

Seattle couple map out every staircase in the city

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SEATTLE -- It started as a new year's resolution: Susan Ott Ralph and her husband David decided to [map every staircase in the city of Seattle](#).

"I just like Seattle and I like to show it off," Ralph said. "And if it's so much for us to see our city and be proud of it and support it then maybe other people will do that too. So that was the motivation behind it."

They started their project in 2010 and now, one year later, you are the beneficiary with a full map of the city's staircases -- 650 staircases, mapped, photographed and stairs counted, all by Susan and David.

"The map's fantastic," said Adventx Owner John Colver. "I think it's great and it offers variety because I'm always looking for new places to go. Because you get bored."

The longest set? 504 stairs up Galer Street, from South Lake Union to the top of Queen Anne Hill.

The stairs that lead to the best view? Up to Fremont Peak Park.

And the most obscure? Just off 65th Street NW, you'd likely miss it if Susan hadn't mapped it.

"There's a hedge and you go through that cave-like opening and there's the staircase," Ralph said.

Which leads you under the railroad tracks, to the Burke Gilman Trail.

"It's clearly the most obscure," she said.

Whether you're looking to discover these hidden gems of the city, or just looking for a free workout, this map will help

you find it.

"You can come out here and sort of trump it out," says runner Jessica Mosher. "And if you've got frustrations or just a lot going on with work 'cause you're sitting at your desk all day. So to trump, trump, trump and release a lot of stress."

And improve your cardiovascular fitness level at the same time.

[Map of Seattle Staircases](#)