

Great Summer Free Events Downtown!

CENTER CITY PARKS

2009



Explore Life Between Buildings!!



Take a walk...

Help us make Seattle one of the best walkable cities in the nation. This Center City Walking Map represents 11 walk routes in the downtown area to encourage you to walk for your own benefit, for the life of the City, and for the good of the natural environment.

Wi-Fi Hot Spot

The City of Seattle provides free wireless Internet access in Freeway, Occidental, Westlake, and Victor Steinbrueck Parks, and in the Plaza at the City Hall. Users can log in using seattlewifi for the ssid.



Dog Off Leash Areas (OLA)

Off-leash areas provide a playground for downtown dwellers and their canine companions...and anyone who enjoys good company, wet noses, and wagging tails.



Regrade OLA – 2251 3rd Ave

Plymouth Pillars OLA – Boren Ave. and Pike St.

This summer our Center City parks will once again feature FREE movies, concerts, dancing and a whole lot more—all part of Mayor Greg Nickels' Center City Initiative for a lively, welcoming downtown.

Check out the street performers. Explore the Arts in the Park. Learn to salsa or waltz at Dancing til Dusk.

It's all happening in these and other Center City parks:

Occidental Square, Occidental Ave. S & S Main St.

Hing Hay Park, 423 Maynard Ave. S

Freeway Park, 700 Seneca St.

Pioneer Square, 100 Yesler Way

Westlake Park, 401 Pine St.

Waterfront Park, 1301 Alaskan Way

Victor Steinbrueck Park, 2001 Western Ave.



Park Ranger Program



Be on the lookout and say hello to our Park Rangers. They're there for you to provide a strong, positive but authoritative presence in our downtown parks. They share information with tourists, families, workers and downtown residents.



MOVIES

Center City Cinema: Outdoor Movies

All movies will begin at sunset and will be canceled in the case of rain.

Kung Fu Panda Aug 8 – Hing Hay Park
(English with Spanish Subtitles)

Bride and Prejudice Aug 15 – Hing Hay Park
(English with Spanish Subtitles)

Enter the Dragon Aug 22 – Hing Hay Park
(English with Spanish Subtitles)

Shall We Dance Sept 3 – Occidental Square
(in conjunction with Dancing til Dusk Ball)

MUSIC

Buskers

Street performers of all kinds will display their talents on accordions, yo-yo's, flutes, toy pianos, violins, their own two feet... Weekday lunchtimes and early evenings (and some weekends) in selected parks.



DANCE & DANCING

"Dancing til Dusk"

Each night will feature a different style of live music and dancing on a newly expanded dance floor. Pre-dance lessons (beginner level) from 6 – 7 p.m., followed by the dance from 7 – 9 p.m. Dancing will be canceled in the case of rain. Info: 206.264.5646 www.DanceForJoy.biz



Occidental Park

July 2nd – Kevin Buster's Lunch Money (Rhythm and Blues/Swing)

July 9th – Tangabrazo (Tango)

July 16th – Cambalache (Salsa and Latin)

Aug 27th – DJ'd Zydeco/Cajun

Sept 3rd – KGB (Waltz, Swing, Foxtrot, Polka)

A Ball will be held in conjunction with Center City Cinema's outdoor movie "Shall We Dance." Participants are invited to dress up like people in the movies of the 1930's and 40's

Freeway Park

July 23th – Portage Bay Big Band (Big Band Swing)

July 30th – Conniption (Contra Dance)

Aug 6th – Maia Santell (Swing East & West Coast & Blues)

Aug 13th – Tumbao (Salsa and Latin)

Aug 20th – Steve Rice Orchestra (Waltz, Swing, Foxtrot, Polka) "Ball Blanc" Wear White!

Inside Out Dance Company

Performing Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop and Modern dances for your entertainment.

Presented by Marysville Dance Academy

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. July 9 & 23 – Occidental Park
Aug 20 – Freeway Park

FESTIVALS/CELEBRATIONS

33rd Annual Wooden Boat Festival

July 4 & 5 – Lake Union Park, 1010 Valley St. Waterfront festival where everything is fun, almost everything is free and nothing much is fancy. Suggested donation: \$5 per person, \$10 per family. Info: 206.382.2628 or visit www.cwb.org

McDonald's Presents Seattle's Chinatown-International District Summer Festival

"Celebrating Our Community, Sharing our Culture" Celebrate Asian culture at this International District festival. July 11 from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., July 12 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.! Hing Hay Park Info: 206.382.1197 or www.cidbia.org/events

Fire Festival 2009

July 11 – Occidental Square
Antique fire engines, police cars, bagpipes and kids' activities!
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Info: 206.783.4474
www.LastResortFD.org



Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition Centennial Celebration

Sept 23 – Pioneer Square 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Klondike Gold Rush Museum and Seattle Underground Tours commemorates the 1909 Seattle Worlds Fair & the Pacific Northwest of the early 1900s.
Info: 206.220.4240 or www.aype.net

PERFORMANCE ART

The creative energy of Seattle's vibrant arts community comes to daily life downtown. From June through October, curators will explore their own artistic interests with performance, sound, painting, words, giant puppets—arts of all kinds. Victor Steinbrueck, Westlake, and Occidental Square Parks.



www.ArtsParksSeattle.org



PLAYGROUNDS

Denny Park, 100 Dexter Ave N (corner of Denny and Dexter Ave N)
International Children's Park, 700 S. Lane St. (Chinatown/International District)
Cascade Playground, 333 Pontius Ave. N (South Lake Union)



