

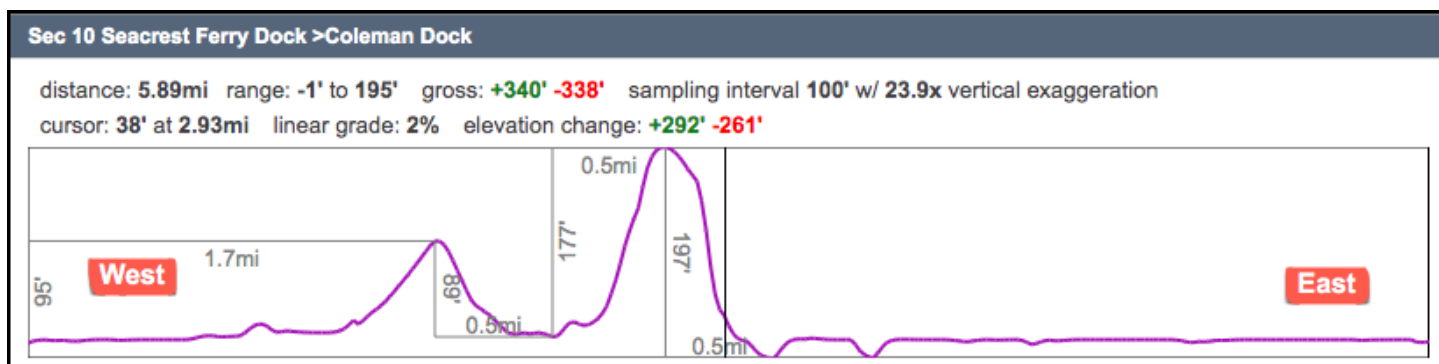
## Seattle Olmsted 70 Trail – Section 10

S6 11.7km, 234m	S7 9.6km, 149m	S8 11.1km, 44m	S9 8.6km, 130m	<b>S10 9.5km, 104m</b>	S11 9.6km, 107m	S12 10.8km, 237m
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### Seacrest Foot Ferry Terminal to Seattle Foot Ferry Terminal

Walking distance: 9.5 km (5.9 miles)

Elevation gain: 104m (340 ft)



**Section 10** of the Seattle Olmsted 70 trail begins at the West Seattle Seacrest Foot Ferry and finishes at Seattle Pier 50 Terminal.

You can split Section 10 into two shorter walks. Section 10 West runs from Seacrest Foot Ferry Terminal to Pigeon Point 4.7 km (2.9 mi) and Section 10 East ends at Pioneer Square Habitat Beach 4.8 km (3 mi). A Loop Option is offered 8 km (5 mi).

For public transit options, public bathrooms and treats see directions, last page.

### Section 10 West

Walking distance: 4.7 km (2.9 miles)

Elevation gain: 89 m (292 ft).

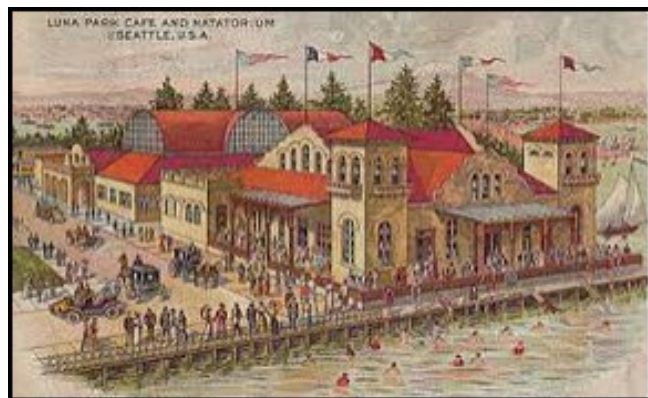
**Walkers are responsible for their own safety on Seattle Olmsted routes.**

**Note:** The route is stroller friendly excepting many stairs up and down Pigeon Point (work around offered).

- Starting at Seacrest Marina, where you may have arrived by bus or foot ferry, head south down Harbor Avenue SW (**Alki Trail**).
- Look right into Fairmont Gulch (2 fatalities but find Salty's (seafood dining, fish sculptures) just ahead.

- Continue south noting the shore side rail yard, a reminder that this is the Maritime Industrial neighborhood.
- Some may chose to explore **Jack Block Park** – 45ft tower and bathroom.
- Step lively leaving the Alki Trail to SW Avalon Way across SW Spokane Street to merge with Avalon Way.
- To your right is Luna **Park Cafe**, a favorite West Seattle meeting spot.

**Luna Park, 1907-1913, was designed by Charles Loeffl who carved and installed Coney Island's very first carousel. The 12-acres included the Great Figure Eight Roller Coaster, Giant Whirl, Shoot the Chutes...all illuminated at night. See [Luna Park History](#)**



- At SW Yancy Street continue straight onto 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW.

