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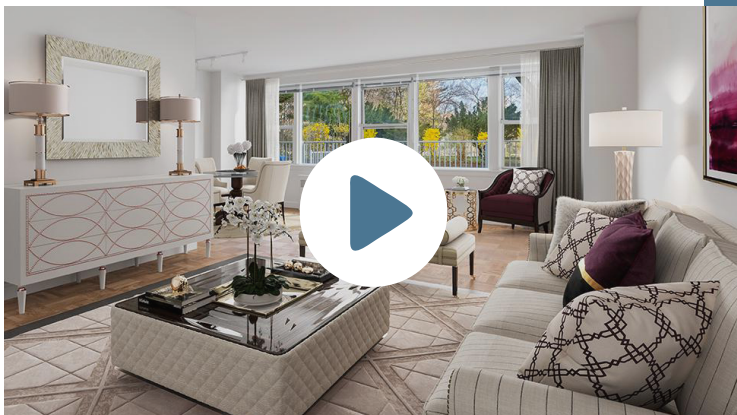
NYC Luxury Living in Riverdale



When you think of a peaceful, verdant escape within New York City — one with outstanding schools, world-class parks, a thriving restaurant scene, and an easy commute to Midtown Manhattan — you think of Riverdale.

Perched on a series of hills in the northwestern Bronx and overlooking the Hudson River and the New Jersey Palisades, Riverdale is one of New York City's most prestigious and sought-after neighborhoods. It is home to Wave Hill, a 28-acre public garden and cultural center; Van Cortlandt Park, one of the city's largest parks at over 1,100 acres; the architectural wonder of the Fieldston Historic District; and a vibrant dining and retail corridor along Riverdale Avenue. With Metro-North service to Grand Central Terminal in approximately 25 minutes, Riverdale offers residents a genuine neighborhood feel with all the advantages of New York City at their doorstep. [Glenwood's Briar Hill](#) is the neighborhood's premier luxury rental address.

Riverdale is home to Glenwood Management's first luxury rental property. Our residents at Briar Hill come from across New York City and beyond, drawn by the combination of green space, outstanding schools, and a commute to Midtown that outperforms most Manhattan neighborhoods.



Key Takeaways

Riverdale is a prestigious residential neighborhood in the northwestern Bronx, overlooking the Hudson River and the New Jersey Palisades, with tree-lined streets and a genuine small-town community feel within New York City

Metro-North Hudson Line connects Riverdale to Grand Central Terminal in approximately 25 minutes, one of the fastest outer-borough commutes in New York City

Top private schools include Riverdale Country School, Horace Mann School, Ethical Culture Fieldston School, and Kinneret Day School, alongside strong public school options

Home to Wave Hill public garden, Van Cortlandt Park (1,146 acres), and Riverdale Park along the Hudson River, some of the best green space available to residents anywhere in the five boroughs

Riverdale offers spacious apartments with full-service amenities at price points more accessible than comparable Manhattan neighborhoods, without giving up easy access to the city

Consistently one of the Bronx's safest neighborhoods, with a close-knit, diverse community and active local institutions

Glenwood's Briar Hill at West 246th Street is Riverdale's premier luxury rental address — a full-service building with 24-hour doorman service and spacious residences set on four wooded acres.

Riverdale at a Glance

Vibe	Tree-lined, peaceful, and community-oriented, the feel of a small town within New York City
Best For	Families, professionals, and nature lovers looking for space, great schools, and easy access to Manhattan
Transit	Metro-North Hudson Line (~25 min to Grand Central); 1 Train at 242nd St; BxM1, BxM2, BxM3, BxM18 express buses
Landmarks	Wave Hill Public Garden, Van Cortlandt Park, Henry Hudson Bridge, Fieldston Historic District
Green Space	Van Cortlandt Park (1,146 acres), Wave Hill (28 acres), Riverdale Park, Seton Park, Ewen Park, Henry Hudson Park
Dining	Bokaguá, Tobala, Tin Marín Tapas, Sawá Mediterranean, Blackstone Bar & Grill, The Johnson Diner & Bar, and more
Shopping	Riverdale Avenue boutiques; Riverdale Crossing; The Shops at Marble Hill; Broadway Plaza
Schools	Riverdale Country School, Horace Mann School, Ethical Culture Fieldston School, Kinneret Day School, Manhattan University; P.S. 81 Robert J. Christen, P.S. 24 Spuyten Duyvil, Riverdale/Kingsbridge Academy (MS/HS 141)
Rental Style	Full-service luxury rental buildings on tree-lined residential streets
To Midtown	~25 min via Metro-North; ~30–40 min via express bus; ~20–30 min by car via Henry Hudson Parkway