GARDENING CLASSES

Urban Vegetable Gardening and Composting Classes 5 – 7 p.m.
Container Veggie Gardening, Composting for Apartment Dwellers, Culinary Herb Gardening and Salad Gardening classes presented by Seattle Tilth. For class descriptions and to register, please go to www.SeattleTilth.org or call 206.633.0451, Ext. 101

June 24, July 1, 8 – Victor Steinbrueck Park
July 15, 22, & 29 – Freeway Park
Aug 5, 12 & 19 – Occidental Square
Aug 16, 23, & 30 – Cascade Playground
Sept 5 & 19 – Belltown Cottage Park

OTHER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Drop-in Bocce

Occidental Square daily – Information Kiosk

Seattle Public Library Used Book Sales

Freeway Park, Monday – Friday, Noon – 1:30 p.m., Beginning June 15 through September 4

Drop-in Tai Chi Classes

Denny Park, Thursdays, Noon – 1 p.m., July 16 – Sept 31

Seattle Underground Tours

Pioneer Square Park Info: 206.682.4646
www.UndergroundTour.com
May – Sept Daily: Hourly 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Oct – Nov Daily: Hourly 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Dec 1 – 23 Daily: Hourly 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

ARTS, CRAFTS & FARMER'S MARKETS

Thursday Farmer's Market

Cascade Playground, 333 Pontius Ave. N.
Jun 25, Jul 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Aug 6, 13, 20, 27, Sept 3, 10, 17 & 26 Info: 206.587.0320
www.CascadePeoplesCenter.org

First Thursdays Art in the Park

Occidental Square, July 2, Aug 6, Sept 3, Oct 2, Nov 6 & Dec 4 Info: 206.667.0687
www.FirstThursdaySeattle.com

Night Market

Hing Hay Park, Saturday Aug 22 from 6 – 11 p.m. Info: 206.382.1197
www.cidbia.org/events

Saturday Market

Occidental Square, Saturday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
June 27, July 11, 18, 25 & Aug 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, Sept 5
Info: 206.667.0687 or visit www.PioneerSquare.org

Uptown Stroll

Counterbalance Park, Aug 29, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
sponsored by the Uptown Alliance and other friends of Counterbalance Park. Info: www.UptownAlliance.org

1st Thursdays Evening Concert Series

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Occidental Square
Aug 6, Oct 1, Nov 5, & Dec 3

For the complete entertainment lineup, please call 206.667.0687 or visit www.FirstThursdaySeattle.com

Summer Sundays

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Waterfront Park
June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug 2, 16, 23

Enjoy a spectacular array of African and African-American cultural performances presented in partnership with the Adefua African Music & Dance Company. Celebrating 24 years of being!

Seattle Presents

City Hall hosts free concerts year round and turns up the heat this summer with 12 of the hottest local

bands rockin' the plaza. Enjoy blues, tri-lingual grunge, country, kiddie pop, swing and salsa dancing, hip-hop, improvised musical theater and much more.

Thursdays, Noon – 1:30 p.m. June 18 through Sept 17 (except no shows on June 25 and Sept 10)
Info: 206.684.7171 or www.seattle.gov/SeattlePresents
Presented by Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs

Barbershop Chorus & Quartets

Singing barbershop music a cappella as choruses and quartets. Info: 206.370.4085 or www.Seachordsmen.org
Presented by Seattle Seachordsmen

SeaChordsmen Chorus, Waterfront Park, Jul 14, 6 p.m.
What's Cookin' VLQ, Freeway Park, Jul 19, 2 p.m.
SeaSharps Quartet, Waterfront Park, Jul 27, 6 p.m.
SeaChordsmen Chorus, Occidental Square, Aug 11, 6 p.m.
SeaSharps Quartet, Westlake Park, Aug 25, 6 p.m.
What's Cookin' VLQ, Occidental Square, Aug 25, 6 p.m.
SeaChordsmen Chorus, Counterbalance Park, Aug 29, 2 p.m.
What's Cookin' VLQ, Pioneer Square Park, Sep 8, 6 p.m.
SeaChordsmen Chorus, Westlake Park, Sep 15, 2 p.m.
SeaSharps Quartet, Counterbalance Park, Sep 15, 6 p.m.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Associated Recreation Council • Cascade People's Center
Chinatown International District Business Improvement Association • Citizens for Off Leash Areas • Downtown Seattle Association • Downtown District Council • Freeway Park Neighborhood Association • Friends of Denny Park • Friends of Victor Steinbrueck Park • International District Housing Alliance
Metropolitan Improvement District • Pioneer Square Community Association • Seattle Chinese Chamber of Commerce
Seattle Tilth • Uptown Alliance • City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods • City of Seattle Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs • Dancing for Joy • Easterday Productions • Exeter House
4Culture • Homestreet Bank • Horizon House
Seattle Underground Tours • Virginia Mason

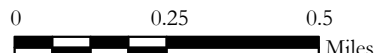


SEATTLE PARKS AND RECREATION



Center City Walking Routes

- City Hall Park to Westlake .7 mi
- Freeway Park Loop 1.6 mi
- Kobe Terrace Loop 1 mi
- Lake Union Loop 2 mi
- Myrtle Edwards 1.4 mi
- Playground Loop 1 mi
- Pike Place Loop 1.9 mi
- Pioneer Square Loop 0.6 mi
- SAM to Sculpture Park Loop 2.5 mi
- Waterfront 1.4 mi
- Westlake to Denny Park .9 mi



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www.seattle.gov/parks/centercity