

Discover the SNFCC: First walk

The SNFCC is a public space, where everyone has free access and can participate in a multitude of cultural, educational, athletic, environmental and recreational activities and events.

Designed by the architectural firm Renzo Piano Building Workshop, it was created thanks to an exclusive grant by the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF), which delivered it to the Greek State upon completion. It includes the Greek National Opera, the National Library of Greece as well as the Stavros Niarchos Park, one of the largest green areas in Athens.

Route

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| 01 Agora | 06 Stavros Niarchos Park |
| 02 Canal | 07 Great Lawn |
| 03 Spyros Louis Cup | 08 Sound Garden |
| 04 Book Castle | ★ Maman, Esplanade |
| 05 Lighthouse | |

Points of interest

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| A Water Jets | D Running Track & Outdoor Gym |
| B Playground | E Green Roofs |
| C Labyrinth/Dome | F Bike Lane |

📷 Tours

Learn more about the innovative architectural building complex, designed by the Renzo Piano Building Workshop, as well as the Stavros Niarchos Park, by participating in a guided tour. Schedule information can be found at SNFCC.org or at one of the Receptions.

🌐 Events

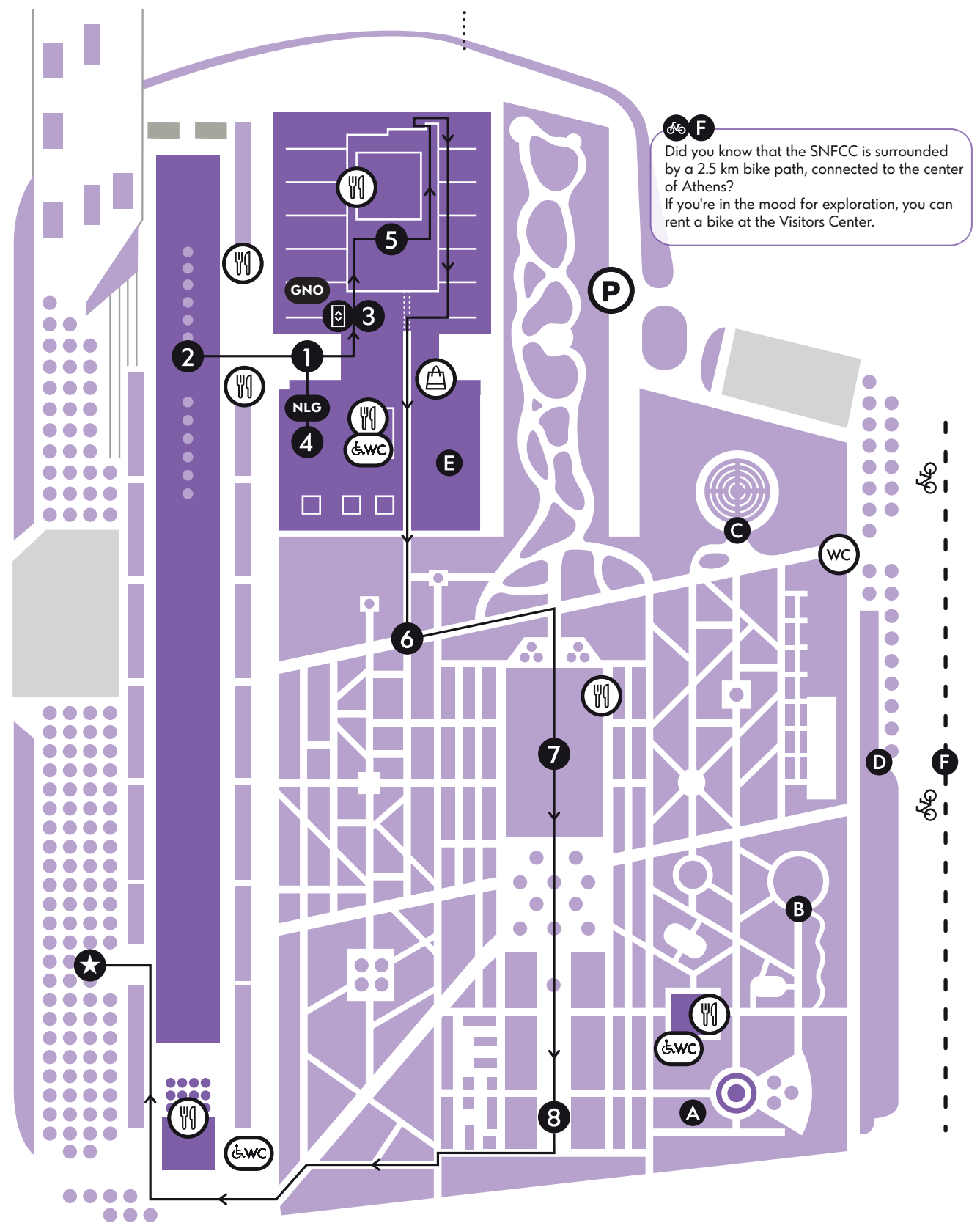
Take a look at the SNFCC's events calendar at SNFCC.org to discover what else you can do today!