Pros and Cons of Living in Riverdale

Riverdale is a neighborhood with a lot to offer — particularly for families, nature lovers, and commuters. Here's a look at what you can expect.

Pros

- ✓ Metro-North Hudson Line connects Riverdale to Grand Central Terminal in approximately 25 minutes — one of the most efficient outer-borough commutes in New York City
- ✓ Wave Hill, Van Cortlandt Park (1,146 acres), and Riverdale Park offer exceptional green space right in the neighborhood
- ✓ Home to Riverdale Country School, Ethical Culture Fieldston School, and Kinneret Day School
- ✓ Quiet, tree-lined streets with a strong, close-knit residential community
- ✓ Spacious apartments at price points that are more accessible than comparable Manhattan neighborhoods
- ✓ A thriving restaurant and café scene along Riverdale Avenue
- ✓ Easy access to the Henry Hudson Parkway for car travel to Manhattan and Westchester

Cons

- ✗ Subway access is limited to the 1 train at the southern border — most Manhattan commutes require Metro-North or an express bus
- ✗ The neighborhood's hilly terrain makes some errands more convenient by car or local bus
- ✗ Fewer late-night dining and nightlife options than Manhattan neighborhoods
- ✗ Getting to Brooklyn or Queens requires planning
- ✗ Citi Bike service is still expanding in this part of the Bronx

Who Will Love Riverdale?

Riverdale attracts a wide range of New Yorkers. Here's who you'll find calling it home.



Families

Riverdale Country School, Horace Mann School, Ethical Culture Fieldston School, Kinneret Day School, Manhattan University, Riverdale Y, and an abundance of parks make this one of New York City's great neighborhoods for families.



Nature Lovers

With Wave Hill, Van Cortlandt Park, Riverdale Park, and the Hudson River all within reach, you'll have more green space here than in almost any other New York City neighborhood.



Metro-North Commuters

Grand Central Terminal is approximately 25 minutes by Metro-North — with a comfortable seat and a pleasant ride. It's hard to beat for Midtown professionals.



Space Seekers

Riverdale offers spacious apartments on quiet, tree-lined streets, at price points that are more accessible than comparable Manhattan neighborhoods.



Active New Yorkers

Briar Hill's outdoor pool, tennis courts, and fitness center, combined with Van Cortlandt Park's trails, golf course, and athletic fields, Riverdale Y, and miles of Hudson River waterfront paths, give active residents more to work with than almost any other New York City neighborhood.



NYC Newcomers

Riverdale's walkable Riverdale Avenue corridor, strong community feel, and easy transit connections make it one of the most welcoming places to begin your New York City life.

The Main Attractions

Riverdale is home to some of New York City's finest cultural destinations, parks, and outdoor spaces. Whether you're looking for a world-class public garden, Revolutionary War history, or a scenic waterfront trail along the Hudson, you'll find it here — and much of it is within walking distance of Briar Hill.



Wave Hill Public Garden & Cultural Center

One of New York City's most celebrated public spaces, [Wave Hill](#) is a 28-acre public garden and cultural center at 4900 Independence Avenue, perched above the Hudson River with sweeping views of the New Jersey Palisades. Originally the private estate of luminaries including Theodore Roosevelt and Mark Twain, Wave Hill features meticulously maintained gardens, woodland trails, art galleries, educational programming, and a beloved seasonal café. It hosts rotating exhibitions, family workshops, and performances throughout the year, and is just minutes from Briar Hill on Independence Avenue.



