

Light Rail – Beacon Hill Station Y2415
10K rated 3B 8K rated 2B 5K, 6K, 9K rated 1A



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10K – rated 3B:

The 10K route explores the north end of Beacon Hill, then continues on from Beacon Hill to the Mount Baker neighborhood, and a stroll along the shore of Lake Washington. Rated 3B for stairs (56 steps down, then later 110 steps up) and moderate hills. Mostly on sidewalks and paved trails, with some gravel and dirt paths along the way. See 8K for same route but with 2B option for fewer stairs.

8K – rated 2B:

This is exactly the same as the 10K route, except it ends at Mt. Baker Station – avoiding the big uphill push at the end of the 10K route – for a reduced trail rating of 2B instead of 3B. Route still has 56 steps down at mid-point of route (but deletes the 110 steps up at the end of the 10K route). **The 8K requires purchase for fare on Light Rail** to return to the start. See enclosed "How to Ride Light Rail" tip sheet for helpful information.

5K – rated 1A:

The 5K route also explores the north end of Beacon Hill, offering several grand-stand views, and a stroll through nice neighborhoods with some pretty older homes. The 5K route stays on top of Beacon Hill, returning directly to the Start.

6K and 9K – rated 1A:

The 6K and 9K routes head south on Beacon Hill, on easy-going 1A terrain on top of Beacon Hill. The 6K follows the Chief Sealth Trail to finish at Othello Light Rail Station. The 9K continues on top of the ridge before gently descending through a greenbelt to finish at Rainier Beach Light Rail Station. **Both the 6K and 9K routes require purchase for fare on Light Rail** to return to the start. See enclosed "How to Ride Light Rail" tip sheet for helpful information.

Comments:

There are no restrooms at any Light Rail Stations, and there are no restrooms at Start Location (Hilltop Red Apple).

There is no restroom on 5K route. A restroom is available near the Start at Shell station, two blocks north of Start Location (exit store, turn **LEFT**, walk two blocks on Beacon Ave.), then return to Start. Note – restroom at Shell station is for customers only – but you could buy a bottled water and a power bar for your walk. The 8K and 10K routes have portable toilet restroom at 5K mark along route. The 6K and 9K routes have restroom at Jefferson Park Golf Clubhouse about 1.5K mark on along route. Pets are not allowed on Light Rail, but are allowed on the route if arriving otherwise. Moderate difficulty for strollers and wheelchairs on 5K, 6K, 9K. Not suitable for 10K or 8K.

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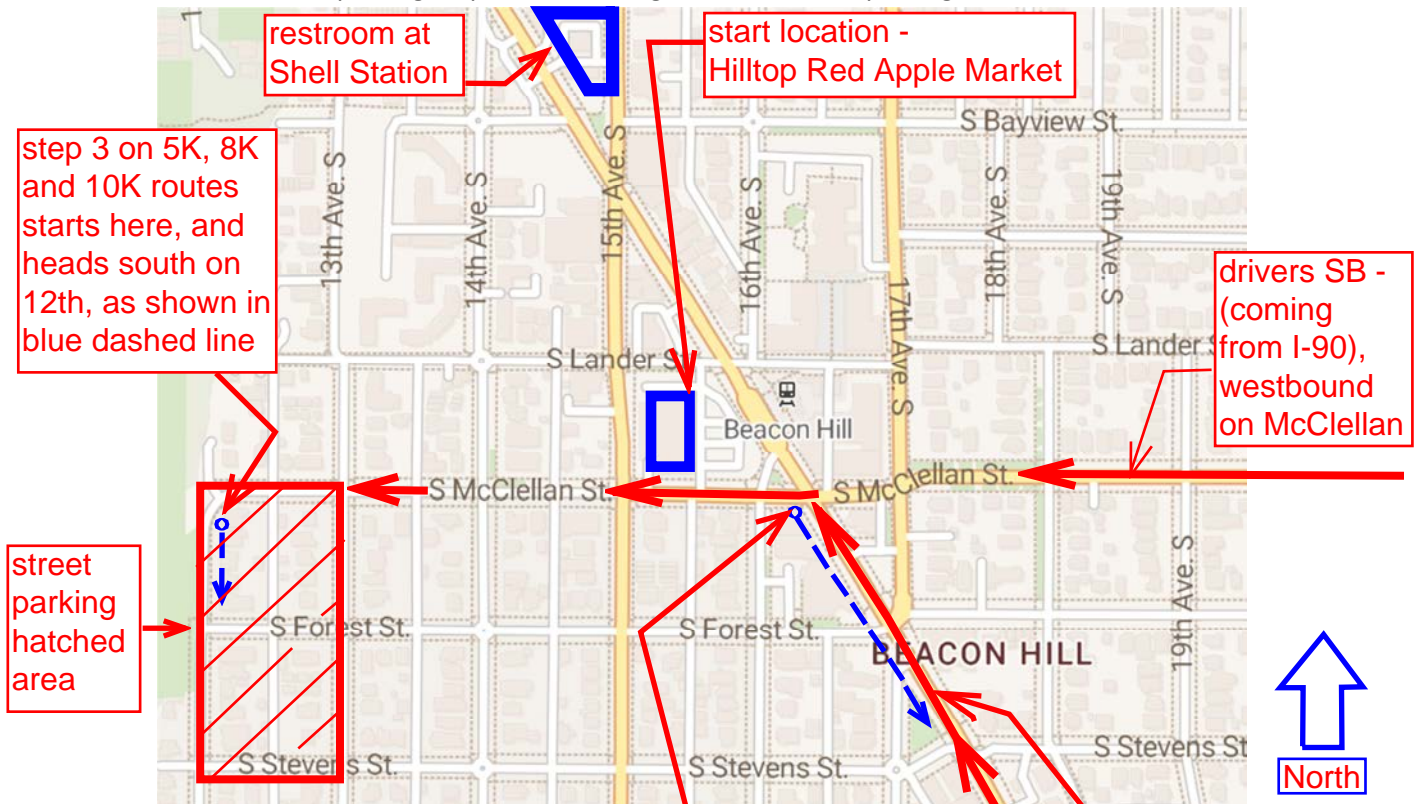
Driving Directions:

From I-5 northbound, take exit 163 (W Seattle Br / Columbian Way) and stay in far right lane for Columbian Way. As the exit ramp merges with another road, move to the far left lane, and turn **LEFT** onto Spokane St. Drive uphill 1/4 mile, and turn **LEFT** onto Beacon Avenue S. After 1/2 mile, turn **LEFT** onto McClellan. Hilltop Red Apple Market is on **RIGHT**.

