West End Walking Tour

The steps in the West End are quite impressive and walking them offers some dramatic views of the area. Park on Main Street near the intersection of Noblestown Road (Route 60) where the Kerr Street steps (W1), soaring steps visible from a large area of the neighborhood, seem to dominate this intersection. A walk up and back down these 199 steps, pausing to enjoy the views along the way will start your heart pumping and have you anxious for further exploration. From their base walk down Main Street and turn left on Planet Street. The dramatic Planet Street steps (W2) several blocks ahead will be quite visible. Again, traverse up and down these 133, 55 year old steps and enjoy the scenery. Back at the bottom, walk down to Steuben Street, turn left and walk to the bus stop that marks the beginning of the Balfour Street steps (W3).

Walk up these 232 steps and turn right on Lander Street. The next left will bring you to Attica Street, and in a short distance to the base of the Valonia Street steps (W4). Climb these 187 steps and then walk up Valonia Street to Fairview Street. A right turn and a short walk will bring you to the West End Overlook (W5) which offers much more than a “Fairview” of the City of Pittsburgh.

In time, walk back down Fairview Street to the end and descend the 101 Fairview Street steps (W6) to Furley Street. Turn left and walk down Furley Street to Attica Street, where a right turn will bring you to the top of a set of 90 steps (W7) that lead down to Steuben Street. At the bottom, turn left and just around the corner you will find Planet Street.