# Seattle Places and Things To Do

In this list of things to do out and about in Seattle, we don’t include the obvious Seattle landmarks - [Space Needle](https://www.spaceneedle.com/), [Pike Place Market](https://www.pikeplacemarket.org/), [Seattle Art Museum](https://www.seattleartmuseum.org/visit/seattle-art-museum), [Museum of Pop Culture](https://www.mopop.org/), or the [Chihuly Glass Garden](https://www.chihulygardenandglass.com/). You likely had already considered all those places. Here are a few you may not have been aware of:

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## Overview

Learn about the [Duwamish tribal lands and culture](https://www.duwamishtribe.org/) you’ll be enjoying during your visit to Seattle

[Metro Trip Planner](https://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov/#/app/tripplanning) to locate bus and light rail options

## Downtown Seattle

[BEP Courthouse Cafe](https://maps.app.goo.gl/KzTNM4ZJf4fyTZJB6) is 2 blocks from Hyatt: Order the Seattle Seoul Bowl for lunch (delicious!) and support a Blind small business owner

[Olympic Sculpture Park](https://www.seattleartmuseum.org/visit/olympic-sculpture-park) If the sun is out, a beautiful way to enjoy the sound and the Olympic Mountains across the water wandering through a variety of outdoor sculpture, with no fee.

[New Overlook Park](https://harrell.seattle.gov/2024/09/19/overlook-walk-a-new-iconic-landmark-on-seattles-waterfront-to-open-on-october-4/#:~:text=This%20decades%2Dlong%20investment%20and,co%2Dcurated%20with%20the%20community.) - You’ll be some of the first people to experience the new overlook park between Pike Place market and the Waterfront. It is slated to open October 4th and represents some of the last construction replacing the Alaskan Way viaduct.

[KEXP Community Radio](https://www.kexp.org/visit/) KEXP started in 1972 as a college radio station and has grown to become a community radio station with a global online reach. All music is selected by DJ’s. The station represents a diversity of music and holds the 1990’s Seattle grunge scene in its heart. If you are already at the Seattle Center, stop in!

International District

To get there: Take Light Rail south to International District Station.

[Wing Luke Museum](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wingluke.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmichael.mackillop%40dsb.wa.gov%7C9512e321b8b44b2faaba08dcda8694a6%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638625520583040942%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=eLFB6j4X32r4CfE7XW92BrZIEDtOMIu7pRvLN8GEYhM%3D&reserved=0) and [accessibility](https://www.wingluke.org/accessibility)

[International District food options](https://seattle.eater.com/maps/best-restaurants-chinatown-international-district-seattle) – There are lots of options! The link leads to an article to make some sense of the offerings

[World Pizza](https://www.worldpizzaseattle.com/) While not Asian cuisine, my favorite Seattle pizza is in the ID. Grab a slice of the potato, rosemary and gorgonzola, or the red dragon. Nice people.

## Capitol Hill

To get there: Just east of downtown, Light rail is one northbound stop away. Ubers are also an option, or a hearty trek up the hill.

Visit [Bruce Lee’s resting spot](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwisttravelmag.com%2Fsearching-for-bruce-lee%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cmichael.mackillop%40dsb.wa.gov%7C9512e321b8b44b2faaba08dcda8694a6%7C11d0e217264e400a8ba057dcc127d72d%7C0%7C0%7C638625520583123694%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C40000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=x08p8dThAhJRq37KrA%2BL77wKpuBrrOUs76TxQcA52sg%3D&reserved=0) - From the [Light Rail station](https://www.google.com/maps/dir/140+Broadway+E,+Seattle,+WA+98102/Lake+View+Cemetery,+1554+15th+Ave+E,+Seattle,+WA+98102/@47.6279644,-122.3270338,15z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m13!4m12!1m5!1m1!1s0x549015a2b4cb3a29:0xe54b4ca7cafc3314!2m2!1d-122.320628!2d47.6197713!1m5!1m1!1s0x549014d8e7abbc19:0xefb91590d7fde6b4!2m2!1d-122.3153185!2d47.6340558?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDI0MDkyMi4wIKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D), it is a gentle 30 minute saunter to Lakeview Cemetery. Or Uber and saunter back. Along the way you can visit Volunteer Park and the Volunteer Park Conservatory, the Seattle Asian Art Museum, and some decent food options along 15th or 19th Avenues on the return.

[Volunteer Park](https://historylink.org/File/20839) and the [Volunteer Park Conservatory](https://www.volunteerparkconservatory.org/) next door to Bruce Lee is part of an Olmsted-designed park. The conservatory is a favorite spot. The [Asian Museum](https://www.seattleartmuseum.org/visit/seattle-asian-art-museum) in Volunteer Park is a treasure, recently refurbished.

Food options nearby Volunteer Park:

Either the [Volunteer Park Café](https://www.volunteerpark.cafe/) or [Macrina Bakery](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Macrina+Bakery+%26+Cafe/@47.6265598,-122.3091713,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x5490158dd990b353:0x1717f061b6837dc5!8m2!3d47.6265598!4d-122.3069826) are a great place for a nearby baked good.

Near Volunteer Park headed south either on [15th Avenue E](https://gethappyathome.com/how-to-spend-a-day-on-15th-ave-in-seattles-capitol-hill-neighborhood/), or [19th Avenue E](https://gethappyathome.com/a-day-of-delicious-destination-dining-on-19th-ave-in-capitol-hill/), are many food options.

## West Seattle, Alki Beach

To get there: You can take a [water taxi to Alki](https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/metro/travel-options/water-taxi#:~:text=Between%20downtown%20Seattle%20and%20West%20Seattle&text=Water%20Taxi%20sails%20between%20downtown,shuttles%20to%20Alki%20Beach%20Park.), for view of Seattle from other side of the bay. Once there, you may Uber or bus to West Seattle attractions.

Things to do in [West Seattle](https://visitseattle.org/neighborhoods/west-seattle/) The link describes several things to consider in West Seattle. [Alki Beach](https://www.seattle.gov/parks/allparks/alki-beach-park), [Salty’s Restaurant](https://www.saltys.com/seattle/), and [Lincoln Park](https://www.seattle.gov/parks/allparks/lincoln-park) are very popular.

[Duwamish Longhouse and Tribal Cultural Center](https://www.duwamishtribe.org/visit-longhouse) – Learn more about the first peoples in the Puget Sound area

## Ballard/North Lake Union

To get there: These destinations are more challenging to arrive at, but [buses](https://tripplanner.kingcounty.gov/#/app/tripplanning) or Ubers (and one future day in 2028, light rail) can get you there.

[Ivar’s North Lake Union](https://www.ivars.com/) - classic Seattle place for view of downtown, a trek from downtown,

[Ballard Fish Ladder - Ballard Locks](https://www.nws.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Locks-and-Dams/Chittenden-Locks/) - October is the tail end of season for salmon viewing. The Moray eels also have interest from the underwater viewing windows. The locks allow boats entry to and from the Sound and Lake Union and Lake Washington. A trek from downtown.