

OLYMPIC SCULPTURE PARK

MAP & GUIDE



WELCOME TO SEATTLE ART MUSEUM'S OLYMPIC SCULPTURE PARK

SEATTLE'S GREEN SPACE FOR ART AND PEOPLE

The award-winning Olympic Sculpture Park is downtown Seattle's largest green space. Free and open to the public, the sculpture park provides a welcoming outdoor space year-round for everyone to experience art and the natural beauty of the Northwest. Wander the park to discover sculptures among native plants, dip your toes in Elliott Bay, or bike along the waterfront, taking in stunning views over Puget Sound to the Olympic Mountains. Stroll along the 2,200-foot Z-shaped path that zigzags from the pavilion to the water's edge to tour the park and its surroundings. "We aspired to create a sculpture park at the intersection of the city and the water, and to define a new model for bringing art to the public," said Marion Weiss of Weiss/Manfredi Architects, the lead designers for the park.

As a former industrial site, the sculpture park's nine acres have undergone extensive restoration, achieving a range of environmental goals including brownfield redevelopment, creation of a Chinook salmon habitat and a pocket beach, extensive use of native plantings, and the capture and use of on-site rainwater. The sculpture collection features major works by influential artists from the past half-century up to the present day. Temporary art installations during summer months add vibrancy and an element of surprise to the park experience.

The Olympic Sculpture Park was made possible by a public and private partnership that began with a collaboration between the Seattle Art Museum and The Trust for Public Land. With the engagement of these partners and many generous private and public contributions, the park has transformed our waterfront and become a vibrant gathering space for the city.



Father and Son, 2004-2006, Louis Bourgeois. Photo: Benjamin Benschneider.

ONE MUSEUM THREE LOCATIONS

The Olympic Sculpture Park was created and is operated by the Seattle Art Museum (SAM), a premier center for visual arts in the Pacific Northwest. SAM's diverse and lively programs enrich connections between art and life for all ages and interests. Visit our website to find out what's happening at the sculpture park and at our other two locations, the Seattle Art Museum in downtown and the Asian Art Museum in Volunteer Park.

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SEATTLE ART MUSEUM

1st Ave & Union St

At the Seattle Art Museum, located downtown, one block from Pike Place Market, light-filled galleries invite you to wander through global art collections, temporary installations, and special exhibitions from around the world. Our collections include African, Meso-American, Ancient Mediterranean, Islamic, European, Oceanic, Asian, American, and modern and contemporary art. Visitors from out of town especially enjoy our remarkable Native American galleries featuring Northwest Coast art.

The Seattle Art Museum is one mile south of the Olympic Sculpture Park. Take metro bus route #99 at Elliott Ave and Broad St, or walk one mile south along Western Ave. Take a left at Union St and walk one block to 1st Ave.

ASIAN ART MUSEUM

Volunteer Park

The Asian Art Museum is temporarily closed to prepare for renovation. This cherished Art Deco building in lush Volunteer Park is one of the most beloved treasures in our creative, cultured, and curious city. As SAM's original home, the museum is an invaluable anchor in our city's rapidly changing landscape. However, it hasn't been substantially restored or renovated since its inception in 1933.

Renovating will help us preserve our world-renowned Asian art collection that spans the ages—from majestic Buddha sculptures to our iconic early 17th-century Japanese *Crows* screens to the recently acquired *Colored Vases* by Chinese artist Ai Weiwei—so that they may be enjoyed for generations to come.

HISTORY

The Olympic Sculpture Park opened in January 2007, the astounding result of a major partnership between SAM and the Trust for Public Land to reclaim downtown Seattle's last undeveloped waterfront property as a public space for art. SAM had resolved to return the site as much as possible to a functioning ecosystem, while providing a unique setting for outdoor sculpture and public recreation.

This was no small task given the site's history. Starting in 1910, the grounds that would become the Olympic Sculpture Park were operated as a fuel-storage and transfer facility, activities that contaminated the soil and groundwater. The project's lead designers, Weiss/Manfredi, developed an innovative Z-shaped configuration to connect three parcels of land into a series of four distinct landscapes. This design afforded a wide range of environmental restoration processes, including brownfield redevelopment, salmon habitat restoration, native plantings, and sustainable design strategies.

With these and other efforts, SAM improved habitat along the shoreline, enhanced public access to the Puget Sound waterfront, and created a dynamic, beautiful park that is one of Seattle's most acclaimed public spaces.



Historic photograph of park site prior to development. *Travelers*, 1986. Glenn Rudolph, American, b. 1946, gelatin silver print, 31 x 41 in., PONCHO and the Mark Tobey Estate Fund, 2006.53, © Glenn Rudolph.

Join us in wishing the Olympic Sculpture Park a happy birthday as it turns 10 in 2017! In 10 years at the Olympic Sculpture Park, SAM has installed 25 permanent artworks by world-renowned artists, featured 15 special exhibitions, and hundreds of thousands of people of all ages have attended exciting and innovative free programs—that's only a fraction of the millions of visitors to the park over the last decade.

GREEN BY DESIGN

SAM proudly supports a healthy and sustainable green space through incorporation of native plants in the park, monthly beach cleanups by volunteers, reduction of chemicals and pesticides in our landscaping, and efficient irrigation with a time- and weather-based watering system. We make it easy for visitors and staff members to recycle waste, to compost food and plant material, and to use public transit, carpools, or bicycles to get to the park.



View of Tony Smith's *Stinger* through the Henry and William Ketcham Families Grove. Photo: Benjamin Benschneider.

