



Mt Baker Stair Walk

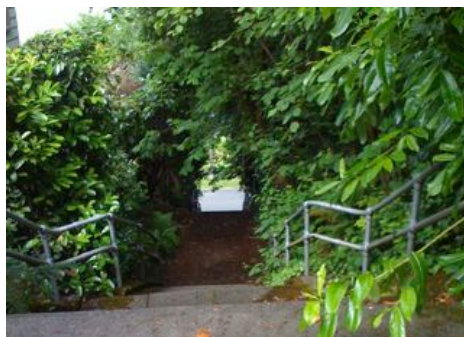
A 2.6 mile loop through outstanding neighborhoods, past a pea patch, tennis center, and the Martin Luther King Memorial, up 293 and down 336 steps. Climb stairs designed by the Olmsted brothers built in the early 20th century, walk along the shore of Lake Washington, and finish with a stroll through Mt Baker Park to the Mioposto Cafe.

Start at the Cafe, on the beginning of Mt Baker Blvd. Cross McClellan St and turn right, go past a traffic triangle, cross Mt Baker Dr to a walkway that switchbacks up the hill.



Up 6 steps

Cross Mt St Helens Drive and walk past some mansions. Stay on McClellan St until it turns into Shoreland Drive.



About one block after the junction with Mt Claire Dr. is a stairway.

Down 70 steps

This takes you to Lake Washington Blvd. Turn left and follow the shore until a pier and bathhouse. Stay on the sidewalk as it curves around a sandy beach (going past stairs you will take later) until you find a pedestrian tunnel going under Lake Washington Blvd. Take that path, and follow it, climbing several flights of timber-terrace stairs and going under 3 more tunnels

as you wander up through Colman Park. This park was designed by John Olmsted in 1909 .



Up 52 steps



The community garden used to be a park nursery. Walk up 73 steps past it, until you reach a fork in the path in front of a bench.

Here you can take an optional loop. Turn right onto the road-like path as it leaves the park on 32nd Ave S. Climb to Atlantic St and turn left, then left



again on 31st Ave. Cross Massachusetts St and in 1/2 block find a stairway. Take it down and follow the path until you get back to the bench.

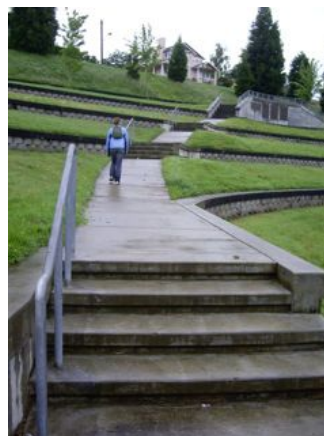
Walker St.

Down 139 steps

The southern fork after the bench climbs up to 31st St.

Up 117 steps

Turn left at the top and in one block turn left onto Grand street. In 2 blocks you will reach the Bradner Gardens.



This is the Martin Luther King Memorial. Up 33 steps
Turn left at the upper terrace and return to Walker St.

Walk up and over the hill. Just before the stairway is a new trail that traverses the park. It is a great side trip (1/4 mile to the end)



After exploring the gardens, return to Grand St which curves into Bradner Place at the beginning of a stairway.

Down 62 steps

At 28th Ave turn left. You reach the tennis courts. Turn left and walk around the tennis courts, going down 17 steps. On the other side is a broad stairway.



Down 138 steps

all the way to the beach

The land for the Dose Terrace stair was a gift from Mr. C. P. Dose, a realtor and banker, in 1907.

Now walk past the bathhouse and up the broad stairs into Mt. Baker Park. Follow the pathway to McClellan as it winds up the hill and back to the starting point.

Up 12 steps



Down 49 steps

Turn left, go through the parking lot and cross

