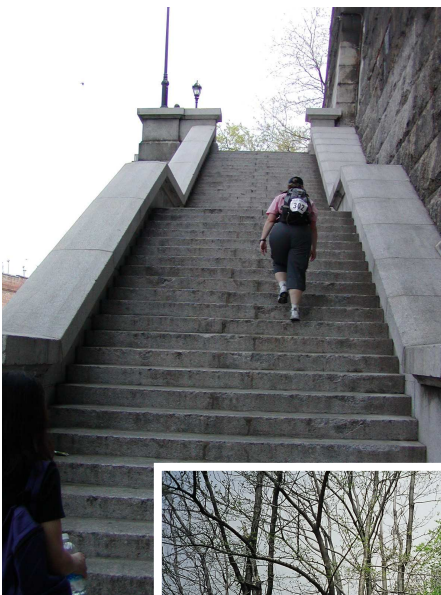
Cy had us all stop to wait for the Park Commissioner who was coming to talk to us. While waiting, a councilman talked for awhile. (After waiting 20 minutes, we left before the Park Commissioner arrived.)



George Washington Bridge



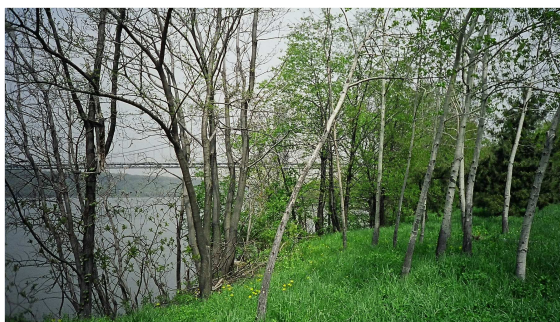
Grant's Tomb (not really a tomb since it's not below ground)



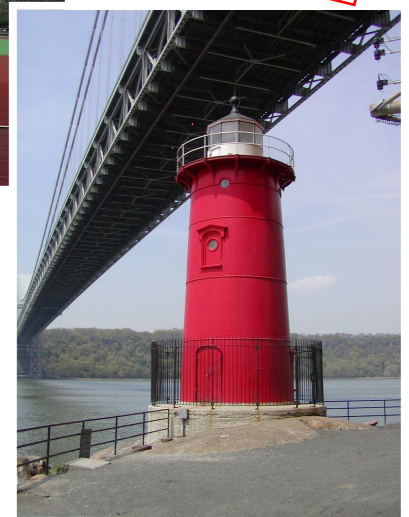
Going up the stairs to get to Riverside State Park (on top of the sanitation department). The park has a couple soccer fields, an ice skating rink, and an Olympic size swimming pool.



Hour 5



Right: The Little Red Lighthouse under the George Washington Bridge.



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Hour 6

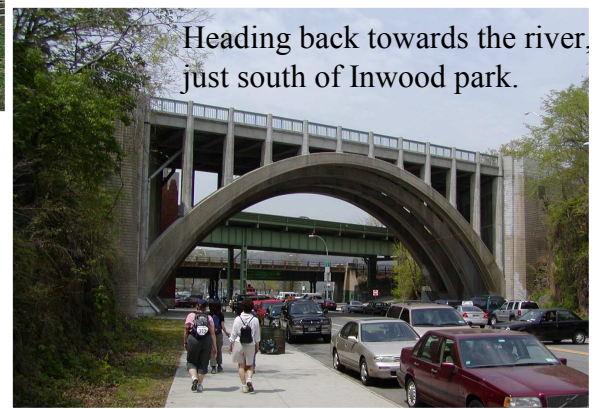
Left: At one time the Saunter path went down this railroad track, but now that Amtrack has started using it again, we took a different route.



Heading back towards the river, just south of Inwood park.



We left a park, went up a big hill, then followed the highway. Our sidewalk went along a wooded area in the Cloisters. We came upon this 'pavillion'. Right: Linda, her friend Sue, and Sue's mom.



Hour 7

Bridges to the Bronx. The low one is a railroad bridge, the middle one is Henry Hudson Bridge.



Bottom: Columbia University's crew team painted this C on the wall.

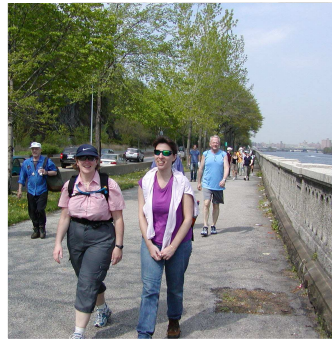


Lunch at Inwood Park. We're halfway through. (We bought 9 bottles of water to refill our camelbacks.)

