Below you will find recommendations and points of interest from previous externs as well as from Seattle natives and longtime residents!

**Seattle Sightseeing & Attractions:**

* Pike Place Market- Lots of vendors, fresh flowers, and seafood. From here you can walk to the waterfront for more restaurants, attractions and fun shops.
* Olympic Sculpture Park- nice walking trail with large scale art pieces near the waterfront.
* Kerry Park on Queen Anne Hill offers spectacular view of the city
* Seattle Art Museum
* Asian Art Museum
* Volunteer Park (Water Tower with great views, Conservatory, and home to Asian Art Museum)
* Seattle Underground in Pioneer Square- offers a tour underground and a history of the early city).
* Ferry rides to Vashon Island or Bainbridge Island
* Victoria Clipper- high speed ferry from Seattle to Victoria, BC
* Seattle Space Needle - you need to do it at least once!
* Burke Museum - UW employees get in for free! Check the website for “night at the museum” events occurring about every 3 months.
* Chihuly Garden and Glass - gorgeous exhibit of blown glass. Chihuly art pieces can be found all over the greater Seattle area (Benaroya Hall, Bellevue Square, Convention Center, etc.).
* Benaroya Hall - Home to the Seattle Symphony. Very fun experience recommended for a fancy night out.
* Seattle Waterfront:
  + Ye Olde Curiosity Shop (it has a real mummy in it and lots of trinkets too). The Great Wheel (Seattle’s Ferris Wheel at Pier 57)
  + Seattle Aquarium on the waterfront at Pier 59
* The many professional sports teams in Seattle!
* Capital Hill area, or Ballard/Fremont, are fun weekend night areas for dancing or drinks with friends.

**Seattle Activities:**

* Summer Water Taxi from downtown to Alki Beach in West Seattle. Offers a cool view of the city and a nice place to sit and walk  
  Seward park (southeast Seattle area with walking/biking trails, forest, beach access)  
  Greenlake offers a paved trail around the lake for runs/walks and bike riding
* Discovery Park (in Magnolia neighborhood) Seattle’s largest public park offers trails, views, etc.
* Rent an Electric Boat on Lake Union <https://www.theelectricboatco.com/>
* Chocolate Tours and other Food/Beverage Seattle tours (often you find a Groupon for these)
* Canoe, kayak and paddleboard rentals at Aqua Verde (near CHDD)
* Theo’s Chocolate Factory Tour (Fremont neighborhood)- The tour includes lots of free chocolate along the way. It doesn't get much better than that. They'll give you a coupon at the end and the tour ends in their gift shop. Great, quality chocolate. You'll never talk to Hershey's again.

**Hiking in and near Seattle**:

Check out Washington Trails Association for detailed hikes [www.wta.org](http://www.wta.org). Some hiking trails will require a Discover Pass or other permit for parking.

* Franklin Falls- a short 2 mile roundtrip hike with views (off I-90 near Snoqualmie)
* Rattlesnake Ridge (near North Bend, from I-90)
* Mount Si- Little Si or Big Si (near North Bend, from I-90)
* Ira Spring Trail (very popular hike, near Snoqualmie off of I-90)
* Barclay Lake Trail
* Seward Park (in Seattle)
* Discovery Park (in Seattle)

**Coffee (of course!) Beer/Wine:**

* Moore Coffee downtown, very good coffee and cool latte art
* Storyville Coffee in Pike Place has a cool view of the water front
* Cafe Solstice - Best mochas! All around great coffee, located near the UW Speech & Hearing Clinic.
* Aqua Verde - Great coffee and a couple blocks away from CHDD. (Also amazing fish tacos and outdoor seating on the large deck.)
* UW Med Center Cafeteria - There's a little kiosk that sells drinks and an automatic coffee dispenser across from the elevators. Both adequate coffee. Right across the street from CHDD when you just need that mid-afternoon coffee fix.
* Starbucks Reserve Roastery - What. An. Experience. Located in Capital Hill. It's like an upgraded Starbucks. They sell their usual drinks, but also drinks you cannot get anywhere else. If you're out on the town for an evening, try their Whiskey Cloud - it came with instructions from the bartender & a stop watch for optimal coffee brewing time... worth the 5-minute wait! Also, surprisingly PHENOMENAL Italian cafe food.
* Caffe Umbria- Pioneer Square
* Milstead and Co.- Fremont neighborhood
* Monorail Espresso- downtown
* Armistice Coffee
* Breweries- Head over to Fremont/Ballard area, they have several breweries clustered together and some within walking distance of each other. Including Fremont Brewing, a staple among the locals. And while you're in Fremont, check out the Fremont Troll, he's cool and hanging out under a bridge. Lastly, since you're here, go to Theo's Chocolate Factory! In Ballard you can find Reuben’s Brews, Lagunitas, Urban Family, Peddler, Stoup, Populuxe and more!
* Woodinville area- Per Wikipedia, Woodinville has over 130 wineries/tasting rooms. The big ones include - Chateau St. Michelle, Colombia Winery, Januik Winery, Darby Winery, & many more. Most are clustered together and make for a nice place to be on a sunny afternoon. Chateau St. Michelle also has summer concerts and events - keep an eye on their website. Lastly, the Hollywood Tavern has amazing food - they have specials every night, occasionally containing the "Bangkok burger", which is the best burger I've ever had. They are also right next door to Woodinville Whiskey Company, for the whiskey lovers.

**Food (by neighborhood):**  
Pike Place Market:

Piroshky Piroshky

La Panier French bakery for pastries, and

Beechers Cheese handmade cheese famous Mac and cheese, cheese curds or grilled cheese

Downtown:

Japonessa for good sushi downtown

Noi Thai

Conversations- a hotel restaurant and bar with the most unique and amazing desserts

West Seattle:  
Ittos- a Moroccan tapas place and bar that is out of this world  
Pie a la mode- great for dessert and near Ittos (also location near Woodland Park Zoo)

Capital Hill:  
Rachel’s Ginger Beer- great Hawaiian fried chicken and super cool flavors of ginger beer  
Salt and Straw for ice cream  
Molly Moons Ice Cream (various locations)

Hot Cakes (Ballard and Capital Hill locations) great desserts!

Hello Robin- cookie shop in Capital Hill

International District:  
Dough Zone- a really great dumpling place

Fresh Flours (Beacon Hill Neighborhood)  
  
Thai kitchen (Queen Anne area)  
Bangkok Basil (Redmond, east of Lake Washington)  
Bongos-Cuban (Greenlake area)  
Mighty O Donuts (vegan donuts, various locations)  
Donut Factory, Inc. (University District)  
  
  
Sawyer (Ballard neighborhood)  
Morsel- great biscuits in University District  
Tea Republik (University District)