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EXPLORE THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Wallingford

Seattle, Washington

PROPERTY ADDRESS

1023 N 49th St, Seattle, WA 98103

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Explore Wallingford

Seattle's classic streetcar neighborhood between Green Lake and Lake Union

Wallingford pairs tree-lined, craftsman-lined streets with one of Seattle's most walkable commercial corridors — a converted 1904 schoolhouse full of shops, a beloved food scene anchored by the original Dick's Drive-In, and a front-row seat to Gas Works Park and Lake Union. From 1023 N 49th St, the neighborhood's parks, cafés, and boutiques are all within easy reach.

88

WALK SCORE

63

TRANSIT SCORE

85

BIKE SCORE

1.3 mi

TO LINK RAIL

■ Parks & Green Space

Gas Works Park anchors the neighborhood's southern edge, with Meridian Playground, Wallingford Playfield, and the Burke-Gilman Trail rounding out miles of green space and family-friendly play.

■ Dining & Nightlife

From the original 1954 Dick's Drive-In to Korean, Italian, and vegan tasting menus along 45th, Wallingford's food scene is unpretentious and beloved — with Molly Moon's and Trophy Cupcakes for dessert.

■ Community & Culture

The historic 1906 Good Shepherd Center hosts artist studios, a P-Patch garden, and community classes, while craftsman architecture and the landmark neon Wallingford sign reflect a century of streetcar-suburb history.

■ Shopping & Markets

Wallingford Center — a converted 1904 schoolhouse — anchors N 45th Street alongside Archie McPhee and the Wednesday-evening Wallingford Farmers Market at Meridian Park.

■ Neighborhood Highlights

Gas Works Park — historic gasification plant turned skyline-view park

Wallingford Center — 1904 schoolhouse turned boutique shops

Meridian Playground — storybook playground at Good Shepherd Center

N 45th Street corridor — the neighborhood's main café & retail strip

■ Getting Around

U District Link Station — approx. 1.3 mi / 6 min drive

Metro Routes 44 & 62 — direct service along 45th & Stone Way

Burke-Gilman Trail — car-free bike route to Fremont, UW & Ballard

Downtown Seattle — approx. 12 min via I-5

University of Washington — approx. 8 min drive

I-5 access at the N 45th Street on-ramp

Parks, Trails & Nature

Green escapes within walking & biking distance of 1023 N 49th St

■ Wallingford Playfield

0.5 mi · ~10 min walk

4219 Wallingford Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103

The neighborhood's classic gathering spot, with a 2019-renovated playground, two tennis courts with pickleball lines, a summer wading pool, and a crushed-rock walking loop around the open field.

Wading Pool

Tennis Courts

Playground

Picnic Tables

Native Plant Garden

[Walking Directions \(Google Maps\)](#)

■ Meridian Playground · Good Shepherd Center

0.4 mi · ~8 min walk

4649 Sunnyside Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103

Tucked inside the walled grounds of the historic 1906 Good Shepherd Center, this storybook-themed playground sits beside a P-Patch garden and heirloom apple orchard — a quiet, secret-garden feel just blocks from home.

Storybook Playground

P-Patch Garden

Dog Friendly

Picnic Shelter

[Walking Directions \(Google Maps\)](#)

■ Gas Works Park

1.1 mi · ~22 min walk

2101 N Northlake Way, Seattle, WA 98103

One of Seattle's most iconic parks, built around the preserved towers of a century-old gasification plant on the north shore of Lake Union. Fly a kite from the Great Mound and watch the skyline light up at dusk.

Skyline Views

Kite Hill

Historic Landmark

Picnic Shelter

Boat Watching

[Walking Directions \(Google Maps\)](#)

■ Burke-Gilman Trail

0.9 mi · ~18 min walk

Along N Northlake Way, Seattle, WA 98103

A car-free, paved path connecting Wallingford to Fremont, Ballard, the University of Washington, and beyond — popular with runners, cyclists, and commuters alike.

Paved Trail

Bike Commuter Route

Lake Union Views

Connects to UW

[Walking Directions \(Google Maps\)](#)

Dining, Shopping & Town Center

Beloved neighborhood restaurants, a historic schoolhouse of shops, and Seattle's original drive-in

■ RESTAURANTS & CAFES

Dick's Drive-In

0.6 mi

111 NE 45th St, Seattle 98103

Seattle's original 1954 drive-in, still slinging Deluxes, fries & shakes beneath the same spinning sign.

Molly Moon's Ice Cream

0.5 mi

1622 N 45th St, Seattle 98103

Local, seasonal ice cream churned in small batches — a Wallingford institution.

Trophy Cupcakes

0.4 mi

1815 N 45th St, Seattle 98103

Seattle's original cupcake bakery, inside the historic Wallingford Center schoolhouse.

Dumpling the Noodle

0.4 mi

1723 N 45th St, Seattle 98103

Fast-casual dumplings, buns & wontons with seven house-made fillings.

