

Video shows what park atop U.S. Steel Tower would look like

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What could a park atop the U.S. Steel Tower look like?

Now you can see and experience the answer to that question by watching a video at post-gazette.com.

At 64 stories high, the U.S. Steel Tower is the city's tallest building. More important, its one-acre rooftop is, "the largest, highest place on top of any building on Earth," said David Bear in his narration of the video.

Viewers enter the lobby, ride external elevators to the roof, visit an art gallery, music venue and restaurant. They also look through the windows at the expansive view and see fireworks.

Mr. Bear, a fellow at Carnegie Mellon's Studio for Creative Inquiry, has been thinking of ways Pittsburgh can create a public space on the roof of the tower since he first proposed the idea in 2001. At the time, he was the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's travel editor. The idea occurred to him while writing about the closing of the Top of the Triangle, a restaurant on the 62nd floor of the tower that took advantage of the spectacular view.

Through his "High Point Investigation," Mr. Bear has worked with architecture, engineering and business students as they envisioned a virtual version of the park. Sean McChesney is one of four graduate students at Carnegie Mellon's Entertainment Technology Center who helped to create a "virtual destination" of the space with its proposed two interior levels and a rooftop promenade.

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