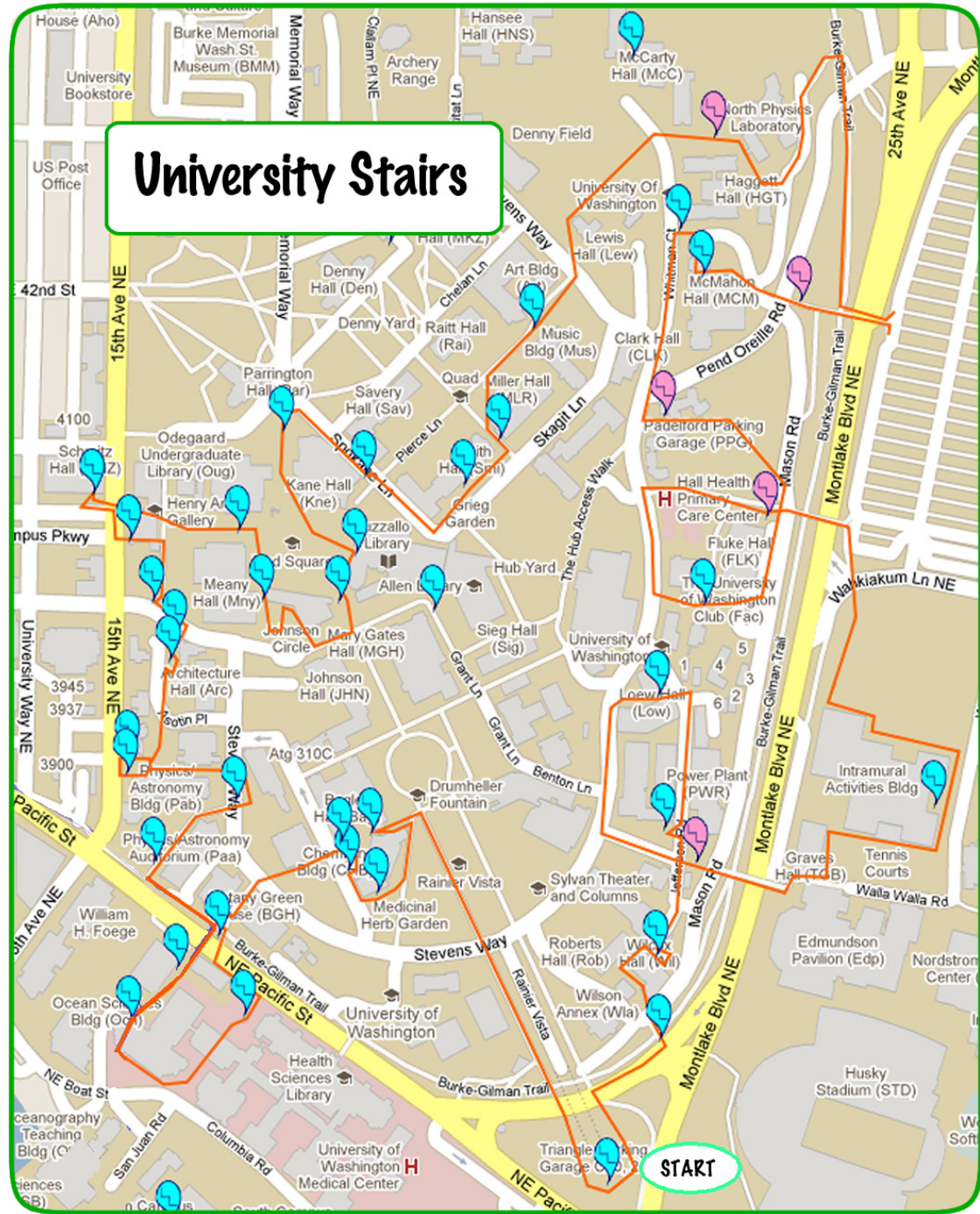


University Stairs



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This is a 4.6 mile loop that goes up or down most of the stairs at the University of Washington, and in the process you see many of the most beautiful spots on campus. There are about 930 steps up and 853 down in the 43 stairs.



Up 9 steps

Start at the Triangle above the parking garage and go up the circular stairs. Walk towards the campus and turn right when you get to the road. Just before the intersection is the bottom of the Wilcox stairs.

Cross the Burke-Gilman Bike Trail, keep going up the stairs.



