

## Non-VISTA-related fun!

The University District is home to several movie theaters:

Metro Cinemas (9 screens; mostly Hollywood films, but usually at least one foreign or indie film in the mix)

4500 9<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

<http://www.landmarktheatres.com/market/Seattle/MetroCinemas.htm>

Neptune Theater (Gorgeous old theater building, one screen. Usually shows big draw movies to fill seats.)

NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Brooklyn Ave NE

<http://www.landmarktheatres.com/Market/Seattle/NeptuneTheatre.htm>

Seven Gables (one screen; mostly foreign and indie films)

911 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street

<http://www.landmarktheatres.com/Market/Seattle/SevenGablesTheatre.htm>

Varsity Theater (3 screens, none in especially large theaters. Shows smaller Hollywood movies along with foreign and indie films)

4329 University Way NE

<http://www.landmarktheatres.com/Market/Seattle/VarsityTheatre.htm>

Grand Illusion Cinema (Indie film? Ha! This is an indie **theater**! “Eclectic” doesn't begin to describe their mix of films)

1403 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street

<http://www.grandillusioncinema.org/>

Most touristy stuff is downtown, but there are several local attractions you can see without getting on the freeway:

The Woodland Park Zoo

601 N 59<sup>th</sup> Street

<http://www.zoo.org/>

Hiram M. Chittenden Locks (aka the Ballard Locks)

3015 54<sup>th</sup> St NW

<http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=lwsc&pagename=mainpage>

(Note that there are also some very good restaurants near the locks. Let us know if you'd like a list.)

The Burke Museum (natural history and native cultures)

17<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street

<http://www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/>

The Museum of History and Industry

2700 24<sup>th</sup> Ave E

<http://www.seattlehistory.org/>

The Washington Park Arboretum

2300 Arboretum Drive E

<http://depts.washington.edu/uwbg/gardens/wpa.shtml>

It's also a short drive to two beloved pieces of public art, not too far from one another. The Fremont Troll is on Troll Ave (which runs under the Aurora Bridge), just north of N 36<sup>th</sup> Street. Waiting for the Interurban is near the corner of Fremont Ave N and N 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Read more about them:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fremont\\_Troll](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fremont_Troll)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waiting\\_for\\_the\\_Interurban](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waiting_for_the_Interurban)