Things to Do, Place to Go in Seattle

Get Outside (unless the weather is way too hot!)

Take a walk on the Burke Gilman Trail
The Burke Gilman trail, a refurbished railroad right of way, is a well-traveled walking and biking pathway with a segment running through the university. Below is a map of the area near the university.

Take a walk on the Waterfront Trails to the east of the University
If you continue east on University property (and across a vast parking lot), you will connect with several trails running on the edge of Lake Washington.

Hit a bucket of golf balls
The Golf Range is also east on University property and a bit north. Bucket rates are $4.00 for a regular bucket and $5.25 for a large bucket. Hours are 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.
Rent a canoe
Visit the UW's Waterfront Activities Center and rent a canoe or row boat and see Lake Washington from water level. The Center is open from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. Rentals are $7.50/hour. The Center can be reached at 543-9433.

Take a ferry ride
Rather than an expensive harbor tour ($18.60), take a ferry ride as a passenger from Pier 52 to Bainbridge Island. A passenger ride, including both directions, is $6.70. Sometimes riders see an orca or two. This Bainbridge Island run leaves Seattle approximately every 50-55 minutes all day and up until 10:55 pm. The ride is about 35 minutes each direction. The view of Seattle from the harbor on the way back is lovely.

Visit Pike Place Market in downtown Seattle
A “must” on many visitors' lists is the fresh produce and handicrafts offered at Pike Place Market at 1st Avenue and Pine Street.

Visit the Seattle Art Museum
Also downtown at 1300 First Avenue, the Seattle Art Museum is open from 10 am to 5 pm and is open on Thursday evenings until 9:00 pm. The museum has just expanded and has strong contemporary installations and art and a strong Asian collection. The SAM can be reached at 206-654-3100. There is a $13 fee.

Visit Capitol Hill
Capitol Hill is bounded by Interstate 5 on the west and Eastlake, State Road 520 to the north, E. Pike and E. Madison to the South and 23rd/24th to the east. Capitol Hill was never a capitol but it was a residential area for the elite. Now densely populated, it is now home to Seattle's largest gay community and its mainstreet, Broadway, is lively and lined with interesting shops
and people.

Visit the Seattle Asian Art Museum
On Capitol Hill in Volunteer Park, The Seattle Asian Art Museum, a subset of SAM, can be found at 1400 E. Prospect. It's open from 10-5, with a $5 feel.

Visit the Washington Park Arboretum
South of the University of Washington campus and the Ship Canal, the Arboretum contains wetlands at Union Bay, Arboretum Creek and ridges, and consists of 230 acres of trees and shrubs. In the wetlands area, there is a nice walk on Foster Island. There is also a Japanese garden.

Visit Elliott Bay Books
A much beloved bookstore in the Pioneer Square area of downtown Seattle. Elliott Bay is open 9:30 to 10 pm, except Sundays when they close at 7 pm. They offer 150,000 titles at 101 South Main Street. Their phone is 624-6600.