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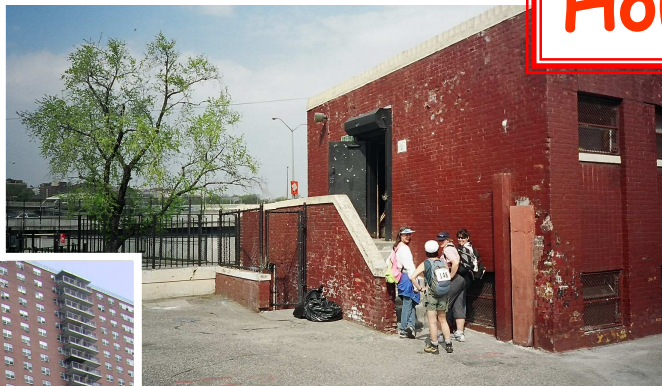
As we left Inwood Park to walk down the east side of Manhattan, we had to leave the river for awhile and walk through Inwood's shopping district. When was the last time you saw a Live Poultry store? We passed two. How about guys playing dominos on a card table on the sidewalk?



After leaving the shopping area, we walked on a path along a park for awhile, then we were walking along the river again. The area was still rather hilly. We passed one of the Circle Line tour boats. Then we came upon the first area we had seen with litter.

Hour 9

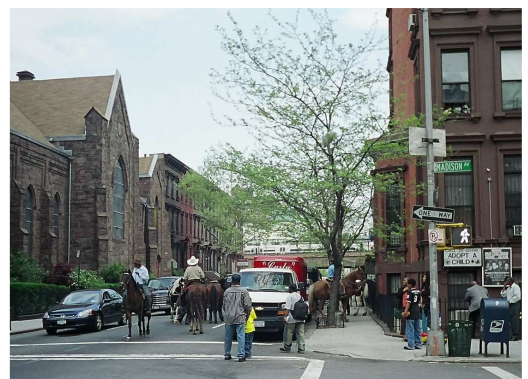
At this park, the girls restroom was locked, so we took turns using the boys.



Left: subsidized housing. Rent could be \$300 - \$2000 a month depending on your income.

Right: There had been a parade & they were loading the horses back into the trailers.

Not pictured: the guy tapping into street light to get power to run his power tools in his car.



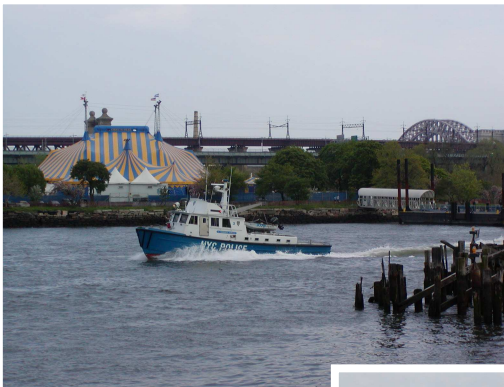
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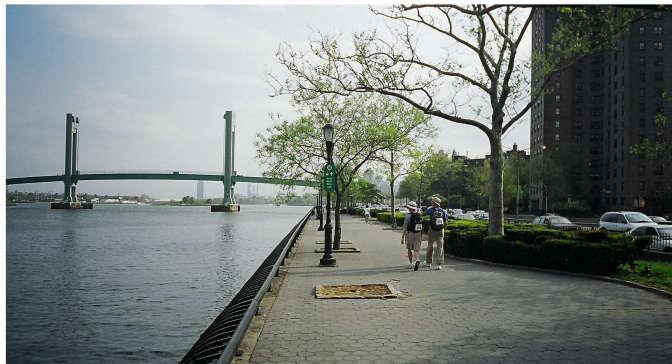
Hour 10



After 10 hours we are still smiling! We think we're going to make it. We spent a good portion of the past two hours walking through residential & business sections. We helped a blind man with an attitude, walked through sidewalk sales, kids jumping rope. We detoured down a few residential streets with neat houses & beautiful flower boxes. As we started the 10th hour, it was nice to get back to the cool breeze from the water.



