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## Walking Tour:

### **AUDUBON PARK AND AUDUBON TERRACE MUSEUM COMPLEX**

Audubon Park and the Audubon Terrace Museum Complex were named for naturalist John James Audubon who had his home on a 30-acre tract of land that extended from 155<sup>th</sup> Street to 158<sup>th</sup> Street Amsterdam Avenue to the Hudson River in the Washington Heights community of Manhattan. The Audubon Terrace Museum Complex on Broadway between 155<sup>th</sup> and 156<sup>th</sup> Streets was conceived by Archer M. Huntington in the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century to act as a center for the cultural and literary world.

Historian James Renner will conduct a tour of the area describing the historical highlights, the original residents (the Audubon and Grinnell families) and the apartment buildings of present day Audubon Park. Also included on the tour will be a visit to the gravesite of John James Audubon at Trinity Cemetery on 155<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Renner is presently a member of the following organizations; The Harlem and the Heights Historical Society, The American Association of State and Local History, The Organization of American Historians and the Association of Public Historians of New York State. Mr. Renner is a licensed Sightseeing Guide in the City of New York and is a member of the Guides Association of New York City.

Mr. Renner is also an accomplished author of articles that represent a historical nature and are a written interpretation that correspond to his photographic collection which combines historic and contemporary subjects pertaining to Washington Heights, Inwood and Marble Hill. These have appeared in community newspapers such as; The Washington Heights Citizen and the Inwood News, The Manhattan Heights Forum, the Washington Heights and Inwood Report and the Manhattan Times. These historical articles also appear on the Internet at [www.washington-heights.us/history](http://www.washington-heights.us/history). Mr. Renner has also published a book in 2007 called **“Washington Heights, Inwood and Marble Hill”** released by Arcadia Publishing.

The tour will begin at 12:00 Noon on Sunday November 30, 2008. Meet at the Triangle at 157<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway. The cost of the tour will be \$15 per person, \$10 for seniors and students.

Audubon Park and the Audubon Terrace Museum Complex are accessible by mass transit. The #1 train stops at 157<sup>th</sup> and Broadway. Buses to the area include the BX6, M4 and M5 stop on 157<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway and M100 and M101 buses stop on Amsterdam Avenue and 157<sup>th</sup> Street.

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