Welcome to the Park That Almost Wasn’t

Built on a historic, elevated freight line destined for demolition, the High Line has inspired millions worldwide as an example of how cities can reuse industrial spaces to create beautiful, hybrid spaces.
**Mid-1800s to early 1900s**
Freight trains ran on street-level tracks, creating dangerous conditions for pedestrians. 10th Avenue became known as “Death Avenue.”

**1934**
As part of the West Side Improvement Project, the High Line opened to trains. By 1960, a section of the High Line running from Gansevoort St. to Spring St. was demolished due to low use.

**1980**
Due to the rise in trucking, use of the High Line declined through the 1970s and stopped altogether in 1980. Calls for its demolition soon followed.

**1999**
Inspired by the wild beauty that had taken over the High Line, Joshua David and Robert Hammond founded Friends of the High Line to advocate for its preservation and reuse as a public space.

**2009**
The first section of the High Line opened to the public and was hailed as an innovative example of industrial reuse.

**Present day**
The High Line is now one continuous 1.45- mile-long greenway that features 500+ species of plants and trees. The High Line is maintained, operated, and programmed by the non-profit conservancy Friends of the High Line in partnership with the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation.
**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Offering views of the Meatpacking District and the Whitney Museum of American Art.**

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**Tiffany & Co. Foundation Overlook**

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**10th Avenue Square**

This unique amphitheater offers views of 10th Ave., the Hudson River, and the Statue of Liberty.

At 17th St.

**Chelsea Market Passage**

Where the action is. This passage features art, public programs, and our open-air food court.

Between 15th St. and 16th St.

**Chelsea Thicket**

Wind your way through a miniature forest of lush dogwoods, bottlebrush buckeye, hollies, and other dense shrubs.

Between 21st St. and 22nd St.

**Northern Spur Preserve**

See what the High Line looked like before it became a park. This spur gives a glimpse back to our roots.

At 16th St.

**Philip A. & Lisa Maria Falcone Flyover**

Complete with 360° views of the Hudson River, Midtown skyscrapers, and the West Side rail yards.

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The best way to experience the High Line is to wander around and get lost in your surroundings, but if you are looking for suggestions, here are some of our favorite spots.
Horticulture

The High Line’s plantings were inspired by the self-seeded landscape that grew for 25 years on the neglected rail tracks. Legendary Planting Designer Piet Oudolf chose species of perennials, grasses, shrubs, and trees for their hardiness, sustainability, texture, and color variation, with a focus on native species.

Learn more about our plants at thehighline.org/gardens

Free Programs

Friends of the High Line creates fun and innovative opportunities for kids, families, and people of all ages to experience the High Line in new ways. Join us for tours, performances, live music, dance, well-being activities, and more.

To see everything you can do, visit thehighline.org/activities

Interested in being a High Line volunteer? Visit thehighline.org/volunteers
High Line Art commissions and produces 30+ public art projects each year, including site-specific commissions, exhibitions, performances, and video programs.

More details at thehighline.org/art

Agora is an open-air group exhibition that looks at the role of art in defining, creating, and using public space.
INFO

Hours
Dec to Mar  7am – 7pm
Apr to May  7am – 10pm
June to Sept 7am – 11pm
Oct to Nov  7am – 10pm

Food
Vendors featuring a wide variety of cuisines are located in the Chelsea Market Passage between 15th St. and 16th St. Food carts are also located at Gansevoort St., 22nd St., and 30th St. Open seasonally

Shop
Get exclusive apparel and gifts designed to celebrate New York’s park in the sky. Available in the Chelsea Market Passage at 16th St. Bonus: Become a High Line Spike Member and save 20% on your first purchase thehighline.org/shop Open seasonally
Funded by you

You might be surprised by this, but it’s people like you that make the High Line possible! As a nonprofit, we take care of it all—from presenting art, horticulture, and community programs to maintaining and operating the public space. That’s why we rely on donations from visitors and neighbors, which make up most of our annual budget.

Support the park or become a member: thehighline.org/support