From I-5 southbound, exit onto I-90, eastbound. Immediately take exit 3 (Rainier Ave. S.), and turn **RIGHT** onto Rainier Ave. S. After 3/4 mile, turn **RIGHT** onto McClellan. Drive uphill, 3/4 mile on McClellan, staying with it as it jogs. Hilltop Red Apple Market is on right at top of hill.

Parking:

The store lot is for customers only, and nearby street parking is limited to 2-hours. For suggested parking that is free and without time limits, see parking map below for neighborhood street parking.



AVA Challenges:

Par for the Course – all routes.

Step to the Beat – Perihelion Brewery – all routes.

Walking with America’s Veterans – 6K and 9K only.

Walking with the Wild Things – 8K and 10K only:

Garden gnomes – two houses: 3415 and 3205 Mt. Baker Blvd (at step 29 on walk directions).

Gargoyle: 3215 Mt. Baker Blvd. (at step 29 on walk directions).

ESVA & OTSVA Challenges:

Peace Pole – Welcome Table Church – 1322 S. Bayview (at 14th Ave. S. – step 5 of 5K, 8K & 10K directions)

Tell Me a Story – all routes

That’s Entertainment:

Cultural: 5K – Centilia Cultural Center. 8K & 10K – NW African American Museum.

Sports: 6K & 9K – Bill Wright Golf Complex – golf course

Light Rail Challenge: South region. Qualifier: Beacon Hill Station. (note: 6K, 8K, 9K, and 10K also pass other stations)

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**8K**

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1. Kindly thank the staff for hosting the walk box. Exit store, turn **RIGHT** to walk to street (S. McClellan St.).
2. **RIGHT** on McClellan. Walk four blocks to the end.
- 3. **LEFT** on 12th Ave. S. Walk one block to S. Forest St. (pause at the viewpoint on your right, as you wish).
4. **LEFT** on Forest. Walk two blocks to 14th Ave. S.
5. **LEFT** on 14th. Walk approx. 1.5K, to nearly the end of 14th (one block after S. Judkins St.).
- 6. At Pacific Medical Centers (8-story brick building on left) **CROSS** driveway and turn **LEFT** onto sidewalk, (brick bldg. now on right). Walk to street (12th Ave. S).
- 7. Carefully **CROSS** 12th at the crosswalk and **CROSS** parking lot to enjoy the view.
8. From the viewpoint, turn **RIGHT** and walk downhill on asphalt path, continuing as path **VEERS RIGHT** (street becomes S. Charles St.).
9. At the light, **CROSS** 12th Ave. S. (also called “Golf Dr.). Continue **STRAIGHT**, as the sidewalk transitions to a wide asphalt path, which then **VEERS RIGHT**. (3K)
- 10. Stay on asphalt path approximately 1K to a big intersection of asphalt paths. Take the **LEFT FORK** toward I-90 (path with metal handrail to your right).
- 11. Path becomes a concrete walkway crossing over roads below, and alongside the freeway (I-90). Continue as path heads uphill and ends at street (23rd Ave. S. – unmarked – tall brick building ahead).
- 12. **LEFT** on 23rd, one block to traffic light.
13. **RIGHT** to **CROSS** 23rd. Continue on wide sidewalk to first intersection (look for bench, portable toilet).
- 14. **RIGHT** at intersection. Continue on meandering asphalt path, passing Jimi Hendrix sculpture on right.
15. At the bandstand, where sidewalk has purple stripe, turn **LEFT** to follow purple stripe to corner, down steps to S. Massachusetts.
16. **LEFT** on Massachusetts. Continue on left side, five blocks, to Brander Pl. S. (**CROSS** MLK at light).
17. **RIGHT** on Bradner. Continue uphill on Bradner.
- 18. At the top of the hill, **LEFT** to **CROSS** Bradner, and enter the community garden.
19. At the center of the garden, turn **RIGHT** and make your way to the street (S. Grand St.).
20. **LEFT** on the sidewalk at Grand. Walk uphill, to the end, at 31st Ave. S.
21. **RIGHT** on 31st. Continue one block to S. Holgate St.
22. **LEFT** to **CROSS** 31st at the crosswalk.
- 23. Enter the park, down 56 steps to the dirt path. **RIGHT** on the path downhill, passing a p-patch on your left, through four underpasses, to the bottom of the hill, at driveway next to the lake shore. (6K)
24. **CROSS** driveway and turn **RIGHT** on the sidewalk. Walk to Lake Park Dr. S. (look for lake pier on left).
25. At first crosswalk, **RIGHT** to **CROSS** Lake WA Blvd.
26. Continue uphill on the asphalt path (park on left).
27. Just after tennis courts, **LEFT** on concrete sidewalk and continue, passing play equipment on right, to intersection at S. McClellan St.
28. Carefully **CROSS** McClellan at crosswalk. Immediate turn **LEFT** to **CROSS** S. Mt. Baker Blvd., and then immediate **RIGHT** to continue on Mt. Baker Blvd.
29. Continue, left side of Mt. Baker Blvd., as it meanders gently uphill (keep wide, tree-lined median on right).
30. At Rainier Ave. S., take a **HARD RIGHT** to go up onto pedestrian bridge, **CROSSING OVER** two busy roads below, to the far end of the pedestrian bridge.
31. Exit pedestrian bridge and turn **LEFT**. Note: 8K route ends here – **see map for Mt. Baker Station & notes. For 10K:** turn **LEFT** to walk under Light Rail overpass.
32. At 27th Ave. S., turn **RIGHT** to **CROSS** Winthrop, then **LEFT** to walk on the gravel path on right side. (8K)
33. Follow path as it **VEERS LEFT**, to stairs (S. Hanford St)
34. **RIGHT** up stairs, to street (Hanford and 25th Ave. S.).
35. Continue uphill on Hanford, to 21st Ave. S.
36. **RIGHT** on 21st. Walk four blocks to S. McClellan St.
37. At McClellan, **LEFT** to **CROSS** 21st, then **RIGHT** for a short distance (McClellan jogs a bit here).
38. **LEFT** on McClellan, uphill, to light at Beacon Ave. S.
- 39. **CROSS** Beacon Ave., and return to start at Hilltop Red Apple Market on right. (or, Beacon Hill Light Rail Station on right, before crossing Beacon Ave.)

