

## **Notes on viewing Portland street art:**

**A plan helps, but I don't think I have ever followed mine for long, usually because I find art that I was not aware existed. Traditionally I made heavy use of public transportation in Portland and Eugene.**

**Now I am driving, which in some ways is harder, moving about and parking is often tedious.**

**Downtown and the Alphabet District are particularly difficult, but at least they have free parking on Sunday mornings. The east side and Alberta Street generally have easy parking, especially on the weekends.**

**I take snacks, but usually buy something to eat at a grocery store, even outdoor setting at restaurants seems too risky to me. Grocery stores also have restrooms which is generally the real reason we are there. Most parks and even Pioneer Square have closed their restrooms. OMSI can be used for a restroom stop, as can the Art Museum but for it you need to be a member or qualify for free entry. I**

**also, carry a urinal in the car and don't drink anything the evening before or morning of the trip (I in no way recommend this for anyone else).**

## **Sources:**

**PSAA [pdxportland.org](http://pdxportland.org)**

**Portlandwild.com Map showing art sites – not up to date.**

**Facebook “Hidden Portland for the Curious” – One of the better sites since it has a search engine that you can enter a street or an artist. The site usually gives the location of the work also.**

**Instagram #Portlandstreetart – A good site for viewing art but usually does not give any locations.**

**Forestforthetreesnw.com – Not up to date.**

**Public Art PDX app found at [Publicartpdx.com](http://Publicartpdx.com) Map with locations of art**

**Google Maps and Apple Maps**

**GettingAroundPortland.org for free walking maps**

**Walkingpdx.com Has a wide range of walks for different interest and does include a couple for street art.**

### **Suggested areas to see street art:**

**NW Alberta Street: I 5 North to exit 303 then exit to Alberta St., Head east and plan to walk between 14<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, park on Alberta or a side street and walk a loop using both sides of the street, route is about 1.6 miles round trip.**

**Foster Road: I 5 north to I 205 to exit 17 Foster Road. Abundant art but drive and park is the best way to view. Generally, I return west by taking 50<sup>th</sup> St. north to Hawthorne (Division or Powell are other choices).**

**SE Hawthorne:** Art is abundant but somewhat spread out, so I recommend drive and park mode. Starting from the east, a good start is Taylor Electric at SE 200 Clay St. and then drive to a cluster of art that can be viewed by walking. Park around 9<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne and view murals on 9<sup>th</sup> just south of Hawthorne, along Hawthorne to 10<sup>th</sup>, then north on 10<sup>th</sup> to Madison, east on Madison to near 8<sup>th</sup> then back to car. Art continues out to about 50<sup>th</sup> Street on Hawthorne. A little more distant away are nice murals at SE Harrison and 10<sup>th</sup> and also SE Grant and 9<sup>th</sup>.

**SE Division Street:** Best done by car or walk/bus. Follow the route to OMSI from Salem and include some art prior to getting to Division Street. Start out by turning left onto SE Water after exiting the Interstate and then right onto Belmont for Viaduct Murals and large Mural on back wall of Hair of the Dog Brewing. Then head south on Water St. stopping for large mural on your left and possibly viaduct murals on your right, then continue south and turn left on Clay for Taylor Electric at 200 SE Clay St. Continue south on Water for a possible stop at OMSI then the use a map app to get to 9<sup>th</sup> and Division, park, then view art on 9<sup>th</sup> just prior to

**Division and the impressive Finn DAC mural around corner on Division. A bronze miniature is on the SW corner of Division and 11<sup>th</sup> an Art Fills the Void mural at 11<sup>th</sup>. Back to the car or walk to 20<sup>th</sup>, seeing a few minor murals on the way and 3 bronzes at 20<sup>th</sup> plus a New Seasons Market. Google, Division Street Sculptures by Crystal Schenk to find locations for other bronzes. Another cluster of murals can be found from 35<sup>th</sup> Place to 37<sup>th</sup>, with another around 50<sup>th</sup>, best to use [Portlandwild.com](http://Portlandwild.com) for those. Another impressive mural is on the pedestrian bridge at 85<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

**Downtown: Challenging by car, but I'm not using public transportation in the foreseeable future. There are a couple of places worth going to especially if you are already visiting the Art or Historical Museums. "Star Gazer" (1005 SW Park) is very close and "Helping Hands" (SW 13<sup>th</sup> near Jefferson) and the large rose mural (728 SW 13<sup>th</sup>) are close. The art by Faith47 and Tyron Wright (SW Washing and 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.) are worth the drive to see.**

## **Central Eastside Industrial District:**

**Taylor Electric: At 200 SE Clay Street probably contains over 100 art pieces that are rotated, so you can enjoy new art. This is very close to OMSI and I usually go here or other nearby sites after visiting OMSI.**

**Old Salvation Army Building and surrounding area: I usually park near SE 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ash Ave and view the art on all 4 sides of the OSAB and the Oak St, Oak & Stark around 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.**

**South and West of Revolution Hall on Stark. Consult [Portlandwild.com](http://Portlandwild.com) to pick what areas and art you wish to see. I highly recommend the Ladies UP art on SE Alder St between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. And nearby art.**

**Bread and Roses on NE St: This spot is a little tricky to approach by car but is a large building with all 4 walls covered with art. The building is on the east side of the river but best approached from the west on the Steel Bridge. I have approached by both Everette and Glisan**

**(probably be able to approach Naito and Pacific Hwy).  
You need to be in the left lane of the 2 lanes going to NE  
Oregon St. There are about 4 parking spots in front of  
the building about 430' from the edge of the river  
water. Free parking until 1:00 PM on Sundays.**