Visitors slip through the treeline and approach the water via a concealed stair. The progression stands as a pause in the public park experience. The sound of one's own breathing, as he experiences a restriction of his sight. A flow from plaza to park level in a direct and concentrated manner.

Approaching the site from within the waterfront park, visitors discover a quiet form jutting from the subtle berms which flank it. A grove of trees pepper a gentle hillside, creating a refuge from the hot summer sun. Children run across a wooden boardwalk, ready to take a plunge into the cool waters.

Life happens in the shadow of FDR. Inhabiting the outer edge of this piece of urban infrastructure, a sense of place is created.

Tethered to the edge of Manhattan, the barge serves as an escape from the city. Here, hundreds flee the concrete island in search of water. This transformative experience is one to be savored—one to be cherished.

The internal pool spaces terminate with an outdoor niche for sunbathers to leave the confines of the swimming complex, yet maintain a sense of isolation from their surrounding context. The waterwall and concrete outer wall create a sense of enclosure, restricting views, and continuing to foster a space for the individual.