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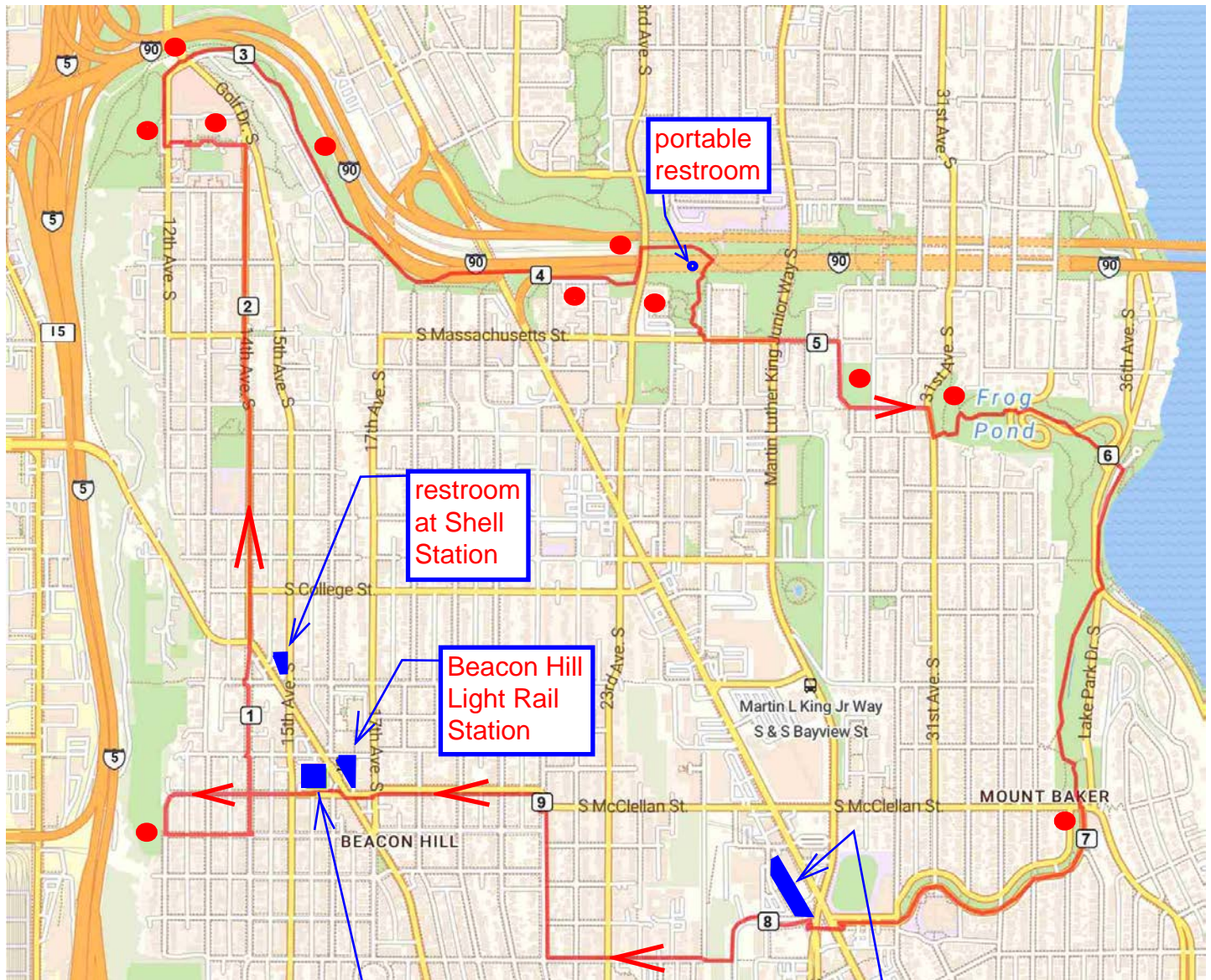
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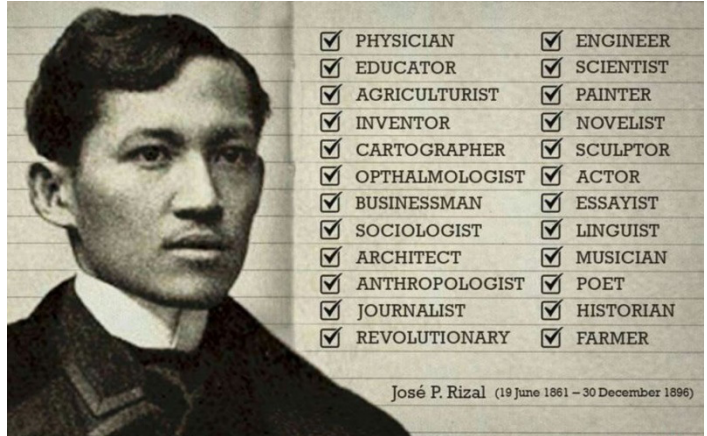
The 8K route ends at Mount Baker Light Rail Station, for a ride back to the start on Light Rail. After exiting pedestrian overpass (step 31 on walk directions), CROSS unmarked street to enter Station. Purchase ticket at ticket kiosk or tap your Orca card. Take escalator up for northbound trains ("Lynnwood"). Beacon Hill Station is next stop. (The 10K route continues on foot, uphill, back to Start, as shown - no ride on Light Rail).

