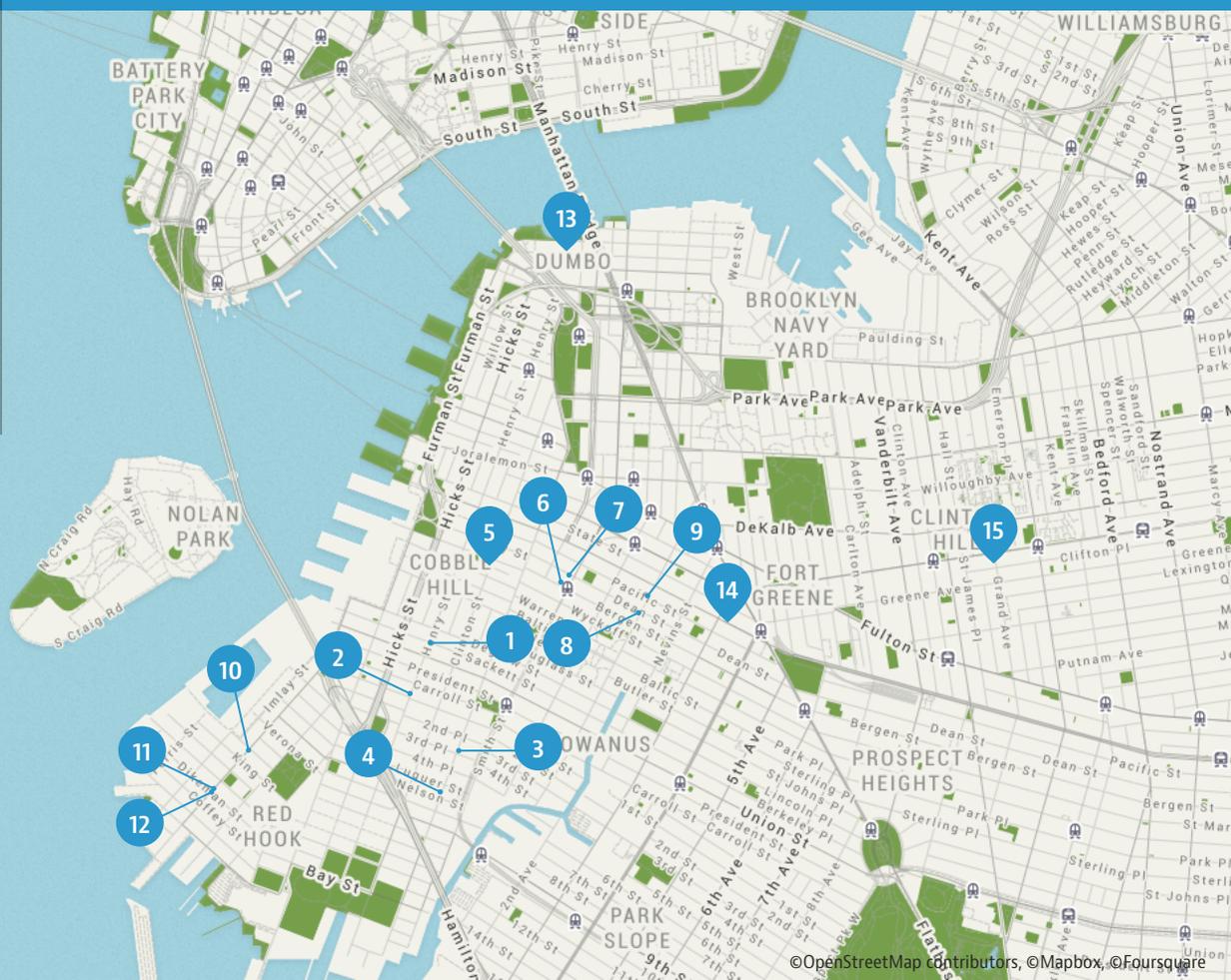


FORTRESSES OF SOLITUDE

for addressing the need of writing spots in the CARROLL GARDENS area, as well as the occasional meeting place. locations arranged by proximity to union street.

