

## Driving Directions and Bus/Bike Recommendations

### AWRA-WA 2013 Annual Conference: Future Directions in Water Resources Management

7700 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 | <http://www.mountaineers.org/SeattleProgramCenter/default.cfm>

Greetings!

For your reference, directions to the conference from the 520 bridge and from I-5 are in this handout, along with suggestions about taking the bus and biking to the conference.

Here is some information that some of you might find handy.

**Budgeting driving time:** To be safe, give yourself at least thirty minutes to get from SR520 or I-5 to Sand Point by car. There are several stoplights, and the arterials can get clogged during rush hour. We are starting at 8 am sharp. There also might be construction along Sand Point Way NE both north and south of the Mountaineers facility. If that might slow you down further, we'll send out further guidance before the conference. We're hoping they'll be done by the conference.

**Navigating Sand Point:** Sand Point has an interesting history, and interesting history makes for interesting navigation. There are three entrances to Sand Point. The Mountaineers facility, circled in red in the map on the next page, is accessed from the entrance in the middle, marked by the red arrow. The north entrance takes you to the NOAA facility (the gray area on the map) via an overpass, and it offers no access to the Mountaineers facility even the map suggests would be the fastest way to get to there. A photo of the correct entrance is on the next page at bottom left. You drive under the brick building. Remember to turn left immediately after you pass through the building.

**Parking:** Parking is free and plentiful in the large lot south of the climbing wall on the south side of the Mountaineers facility and along the road. A photo of the climbing wall is below at bottom right on the next page. The entrance to the building on the west side of the building.

**Coffee and food:** We will have coffee and limited pastries available before the conference starts. We are very excited to have [Pyramid Catering](#) with us at the conference once we get started. At the first break, coffee and very light refreshments (lemon bars and trail mix) will be served. Lunch is buffet style (Garden Lunch Buffet and Puget Sound Lunch Buffet, which you can peruse on Pyramid's website.) The afternoon break will have chocolate chip cookies and crudités. We hope you save some appetite for the Northwest Hors D'oeuvres Buffet and beer, wine and other refreshments at the reception on location, starting immediately after the program ends and going until 7.00 pm.

Please direct any questions or suggestions to Megan Kogut at [mbkogut@gmail.com](mailto:mbkogut@gmail.com). Feel free also to call or text Megan at 206.650.2148 with questions or last minute directions. Finally, please contact me if you're interested in carpooling and would like me to connect you with others in your area also interesting in carpooling.

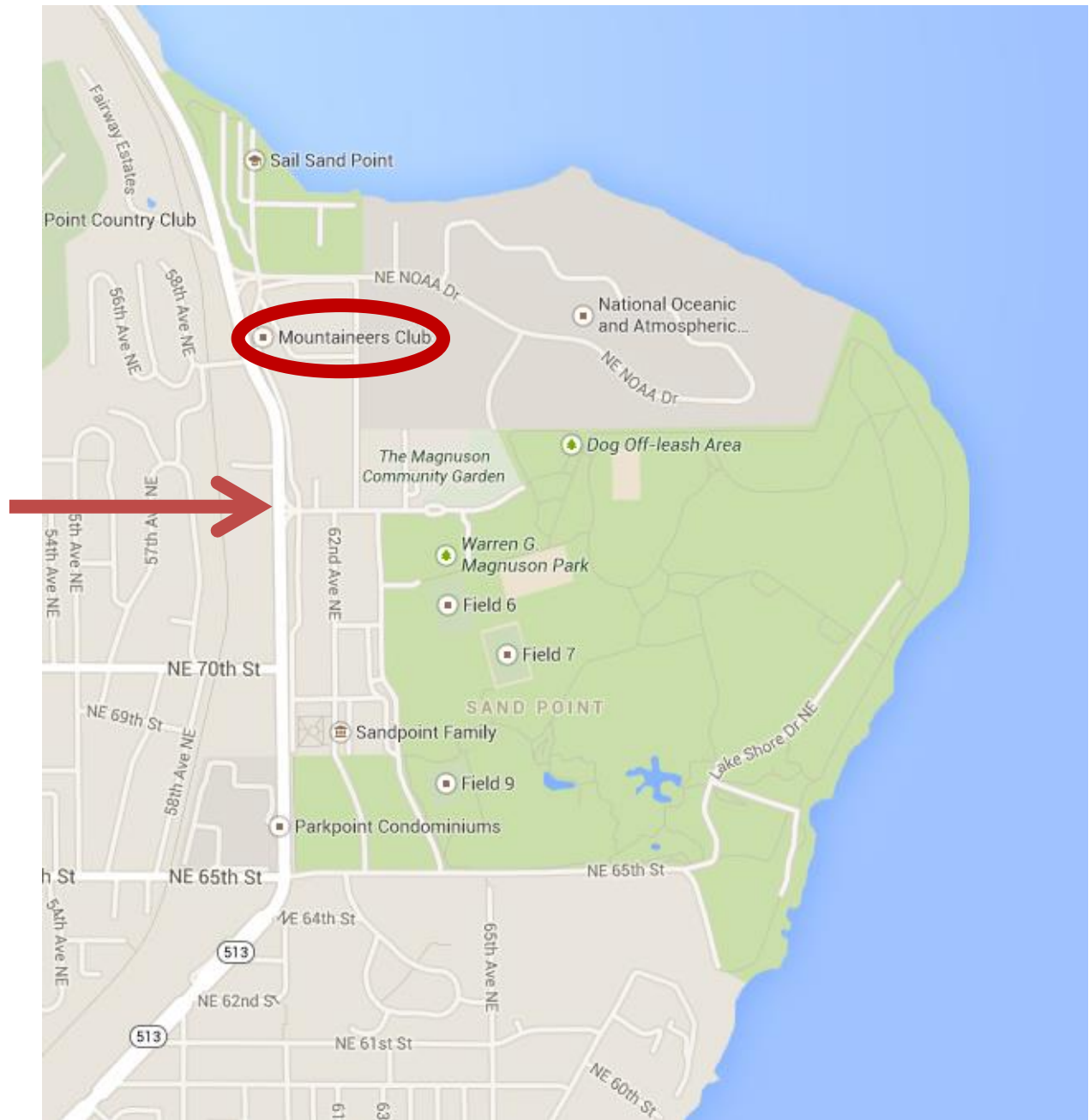
See you at the conference!