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10K 8K

- Viewpoint:** From here, one can see a City at Work: The SoDo and the Port of Seattle with its prehistoric-looking cranes, West Seattle along the ridge beyond, and to your right – downtown and Puget Sound.
- Pacific Tower:** Now walking past the front of the 8-story brick building, this iconic 1932 Art Deco building is on the National Register, designed by Architects Bebb and Gould in collaboration with Seattle Architect, John Graham & Company (Graham also designed the Space Needle and the two round Westin Towers in downtown, among other notable things in the region). The building's main lobby features original murals from 1932, restored, framed, and on loan from MOHAI.
- Viewpoint:** Puget Sound was formed during the last ice age, about 16,000 years ago, scoured by meltwater rushing from retreating glaciers. Here, the ice was about 3,000 feet thick, more than 3-times the height of Columbia Center (tallest building downtown). Olympic National Park (mountains, beyond) is an International Biosphere Reserve and a World Heritage Site.

Jose Rizal bridge: At the the traffic light, look left for Jose Rizal bridge. Connecting the north end of Beacon Hill to downtown beyond, this bridge is named for the Filipino scholar and polymath, who is considered by many to be a national hero of the Philippines. Rizal's literary works inspired several of his countrymen to rise up and overthrow Spanish colonial rule. His writings have purportedly been cited by many reformists, including Nehru, Sun Yat-sen, and Ghandi. Locally, this bridge is popular among photographers for its panoramic view of the stadiums, downtown, Puget Sound, and the Olympics, all in one frame.



- Equality:** The trail divides (and reunites at the far end) at a sculpture by artists Ken Leback and Rolon Bert Garner, featuring 35 granite houses and one bronze house set atop a hill. The now-missing descriptive plaque quoted Alexis de Tocqueville: "The nations of our time cannot prevent the conditions of men from becoming equal; but it depends upon themselves whether the principle of equality is to lead them to servitude or to freedom, to knowledge or barbarism, to prosperity or wretchedness."

Daejon Park Pavilion: On your left, you'll pass a pavilion made up of intricate, colorful carved wood components, celebrating Seattle's sister-city relationship with Daejon, a Korean city of 1.5 million. Located about 100 miles south of Seoul, the city of Daejon is considered a center of research and cutting-edge science, and is home to 18 universities, including many top medical schools, and Chungnam National University, one of the most prestigious universities in Korea.

- Mountains to Sound Trail:** This path you're on is part of a huge conservation greenway – in total, 1.5 million acres of public and private land, extending from Puget Sound, through the Cascade Mountains, and beyond to Central WA.

Northwest African American Museum (NAAM): This tall brick building across the street, at 23rd Ave. S., is a vibrant community resource, with exhibits and programs featuring visual arts, music, crafts, literature and history of African Americans in the Northwest. The Museum is housed in the old Colman School, a 3-story brick building, designed in the Jacobean style, and built in 1909. There's a better view of it as the walk route continues around the other side.

- Judkins Park Light Rail Station:** While waiting for the walk-light at 23rd, note the Light Rail Station under construction here, with a projected opening in 2026. It will be the west terminus of the East Link Extension which serves Mercer Island, Bellevue, and Redmond.

- Jimi Hendrix Park:** This park (area around NAAM – the brick building, beyond) opened in 2017 in homage to the Seattle-born music icon, described by The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as "the greatest instrumentalist in the history of rock music."



18. Bradner Bardens Park: In 1971, the City of Seattle purchased the 1.6 acre lot to be used as a park. It lay untouched until the mid-90's when neighbors rallied to save the lot from quiet negotiations that would have sold it for development. Now we have beautiful gardens with several whimsical art pieces. The park features seven ornamental theme gardens in the ornamental border, 61 p-patch plots, a children's A to Z garden below the scarecrow, and 50 varieties of ornamental street trees recommended for small spaces and under utility lines. A 33-foot-tall vintage (1916 to 1933) Aermotor windmill circulates water from the seasonal pond to the dry streambed next to the children's play area. The garden is pesticide-free and completely organic. See the orange tractor near the children's play area, by artists Clair Colquitt (metal fabricator, whose work is also featured on the Rainier Beach Light Rail walk) and Chris Vondrasek (wood carver).

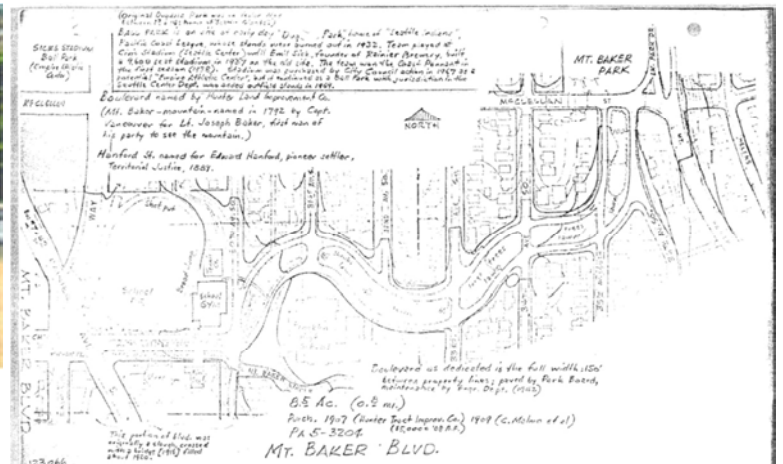
Groundbreaking at Bradner Gardens Park, 1998.
Photo courtesy BradnerGardensPark.org



23. Colman Park and the Olmstead Legacy: Steps 23 – 30 go through a series of parks, created in 1908 – 1910, all part of Olmsted's plan for linked greenspaces. First is Colman Park, which descends to Lake Washington, complete with p-patches clinging to the hillside, and a winding path that goes alongside (and under) the Olmstead-designed scenic road along the Lake. Later on the route you'll walk through Mount Baker Park, which extends all the way from the lake (step 24) up to Rainier Ave. (steps 25 through 30), walking alongside a wide, tree-lined median.