Van Cortlandt Park

Spanning over 1,146 acres at Broadway and West 242nd Street, [Van Cortlandt Park](#) is the third-largest park in New York City and one of the borough's great outdoor destinations. You'll find extensive hiking and equestrian trails, athletic fields, a golf course, a lake for fishing and kayaking, and the Van Cortlandt House Museum — the oldest surviving building in the Bronx, where George Washington headquartered his troops during the Revolutionary War. For families, outdoor enthusiasts, and anyone who loves wide open green space, Van Cortlandt Park is one of Riverdale's greatest assets.



The Fieldston Historic District

Just minutes from Briar Hill, the Fieldston Historic District is one of New York City's most remarkable architectural enclaves. Originally part of the Delafield family estate, the neighborhood was planned following the principles of Frederick Law Olmsted, with streets and lots that follow the natural curves of the rocky, wooded terrain. Walking Fieldston's private roads past beautifully preserved Tudor Revival and Georgian Colonial homes, under a canopy of mature trees, feels unlike anywhere else in the five boroughs.



Riverdale Park

Stretching along the Hudson River at 254 Palisade Avenue, [Riverdale Park](#) offers hiking trails and sweeping river views that will make you forget you're in New York City. The park runs alongside the Metro-North Hudson Line, just north of Briar Hill, making it ideal for morning runs, dog walks, and nature escapes. It's a popular spot for birdwatchers, photographers, and nature lovers year-round.



Bell Tower Park & Local Landmarks

[Bell Tower Park](#), located at the iconic traffic circle where Johnson Avenue, Riverdale Avenue, and the Henry Hudson Parkway converge at West 239th Street, is a cherished community landmark honoring local veterans and a natural gathering point just a short walk from Briar Hill. Nearby, the [Derfner Judaica Museum](#) at 5901 Palisade Avenue — tucked within the Hebrew Home at Riverdale — is one of the neighborhood's hidden gems, offering a remarkable collection of Jewish art and artifacts, rotating contemporary exhibitions, and a sculpture garden with Hudson River views.



Seton Park & Henry Hudson Park

[Seton Park](#) at Independence Avenue and West 235th Street is one of the most versatile community parks in the neighborhood, with baseball fields, tennis courts, a skatepark, a rock-climbing wall, a dog run, a children's playground, and summer outdoor movie screenings. [Henry Hudson Park](#) at 2570 Independence Avenue offers a quieter setting, anchored by a striking 100-foot monument commemorating the 300th anniversary of Henry Hudson's 1609 voyage, with lovely Hudson River views and shaded walkways.



The Van Cortlandt House Museum

Built in 1748 at 6036 Broadway, the [Van Cortlandt House Museum](#) is the oldest surviving structure in the Bronx and a landmark of American colonial and Revolutionary War history. This beautifully preserved Georgian manor house offers guided and self-guided tours through period rooms filled with original furnishings and artifacts.

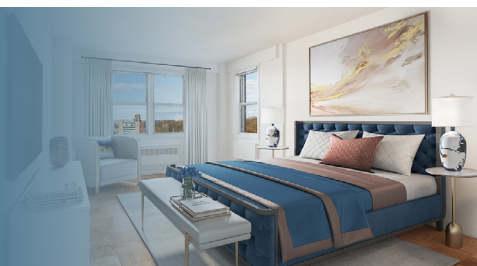


New York Botanical Garden & The Bronx Museum of the Arts

A short drive or Metro-North ride from Riverdale, the [New York Botanical Garden](#) at 2900 Southern Boulevard spans 250 acres and offers world-class programming throughout the year, including the beloved Holiday Train Show, the Orchid Show, and summer outdoor concerts. [The Bronx Museum of the Arts](#) at 1040 Grand Concourse is the borough's premier contemporary art institution, offering a dynamic roster of rotating exhibitions.

Schedule a Private Tour

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The Schools

Riverdale is one of New York City's great family neighborhoods, and its schools are a big reason why. The neighborhood is home to some of the city's most prestigious private schools, alongside solid public options, and Manhattan University.

