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signs on the street.

station through the lobby and follow the Walkway Loop Trail

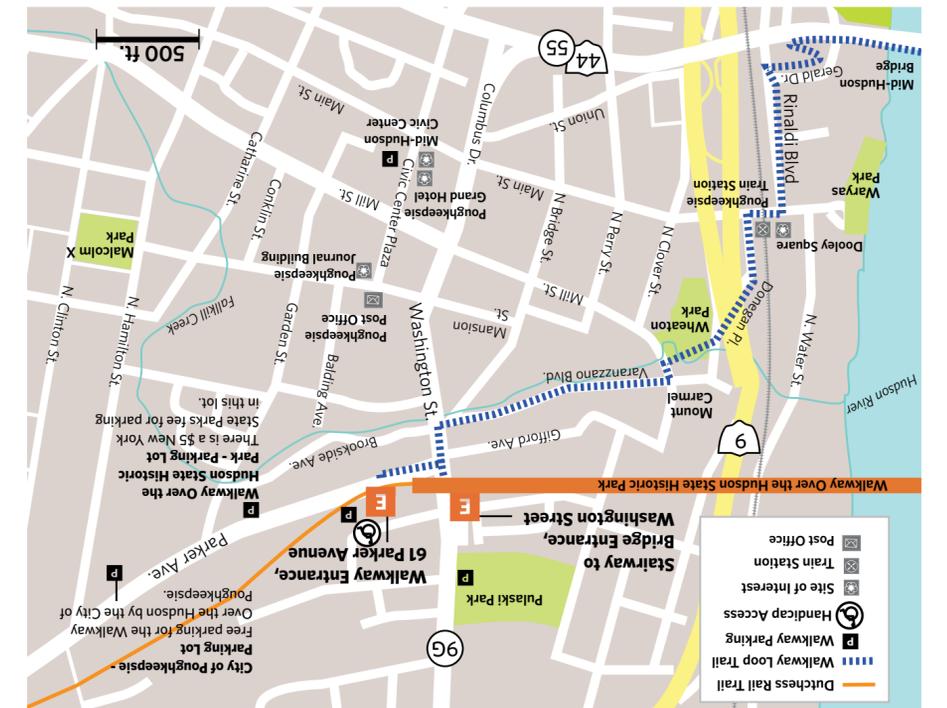
Walkway is a 20-minute walk from the station. Exit the

Walking from the train station: The entrance to the

Train Station.

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### Getting there by Train



On the west side, the bridge is located at 87 Haviland Rd. In Highland, it is also accessible through the Hudson Valley Rail Trail. There is free parking along Haviland Rd., and a fee-based lot at the park entrance. On the east side, the bridge is located at 61 Parker Ave. in Poughkeepsie. There is free on-street parking located on Brookside, Taylor, and Washington Streets, and free lots on Washington St. and Parker Ave. There is also a large fee lot at the park entrance.

### Access & Parking

Each entrance features on-street and off-street parking options for those coming by automobile. The west entrance offers Walkway visitors a rural experience with park access provided via the 87 Haviland Road entrance, where drivers may park along the north side of the road or in nearby parking lots. After a jog or stroll along the Walkway (dogs welcome), visitors are encouraged to explore any of the numerous fine eateries, shops, and cultural attractions to be found throughout the City of Poughkeepsie and Town of Lloyd/Waterfront dining and parks present pleasant diversions for travelers in both communities.

Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park links the City of Poughkeepsie (Dutchess County) (Ulster County). Visitors arriving via the Poughkeepsie Train Station can walk or take a taxi to the park's eastern entrances on Washington Street and at 61 Parker Avenue.

### Walking the Walkway



Photo by Fred Schaeffer

### A Truly Unique Park



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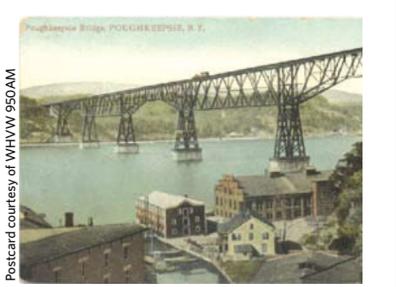


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Resources: TRAINS Amtrak Stations: Hudson, Rhinecliff, Poughkeepsie. Metro-North Railroad Discount packages and travel information: 800-872-7245 | www.amtrak.com BUSES Adirondack Trailways City of Poughkeepsie Bus Service DUTCHESS COUNTY LOOP BUS SYSTEM Pine Hill Trailways ULSTER COUNTY TRANSIT (UCAT) AIRPORTS Albany International Airport (ALB) Stewart International Airport (SWF) TOURISM INFORMATION

