

Wallingford developed in the early 1900s as a streetcar suburb with a thriving commercial core along N. 45th Street, once called the Wallingford Hill district. This tour spotlights the area south of this commercial corridor on the slope of Wallingford Hill, with its rich collection of popularly styled early-20th century homes, as well as artistic and natural sensory delights. Explore these highlights in any order.

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Tudor Court
1700 N 44TH ST



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This five-unit building is a great example of multi-family housing from one of Wallingford's big growth spurts. Built in 1925-26, it shows influences of the Bungalow Court design and features Tudor and Colonial Revival elements.



Tattoo Shop Mural
403 NE 45TH ST

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This 2014 mural by Alester Forx, also known as Cabron, is inspired by a 1940s photo of Danish tattoo artists at Copenhagen's Tattoo Ole, which claims to be the world's oldest still-running tattoo shop.

Monkey Puzzle Tree
1809 N 41ST ST

The distinctive monkey puzzle tree is the national tree of Chile. Its prickly, scaly needles radiating from long spiraling branches inspired its name, as climbing the tree would puzzle even a monkey.



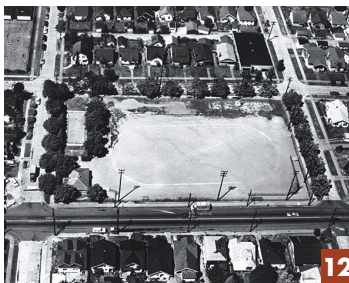
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Latona Grocery
319 NE 42ND ST

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Yoshitomi and Toku Shimomura purchased and ran the Latona Grocery in the 1930s in order to fund their son Eddie's college education at the University of Washington. He became a pharmacist. Their son Michio graduated from Lincoln High School in 1940.



Wallingford Playfield
N 43RD ST & WOODLAWN AVE N

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Residence & Snake Handrail
4332 MERIDIAN AVE N

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Built in 1908 as a single-family residence, it was first converted to 2-family flats in 1918 and later to 3 living spaces. Don't miss the stonework along the sidewalk and the coiled snake hand railing at the front porch.

Artist Majken Ryherd collaborated with children to design the community mosaic at the Boys & Girls Club courtyard. View the impressive mosaic from N. 45th Street.

Boys & Girls Club Mosaics
1310 N 45TH ST



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Sidewalk Stamps
N 41ST ST & BURKE AVE N

Hans Pederson was one of Seattle's most prolific builders in the early 20th century. Concrete sidewalks he built are stamped with his name, like those at the southern corners of 41st and Burke.

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Some 2,500 people gathered in 1925 to dedicate the new Wallingford Playfield. Opened shortly before Hamilton school, it provided recreational space for students and the community. It expanded in 1969-70 following the City's removal of 16 houses and a church.

Melrose Exchange
4136 MERIDIAN AVE N



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Look down! This circular cover in the parking strip along 42nd sits atop what appears to have been a coal hole, enabling the easy delivery and storage of coal to the building. What does the cover spell?

Coal Cover
4136 MERIDIAN AVE N



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Snapshot-worthy Mosaics
4335 BURKE AVE N



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The Latona School was built in 1906 as one of 19 wood-frame schoolhouses in Seattle based on a model plan. The 8-room, Queen Anne-style schoolhouse is now the John Stanford International School.



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Latona School
4057 5TH AVE NE



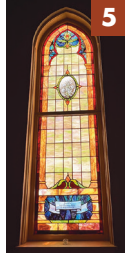
Queen Anne Cottage
4023 2ND AVE NE

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This distinctive Queen Anne-style cottage was built in 1891 and is one of the oldest surviving houses in Wallingford. It was the longtime home of Anna and Arthur Castelton, a leader in the Seattle Iron Molders Union Local 158 in the early 1900s.

The Outlook, a community newspaper published under various names, was printed in the basement of this Craftsman-style home from 1922 to 1970 and delivered by local newsboys like those shown here.

Gift of Grace Lutheran Church
2102 N 40TH ST



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The Gift of Grace Lutheran church was built as the Zion Lutheran Church in 1950-51. It provides Wallingford with some interesting architecture and stained glass windows, in addition to a working 'urban farm' that includes a flock of chickens and an on-site pre-school.

The Outlook
4203 WOODLAWN AVE N

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This spot has been a hive of neighborhood activity since a grocery opened here in 1912. Today, Irwin's Bakery & Café pays tribute to the old Irwin's Grocery & Market that opened in 1923.

Irwin's Bakery & Café
2123 N 40TH ST

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Twin Craftsman Houses
4030 DENSMORE AVE N and 4025 WALLINGFORD AVE N

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These twin houses were built in 1913 by Joseph Parker for developer Henry Brice, who together built speculative houses in Wallingford. These houses reflect their repetitive use of a few popular small-house plans. Don't miss the brick and cobblestone chimney.



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Heritage Cherry Tree
1508 N 41ST ST

This Yoshino cherry tree (Prunus yedoensis) is designated a Heritage Tree by the City of Seattle. It was planted by Hilma Lindquist Johnson, an early Wallingford resident, not long after the house was built in 1942.

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EXPLORING WALLINGFORD



WALLINGFORD HILL

Discover Seattle's Wallingford neighborhood through this self-guided tour featuring natural, historical, and artistic points of interest on Wallingford Hill, between 40th and 45th streets. Take your time and explore at your own pace!



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