

Gorky Park Sets Up Walk For Feb. 14, 23 Holidays

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Visitors checking a new map of Gorky Park's revamped area on Thursday.

Gorky Park isn't quite ready for spring but park staff are trying to get more people into the park with special walks set up for Valentine's Day on Feb. 14 and for Defender of the Fatherland Day on Feb. 23. Romantics can hear about the meetings of Catherine II and Count Orlov, Alexander Pushkin and Natalya Goncharova and other encounters fitting for Valentine's Day. The second walk will include a walk along the embankment and a talk about the display of war trophies that was held in the park, 1943 to 1948, Time Out magazine reported.

A literary map of Moscow is up and running at [bookmaps.ru](#) in time to chart outdoor events organized as part of the 2015 Year of Literature.

The map displays bookshops and libraries and lists author events and literary museums. Sites are concentrated mainly in the center, but the site flags up a bookshop as far afield as Yakhroma, 76 kilometers north of Red Square. Creators hope the map will be available offline in summer.

Plans have been confirmed to demolish 21 fixed floating buildings, including those used as restaurants, on the Moskva river.

The city's authorities have already cleared away 12, but stopped over winter, in what the city says is an attempt to clean up the river. "Moscow is a metropolitan city, full of grand facades and bridges ... fixed floating buildings, in their current form, have no place on our river," said the city's chief architect Sergei Kuznetsov, Time Out reported.

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