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Trotting race at Fleetwood Park Racetrack

Fleetwood Park was a 19th-century [American harness racing](#) track in [the Bronx](#), New York City. The races were a popular form of entertainment, drawing crowds as large as 10,000. The one-mile (1.6 km) course described an unusual shape, with four turns in one direction and one in the other. For the last five years of operation, Fleetwood was part of trotting's [Grand Circuit](#), one travel guide calling it "the most famous trotting track in the country". The track operated under several managements

between 1870 and 1898, most notably the New York Driving Club, consisting of many wealthy New York businessmen, including members of the [Vanderbilt](#) and [Rockefeller](#) families as well as former US president [Ulysses S. Grant](#) and [Robert Bonner](#), owner of the [New York Ledger](#). Economic pressures forced the track to close in 1898, and within two years the property was

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