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ON THE UW CAMPUS

- [Henry Art Gallery](#)
4100 15th Ave NE and 41st St • (206) 543-2280
Hours: Tuesday through Sunday 11am-5pm and Thursdays until 8pm
The Henry Art Gallery is a contemporary art museum that hosts a variety of exhibitions and related programs that invite dialogue about contemporary culture, politics, aesthetics and the traditions of visual art and design of the last two centuries.
- [Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture](#)
17th Ave NE and 45th St NE • (206) 543-7907
Hours: Daily 10am-5pm and first Thursday of every month until 8pm
The Burke Museum is recognized as the premier natural and cultural heritage resource in the Pacific Northwest.
- [Jacob Lawrence Gallery](#)
School of Art Building • (206) 685-1805
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday noon-4pm
Under the direction of the School of Art, the "Jake" hosts exhibitions of work by students, faculty, and national artists.
- [Meany Hall for the Performing Arts](#)
Considered one of the region's premier performance venues, Meany Hall hosts international performers through the UW World Series, as well as performers from the School of Drama, School of Music, Dance Program, and the Center for Digital Arts & Experimental Media.
- [University Bookstore](#)
4326 University Way NE • (800) 335-7323
Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-9pm / Saturday 10am-7pm / Sunday 12-5pm
The University Bookstore sponsors a number of author readings and other book events.
- [UW Botanic Gardens and Washington Park Arboretum](#)
3501 NE 41st Street
Hours vary
These gardens sustain natural ecosystems and the human spirit through plant research, display, and education. The Washington Park Arboretum is a spectacular urban green space on the shores of Lake Washington just south of the UW campus.
- [UW Water Activities Center](#)
Behind Husky Stadium at Union Bay • (206) 543-9433
Hours: 10am-6pm daily
Rent canoes and rowboats and experience the beauty of Lake Washington.
- [Burke Gilman Trail](#)
The Burke-Gilman Trail is a popular recreational trail for walkers, runners, cyclists, skaters, and commuters. The trail runs along the south side of the UW campus.
- [UW Campus Events Calendar](#)
A calendar of events occurring on the UW campus.

MUSEUMS

- **Seattle Art Museum**
100 University Street (downtown) and 1400 E Prospect St (Volunteer Park) • (206) 654-3100
Hours: Tuesday–Sunday: 10am–5pm / Thursday 10am–9pm
SAM's downtown location is closed until May 2007 due to an expansion project. Please visit its Volunteer Park location.
- **Olympic Sculpture Park**
2901 Western Avenue
Hours: Oct 1-April 30: 7am–6pm / May 1-Sep 30: 6am-9pm
Administered by the Seattle Art Museum, the park provides an open and vibrant green space for people to experience art outdoors.
- **Frye Art Museum**
704 Terry Ave. • (206) 622-9250
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm / Sunday noon-4pm / Thursday 10am-8pm
The Frye Art Museum engages audiences, challenges perceptions, and encourages dialogue about representational art in all its complexities, past and present. Admission to the museum is always free.
- **Wing Luke Asian Museum**
407 7th Ave South • (206) 623-5124
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11am-4:30pm / Saturday-Sunday noon-4pm
The Wing Luke explores issues related to the culture, art, and history of Asian Pacific Americans.
- **Museum of History and Industry**
2700 24th Avenue • (206) 324-1126
Hours: 10am-5pm daily
MOHAI is the definitive place for everyone with a passion, curiosity, or question about the history of Seattle and King County.
- **Experience Music Project**
325 5th Ave N, Seattle Center • (206) 770-2702
Hours: in winter open everyday (except Tuesday) from 10am-5pm / in summer open daily 10am-8pm
Designed by architect Frank Gehry, EMP is a space where music is experienced and appreciated.
- **Museum of Flight**
9404 E Marginal Way South • (206) 764-5700
Hours: 10am-5pm daily / Thursdays until 9pm
The Museum of Flight's collection of aerospace artifacts is the largest and most comprehensive in the western United States.
- **Pacific Science Center & IMAX Theatre**
200 2nd Ave N • (206) 443-2001
Hours: Weekdays 10am-5pm / Weekends 10am-6pm
Discover the wonders of science and beyond.

