

## ChkLines - Public Domain Images

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A public domain image is defined as a photo, clipart or vector whose copyright has expired or never existed in the first place. These images can be used by almost anyone for personal and commercial purposes.

Images listed are public domain or free. Be sure to check for acceptable usage for each image.

### 1. [1 Million Free Pictures](#)

- All the pictures here are my creations and I am dedicating them into the public domain. So yes, they are free.
- You can search through galleries curated by subject, style, purpose and more.
- Please note that no releases have been obtained for the images that contain people, works of art, property or trademarks—so you will need to be wary of using those types of images.

### 2. [Barn Images](#)

- Barn Images was launched in March 2015 by Igor Trepeshchenok and Roman Drita, two photographers from Latvia.
- You will find only quality photography that’s fresh, with nothing that duplicates the stock photography you’ll generally find elsewhere.
- We call our collection “non-stock,” and we add new free images every weekday.
- New public domain images are added every weekday and everything on the site is available for commercial use.
- For a fee, you can join their Premium Membership to receive curated photo packs and access to a dropbox filled with 1,000+ high res photos.

### 3. [clker](#)

- ❑ Updated collection of clipart in the public domain.
- ❑ The images hosted on clker.com were declared to be in public domain by its uploaders, the sources we collected it from or the people who drew them online.

### 4. [Creative Commons](#)

- ❑ Creative Commons is one of the best choices for public-domain content, whether you're looking for photos, audio, or something else.
- ❑ Creative Commons helps you legally share your knowledge and creativity to build a more equitable, accessible, and innovative world. We unlock the full potential of the internet to drive a new era of development, growth and productivity.
- ❑ The site's handy search utility allows you to enter a search term in the upper-right corner and filter the results based on Flickr, Fotopedia, Pixabay, Google Images, and a number of other reputable spots for hosting photos.

### 5. [Death to Stock](#)

- ❑ Every week, Death to Stock Photo emails out themed photo packs for you to download for free.
- ❑ The images are all available to use as you please.
- ❑ If you're interested in supporting the photographers, you can sign up for their Premium membership for \$15/month.

### 6. [DesignerPics](#)

- ❑ FREE Hi-Res photos for your personal & commercial use. Attribution not required.
- ❑ DesignerPics.com was created by Indian designer, Jeshu John, who found himself struggling to find quality free photographs.
- ❑ All images were taken by him, are permitted for commercial use and require no attribution.
- ❑ We provide free photographs to all who are in need. This is an ongoing project, and we will keep adding new pictures every month.

## 7. [EveryStockPhoto](#)

- ❑ Everystockphoto.com is a free stock photo search engine that lets you filter for public domain image licenses.
- ❑ We are a search engine for free photos. These come from many sources and are license-specific. You can view a photo's license by clicking on the license icon, below and left of photos.
- ❑ Membership is free and allows you to rate, tag, collect and comment on photos.
- ❑ It runs its searches through a number of reputable public domain image websites including Flickr, NASA, Wikimedia and more.
- ❑ Be sure to double check each photo's license by clicking on the license icon below and to the left of the photos.

## 8. [Fancy Crave](#)

- ❑ The goal was to help fellow designers, small businesses, students, bloggers, and online marketers who want to convey their message in style.
- ❑ Two new images are added every day to Fancy Crave's ever-growing collection of free stock photos.
- ❑ Their mission is simple: help photographers be discoverers and help the creative community at large with quality photography.
- ❑ All of the photos are high resolution and curated by professional photographer, Igor Ovsyannykov.
- ❑ All photos published on Fancycrave are licensed under the Creative Commons Zero (CC0) license which grants you an irrevocable, nonexclusive copyright license to download, copy, modify, distribute, perform, and use photos from Fancycrave for free, including for commercial purposes, without permission from or attributing the photographer or Fancycrave.
- ❑ The images are free of copyright restrictions under CC0.

## 9. [Flickr - The Commons](#)

- ❑ The key goal of The Commons is to share hidden treasures from the world's public photography archives.
- ❑ All are in the public domain, but pay attention to search just in the “Commons” area.
- ❑ Worldwide, archives and libraries partner with Flickr Commons and contribute their own public domain images.
- ❑ A great resource for finding free public domain images from all over the world, not just from the United States.
- ❑ Flickr Commons' images contain no known copyright restrictions, but (as always) it's not a guarantee—so do your research.

