

Road Trip Close to Home: National LGBTQ+ landmark Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx

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The Woodlawn Cemetery is a designated national historic landmark. As a part of NYC Pride Month, the Woodlawn Conservancy will be hosting trolley tours to the sites of historic LGBTQ+ New Yorkers.

Woodlawn Cemetery is listed as one of the many spots to visit on the NYC LGBTQ+ Historic Sites Project. The project was founded five years ago and lists 400 places where visitors can go to learn about the gay community's impactful history and its notable figures.

Columbia University professor Andrew Dolkart is a co-founder of the project who says gay history is part of American history and part of New York City.

More than 320,000 people's final resting place is at Woodlawn Cemetery. That includes theatrical performer Bert Savoy, the first famous female impersonator, and Chapman Catt, the head of the League of Women Voters at the time women got the right to vote in 1920.

There're more than a dozen sites at Woodlawn paying homage to LGBTQ+ New Yorkers throughout the century. Each of their graves are commemorated with rainbow flags to honor their lives and the impact they made.

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