

EASTBANK ESPLANADE



The Eastbank Esplanade provides visitors with a unique and distinctively urban experience. Tucked between Interstate 5 and the Willamette River, the Esplanade is 1.5 miles long, extending from the Hawthorne Bridge to the Steel Bridge with connections to eastside neighborhoods as well as across the river. Primarily a pedestrian/bicycle corridor, it offers unparalleled views of downtown Portland and leaves visitors with a whole new perspective of the river and the eastside.

Thirteen urban markers run the length of the Esplanade, marking the eastside street grid and providing information about the river and the rich history of the area. Seating walls, benches, overlooks, and small plaza areas offer places to stop, relax, and enjoy.

The 1,200 ft. long floating walkway is the longest floating walkway in the United States. Here, the sensation of walking on water adds another dimension to the experience. The adjoining 120 ft. public boat dock provides moorage for recreational boaters as well as space for a future river taxi and other commercial uses.

A cantilevered walkway is suspended from the bulkhead of the original City Pier #2, providing opportunities to view the old pier as well as the riverbank below.

Four pieces of public art are featured between the Morrison Bridge and the floating walkway. Moving from south to north along the esplanade, the "The Running Gate" is located beneath the Morrison Bridge. "The Ghost Ship" is sited on the south end of the former City Pier #2 bulkhead. "The Stackstalk" sits at the north end of the bulkhead and "The Alluvial Wall" is just a little farther north. RIGGA, a group of local artists created the art as part of the Regional Arts and Culture Council's Percent for Art program

The Steel Bridge RiverWalk, attached just 30+ feet above the Willamette River, offers pedestrians and bicyclists a new route across the river. Connecting at grade on the west side in Waterfront Park, visitors have their choice on the eastside to view the city from a stunning new overlook or continue along the Eastbank Esplanade.

<http://www.parks.ci.portland.or.us/Eastbank/esplanade.htm>



Typical View of Banks, 1928



Plan View

New River-Edge Condition





Pedestrian Walk at Steel Bridge with the Convention Center in the Background



View of Burnside Bridge from Walkway



Access Tower to Burnside



Soaking up the sun at OMSI

Floating Walkway along Interstate-5

