

# Downtown Issaquah Walking Tour

## Salmon-Themed Public Art

Downtown Issaquah has many pieces of public art with a salmon or water theme. Explore them all in this easy, 1-mile loop walk. It's a fun activity to do with family and friends or on your own!

**Issaquah City Hall, 130 E. Sunset Way.** Look for the large bronze sculpture of an eagle; what do you see in its talon? *Valiant Effort* by Doug Eck. Walk north on the sidewalk approximately one block.



**Issaquah Senior Center, 75 NE. Creek Way.** At the front entrance is a bronze ring sculpture; how many salmon do you count? *The Salmon Cycle*, Charles W. Smith (photo)

Walk to the east side of the Senior Center building and look for a basalt stone sculpture; how many sides have salmon? *River Run*, Craig Breitbach. (photo) Return to the paved pathway and walk

north to Dogwood Street.

**Dogwood St. and Front St.** Near the southwest corner of this intersection, can you find the stone element that has a carved salmon? Part of a multi-piece work *The Dig*, Brian Goldbloom



Return to the east side of Front St. and walk to the historic Shell station and Hailstone Feed Store. Look for a painted mural on the facing building; do you see salmon images here? Mural artist: Nick Goettling

Walk south on Front St. looking for a bicycle rack and metal backdrops for seating benches with water themes.

**Front Street and Sunset Way.** At the northeast corner of this intersection, look for the salmon on the traffic signal box. What other Issaquah features do you see? *Paper Mountains*, Sean Callahan

**Issaquah Library.** Look for a bench with a salmon design; how many salmon do you see? Community donation.



**Issaquah Fish Hatchery, 125 W. Sunset Way.** Walk west on Sunset Way to see art around the hatchery, first looking for the salmon painting on the utility box at the east end. *Cohu Run*, Maureen Mitchell (photo)

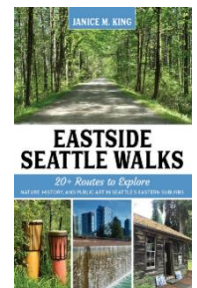
If the hatchery is closed to public access, walk to the west Sunset Way entrance for a distant view of two artworks inside the hatchery grounds: a carved tree sculpture and the bronze sculpture of hatchery mascots, Gilda and Finley. *Reaching Home*, Thomas Jay

### About This Walking Tour

This route is adapted from the book *Eastside Seattle Walks, 20+ routes to explore nature, history, and public art in Seattle's Eastern suburbs*. Local author Janice King is also a fiber artist, walking tour leader, and long-time Issaquah volunteer. Learn more about the book at: [www.eastsideatlantawalks.com](http://www.eastsideatlantawalks.com)

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