



# WE'RE GOING TO A CEMETERY?!

PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT TO  
THE GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY



**HELLO!**



**We're so glad you're coming!**



# Agenda

1. Feelings Check-In
2. So What is Green-Wood?
3. Green-Wood History
4. Green-Wood Today
5. You Can/Please Don't
6. Feelings Check-In





# Pair and Share:

- What do you know about cemeteries and why people visit them?
- How are you feeling about visiting Greenwood?



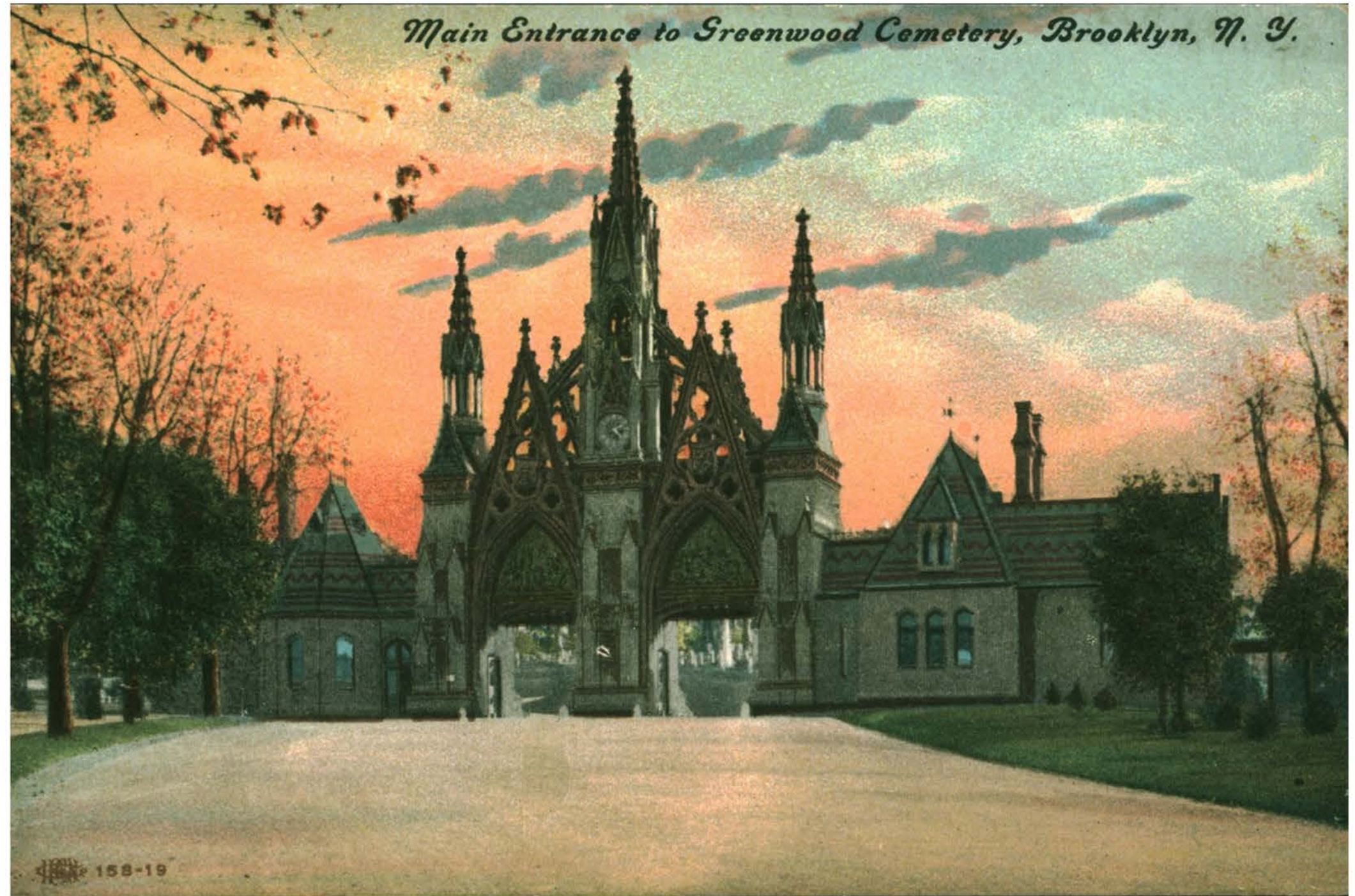
**So What Is  
Green-Wood?**



# Green-Wood is a working cemetery.

It's also an:

- Arboretum (tree garden)
- National Historic Landmark
- Public art space





**Here's  
where  
it is:**



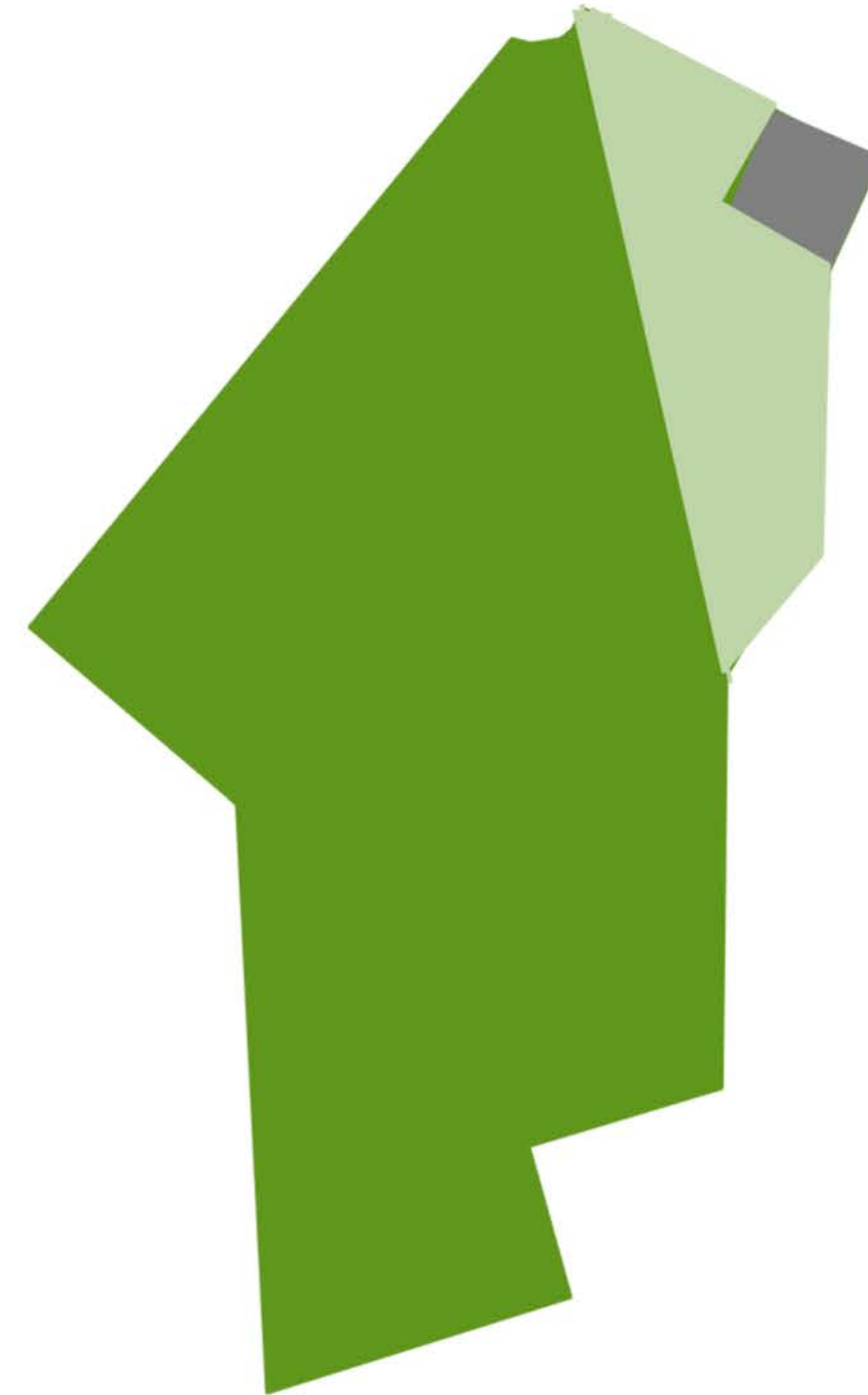
# It's big.



