TOOLKIT for Teachers
RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

Teaching Units: For Middle and High School Students

- Teaching with Historic Places, National Park Service
- Do Our Parks Do What they are Supposed to Do?
- Boston’s Arnold Arboretum: A Place for Study and Recreation
- The Emerald Necklace: Boston’s Green Connection: Teaching with Historic Places
- Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute: Introducing Students to National Parks
- Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute: Cityscapes and American Identity
- Kahn Academy: Olmsted and Vaux: Central Park (Note: Not for resale)
- Cobblestone Magazine: Keeping It Green - Frederick Law Olmsted

Readings List

National Association of Olmsted Parks Reading List

Suggested books:

- Beveridge, Charles, Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing the American Landscape
- Horwitz, Tony, Frederick Law Olmsted Spying on the South
- Martin, Justin, Genius of Place
- Roper, Laura Wood, Frederick Law Olmsted: A Biography of Frederick Law Olmsted
- Rybczynski, Witold, A Clearing in the Distance
- Olmsted, Frederick Law, Civilizing American Cities: Writings on City Landscapes, A Compilation of Writings

Children’s Books

- Dunlap, Julie, Parks for the People: A Story about Frederick Law Olmsted (Carolrhoda Books, Minneapolis, MN, 1994).
- Reynolds, Peter, Charley Eliot and the Knights of the Woods, Commemorative Edition (The Trustees, Beverley, MA, 2016)
Films and Videos

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site

- Lasting Legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted
- Tours and Videos

PBS Videos

- Designing America (55 minutes, PBS aired June 19, 2014)
  - Educator resources
  - Classroom activities and bonus video
- Olmsted’s ‘Parks for the People’ (28.5 minutes PBS aired September 21, 2015)
- Squire Boone Caverns and Louisville’s Olmsted Parks (28 minutes PBS aired May 15, 2015)
- Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing Western New York (26.5 minutes PBS aired May 4, 2015)
- The Best Planned City in the World (13.5 minutes PBS June 19, 2014)
- Buffalo’s Richardson Olmsted Complex (9 minutes PBS aired May 4, 2015)
- Olmsted and Chicago (6.5 minutes -PBS aired June 19, 2014)
- Changes and Challenges in Olmsted Parks (4 minutes PBS aired June 19, 2014)
- The Campaign to Save the Olmsted Linear Park in Atlanta (4 minutes PBS June 19, 2014)
- Louisville: From Olmsted to the 21st Century (3.5 minutes PBS aired June 19, 2014)
- The Fall and Rise of Central Park (3 minutes PBS aired June 19, 2014)
- Richardson Olmsted Campus History (2.5 minutes PBS aired April 12, 2019)
- Photography and Design in Olmsted’s Boston Parks (2 minutes PBS June 19, 2014)

Amazon

- Olmsted: Urban Parks

YouTube—Olmsted and Other Parks

- Presidio Tunnel Tops: A Park for All with James Corner
- Outside for All: Investing in Parks to Build Community Power
- Central Park Conservancy series of 25 weekly walks through Central Park, NY, NY