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Guides



**East River  
Greenway**  
*New York*



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New York City's East River Greenway offers views of the East River, Queens, Brooklyn, and the iconic bridges that connect these boroughs to Manhattan. The paved pathway traces the waterfront on one side and parallels the FDR East River Drive (a highway-like stretch of road) on the other side.

The trail is currently open in two disconnected segments with about a mile-long gap in the middle. The southern section of the greenway begins at the Governor's Island Ferry terminal (near Battery Park) and runs north along the East River for about 4.4 miles to E. 37th Street. A highlight of this section is Stuyvesant Cove Park, a former brownfield that now offers a great place to take in the scenery with native plantings, wildlife habitat, and picnic benches.

The gap in the trail begins at E. 37th Street (near the United Nations Headquarters) in Midtown and continues to E. 60th Street, though street bike lanes and sidewalks provide alternatives. The northern section of the trail spans about 5 miles, picking up at E. 60th Street and continuing north to 125th Street in Harlem with views of Roosevelt Island and Randall's Island. Along the way, you'll traverse picturesque Carl Schurz Park and have access to Thomas Jefferson Park with its athletic fields, recreation center, and sprawling playground. A section of the East River Greenway here is also referred to as the John Finley Walk and, farther north, another section is called the Bobby Wagner Walk.

The East River Greenway is part of the larger Manhattan Waterfront Greenway, which also incorporates the [Hudson River Greenway](#) and the Harlem River Greenway. Together, these trails comprise a 32-mile path that circles the island of Manhattan.



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**States:** New York

**Counties:** New York

Length: 9.4miles

**Trail end points:** Governor's Island Ferry  
Terminal (Manhattan) to 125th Street (Harlem)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating,Fishing,Wheelchair

Accessible,Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

As parking is limited in Manhattan, you will most likely want to take public transportation to the trail. Visit the [Metropolitan Transportation Authority](#) for information on the local bus and subway systems.

On the north end of the trail, Carl Schurz Park (between E 84th and E 90th streets) offers restrooms and drinking fountains.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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