



Itinerary: Third Day's a Charm



Our third day will be a bit more open as we encourage you to check out one of Seattle's immediate neighborhoods.

1 Capitol Hill is a good walk. You can catch a bus from the Needle and be up there in no time at all. Start at the south end of the hill at Broadway and Pine Street. You will see the Egyptian Theater which is one of the host theaters for the Seattle International Film Festival, the largest film fest in North America, which is held in May and June. Across the street is the Broadway Performance Hall, which is built in the shell of a wing of the old Broadway High School.

As you walk north, you will see Cal Anderson Park to your left, which is a good place to sun yourself in an urban environment or watch a softball or soccer game.

The shops along Broadway will present to you food, books, clothes, and a few surprises as well. Again for book lovers, just off Broadway at East John is Twice Sold Tales. Enjoy the used books and the many cats. Be sure to notice the elaborate catwalk system over your head for the...well...cats.

Volunteer Park is an oasis of nature in the midst of the city. The park offers a complete outdoor experience. You can climb the water tower for a view of the city. Walk the grounds and you're sure to find that perfect sunny or shady spot. Check out the Volunteer Park Conservatory with its five different rooms of exotic plants and flowers. Tours are offered and there are group rates as well.

The Seattle Art Museum's Asian art collection is located here and well worth checking out as the holdings are extensive and superbly presented. At one time, the entire art museum was here and the Asian collection was primarily held in storage. With the museum opening downtown, this created more space for this impressive collection. Of course, right outside the museum you can get a picture of the Space Needle as seen through the sculpture by Henry Moore.

Next to Volunteer Park is Lakeview Cemetery, where many of Seattle's original settlers are buried. The family names on the tombstones will seem familiar because you'll see them on our streets! This is also the final resting place of action movie icon Bruce Lee and his son Brandon Lee. Across the street from the north end of the cemetery is a little known Civil War cemetery holding the graves of Civil War vets who came to the NW after the war.

2 Georgetown is an up and coming neighborhood that is best seen by car. This neighborhood is in transition. You can't turn a corner without seeing an artist's studio or gallery with unique gifts, crafts, clothing by emerging artists. As you drive this neighborhood you are in a zoning frenzy! Houses, warehouses, and industrial parks are all next to each other mixed in with some fun things to see.

Top of the list is the old remains of the Hat and Boots gas station. Harkening back to the days before the interstates, the Hat and Boots was part of Frontier Village Shopping Center. The "Hat" was the service station office while the "Boots" were the restrooms. These sat abandoned on the original location and it was only with great effort by the community that they were moved and preserved. They can be seen at Oxbow Park in the 6400 block between Carleton Avenue S. and Corson Avenue S.

The hundred-ton gorilla in the neighborhood is Boeing Field, used primarily for private and specialty aircraft. The original barn used by Bill Boeing to construct his planes is now part of the Museum of Flight. The Museum covers the history of aviation and is interactive to boot. If you like flying, this is your place in the clouds. Don't miss the actual aircraft kept onsite such as a Kennedy era Air Force One and an actual Concorde.

The **3 Washington Park Arboretum** is not really a neighborhood in itself but a great place to spend a few hours. This is a great walk through nature and the variety of plants, trees, and shrubs here will boggle the mind. Most species are marked so it's easy to identify something you love. For natural plant lovers, this is not a place to be missed.

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However, for your money, the place to go here is the Japanese Garden. This is a great place to contemplate life in a perfectly maintained environment. Tours are offered and if you plan to do their authentic tea ceremony, book early. This is truly a getaway oasis in the middle of the city. On the other end of the Arboretum you can walk in the watery marsh on real boardwalks intermingling with plants, birds, and kayakers. You can also visit the Museum of History and Industry, which covers local history. This museum is a bit off the beaten path but there are lots of valuable historical facts to be seen and found. On occasion they have lectures or concerts that are open to the public.

The Details

SAM Asian Art Museum at Volunteer Park

LOCATION: 1400 East Prospect Street - Volunteer Park, Seattle, WA 98112
 HOURS: Tuesday thru Sunday 10am to 5pm, Thursday 10am to 9pm, Monday closed.
 FEES: Adults \$5, Seniors \$3, Students with ID \$3, Youth \$3, Children 12 and under free. Free the first Thursday of every month.
 CONTACT: (206) 654-3100

Museum of Flight

LOCATION: 9404 East Marginal Way S, Seattle, WA 98108
 HOURS: Open seven days a week from 10- 5pm.
 On the first Thursday of each month, open until 9:00pm.
 FEES: Adults \$14, Youth \$7.50, Children under 4 free
 CONTACT: (206) 764-5720

Seattle Japanese Garden

LOCATION: Washington Park Arboretum off of Madison Street
 HOURS: Open every day 10am- 8pm in the Spring and Summer, Tues.- Sun. 10am- 6pm most other times of the year.
 FEES: Adults \$5, Youths \$3, Seniors \$3, College students with ID \$3, Children five and under free
 CONTACT: (206) 684-4725