- Turn left (east) on SW Dakota Street into **Dragonfly Pavilion and Garden** (Jordan, 2006) tucked into **Longfellow Creek Greenspace<sup>2</sup>**.
- Wind down broad trail to the Longfellow Creek Legacy Trail.
- Then head upstream (right, south) to admire the **Salmon Bone Bridge** (Jordan, 1999).



**Salmon Bone Bridge** – Photo P Hendrickson

**Loop Option:** Continue south up the creek to Nevada Steet Bridge for the return to Seacrest Marina. See directions after Section 10 East.

- Return north to the second foot bridge (to SW Yancy Street) and turn right (east) to cross over Longfellow Creek.
- Turn left (north) on 26th Avenue SW, then right (east) onto SW Andover Street to cross Delridge Way SW and ascend **Pigeon Point<sup>4</sup>**, part of the **West Duwamish Green Belt<sup>2</sup>**.

**Stroller Option:** Cross Delridge Way SW and turn left (north) to merge onto the W Seattle Bridge Trail entering the massive interchange. Walk across the SW Spokane Street Bridge.

- Continue up SW Andover Street past a vertical xylophone. At the top of a flight of 72 stairs, turn left (north) onto 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, then right (east) on SW Charlestown Street.

- Just past 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue S take the Charlestown Stairs, 228 steps down through a heron rookery to Marginal Place SW. That's Nucor Steel (1904) in the foreground.
- Continue to intersection and turn left (north) onto the Duwamish Trail if you're only doing a half section.



**Charleston Stairs** – Photo P Hendrickson

- Else, underneath the West Seattle Bridge, turn right (east) to join the West Seattle Bridge Trail.

We are on the traditional land of the **Coast Salish** peoples who live here and steward these lands and waters as they have for time immemorial.

**You have completed Section 10 West.** Head west for free Bus #773 (Harbor Ave SW & 30<sup>th</sup> Ave SW) to Seacrest Marina.

## Section 10 East

Walking distance: 4.8 km (3 miles)  
Elevation gain: 15 m (48 ft)

**Note:** The final Section 10 East is a mostly flat walk along the container terminal docks.



- Walk east past Tribal Elder **Bernice White** Place above the West Waterway. White was a Muckleshoot involved in the “fish wars” – the struggle for Native fishing rights.
- The **Duwamish River** estuary meandered until Seattle sluiced and shoveled hills to create Harbor Island and fill the low land. Spot Mountaineers Books (Bldg. #1011)?



**Duwamish looking south** – Photo P Hendrickson

- At the signaled crossing on industrial Harbor Island, turn left (north) to cross the highway, then the truck lane to the port, and the railway tracks to a broad sidewalk (the **West Seattle Bridge Trail**.) Cyclists move quickly along this route.
- At the **Fishing Dock** you may see Duwamish tribal members placing a set net. Yes, there are posted cautions about eating fish taken near a superfund site.
- Continue on the West Seattle Bridge Trail until left (north) along the sidewalk beside East Marginal Way S.
- Many days trucks line up nose to tail to drop off or pick up containers from the yards to your left (west). Those idling over 5 minutes could be fined (in CA, not WA).
- Did you find the skate park under the highway or plaque honoring the first U.S. gas station (1907, disputed) near the 2225 port entrance?



**Jack Perry Memorial Park** – Photo P Hendrickson

- **Jack Perry Memorial Park** offers Madrona trees and brief relief from maritime industry. Alas, no toilets. Street name changes here to Alaskan Way S.
- Pass by a restricted Coast Guard military dock and compound at 1519 Alaskan Way S. **Coast Guard Museum** is rarely open.
- That’s Mariners Baseball T-Mobile Park on the other side of Highway 99, then Seahawks/Sounders/Reign Lumen Field.
- Your destination is **Pioneer Square Habitat Beach**, just before the West Seattle/Vashon Island Pier 50 Dock. Historic **Pioneer Square**<sup>1</sup> is three blocks east at Yesler Way and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue S.

### **Congratulations, you just completed Section 10 of the Seattle Olmsted 70!**

*Heading back to Seacrest Park? Take Metro Water Taxi (foot ferry)—10 to 15 minutes. Orca card, cash and other payments accepted. Sea Legs shaky? Bus #21, Lines C & H*

### **Section 10 Loop Finish Option**

>>Total Loop and Loop Finish Section Data<<  
*Distance: 8km (5 miles)—4.8km (3 mi)*  
*Elevation gain: 184 m (607 ft)—122m (403 ft)*

**Note:** *Many stairs and unprotected shoulder nix stroller travel.*

- Along Longfellow Creek at SW Nevada Street turn left (east) to ascend the stairs and turn right (west) to cross the bridge.
- Turn right (north) onto 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW to the SW Yancy Street major intersection.
- Turn left (west) to cross onto SW Andover Street which dead-ends in a cul-de-sac.

