

THE main terrain

Marked as the termination point of long-abandoned rail lines, the site was a 1.72-acre vacant, dilapidated tract of land before its transformation into The Main Terrain, a distinctive urban art and fitness park — the first of its kind anywhere.



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→ Main Terrain's large-scale public art, reminiscent of Chattanooga's iconic Walnut Street Bridge, spans the entire park and is comprised of nine sculptural elements, the tallest measuring more than 25 feet in height and 9,000 pounds in weight.

→ Three of the art elements rotate, allowing parkgoers to turn an actuating wheel and physically move the bridge elements and change their formation.

→ In addition to being an active park, the environmentally-friendly space also functions as a stormwater management site, where, each week, up to 40,000 gallons of accumulated stormwater will be reused to supplement irrigation. Additionally, each year, 1.5 million gallons of water will be saved from entering the city's sewer system by the on-site detention ponds.

fitness + art

haiku poems

walking+running track

9 art elements

bike storage

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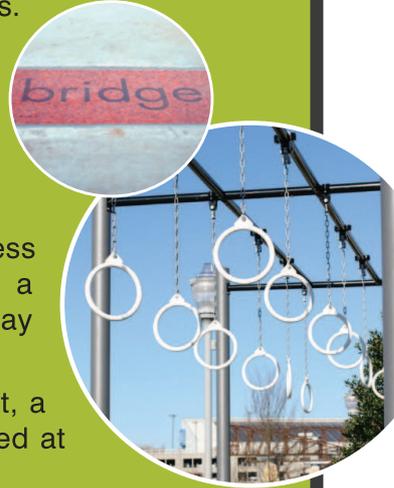
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→ The oval track that encircles the park is divided into 50-meter segments that are marked by terrazzo inlay with text that creates four **Haiku poems** on the east to west path. Written by ancient and modern haiku masters, the poems refer to the four seasons and are meant to inspire reflection among park visitors.

- **Spring** — by Jane Reichhold
- **Summer** — by Chiyo-ni, (1703-1775)
translated by Jane Reichhold
- **Autumn** — by Helen Davie
- **Winter** — by Bashó, (1644-1694)
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→ The park also contains five fitness stations designed by PlayCore, a leading provider of educational play and recreation solution.

→ To make commuting convenient, a shed for bike storage is also located at the park.



meet the ARTIST



From a national juried competition, artist Thomas Sayre was chosen to design art work for the park. Based in Raleigh, N.C., Sayre is an internationally recognized artist with work in numerous public and private collections. “What underlines the entire Main Terrain project is the act of bridging: bridging the physical space across a former polluted rail site; bridging community, the downtown and the burgeoning renovated Main Street; and bridging the activities of urban design, art and exercise. Additionally, it is the goal of the art to encourage people to move through the park, to use the track, to engage the exercise stations and physically interact with the sculpture by turning its wheel.” — **Thomas Sayre**

DIRECTIONS {come explore}

Main Terrain is located at 450 West 13th Street, between West Main and 13th Streets and across from The Chattanooga hotel.

The park connects downtown Chattanooga’s Riverfront and Southside districts to create a crucial public green space for the community, furthering revitalization efforts and serving as a catalyst for economic development.

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