



The Princeton Area Walkers invite you to walk
the HIGH LINE PARK / VILLAGE /
CHINATOWN / LITTLE ITALY Year-round Event

Event Y324, HIGH LINE PARK/VILLAGE/CHINATOWN/LITTLE ITALY, Year-round Event 13 km;
AVA trail rating 1A

Walk Overview:

This walk proceeds through High Line Park, Greenwich Village, Chinatown, and Little Italy and Washington Square. It is possibly the "coolest" NYC walk to do.

Choose Walk Completion Method:

The Princeton Area walkers provide support for either using "Remote Registration" or the "Online Start Box" for signing an AVA waiver, collection of walk fees, and IVV credit (stamping books or insert cards). Whatever method you have chosen to get these directions, please continue to use that method to "complete" your walk.

Remote Registration Walk Completion:

The event POC, Charles Kaiser at charles.a.kaiser.civ@mail.mil, supports remote registration via email and regular mail. Please contact Charles to arrange for IVV credit (stamping books or insert cards). Please note Charles does NOT provide Online Start Box support.

Online Start Box Walk Completion:

Login to your online start box account provided by the American Volkssport Association website (<https://my.ava.org/login.php>). Click on the "My Event Bag" tab to assure you have sufficient funds in place to pay for your walk (if not use links/buttons on this page to add funds to your account). Click on the "My Start Box" tab then the "Finish Table" tab. On the displayed page, click on the "Event Complete, go to finish" button for this event (that you registered for). Use the displayed entry form to enter the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs, then hit "Submit" to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may later choose to print out.

Walk Directions Formats:

Walk direction directives (turns, etc.) are in **BOLD**. Informational points of interest appear in *Italic text*.

Special Programs:

View the list of AVA Special Programs on this event's website: <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?y=0324>

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In case of Emergency: Dial 911
 Event related assistance: Maureen Penta
 Cell Phone: 908-309-8398 (Leave Msg.)
 (not for Online Start Box Issues)

Restrooms: Public restrooms are available in Penn Station near the starting point.

1. **TAKE either** the 1, 2, or 3 subway to 34th and Penn Station/7th Ave or Long Island Railroad to Penn Station. This walk starts outside at southeast corner of West 34th Street and 7th Ave. **ORIENTATE YOURSELF** so that Macy*s is across and behind you on 34th Street. Penn Station will be in front and to the left of you one block south on 7th Avenue and 33rd Street.
2. **CROSS 7th AVE** (walking west with Macy*s behind and to the right of you); note increasing Ave #'s) on 34th Street to 11th Ave.
3. **CROSS 11th Ave and continue to the** entrance gate of High Line Park on 34th Street (between 11th and 12th Ave, near the Megabus stops on 34th Street; if you get to 12th Ave you have gone too far)
4. **TURN LEFT AND ENTER THE HIGH LINE GATE. WALK** the length of the High Line park until reaching the end at 20th Street.

The HIGH LINE is a NYC Park. It is a converted 1930's elevated freight rail line. It was constructed to remove dangerous freight trains from busy Manhattan streets and eliminate fatal accidents. The last train operated here in 1980.

As you walk at the beginning of the High Line, the Hudson River and New Jersey will be in front of you then as you swing south, they will be on your right. On your left is Manhattan's newest development, Hudson Yards. It is the nation's most expensive private development, costing some \$25B dollars. Ultimately, it will contain "...more than 100 diverse shops and culinary experiences, offices for leaders in industry, significant public art, dynamic cultural

institutions, modern residences, 14 acres of public plazas, gardens and groves..." . Of special note is the copper colored "Vessel" which is described as "...comprised of 154 intricately interconnecting flights of stairs, almost 2,500 individual steps, and 80 landings; the vertical climb offers remarkable views of the city, the river and beyond."

5. **CONTINUE** to the end of the High Line **AND TAKE** the descending stairs at Gansevoort Street.
6. **TURN LEFT** (east, away from the river) on Gansevoort Street two blocks to Hudson Street.

You are passing through the Meat Market, the prime butchering region in Manhattan. Some companies still operate here.

7. **TURN RIGHT** on Hudson Street to Christopher Street.

Pass the recently reopened White Horse Tavern (est. 1880) on the right at 567 Hudson Street, corner of 11th Street. Customers included Norman Mailer, Dylan Thomas, and Brendan Behan. The Blind Tiger at 281 Bleecker Street, has one of the best beer selections in the city. For the best NYC Pizza visit John's Pizza across the street at 278.

8. **CROSS AND TURN LEFT** on Christopher Street for one very short block.
9. **TURN RIGHT** on Bedford Street.

On the corner at #90 Bedford on the corner is the exterior building famous for being the home of the 'Friends' TV series.

10. **CONTINUE** walking on Bedford Street **CROSSING** the 7th Ave intersection.
11. **TURN RIGHT** on Ave of Americas (aka 6th Ave) to Spring Street.

