



TOOLKIT for Teachers



OLMSTED
200
CELEBRATING PARKS
FOR ALL PEOPLE

RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

Teaching Units: For Middle and High School Students

- [Teaching with Historic Places, National Park Service](#)
- [The Olmsted Vision](#)
- [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: Teachers' Guide](#)

Reading Lists

For adults:

- Beveridge, Charles, *Frederick Law Olmsted: Designing the American Landscape*
- Horwitz, Tony, *Spying on the South: An Odyssey Across the American Divide*
- Lawliss, Loughlin, Caroline Loughlin and Lauren Meier - editors, National Association for Olmsted Parks, National Park Service, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, *The Master List of Design Projects of the Olmsted Firm 1857-1979*
- 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*, Edited by S.B. Sutton

[National Association for Olmsted Parks Bibliography](#)

For Children:

- 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)
- Wishinsky, Frieda, *The Man Who Made Parks: The Story of Park Builder Frederick Law Olmsted* (Tundra Books of Northern New York, 1999)
- Yazdani, Ashley Benham, *A Green Place to Be: The Creation of Central Park* (Candlewick Press, Somerville, MA, 2019).

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)
- [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 and America's Urban Parks](#)

If you would like to air this film, please contact the National Association for Olmsted Parks, info@naop.org.

- [Olmsted and America's Urban Parks Panel Discussion](#)

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](#)