SIGHTS

- **Pike Place Market**
Pike Street and First Avenue • (206) 682-7453
Hours: Mon-Sat 9am-6pm / Sunday 11am-5pm
Seattle's public market is famous for flying fish, great seafood, fresh flowers, and other arts and crafts. Pike Place Market is the oldest continuously operating farmer's market in the U.S.
- **Seattle Aquarium**
1483 Alaskan Way Pier 59 at Pike Street • (206) 386-4320
Hours: daily 10am-5pm
Get face-to-fin with marine life and discover the natural wonders of Puget Sound.

- [Seattle Central Public Library](#)
1000 4th Avenue • (206) 386-4636
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-8pm / Friday-Saturday 10am-6pm / Sunday 12-6pm
Designed by Rem Koolhaas, the new Central Library opened in 2004 to much acclaim. The 11-floor steel and glass structure contains an innovative "Books Spiral," which allows patrons unprecedented access to the library's collections.
- [Pioneer Square](#)
South end of downtown Seattle
Visit the heart of "old" Seattle. Pioneer Square is home to a thriving arts community, a variety of shops and restaurants, and the Underground Tour.
- [Space Needle](#)
400 Broad Street • (206) 905-2100
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 9am-11pm / Friday and Saturday 9am-midnight
The Space Needle features an observation deck 520 feet above the great Seattle metropolis.
- [Woodland Park Zoo](#)
5500 Phinney Ave N • (206) 684-4800
Hours: Open daily from 9:30am-4pm in winter and 9:30am-6pm in summer
Woodland Park Zoo encompasses 92 acres and features more than 1,090 individual animals representing nearly 300 species.
- [Hiram M. Chittenden Locks and Carl English Botanical Gardens](#)
3015 54th Street NW • (206) 783-7059
Completed in 1916, the Locks are used by pleasure boaters and commercial vessels going between saltwater Puget Sound and freshwater Lake Union and Lake Washington.

THEATER AND MUSIC VENUES

- [A Contemporary Theater](#)
700 Union St. • (206) 292-7676
A professional, non-profit theater company, ACT presents a full season of contemporary plays and smaller productions, readings, and workshops throughout the year.
- [Seattle Repertory Theater](#)
155 Mercer Street • (206) 443-2222
Located in the Seattle Center, the Seattle Rep puts on a full season of plays from contemporary to classic.
- [Theater Schmeater](#)
1500 Summit Ave • (206) 324-5801
Theater Schmeater's mission is to produce great plays simply and foster a love of theater as an art form in future audiences.
- [Intiman](#)
201 Mercer Street (Seattle Center) • (206) 269-1901
The Intiman Theater is known for producing high-quality, award-winning works in an attractive and intimate space.
- [Paramount Theater](#)
911 Pine Street • (206) 467-5510
The Paramount presents a wide range of music, dance, silent film, and other theatrical experiences in its historical venue.
- [On the Boards](#)
425 Queen Anne Ave N • (206) 217-9888
A center for contemporary performances of non-traditional dance, music, theatre, and multi-media events.

- [Moore Theater](#)
1932 Second Avenue • (206) 467-5510
Presents local community events and artists as well as national names.
- [Seattle Symphony](#)
200 University Street • (206) 215-4747
Visit Benaroya, the stunning new symphony hall located in downtown Seattle.
- [Seattle Opera](#)
321 Mercer Street (Seattle Center) • (206) 684-7200
Founded in 1963, Seattle Opera presents the classics of the European repertoire as well as new works of American opera.
- [Dimitriou's Jazz Alley](#)
2033 6th Avenue • (206) 441-9729
Seattle's premier jazz club.
- [Tractor Tavern](#)
5213 Ballard Ave. NW • (206) 789-3599
Check out all of your favorite rock, alternative country, rockabilly, groove & psychedelia, Celtic, Cajun & zydeco, folk, blues, jazz, and bluegrass acts, to name a few.
- [Crocodile Cafe](#)
2200 2nd Ave. • (206) 448-2114
Offers an eclectic and original format of live music and performance.