The concentration of educational excellence here is hard to find anywhere else in the five boroughs. Here are some of the great schools found in the neighborhood.



Colleges & Universities

[Manhattan University](#)

4513 Manhattan College Parkway. A private liberal arts university located directly in Riverdale, offering undergraduate and graduate programs across five schools: Arts, Education and Human Services, Engineering, Liberal Arts, and Science.

Private Schools

[Riverdale Country School](#)

Upper School at 5250 Fieldston Road; Lower School at 1 Spaulding Lane. One of New York City's most prestigious independent schools, with a nationally recognized college preparatory curriculum and athletics program.

[Horace Mann School](#)

231 West 246th Street. One of New York City's most prestigious independent schools, with coeducational college preparatory programs from nursery through grade 12 and deep roots in Riverdale dating back to 1914.

[Ethical Culture Fieldston School](#)

3901 Fieldston Road. A nationally recognized progressive independent school with a rigorous academic program and a deep commitment to ethics and community.

[Kinneret Day School](#)

2600 Netherland Avenue. A Jewish day school offering a dual curriculum in Judaic and general studies, and a cornerstone of Riverdale's Jewish community.

Public Schools

[P.S. 81 Robert J. Christen](#)

5550 Riverdale Avenue

[P.S. 24 Spuyten Duyvil](#)

660 West 236th Street

[Riverdale/Kingsbridge Academy](#) (MS/HS 141)

660 West 237th Street

Dining & Nightlife

Riverdale's dining scene is one of the Bronx's best, and it consistently surprises visitors who expect less from a residential outer-borough neighborhood.

The Riverdale Avenue corridor has a great mix of Latin, Mediterranean, and American restaurants, from neighborhood institutions that have been here for years to exciting new openings that have quickly become local favorites. And for your morning routine, Riverdale Avenue has some excellent cafés that have become genuine community anchors.



Cafés & Coffee

For your morning routine, Riverdale Avenue delivers. [Artizen NYC](#) is one of the neighborhood's most popular spots — a stylish co-working café with house-roasted coffee, fresh baked goods, and a warm community atmosphere that makes it a natural daily stop. [Savor Coffee and More](#) is another local favorite, well-known for its NOLA iced coffee and Brazilian cheese bread. For a more leisurely morning, [Sheza Coffee House](#) in North Riverdale is a cozy neighborhood staple. And don't miss the [Café at Wave Hill](#) on West 249th Street — a seasonal spot set within the Wave Hill gardens, perfect for lunch or coffee with stunning Hudson River views.

Restaurants

[Blackstone Bar & Grill](#) (3713 Riverdale Ave): A reliable, welcoming neighborhood spot for lunch, dinner, and weekend cocktails, with outdoor seating on Riverdale Avenue.

[Bokaguá](#) (3541 Riverdale Ave): One of Riverdale's most celebrated restaurants, Bokaguá is a stunning Asian-Latin fusion destination with a beautifully curated interior and a menu that stands out in any borough. Highlights include oxtail samosas, mofongo dumplings, and lobster fried rice. A must for a special evening out.

[Tobala](#) (3732 Riverdale Ave): An intimate and romantic Mexican restaurant beloved for its refined mole preparations, hibiscus margaritas, and exceptional short rib. A neighborhood favorite for date nights and gatherings.

[Tin Marín Tapas](#) (3708 Riverdale Ave): A Riverdale institution with over a decade of community roots, offering Latin tapas, live music, an excellent wine list, and a warm, family-friendly atmosphere.

[Sawá Mediterranean Cuisine](#) (3611 Riverdale Avenue): One of the most exciting recent openings in Riverdale — a speakeasy-inspired Mediterranean restaurant with exceptional food and a memorable atmosphere.

[Cocina Chente](#) (3535 Riverdale Ave): A lively Mexican cantina with bold flavors, creative cocktails, and live DJ nights on Fridays. One of the go-to spots for a fun night out on Riverdale Avenue.

[Yukka](#) (5684 Riverdale Ave): A Latin restaurant and bar in North Riverdale known for its live music nights, creative cocktails, and elevated Latin comfort food including standout pulpo al ajillo.