**Sunset Park**  
**24.5 acres**



**Green-Wood**  
**478 acres**



**Prospect Park**  
**526 acres**

**Brooklyn  
Botanic  
Gardens  
52 acres**



# **Green-Wood History**



# It's old.

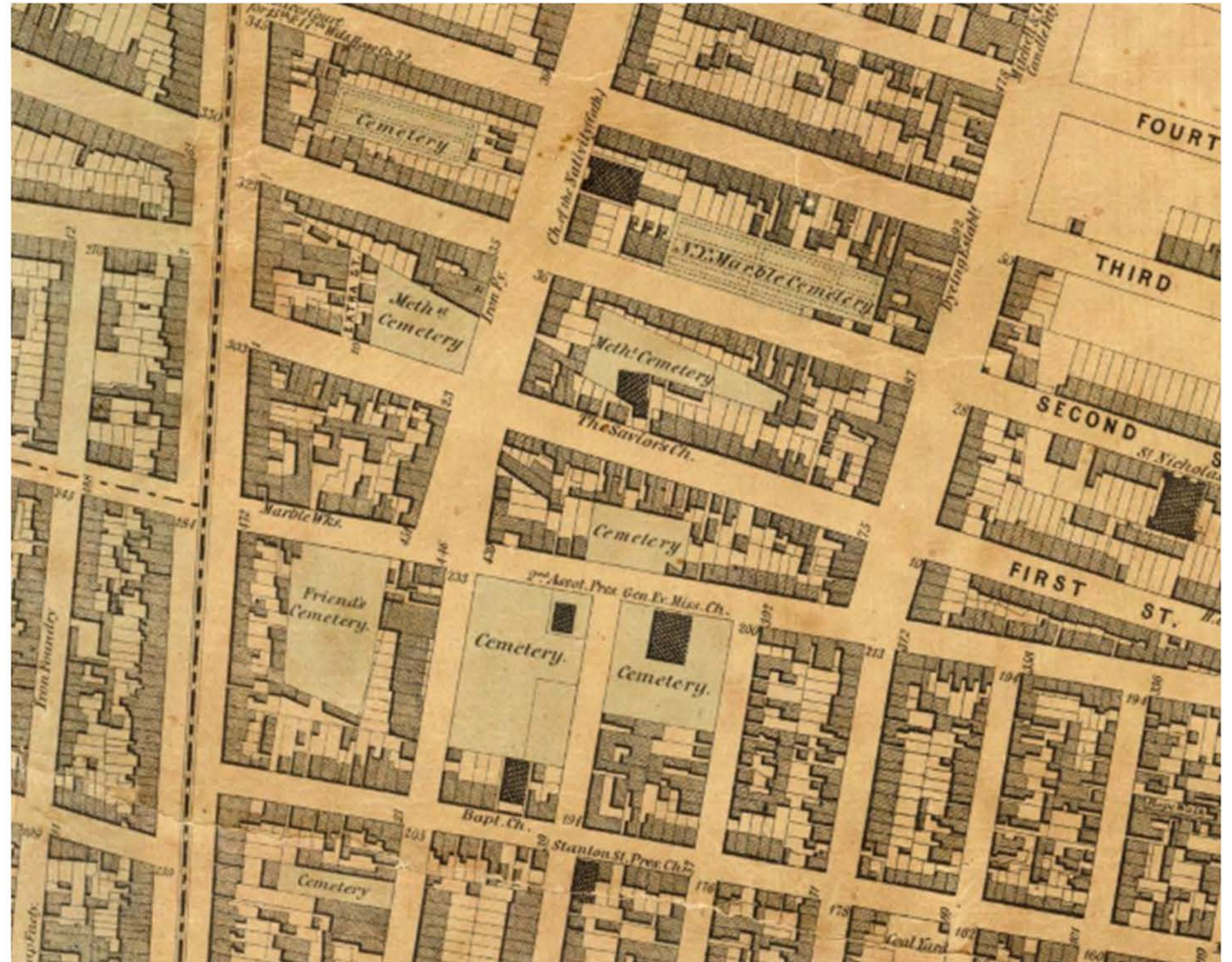
- It opened in 1838.
- It is a garden-like "rural cemetery".
- It is on hilly land that was bad for farming, but had beautiful views.
- The landscape was formed by a glacier 18,000 years ago.





# New York City Needed Green-Wood

- Population growth
- Disease epidemics
- Not enough space to bury people in Manhattan.