## 10. [Foodies Feed](#)

- ❑ “Foodiesfeed is a resource of awesome naturally looking food photos that are completely free to download.”
- ❑ Food photographers from all around the world share their photos under the Creative Commons Zero (CC0) license.
- ❑ The ultimate goal of Foodiesfeed is to make the online space related to food more beautiful and eliminate all the ugly sterile stock photos that people still keep using.
- ❑ Foodies Feed—a collection of free food images that (thankfully) look nothing like the stiff, fake food stock photography you're used to seeing.
- ❑ Their photos feature everything from baristas and back of the house cooking to carefully arranged meals and produce.
- ❑ All images are available for commercial use.

## 11. [Free Stock Photos](#)

- ❑ FreeStockPhotos.biz is your best source for free stock photos and clip art.
- ❑ Our collection contains 14,889 free images available in a variety of commercial and editorial licenses, including public domain, creative commons, and custom agreements.
- ❑ Free Stock Photos' collection of stock photos and clip art contains both public domain images and images with other licenses, so make sure to check the license of each image.
- ❑ All images on this site are completely free to download and use. No payment or registration is required, although you must abide by the Image License and Usage Terms listed on the photo download page.

## 12. [Free Pixels](#)

- Free stock photos.
- To the extent possible under law, freepixels.com has waived all copyright and related or neighboring rights to Images and photos.

## 13. [Good Free Photos](#)

- Free Photos (Public Domain Photos), stock Photos, Clipart, images, and Vectors.
- All copyright free stock photos and royalty free photos, and CC0 Photos. 22800 free and public domain photos, images, clipart, pics and vectors and counting.

## 14. [Image After](#)

- Image After describes itself as the raw base for your creativity.
- The public domain images provided on this page all underline the same terms of use, which basically are that you can use the images for anything, other than building a page that is in direct competition with Image After.
- You can simply search images or use the thorough options, which allows you to sort an image category for example by size, then filter it by color.
- You can also search based on image tags.

## 15. [IM Free](#)

- A curated collection of free web design resources, all for commercial use.
- IM Free bills itself as “a curated collection of free web design resources, all for commercial use,” meaning that the assets can be used in for-profit websites.
- IM Free has a stronger concentration on stock images and offers a variety of tools for designers, including templates, icons, and buttons.
- On the stock photography side, IM Free handles all model and location releases, so you don't have to — just make sure to verify if the image you're using requires attribution.

## 16. [Internet Archive Book Images](#)

- Collection of 15 million illustrations and photos from The Internet Archive, taken from around 2 million public domain books and volumes.
- Flickr - almost certainly the best online photo management and sharing application in the world.

17. [ISO Republic](#)

- ❑ Providing Free Stock Photos to Creative Professionals Since 2014
- ❑ Good selection of public domain photos, shared in 8 categories.

### 18. [Jay Mantri](#)

- ❑ Professional photographer Jay Mantri created his own site filled with stunning and scenic public domain images from around the world.
- ❑ All are uploaded under the CC0 license and don't require attribution.
- ❑ Free pics. Do anything.

### 19. [JeShoots](#)

- ❑ JÉSHOOTS was created at 2014 by Jan Vasek in Prague, Czech Republic.
- ❑ JÉSHOOTS is filled with free stock photography taken by Jan Vašek under the CC0 license.
- ❑ The images are divided up into different topic categories, including tech devices, cities and nature to make it easy to find exactly what you're looking for.
- ❑ Photographer Jan Vasek has put at your disposal all his photos, with public domain license.

### 20. [Library Company of Philadelphia](#)

- ❑ The Library Company of Philadelphia is an independent research library specializing in American history and culture from the 17th through the 19th centuries.
- ❑ Only use photos with the text "No Copyright Limitation".

### 21. [Magdeline](#)

- ❑ Magdeline is another high-quality resource for free stock photography that doesn't look like stock.
- ❑ Use the right-hand column to browse categories (nature, people, food, etc) or search by dominant color.
- ❑ Be sure to filter down to CC0 licensed images, since some photos do require attribution.

### 22. [Museum of Photographic Arts](#)

- ❑ Your museum for photography & film.
- ❑ From the Museum of Photographic Arts of San Diego.
- ❑ You will find profile photos of people, space, documents and machinery.

### 23. [My Public Domain Pictures](#)

- Interesting photo packages including art photos.
- We are giving away my pictures for free but please use them for legal purposes only.
- Some of our pictures might include pictures of people, logos, and brands and it's always safe to assume that we have not obtained model release from these subjects. Please use common sense before using these photo's to avoid getting into trouble.