Vintage postcard – Mt. Baker Park



Olmstead's original drawing for the Boulevard

39. (step 34 of 8K route)

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Space Forms: also by Dan Corson. At the platform while waiting for your train, look up for the sculptures suspended overhead, which continue the theme of a universe as viewed either in micro or macro scale. In this work, the artist asks – "These creatures – are they from the deep sea? Or from deep space?"

3. Viewpoint: From here, one can see a City at Work: The SoDo industrial district, the Port of Seattle with its prehistoric-looking cranes, West Seattle along the ridge beyond, and to your right – downtown and Puget Sound.

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19. El Centro de la Raza: Located in the old Beacon Hill School, this Latino-based community organization has been a strong advocate and support for people of all racial and economic sectors since 1972. Visit their website: elcentrodelaraza.org for a well-written description of ECDLR's mission, history, and the many programs which operate from here. ECDLR has since expanded into the new buildings around the plaza, including the Centilia Cultural Center, which has an event space for community gatherings, such as the “Meaningful Movies Project” – a free community movie night held monthly. For an interesting article on Beacon Hill history, check out this History Link article: historylink.org/File/3004

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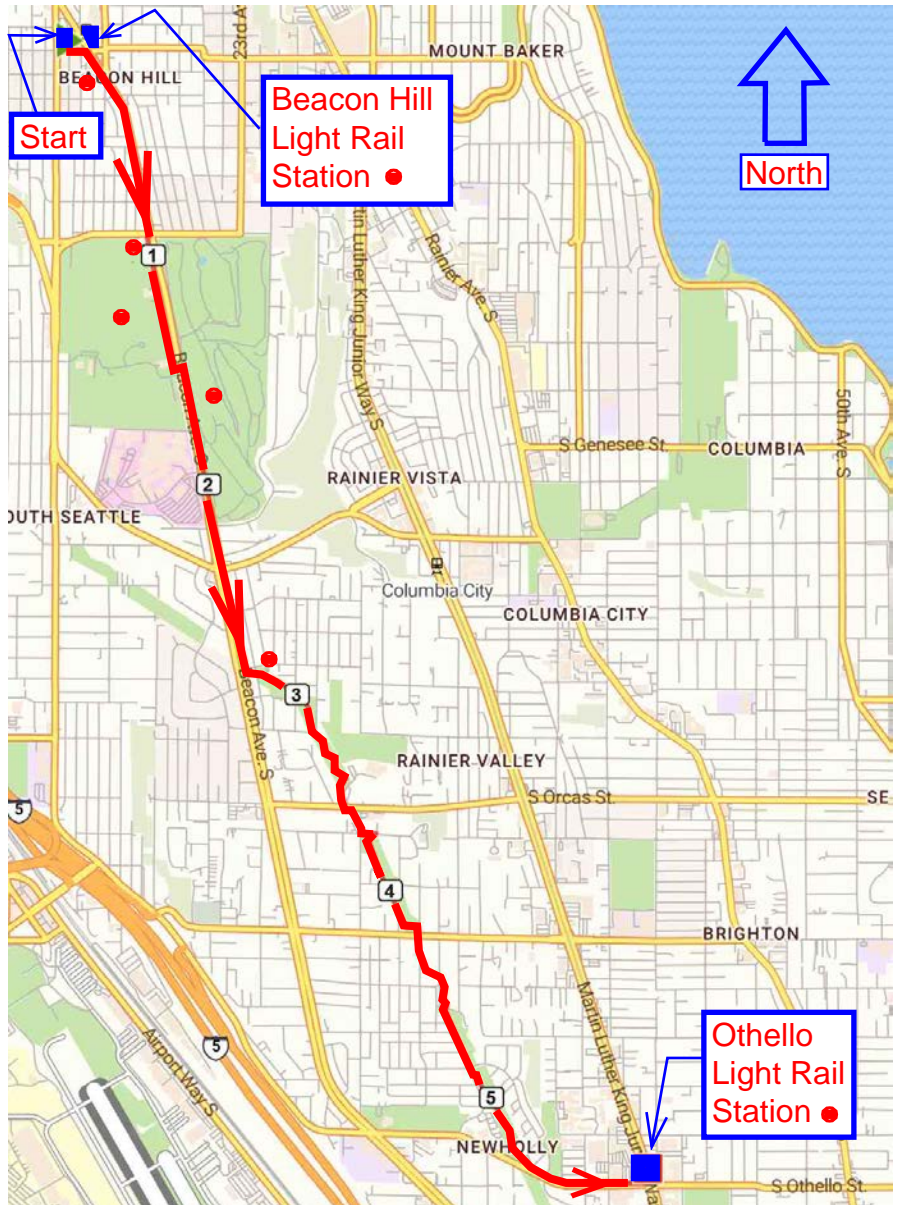


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2. **LEFT** on McClellan. Walk to the light at Beacon Ave. S.
- 3. **RIGHT** to **CROSS** McClellan. Continue on Beacon Ave., right side, for six blocks, to S. Spokane St.
- 4. **CROSS** S. Spokane St.
- 5. Continue on Beacon Ave., past a fenced driving range, to the Clubhouse beyond. (restrooms)
6. At the Clubhouse, turn **LEFT** to cross the drive lane for the parking lot. Activate the flashing walk signal to carefully **CROSS** Beacon Ave. S.
- 7. **RIGHT** onto the asphalt trail, continuing on Beacon Ave. to S. Columbian Way (traffic light).
8. **CROSS** S. Columbian Way.
9. Continue on Beacon Ave., two blocks, to S. Dawson St.
10. **CROSS** S. Dawson St. (2.8 K)
- 11. **LEFT** onto the asphalt path under the power lines – the Chief Sealth Trail. Continue on the Trail for about 2.6K, until it ends at the bottom of a big hill. Trail is shared with bikes – stay right. Watch for Trail signs as Trail crosses or combines with streets. To assist, we offer these three notes:
12. At S. Orcas St., **CROSS** at crosswalk and turn **LEFT**. Walk short distance and turn **RIGHT** onto the Trail. Continue one block to next street (S. Juneau).
13. **LEFT** on S. Juneau St. Walk a short distance and turn **RIGHT** onto Trail. Continue to next street (30th).

