

Tukwila Light Rail Station – Y2416 – 6K and 11K – 2A

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Notice for registrants using this Online Start Box:

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11K and 6K – rated 2A: Route goes through quiet residential areas, into the beautiful Highline SeaTac Botanic Garden (free, open daily), passes by SeaTac Community Center, by and through several city parks, through the Tukwila business district and the new Tukwila library. Walk is mostly on city sidewalks, and some gravel or asphalt trails within parks. Some moderate hills.

Restrooms:

Restrooms at the Link Station. (Ask security guard for a token). Portable toilet at Riverton Heights Park may be available seasonally. Restrooms at Community Center, at mid-way through the 6K and 11K routes, are available during open hours. Restrooms on 11K route after the mid-point of walk, at a city park.

Comments:

Pets are prohibited on Light Rail and Metro Bus, but allowed on the walk if arriving otherwise. Owners are responsible for leash and clean-up laws. Strollers can expect medium terrain. Not suitable for wheelchairs.

Start Location:

Tukwila International Blvd Link Station
5651 Southcenter Blvd
Tukwila, WA 98188
(47° 27' 56.016"N 122° 17' 17.448"W)

Taking Light Rail to the Walk:

Disembark the train and take the escalators to street level. Turn left and cross the parking lot at the dedicated sidewalk. Go up the steps and turn left on Southcenter Blvd.

At the light, turn right and cross Southcenter Blvd. and begin walk.

Driving Directions:

I-5 northbound: Exit 154A (SR518 West / SeaTac Airport). Stay in left exit lane, crossing over I-5. Then follow signs for SeaTac and the "Airport" exit toward the top of the hill. This becomes a 3-lane exit. Stay in middle lane that veers right to S. 154th St. Right onto 154th, and continue straight across International Blvd onto Southcenter Blvd. Alternate Lite Rail parking on Left. If full, see Parking below.

I-5 southbound: Exit 154B (Southcenter). Stay in far right exit lane, turn right onto Southcenter Blvd., and drive uphill 1 mile. Alternative Lite Rail parking on the right. If full, see Parking below.