### 24. [National Library of Ireland](#)

- At the National Library of Ireland, we look after the largest collection of Irish printed, manuscript, and visual material in the world, and our collections span almost 1,000 years of Irish art, culture, history and literature.
- The Flickr profile has around 1,300 photos of Ireland's history.
- Always check the license on each image.

### 25. [National Library of Norway](#)

- The National Library of Norway has joined Flickr to increase public access to our digital collections.
- All digital files have been reproduced by The National Library of Norway unless otherwise noted.
- Unique collections of manuscripts, special collections of books, music, radio and TV programs, film, theatre, maps, posters, pictures, photographs and newspapers.

### 26. [Negative Space](#)

- Negative Space is a contemporary hi-res photo site that releases all of their images into the public domain.
- You can filter by category, color and (most interestingly) by copy space.
- For personal or commercial projects, all of our CC0 licensed images are completely free to use.

### 27. [New Old Stock](#)

- Huge collection of geographical public domain photos.
- Vintage photos from the public archive via Flickr.

### 28. [Old Book Art](#)

- ❑ To provide & facilitate access to free illustrations: pictures, drawings, maps and other images scanned from antiquarian, public-domain books and other old documents.
- ❑ We have over 4,700 images in our gallery with more added regularly, all at no cost and most available at very high resolution.
- ❑ Most of these we have scanned or edited ourselves. We will also screen and provide links to other high quality resources.

### 29. [Old Book Illustrations](#)

- ❑ Old Book Illustrations offers a really nice collection of public domain illustrations scanned from old books and vector illustrations that can be modified and distributed for both personal and commercial projects.
- ❑ Here you will find all the public domain photos coming from books that pertain to public domain.
- ❑ Perfect to add some vintage appeal, or if you're interested in joining in the resurgence of Victorian design.

### 30. [Open Clipart](#)

- ❑ All the clipart included on this site is in the public domain, meaning you can use it in any way you want, even commercially.
- ❑ We try to make it clear that you may use all clipart from Openclipart even for unlimited commercial use. We believe that giving away our images is a great way to share with the world our talents and that will come back around in a better form.
- ❑ Each artist at Openclipart releases all rights to the images they share at Openclipart.

### 31. [PDPics](#)

- ❑ PDPics.com is a repository of free public domain pictures.
- ❑ All images have been clicked by our in-house photographers.

### 32. [Pexels](#)

- ❑ The best free stock photos & videos shared by talented creators.
- ❑ All photos on Pexels can be used for free.
- ❑ Attribution is not required. Giving credit to the photographer or Pexels is not necessary but always appreciated.
- ❑ You can modify the photos. Be creative and edit the photos as you like.

### 33. [PhotoPin](#)

- ❑ Search millions of Creative Commons photos and add them to your blog posts easily.
- ❑ PhotoPin helps bloggers find photos for their blog and makes adding them to their post fast and easy.

### 34. [Phototeria](#)

- ❑ All our pictures on Phototeria . com are released under Creative Commons CC0, means free of Copyrights.
- ❑ You can download, modify, distribute, and use them for any thing you have, also for commercial use. Attribution is not required.
- ❑ We hope to expand the collection over there years, you are also welcome to send us your free domain images.

### 35. [PicDrome](#)

- ❑ Picdrome.com is a growing Public Domain digital photography collection, free of copyright and licensed under Creative Commons CC0 1.0 Public Domain Dedication.
- ❑ All images are free to download for personal, educational and commercial use, without restriction.
- ❑ Whether you are a designer, photo editor, student or blogger, we are offering completely free photographs.

### 36. [Pixabay](#)

- ❑ Best known public domain site for photos, illustrations and vector files, with over 1,200,000 high quality shots.
- ❑ Pixabay is made up of a community of photographers that have uploaded a huge collection of high quality public domain photos, illustrations, vectors and videos released under CC0.
- ❑ You can browse by photographer, type of camera, and “Editor’s Choice”.
- ❑ Even better, you can filter by orientation, category, size and color.

### 37. [Pixnio](#)

- ❑ High quality copyright friendly images, not copyrighted and no restriction for their use.
- ❑ Images explicitly placed in the public domain, no rights reserved.
- ❑ Public domain images can be used for whatever you want, use it freely for any personal or commercial use.

