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

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

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 is reused to supplant irrigation. Additionally, each year, 1.5 million gallons of water are saved from entering the city's sewer system by on-site detention ponds.

Meet the Artists
From a national juried competition, artist Thomas Sayre was chosen to design the artwork for the park. Based in Raleigh, North Carolina, Sayre is an internationally recognized artist with work in numerous public and private collections.

"What defines the essence Main Terrain is the act of bridging the physical space across a forever polluted urban bridge community, the downtown and the Burgundy-translated Main Street, and bringing the activities of urban design and art into the art. The art is designed to make a physical connection of foot traffic to the south, while it connects Chattanooga's rich industrial past and its modern culture with a community-based tourist economy. Additionally, it is the purpose of the art to encourage people to move through the space of the park, to see the running/walking track, to engage this experience and physically interact with the sculpture via turning its actual wheel." - Thomas Sayre

Park Rules
Open dawn to dusk every day.
For your safe and enjoyable use of this park, the following are strictly prohibited:
- Alcohol, beverages and other intoxicants
- Firearms or weapons of any type
- Camping or open fires
- Unleashed pets
- Smoking, ascertainment, tobacco
- Property or vegetation destruction
- Motorized vehicles, except for use by the handicapped
- Skateboarding or rollerblading
- Littering
- Climbing on park sculptures

The park irrigation system is part of the stormwater recycling program. The water is not Palatable and is not safe for ingestion. Please wash hands following contact.

Please help keep the park clean by picking up after your pet.

Sponsors
Main Terrain was made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts and numerous locally based businesses and nonprofits, including Attribut, CityParks, LynxEast, P3 Design, Public Art Chattanooga, Piano Power Architecture and Landscape Architecture and the City of Chattanooga.

For questions, please call 3-111 of Chattanooga Parks and Recreation at (423) 640-6611.

Haiku
Winter
by Danil
When you come out
A hoary road

Spring
by Jane, 3rd grade
A spring day
The young folks feet
Skipping

Summer
by Clay, 7th grade
Deep in the night on a bridge
We are strangers

Autumn
by Helen K. Davis
On the path
Only one of us touched by a falling leaf

Winter
by Clay, 7th grade
running track 1 mile * 3.25 laps

Main Street
13th Street
bike rack
climbing wall
fitness rocks
trapeze rack
fitness nodes