Joule

0.7 mi

3506 Stone Way N, Seattle 98103

Korean-fusion steakhouse from chefs Rachel Yang & Seif Chirchi — a Wallingford staple.

Bizzarro Italian Cafe

0.5 mi

1307 N 46th St, Seattle 98103

Candle-lit, chandelier-filled trattoria serving hearty homemade pastas since 1986.

Harvest Beat

0.4 mi

1711 N 45th St, Seattle 98103

Wallingford's destination plant-based tasting menu, built around seasonal produce.

Milstead & Co.

1.1 mi

754 N 34th St, Seattle 98103

Industrial-chic multi-roaster café near Gas Works Park — a serious coffee destination.

Ivar's Fish Bar

1.0 mi

401 NE Northlake Way, Seattle 98103

Walk-up fish & chips and chowder on the shore of Lake Union.

■ SHOPPING, BOOKS & MARKETS

Wallingford Center

0.4 mi

1815 N 45th St, Seattle 98103

A converted 1904 schoolhouse turned boutique retail hub, with independent shops, services, and Trophy Cupcakes on the ground floor.

Archie McPhee

0.5 mi

1300 N 45th St, Seattle 98103

Seattle's original novelty and gag-gift emporium, home to the Rubber Chicken Museum.

Wallingford Farmers Market

0.4 mi

Meridian Park, 4850 Meridian Ave N, Seattle 98103

A beloved Wednesday-evening market (May–Sept) with fresh produce, prepared foods & live music under the apple trees.

N 45th Street Corridor

0.3 mi

N 45th St, Seattle 98103

Wallingford's main commercial strip — grocery, pharmacy, boutiques & cafés from Stone Way N to Sunnyside Ave N.

Community Events & Activities

Year-round calendar of markets, festivals, and neighborhood traditions

YEAR-ROUND

EVERY WEDNESDAY · MAY–SEPT

Wallingford Farmers Market

Meridian Park, 3–7pm. Fresh produce, prepared foods, live music & the P-Patch garden, right beside the playground.

DAILY

Gas Works Park

Year-round kite flying from the Great Mound, skyline picnics, and sunset views over Lake Union.

DAILY

Good Shepherd Center

Artist studios, community classes, and a public P-Patch garden inside the historic 1906 landmark building.

FALL (SEPTEMBER)

MID-SEPTEMBER · WEEKEND

The Great Wallingford Bratwurst Festival

An Oktoberfest-style tradition for over 40 years at St. Benedict School — right at Wallingford Ave N & N 49th St. Live music, food, games & a beer garden, all benefiting the neighborhood school.

SPRING & SUMMER

LATE MAY

Wallingford Farmers Market — Opening Day

The market kicks off its season the Wednesday after Memorial Day, running every week through late September.

JUNE – SEPT

Burke–Gilman Trail — Peak Season

Longer days bring peak running & cycling traffic on the trail, which connects to the Fremont Solstice Parade route each June.

SUMMER EVENINGS

Gas Works Park Sunsets

Warm-weather evenings draw picnickers and kite-fliers to the Great Mound for skyline views over Lake Union.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Wallingford Community Council — neighborhood advocacy, land use & community meetings

Historic Wallingford — preservation & local history nonprofit

Good Shepherd Center Advisory Board — stewardship of the historic 1906 landmark

Seattle Parks & Recreation — programs at Wallingford Playfield & Meridian Playground

Neighborhood Overview

A concise profile of schools, commuting, and everyday livability

Wallingford blends tree-lined, family-friendly streets with dense commercial access along N 45th Street. From 1023 N 49th St, daily errands, schools, parks, and commuting options are all within a short walk or drive.

88

WALK SCORE

63

TRANSIT SCORE

85

BIKE SCORE

1.3 mi

TO LINK RAIL

Neighborhood Character

Wallingford is known for craftsman bungalows and box houses from its 1907 streetcar-suburb boom, tree-lined streets, and a strong, family-oriented sense of community.

Everyday Convenience

N 45th Street provides groceries, a pharmacy, banks, coffee shops, and dozens of restaurants within a short walk — with Metro buses & the Burke-Gilman Trail close by.

Schools Nearby

SCHOOL	TYPE	GRADES	APPROX. DISTANCE	MAPS
John Stanford International School	PUBLIC	K–5	0.9 mi	Walking
Hamilton International Middle School	PUBLIC	6–8	0.6 mi	Walking
Lincoln High School	PUBLIC	9–12	0.5 mi	Walking
Cascadia Elementary School	PUBLIC	K–5	0.8 mi	Walking
St. Benedict School	PRIVATE	K–8	0.7 mi	Walking
The Meridian School	PRIVATE	K–5	0.5 mi	Walking

Commute Guide

DESTINATION	APPROX. DISTANCE	TYPICAL TRAVEL MODE	ESTIMATED TIME
U District Link Station	1.3 mi	Drive / Bus	6–8 min
Downtown Seattle / Westlake	4.0 mi	Drive / Bus	12–15 min
University of Washington	1.8 mi	Drive / Bus	8 min
South Lake Union	2.5 mi	Drive / Bike	10–12 min
Fremont	1.0 mi	Walk / Bike	20 min / 6 min
Seattle–Tacoma International Airport	17 mi	Drive / Light Rail	~35 min

Quick Reference Guide

All major neighborhood destinations in one fast, buyer-friendly reference table

All key destinations from 1023 N 49th St compiled for quick reference. Walking guidance for destinations under one mile; drive or bike for destinations beyond one mile.