38. [Pond5 Free Section](#)

- ❑ Download thousands of historic media files for your creative projects.
- ❑ Old-time public domain photography.

39. [Public Domain Archive](#)

- ❑ the Public Domain Archive is a labor of love that compiles high-quality public domain images from across the web into one giant repository.
- ❑ The collection includes both vintage and contemporary public domain images.
- ❑ Everything you need for your creative projects, all public domain images.
- ❑ Subscribe for new free stock images sent weekly.

#### 40. [Public Domain Pictures](#)

- Public Domain Pictures includes lots of high-quality free public domain images, although some photos are only available with a premium membership to the site.
- The page for each image contains detailed information about the license, the camera used to take it, and links to the artist.
- The website cleverly supports the creators by offering a premium download and the option to buy the artist a coffee.
- Good quantity of public domain photos to download and use.

#### 41. [Public Domain Photos](#)

- The 5,000 photos and 8,000 free clip arts on this page can be used for any purpose, including commercial.
- The photos are provided in a single high resolution. These public domain images are tagged and sorted into categories, offering you two ways to easily find them.
- All photos on this web site are public domain. You may use these images for any purpose, including commercial. But if some photo contains logos and products you need to be careful. Using someone else's trademark commercially can get you sued.

#### 42. [Public Domain Vectors](#)

- Publicdomainvectors.org, offers copyright-free vector images in popular .eps, .svg, .ai and .cdr formats.
- To the extent possible under law, uploaders on this site have waived all copyright to their vector images.
- You are free to edit, distribute and use the images for unlimited commercial purposes without asking permission.
- All images are licensed under CC0.
- Although absolutely not required, we appreciate every link back or mention of our website.

#### 43. [Realistic Shots](#)

- Free stock photos (high resolution) for personal and commercial use.
- A collection of free stock photography that looks like anything but stock.
- All images are free to use anyway you please and every week, seven new photos are added.
- All images are under the CC0 license.

#### 44. [SMU Central University Libraries](#)

- ❑ Southern Methodist University's Central University Libraries (CUL) Digital Collections includes the digital libraries and online digital collections from the six Central University Libraries.
- ❑ Ongoing projects include the creation of digital collections of Mexican photographs, locomotives, Texas history, art, and currency notes, and more.

#### 45. [Snappy Goat](#)

- ❑ Snappy Goat provides almost 14,000,000 public domain images.
- ❑ Every day you can find a different theme on the homepage, or search for your own keyword.

#### 46. [SpaceX](#)

- ❑ Official SpaceX images are being made available to the public and news media with no restrictions.
- ❑ Official Flickr account for SpaceX, the future of space travel. SpaceX designs, manufactures and launches the world's most advanced rockets and spacecraft.
- ❑ SpaceX has released thousands of photos on Flickr from their missions. Best of all, they're all in the public domain.
- ❑ Top quality public domain photos about space and NASA.

#### 47. [Snapwire Snaps](#)

- ❑ Snapwire is a platform that connects photographers with companies in need of custom photography, but they also offer a free stock photo collection through Snapwire Snaps.
- ❑ Get fresh branded content from a community of 448,324 visual artists.
- ❑ Every week, seven new photos are added to this collection under the CC0 license and are labeled as such.

#### 48. [Startup Stock Photos](#)

- ❑ Startup Stock Photos finds its niche with a collection of hi-res public domain images focused on hip office spaces, relaxed work environments, creative brainstorms and (of course) plenty of technology.
- ❑ Free photos for startups, bloggers, publishers, websites, designers, developers, creators, & everyone else.
- ❑ All images are under the CC0 license.

#### 49. [State Library of Queensland](#)

- ❑ Rich collection of photos about the history of Australia, with actually more than 55,000 photos.
- ❑ Wikimedia Commons is a media file repository making available public domain and freely-licensed educational media content (images, sound and video clips) to everyone, in their own language.

#### 50. [Stock Vault](#)

- ❑ Our sole purpose is to collect and archive high resolution photographs that photographers, designers and students can share and use for their personal and non-commercial design projects.
- ❑ Since 2004 Stockvault.net has catered it's visitors with free stock photos, "ready to use" web layouts and logos, helping those who don't have the means to turn to the royalty free agencies. We are in no way trying to compete with royalty free stock, but rather to fulfill the need for "somewhat" free stock imagery.

