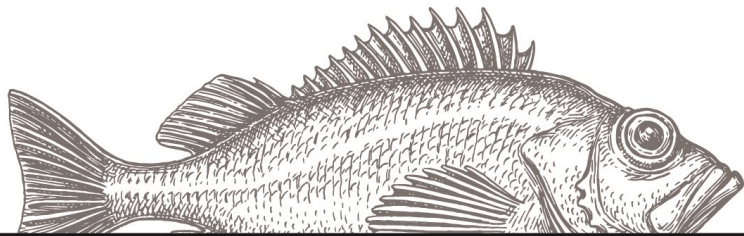




A guide to exploring local beaches



Olympic Sculpture Park

Also known as Pocket Beach

Land acknowledgement: Duwamish, Muckleshoot, Suquamish, Umatilla, Walla Walla and Cayuse territories

About the beach:

This beach is located in downtown Seattle, near the Space Needle and the Seattle Center. It is a part of the Olympic Sculpture Park which is managed by the Seattle Art Museum. This beach is characterized by large cobble and gravel that is surrounded by large boulders on both the north and south ends. Looking into the cracks between the boulders is where you can find sea life! This spot is great for harbor seal and sea lion sightings. After walking around the beach, the Olympic Sculpture Park is a great place to look at art and enjoy nature.

Parking:

Paid parking is available in the PACCAR Pavilion garage, located underneath the Olympic Sculpture Park Pavilion. The entrance to the parking garage is on the southeast corner of the park at Broad Street and Western Avenue. There is metered street parking available on nearby streets.

Bathrooms:

There are no bathrooms on the beach. The closest restrooms are approximately a 10- to 15-minute walk uphill from the beach area, located inside the Olympic Sculpture Park Pavilion. There are gendered, ADA-accessible restrooms located near the elevator.

Accessibility:

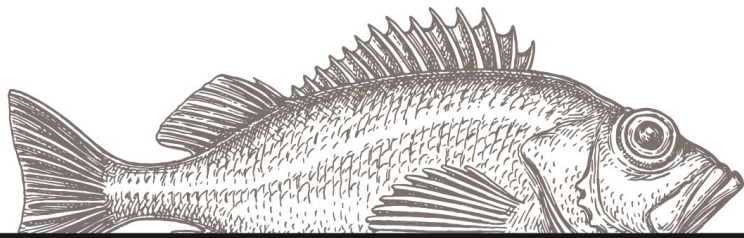
This park has well-maintained, paved pathways along the waterfront. There are compacted gravel pathways onto the beach itself. The beach has a steep grade from the top to the water line, so someone with limited mobility would benefit from the use of a beach wheelchair. There are large logs at the top of the beach for sitting that tend to be in the shade. There are some trees along the beach and bike trail that provide more shade at the north end of the pocket beach. There is a large grassy area just north of the beach that has benches and places to rest out of the sun. There is no potable water source at the beach itself so it is recommended to bring a cooler with drinking water. The closest potable water is located in the PACCAR Pavilion, which is a 10- to 15-minute walk uphill from the beach.

Best tide level:

This beach is best visited on tides of -2 feet or less to tidepool. There is a large underwater habitat bench on the south side of the pocket beach that is home to lots of marine creatures, but this can only be accessed when the tide is extremely low.



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Animals you might meet:

Sea stars, northern clingfish, nudibranchs, burrowing sea cucumber, barnacles, mussels, hermit crabs, shore crabs

Address:

3131 Elliott Ave
Seattle, WA 98121

Park hours:

Mon-Sun dawn to dusk