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Digging up hidden treasures

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We're still hanging in the balance of April weather, but, as it continues to heat up, so do opportunities to get out and enjoy it.

The city is chock-full of hidden-in-plain-sight outdoor flea markets to explore while soaking up the sun. Some you may know; others are a neighborhood secret.

Here's where to find great deals on everything from antique furniture and discounted electronics to hand-made, one-of-a-kind clothing and accessories. Happy perusing!

Hell's Kitchen Flea Market

Open Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

West 39th St. between Ninth and 10th aves

212-242-1217

The Hell's Kitchen flea market



(Photos Courtesy GreenFlea)

Funky coats to make you stand out.

has absorbed Manhattan's former "It" market, The Annex, to form one of the most well-known markets in the city. It's now a place to spot incredible bargains on items like kitschy furniture and antique knick-knacks. Be sure to check out the vintage clothes and shoes. After all, several vendors offer fantastic finds, like Stuart Weitzmans for a steal.

Don't Miss: Judith Adler's vintage clothing and hats.

Artists and Fleas

Open Saturday and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m.
129 N. 6th St., between Bedford and Berry, Brooklyn

917-541-5760

For a market that reflects its neighborhood, head to Artists and Fleas in Williamsburg. The market boasts the wares of approximately 25 artists and designers — many of whom are Brooklyn residents. Vendors aren't allowed to sell imported items, and they must have a collection — so you're sure to find unique jewelry, hand-bags and fashions. Break for a treat by Kumquat Cupcakery, and walk away with some locally grown flowers.

Don't Miss: The Dahlia Soleil Collection of crocheted hats and embroidered Ts.

GreenFlea

Open Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Columbus between 76th and 77th sts

212-721-0900

Since 1985, GreenFlea has provided two local schools (PS 87 and IS 44) with more than \$4 million. This market includes a great combination of fresh produce and flowers, antique furniture, and handcrafted clothing and accessories.

Don't Miss: Susan Bellerio's belts, clutch purses and cosmetic cases made from vintage fabrics and ribbons.



A colorful Susan Bellerio belt can snazz up any outfit.

GreenFlea II

Open Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Greenwich Ave. and Charles St.

212-721-0900

Five years ago, GreenFlea opened this second site, show-

casing many of the same vendors as the Upper West Side location in a fun West Village setting.

Don't Miss: Rockstar Revolution T-shirts, which feature funky screen-printed designs.

St. Nicholas of Tolentine Outdoor Flea Market

Open Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

150-175 Goethals Ave., Queens
718-591-1815

Just reopened for the season in March, this market runs annually through Thanksgiving weekend. Head here for tons of discounted merchandise: The church has a lot of space and packs in as many vendors as possible, hawking household goods, unused clothes and electronics.

Don't Miss: Carlotta Rengifo's wide selection of discounted clothes, toys and more.

Brooklyn Flea

Open Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
176 Lafayette Ave., between Clermont and Vanderbilt, Brooklyn

New to the flea market scene, this Fort Greene market boasts booths of new and used furniture, fashions, home decor and more. Snack on organic Nunu chocolates or an artistic treat from Brooklyn Cookie as you browse the 200 vendors lining the schoolyard at Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School.

Don't Miss: Discounted surplus housewares and construction materials from Build It Green! NYC.



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