#### 51. [The British Library](#)

- ❑ The British Library released over 1 million scanned pages from 17th to 19th century books, all available on Flickr under public domain.
- ❑ Good for designers or for lovers of ancient drawings.
- ❑ Click over to the albums for curated images of everything from typography and decorative paper to instruments and animals.
- ❑ All images are within the public domain.

#### 52. [The Library of Congress](#)

- ❑ With over 20,000 images, this Flickr profile should be among your favorites.
- ❑ Full of newspaper covers and posters, very well collected.

#### 53. [The National Archives U.K.](#)

- ❑ We are The National Archives, the UK government's official archive, containing over 1,000 years of history with records ranging from parchment and paper scrolls through to digital files and archived websites.
- ❑ We are also at the heart of government information policy, to ensure the survival of today's information for the future.
- ❑ Over 20,000 photos from history, not only about the UK but also about other Commonwealth countries all over the world.

54. [The New York Public Library](#)

- ❑ Wonderful set of photos about New York's history, with 30 well organized folders.
- ❑ In our first foray into the Flickr Commons, the NYPL has posted 1,300 items from various areas of its diverse photographic collections.

55. [The Pic Pac](#)

- ❑ While Pic Pac photo packs aren't necessarily free, they're "Pay What You Want" so you can place whatever value you'd like on them.
- ❑ A new themes photo pack is released every Monday for purchase.
- ❑ All of the images are part of the public domain (CC0).

56. [The Public Domain Review](#)

- ❑ The Public Domain Review is an online journal and not-for-profit project dedicated to the exploration of curious and compelling works from the history of art, literature, and ideas.
- ❑ The Public Domain Review is a well-curated selection of public domain photos, illustrations, art, audio, films and texts. Offers around one hundred ancient photo collections.
- ❑ All images are within the public domain.

57. [The U.S. National Archives](#)

- ❑ The U.S. National Archives was established in 1934 by President Franklin Roosevelt, but its major holdings date back to 1775.
- ❑ The United States National Archives and Records Administration is delighted to join the Flickr community.

58. [UBC Library Digitization Centre](#)

- ❑ The Digital Initiatives Unit is a key part of the Library's effort to adapt to the evolving needs of faculty and students and to support teaching, research and learning at UBC.
- ❑ Selection of maps, World War I photos, manuscripts covers and business cards.

#### 59. [Unsplash](#)

- ❑ Unsplash is made up of a collective of photographers who were sick of “traditional” stock imagery, so they decided to offer their own high-resolution images for free.
- ❑ Now a creative community with millions of engaged users and 250,000+ exclusive photos.
- ❑ Unsplash allows you to quickly browse new images and scour the site based on image tags, collections, and users.
- ❑ All photos on the site can be copied, modified and distributed (including for commercial purposes) under a custom license (that is essentially the same as a CC0 license), without you having to ask permission or provide attribution.
- ❑ Beautiful, free photos gifted by the world’s most generous community of photographers.

#### 60. [Viintage.com](#)

- ❑ Vintage.com has a section devoted to public domain images, where you can find just 40 old advertising pages ready to be downloaded and used the way you prefer.
- ❑ Viintage hosts thousands of inspiring public domain images from the past, including art posters and advertisements that have plenty of potential to be recycled into something new.

## 61. [Wikimedia Commons](#)

- ❑ Wikimedia Commons is a media file repository making available public domain and freely-licensed educational media content (images, sound and video clips) to everyone, in their own language.
- ❑ Users curate the elaborate site — uploading, tagging, and categorizing the files — and most of the content is available and can be modified as long as you attribute the original author.
- ❑ Most images used on Wikipedia are part of the Wikimedia Commons, a database of over 10 million freely usable media files, including public domain images.
- ❑ Wikimedia Commons is one of the largest public domain images resources. Most of images can be used freely, but some of the images have certain restrictions.
- ❑ Everyone is allowed to copy, use and modify any files here freely as long as they follow the terms specified by the author; this often means crediting the source and author(s) appropriately and releasing copies/improvements under the same freedom to others.
- ❑ Please note that Wikimedia Commons does not guarantee the correctness of the licensing for each image, so make sure to triple-check the license tag for each individual image.

## 62. [WP Clipart](#)

- ❑ WPClipart is an ever-growing collection of artwork for schoolkids and others that is free of copyright concerns as well as safe from inappropriate images.
- ❑ Database of over 77,000 clipart pictures, with all files pertaining to the public domain.

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