

High Line on the Skyline 都会中的空中花园——High Line 公园

In Manhattan, a unique park located on the former site of an elevated railway line is providing those living in the heart of the city with a welcome dose of green space

Downtown [Manhattan](#) is a **bustling hub** of commerce, urban living, and pedestrian and commercial traffic. But in the midst of all this chaos lies an **oasis** of calm and **serenity**. Not lie, exactly – it is actually **elevated** three stories above the city streets. It's called [High Line Park](#), and there's no better place in New York City to find a few minutes of peace.

曼哈顿城区是一处集商业贸易、都市生活、行人及商业运输业于一地的繁忙热闹的地方。然而在这一团混乱当中，却有着一小片平静祥和的宜人乐土。其实，这片乐土并不在地面上，而是在架离城市街道三层楼高的地方。这片乐土名为 High Line 公园，在纽约市若想得到片刻宁静，没有比这里更好的地方了。

High Line Park's history goes back to 1934, when the High Line was actually a cargo railway line that ran above Manhattan's industrial district. Train tracks crossing busy city **intersections** had quickly become a recipe for disaster, **leading to** many **unfortunate** deaths. Putting the tracks high over people's heads was an **ambitious** way to avoid such tragic **incidents**.

High Line 公园的历史可追溯至 1934 年，当时 High Line 其实是越过曼哈顿工业区的货运铁路。列车轨道穿过各个交通繁忙的交叉路口，很快地就成为灾难的源头，导致许多人死于非命。而将铁路设置在高过人们头顶的地方是一个为避免悲剧事件发生而耗时费力的方法。

For a few decades, the High Line **thrived**, but by 1980, **expansion** of the trucking industry had made it **all but obsolete**, and it was **shut down for good**. In the years that followed, the industrial district **transformed into** an area of art galleries and **upscale** shops, making the land very valuable. People owning **property** below the High Line **called for** its **destruction** in anticipation of earning a **tidy** profit.

High Line 铁路蓬勃发展了几十年，但是到了 1980 年，卡车运输业的拓展使 High Line 铁路面临淘汰终至走向永久关闭的命运。而后几年，工业区逐渐转型，成为艺廊与高档精品店林立的地区，致使土地大幅增值。拥有 High Line 铁路下方房地产的民众要求拆除 High Line 铁路，以期出售房地产获取庞大利益。

However, a group called [Friends of the High Line](#) successfully **lobbied** for it to be saved, and it has since been turned into the elevated park we see today. Inside, visitors can enjoy walking among **lush** plant life and public artwork while **taking in stunning** views of the surrounding **cityscape** and the [Hudson River](#), all in the heart of the city.

然而，一个名为「High Line 铁路之友」的团体四处游说，要将它保留下来，才会转变成我们今天看到的 High Line 公园。身处其境，游客们可以一边尽情徜徉在各种植物与公共艺术品之间，一边欣赏周遭美不胜收的城市街景与哈德森河影——尽在这处城市之心。

— by Joe Henley

Vocabulary

lead to 导致...后果

unfortunate [ʌn `fɔrtʃənɪt] adj. 不幸的

ambitious [æm `bɪʃəs] adj. 有雄心的; 有抱负的

incident [`ɪnsədnt] n. 事件; 事变

expansion [ɪk `spænjən] n. 扩展; 扩张

transform into 把...改变成...

property [`prɒpə-tɪ] n. 房地产; 资产

call for 要求 to require; demand

destruction [dɪ `strʌkʃən] n. 破坏; 毁灭

stunning [`stʌnɪŋ] adj. 令人惊奇的, 令人震惊的

More Information

bustling [`bʌs!ɪŋ] adj. 繁忙的, 热闹的

hub [hʌb] n. (地域、系统的) 中心, 枢纽

oasis [o `eɪsɪs] n. 【喻】(困境中的) 令人宽慰的事物或处所; (沙漠中的) 绿洲

serenity [sə `rɛnətɪ] n. 宁静,

elevate [`elə,vet] v. 提高; 提升

intersection [,ɪntə- `sɛkʃən] n. 道路交叉口; 十字路口

thrive [θ raɪv] n. 兴旺, 繁荣

obsolete [`ɒbsə,lɪt] adj. 废弃的, 淘汰的

shut down (使)(公司、工厂等) 关闭; (使)(机器) 停止运转

for good: 永远, 永久 forever; permanently

upscale [`ʌp,skel] adj. 高档的

tidy: [`taɪdɪ] adj. 【口】相当大的; 相当多的 *Informal* substantial; considerable

lobby [`ləbɪ] v. 对(议员等) 进行游说

lush [lʌʃ] adj. 苍翠繁茂的

take in: 观赏 to look at thoroughly; view

cityscape [`sɪtɪ,skep] n. 都市风景

all but: 差不多, 几乎 almost