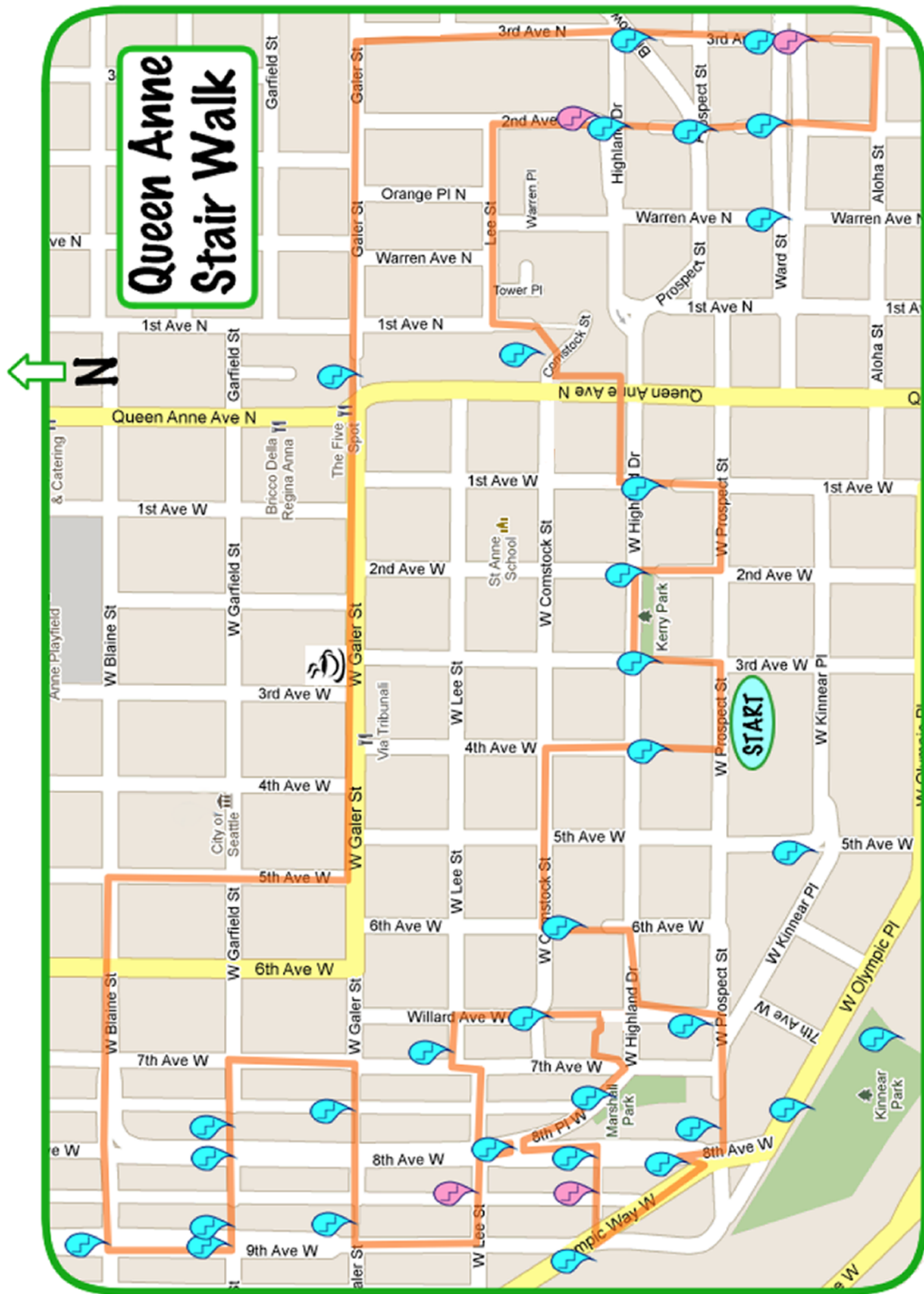


Queen Anne Stair Walk



Queen Anne Stairs

This 4 mile loop goes up and down the most beautiful stairs in Seattle, past lovely homes, and great views over downtown, Puget Sound, Mt. Rainier and the Olympics. Some of these stairs were built a century ago. 830 steps up, 994 steps down.