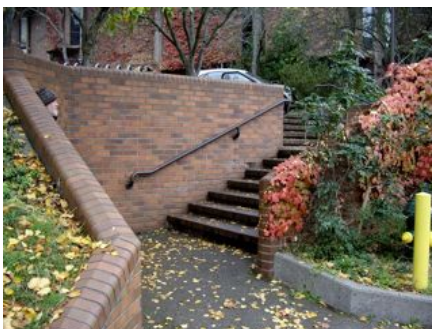
Up 56 steps

At the top, walk around the building clockwise and go down to the parking lot, then back up on the other side.



Down 20 steps and up 17 steps

Turn right and follow the road, cross Snohomish Lane (you'll loop back) and go up and down the brick Ivy stairs next to mechanical engineering.



Up and Down 12 steps

Go up the stairs to Loew Hall, then turn left on Stevens Way until you get to Snohomish Lane.



Up 25 steps

Go all the way down, across the bridge towards the Pavilion, turn left and continue down the stairs to the tennis courts.

Down 125 steps



Then walk around to the back of the IMA building, go up and down those stairs, then continue to go around the building, past more tennis courts until the next pedestrian overpass over Montlake Blvd.



Up and down 28 steps

This is the bottom of the Wahkaikum stair, climb all the way up to Stevens Drive.

Up 173 steps!



Turn left and walk past the Hall Health Center and the Faculty Club, then left onto an unmarked path leading to the Fluke Stairs. **Down 94 steps**



Follow the driveway to Whatcom Lane, go past the entrance booth and down the stairs across the 3rd overpass to the parking lots. **Down 108 steps**



At the bottom, turn left and cross the Wahkalkum lane, to the parking lot. Make your way through the parked cars to the bottom level and follow the signs to the stairs.



Up 131 steps

Go down one side to the parking lots and then turn around, come up the other side and retrace your steps across the bridge as far as the Burke Gilman Trail. Then turn right and follow the trail, crossing the Pend Oreille Road, until you come to the staircase going back up the hill. **Up 104 steps**



As you emerge from the parking garage turn right and pass McMahon Hall, then go down the stairs.



Down 38 steps

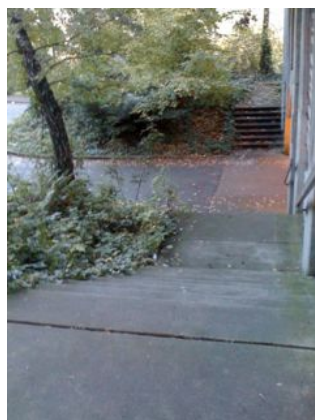
At the bottom of these stairs, to your right is a narrow staircase right next to the wall. At the bottom turn left, across the dirt under the building to a very narrow passage past a dumpster, to another stair to a driveway.

You will go past the cyclotron, up another flight, past McCary Hall and up the final flight to the road. Cross this, follow the path next to tennis courts and past Lewis Hall to the stair that enter the main Quad on the north.

Down 26 steps



Down 16 + 20 steps



Walk through the Quad and down the stairs to the east. For extra credit go up the beautiful stairs on the side entrances of Smith and Miller Hall.



Down 15 steps

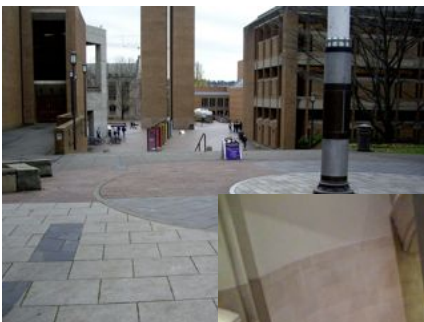
Turn left, walk up and down the stairs on the side of Gowen Hall, and turn right towards Kane Hall. Go up the brick stairs.

Up 20 steps
Down 20 steps



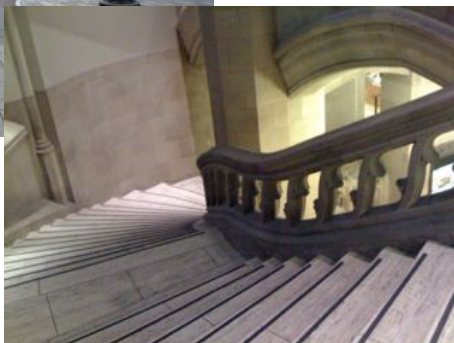
Up 11 steps

Continue to the flag pole, go down the steps to Red Square and cross it to the library. If the library is open, go inside and up the Grand Staircase to the Graduate Reading Room, one of most beautiful places on the campus.



Down 25 steps

Up & Down
30 steps



The bottom floor of the library has a coffee shop which is good place for a rest. Then go around Suzallo to the stairs towards the fountain. This was the main view during the Yukon Expedition, and if it is a clear day you will be looking right at Mr. Rainier.