24

KEY DESTINATIONS

0.4 mi

TO CLOSEST PARK

0.4 mi

TO WALLINGFORD CENTER

88

WALK SCORE

NAME	CATEGORY	ADDRESS / AREA	DISTANCE	TRAVEL TIME
Wallingford Farmers Market	Market	Meridian Park, Seattle	0.4 mi	8 min walk
Trophy Cupcakes	Dining	1815 N 45th St, Seattle	0.4 mi	8 min walk
Dumpling the Noodle	Dining	1723 N 45th St, Seattle	0.4 mi	8 min walk
Harvest Beat	Dining	1711 N 45th St, Seattle	0.4 mi	8 min walk
Wallingford Center	Shopping	1815 N 45th St, Seattle	0.4 mi	8 min walk
N 45th Street Corridor	Shopping	N 45th St, Seattle	0.3 mi	6 min walk
Molly Moon's Ice Cream	Dining	1622 N 45th St, Seattle	0.5 mi	10 min walk
Archie McPhee	Shopping	1300 N 45th St, Seattle	0.5 mi	10 min walk
Lincoln High School	School	4400 Interlake Ave N, Seattle	0.5 mi	10 min walk
The Meridian School	School	Sunnyside Ave N, Seattle	0.5 mi	10 min walk
Bizzarro Italian Cafe	Dining	1307 N 46th St, Seattle	0.5 mi	10 min walk
Hamilton Int'l Middle School	School	1610 N 41st St, Seattle	0.6 mi	12 min walk
Dick's Drive-In	Dining	111 NE 45th St, Seattle	0.6 mi	12 min walk
Joule	Dining	3506 Stone Way N, Seattle	0.7 mi	14 min walk
St. Benedict School	School	4811 Wallingford Ave N, Seattle	0.7 mi	14 min walk
Cascadia Elementary School	School	Wallingford, Seattle	0.8 mi	16 min walk
John Stanford Int'l School	School	4057 5th Ave NE, Seattle	0.9 mi	18 min walk
Burke-Gilman Trail	Trail	N Northlake Way, Seattle	0.9 mi	18 min walk
Ivar's Fish Bar	Dining	401 NE Northlake Way, Seattle	1.0 mi	20 min walk
Gas Works Park	Park	2101 N Northlake Way, Seattle	1.1 mi	22 min walk
Milstead & Co.	Cafe	754 N 34th St, Seattle	1.1 mi	22 min walk
U District Link Station	Transit	4300 Brooklyn Ave NE, Seattle	1.3 mi	6 min drive
University of Washington	University	Seattle	1.8 mi	8 min drive
Downtown / Westlake	Employment	Westlake Center, Seattle	4.0 mi	12 min drive

Gas Works Park

Wallingford's landmark waterfront park, built on the bones of a century-old gasworks

Gas Works Park is an underground-turned-above-ground Seattle landmark: a former coal-gasification plant reborn as a 19-acre public park on the north shore of Lake Union. From 1023 N 49th St, the park is about a 22-minute walk or a short bike ride down the Burke-Gilman Trail.

1.1 mi

FROM HOME

19

ACRES

1975

YEAR OPENED

Location and Role

The park sits at 2101 N Northlake Way on a promontory jutting into Lake Union, at the southern edge of Wallingford, directly across the water from Seattle's downtown skyline.

History

The Seattle Gas Light Company ran a coal-gasification plant here from 1906 to 1956. The city bought the site in the early 1960s, and landscape architect Richard Haag's plan preserved the old cracking towers as a monument rather than demolishing them.

Design

Haag's design turned the old boiler house into a picnic shelter and the exhauster-compressor building into a brightly painted play barn. The Great Mound — also called Kite Hill — was built from remediated soil and opened to the public in 1973.

Why It Matters

Gas Works is one of the first post-industrial sites in the country to be converted into a public park, and it's now listed on the National Register of Historic Places (2013) — a defining, only-in-Wallingford landmark.

Good to Know

Gas Works Park is a designated Seattle Landmark and a National Register of Historic Places site (2013), one of the first post-industrial parks in the U.S.

The Great Mound (Kite Hill) is a favorite spot for kite flying, sunset picnics, and skyline photos across Lake Union.

The park connects directly to the Burke-Gilman Trail, making it an easy bike ride from home for a car-free outing.

The historic boiler house and play barn from the original gasification plant are preserved on-site as a picnic shelter and playground.

[Get Directions to Gas Works Park \(Google Maps\)](#)

Prepared as an additional handout for the Wallingford document set. Sources: Seattle Parks & Recreation and HistoryLink.org.