**Sample Trip Plan: Bellingham to Tacoma**

Leave weekday afternoon and return Sunday

**Weekday SOUTHBOUND Travel, Bellingham to Tacoma**

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| **Depart** | **Route** | **Arrive** | **Cost** |
| Downtown Bellingham Station (Gate 1)  **3:15** **PM** | 80X | Skagit Station, Mt. Vernon  **4:02 PM** | WWU Student Bus Pass |
| Skagit Station, Mt. Vernon  **4:15** **PM** | 90X | Everett Station  **5:00 PM** | WWU Student  Bus Pass |
| Everett Station (Bay C1)  **5:06 or 5:22** **PM** | 512 | Northgate Station, Seattle  **5:59 or 6:15 PM** | $3.25 |
| Northgate Station, Seattle  **6:05 or 6:13 PM** | 1 Line\* | Stadium Station, Seattle  **6:28 or 6:36 PM** | $3.50 |
| SODO Busway & S Royal Broughton Way (1 min walk)  **6:52 or 7:05 PM** | 594 | Tacoma Dome Station (Zone E)  **7:37 or 7:50 PM** | $3.25 |

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| **Depart** | **Route** | **Arrive** | **Cost** |
| Downtown Bellingham Station (Gate 1)  **5:15** **PM** | 80X | Skagit Station, Mt. Vernon  **6:02 PM** | WWU Student Bus Pass |
| Skagit Station, Mt. Vernon  **6:25 PM** | 90X | Everett Station  **7:10 PM** | WWU Student Bus Pass |
| Everett Station (Bay C1)  **7:20 PM** | 512 | Northgate Station, Seattle  **8:07 PM** | $3.25 |
| Northgate Station, Seattle  **8:11 PM** | 1 Line\* | Stadium Station, Seattle  **8:31 PM** | $3.50 |
| SODO Busway & S Royal Broughton Way (1 min walk)  **8:37 or 9:00 PM** | 594 | Tacoma Dome Station (Zone E)  **9:21 or 9:44 PM** | $3.25 |

**Sunday NORTHBOUND Travel, Tacoma to Bellingham and WWU**

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| **Depart** | **Route** | **Arrive** | **Cost** |
| Tacoma Dome Station (Zone B)  **12:25 PM** | 594 | SODO Busway & S Lander Street, Seattle  **1:04 PM** | $3.25 |
| SODO Station, Seattle (1 min walk)  **1:11 or 1:21 PM** | 1 Line\* | Northgate Station, Seattle  **1:33 or 1:43 PM** | $2.75 |
| Northgate Station, Seattle (Bay 2)  **1:49 or 1:59 PM** | 512 | Everett Station  **2:39 or 2:49 PM** | $3.75 |
| Everett Station  **3:00 PM** | 90X | Skagit Station, Mt. Vernon  **3:45 PM** | WWU Student  Bus Pass |
| Skagit Station, Mt. Vernon  **4:05 PM** | 80X | Downtown Bellingham Station  **4:50 PM** | WWU Student  Bus Pass |
| Downtown Bellingham Station  **5:10 PM** | 190 | Viking Union, WWU  **5:16 PM** | WWU Student  Bus Pass |

\*The 1 line is light rail.

**Use these websites to confirm routes and times.**

Bellingham to Mt Vernon - [WTA 80X](http://www.ridewta.com)

Mt Vernon to Everett - [Skagit Transit 90X](http://www.skagittransit.org)

Everett to Northgate Light Rail Station - [Sound Transit 512](https://www.soundtransit.org/ride-with-us/routes-schedules/512?at=1629846767021&direction=0&view=table&route_tab=schedule&stops_0=29_2345%2C29_2706&stops_1=1_620%2C29_2861)

Northgate to Stadium Station – [Sound Transit 1 Line](https://www.soundtransit.org/ride-with-us/routes-schedules/1-line?direction=0&at=1639641600000&view=point-to-point&route_tab=schedule&stops_0=1_990006%2C1_99101&stops_1=1_99914%2C1_990005)

SODO Busway to Tacoma - [Sound Transit 594](https://www.soundtransit.org/ride-with-us/routes-schedules/594?direction=1&at=1639728000000&view=point-to-point&route_tab=schedule&stops_0=3_27454%2C1_99254&stops_1=1_99271%2C3_20163)

**Things to keep in mind**

* Travel on Saturday and Sunday is possible on these routes. Be aware that on Sunday, the last northbound 90X bus departs Everett at 5pm – consider an earlier departure to avoid the possibility of a full bus or missing this last bus.
* Be at the bus stop a few minutes early.
* Pay exact fare with coins or dollar bills. Drivers do not give change
* Know where you are going. Look at bus routes and maps. If you aren’t sure, ask the bus driver.
* Plan your options in advance in case you miss a bus: Is it the last bus of the day? When will the next bus arrive?
* Look for the signs at the transit centers indicating the parking space for your arriving bus. If a bus is already waiting, check the front of the bus to confirm the route number.
* If you are concerned about catching a connecting bus on time or if you are not sure where to get off the bus, ask the bus driver. They are super helpful.

If you travel to the Seattle area frequently, you may want to purchase an [ORCA card](https://orcacard.com/ERG-Seattle/getACard.do;jsessionid=YdUqHfBJ7ghTevt0E-O13lgH?m=2), so you can travel on Seattle area transit systems without using cash. Also, an ORCA card is the only way to pay for transfers between different services such as light rail, buses, and streetcars. If you transfer within 2 hours, your original fare will be credited toward the next leg of your journey.

[Google Maps](http://maps.google.com) is a great way to plan your trip and see the route. Type in an address, location name, or street/city name and choose “Directions”. Use the bus icon to see bus routes and stops.

An alternative trip plan would be to take [FlixBus](https://www.flixbus.com/),[Amtrak](http://www.amtrak.com) or [Greyhound](http://www.greyhound.com)to and from Tacoma. FlixBus leaves from campus and Amtrak and Greyhound both leave from the Fairhaven Transportation Center. The Fairhaven Transportation Center is served by WTA routes 1, 14, and 105 (routes 14 and 105 provide some direct evening service from campus). Check WTA schedules for details.

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