

The High Line Tour

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The transformation of the High Line from an abandoned freight rail structure to an extraordinary public park would not have been possible without the vision of the design team.

Join **Lisa Switkin**, Principal at James Corner Field Operations, the project lead and landscape architects for the High Line, to get a behind-the-scenes look at the park's unique design. Lisa will talk about how the park came to be, the concept for its transformation, and its design and construction.



We will walk the park from Gansevoort to 34th Street, crossing 3 distinct New York neighborhoods – the Meatpacking District, West Chelsea and the new Hudson Yards development at the Rail Yards.

Date: Monday, May 23rd, 2016

Time: 10AM Tour duration: 1.5-2 hours.

Meeting place: Tour meets at the corner of Gansevoort and Washington, at street level at the base of

the High Line stair. This is also right next to the Whitney Museum for reference.

Maximum attendees: 15 people, Cost: Free

Tour Leader: Lisa Tziona Switkin Principal, James Corner Field Operations

Lisa is a principal at James Corner Field Operations, a leading-edge landscape architecture, urban design and public realm practice based in New York City. As the principal-in-charge of many of the practice's complex public realm projects, Lisa led the design of the High Line in New York, Tongva Park in Santa Monica, and the Race Street Pier in Philadelphia. She is currently overseeing the South Street Seaport, Domino Sugar Waterfront, and Greenpoint Landing in New York; Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis and the Master Plans for the Lincoln Road District and The Underline in Miami. She also worked on the Navy Yards Central Green in Philadelphia, Shelby Farms Park in Memphis, and the Master Plans for Freshkills Park and Seattle's Central Waterfront. Lisa was a Rome Prize fellow from 2007-2008. Lisa has a BA in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois and a Masters in Landscape Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania. She has taught graduate level design studios and has lectured at universities, symposiums, foundations and institutions around the world.