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Free Wi-Fi hotspots

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Times Square is only the latest venue to join the ranks of public and private locations offering free wireless Internet access in New York City. If you're looking to use your laptop outside the realm of NYU's wireless domain, check out these nearby parks, libraries and cafes.

Bryant Park:

Bryant Park has offered free wireless Internet access to those in the park since the summer of 2002.

Located adjacent to the New York Public Library's main branch between 40th and 42nd streets and Fifth and Sixth avenues, Bryant Park boasts vibrant promenades, a lawn and a garden.

Madison Square Park:

Ten years ago, Madison Square Park was known for high crime rates and was avoided by passers-by. Since its restoration and subsequent reopening in 2001, the space has become an escape from the surrounding Midtown area. Patrons will find the refurbished park complete with gardens, places to sit and free public Wi-Fi access.

Bowling Green:

Between Broadway and Whitehall Street, Bowling Green is New York City's oldest park and was once used as a cattle market. The park provides visitors with free Wi-Fi access.

New York Public Libraries:

The Jefferson Market Library at 425 Sixth Ave. and the Mulberry Street branch at 10 Jersey St. are the closest NYPL branches to NYU's Washington Square campus. Free Wi-Fi is available during the libraries' business hours, which can be found at <http://bit.ly/CrPVh>.

Gizzi's Coffee:

Complete with power outlets, numerous places to sit and TV, Gizzi's Coffee is a great study alternative to Starbucks or Bobst Library. Located at 16 W. Eighth St., this modern cafe also offers free Wi-Fi and accepts campus cash.

Tea Spot:

Tea Spot, at 27 MacDougal St. near West Third Street, is a quiet and relaxing place to study, grab tea and take advantage of free wireless Internet.

Think Coffee:

It might seem like a "Well, duh" spot, but of Think's three locations close to campus — 248 Mercer St. between Third and Fourth streets, 1 Bleecker St. on the northwest corner of Bowery and Bleecker, and 123 Fourth Ave. between 12th and 13th streets — only the Mercer Street branch offers free Wi-Fi to customers.

'wichcraft:

Accepting campus cash and located at 60 E. Eighth St., 'wichcraft is a unique sandwich cafe with a clean, modern

look. Students can grab a quick lunch or stay and take advantage of free Wi-Fi.

Housing Works:

Housing Works Used Bookstore Cafe offers free Wi-Fi, along with thousands of interesting, fun, donated books to browse. Bonus: With every purchase, you're helping homeless New Yorkers affected by HIV/AIDS. Housing Works is located at 126 Crosby St. near Houston Street.