INSIDE THE PACCAR PAVILION

Rotating art installations and a variety of educational activities enliven this open space with a spectacular view. Free WiFi is available.

TASTE

During the summer, TASTE Café at the Olympic Sculpture Park offers picnic-worthy fare made with fresh ingredients.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Planning the perfect event is an art. The Olympic Sculpture Park is the only venue in Seattle that provides world-class sculpture alongside Elliott Bay and a view of the Olympic Mountains! For more information, whether for a romantic wedding or an important business occasion, email venues@seattleartmuseum.org or call 206.654.3140.

PACCAR PAVILION GARAGE

Pay parking is available in the PACCAR Pavilion garage. The entrance to the parking garage is on the southeast corner of the park at Broad St and Western Ave. Open daily from 6 am to 10 pm. No overnight parking.

TOUR THE SCULPTURE PARK

SITE, SCULPTURE, SHORELINE

Experience the Olympic Sculpture Park's dynamic spaces and learn about the design and layout of the park, site history, selected sculptures, and more! Bring your walking shoes and meet a SAM docent in the PACCAR Pavilion. Please visit our website for times.

SUMMER AT SAM AT THE OLYMPIC SCULPTURE PARK

Visit the Olympic Sculpture Park for Summer at SAM! Check out new, ephemeral art that will introduce you to local artists and their interaction with wide-open spaces. July and August host a number of events including a SAM Remix, yoga classes, tours, performances, art-making workshops, and more. Come see the park in the most beautiful time of the year, and get your dose of outdoor art.

SAM LIGHTS & WINTER WEEKENDS AT THE OLYMPIC SCULPTURE PARK

In the chill of winter, see the park lit up by the glow of luminaria at our SAM Lights event. Our monumental sculptures transform the landscape in the cooler months when Winter Weekends brighten up the park. Rain or shine, there is fun and free art-related programming here in the pavilion for children and adults alike to enjoy. See our online calendar for specific dates, times, and event details.

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The Eagle, 1971, Alexander Calder. Photo: Benjamin Benschneider.

PROGRAMS & RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

SCHOOL TOURS

To schedule a tour or learn more about these resources, contact tours@seattleartmuseum.org or 206.654.3133.

WHERE EARTH MEETS ART

(Grades K–12)

Experience dynamic sculpture and native plant life in diverse ecosystems as you walk along the Olympic Sculpture Park's Z-shaped pathway. Use inquiry-based discussions and activities to investigate this incredible site and all it has to offer. Contemporary art and open green space provide for a variety of experiences and learning opportunities within the urban outdoor environment.

EXPLORING ECOSYSTEMS: STEAM

(Grades K–12)

Explore contemporary art and diverse ecosystems at the Olympic Sculpture Park during this new STEAM tour and art workshop. Through scientific observation, conversation, and activities, students will gain a greater understanding of the engineering and artistry that make the Olympic Sculpture Park a unique ecosystem.

EDUCATOR RESOURCES

Contact the Wyckoff Teacher Resource Center (TRC) for books, images, and curriculum materials related to the Olympic Sculpture Park. Email trc@seattleartmuseum.org or call 206.654.3186.

FOR THE LOVE OF ART

ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Unlimited free admission to the Seattle Art Museum, the Asian Art Museum, and the Olympic Sculpture Park.
- Invitations to members-only previews and events for special exhibitions.
- 10% discount at SAM Books, Shop, and Taste.
- Discounts on museum programs, plus much more.

Memberships start at \$69. For more information or to sign up, visit seattleartmuseum.org/join-and-give or call 206.654.3210.

GIVE TO THE SAM FUND

The SAM Fund provides vital support to the museum's three locations including the Olympic Sculpture Park. Gifts of any amount make a lasting impact, helping SAM provide free programs for children and adults, promote native habitat, and preserve more than 20 iconic sculptures. To give to the SAM Fund today, go to seattleartmuseum.org/join-and-give, drop cash in a donation box in the PACCAR Pavilion, or call our Development Office at 206.654.3177.

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE OLYMPIC OUTLOOK

Honor someone special in your life with an inscription on the Olympic Outlook, an elegant etched-steel railing that lines the Elliott Bay waterfront.

When you make a contribution of \$1,000 or more to the SAM Fund, you can add the name of your choice to the Olympic Outlook and show your support for SAM. Call the Development Office at 206.654.3177 for more information.

Thank you for helping us sustain the arts in our community today and for generations to come.

PARK HOURS

Opens 30 minutes before sunrise

Closes 30 minutes after sunset

PACCAR PAVILION HOURS

November–February

Weekends Only 10 am–4 pm

March–October

Tuesday–Sunday 10 am–5 pm

The Olympic Sculpture Park is smoke-free.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable visit for everyone, please observe the following rules:

- Touching harms the art. Please do not touch or climb on the sculptures.
- Enjoy the diversity of plant life and leave it for others to enjoy.
- Keep dogs on a six-foot leash and clean up after them. Other pets are prohibited.
- Walk bicycles, rollerblades, and skateboards through the park. They may be ridden on the Boeing Company Bicycle Path and Elliott Bay Trail.
- To protect the artwork, active sports are not allowed.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Commercial photography/videography is prohibited.
- All applicable federal, state, and local laws apply.

ACCESSIBILITY

The park's Z path and waterfront pathways are wheelchair accessible. For a full listing of services for visitors with disabilities, please go to visitsam.org or call 206.654.3123 (voice) or 206.654.3137 (TTY).

BICYCLE RACKS AT THE PARK

Bicycle racks are located in the garage, near the *Father and Son* fountain on the Alaskan Way Plaza, and on Western Ave on the corner of Broad St.

