

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The University district is well served by public transportation. The fares range from \$1.75 to \$2.75, exact change required. There is a “free ride zone” downtown. Use the public transit option in google maps to plan your route.

Urban attractions: downtown area.

1. Visit [Pike place market](#) (10:00-18:00) or the waterfront.
2. Walk around the [Olympic sculpture park](#).
3. Catch a [ferry](#) (Pier 50) to [Bainbridge Island](#) and back; this is a fantastic place to see the sunset on your way back to Seattle. If you get off at Bainbridge island, try their delicious [Mora ice cream](#) (10:00-22:00).
4. Visit [Seattle Center](#) (site of the 1962 World's Fair) including the bright orange top [Space Needle](#) (9:00-24:00, \$19), the brand new [Chihuly Glass museum](#) (10:30-22:30, \$19), the [IMAX theatre](#), the [Pacific Science Center](#) (9:30-18:00, \$25), the [Experience Music Project](#) (10:00-19:00, \$20), or the [King Tut exhibit](#) (9:30-18:00, \$27.50).
5. Take the [Seattle Underground Tour](#) (\$16).
6. Take a boat cruise: [Argosy](#) (\$24), [Ride the Ducks](#) (\$28).

Other neighborhoods. Seattle has many walkable neighborhoods, each one with its unique characteristics and plenty of funky local coffee shops, nice restaurants and, when it comes to Queen Anne and Capitol Hill, fantastic views of Seattle, Puget Sound, and the Cascades. Each one will make for a fine evening or afternoon outing. Fremont and Ballard are particularly suitable to access by bike.

1. **Fremont** (self-billed as "the center of the universe"). See the [statue of Lenin](#), the [Fremont Troll](#), tour the [Theo chocolate factory](#) (reservation required), or just visit their shop (10:00-18:00).
Dining recommendation: get some take out at the [PCC market](#), specializing in local and organic food, and eat it outside on the steps leading to the ship canal and next to [Seattle's Google office](#).
2. **Ballard.** Go to the [Ballard Locks](#), watch the boats go up & down and the salmon climb the fish ladder, and take a picture under the conference appropriate “Coho” sign. Visit [Stone Gardens](#) for indoor rock climbing (\$16 + \$9 equipment), or [Gelateria D'Ambrosio](#). If you walk across [Ballard Bridge](#), you'll find the [Fishermen's terminal](#) on the other side.
3. **Capitol Hill.** Walk around [Volunteer park](#), climbing its Water tower (free), find the unique [intersection](#) of *Bellevue Ave, Bellevue Pl, and Bellevue Ct*, visit the [Elliott Bay Bookstore](#), or stop for a latte at [Café Vivace](#) claimed by many locals to be the best coffee shop in Seattle (and that is high praise!)
4. **Queen Anne.** By some accounts, the fanciest of Seattle neighborhoods, just a short climb up from Seattle Center. If you walk around, you can find many stately houses and small parks with beautiful views. A spectacular (and very popular) viewpoint is at [Kerry Park](#), 211 W Highland Dr, 98119 (free).

Sports and outdoor activities

1. **Biking.** Rent a bike at [Recycled Cycles](#) (30\$/day, rentals include a helmet and a lock, reservations accepted. See the enclosed flyer for details). The shop is a 20-minute walk from the dorms and a 10-

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minute walk from University Inn. The Recycled Cycles staff is quite competent to give route recommendations (they've been to them all) and will supply you with a very good (free) Seattle biking map. If you are into biking, this is close to the best thing you can do in Seattle.

- (i) Ride on the [Burke-Gilman trail](#):
 - (a) west to [Gas Works Park](#), [Ballard Locks](#), and the [Golden Gardens beach](#) (can be done all together in one afternoon), or
 - (b) North to [Magnuson Park](#) and [Matthews Beach Park](#) or
 - (c) North and then east to the [Red Hook Brewery](#) in Woodinville (35 mile roundtrip)
 - (ii) Take the Lake Washington Bike trail south stopping at the [Arboretum](#) (free) and the [Japanese Garden](#) (\$5), admiring the Lake Washington views on your left, visiting [Madrona Park beach](#) and turning around at [Seward Park](#).
 - (iii) Ride your bike *anywhere* in Seattle.
 - (iv) Take the bike on the ferry (and make all the cars waiting in line envious because you automatically earn the spot at the front of the line) and ride around one of the islands.
2. **Swimming.** *Lake Washington:* [Magnuson Park](#), [Matthews beach](#), [Madrona Park beach](#), and many more beaches on the EastSide of the lake (free).
Puget Sound: [Golden Gardens](#) (free).
 3. Rent **canoes or boats** at the [UW Waterfront Activities Center](#) (\$9/hour).
 4. Rent **kayaks or stand-up paddle boats** at [Agua Verde](#) (10:00-20:00, \$15-\$25/hour).
 5. Explore the trails and beaches at [Discovery Park](#) (free).
 6. Go **rock climbing** indoors ([REI](#), [Stone Gardens](#)) or on the outdoor climbing rocks at UW or [Marymoor Park](#) (free). If you are an outdoor enthusiast but haven't been to the [REI](#) store it's worth a visit. The second (new) location of [Café Vivace](#) (should be as good as the Capitol Hill location) is right across the street.
 7. Attend a **professional sports event**: the [Seattle Storm](#), [Seattle Sounders FC](#), [Seahawks](#), [Thunderbirds](#), or [Mariners](#).

Music and Dance

1. Seattle symphony at [Benaroya Hall](#).
2. [Seattle Chamber Music Festival](#).
3. [Seattle opera](#).
4. Dancing: [swing](#), [ballroom](#), [tango](#), or [folk](#).
5. Jazz: [Jazz alley](#), [Tula](#), [Lucid](#) (close by)

Arts and Sciences (not mentioned above)

1. [SAM](#) (Seattle Art museum), downtown.
2. [SAAM](#) (Seattle Asian Art Museum), Capitol Hill, Volunteer Park.
3. [Henry Art Gallery](#), on campus.
4. [Burke Museum](#) of Natural History and Culture, on campus.
5. [Boeing Museum of Flight](#), South Seattle, Boeing Field
6. University of Washington: stick to campus and work on math.