

Brief History

1880s

First Japanese laborers arrive in the Northwest.



1907-1908

Gentlemen's Agreement restricts Japanese immigration. A loophole allows Japanese "picture brides" and professionals to come to the US.

1924

Immigration Act of 1924 excludes all Asian immigrants except Filipinos.

1929-1930s

Seattle's Japanese American population reaches its peak during the Great Depression.



1930

Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) forms.

1941

Japan attacks US military base in Pearl Harbor. The FBI begins to arrest Issei (first generation) leaders in several West Coast cities.

1942

Executive Order 9066 is signed into law and sets in motion the forced removal of Nikkei (Japanese legal residents and Japanese American citizens) from the West Coast.



1944-1946

US concentration camps close. Some Nikkei families return to Seattle, but many relocate elsewhere.

1960s

Construction of I-5 freeway cuts through Japantown.

1968

Racial covenants banned in Seattle when the federal government passes the Fair Housing Act.



1970s-1988

After years of community advocacy, President Ronald Reagan signs the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, also known as the Redress Bill.

Present

Annual pilgrimages continue to several incarceration sites as Nikkei remember, heal and teach others in hopes that it never happens again. Seattle Nikkei community continues efforts to revitalize Japantown.



Introduction

Explore the Japanese American Remembrance Trail, an urban hike in Seattle's original Japantown from Pioneer Square to the Central District. Visit Japantown past and present - from early pioneers to the World War II era to community life today. Immerse yourself in personal stories of resilience, and explore connections to today.

Get your walking shoes ready

Use this map to find all 42 sites, past and present, on the Trail. Visit the Trail website to find out more about each site. Stop in at the many cultural organizations and businesses to learn even more.

Most people walk 1/4 mile in 5 minutes. To walk across the map from west to east would take 20 minutes. The Trail website suggests fitness activities, including several Hill Climb Challenges, safety and accessibility information.

Take a guided tour

The Wing Luke Museum offers neighborhood walking tours including sites along the Trail. Visit wingluke.org for more.

Private group tours also are available. A good choice for families, coworkers, community groups, book clubs and schools to create a unique experience, guiding you through the stories of the Japanese American community along the Trail. For more info or to reserve your tour, call 206.623.5124 ext 133 or email tours@wingluke.org.



Jackson Street in Seattle's Japantown during the forced removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. Photo courtesy of Seattle Post-Intelligencer Collection, Museum of History and Industry, Seattle.

Trail Anchors

Central Trail Anchor

Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience

Features art, history and cultural exhibits on pan-Asian Pacific American community
719 S King St | wingluke.org



West Trail Anchor

Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park

Gold Rush museum located in the historic Cadillac Hotel
319 2nd Ave S | nps.gov/klse



East Trail Anchor

Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington

Historic landmark featuring the Seattle Japanese Language School. Community gathering place for Japanese art, culture and history
1414 S Weller St | jcccw.org



Trail Website

wingluke.org/japanese-american-remembrance-trail

Features:

- Site descriptions
- Stories about people and places along the Trail
- Artwork by YouthCAN for select sites
- Ways to head out on the Trail including Hill Climb Challenges
- Guided tour information

Lead partners:

- National Park Service Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park
- National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program
- Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience

Additional partners:

- Aging and Disability Services
- Densho
- Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington
- Keiro Northwest
- Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
- NVC Foundation
- Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority

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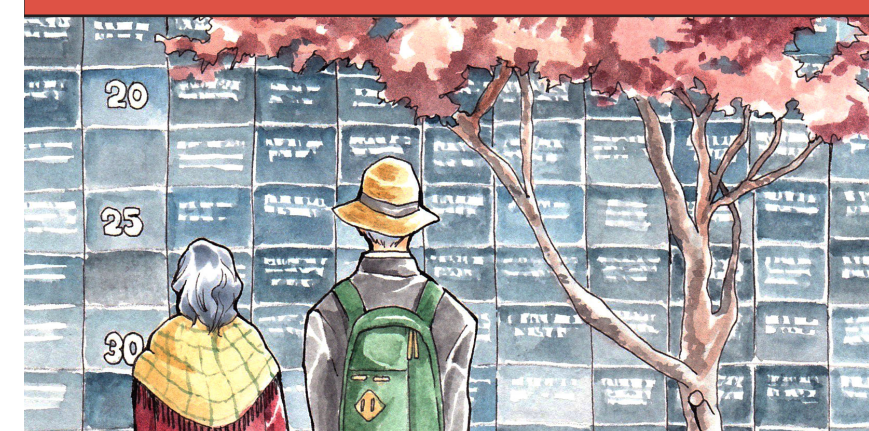
- Neighborhood Matching Fund from the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods

Japanese American Remembrance Trail Map

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Explore Seattle!



Japanese American Remembrance Trail Map

ADDRESS	1. Wing Luke Museum ...719 S King St	5. Nihonmachi Alley ...Jackson St between 6th & Maynard Ave	9. Momo ...600 S Jackson St	14. Panama Hotel Sento ...6th Ave S and S Main St	19. Hirabayashi Place ...442 S Main St	24. Nagomi Tea House ...519 6th Ave S	28. Puget Sound Hotel ...718 6th Ave S	33. Reliance Hospital ...416 1/2 12th Ave S	36. St. Peter's Episcopal Church ...1610 S King St	39. Collins Playfield ...16th Ave between Main & Washington St
	2. Kokusai Theater ...412 Maynard Ave S	6. Chiyo's Garden ...Jackson St between 6th & Maynard Ave	10. Jackson Bldg Warehouse ...312 6th Ave S	15. Panama Hotel ...605 1/2 S Main St	20. Furuya Company ...240 2nd Ave S	25. North American Post ...519 6th Ave S	29. Nikkei Manor ...614 Maynard Ave S	34. Nisei Veterans Committee Hall ...1212 S King St	37. Washington State Labor Council ...321 16th Ave S	40. Keiro Northwest Rehabilitation & Care Center ...1601 E Yesler Wy
	3. Tsutakawa Sculpture ...Maynard Ave S & S Jackson St	7. Kaname ...612 S Jackson St	11. NP Hotel ...304-310 6th Ave S	16. Tokuda Drugs ...609 S Main St	21. Waterfall Garden Park ...219 2nd Ave S	26. Uwajimaya ...600 5th Ave S	30. Bush Garden ...614 Maynard Ave S	35. Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington ...1414 S Weller St	41. Koyasan Buddhist Temple ...1518 S Washington St	42. Seattle Dojo ...1510 S Washington St
	4. Maynard Ave Green Street ...Maynard Ave S & S Jackson St	8. KOBO at Higo ...602-608 S Jackson St	12. Maneki ...304 6th Ave S	17. Nippon Kan ...628 S Washington St	22. Cadillac Hotel ...168 S Jackson St	27. Immigration and Naturalization Service Bldg ...815 Seattle Blvd S	31. Cherry Land Florist ...905 S Jackson St	38. Seattle Buddhist Church ...1427 S Main St		
			13. Main Street School Annex ...307 6th Ave S	18. Japanese American Courier ...214 5th Ave S	23. King Street Station ...303 S Jackson St		32. Nichiren Buddhist Church ...1042 S Weller St			