

## 200+ Free NYC Walking Tours for Jane's Walk Weekend

*Municipal Art Society Hosts Annual Tribute to Urban Activist Jane Jacobs*

(April 25, 2017 | New York, New York) On May 5-7, thousands of New Yorkers will explore their city in honor of urban activist Jane Jacobs. Jane's Walk NYC, hosted by the Municipal Art Society of New York (MAS), is an annual weekend-long celebration featuring 200+ free "walking conversations" throughout the five boroughs, led by urban enthusiasts and local experts who care deeply about their neighborhoods.

In 2017, Jane's Walks can introduce you to a 1906 movie studio that made Brooklyn the brief capital of silent film, a seedy Manhattan hotel where Woody Guthrie wrote *This Land Is Your Land*, a vast glacial forest hiding in Queens, a Bronx street modeled on the Champs-Élysées, a Himalayan architectural enclave in Staten Island, and more.

All of the MAS-sponsored walks combine the simple act of exploring neighborhoods with personal observations, local history, and civic engagement. A typical walk is 90 minutes and is free and open to the public.

The full list of tours is available online at <https://www.mas.org/janeswalknyc>, including:

- Midwood, before Hollywood: [A film industry grew in Brooklyn](#)
- [Justice and gentrification](#): Hear from South Bronx advocates on the future of Mott Haven
- Get a [sneak peek of the controversial new BQX](#) light rail line
- Canvas beneath our feet—Learn about the [overlooked art of manhole covers](#)
- When downtown was still hip: [Retrace jazz history](#) on the Lower East Side
- Raids & raves: Visit "[Gay Bars that Are Gone,](#)" but not forgotten
- [The Man and the Musical](#): Explore the New York of Hamilton—and *Hamilton*
- See Jane Jacobs and Robert Moses share a "[Midnight Moment](#)" on the billboards of Times Square
- [To Hellgate and Back Again](#): Walk the East River's Northern Bridges and raise a pilsner in Astoria
- [This Land Is Your Land](#) was written on the New York Island: Walk through Woody Guthrie's NYC
- [From garbage heap to bucolic meadow](#): A two-mile behind-the-scenes walk through the future Fresh Kills Park
- Gather at sunset to photograph a [changing Long Island City](#)
- [Grab a compass and gaze into the Wild West](#), as seen from Manhattan
- [When Olmsted shaped a glacial forest](#): Hike through the vast, little-visited Forest Park of Queens
- Billionaire's Row, Brooklyn: Look into the [future skyline of Flatbush & Atlantic](#)
- Don your 19<sup>th</sup> century garb and [step back in time with an 1870 walking tour](#) through Brooklyn
- See the [Tibetan art and Himalayan architecture](#) (no, really) of Staten Island's Lighthouse Hill

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