



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

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Hello Northwest Walkers

AVA 50th Anniversary: It's a new year full of walks, including the start of the AVA 50th Anniversary. I was able to attend the first celebration in Boulder City, Nevada. Great place to take a walk (in January) with guaranteed sun! There are 16 events remaining, throughout this year. Why not start making plans to attend one or two or more, and make a vacation out of it by visiting families and friends who are scattered around America. These hosting clubs are putting in a lot of effort to make their event, an enjoyable experience. I can vouch for that! (please visit ava.org for more details on all these walks.)

AVA Anniversary Video: Enjoy a 10 minute video of all the events happening this year: [17 Walking Weekend: 50 years.](#)

How to bring attention to your YRE's: If you are a traveler who would like to visit a city that has 10 walks to choose from, it's a problem. Which one to walk, you say? For example, Portland, OR has 17 YREs; Seattle, WA has 16 YREs. Why not highlight portions of the YRE that will make it stand out? On my.ava.org, under "sanctions", you'll

CREATE AN ELEVATOR PITCH

The comments field in the sanction is usually too long to present on a calendar or in an event listing. Create a pitch enticing people to do your event.

The short description

(200 characters remaining)

see a box like this , following the YRE. Take a moment to write up an **elevator pitch** in this box under the tab "SELL IT".

FYI:

- 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&rsel=NW>
- All walks are on the attached Future Events List.

Events coming up this month:

2/7/2026 Pre-Super Bowl. Start table open 9:00-11:30am at McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Ave., Portland, Or

2/14/2026 Two Rivers Walk. Start table open 9:00-noon at Orting Station, 101 Washington Ave NW, Orting, WA 98360

2/20-22/2026 [IML Texas Roundup](#). Celebrating AVA's 50th Anniversary with a walk on Friday, 2/20 in Fredericksburg, TX.

Quick glance at Cities/States holding events for AVA 50th Anniversary:

Fredricksburg and San Antonio, Texas (February 20-22)

Williamsburg, Virginia (March 20-22)

Council Bluffs, Iowa (April 17-19) :

Nebraska City, Nebraska (April 17-19)

Lake George, New York (May 16-20)

Black Hills, South Dakota (June 6-7)

Illinois and Indiana (June 19-21)

San Francisco, California (July 24-25)

Colorado Springs and Front Range Area, Colorado (July 28-August 1)

Boston, Massachusetts (August 28-29)

Mackinaw City and St. Ignace, Michigan (September 7, 2026)

Astoria, Oregon (September 24-27)

Arlington, Virginia (October 16-18)

Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma (October 28-November 1)

Tampa Bay, Florida (November 6-8)

Dayton, Ohio (November 14)

Helen, Georgia (December 5)

Until next time, see you on the trail!

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