14. **RIGHT** on 30th Ave. S. Walk a short distance and **CROSS** S. Graham St. Continue on the Trail to the end, where it **VEERS LEFT** to merge with the sidewalk at the busy road (S. Myrtle Pl.).
15. **LEFT** onto the sidewalk at S. Myrtle Pl. Walk two blocks, downhill, following Myrtle as it **VEERS LEFT**.
16. After passing a park on your left, Myrtle becomes S. Othello St. Continue on Othello to the busy intersection at Martin Luther King Way (MLK).
17. At MLK, carefully **CROSS** the two southbound lanes of MLK, and then **CROSS** the tracks of the Light Rail.
- 18. **LEFT** to enter the Station platform for northbound trains. (North = Lynnwood). Purchase your fare at a kiosk (or tap your Orca card), and board the next northbound train. Beacon Hill will be the 3rd stop.



Light Rail – Beacon Hill Station Y2415 6K Points of Interest



3. The small triangular landscaped median at Beacon Ave. & McClellan St. is actually a park – the oldest park in King County. In total, it is 0.01 acres, and is named for George McClellan, a Civil War General appointed by President Lincoln, and one of the engineers who originally surveyed many areas in our region, including surveying for Military Road (more on that later).

Beacon Hill Library (corner of Beacon Ave. S. and S. Forest St.): Look for the sculpture above the entry to the library. Called “Dream Ship” by artist Miles Pepper, a kinetic sculptor based in Pullman WA, this boat-like art piece moves with the wind like a giant weathervane, pointing into the breeze. The artist says his intention for it was “as a metaphor for each individual’s personal journey. That the library, like a port at the edge of a great ocean, be viewed as a point of departure from which each traveler may freely set sail. That the art piece, floating above the building, function as a visible and animated landmark for both the library and the Beacon Hill community. That this Dream Ship represents a place to explore, a place to discover, and a place to dream.”

4. Fire Station 13, at the corner of Beacon Ave. and Spokane St.: This architectural gem of a fire house was built in 1928, and was later designated a Seattle Landmark in 2004.
5. The road you’re walking along – Beacon Ave. S. – was once called Military Road, one of the oldest roads in the Northwest. This is just one portion of the old Military Road, which stretched from Vancouver (WA) to Bellingham. Many parts are still in use, but known by other names such as, from south to north: Des Moines Memorial Hwy, Cloverdale St. (Georgetown), 1st Ave. (downtown), 15th (Ballard), Northgate Way, Hwy 522 (Bothell), Hwy 9, and parts of I-5 (north, from Mount Vernon to Bellingham). If you’re a real history buff, after your walk you may wish to view this comprehensive video, featuring a knowledgeable historian, who offers an interesting and colorful history of the entire length of Military Road: go online and search YouTube for the topic of “Fort Steilacoom to Fort Bellingham Military Road.”
7. Jefferson Park: Sitting atop Beacon Hill, this park has fabulous views and offers several public amenities. The City built the golf course in 1915, but it served a short stint as an airfield in 1918, hosting warplanes on a Liberty Bond Tour in WWI. The golf course was recently renamed Bill Wright Golf Complex in honor of Bill Wright, the first African American to win a USGA pro event, and also an alum of WWU in Bellingham.
11. Chief Sealth Trail: This trail makes use of the land under the power lines, providing the community with a walk/bike path that runs from the north end of Beacon Hill to Rainier Beach at the south end. Built with the excavated soils and concrete from the construction of the Link Light Rail, this project saved taxpayer dollars and won several urban-planning awards. Several points along the Trail offer a view of Mount Rainier on a clear day.
18. Othello Light Rail Station art: Come Dance with Me: dancing figures at the south plaza (near Le’s Bakery), by Louisiana artist, Augusta Asberry, who once described the inspiration for her art, “Color and motion are the elements that dance around in my head and become the heart of my work.” Stormwater Project: by stone sculptor, Brian Goldbloom. A streambed carved in granite, to bring rainwater from the roof of the shelter to the planters below. Rainier Valley Haiku: sculpture at north plaza by artist and retired Distinguished Professor from the University of Kansas, Roger Shimomura. A totem pole of sorts, representing the upward-striving immigrant Asian culture, reaching for excellence. Starting with haiku verses at the base, and then whimsically stacking various items including a wooden sandal, a rice bowl with chopsticks, a shiny dress shoe, and finally a graduation cap on top.

As you’re traveling northbound on the Light Rail, notice the street pole banners along MLK, welcoming visitors with “Hello” in many languages. The Othello neighborhood is among Seattle’s most vibrant and varied communities, proudly claiming the title “most diverse zip code in North America.” This community embraces a rich mix of cultures, faiths, customs, foods, and languages (more than forty !), including all of these as noted on the banners. For your next walk, consider taking the Light Rail walk which begins at Othello Station and heads east to Lake WA.

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Walk directions and map may only be used by those who have a signed AVA athletic waiver.

