

Ravenna Stair Walk

This 2.7 mile loop goes up 415 steps and down 189 and features a walk through Ravenna Park along the creek, and the long 52nd Street Staircase. Also visit Cowen Park. You can get burgers and real fruit milkshakes at Kidd Valley, or have coffee and a pastry at Cowen Park Grocery Cafe.

Begin at the middle parking lot and walk to the intersection of NE 58th St and 20th Ave NE. Walk north across the pedestrian bridge. Look below; this is where you will be later. At the end of the bridge turn right onto NE 61st Street and walk one and a half

blocks until the dead end at the first stair.

Down 21 steps
Then cross the
bridge and go
Up 26 steps.

Cross the road and go across



the next bridge, looking down into the ravine, setting for "Seattle Ghost Story", and go up the stair at the



Down 26 steps Up 20 steps

Backtrack across the second bridge and the east stair of the first bridge. Back down 20, up 26, down 26. Immediately take the path down to the ravine. The sign says "Service Road". Soon you'll reach a timber stair.



Down 19 steps.



Join the main path and follow the Ravenna Creek downstream. Cross a bridge and when you get

to this fork in the trail, stay left. You will reach a play field and stairs to your right.





Up 45 steps

At the top, turn left and go down the ramp, around the baseball diamond, and up the stairs to the street.

Up 11 steps.

(One block to the left is Kidd Valley, a popular burger place with great shakes.)

Turn right and walk about a block, then cross NE 55th St. at the cross-walk. Take Ravenna Place NE, which angles to your left.

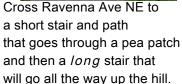
Do NOT take Ravenna Ave NE.

Walk one block and turn sharply to your right onto NE 53rd Street, go half way down the block to the alley and turn left. Half-way through the alley you will find a charming paved path to your right that goes past some cottages to a little stairway. Look carefully for



Up 14 steps.









hill to 17th Ave which is a divided street. Turn right. Walk 3 long blocks to NE Ravenna Blvd and turn right. In one short block, cross the boulevard and find the little stair at the corner of 18th Ave.

Up 7 steps.

Turn right, walk one block to NE 58th St and turn left. The street turns into a hidden path. At the end is a little stair that goes to the street.

Down 4 steps



Down 9 steps into Cowen Park.



Cross 15th Ave NE and then cross Cowen PI NE at the crosswalk, and go



Turn right and take the stairs down the side of the restroom (open in the summer). Down 21 steps



Walk past the playground to the other side of the sundial to find the stair with the frog statues.



(Optional break at the Cowen Park Grocery one block to the left) Walk north along the edge of the park to the stair at the corner.

Down 18 steps

Turn left at the bottom of the stair and take a trail which traverses the hillside for 1/3 of a mile. Look for a post that says "62nd street", then turn



Up 19 steps Cross under the 20th Street bridge to a fork in the path. Go right up the trail with the wooden fence, back to the start.