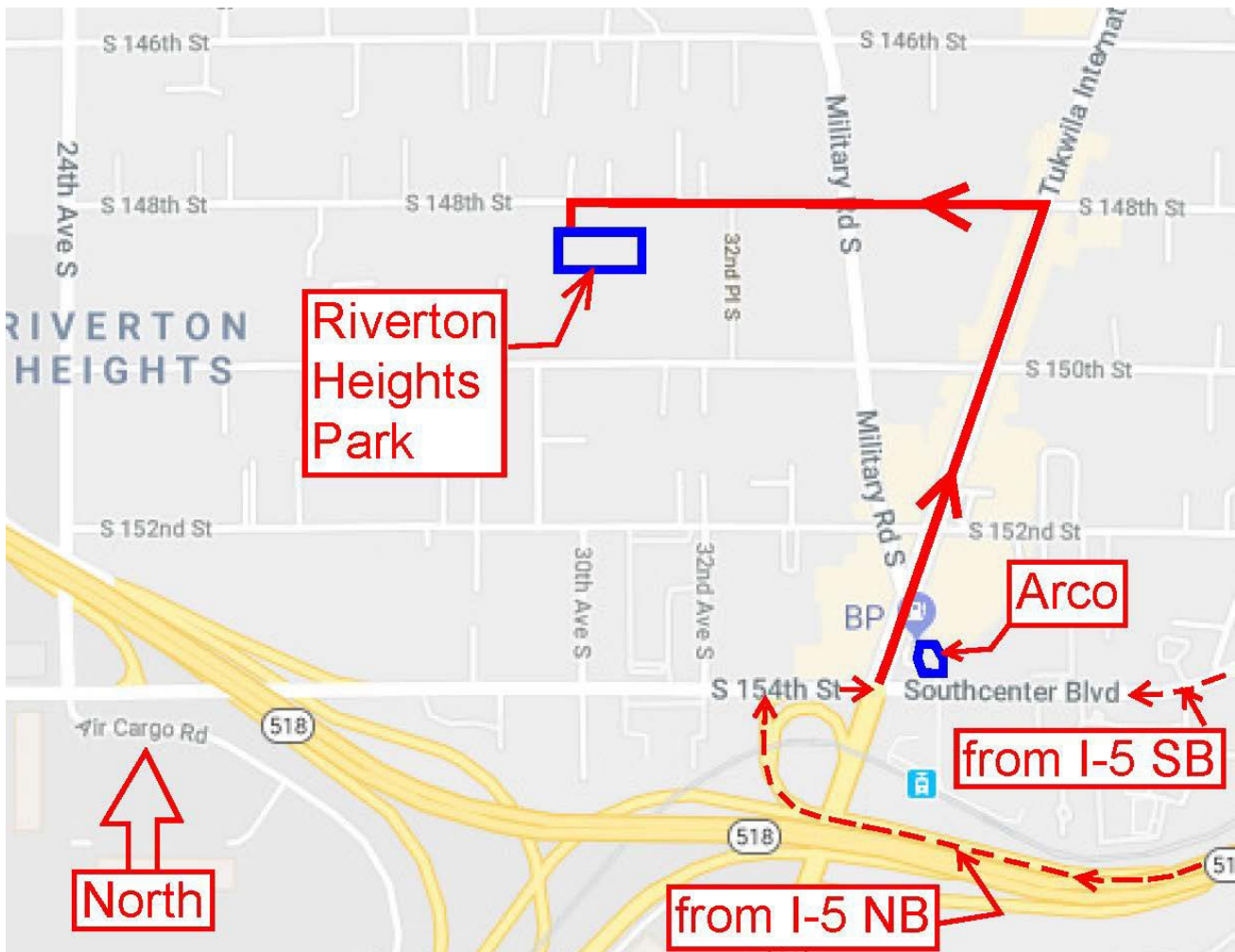
Meto bus options: Rapid A, Rapid F, 124, 128.

Parking:

Parking at the Light Rail Station is for Light Rail commuters only, and is very busy.

Free Parking and Alternative Start:

For free parking at a nearby park, if alternate parking is full, RIGHT on Southcenter Blvd. to International Blvd., and turn RIGHT, on International Blvd. Turn **LEFT** on S. 148th St. Continue one block and **CROSS** Military Rd. S. Drive about 1/4 mile to Riverton Heights Park on your LEFT. Parking is free. Then **start your walk from S. 148th at step 7** on the walk directions and continue to the finish at the Lite Rail Station. Then start on Step 1 to get back to your car at Riverton Heights Park.



