

Things to Do

There are many things to see and do in Seattle during your free time! Here are some of them that we recommend. For a longer list, see <http://sites.math.washington.edu/lee/outings.html>.

- Pike Place Market. This famous seafood and farmer's market is among Seattle's top attractions. It is located downtown.
- Seattle Center: located north of downtown, this complex offers a number of Seattle's top attractions:
 - The Space Needle. Go to the top of the Space Needle for stunning views.
 - Museum of Pop Culture (formerly EMP): Current exhibitions include hip-hop, science fiction, Nirvana, indie games, and more.
 - The Chihuly Garden and Glass: See glass creations of artist Dale Chihuly.
- Kerry Park Viewpoint: For one of the most stunning views of downtown Seattle, the harbor, and (on a clear day) Mount Rainier, take an Uber to this hillside park. Don't try to walk unless you want some strenuous exercise!
- Take a ferry to Bremerton or Kingstown. The ferry itself offers spectacular views of the city and the sound. Bremerton hosts the Puget Sound Navy Museum.
- Mount Rainier National Park: because of the late sunsets this week (9:09 PM on June 15), it would be feasible to rent a car beforehand and drive on Wednesday afternoon the 2.5-3 hours to Mount Rainier National Park. Go to Paradise on the south side of the mountain and hike one of the day hiking trails.
- For a slightly more ambitious, but still achievable drive, go to Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park: leave right at noon and take the ferry to Bremerton (or drive via the Tacoma Narrows bridge), and proceed the roughly 2.5-3 hours to Port Angeles. Drive the 17 miles up to Hurricane Ridge, and then hike the 1.7 miles up to Hurricane Hill – one of the most beautiful spots in America.

- St. Edward's State Park. Just 20-30 minutes away from the university, find a lovely forest on the banks of Lake Washington at the former grounds of a seminary.
- Drive by Lake Washington: If you have a car, drive south from the University along Lake Washington Boulevard to see the shores of Lake Washington. Ample places to stop and take walks or swim.
- Visit the Washington Park Arboretum
- The Kubota Garden: This beautiful Japanese-style garden is free to visit in south Seattle. It was the life work of Fujitaro Kubota, and is now maintained by the city.
- Green Lake Park: walk or ride a bike around this popular urban lake, also site of various parks and entertainments, and near the famous Seattle Zoo.
- Scarecrow Video: If you're a film buff, be sure to visit the largest film rental store in the country, famous for its collection of rare and obscure items. Just ten blocks from the university.
- Seattle Underground Tour: See the remains of early Seattle under the streets of downtown, before the city was raised following a flood.
- Ballard Locks: Visit the locks that let boats traverse between Lake Union and the Puget Sound. See the salmon swim upstream.