Walkway Over the Hudson
State Historic Park
87 Haviland Road, Highland
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www.walkway.org

Fun Facts About the Walkway
- At 6,767 feet (or 1.28 miles) the Walkway is the longest elevated pedestrian bridge.
- The Walkway spans 212 feet above the Hudson River and contains 40,000 tons of timber, stone, and concrete.
- The original construction cost to complete the Walkway was $3.6 million. The cost to reconstruct the bridge was $41 million.
- The Walkway is the longest pedestrian bridge in the United States.
- The Walkway is accessible to all, including those using wheelchairs.
- The Walkway is a popular destination for tourists, with over 750,000 visitors each year.

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 128-mile steel structure was known as the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge, an Industrial Age superstructure that once bore the weight of 3,500 freight cars a day.

When trains began rambling over the bridge in 1868, it was the longest bridge in the world—a title it held for over 40 years. It became a key transportation hub linking eastern raw materials to western industrial centers, until a fire in 1974 closed 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 formed 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.

Becoming 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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So the next time you are looking for a walk in the park, try ours. Ulster County awaits you.
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Lake Minnewaska State Park: 25.4 miles west on Route 44/55

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