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Brooklyn Pharmacy & Soda 1
Ice Cream
by no means a first choice for writing but will suffice in a pinch. must absolutely be avoided on tuesdays & thursdays as it becomes a defacto day care center.
513 Henry St, Brooklyn
(718) 522-6260
brooklynpharmacyandsodafountain.com

Henry's Local Café 2
Coffee Shop
charming and nostalgically decorated, there's sitting room for 8 customers. excellent coffee. best early in the morning. gets noisy and crowded later on.
570 Henry St, Brooklyn

Abilene 3
Lounge
not a bad spot for end of the day work, where one will encounter folks with laptops sipping beer by the windows. that said, i rarely make it over here.
442 Court St, Brooklyn
(718) 522-6900 abilenebarbrooklyn.com

Le Petit Cafe 4
Breakfast
only reason to go here is to escape the bitter winter temperatures by retreating into the covered back garden, where it's warm & semi-tropical. a decent plan B.
502 Court St, Brooklyn
(718) 596-7060 lepetitcafe.us

Ted & Honey 5
Sandwiches
weekdays during early mornings, or take the coffee to go and get some writing done in nearby cobble park. healthy fare on the menu. above average coffee.
264 Clinton St, Brooklyn
(718) 852-2212 tedandhoney.com

61 Local 6
Bar
odd juxtaposition of derelict décor, a haggard staff that presides over a cavernous room full of laptop-toting daytrippers who size everyone up as they walk in.
61 Bergen St, Brooklyn
(718) 875-1150 61local.com

One Girl Cookies 7
Bakery
a very small room off to the side that is rarely crowded means an hour or two of productivity. will also work as a quiet spot for a meeting.
68 Dean St, Brooklyn
(212) 675-4996 onegirlcookies.com

Rucola 8
Italian
best for morning meetings and not for actual writing or sketching. lovely coffee and food, inspiring décor that evokes woody cottages and summerhouses.
190 Dean St, Brooklyn
(718) 576-3209 rucolabrooklyn.com

Building on Bond 9
American
many a writer spied here (mr. lethem too). works best early mornings. around noon, the stroller set begins to impose itself. avoid on weekends. dodgy wifi.
112 Bond St, Brooklyn
(347) 853-8687 buildingonbond-hub.com

Home/Made 10
American
only an occasional visitor. the vibe remains low key and homey. good coffee, a garden, brunch on weekends. what's not to like? sometimes spotty opening hours.
293 Van Brunt St, Brooklyn
(347) 223-4135 homemadebklyn.com

Baked 11
Bakery
a third option in red hook. pros: there's usually a bench available for writing, good coffee. cons: often crowded, vibe a bit uptight, despite whimsical décor.
359 Van Brunt St, Brooklyn
(718) 222-0345 bakednyc.com

Fort Defiance 12
American
used to be a great writing spot, but with red hook's increase in population, it's rarely quiet here. love the coffee and the vibe, but i'm an infrequent guest.
365 Van Brunt St, Brooklyn
(347) 453-6672 fortdefiancebrooklyn.com

One Girl Cookies 13
Bakery
much more spacious than its cobble hill counterpart. good for a meeting and the occasional sit-down for writing. downside is that it's popular with tourists.
33 Main St, Brooklyn
(347) 338-1268 onegirlcookies.com

Nunu Chocolates 14
Chocolate Shop
a semi-secret oasis while it lasts. only room for 5 or 6 customers. a good spot to get some writing or brainstorming done, buffeted by aromas of chocolate!
529 Atlantic Ave, Brooklyn
(917) 776-7102 nunuchocolates.com

Urban Vintage 15
Café
by arriving early, before the pratt students get in, one normally can find an open table. i like the ambiance & staff while menu offers many healthy options.
294 Grand Ave, Brooklyn
(718) 783-6045 urban-vintage.squarespace.com