🍴 Food & Drink

Time to grab a bite? Look for the relevant symbols on the map and enjoy tasty options at the SNFCC's F&B spots.

🛍️ SNFCC Store

Before you leave, check out the SNFCC Store!



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Did you know that the SNFCC is surrounded by a 2.5 km bike path, connected to the center of Athens?
If you're in the mood for exploration, you can rent a bike at the Visitors Center.

LET'S BEGIN!

01 AGORA

For ancient city-states, the Agora was the heart of public life, the center of political, intellectual, cultural and commercial activity. At the SNFCC, the Agora is the core of the entire building complex, a gathering place for visitors, between the National Library of Greece and the Greek National Opera buildings. Performances at the GNO are held in two stages, the Stavros Niarchos Hall and the Alternative Stage.

02 CANAL

The Canal is one of the iconic areas of the SNFCC, as it was designed in order to redefine the relationship between the area and the waterfront. Throughout the year, the Canal hosts activities, floating music stages, as well as the Ice Rink, while offering a unique place for a promenade during all seasons. Additionally, 59 vertical water jets and 10 swiveling fountains present themed choreographies every day, creating a spectacular sight. Discover their program at SNFCC.org.

03 SPYROS LOUIS CUP

In 2012 the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) announced that it acquired Bréal's Silver Cup, the first Marathon Winner's Cup presented to Spyros Louis at the inaugural Modern Olympic Games in Athens in 1896, in an auction held at Christie's.

04 BOOK CASTLE

The emblematic Book Castle dominates the inside of the NLG lobby. It is visible from the Agora, through the glass façade, thus promoting to visitors the identity of the building, before they even enter. On the ground floor, the Book Castle hosts a multi-purpose area, ideal for seminars, lectures and small scale music events. The Book Castle communicates with the rest of the Library's reading room levels, also hosting thematic reading rooms. The public lending department of the NLG is located on the Ground and 2nd floors, while the research department is located on the 2nd and 4th floors.

05 LIGHTHOUSE

The SNFCC Lighthouse sits on top of the Greek National Opera building. Like every lighthouse, it is encased in glass, offering panoramic views of Athens, Piraeus and the Saronic Gulf, as well as direct visual connection to the Acropolis hill. Look for the panoramic map at the Receptions and see the Stavros Niarchos Park unfolding from above.

06 STAVROS NIARCHOS PARK

The Stavros Niarchos Park is home to a rich variety of flora, including olive trees, evergreen shrubs, carob trees, laurels, cypress trees, as well as an extensive selection of indigenous Greek aromatic plants, occupying 85% of SNFCC's total area. The Park includes 16 tree species and 161 shrub species, a variety of grasses and bulbs. Each month brings a new color, and each season introduces a different combination of flowers or foliage.

07 GREAT LAWN

The Great Lawn, heart of the Stavros Niarchos Park, invites you to play on the grass, relax in the sun and picnic in the shade of the trees. During the summer it is a favourite spot for movie screenings and concerts under the stars!

08 SOUND GARDEN

Play music with the metallophone or dance keys, and create your compositions on the sound seesaw. Experiment and explore your creativity with sound games like the parabolic reflectors and the spinning stone!

★ MAMAN, ESPLANADE

Louise Bourgeois's monumental sculpture *Maman* (1999) is presented at the Esplanade by NEON and the SNFCC, until November 2022. Standing at over 10 metres tall, the iconic stainless steel giant spider was the Tate Modern's first Turbine Hall commission in 1999, and was subsequently cast in six bronze replicas. As Bourgeois has stated, *Maman* symbolizes her mother, who wove and restored tapestries.

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Discover the SNFCC and the Stavros Niarchos Park, through a walk in all its unmissable spots!

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