### Fun Facts About the Walkway

- At 6,767 feet (or 1.28 miles) the Walkway Over the Hudson is the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge.
The Walkway soars 212 feet above the Hudson River and continues 130 feet below the river's surface to compacted gravel.
The Walkway's deck is comprised of 973 prefabricated concrete panels, each weighing up to 15 tons. The deck is 24-feet wide with a 4-foot 6-inch railing.
A series of LED-filled tubes provide lighting for occasional night-time use. More than 81,000 light-emitting diodes use less than \$1.80 an hour of electricity.
First proposed in 1855, the idea of building a railroad bridge at Poughkeepsie was ridiculed. After the Civil War, the idea was taken more seriously. Successful construction began in 1886. From then it took three years and thousands of workers to complete the bridge.
It's estimated that nearly 1 million rivets are used to hold the 20,000 tons of steel together. Each of the 4 river piers contains 40,000 tons of timber, stone and concrete.
The original construction cost to complete the bridge in 1888 was \$3.6 million. The cost to reconstruct the Walkway in 2009 was \$38 million. The cost to demolish the structure would have been well over \$50 million.
Additional riverfront access is planned via an elevator and staircase. The 7-by-12-foot elevator car will hold 25 people, accommodate bicycles, and provide views of the Hudson Valley through glass.



### A Brief History

When you visit the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park you'll be standing on an important pillar of American history. Before it became the Walkway, this massive 1.28-mile steel structure was known as the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge, an Industrial Age superstar that once bore the weight of 3,500 freight cars a day!
When trains began rumbling over the bridge in 1888, it was the longest bridge in the world — a title it held for over a year. It became a key transportation hub linking western raw materials to eastern industrial centers, until a fire in 1974 crippled the railroad bridge and it fell into disrepair and an uncertain future.
It took another 35 years before a grassroots nonprofit called Walkway Over the Hudson was able to successfully galvanize public and private support in the Hudson Valley and statewide to save the historic bridge and transform it into the Walkway State Park.
The bridge re-opened on October 3, 2009 after a two-year construction effort. Today the Walkway is the longest elevated pedestrian park in the world, returning it to the record books after 121 years!

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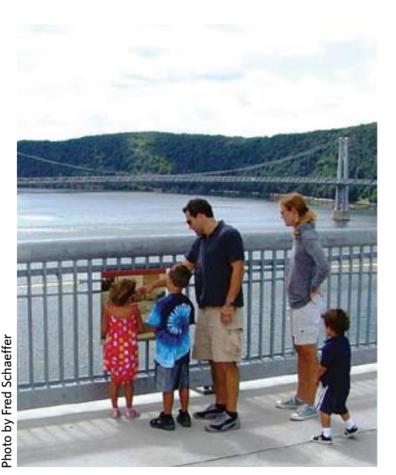


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### Become a Member

The nonprofit group Walkway Over the Hudson serves as a "friends group" providing vital support for the Walkway, which is operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. The friends group oversees fundraising and planning efforts aimed at improving the park and presents programming and events designed to educate and entertain the park's many visitors. The Walkway group also recruits volunteers to serve as docents, ambassadors, and support staff. This critical mission depends upon committed and engaged members. Please consider supporting the Walkway by becoming a member of the Walkway Over the Hudson friends group. Visit www.walkway.org to learn how to become a Walkway member or contribute to this extraordinary recreational resource.



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**Eleanor Roosevelt Center, Val-Kill:** 4.1 miles north on Route 9G (56 Valkill Park Road, Hyde Park)

**Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills State Park:** 10.3 miles north on Route 9 (79 Old Post Road, Staatsburg)

**Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site:** 6.3 miles north on Route 9 (119 Vanderbilt Park Road, Hyde Park)

**Village of Rhinebeck:** 16 miles north on Route 9

**Village of Red Hook:** 21.3 miles north on Route 9

**Wilderstein Historic Site:** 14.9 miles north on Route 9 (330 Morton Road, Rhinebeck)

**TO THE SOUTH**

**Locust Grove Samuel Morse Historic Site:** 4.3 miles south on Route 9 (2683 South Road, Poughkeepsie)

**Village of Fishkill:** 14.2 miles south on Route 9

**City of Beacon:** 17.8 miles south on Route 9 and Route 9D

**TO THE EAST**

**James Baird State Park:** 9.9 miles east on Route 55

**Pleasant Valley:** 8.6 miles east on Route 44

**Village of Millbrook:** 16.7 miles east on Route 44

**TO THE WEST**

**Village of New Paltz:** 12.0 miles west, 44/55 W to 9W N to 299 W

**Hamlet of Highland:** 3.9 miles west, 44/55W to 9W N

**Lake Minnewaska State Park:** 25.4 miles west on Route 44/55

**Mohonk Mountain House:** 16.5 miles north west, 44/55 W to 9W N to 299 W

Distances are from Walkway State Park's Poughkeepsie entrance at 61 Parker Avenue.

**Map Key**

- Walkway entrance
- Walkway Parking
- Site of Interest
- Post Office
- Train Station
- School
- Handicap access
- Temple
- Church
- Historic District
- Marina/Boat Ramp
- Activity/Tourism
- Eatery/Bar
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