- Turn left (south) to exit onto an elegant pedestrian / cyclist bridge over West Seattle Bridge arterial back onto SW Andover Street.



**West Seattle Arterial Flyover** – Photo P Hendrickson

- Turn right (north) onto 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW which merges to 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW.
- At SW Hinds Street turn left (west) up stairs to jog right-left and continue west on Hinds to 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW.
- Turn left (west) on SW Stevens Street to 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW.
- Turn right (north) on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, then left (west) to SW Forest Street which leads to **Hiawatha Playfield / Park<sup>3</sup>**.
- Walk over to the adjacent Safeway (bathrooms, snacks) and turn right (north) onto 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW.
- Find the West Seattle Library at the corner of SW College Street (books, bathrooms)

and continue north to intersect Ferry Avenue SW.

- Turn right (northwest) and work your way (sidewalk disappears) down to California Way SW.
- U-Turn right (south) to cross Harbor Avenue SW and you've arrived at West Seattle Water Taxi Pier – Seacrest Park.

### **You've Finished Section 10 Loop Option**

**Note:** *The Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks map display gives five park categories. Our superscripts show: **1**)Pre-1903, **2**)1903-09, **3**)1909-13, **4**)Post 1913, and **5**)Unrealized*

**Seattle Olmsted Circuit** loops 120km (75 miles) via more easterly parks and boulevards (5 Sections, October 2023) connecting with the more westerly Seattle Olmsted 70 (7 Sections, June 2024). Loop Option (12 sections, January 2025)

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**Navigation Tip:** *Staple, then fold these sheets the long way. You can then easily hold them in one hand to follow the turn-by-turn. Some walkers keep their thumb on the bulleted text for their current position.*

## TRANSIT, TOILETS and TREATS

### King County Metro Transit Service Points

Public transport is available at several locations on Section 10 but these points offer the most options.

**Light Rail Schedule** [Light Rail](#)

**State Ferry Schedule** [State Ferries](#)

**Metro Water Taxi** [Foot Ferry](#)

**Bus Routes** [Metro Bus Routes](#)

- **Seacrest Foot Ferry Dock Bus** # 773, 775
- **West Seattle Bridge approach Bus** #21, 56, 57, 773 (free), C Line
- **SW Avalon Way** #C Line
- **Delridge Way S** #50, 125, H Line
- **East on S Atlantic St** #21, 131, 132, Stadium Light Rail, Greyhound Bus
- **Seattle Ferry Terminal** #21, Lines C & H

### Suggested Bathroom Stops

Free public bathroom access is scant on Section 10 during park and business hours. Stops are listed in order of travel Seacrest Marina.

- Seacrest Park Foot Ferry Terminal
- Business locations Harbor & Avalon Ave SW
- Hiawatha Playfield
- West Seattle Library (Loop Option)
- W Seattle Bridge Fishing Dock?
- Seattle Ferry Terminal

### Where to Buy Provisions

Section 10 and nearby have a moderate mix of residential, parks and local cafes, bakeries, ice cream parlors, and pubs.

- Seasonal parks, playfields, bars
- Seacrest Park Foot Ferry Dock
- Uptown Espresso, mini mall corner Delridge & Andover
- Delridge Way SW
- Seattle Ferry Terminal
- Ivar's Acres of Clams

### Other Items of Interest

- **Stewards** for Section 10 are to be named.
- **Harbor Island** is a 420-acre industrial island built in the early 1900s, then the largest artificial island in the world, and now the largest in the U.S. The Corps of Engineers East Waterway original mudflat is a Superfund site. Fish are "Fun to Catch, Toxic to Eat." More history [Old Tide Flats](#)
- **Fisher Flouring Mill** (1909) on Harbor Island (now a film studio) was the largest in the U.S. "equipped to grind about 10,000 bushes of wheat...[and] create 2,000 barrels of flour a day." Fisher scones were a hit at the Puyallup State Fair. -- Jean Sherrard, Seattle Times, June 25, 2023
- **Duwamish People** live along these shores and waterways. See [Duwamish](#)
- **Neighborhoods** near or on this route are Alki Beach, North Admiral, West Seattle, Delridge, Marine Industrial, Downtown
- **Seattle Walks** (2025, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed) by David Williams and Seattle Stairways Walks (2013, Jaramillos) are fine sources of historical, cultural and natural information.
- For more complete Olmsted Parks information, consult **Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks**, partners in development of this trail. Local link is [FSOP](#). The national Olmsted Network is [National](#)
- **Seattle ranks** among the top 10 park systems in the country [Top Ten](#)