

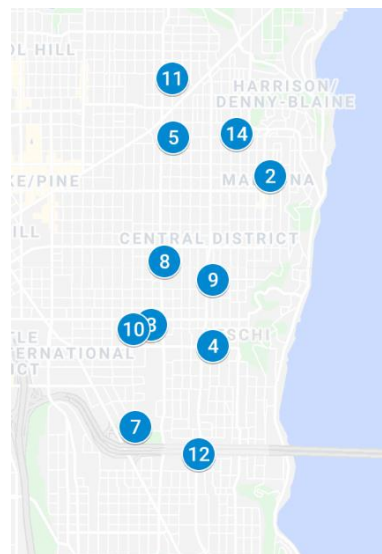
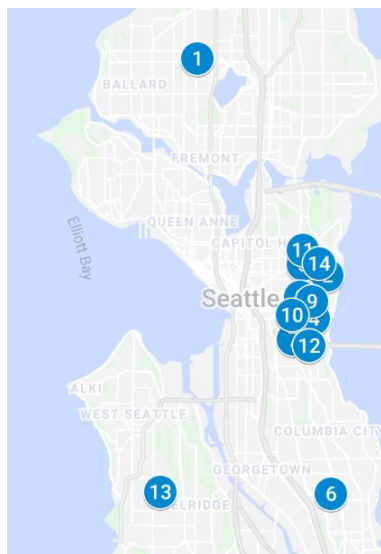
Explore Black History in Seattle's Parks

History is all around us! Seattle Parks and Recreation compiled a list of several parks in the city named after Black historical figures, most of whom lived in Seattle and made significant contributions to the city. Explore the list on the Parkways blog linked below and pair it with one of our suggested at home or outdoors activities. If you are close enough to visit one of these parks in-person, make sure to follow Safe Start guidelines, wear a mask, maintain distance from others, and wash your hands afterwards.

<https://parkways.seattle.gov/2019/02/18/explore-seattles-black-history-seattle-parks-recreation-part-1/>

<https://parkways.seattle.gov/2019/02/18/explore-seattles-black-history-seattle-parks-recreation-part-2/>

LOCATIONS



1. Alice Ball Park
2. Alvin Larkins Park
3. Dr. Blanche Lavizzo Park
4. Flo Ware Park
5. Homer Harris Park
6. John C. Little, Sr. Park
7. Judge Charles M. Stokes Overlook
8. Medgar Evers Pool
9. Powell Barnett Park
10. Pratt Park
11. Prentis I. Frazier Park
12. Sam Smith Park
13. Walt Hundley Playfield
14. William Grose Park

Suggested Activities

In-person: spend some time **observing and sketching** what you see. What features does this park have? What are people doing? Is there anything in the park that is inspired by, represents, or teaches you about the person it is named after (murals, markers/signs, sculptures, etc.)?

If you were to **design a park** that honors someone – who would it be and why? What would it look like? Draw your design and share it with someone!

Discuss with your friends/family – why do we name parks or places after people? How are parks dedicated to historical figures different than honoring someone with a monument or statue?

Conduct your own research! Why might the places for these parks have been chosen? When were these parks built or named? What parks are closest to your home? Where do the names for these parks come from? Some resources that may be helpful:

- Find a Seattle Park <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/find/parks>
- History Link <https://www.historylink.org/>
- Researching the history of Seattle parks <https://www.seattle.gov/cityarchives/search-collections/research-tips-and-tools/researching-city-parks->
- Seattle residential segregation maps http://depts.washington.edu/civilr/segregation_maps.htm