

West Seattle Public Art

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SE Corner of California Ave SW & SW Alaska St



1. Luna Girls on Alki

Next to 1636 Harbor Ave SW

Three ladies, in 1920's beach attire, draw from the history of Luna Park here on Alki a 100 years ago. They welcome visitors to the Beach Promenade & project a happy greeting 100 years into the future.

The figures are created from thick steel, cut to look like lines drawn in the air. Their hands reach to 9 feet.

Visit www.LunaGirlsonAlki.com

2. Swimming Stars

at Whale Tail Playground

5817 SW Lander St, Seattle, WA

The twirling center of Swimming Stars is concrete set with glass mirrored stars depicting the Great Whale constellation and part of the constellation Pisces. Seasonally the Great Whale can be viewed simultaneously with the actual heavenly constellation above.

Surrounding the watery night sky is a vibrant concrete beach strewn with mosaic marine protozoa caught in nets. A life-size bronze octopus with sea stars and shells clings to the rocks.

3. Constellation Park & Marine Reserve

3521 Beach Dr SW, Seattle WA

Mock Tidepool: On the sidewalk, at the entrance to the park, is a mock tidepool featuring life sized bronze marine creatures that inhabit the bedrock beach at low tide, including thatched barnacles, starfish, moon snails and an octopus.

Intertidal Interpretive Wall: Down the access ramp to the beach is a 28ft long tiled wall with images that identify the local marine intertidal inhabitants, shellfish, and algae. Included is information on marine conservation and habitat in 3 languages.

Avenue of Stars: 27 bronze star constellations are embedded in the sidewalk along the waterfront. The constellations are arranged by season and can be seen from the park in the evening sky. A medallion identifies each constellation and it's location the night sky.

4. Cormorant Cove Park

3701 Beach Dr SW, Seattle WA

To reveal the shoreline, a 12' high seawall and tons of landfill was removed to recreate a beach cove for intertidal habitat and beach access. The site was landscaped with native, salt & drought tolerant plants.

A 22' diameter mosaic patio overlooks Puget Sound. The inlaid tiles depict a center cormorant, shoreline facts, project history and silhouettes of local waterfowl.

An 18 foot long bronze handrail of waves and Cormorants highlights the access into the park.

5. Weather Watch Park

4035 Beach Dr SW Seattle, WA

The patio overlook is paved with local beach glass, tiles, and bricks engraved with weather related poetry and quotes, and people's names with the year they made West Seattle their home.

A concrete column features photos and stories depicting weather lore, site history, and a sundial. Its' cap is a directional compass with weather symbols in relief. A weathervane of four Brant geese flies above, turning freely into the prevailing wind.

The concrete bench is inlaid with an 8 ft bronze mountain map of the Olympic Mt range as seen from the park, including the names and altitudes of each of the peaks.

6. Spinning Water and the Baqua at Dakota Place Park

4304 SW Dakota St, Seattle WA

A Spinning Water sculpture marks each of the entrances to the park. Created from vintage light poles, they are crowned with a triple canopy of vortexes or metal "ribbons" bent & welded into spiral shapes. The vortexes are 9 feet in diameter.

The Baqua uses colorful glass imbedded in black concrete to compose a mosaic vortex. The 4-foot circular Baqua is set flush into the center of the pedestrian plaza.

7. The Brig, the Bear and the Waves

3900 SW Alaska St, Seattle WA 98116

The 10 ft diameter mosaic is located at the major intersection of SW Alaska Street and Fauntleroy Way SW in front of LA Fitness.

Images cut from Italian porcelain tiles represent the 4 components of the design; Alaska or alaxsxaq, Fauntleroy, Me-kwa-mooks or bear's head, and Crossroad or turning point. Each of these draw upon the West Seattle peninsula's unique heritage.

8. Junction 47 Ten Historical Bronzes and eleven glass ornaments

California Ave SW and SW Alaska St in the West Seattle Junction.

Ten bas-relief bronze panels are set into brick columns in the heart of the West Seattle Junction on the corner of California Ave SW and SW Alaska St. The 39-inch tall panels depict local history and the geography unique to the Duwamish Peninsula.

Eleven kiln-cast Coral Orange glass ornaments created as architectural details are set into the white brick exterior columns at Junction 47 in West Seattle.

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