

### **Grassroots Bruxelles**

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L'asbl CYCLO est une initiative qui promeut le vélo à Bruxelles via la le recyclage, la culture et l'innovation.

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# Cyclo and other unforeseen, unconventional

#### gems

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### Who ideated this tour

Young people and their mentors

On the second day of Brussels hackathon, the 3 groups started freely wandering around after concluding the pre-set tours they were provided with.

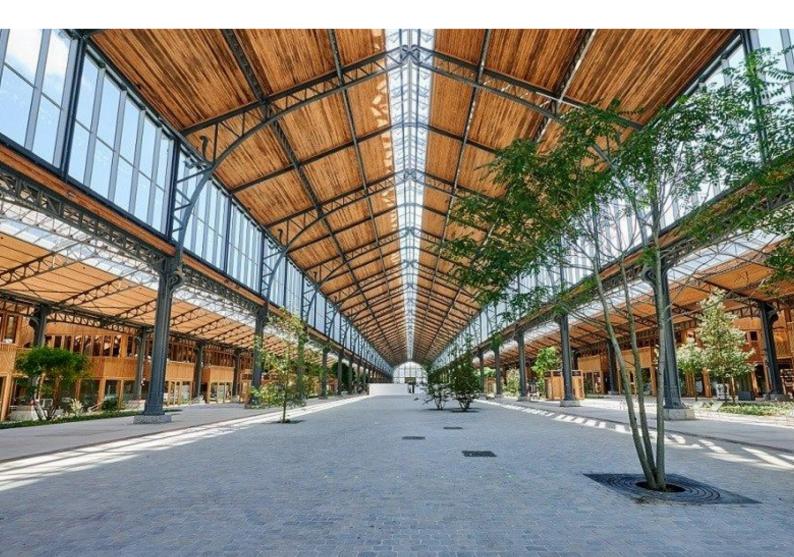


While walking, they encountered several unexpected places and hidden gems, but they also went to places they already knew or had heard of.

This fact sheet contains these places, which are basically unconventiona I spots you will never find on mainstream guides of the city of Brussels!

### **Gare Maritime**

Gare Maritime, once Europe's largest railway station for goods, is now a revitalized urban space in Brussels. This early 20th-century architectural marvel has been transformed into a covered "city within a city." It houses offices, shops, and recreational areas, all while retaining its impressive original steel structure. Gare Maritime is a sustainable development, using renewable energy sources and boasting a large-scale timber construction. It's a vibrant hub for work and leisure, contributing to the revitalization of the Tour & Taxis district.



### **Port Maritime**

While walking we noticed that Brussels utilizes various "depaving" techniques like replacing asphalt with permeable surfaces to reduce runoff and allow rainwater infiltration. "Regreening" efforts include creating green roofs, planting trees, and establishing urban gardens to enhance biodiversity and improve the city's microclimate.





### **Renature**.**Brussels**



We found out that they were created by Renature.Brussels, C **Brussels-Capital** initiative Region to boost biodiversity within the city. It focuses on restoring and creating green spaces through actions like planting developing trees, natural gardens, and managing invasive species. The project citizen encourages involvement, making the city a greener and sustainable more place for everyone.

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#### SUGI Microforet





We also noticed an interesting panel saying "here grows a

microforest", followed by 4 key words:

- biodiversity
- wellbeing
- participative
- connection

And we found out that it was the <u>Tour &</u> <u>Taxis Forest</u> by SUGi!



#### SUGI Microforet



# Tour & Taxis Forest A Miyawaki pocket forest in the heart of Brussels.

🜔 Brussels, Belgium





Trees







Square Meters

Native Species

### Parckfarm

Parckfarm in Brussels reclaims abandoned urban space by creating a community-driven farm. It combines "depaving" – removing concrete to allow for planting – with "regreening" through urban agriculture. This involves planting fruit trees, vegetables, and creating spaces for animals like chickens and goats, fostering biodiversity and community engagement.

Parckfarm – Une ferme sociable à Tour et Taxis !

Parckfarm by Taktyk and Alive Architecture – Landezine

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### Parckfarm

Parckfarm is a unique urban farm project located in the Tour & Taxis district of Brussels. It's built on a former industrial site, transforming a neglected space into a thriving community hub.

Here's what makes it special:

- Community-driven: It's run by a non-profit organization and thrives on the active participation of local residents. People come together to grow fruits and vegetables, care for animals (chickens, ducks, goats!), and organize events.
- Ecological focus: Parckfarm promotes biodiversity through organic farming practices, rainwater harvesting, and composting. It's a model for sustainable urban development.
- Educational opportunities: They offer workshops and activities related to urban farming, ecology, and sustainable living, making it a valuable resource for the community.
- Social impact: Beyond food production, Parckfarm creates a sense of community, encourages social interaction, and promotes environmental awareness.



# Cyclo

CyCLO is a social enterprise with several locations in Brussels that promotes cycling by offering:

- **Participatory workshops:** You can learn to repair your own bike with the help of experienced mechanics in a friendly atmosphere. They provide the tools, space, and guidance, empowering you to maintain your bike independently.
- **Affordable bike repair services:** If you're not into DIY, their mechanics can fix your bike at reasonable prices.
- Second-hand bikes: They sell refurbished bikes at affordable prices, giving pre-loved cycles a new life.
- **Training programs:** CyCLO offers training for those who want to become bike mechanics, providing valuable skills and job opportunities.

Essentially, CyCLO aims to make cycling more accessible and sustainable in Brussels. They foster a strong cycling community, encourage self-sufficiency, and promote a greener city.

You can find their workshops in different locations across Brussels. Check their website (cyclo.org) for addresses, opening hours, and more information.



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