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Your By-the-Numbers Look at the New Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk

The Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk is the latest addition to the Philly cityscape.



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River's eastern shore, beginning at Locust Street (formerly the end of the trail) and extending four blocks south to the South Street Bridge. Keep reading for a by-the-

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sheltered stopping points for pedestrians to take in the skyline or sunset, while bicyclists and joggers (and their leashed dogs!) can safely pause for a swig of water.

- **15 feet**

The boardwalk's total width. Designed to mimic the look of [Jersey Shore](#) boardwalks, the gray planks were crafted from concrete to ensure the boardwalk withstands the elements. The pillar-supported structure hovers between 6 and 12 feet above the

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October 2014 marked the debut of the Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk, Philly's first above-the-water boardwalk. Built as an expansion of the [Schuylkill River Trail](#) and part of [Fairmount Park](#), the sinuous boardwalk runs parallel to the Schuylkill

numbers look at the buzzed-about boardwalk.

- **30 months**

The approximate amount of time it took for the project to be completed, from start to finish. (Or "eight years guiding the project from drawing board to boardwalk," according to an [Inquirer interview](#) with Schuylkill River Development Corporation CEO Joseph Syrnick.)

- **\$18 million**

The total cost of the project, which was primarily funded by [federal and state grants](#).

- **2,000 feet**

The total length of the boardwalk, not including the 460-foot-long ramp that joins the boardwalk to the South Street Bridge.

Four widened overlooks provide

- **3**

The number of entry points to the boardwalk. One can be found at the trail's former end-point near 25th and Locust

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streets, while the South Street Bridge's bicycle ramp and pedestrian stair tower also provide access.

- 46

The number of [solar-powered](#) lampposts illuminating the boardwalk. These all-weather lights are designed to function rain or shine.

- 130 miles

The projected total length of the [Schuylkill River Trail](#), which upon completion will span Center City Philadelphia to the town of Pottsville in Schuylkill County. To date, 60 miles of trail have been completed, with nearly half of the mileage extending from Center City to Phoenixville in Chester County.

- 200

The number of people who participated in the boardwalk's ticketed pre-grand opening walk on the evening of Wednesday, October 1, 2014. With special guest Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter presiding, the boardwalk's official ribbon cutting ceremony took place the following day..For more more information about the Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk, click over to Philadelphia's official tourism website, [Visit Philly](#), or visit the Schuylkill Banks [official website](#)..Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk Schuylkill River's east bank between Locust and Spruce streets Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 222-6030








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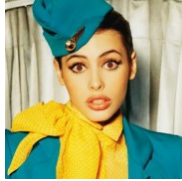
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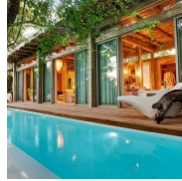
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