Megan Kogut  
Conference Co-Chair

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#### BY VEHICLE FROM STATE ROUTE 520 WESTBOUND or EASTBOUND

- Exit onto Montlake Boulevard:
  - If approaching from SR 520 westbound: after crossing the floating bridge across Lake Washington Lake, take the second exit onto Montlake Boulevard. Stay right and merge onto Montlake Boulevard.
  - If approaching from SR 520 eastbound: after merging onto SR 520 from I-5 (north or southbound), take the first exit to Montlake Boulevard. Stay left on the exit ramp. Turn left onto Montlake Boulevard. Make your way into the right lane of Montlake Boulevard within the next mile or so.
- Stay to the right and continue north about one mile, across the Montlake Cut and past the Husky Stadium and light rail tunnel construction on your right.
- Stay to the right as Montlake Boulevard becomes NE 45th Street.
- Continue straight (east) through the NE 45th/Union Bay Place five way intersection.
- As the street bears to the left (north), it becomes Sand Point Way NE.
- Continue on Sand Point Way NE about two miles. Go past the 65<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to Magnuson Park on your right.
- About 0.5 miles past the first entrance, there is a 7-Eleven on your left and then an entrance on 74<sup>th</sup> Street on your right. Take that entrance to the right, going through a tunnel in a two story brick building. (Image of entrance on page xxx.)
- Go past the unstaffed ticket booth.
- Take an *immediate* left just past the booth onto an unnamed road.
- Proceed along the unnamed road to the parking lot. The Mountaineers facility is ahead of you, with the climbing wall on its south side. Park in the lot, in front or beyond the building. The conference entrance is on the west side facing Montlake Boulevard.

*Quick breakfast/coffee possibilities:*

*QFC and Safeway are both in the University Village after you bear right onto NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street. QFC is accessed from the first light you encounter on NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street. Safeway is accessed via a U-turn at the NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street/Union Bay Place intersection. To exit Safeway, take the access road to Union Bay Place NE and take a right. At the five way intersection, take the 60 degree left back onto NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street.*

*Tully's is at the NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street/Union Bay Place intersection.*

*Gretchen's Place, an espresso bar with a few snacks, is at 5432 Sand Point Way NE after it curves to the right, at the intersection with Princeton Avenue NE. It's on the south side of the road.*

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#### **BY VEHICLE FROM I-5, OPTION 1 – NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street**

*To be safe, give yourself at least thirty minutes to get from I-5 to the conference. There are several stoplights, and the arterials can get clogged during rush hour.*

- Take the NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street Exit (Exit #169).
- At the stoplight, go east on 45th, past the University of Washington and down the 45th Street ramp.
- Continue straight (east) through the NE 45th/Union Bay Place five way intersection.
- As the street bears to the left (north), it becomes Sand Point Way NE.
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*Quick breakfast/coffee possibilities:*

*There are multiple options in the University District between I-5 and the University of Washington.*

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#### BY VEHICLE FROM I-5, OPTION 2 – NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street

##### Northbound:

- Take Exit 170 (Ravenna Blvd / NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street.)
- Go straight through the intersection with Ravenna Boulevard.
- Turn right onto 165<sup>th</sup>.
- Skip to **Both:** below.

##### Southbound:

- Take Exit 171 (NE 71<sup>st</sup> Street/NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street).
- Immediately merge onto 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.
- Turn left onto NE 71<sup>st</sup> Street and proceed over I-5 on the overpass. At the end of the overpass, you're on NE 70<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Turn right onto Roosevelt Way NE at the next block.
- Turn left onto NE 65<sup>th</sup> St after five blocks.

##### Both:

- Head east approximately four miles on NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street to Sand Point Way NE. (Stay on the arterial as it hooks right and then left through the neighborhood at the top of the hill. You actually turn right onto NE Princeton Way, which turns back into NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street after the second bend.)
- Turn left on Sand Point Way NE.
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*Quick breakfast/coffee possibilities:*

*Your best bet for breakfast and/or coffee on this route is on 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, which you cross while heading east on NE 65<sup>th</sup> St. Head north on 35<sup>th</sup> to NE 70<sup>th</sup> St for your choice of Top Pot Donuts, Grateful Bread and Starbucks, all on the west side of the street and within a block of each other.*

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### BY BUS

Metro bus routes 30, 74 and 75 serve the park along Sand Point Way N.E. Connections are in the University District (Routes 74 and 75) and Northgate (Route 75).

For schedules and route maps, visit [metro.kingcounty.gov/tops/bus/neighborhoods/sand\\_point.html](http://metro.kingcounty.gov/tops/bus/neighborhoods/sand_point.html) .



### BY BICYCLE

The Burke-Gilman Trail conveniently passes approximately ¼ mile west of the Mountaineers facility. Plan your route with the [Burke-Gilman trail map](#).

