

A GUIDED TOUR OF

DUWAMISH HILL

Visit Duwamish Hill Preserve, 10.5 acres of historical, cultural and ecological significance in Tukwila. The Duwamish Hill Preserve serves as an outdoor classroom, recreational space, and is an example of a successful partnership between Friends of the Hill, City of Tukwila, public and private owners and Forterra.





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LOCATION:

3800 S 115th St, Tukwila, WA 98168

PARKING:

There is a small parking lot on site and ample street parking along the Duwamish River.

1. Entry Kiosk

Scheduled to be dynamited and developed in 1999, this site was saved by a high school play that told the story of its early tribal life, European settlers' first home sites and Japanese-American families who farmed fields nearby until they were interned in WWII.

2. Native Plant Garden

This area that was once under a mile of glacial ice, then a marsh, then a storage yard, and now is a Puget Sound Salish Cultural Garden. The plants are intended to be cultivated and used by local indigenous people.

3. Sundial

"Journey Through the Seasonal Rounds," a large granite etching, highlights traditional uses of native plants by the Puget Sound Salish people. A Duwamish basket design is at the center.

4. Along the Trail

The cultural and natural history of the Preserve is presented through etched benches and illustrated signs throughout the Cultural Garden created by local artist, Mette Hanson.

5. Outdoor Classroom

Forterra has worked with Tukwila School District teachers to develop outdoor classroom lesson plans for students to use on field trips to the Hill.

6. Top of the Hill

From here, you can see from Mount Rainier to the south all the way to Elliott Bay. Unable to carve into natural bedrock, the Duwamish River makes a 90 degree turn right below us.



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