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This 3.1 mile walk goes through Leschi and Frink parks, up and down deep ravines and natural areas. There is also a stretch along the Lake Washington waterfront, with beautiful views of the lake and the cascade mountains. Climb up 704 steps and down 540, and enjoy coffee or a lunch at the small commercial zone at the end of your walk.

Start at Leschi Park on Lakeside Ave S, where there is a parking area. Walk along the path through the lawn up the hill towards the half-timbered restrooms.



To the left is a stairway.

Up 29 steps

At the top is a play area. Go out to the street, turn left and shortly find a path to your left with a street sign (35th Ave S and S Main Street).



You will reach a fork, take the right side which goes

Down 17 curved steps

The path continues to the top of the new Main street stairway.



Down 49 steps

You will be back on Lakeside Ave. Cross the street and turn right. In about 2 blocks you will be at the new Jackson Street Stairs.



Up 139 steps

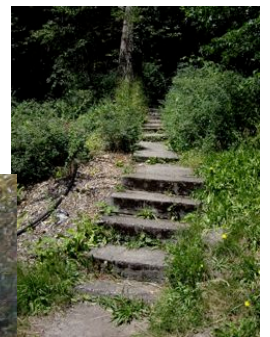


At the top you will find the sign for Frink Park. The map shows your route.



Start with a little loop around the ruins of a cabin starting right behind the sign.

Up 34 irregular steps.



At the side of the old fireplace go up 12 brick steps

Follow the path, turn left at the intersection and go up 8 steps

At the next junction turn left, loop around and go back down the 34 irregular steps.



Now walk down Lake Washington Boulevard until you get to a beautiful old bridge. Take another small loop to the right of the bridge, through a swampy area that crosses the stream on a footbridge and loops back to the road, going **up 6 steps**. Turn left, cross the old bridge and go **down 18 steps**.

Follow the path until an intersection to your right, which will go **down 9 steps** and then cross the stream again.

Now you start to climb, all the way up the hill.



The first steps are timber terrace, then you cross Lake Washington Blvd and go up cement steps.



When the path forms a "Y"-intersection, turn sharply left.



You should end up at King Street and 32nd Ave S, after going

Up 165 steps

Climb up the hill one block, and go

Up 66 steps.



Turn right directly at the top and walk along the curved street (upper part of 31st Ave S) with wonderful views of the lake and mountains. Go straight on this street

as it re-unites with the lower part, walking along the top of Frink park. At S Washington street turn right.



Down 91 steps

Turn left on 32nd Ave S. You reach a school and playground; follow the road as it curves down the hill - - it changes names to Lake Dell Ave.

As you round the bend you'll see the Spruce Street Stairs.

Up 62 steps



Go along Spruce street for one block, turn right on 32nd Ave, in one block turn right on E Alder Street, follow the road as it turns left on 33rd Ave, and in one block turn right on E Terrace Street. This curves around the top of the ravine. Soon you reach the viewpoint at the Leschi Natural Area.



To the right of the viewpoint is a path with a blue tiled landing.

Down 26 steps

Follow the path until the 2nd intersection. To the right it goes steeply down the hill; take the path to the left which loops back to the first intersection. Turn right and traverse along the hill. The path ends in the middle of the Terrace Street Stairway. Run **up 38 steps** to the top of this stair and then go down all the way.





Down 99 steps

At the bottom turn left onto Randolph Ave, go down until the next beautiful new stairway.



Up 125 steps

Turn right at the top and walk down the hill. Angle right and down at Norwood Place.

At the next block, turn right sharply onto 38th Ave, and stay on 38th even though it looks like a hopeless dead end. But at the end of the street, on the left side, is a path going down James Street all the way to the lake.



Down 107 steps

Cross Lake Washington Blvd and follow the path next to the shore, going to the marina.



Up 20 steps

Cross the boulevard again and climb very steeply up Terrace Street for 2 blocks. Turn left on Randolph Ave.



Down 75 steps

At the bottom, cross the street, turn left and walk one block to Erie Ave. Turn right and follow this street for 3 blocks until it ends. There you will find the final stairway.



Down 15 steps

You are back at the corner of Leschi Park, and could eat at one of the cafes or have coffee at the Starbucks.