



# Walk This (Walk)Way

## Celebrating Ten Years of the Walkway Over The Hudson

For those of us located in Ulster County or Dutchess County, the Walkway Over the Hudson is a very familiar site, and for some, a frequented location. This pedestrian bridge runs parallel to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Mid-Hudson Bridge, connecting the City of Poughkeepsie and the Town of Lloyd, and stands about 212 feet above the Hudson River. What some of you may not know is that the original use of this bridge was for a railroad line that connected New York to New England, but it was sadly abandoned and neglected after a fire. If you were to visit today, you would see walkers, runners, bike riders, roller-bladers, and on some days, if the temperature is not too high, furry, four legged friends enjoying the 1.28 miles over the Hudson River. This bridge may have changed its tune over the years, but now it is one of the Hudson Valley's must-see attractions.

Since its start in October of 2009, the Walkway has been host to over five million visitors that wanted to see for themselves what the buzz is all about. The Walkway has contributed to an increase in tourism to this area of the Hudson valley, which has helped local restaurants and shops thrive as well. The eastern side of the bridge is located right in the City of Poughkeepsie where pedestrians can exit the bridge and grab a bite to eat, or they can take the elevator down to ground level and walk along the Poughkeepsie side of the river. On the western side of the bridge, you are in the Town of Lloyd which is only a short drive away from Highland and New Paltz, both filled with one of a kind shops and eateries

If you are one of our readers that has not visited the Walkway, what are you waiting for? Come be one of the 5 million!

The Park is also putting on several events this summer, check them out below! We'll see you there!

### JULY EVENTS:

**July 19 @ 8:30pm – Walkway At Night**

**July 20 @ 7:00pm - Movies Under The Walkway: How To Train Your Dragon 3**

**July 21 @ 12:00pm – Flag Changing Ceremony**

**July 27 @ 7:00pm – Flag Changing Ceremony**