Lake Union & Portage Bay: A History By Water — Historic Sites of Interest

Aurora Bridge — The Aurora Bridge is described as reconstructed in the middle of Lake Union during the time of World Wars I & II. It was a sight of surgeries for young boys to row out to the ship in the middle of the night, climb aboard, and bring back a souvenir, such as a lantern, dining ware, or other relics. Courtesy of MOHAI.

2. Ship Canal — The entrance to today's Ship Canal was once the outlet of small water from filled with water from Lake Union and the lake, where there were docks for small boats. The canoe was a launch of the Seattle Motor Launch Co., which operated a number of small boats. Courtesy of MOHAI.

3. Queen Anne Hill — An 1889 fire that claimed over twenty-five buildings, every railway and Elm front of Union Street, and many buildings, burned Seattle downtown, but the buildings on Queen Anne Hill were not affected by the fire. The Queen Anne Hill preservation ordinance sits in place to protect the neighborhood. The Queen Anne Hill Preservation Ordinance was completed in 1931. Courtesy of MOHAI.

4. Lake Union Park — A visitor to Lake Union Park will see a buzzing with activity. Kayaks, motorboats, yachts, and sailboats cross the water, salmon run up the channel, and people walk on the concrete path along the seawall. One of the major highlights of Lake Union Park is the Center for Wooden Boats, which offers instruction in all aspects of wooden boats. The Center opened its doors in 1979 and has been a major attraction for Seattle residents and visitors. The Center for Wooden Boats offers a variety of programs and events throughout the year, including classes, workshops, and special events. The Center also hosts the annual Seattle Boat Show, which is one of the largest boat shows in the country and attracts visitors from all over the United States. The Seattle Boat Show features new and used boats, marine equipment, and accessories, as well as seminars on boating and related topics. The Center for Wooden Boats is located at the northwest corner of the lake, near the intersection of Virginia Avenue and Denny Way. The Center is open to the public and offers a variety of services, including boat rentals, boat lessons, and boat repairs. The Center for Wooden Boats is a popular destination for visitors to Seattle and is a great place to learn about the history and culture of the region. The Center for Wooden Boats also offers a variety of educational programs, including classes in sailing, paddling, and marine science. The Center for Wooden Boats is a great place to spend a day on the water and explore the rich history of Seattle and the surrounding area.
Read the sign from the water... 

Jumping over Driftwood Branch in a canoe, you could see the fox, the mink, and the otter. The otter was a particular favorite of the Indians, who told stories of its cunning and agility. This was a place where nature was abundant, and the people of the Lake Union area found solace in the water. 

People of the Little Water Imagery...

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