You could start anywhere on the loop, so I picked the corner of W Prospect St and 4th Ave W because street parking is a little easier there. This is right at the bottom of the first stair.

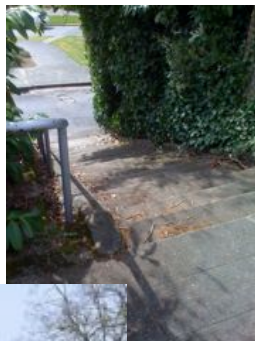
Up 71 steps

Continue up the hill to W Comstock St and turn left. In 2 blocks turn left again and go



Down 45 steps

This is the oldest extant public stair in Seattle, built in 1905! Turn right on W Highland Dr and left at the next block on Willard Ave.



Go past a mansion with a great view.

Down 23 steps

Turn right and go down the Prospect Street stairs.



Down 61 steps

At the bottom cross 8th Ave W Turn right and look for the stairs behind the rail. Down 29 steps



Cross Olympic Way, and go right. Just after crossing 9th Ave look on your left for the tell-tale white-timber rail of the next stair. This is a dead-end stair.



Down 50 steps and back up

Cross Olympic Way and continue up the W Highland Street stairs.



Up 62 steps



Cross the street at the top and take the ramp to the upper level of 8th Ave NW.

Turn left until you reach the Wilcox Wall, built in 1913. There are wonderful stairs that you will come down later. Just before the stairs is a small gravel path

that goes along the bottom of the wall. In about a block this leads to the next stair.

Up 57 steps

You will emerge at the Betty Bowen lookout with a gorgeous view of Elliott Bay and the Olympic mountains.



The street was designed by the Olmsted brothers. After resting and enjoying the view, cross the street to Parson's Garden. Take the path to your left and walk through the small garden. Exit at the gate on Willard Ave and turn left (north).



Up 74 steps

Continue on Willard Ave for a block then turn left to Lee Street and follow it down.

Down 58 steps

Jog to the left and go down 2 blocks, jog left again. Now you get to go down the Wilcox Wall.



Down 61 steps

Then jog to the right to Lee Street.



Down 108 steps

Built in 1907

At the bottom, on 9th Ave W, turn right and in one block it will be time to go up the hill again, on West Galer.



Up 91 steps

Up 78 steps



Turn left at 7th Ave, go one block to Garfield Street and go all the way back to 9th Ave. Go down a staircase and then the Garfield Wall, sister to the Wilcox Wall.



Down 68 steps

Down 30 steps
Down 66 steps



At the bottom take the ramp from the upper to the lower lane of 9th Ave W. Go one block north and take the ramp up on W Blaine Street. Up 7 steps.

Walk up Blaine Street 4 blocks to 5th Ave W and turn right, go 2 blocks to W Galer Street and turn left. This is a good place for a stop at Caffe Fiore for coffee, or ice cream at Molly's. Continue until the Galer stairs, just across Queen Anne Ave N. **Up 68 steps**



Walk up Galer Street past the former high school to the 2nd TV tower. Turn right onto 3rd Ave N.



A lovely garden at the top. **Down 45 steps** then one block to two more stairs down to Aloha Street.



Down 120 steps



Turn right, go one block, turn right again and go all the way back up on 2nd Ave N to Lee Street. (4 stairs, **Up 220 steps**)



Note the cement siding.



Turn left onto Lee St; at the end turn left onto 1st Ave N. Go down this path and you will discover the "Comstock Grande Dame", so named by Thomas Horton, who mapped the

stairs of Queen Anne Hill. They were built in 1905.

Down 86 steps

At the bottom of the brick street, turn right on Queen Anne



In one block cross at the crosswalk on Highland Dr. Go to 1st Ave W, then turn and go down the next stair.



Down 87 steps



Turn right on Prospect, go one block and right again up to Kerry Park and one of our favorite views. **Up 52 steps**



Go down the other side of Kerry Park to reach your starting point.

Down 57 steps