[The Johnson Diner & Bar](#) (35-33 Johnson Ave): A beloved neighborhood anchor offering generous portions of American comfort food from morning through evening. A warm, welcoming spot that has become a true community fixture.

The Transportation

Riverdale is exceptionally well-connected for a neighborhood of its character and scale. The key is the Metro-North Hudson Line, which puts Grand Central Terminal approximately 25 minutes away — making the commute from Riverdale competitive with many Manhattan neighborhoods and more comfortable than most. Between Metro-North, express buses, the 1 train, and the Henry Hudson Parkway, you have real options for getting in and out of the city every day.

Metro-North Railroad

[The Metro-North Hudson Line](#) serves Riverdale directly, with stations at Riverdale (West 254th Street) and Spuyten Duyvil (West 225th Street). From the Riverdale station — a short walk from Briar Hill — Grand Central Terminal is approximately 25 to 30 minutes away. Trains are comfortable, reliable, and run frequently throughout the day and evening.

Express Buses

The BxM1, BxM2, BxM3, and BxM18 provide direct, limited-stop express bus service to Midtown Manhattan. Buses pick up along Riverdale Avenue and Broadway, making them convenient from throughout the neighborhood. For residents who prefer a single-seat commute, the express buses are a comfortable alternative to Metro-North.

New York City Subway

The 1 train serves the neighborhood at its southern border at Van Cortlandt Park–242nd Street, connecting to the West Side of Manhattan including 72nd Street, Columbus Circle, Times Square, Penn Station, and Lower Manhattan. For Midtown destinations, Metro-North is faster; for the Upper West Side and downtown, the 1 train is a solid option.

Local Buses

Local MTA bus routes including the Bx10, Bx20, and Bx7 connect Riverdale to surrounding Bronx neighborhoods, the 1 train, and Metro-North stations — useful for getting around the neighborhood and making connections without a car.

By Car

Riverdale has direct access to the Henry Hudson Parkway, the Major Deegan Expressway (I-87), and the Cross Bronx Expressway, providing quick connections to Manhattan, Westchester, and the broader tri-state region. Street parking is generally available throughout the neighborhood, and Briar Hill offers both indoor garage and outdoor parking facilities on site.

Commuting at a Glance		
Walk Score	75	Very Walkable
Transit Score	75	Excellent Transit
Bike Score	45	Somewhat Bikeable
Commute to Grand Central	~25 min	Metro-North Hudson Line





Shopping

Riverdale has a good variety of shopping options, from the independent boutiques, specialty food shops, and local services along Riverdale Avenue to major retail centers nearby. Riverdale Avenue has the feel of a true neighborhood commercial strip — the kind where you can take care of most daily needs without getting in a car. For larger grocery runs, Key Food Supermarket on West 235th Street has parking available. And for major retail, [Riverdale Crossing](#) at 184 West 237th Street and [The Shops at Marble Hill](#) at 50 West 225th Street — anchored by Target, Marshalls, Chick-fil-A, and Panera Bread — are both easily accessible. Broadway Plaza at 171 West 230th Street adds Best Buy, Aldi, and a range of services with free parking.



Health & Wellness

Riverdale has excellent health and wellness resources for residents. [Montefiore Medical Center](#), one of the country’s leading academic medical centers, is accessible via the 1 train and local buses. The [Riverdale Y](#) on Arlington Avenue is the community’s crown jewel for fitness and wellness — with an indoor pool, group fitness classes, personal training, and extensive family and youth programming that makes it a central part of neighborhood life. For strength training and personalized coaching, OPEX Riverdale NYC / Bronx Barbell Club on Fieldston Road is a well-regarded option. And with Van Cortlandt Park’s trails, Riverdale Park along the Hudson, and Wave Hill’s woodland paths just outside your door, staying active in Riverdale can be as simple as stepping outside.



