



A bridge giving access to the town centre over the railway is for trams, cycles and pedestrians only. Freiburg, Germany.

**It's good to walk**

A safe, attractive and well cared for public realm will encourage people to walk. The key considerations are:

- people prefer to walk along streets where they can be seen by drivers, residents and other pedestrians;
- if segregated footpaths are provided, they need to be well-connected and overlooked by houses and other buildings;
- all measures that slow traffic help pedestrians feel safer. At junctions, the use of raised surfaces and tight radii make it easier for pedestrians to cross;
- well designed shared surfaces avoid conflicts of movement yet encourage other activities to take place. To achieve this, subtle variations of material or bold changes of detail are appropriate, depending upon the location;
- footpaths should lead where people want to go, rather than follow a preconceived geometry;
- footpaths in new developments should be positive, direct and barrier-free.



A linear park of exceptional quality runs along the top of the viaduct.

<b>The Bastille Viaduct, Paris: <i>Landscaped walkways to raise the spirit</i></b>	
Location	The viaduct is located in the centre of Paris close to the Gare de Lyon.
Design Team	Architect: Patrick Berger Landscape Architect: P. Mathien, M. Vergely
Developer	City of Paris
Details	This development is on a disused urban railway viaduct built in the mid-1800s and unused since 1969. There are two elements to the scheme - a park along the length of the viaduct and below in the arches, shop units have been created taking advantage of the area's tradition for arts and crafts. The park comprises a promenade formed along its length with planting, water features and pergolas providing interest and shade on sunny days. Linked and adjacent to the viaduct promenade are the Hector Malot Park and Gardens, laid out on the roof of a multi-storey car park. These developments take advantage of rare spaces in the urban fabric to provide beautifully landscaped open spaces offering tranquillity above the bustle of the city below.
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