12. **TURN LEFT** on Spring Street to West Broadway.

You'll be in 'SoHo' ("SO"uth of "HO"uston Street). SoHo was recently a trending arts section, but has morphed into a lively retail area.

13. **TURN RIGHT** on West Broadway to Grand Street.

14. **TURN LEFT** on Grand Street, **CROSSING** Broadway, to Lafayette Street.

15. **TURN RIGHT** on Lafayette Street **CROSSING** Canal Street to White Street.

The Lower East Side of the city is home to one of the largest Chinese communities in the Western Hemisphere, Chinatown. Visit the narrow streets and Canal Street lined with market stalls stocked with fresh fish and exotic fruits, and storefronts offering rare Asian delicacies and jewelry.

16. **TURN LEFT** on White Street, **CROSS UNDER** the walkway at the so-called 'Tombs' (the Manhattan Detention Complex) to the end to Baxter Street.

The Manhattan Detention Complex was frequently mentioned as the location where prisoners were taken on the TV show "Night Court".

This area of Chinatown is now sprinkled with Vietnamese and Thai shops and restaurants.

17. **TURN RIGHT** on Baxter Street to Bayard Street.

18. **TURN LEFT** on Bayard Street one block to Mulberry Street.

A landmark of the neighborhood is the statue of Confucius at Division Street and Bowery. The legendary philosopher was the most revered educator in Chinese history. Another stop in the area is the Museum of Chinese in the Americas on Mulberry Street at Bayard Street. It details the role of the Chinese in the United States.

19. **TURN LEFT** on Mulberry Street and **CONTINUE** to the very end at Bleecker Street.

You are now entering the Little Italy section of Manhattan. This area turns into a pedestrian street on weekends. Enjoy all the Italian restaurants and La Bella Ferrara Bakery at 108 for a delicious treat, or Umbertos Clam House at the corner of Broome Street for some seafood.

20. **TURN LEFT** on Bleecker Street to MacDougal Street.

Peculiar Pub at 145 Bleecker Street has 20 different beers on tap. Belgian Beer connoisseurs might want to turn left on 4th Street to Vol de Nuit at 148 to try one of their 58 different Belgium brews and their Belgian menu.

As you walk down Bleecker, you're in the neighborhood of New York University, known as "NYU". Founded in 1831, it is a private research university. Wikipedia notes that "alumni include heads of state, royalty, eminent scientists, inventors and entrepreneurs, media figures, founders and CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, and astronauts. As of October 2019, 37 Nobel Laureates, 8 Turing Award winners, 5 Fields Medalists, over 30 Academy Award winners, over 30 Pulitzer Prize winners, and hundreds of members of the National Academies of Sciences and United States Congress have been affiliated as faculty or alumni."

21. **TURN RIGHT** on MacDougal Street to Washington Square South. **Enter park** and **continue on path** diagonally to center of the park.

The "Square" is a lively hangout not only for the thousands of students, but also jugglers, fire-eaters, hip-hoppers, and old men playing chess. The park was constructed in 1889 to commemorate the centennial of the inauguration of President Washington.

22. **TURN LEFT** at fountain, then **CONTINUE UNDER** the arch to Washington Square North.

23. **TURN RIGHT** on Washington Square North (changes to Waverly Place) to Broadway.

Thank you for walking our High Line Park/Greenwich Village/Chinatown/Little Italy YRE!

24. **TURN LEFT** on Broadway to 14th Street.

The famous Strand Bookstore at 828 Broadway (at 12th Street) contains "16 miles of books."

We hope your walk in this magnificent park was a rewarding experience. Please mention us to your friends at home.

25. **CROSS and TURN LEFT** on 14th Street. Union Square Park will be on your right.

The park at Union Square includes statues of George Washington, Lafayette, Lincoln, an outdoor café, 2 playgrounds, and a fountain donated by Stuttgart and Braunschweig, Germany. Union Square's name denotes that "here was the union of the two principal thoroughfares of the island" referring to Broadway and 4th Ave.

26. **TURN RIGHT** (after one block) on Union Square West to 17th Street.

27. **CROSS** 17th Street, **BEARING SLIGHTLY LEFT** as Union Square West becomes Broadway again.

28. **CONTINUE** on Broadway for 17 blocks to 34th Street.

29. **TURN LEFT** on 34th Street to 7th Ave and Penn Station, the starting point.

Macy's is at the corner of 34th and Broadway. This is Herald Square, named after the New York Herald newspaper, no longer published. Macy's was founded in 1858 by Rowland Hussey Macy, and this flagship location was once the "World's Largest Store". (Shinsegae, in Shanghai, China, surpassed Macy's in size in 2009.)

