

The Art of the Belmont Rocks

This map shows the location of more than 200 works of art, mostly carvings, along the Belmont Rocks, from the entrance to Diversey Harbor to Belmont Harbor.

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Some carvings are hard to see, and the painted works fade or are sometimes painted over and so may be no longer visible. Look (and walk) carefully.

You can view an online gallery of the artwork, including lost carvings and paintings destroyed in the lakeshore protection project of the early 2000s, at interestingideas.com.



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The level number for each carving indicates the position of the carving on the stepstones, from level 1 (lakeshore) to level 6 (parkland).

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Hi Amy Baby (faded painting); -EN- 9-25-56

Geometric image (faded), Bill A., ED; J; JR

Faded red painting; She; Bob M; BC, 8; Faded red painting

P.R. | G.H., (Unknown) + Joyce (first name scratched out) (level 3); Mare, Irene, R, S., LS (Level 2); HT (level 1); C.G. D (level 2); vr (level 4); sloppy painted peace symbol (level 5)

Ad, BS in a box, others (level 4); Monica + ? (Level 2); Al W, Tavbe (level 2); Ismael (level 4); Bill, Wayne, Thanks CPD, Roshea, Lane (level 5)

GYA in a heart; AYG in a heart, both faded (level 3)

CB, BL (level 3); Violin (level 5); John (level 5)

Bison (level 6); Tony, Dave, Billy (level 4); Dick, Bob, box shape (level 5)

Heart; Melish '59, and Jim '59," Bob (level 3)

RGM, arrow through heart (level 2); S+V, T+VRO (level 1); JV (level 5)

Fantastic Four (level 1); Emmy(?), Jim, Jinny, Mease(?)

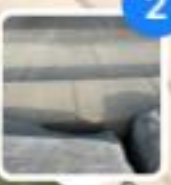




Steffany, Would You Marry Me? Fading painting; ?ben & Kim, PB; IOE, heart, 9-11-71



Lenny Noval, Donnie 53, BH



Fragment ending in RKLE; Arrow



1931, M. Joyce, Len, R, Ed GK 32, J, F, RO RX



1932 & 1940, Pat, Fred, Ed Schroeder, John, Raffetto, Leroy, others; Faded writing; Cross on a pedestal



DO, H; Gab, Ethyl, JH, RL; "1933", Ginger, Jim, Don, others, shape with arrow; JB



Floral pattern; 8-76->5-87, YO, Joni; Oscar, J, MA CH



I'm naming the stars in the sky after you, Alex + Soph, flag, flowers and scenes (painting); Sun & faded stick figure



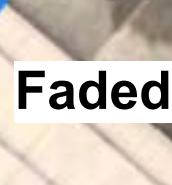
SYVO, Joe Coyal, Oars, others, with Bugs Bunny



'39, L.E., Whiz, B, HB + in partial heart, AE, AS, BM, Joel N Kate and others; F



2022 graffiti (now painted over)



Faded sun; 2022 graffiti (now painted over)



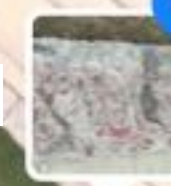
Sun/La Vida (fading); O Sol O Mio, Sun, Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes, skull, flag and more; Faded writing; S; Iron Maiden (fading)



1982, Art, RIS; IR; Jim Rojek; George Weber, Phil, John Rojek and others, faded heart



IM; JM



Swimmers (now very faded); Faded red painting; JH, 50; Lee, Joe, Dan, Baba, V, DGE, FL

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4 JS+MH; JO, 91; Ghostly faces; Collect Moments Not Things/Good Vibes Only, sun and hands (fading); Collect Not Things (fading)

5 1932; You gave me the will to be me... (likely faded or obscured); Don't starv; Love your mother (fading); Bugs, E65T, AW

3 What is the end... quo sint omnia (fading writing); Happiness Is Your 18th Birthday (9/3/97), now obscured by white paint, 7-9-1991 Rachel - M/ Julio Cesar Castellon; Fading MSG

CG 91, MB; 1935 Murph, E

3 Chuck, LXIX, starburst (left center); Life is messy (likely to fade); Animal, created in two stages (hard to see)

F.B. M.S. in heart, R Goty, with remnant of spiral painting

3 Maya and Justin threw a party (soon to fade or be obscured); Devil face, "Drugs the devil's plaything" (likely faded or obscured); P + Elay, BC 35, Bun, A.S. and others

3 Indecipherable words; Reefer madness, Don't you know who I think I am, Hey Good lookin (likely faded or obscured); Barb, F.B., Jim, Ed, Okun, JF, Sex, Sawyl K, JC, others

2 Eric-Prince of Chaos, Maya Maya Queen of the Harbor (likely faded or obscured); Gene C Rennard, Frank, Ed, Jerry, Oaks and others, 1955

Gus, KAM, W.W., Louie Bourdon, Bob W

Small heart

3 RLHY; GP in yellow star, 12/27/96 (faded); Don't even try it, Miss Thing, Ralfka Gonzalez, 1997 (now obscured)

Fading colorful pattern; June 1994, 69 within infinity symbol, Alex hearts Michaelle, JSI, CD, EDC, L, KJ, now obscured by white paint

3 Green painted writing, "like evil spirits"; Terry L. Rico faded writing; Al, Dick, C, CL, Bob, others

View looking toward Diversey Harbor with arrow by @jay_fword, decayed drawing

Painted spiral

3 FA + Char; G.J.; Painted sun, obscured by white paint

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