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- 1.) Disembark train and take escalators to street level. Turn **LEFT** and cross parking lot on dedicated sidewalk. Go up the steps and turn **LEFT** on Southcenter Blvd to the light.
- 2.) Turn **RIGHT**, cross Southcenter Blvd and walk one block to S. 152nd St.
- 3.) **CROSS** S. 152nd St., and then **LEFT** and **CROSS** International Blvd. (sign says “99-Pacific Hwy. S.”).
- 4.) Turn **RIGHT** on Int’l Blvd. Walk on left side, 3 blocks.
- 5.) At S. 148th St. (Church on left, and “Swap Meet” on right), **CROSS** and then turn **LEFT** on right side of 148th. At sidewalk end, **CROSS** and continue on left side, to Military Rd.
- 6.) Carefully **CROSS** Military Rd. S.
- 7.) Continue uphill on S. 148th St. for several blocks, using the sidewalk on the left side of 148th. Riverton Heights Park (alternate parking) may have Portable Toilet seasonally.
- 8.) **CROSS** 24th Ave. S., using the marked crosswalk. Watch for cars both ways. Turn **RIGHT** on 24th (2K) and continue for several blocks.
- 9.) At S. 138th St. (SeaTac Community Center sign), **CROSS** 138th, then turn **LEFT** on the asphalt path.
- 9.) Continue uphill on the asphalt path until it ends. Transition to the sidewalk at the building (restrooms when building is open), and then **LEFT** at the sidewalk going through the parking lot. Enter the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden at the decorative gates.
- 10.) Follow the gravel path in the garden, staying right, to the plaque across from the stream. Checkpoint: In whose honor is the “Paradise Garden” named? (note also, Little Free Library on left). Enjoy the garden, then return to the sidewalk at the building.
- 11.) **For 6K walkers: skip steps 12 – 22.** Instead, turn **RIGHT** to walk back downhill on the asphalt path. **CROSS** 24th Ave. S. using the flashing walk signal. You are now on S. 138th St. Resume at step 23.
- 12.) **For 11K walkers: LEFT** to walk around the building to the front entry passing Veterans Memorial.
- 13.) Continue past the flagpole, along the winding sidewalk, passing the play structures on your right. **CROSS** entry drive, then **RIGHT** to S. 136th St.
- 14.) **LEFT** at S. 136th St. and continue for several blocks.
- 15.) At 16th Ave. S., turn **RIGHT** and **CROSS** S. 136th St. Enter the park on the asphalt path. (4K)
- 16.) **RIGHT** on the gravel path (sign says “Spoke Path”).
- 17.) At the end, where the gravel path intersects the asphalt path, turn **LEFT** onto the asphalt path, passing the ballfields on your right.
- 18.) At the fork in the path, stay **RIGHT**. Walk between the ballfields (fenced field on your right, unfenced field on left), to the restroom building ahead. (5K)
- 19.) Pass the restroom building, downhill, and **LEFT** on the asphalt path that leads to the street beyond.
- 20.) **RIGHT** on S. 128th St. Continue for 4 blocks.
- 21.) **RIGHT** on 24th Ave. S. Continue for 10 blocks.
- 22.) At S. 138th St., turn **LEFT** and **CROSS** 24th Ave. S., using the flashing signal at the marked crosswalk.
- 23.) **6K Walkers join**: Continue straight on S. 138th St., walking uphill and then downhill to 29th Ave. S.
- 24.) **RIGHT** on 29th Ave. S. Walk 1 block to S. 140th St.
- 25.) **LEFT** on S. 140th St. Walk 1 block to Military Rd.
- 26.) Carefully **CROSS** Military Rd. S.
- 27.) Continue on S. 140th St. to the round-about.
- 28.) **For 6K walkers: skip steps 29 – 35.** Instead, turn **RIGHT** on 33rd Ave. S. and continue to S. 144th St. Resume at step 36.
- 29.) **For 11K walkers: CROSS** 33rd Ave. S. and then **LEFT** to **CROSS** S. 140th St. Take the asphalt path heading to the parking lot (church on left).
- 30.) Stay on the asphalt path as it crosses the drive, and passes between the P-Patch (on the left) and Riverton Cemetery (on the right). (8K)
- 31.) At the end of the path, walk 1 block to S. 137th St.
- 32.) **RIGHT** on S. 137th St. and continue to the end.
- 33.) **RIGHT** on 37th Ave. S. and continue several blocks to S. 144th St., passing a park on your right.
- 34.) **LEFT** on S. 144th St. Continue to Tukwila Int’l Blvd.
- 35.) **CROSS** Tukwila Int’l Blvd., using the walk signal. (9K)
- 36.) **6K Walkers Join 11k**: Continue on S. 144 St. to the plaza in front of the library. Walk around to view the art and clock tower.
- 37.) Return to the corner of International Blvd., and **LEFT** crossing S. 144th St, using walk signal.
- 38.) Continue on the left side of Int’l Blvd. using walk signals to Light Rail Station middle platform finish.