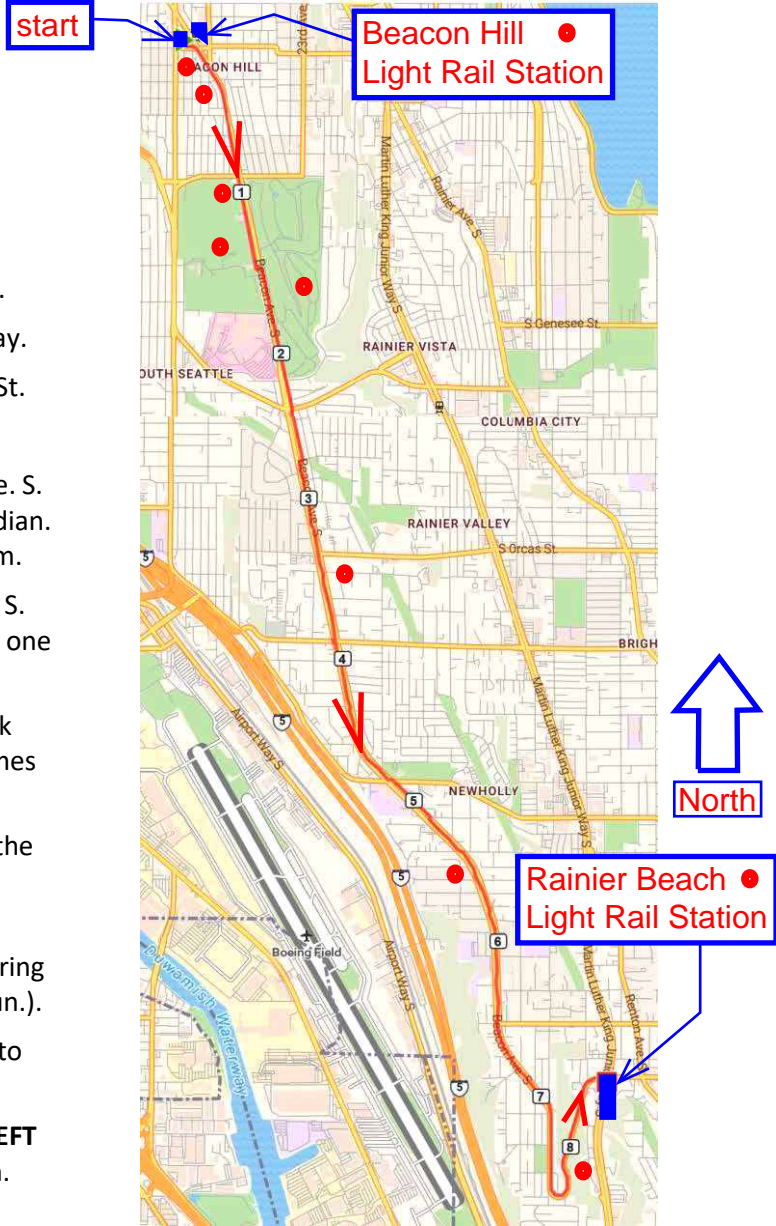


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NOTE: This walk finishes at Rainier Beach Light Rail Station, requiring that you ride Light Rail to return to Start. Purchase ticket at Station, at end of your walk (or tap Orca card). Ticket kiosk accepts credit cards or cash. See “How to Ride Light Rail” flyer in Start Box (or in OSB packet). No restrooms at Start. For restroom near Start, walk north two blocks (LEFT after exiting store) to Shell Station (restroom for customers only – buy a water), then return to Start. One other RR at 1.5K, at step 5 on route. If arriving on Light Rail, Start is across street from Station. If driving to Start, do not park at store – see Parking Map.

- 18. At 39th, **LEFT to CROSS** one lane of Beacon Ave. S. and then turn **RIGHT to CROSS** 39th Ave. S.
- 19. Continue, left side of Beacon. After one block it becomes 39th Ave. S. (the two streets merge).
- 20. Continue on 39th as the road **VEERS LEFT** and downhill to become Carkeek Dr. S.
- 21. Continue on Carkeek downhill through a greenbelt, to the traffic light at Martin Luther King Way (MLK).
- 22. At MLK, **RIGHT to CROSS** Henderson St. (Carkeek Dr. is now called Henderson here). Then **LEFT to CROSS** two southbound lanes of MLK. Turn **RIGHT** to enter the Rainier Beach Light Rail Station in the median.
- 23. Purchase your fare (or tap Orca card) and board the next northbound train. (North = Lynnwood). Beacon Hill Station will be the 4th stop.

- 1. Kindly thank the staff for hosting the walk box. Exit store, turn **RIGHT** to walk to street (S. McClellan St.).
- 2. **LEFT** on McClellan. Walk to the light at Beacon Ave. S.
- 3. **RIGHT to CROSS** McClellan. Continue on Beacon Ave., right side, for six blocks, to S. Spokane St.
- 4. **CROSS** S. Spokane St.
- 5. Continue on Beacon Ave., past a fenced driving range, to the Clubhouse beyond. (restrooms)
- 6. At the Clubhouse, turn **LEFT** to cross the drive lane for the parking lot. Activate the flashing walk signal to carefully **CROSS** Beacon Ave. S.
- 7. **RIGHT** onto the asphalt trail, past golf course on left.
- 8. At the traffic light, carefully **CROSS** S. Columbian Way.
- 9. Continue on Beacon Ave., two blocks, to S. Dawson St.
- 10. **CROSS** S. Dawson St.
- 11. At Dawson, **RIGHT to CROSS** one lane of Beacon Ave. S. Then **LEFT** on asphalt path that meanders in the median. Continue several blocks, to the traffic light at Graham.
- 12. At S. Graham St., turn **RIGHT to CROSS** Beacon Ave. S. Then **LEFT to CROSS** Graham. Then **LEFT to CROSS** one lane of Beacon Ave. S., to return to median. (4K)
- 13. **RIGHT** on the concrete sidewalk in the median. Walk past parking lot, and continue as the sidewalk becomes the meandering asphalt path in the median again.
- 14. Continue on the meandering path several blocks to the next traffic light at S. Myrtle St.
- 15. At Myrtle, **LEFT to CROSS** one lane of Beacon Ave. S. (Restrooms at Community Center directly ahead, during open hours: M-F afternoons, and Sat 9-5. Closed Sun.).
- 16. **RIGHT to CROSS** S. Myrtle St. Walk one long block to S. Othello St.
- 17. **RIGHT** at crosswalk to **CROSS** Beacon Ave. S., then **LEFT** on the meandering asphalt path in the median again. Continue to the end of the path at 39th Ave. S. (7K)



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3. The small triangular landscaped median at Beacon Ave. & McClellan St. is actually a park – the oldest park in King County. In total, it is 0.01 acres, and is named for George McClellan, a Civil War General appointed by President Lincoln, and one of the engineers who originally surveyed many areas in our region, including surveying for Military Road (more on that later).