The Future

Riverdale continues to attract investment and attention as one of New York City’s most livable neighborhoods. Key developments on the horizon include ongoing improvements to the Henry Hudson Parkway and its adjacent greenway paths, expansion of [Citi Bike](#) service into the northwest Bronx, continued investment in Van Cortlandt Park’s athletic and recreational facilities, and new mixed-use development along the Kingsbridge corridor that will add retail and community amenities at the neighborhood’s southern gateway. With its combination of natural beauty, cultural depth, outstanding schools, and transit connectivity, Riverdale’s future is as strong as its history.

The Rental Market

Riverdale is a predominantly residential neighborhood, with luxury rental buildings set along quiet, tree-lined streets. The neighborhood offers spacious apartment layouts and full-service amenities, and because Riverdale is in the Bronx rather than Manhattan, you'll typically find more space for your dollar while still enjoying an easy commute to the city. Glenwood Management has one luxury apartment complex in Riverdale.



Briar Hill

600 & 630 West 246th Street, Riverdale, Bronx

Ideally situated in the heart of North Riverdale, [Briar Hill](#) places residents at the center of everything that makes this neighborhood exceptional. Just steps from the Metro-North Riverdale station on West 254th Street, Grand Central Terminal is approximately 25 minutes away, making Briar Hill one of the most commuter-friendly luxury addresses in the Bronx.

At Glenwood, we manage every building with the same standard of care: 24-hour doorman service, responsive onsite management, and attention to detail that makes a real difference in daily life. Briar Hill residents consistently tell us that what brought them here was the value — and what keeps them here is the neighborhood.

Briar Hill sits on four wooded acres with a resort-style outdoor pool, tennis courts, a children's playground, and fitness center — amenities that feel more like a private retreat than a typical New York City apartment building. Studio, one-, two-, and three-bedroom residences offer designer kitchens, custom closets, and city and river views, many from private balconies.

Riverdale is one of New York City's most distinctive and rewarding neighborhoods — and Briar Hill puts you right at the heart of it. Whether you're drawn by the commute, the schools, the parks, or simply the promise of more space and a better quality of daily life, you'll find it here.



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Frequently Asked Questions

If you're considering a move to Riverdale, you probably have questions. Here are answers to some of the most common ones we hear from prospective residents.

About the Neighborhood

What is Riverdale known for?

Riverdale is known for its natural beauty, tree-lined streets, distinguished architecture, and outstanding quality of life. The neighborhood is home to Wave Hill, one of New York City's most celebrated public gardens; Van Cortlandt Park, the city's third-largest park at over 1,100 acres; and the Fieldston Historic District, one of the most architecturally remarkable residential enclaves in the five boroughs. Riverdale is also recognized for its excellent schools, a vibrant restaurant scene along Riverdale Avenue, and Metro-North service that puts Grand Central Terminal approximately 25 minutes away.

What is the community like in Riverdale?

Riverdale has a diverse and close-knit community with deep roots. The neighborhood has a historically significant Jewish community, a well-established Latin population centered on the Riverdale Avenue corridor, and a growing mix of families attracted by the schools and quality of life. Block associations, community boards, and the Riverdale Y all contribute to a strong neighborhood identity and a genuine sense of community that is rare in New York City.

Is Riverdale safe?

Riverdale is consistently one of the Bronx's safest neighborhoods, with crime rates well below borough and city averages. The neighborhood's residential character, active community organizations, and strong local institutions all contribute to its well-earned reputation for safety.



Getting Around

What subway and transit options serve Riverdale?

Riverdale is served by the Metro-North Hudson Line with stations at Riverdale (West 254th Street) and Spuyten Duyvil (West 225th Street), providing service to Grand Central Terminal in approximately 25 to 30 minutes. The 1 train reaches the neighborhood at Van Cortlandt Park–242nd Street and connects to the West Side of Manhattan. Express buses including the BxM1, BxM2, BxM3, and BxM18 offer direct limited-stop service to Midtown Manhattan. By car, the Henry Hudson Parkway provides quick access to Manhattan, Westchester, and the tri-state region.

How long is the commute from Briar Hill to Midtown?

From Briar Hill, the Metro-North Riverdale station is a short walk away on West 254th Street. Door-to-Grand Central is typically 25 to 30 minutes, making it one of the most efficient outer-borough commutes in New York City.

Is it easy to get around Riverdale without a car?

