

# Bavarian Volkssport Association

East Wenatchee Seasonal Walk, 2002

10/15K; Rated 2; Daylight hours

**Registration Point:** Inn at the River, 580 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA

**Walk start point:** 27<sup>th</sup> Street trailhead of the Apple Capital Recreational Loop Trail.

**About the trail:** All of the 10K walk is along the paved recreational trail, which is used by cyclists, rollerbladers, etc., in addition to walkers. **Keep to the right and be alert for traffic coming from behind you.** Pets are permitted but must be kept on leash. The additional 5K option is on gravel paths through a wetland natural area.

## Directions:

**Drive to walk start point:** Leaving Inn at the River parking lot, turn left onto Valley Mall Parkway. Keep straight until Valley Mall Parkway intersects with Sunset Highway (Hwy 28) at the Douglas County PUD building. Turn right (North) onto Sunset Highway and follow it to 19<sup>th</sup> Street (stoplight). Left onto 19<sup>th</sup> Street NW to NW Cascade; right onto NW Cascade to 27<sup>th</sup> Street NW. Turn left on 27<sup>th</sup> NW and follow it to the trailhead parking lot. (Bathroom facilities located here.)

## The Walk:

1. From the concrete posts at West edge of parking lot, follow the access pathway toward the river to the main trail. Turn right onto trail and walk North. Follow the trail North to the Odabashian Bridge. Along the way you will have a view (weather permitting) of the Cascade Range, including Mt. Cashmere and the Enchantment Basin, to the Northwest. At the 2K mark are interesting rock formations and sand dunes.
2. Cross the Odabashian Bridge to the West side of the Columbia River. At the end of the bridge, follow the trail downhill to the left into Confluence State Park.

**CHECKPOINT #1:** What is the name on the packing shed you see as you start downhill from the bridge? (The sign is blue on white with a bird and lettering.) Please write your answer on envelope.

3. Shortly after entering Confluence Park you will come to a grassy area with picnic tables on left by the river and restrooms on the right. 4K to here. Continue on the trail, keeping right, with the parking lot/boat launch area and picnic/camping areas all on your left.
4. **Turnaround point** for the 10K walk is the intersection of the trail with the Confluence Park Entrance road near the registration booth. (5K to here).

**CHECKPOINT #2:** What is the speed limit for vehicles as they leave the park?

5. For 10K, turn around here and re-trace your steps back to the 27<sup>th</sup> Street trailhead, being careful not to miss the access pathway as it veers to the left back to the parking lot.

## For the 15K walk:

6. Continue on the trail, crossing the Park Entrance road at the crosswalk, to the footbridge across the Wenatchee River. Take footbridge across the river.
7. Just past the South end of the footbridge, turn left onto the gravel path, past the interpretive kiosk on the right, and through the turnstile into the Walt Horan Natural Area.
8. Continue on gravel path, going straight when the path forks, and straight again when the path reaches a 4-way intersection. Continue through the nature area. There are several ponds and many wildlife viewing areas with interpretive signs in this part of the park. At the 6 concrete posts on right, continue straight ahead.
9. Exit the natural area through another turnstile and continue until the gravel path rejoins the paved path at Walla Walla Point Park. Turn left onto the paved trail