

Union Square

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The Union Square is a very popular spot in New York for people to go and spend time. Large amounts of people can always be seen at Union Square almost any part of the day hanging out at Union Square park or passing by. Many of them usually go there to get to the subway but quite a number of people do go and spend time here either to relax and be alone, to go to the farmers market, to do a performance, or to be with friends or family. Some people go alone to relax and unwind at the park, usually with a cup of coffee or a cigarette in hand. Others go with someone close like a friend to hang out or to use the park as a meet up point. One big attraction that people go to is the market that opens every few days so they can buy fresh produce and other market goods. Very few people also go to make some extra money by selling art or by performing music or some other type of street performance.

The Union Square is an area in the lower part of New York city that has numerous commercial buildings and a park. The park is the square's biggest attractions for housing various monuments and a history of events. The park was opened in 1839 and was originally made as an oval with the center being a fountain surrounded by plants and was designed so to imitate residential squares from London. The park was later enlarged in 1872 in response to the cities' expansion. The park was used to host a variety of events such as the first labor day parade in 1882 or the first earth day in 1970. The park was destroyed in 1928 in order to build the subways underneath and wasn't complete until 1929.

The photo essay is based on everyday life at the Union Square. It's meant to show case scenes someone would see by going there at any time of the day. The pictures were taken with people moving naturally and fluidly to capture the sensation of

movement. The photos were also ordered in a way that show chronological movement by starting with bright pictures and leads into darker pictures taken at night to give the feeling that these pictures were all taken on the same day.

## Work Sited

- <https://www.nycgovparks.org/parks/union-square-park>