Yes — between Metro-North, express buses, and local buses, most residents find Riverdale very manageable without a car. The neighborhood's hilly terrain means some errands are more convenient by car or local bus, but Riverdale Avenue's shops, restaurants, and cafés are all walkable from Briar Hill.



Housing & Apartments

What types of apartments are available in Riverdale?

Riverdale's rental market includes full-service luxury buildings with 24-hour doorman service, fitness centers, and a range of layouts from studios to large multi-bedroom residences. At Glenwood, all of our buildings offer direct leasing with no fees, attentive onsite management, and a standard of maintenance that reflects our decades of experience managing luxury residential properties in New York City. Briar Hill at West 246th Street is the neighborhood's premier luxury rental address.

How does Riverdale compare to Manhattan neighborhoods in terms of rent?

Riverdale generally offers more apartment space at lower price points compared to Manhattan neighborhoods of similar character and quality — while still providing easy access to the city via Metro-North. Combined with Glenwood's no-fee direct leasing at Briar Hill, Riverdale is a compelling option for families and professionals who want more room to live.

Does Briar Hill have parking?

Please contact our leasing team at 212.535.0500 or visit glenwoodnyc.com for current parking availability and pricing at Briar Hill. Street parking is also generally available throughout the neighborhood.

Schools & Families

Is Riverdale a good neighborhood for families?

Riverdale is one of New York City's best neighborhoods for families. It's home to Riverdale Country School, Ethical Culture Fieldston School, Kinneret Day School, and Manhattan University, alongside solid public school options. The Riverdale Y offers extensive programming including swimming, classes, and summer camps. Van Cortlandt Park, Wave Hill, and Seton Park provide outstanding outdoor space. For singles and couples, Riverdale also offers spacious apartments with exceptional amenities and views at rents that compare favorably to Manhattan neighborhoods of similar quality — with an easy commute to the city.

What private schools are in Riverdale?

Riverdale is home to Riverdale Country School (Upper School at 5250 Fieldston Road; Lower School at 1 Spaulding Lane), Horace Mann School (231 West 246th Street), Ethical Culture Fieldston School (3901 Fieldston Road), and Kinneret Day School (2600 Netherland Avenue). All three are within the neighborhood and within easy reach of Briar Hill.

Parks & Outdoors

What parks are in Riverdale?

Riverdale has exceptional access to green space. Van Cortlandt Park spans over 1,100 acres with hiking trails, athletic fields, a golf course, and a lake. Wave Hill is a 28-acre public garden and cultural center above the Hudson River, just minutes from Briar Hill. Riverdale Park runs along the waterfront with hiking trails and river views alongside the Metro-North line. Seton Park, Henry Hudson Park, and Ewen Park round out the neighborhood's green spaces, giving Riverdale more parkland per resident than almost any other neighborhood in New York City.

Is Wave Hill open to the public?

Yes. Wave Hill at 4900 Independence Avenue is a public garden and cultural center open to all visitors. It features seasonal gardens, woodland trails, art galleries, educational programming, and a seasonal café. For Briar Hill residents, it's just a few minutes away on Independence Avenue.

Making the Move

Is Riverdale really in the Bronx?

A: Technically, yes — but Riverdale is unlike any other neighborhood in the borough. It has its own distinct identity, its own schools, its own community, and its own zip code. The tree-lined streets, distinguished architecture, and peaceful residential character have more in common with the best neighborhoods in upper Manhattan than with the Bronx of popular imagination. It's worth noting that longtime Bronx residents will often tell newcomers: "You don't live in the Bronx — you live in Riverdale." Once you visit, you'll understand why.

What's different about daily life in Riverdale compared to Manhattan?

A: Riverdale has a quieter pace than Manhattan, and that's a big part of the appeal. Late-night dining options are more limited, and getting to neighborhoods like the East Village or Brooklyn requires a bit more planning. What you gain is real: more space, tree-lined streets, outstanding parks, top-ranked schools, and a neighborhood where people actually know their neighbors. Most residents who make the move tell us they don't miss what they left behind nearly as much as they expected to.

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