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- 9) Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden: Initiated by citizen-activists from Burien and SeaTac, and later championed jointly by as many as four local governments, the 11 acre garden was created from two local garden collections, which were both scheduled for demolition for the expansion of SeaTac airport, but which instead have been carefully relocated here for all to enjoy.
- 14) Steps 14 - 19: many SeaTac city parks along the way, offering a wide range of amenities including a radio-controlled car track, a BMX course, wooded trails, a disk golf course, ball fields for several sports, picnic shelters, and kids' playground equipment.
- 36) Tukwila Library: The newest King County Library and the first piece of the new Tukwila Village urban center. For a brief description of the building's design go to <https://perkinswill.com/work/tukwila-library>.

Clock tower: "Local Time" by artist Stu Schechter, based in Newton, Mass. For more on his work, go to: SandCartStudio.com.

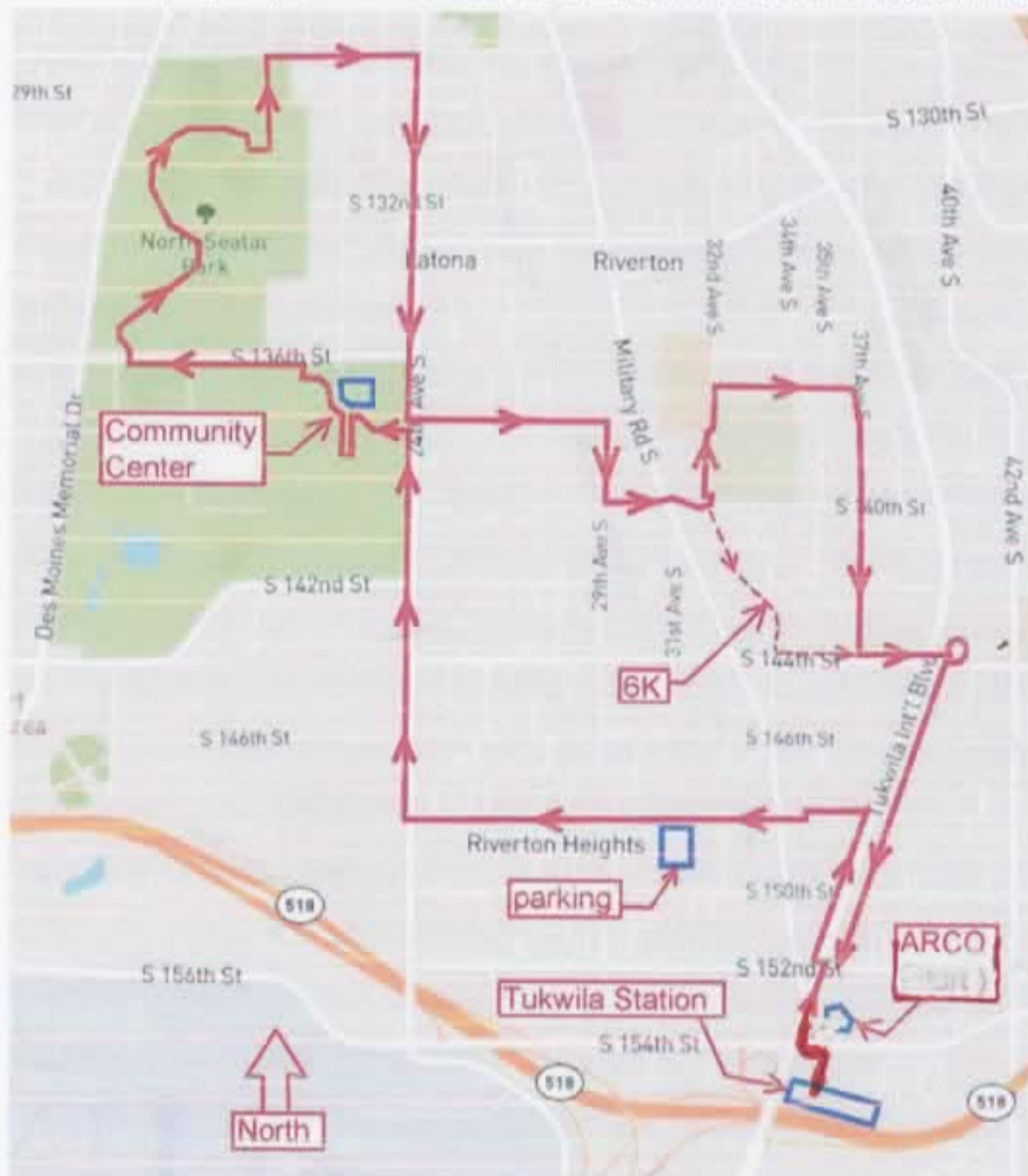
One block east on S. 144th: Foster Performing Arts Center, home of Rainier Symphony. See: RainierSymphony.org for calendar.

