



NW Regional AVA News and Information for Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, & Washington

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Happy Holidays, Northwest Walkers!

Many clubs are celebrating this festive month with gatherings, and walks around brightly lit neighborhoods. All you need to do is dress warm and join in on the fun!

ESVA Winter Walk Challenge: We hope you continue braving the cold next year, by taking the ESVA Winter Walk challenge from January 1-March 31, 2026. Walk at least 10 walks and you will have a chance of winning \$25-\$100 in a drawing. (see attached form). Residents of Oregon, Alaska, and Idaho who are members of a Washington Club are eligible to participate.

50th ANNIVERSARY: If you are starting to plan your vacations for 2026, take a look at the attached list of AVA's 50th Anniversary locations and dates. As the year progresses, you'll see more details regarding each event, in this newsletter, AVA checkpoint, and/or each club hosting. The first one is in Boulder City, NV on January 9-11, 2026.

UPDATED WALKS: With two clubs closing in 2025, that would have meant that walks became unavailable for us to enjoy. Fortunately, these walks have been transferred to existing clubs. Many have been updated with new directions, and challenges. You can find these walks on my.ava.org:

Washington: Anacortes Tommy Thompson, Anacortes Downtown, Bayview, Birch Bay, Blaine Peace Arch, Burlington, Coupeville, Deception Pass, Ferndale, Friday Harbor, LaConner, Lynden, Mt. Vernon, Oak Harbor, Sedro Wolley, Four walks in Bellingham: Marina, Fairhaven/Waterfront/WWU, Whatcom Falls and Whatcom Lake.

Oregon: Silver Falls State Park, Mt. Angel "Old German Town", Silverton "Mural City", Stayton "Covered Bridge", and Sublimity "Seeking the Sublime".

BEWARE: I just received an email regarding a company that will fill annual reports for clubs. This private company (US Filing Services) will charge clubs \$149 to file your compliance report (990N, Annual Report...). There is no need to go through this company. You can get help from me and/or AVA for free!

WALKS:

- For traditional walks, you can easily find them with this link, and then click on "update": <https://my.ava.org/regional-te-list.php?time=month&rsl=NW>
- All walks are listed on the attached Future Events List (FEL).

Traditional Walking events at a glance:

12/13/2025 - Holiday Walk from 9:00-noon, closing at 3:00pm. Start at WA Council of Police and Sheriffs 200 Union Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501

12/20/2025 - Christmas Ships Walk from 3:00-4:30pm. Start at Tiny's Coffee House 1412 SE 12th Ave, Portland, OR

12/31/2025 - New Year's Eve Walk from 3:30-6:30pm, closing at 9:30pm. Start at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church 3050 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA

12/31/2025 - New Years Eve Walk from 9:45am-noon. Start at McMenamins East Vancouver 1900 NE 162nd Ave, Vancouver, WA. (look for start in the far NE corner of shopping center.)

1/1/2026 - New Year's Day Walk from 8:30-11:30am, closing by 2:30pm. Start at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church 3050 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA

1/1/2026 - New Year's Day Walk from 9:30-11:00am. Start at Sellwood Riverfront Park, 1221 SE Oaks Park Way, Portland, OR

Until next time, see you on the trail!

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