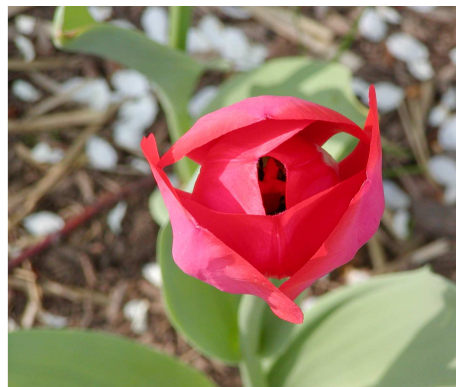
Cirque de Soleil Tent.
You have to go there
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Pedestrian
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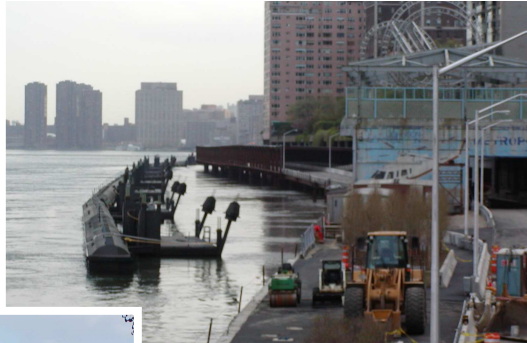


We took our last rest stop at Gracie Mansion

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Hour 11



Top: The were building a floating bridge to be used during construction.

Bottom: Sutton Place is a very 'high end' residential district just north of the United Nations.

As we approached the Queensboro Bridge, we were on a riverside walkway, but not a 'greenway'. It was amazing how varied the scenery was throughout the day.



Hour 12



As we passed the UN, a limo pulled in and a bride & groom got out. There were lots of cameras; we asked someone who told us they were filming a new movie called 'The Interpreter' with Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn. The Chrysler building was now in sight again.



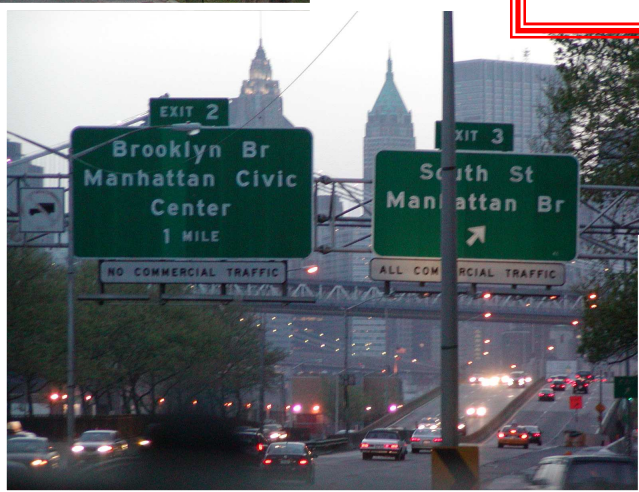
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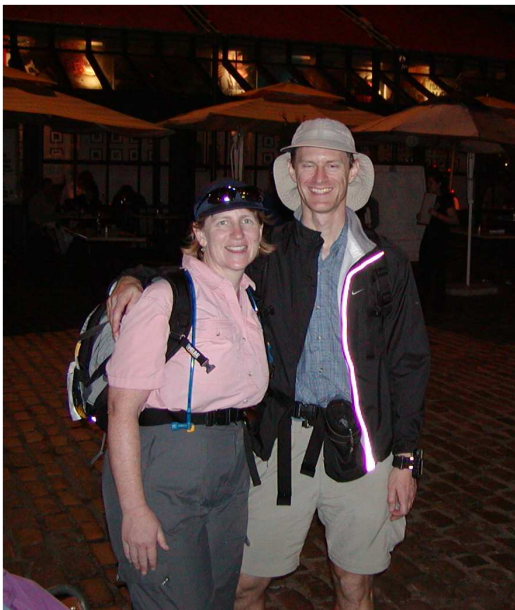
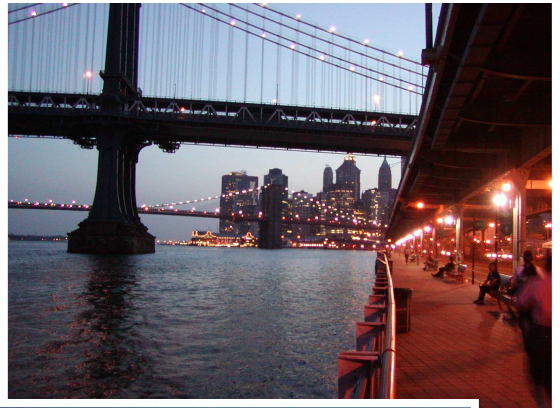


The path along East River Park



Above: We started near the Brooklyn Bridge, so only 1 mile to go!

Right: South Seaport was a welcome sight.



We made it!! After dinner in Little Italy, we even walked 2.5 miles back to Linda's parents' condo in Battery Park City. A total of 36 miles for the day. Julie's pedometer showed 82,777 steps. – A record that won't soon be broken!