Beacon Hill Library: (corner of Beacon Ave. S. and S. Forest St.) Look for the sculpture above the entry to the library. Called “Dream Ship” by artist Miles Pepper, a kinetic sculptor based in Pullman WA, this boat-like art piece moves with the wind like a giant weathervane, pointing into the breeze. The artist says his intention for it was “as a metaphor for each individual’s personal journey. That the library, like a port at the edge of a great ocean, be viewed as a point of departure from which each traveler may freely set sail. That the art piece, floating above the building, function as a visible and animated landmark for both the library and the Beacon Hill community. That this Dream Ship represents a place to explore, a place to discover, and a place to dream.”

4. Fire Station 13: At the corner of Beacon Ave. and Spokane St., this architectural gem of a fire house was built in 1928, and was later designated a Seattle Landmark in 2004.
- 5-7. Jefferson Park: Sitting atop Beacon Hill, this park has fabulous views and offers several public amenities. The City built the golf course in 1915, but it served a short stint as an airfield in 1918, hosting warplanes on a Liberty Bond Tour in WWI. The golf course is named Bill Wright Golf Complex in honor of the first African American to win a USGA pro event, and also an alum of WWU in Bellingham.
11. As you walk along Beacon Ave., watch for S. Juneau St. (one block after Orcas St.) After crossing Juneau, if the weather is clear, stop and look left for a view of the Cascades. Glacier Peak is the snowy one on the far left, at 10,581 ft. The most remote volcano of our region, its last eruption was about 300 years ago. An ancient eruption about 13,000 years ago produced five times the amount of volcanic material as the Mt. St. Helens eruption in 1980.
13. The road you’re walking along – Beacon Ave. S. – was once called Military Road, one of the oldest roads in the Northwest. This is just one portion of the old Military Road, which stretched from Vancouver (WA) to Bellingham. Many parts are still in use, but known by other names such as, from south to north: Des Moines Memorial Hwy, Cloverdale St. (Georgetown), 1st Ave. (downtown), 15th (Ballard), Northgate Way, Hwy 522 (Bothell), Hwy 9, and parts of I-5 (north, from Mount Vernon to Bellingham). If you’re a real history buff, after your walk you may wish to view this comprehensive video, featuring a knowledgeable historian, with a colorful history of the entire length of Military Road: go online and search YouTube for the topic of “Fort Steilacoom to Fort Bellingham Military Road.”
17. Something to ponder as you’re walking along the ridge of Beacon Hill, at an ever-so-slightly downhill slope all the way: Beacon Hill was formed during the Pleistocene by retreating glaciers. Its elongated form, called a “drumlin”, has a blunt end (“stoss end” – the north end of Beacon Hill where this walk started) and a tapered end (“lee slope” – at the south end, where this walk finishes) indicating the direction of flow for the glacial melt water. Most of the hills in Seattle are drumlins. Interesting language quirk: the plural term for drumlins (similar to “gaggle of geese” or “school of fish”) is a “swarm of drumlins.”
21. East Duwamish Greenbelt: Comprised of over 160 acres in all, the greenbelt is a collection of private and public land parcels, spanning from the north tip of Beacon Hill to its southern end, here near Rainier Beach. Walkers on their way to the Light Rail station get a glimpse in to an urban forest, home to bald eagles, foxes and owls.
23. Rainier Beach Light Rail Station art: Dragonfly: aluminum sculpture, suspended over the station entry, by Monroe-based artist, Darlene Nguyen-Ely. Increment: four bronze sculptures, on the station platform, by Seattle-based artist, Eugene Parnell, depicting various animals and measuring systems from around the world, cast in relief, inviting the viewer to compare their height to the figures. Parable: sculpture, located on the north plaza across the street, by Seattle-based artist, Buster Simpson, consisting of six giant cast-iron pears, set in an orchard of Mock Pear trees, and illuminated with a golden glow at night. Seattle Times’ art critic, Regina Hackett, termed the piece as “a heavy-metal still life . . . tough and beautiful, domestic and industrial.”

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How to Ride Light Rail

Riding Light Rail is easy!

If you're new to Light Rail, here are some handy tips.



Purchase of Fares

Before boarding, purchase a ticket at an automated kiosk at the station entry, or tap your Orca card at a yellow kiosk.

To purchase a ticket at the automated kiosk, you can use cash or credit cards. Kiosks have touch screens with prompts to guide you and calculate your fare. For cash purchases, kiosks will accept bills and coins, and will dispense change.

Or, there's an app you can download to your phone, and pre-pay fares, so that your phone works like an Orca card. Go to: <https://www.soundtransit.org/ride-with-us/how-to-pay/fares>

Tip 1: Keep your ticket or Orca Card handy. Inspectors will randomly spot check.

Tip 2: If you're using an Orca card, you no longer have to "tap off" when you leave the train. Fares are now consistent across all stations (they are no longer charging by distance).

Tip 3: Wanna' go ahead and get an Orca card? You can purchase one at the Station at the automated ticket kiosk. (Note, you can't get a Regional Reduced Fare Permit Orca card here – you must apply in person at the Metro Pass Office – see below).

Fares

For adults age 19 and up: \$3.00 per trip.

Youth up age 18 and younger: free.

For seniors age 65 and up: \$1.00 per trip with a Regional Reduced Fare Permit.

Apply for a Regional Reduced Fare Permit at the Metro Pass Sales Office in downtown Seattle, at 201 S. Jackson St. You will be issued an Orca card that is programmed to automatically give you the discounted fare.

Schedule

Trains run frequently, as often as every 6 minutes at peak times, to every 18 minutes otherwise.

Trains run daily, generally from 5:00 am to midnight.

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