Down 17 steps

At the bottom of these stairs, turn right, and go around to the back of the administration building (Gargoyles). Go down a small staircase and around a wall.



Down 13 steps

Up 48 steps

Climb the stairs, past a modern sculpture, back to Red Square and down the west side toward the statue of George Washington. Keep going, past the Henry Art Gallery (another great place to take a break) and across the 15th street overpass.



Down
20 steps



Down 46 steps

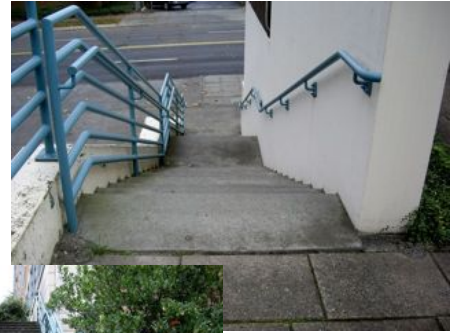
Cross the street and climb up the spiral staircase.



Up
61 steps

Go down the Guthrie Annex stairs and come back up the Guthrie stairs.

Down 18 steps



Up 26+20 steps

Go back to George Washington Lane and turn right. The next little stair in right in the sidewalk. Cross the street and head towards the stair with the interesting railing. Down 10 + 14 steps



Keep going.

At the top, cross the road and swerve a little to catch the small stair coming down.



Down 8 steps

Go to the architecture building and climb up the staircase to nowhere (Up & down 13 steps). The fire escape stairs are worth climbing for the view of the Golden Rectangle and spiral in the patio. Go down the pretty curved stairs.

Down 8 steps

Follow the road to the south. Keep going straight along the path.



Now go down the Physics stairs. Note the "bowling pin" statue, and check out the Foucault Pendulum which is in the lobby. After you get to the Burke-Gilman trail, turn left and look for the sun dial and if it is a sunny day you can tell the time.

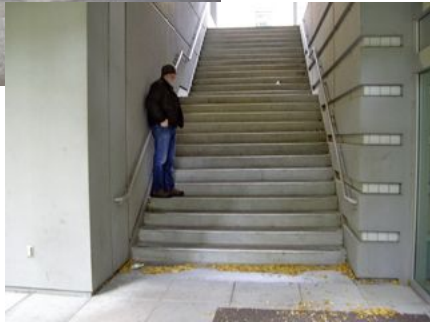
Down 44 steps



Cross the pedestrian bridge, go down the stairs and keep going straight down some covered stairs.



Down 44 steps.
On weekends or after 6pm, turn left and walk to the stairs with the orange rails.



During weekdays
Down 26 steps

Go around the building to your left, **up 18 steps** to the the K-wing rotunda, another place to have a nice cup of coffee. Go through the building and exit the other side. Go up the artistic stairs and cross the street at the light under the overpass.



Up 17 steps

Go up the stairs past the botany greenhouses. There are usually exotic plants around here.



Up 46 steps

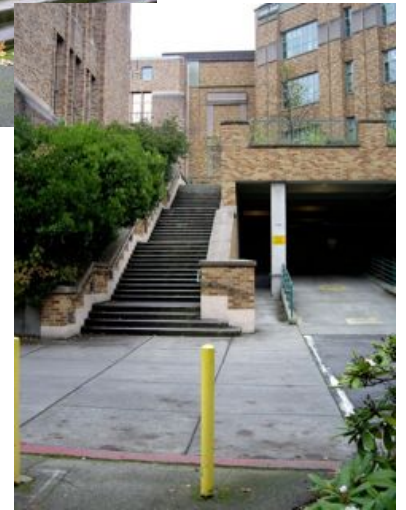


Cross the road and go straight, past the medicinal herb gardens (worth a side trip) and up the stairs near Benson, continuing across the street to the chemistry building plaza.



Up 54 steps

Then cross the plaza and go down the "Z-stairs"

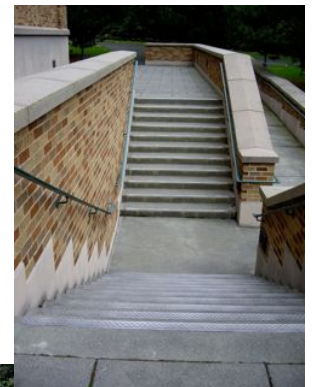


Down 45 steps



Down & up 11 steps

Continue around the chemistry building, going up and down the stairs on the side, and stay close to the building, going up a ramp so you can come down these final stairs, towards the Fountain. Then walk down Rainier Vista to your starting point.



Down 9 steps