

Montlake Walk III: University of Washington and Ravenna Park

*The **University of Washington** campus was the site of Seattle's first World's Fair in 1909. John Olmsted of Olmsted Brothers designed the fairgrounds for the ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION. Although most of the buildings were temporary, some of them have remained on campus since 1909.*

Turn left from Fuel down Lynn, and take another left on 25th. Continue until 25th ends, turn left and then right to arrive at Lake Washington Boulevard. Turn left and walk to Montlake Boulevard. Cross Lake Washington Boulevard at the light. Walk across the bridge over Highway 520 and the Montlake Bridge. Continue to walk to the new bike/pedestrian bridge over Montlake Boulevard.

Walk on the bridge until you arrive at **Rainier Vista**, designed by the Olmsteds as part of the A-Y-P Exposition. Continue to **Drumheller Fountain**, and walk up a set of stairs to Red Square. **Suzzallo Library** is located on the right. Restrooms are located here. Exit and angle right between Kane Hall and the library until you find yourself in the Liberal Arts Quadrangle (**The Quad**).

Exit the Quad on the left, just before Raitt Hall. The building in front of you is **Denny Hall**. It was built in 1895 and is the oldest building on campus. Turn left and angle around Denny Hall until you reach **Memorial Way**. It is lined with 58 sycamore trees to represent the 58 UW students and faculty who lost their lives in World War I.

Turn right on **Memorial Way**. Cross NE 45th St., and walk along 17th Avenue. It is a tree-shaded divided boulevard lined with fraternity houses and student residences. Walk along 17th until you reach **Ravenna Boulevard**. The Olmsted Brothers designed both 17th Avenue and Ravenna Boulevard. Turn right to walk along the boulevard until 20th Avenue and turn left. At NE 58th St., angle to the right to enter Ravenna Park.

***Ravenna Park** was privately owned until 1911 when the city acquired the property by eminent domain and cut down many of the large old growth cedar and fir trees. The creek that ran from Green Lake to Lake Washington was submerged into a sewer line. Ravenna Creek Alliance has daylighted the creek and restored the ravine's habitat.*

Walk across the grassy area to a wooden sign on the left. Continue downhill along the path, and turn right to follow **Ravenna Creek** to the bottom of the ravine. Turn right on the main trail. When you see a ballfield ahead, follow the pathway angling up to the right. Follow the path south to NE 55th St.. Turn right and cross 55th using the crosswalk.

Turn down Ravenna Place, and then angle right on 24th to reach the **Burke-Gilman Trail**. It follows the route of an abandoned rail line from Kenmore to Fremont and beyond. Turn right and follow the trail until you reach the third footbridge that leads to the Hec Edmundson Pavillion, north of Husky Stadium. Turn left on the bridge and cross over Montlake Blvd. Turn right at the end of the bridge and follow Montlake Blvd. back to the Montlake Bridge. The construction along the way is for Link Light Rail's University Station due to open in 2016.

Cross Montlake Bridge and walk to Lake Washington Boulevard. Cross the boulevard and turn left at E. North St., right at 24th Avenue, and left at the next street. Walk back to 25th Avenue and turn right. Turn right again at Lynn and return to Fuel.

