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The 50 Best Blocks in Brooklyn

(Excerpt)

20. Best Block For Vintage Shopping

Grand Street between Bedford and Driggs Aves, Williamsburg
Unlike Manhattan, vintage has yet to cluster on particular blocks, but for now, <u>Fille de Joie</u> and <u>Life</u>:

<u>Curated</u> do a pretty good job (and just a block over you have <u>Franny and Roey</u>). Also, see below...

21. Best Block For High-end Fashion

Grand Street between Kent Ave and Havemeyer Street, Williamsburg

Ok, you caught us, we're cheating this one time, but from the APC and Paul Smith outlets to great Brooklyn indie boutiques like <u>Bird</u>, <u>Sodafine</u> and <u>Love Brigade</u>, this is where you buy your clothes in Brooklyn.

22. Best Block For Gallery-Hopping

Washington Street between Water and Plymouth Streets, Dumbo

See large-scale projects by established artists and new works by emerging locals skipping between <u>Smack Mellon's</u> massive refurbished boiler house space, the <u>Dumbo Arts Center's</u> expansive loft and <u>Rabbithole Studio's</u> raw basement gallery.

23. Best Block for Wild Parties

Morgan Ave between Maujer and Scholes Streets
3rd Ward, House of Yes, Rubulad: trapeze artists and homemade absinthe do, in fact, mix.

24. Best Block For People-watching

Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue, Fort Greene

This triangle at Lafayette and Fulton is a cross-section of Brooklyn's most diverse neighborhood—lifers, the creative class, brownstoner parents, roving packs of Brooklyn Tech and Pratt kids—thanks to the confluence of bars restaurants, residences, retail and cultural institutions along Fort Greene's busiest strips.