LECTURES AND READINGS

- [Seattle Arts & Lectures](#)
(206) 621-2230
Seattle Arts & Lectures (SAL) was founded in 1987 to raise the understanding, appreciation, and visibility of the literary arts in the Puget Sound region. Programs include a lecture series and poetry series.
- [Richard Hugo House](#)
1634 11th Avenue • (206) 322-7030
Hugo House is a center for the literary arts that supports writers of all ages and backgrounds and promotes the creation of new writing.
- [Elliott Bay Book Company](#)
101 South Main Street • (206) 624-6600
Elliott Bay Book Company sponsors a number of readings and offers the book-lover hours of browsing.

TOURS

- [Argosy Cruises](#)
(800)-642-7816
Offers a variety of cruises on Lake Union, Lake Washington, and Eliot Bay.
- [Seattle City Tours](#)
(888) 293-1404
Offers 3-hour tours of Seattle and a tour from Seattle to Mt. Rainier National Park.
- [The Underground Tour](#)
608 First Avenue (Pioneer Square) • (206) 682-4646
While you roam the subterranean passages that once were the main roadways and first-floor storefronts of old downtown Seattle, tour guides regale you with humorous stories that our pioneers didn't want you to hear.

- [See Seattle Walking Tours](#)
(425) 226-7641
Offers private and group walking tours of Seattle.
- [Aerial Scenic Tours](#)
(866) 435-9524
Experience Seattle like never before on daily scenic flights. Watch from one thousand feet up as this vibrant city comes to life.

SHOPPING & MOVIES

- [University Village](#), just a short distance from the UW campus, is a unique outdoor shopping experience with stores such as Crate & Barrel, Pottery Barn, and many local shops and restaurants.
- Downtown Seattle hosts the flagship Nordstrom store as well as [Pacific Place](#) and [Westlake Center](#).

The University District is home to many movie theaters including:

- [Grand Illusions Cinemas](#) • 1403 NE 50th • (206) 523-3935
- [Neptune Theatre](#) • 1303 NE 45th at Brooklyn Avenue • (206) 781-5755
- [Seven Gables Theatre](#) • 911 NE 50th Street at Roosevelt • (206) 781-5755
- [Varsity Theatre](#) • 4329 University Way N.E. • (206) 781-5755
- [Metro Cinemas](#) • 4500 9th Avenue NE • (206) 781-5755

BEYOND SEATTLE

- [Tacoma Art Museum](#)
1701 Pacific Avenue in downtown Tacoma (approximately 40 miles south of Seattle) • (253) 272-4258
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm / Sunday noon-5pm
An Antoine Predock-designed building located in the heart of Tacoma's Cultural District featuring flexible exhibition space showcasing American, European, and Asian art.
- [Chateau Ste. Michelle Winery](#)
14111 NE 145th Street, Woodinville (17 miles north of Seattle) • (800) 267-6793
Washington state's oldest and most acclaimed winery offers award-winning wines and a tasting experience second to none.
- [Olympic National Park](#)
A few hours west of Seattle, the Olympic National Park offers hiking, camping, and sightseeing.
- [San Juan Islands](#)
Located approximately 100 miles northwest of Seattle
Visit the San Juan Islands for scenic drives, hiking, camping, and other water sports.
- [Mt. Rainier National Park](#) [accessibility dependent on weather conditions]
Located approximately 100 miles (2 hours) southeast of Seattle
The park, established in 1899, includes Mount Rainier (14,410') and contains outstanding examples of old growth forests and subalpine meadows.
- [Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument](#)
Located approximately 170 miles (3 hours) south of Seattle
Mount St. Helens erupted in April 1980, and the National Volcanic Monument is a stunning geologic display.
- [Winter recreation](#)
Visit this site to learn more about skiing, snow-shoeing, and other winter activities.