

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

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

(April 18, 2018 | New York, New York) On May 4-6, 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.

All of the 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, but space may be limited. Registrations are encouraged.

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

Featured 2018 Walks:

- Join photographers James and Karla Murray as they [visit some of the remarkable storefronts](#) of the East Village and remember those that have disappeared.
- What could be better than pickles and pastries? [Explore the historic Essex Street Market](#) on a free walking and tasting tour and learn about the market's rich history.
- [Traverse the Village and follow the footsteps of Bob Dylan](#), visiting places he lived and performed (and co-wrote a song with Jane Jacobs herself!)
- [Walk with a librarian!](#) Join the New York Public Library staff and learn about Mid-Manhattan's rich and changing history (in Spanish!)
- [Visit some of the city's celebrated and lesser known Privately Owned Public Spaces](#) with Harvard Professor Jerold S. Kayden and NYC Department of City Planning staff.
- From discos and dive bars to clubs and cabarets, observe the shifting typology of the gay bar with [Gay Bars That Are Gone](#).
- Join the founders of Preserving East New York and [explore the historic and cultural gems that make it](#) a vibrant and special place.
- Learn how the streets of Brooklyn led to organized baseball! [Explore the clubhouses, ballfields, and even the homes of baseball's early heroes](#).
- [Walk the first phase of the Moynihan Train Hall Project](#) (2018 MASTerworks Award winner!) with members of the project team and learn about its history, design, and construction.
- A Londoner, a New Yorker, a *Rebel Rebel*, a legend—David Bowie forever resonates as a trailblazer. [Learn about his mysterious New York persona](#) on this one-of-a-kind walk.
- Join an alumnus of the MAS Livable Neighborhoods Program and [explore one of the most diverse and dynamic communities in the United States—Flushing!](#)
- [Explore how the historical waterfronts in Manhattan and Brooklyn have evolved](#) since the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge to today's waterfront development trends—by ferry!
- Join the staff of the Staten Island Children's Museum for a [walk through their "Bugs and Other Arthropods" exhibit and select gardens on the grounds of Snug Harbor](#).
- Learn about the [history behind the 13 stone pillars in the middle of Van Cortlandt Park](#) and the role they played in the building of Grand Central Terminal.

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