# New York City Needed Green-Wood

- There were no big public parks yet, no easy access to nature and fresh air





# Green-Wood Began as a Tourist Site

- By the 1860s, hundreds of thousands of people visited Green-Wood for fun.
- Green-Wood's success inspired the creation of Central Park (1858) and Prospect Park (1868)

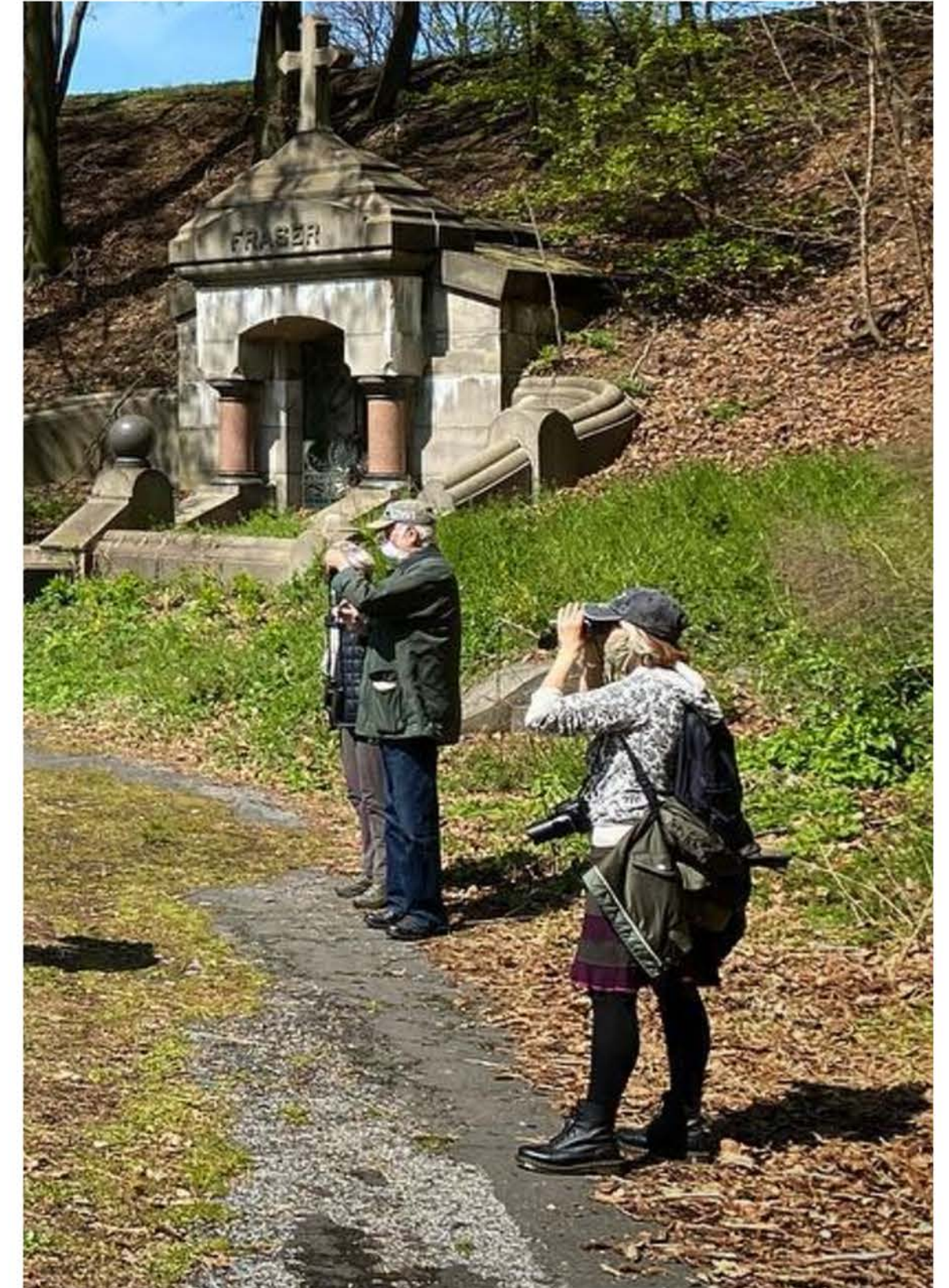




**Green-Wood  
Today**

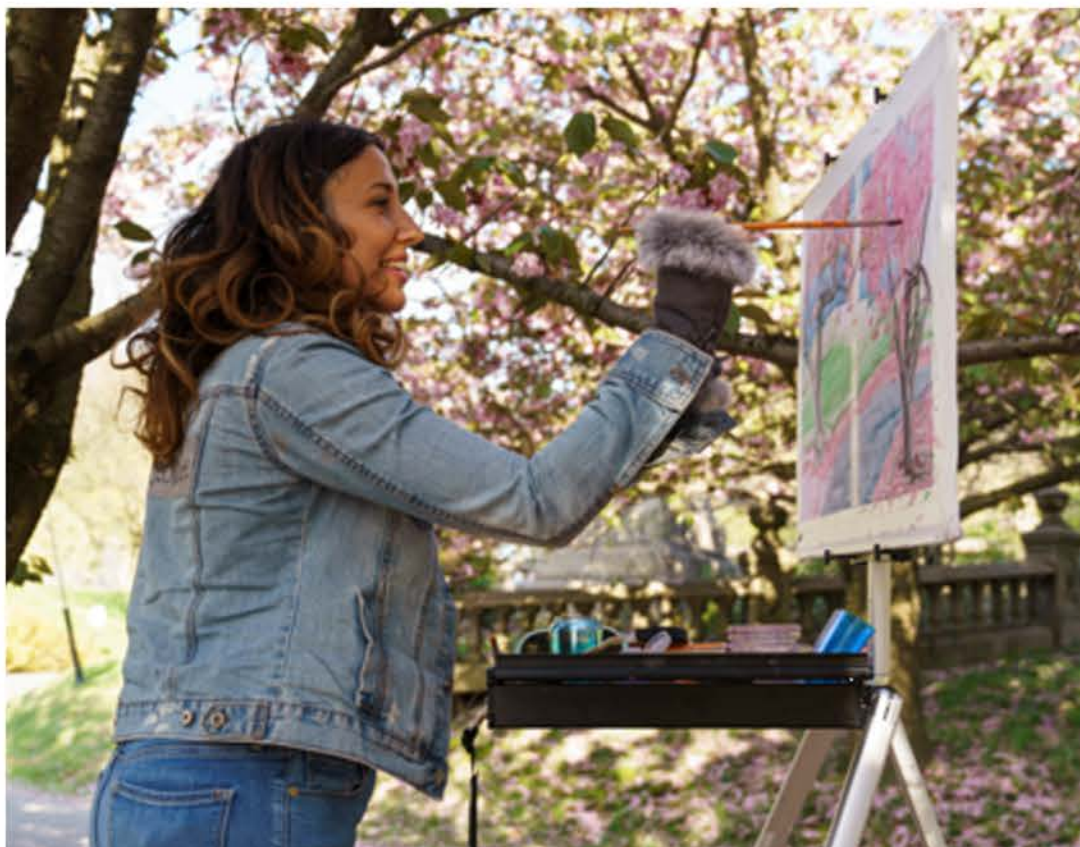


**What are people doing in these pictures? Do you think it's ok to do these things at Green-Wood today?**





# These are ALL okay things to do at Green-Wood!





**YOU CAN / PLEASE  
DON'T**

**Green-Wood's Guidelines**



# Gravesites

## You can:

- Walk and sit on the grass.
- Look closely at monuments



## Please don't:

- Touch, lean on or sit on monuments.
- Do grave rubbings.
- Take things left at graves.
- Lie down on the grass.





# Wildlife and Nature

## You can:

- Gently touch plants and trees with permission.
- Collect things on the ground (nothing still growing) with permission.
- Look at animals and take pictures from a safe distance.
- Sit near ponds.



## Please don't:

- Eat anything growing at Green-Wood.
- Touch, feed, or go near wildlife.
- Climb on, pick, scratch, pull, or break trees or plants
- Touch water in the ponds.





# A few more things

- Wear closed-toe shoes, dress for the weather.
- Always walk, never run, and keep to the side of the road.
- Stay with your group.
- Keep cell phones, headphones and food in your bag.
- Use a quiet voice.





# But what about...

## Funerals?

- You may see cars driving to a funeral, but you won't go to one.

## Bathrooms?

- Near all entrances
- Ask your educator to show you which you can use.

## Ghosts?

- No one interred at Green-Wood can come back to life or hurt you.





***Now how are you  
feeling about  
visiting  
Green-Wood?***

ALL FEELINGS ARE OK!





# Thank you!

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## GREEN-WOOD