Foster High School – notable alum: Cal Anderson, WA State Legislator from 1987-95. And 1 block farther east is Tukwila pool.

- 38) Tukwila Light Rail Station art:

"A Molecule of the Region" and "A Drop of Sustenance" – two sculptures suspended overhead at the station platform, and "Voices of Tukwila" – verses etched in granite floor tiles, all by Portland-based artist Tad Savinar.

"Soundings" sculpture at plaza level, Seattle artist, Clark Wiegman. Combination of forms representing both a musical instrument and a split hazelnut. A jagged blue "light river" extends up the fret, depicting the Duwamish river. Inspired by the native word for Tukwila, k'ap'uxac, "place of hazelnuts", the forms play sonic duets with wind, water and field recordings.



For an interesting article on the history of Tukwila, check out this History Link article: <http://www.historylink.org/File/2091>

WALK NAME: TUKWILA LIGHT RAIL STATION /NUMBER: Y2416				
ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
39 COUNTIES (ONGOING)	King County			
Rail Trails (2020-2022)				
Front Line Heroes [July 2021-2024]	MEDICAL FACILITIES Kidney Ctr 11k	DELIVERY SERVICES FedEx Office	SUSTENANCE PROVIDERS Grocery Store	ESSENTIAL SERVICES Fire Station Police Station (Justice Ctr)
That's Entertainment [2024-2026]	CULTURAL Library Sculptures in Lt Rail Stn & elsewhere	FAIRS/FESTIVALS/ ARCADES	CRAFTS/HOBBIES	SPORTS VENUES SEATAC Comm Ctr & 11k Several in No. SeaTac Park
OSTVA CHALLENGES				
"V" [2021-2026]	Vietnamese Food	Vegetables Grocery stores on SR99 P-Patch 11K	Veterinarian	Victorian House
"X" [2021-2026]	Tax Preparers	Xrays Kidney Ctr.	Fed Ex/UPS In Walgreens 144th	Expos
"Y" [2021-2026]	Yarn Shops Library	Yoga	Yeti	Yoghurt Grocery stores
"Z" [2021-2026]	Zero in Sign X	Zodiac	Zoo/Aquarium	Zone X
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[ONGOING]	Washington		
WALK THE USA A-Z	(ONGOING)	"T" Tukwila or "S" SeaTac		
A-MAZ-ING LABYRINTHS	[2024-2026]			
BORDER CROSSERS	[2014-2023]			
TOWN HALL/CITY HALL	[2020-2024]			
GREAT LAKES	[2021-2024]			
IVV AMERICAS	[2023- ON]	Event is in North America		
LIGHTHOUSES II	[2023-2025]			
PAR FOR THE COURSE	{2023-2026}	SeaTac Disc Golf Course in North SeaTac Park (11k); Also play structures in Community Center area		
RAILS TO TRAILS	[2022-2025]			
STEP TO THE BEAT	[2024-2026]	"Soundings" sculpture at plaza level Lt Rail Stn represents musical instrument		
WALKING WITH AMERICAS VETERANS	[2021-2024]	Veterans Memorial located on left side of SeaTac Community Center. 6k walk around center. 11k on route.		