YRE-Highline-12.5km



500 m
2000 ft

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The following is a nowhere near complete guide for NYC newbies on how to get into and around NYC. For a more complete guide, consider using the official NYC tourism website: <https://www.nycgo.com/>. An excellent source for paper NYC street maps that can be purchased online can be found at <http://vandam.com>. For example, here is a link for a paper map focusing on downtown Manhattan: http://vandam.com/mapstore_title.php?id=57 (scroll down on this page to see the contents of this map). Note that vandam.com has other types of NYC maps.

Please note this guide is **not** intended for those living in the NYC suburbs in Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey who should know most the info below and most likely already have their favorite way to get into and around Manhattan.

If you are driving, consider parking outside of “the city” (local jargon for Manhattan) and taking a train into the city. The cost of traversing bridges/tunnels from NJ into Manhattan is currently \$15 and parking in the city can range from \$20 to \$50 depending on the location and time of day. Parking on the street is not recommended for the novice. Figuring out the meaning of NYC parking signs is challenging to say the least. If your car gets towed for being illegally parked, you can expect to be out hundreds of dollars and a couple hours getting your car including tracking down and getting to the location of where your car was towed.

Costs to take New Jersey Transit (NJT) trains from/to NJ to/from Manhattan vary from \$4 to \$12 (one-way) depending station location. Here is a link to a NJT system map: https://www.njtransit.com/pdf/rail/Rail_System_Map.pdf. Senior rates (typically a 50% cheaper) are available for those 62 and older and you don’t need to be a NJ resident. All NJT trains go to Penn Station in Manhattan, located between 31st - 34th streets and between 7th - 8th Avenues (underneath Madison Square Garden). Parking at NJT stations can be free during off hours and weekends at some locations. But weekday rates and availability vary significantly depending on the station. For example, the rate at Secaucus Junction is \$32 per day, while Princeton Junction is \$6/day. See https://www.njtransit.com/rg/rg_servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=StationParkRideTo.

Costs to take Metro North Rail (MNR) trains from/to Connecticut/NY to/from Manhattan vary from \$5 to \$28 (one way) depending station location and time of day (peak vs. off-peak). Here is a link to a MNR system map: <http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/mnrmap.htm>. Senior rates (typically are 50% cheaper) are available for those 65 and older and you don’t need to be a NY/CT resident. All MNR trains on the east side of the Hudson River go to Grand Central Station in Manhattan, located on 42nd street and Park Ave. MNR trains on the west side of the Hudson River feed into the NJT Secaucus Station where one must transfer to a NJT train to get to/from Penn Station. Parking at MNR stations can be free during off hours and weekends at some locations. But weekday rates and availability vary significantly depending on the station. For example, the rate at the Tarrytown Station is \$18 for 12hrs (max), while Beacon is \$2.75/16hrs. See <http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/parking.htm>

A fun way to get to or from a walk starting point is via the NYC Subway, a ride currently costs \$2.75 but if you use a one-ride metro card, the cost is \$3. If riding the subway multiple times, you should consider purchasing a metro card with more cash on it. Another option is to use your tap (contactless) credit card or smart phone via the new OMNY (One Metro NY) pay system being deployed system-wide. See <https://omny.info/>. Unlike many other cities in the US, you do NOT swipe your card when you exit the system. If you purchase a Metro card with more than \$5.50 credited, you also receive a 5% bonus. On the following page is a Manhattan Subway Map where the 4 NYC YRE starting points are shown. You may wish to get a paper map from a NYC Information center at Times Square, Macy’s at Herald Square, or City Hall. See <https://ny.curbed.com/2019/1/25/18195014/new-york-mta-subway-map-fare-history>

NYC YRE Name	Starting Point Location	Nearest Subway Station
Central Park	Radio City Music Hall – 1260 6 th Ave (Corner of 50 th St and 6 th Ave.)	47 th - 50 th St / Rockefeller Center
High Line Park, Greenwich Village, China Town, Little Italy	Corner of 34 th St and 7 th Ave Next to Penn Station	Penn Station – between 7 th - 8 th Ave and 31 st -34 th St.
Lower Manhattan	Chambers and Hudson St Subway Station (1, 2, and 3 Trains)	Chambers and Hudson St (1, 2, and 3 Trains)
Midtown	Corner of 42 nd St and 6 th Ave next to Bryant Park	42 nd St Bryant Park

Other YRE/SE Events
Sponsored by the Princeton Area Walkers
(See <http://www.avaclubs.org/paws/>)

- Atlantic City - 5km/10km/12km Walk
- Asbury Park - 5km/10 km Walk
- Barnegat Light – 5km/10 km Walk
- Long Branch - Ocean - 5km/10km Walk
- Princeton Tow Path - 5km/10km/15km/20km Walk
- Princeton Historic/Capital - 5km/10km Walk
- Moorestown - 10km
- Sea Girt - 5km/10 km Walk
- Titusville - Washington Crossing - 5km/10km Walk
- New York City - Lower Manhattan - 12km Walk
- New York City - Central Park - 11km Walk
- New York City - Midtown - 12km Walk
- New York City - High Line - 13km Walk