



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

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Hello Northwest Walkers!

Pat, I, and 25 others hardy hikers, enjoyed **NW Hiking Weekend in April**. It is a beautiful part of Washington where we explored Northrup Canyon, Old Wagon Road, and Steamboat Rock with Grand Coulee Dam Y1921 as a special treat. Thanks to 4+ Foolhardy Folks for offering this fun event. (Yes, we did climb up the 800 feet to the top of the plateau behind us.)

Everyone attending the "Wild and Woodsy" event in Lacey this past weekend, had a wonderful time enjoying the great weather, walks (11 in all), and food offered. Thank you to Capitol Volkssport Club for hosting the ESVA meeting, and to all the volunteers that supported this traditional experience.

Oregon Trails State Volkssport Association is busily meeting, planning, coordinating, and writing up directions for the (much anticipated) AVA 50th Anniversary in **Astoria, Oregon from September 24-27, 2026**. The brochure and registration form will become available on 5/15/2026. Visit [NW Regional Conference - Astoria, Oregon](#) for the most current information.

May is National Walking Month - see all the walks in the Northwest for May on the FEL list (attached) and Traditional Events (link listed below).

AVA 50th Anniversary on June 6, 2026, will be held at Crazy Horse Memorial in Black Hills, SD. If you plan to attend the 50th Anniversary, the designated hotel is the Ramkota Best Western in Rapid City located at 2111 N Lacrosse St. The hike up to Crazy Horse is open only two times a year. The next one is in October.

AVA has chosen Springfield, Missouri for the next Biennial Convention, which will be held June 28-July 2, 2027. Planning is just beginning.

FOR CLUB Officers- Fiscal Items:

NOTE: If your club is on a calendar year (1/1-12/31), the following are due by 5/15/2026.

Clubs with fiscal year ending 6/30, are not due until 11/15/2026.

- E-post card must be filed with IRS & a copy provided to AVA HQ
- Club's Annual Financial Report is due to the AVA HQ
- Update of Officers Information

Attributions: In July, the 2026 YRE's are copied over to 2027. This is a reminder that all maps that are copyrighted, are required to acknowledge the business app used. Please update your maps before they are transferred over for next year. Example:

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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>

Events coming up:

Sat-Sun, May 2-3. Gardiner's Trolls, Trees, and Honor. Registration: 9:00am-noon. Gardiner Community Center, 980 Old Gardiner Rd, Sequim, WA 98382. Event is also available on OSB from 4/24-5/20. Walk with Olympic Explorers Miller Peninsula and Gardiner OR Bike on the ODT. (see attached flyer)

Thurs-Sat, May 7-9. Spring in Whatcom County. 6 YRE group walks are being offered as a group weekend walk event by Interlaken Trailblazers. **5/7:** 10:00am Lynden, 3:00pm Ferndale. **5/8:** 10:00am Blaine, 3:00pm Birch Bay. **5/9:** 10:00am Lake Whatcom, 3:00pm Padilla (Bayview State Park). **Arrive at least 20 minutes before each walk.** RSVP-interlakentrailblazers@gmail.com. OSB is also available.

Sat., May 12. Historic Champoeg. St. Paul, OR. Registration 9:30-10:30am. Start: 8239 Champoeg Rd. NE, St. Paul, OR. \$10 State Park Pass required. Historic walk, visitor center, and garden area. 5k and 11k available.

Sat., May 16. Flaming Geyser State Park. Auburn, WA. Registration: 9:00-noon. Start: 23700 SE Flaming Geyser Rd., Auburn, WA. Hike the trails of this great state park along a stretch of the Green River. 6k and 10k rated 2B.

Sat., May 30. Campbell Creek - University Lake Trail. Anchorage, AK. Registration: noon-2:00pm. Location: Anchorage Animal Care and Control, 4711 Elmore Rd, Anchorage. The Anchorage Volkssport Club is hosting a walk with views of the beautiful Chugach Mountains and possible sightings of moose, black bears, eagles, or salmon. Distance 5k/10k (1A). Important Event Information: Do NOT approach any wildlife along the trail. Give them their space. All pets MUST be on a leash.

Sat., June 13, Everett Forest Park - Everett, WA. Hosted by Sound Steppers. Registration from 9:00-10:30am. Start: 205 Park Road, Everett, WA 98203. Walk through parks, neighborhoods, views of Puget Sound, and a walk on the beach with low tide at 10:05am at -3.0 feet. There is a 4K (1B) and 10K (2B). Drive is required to the 4K start.

Sat., June 20, Willamette Wanderers 40th Anniversary Walk - Salem, OR. Hosted by Willamette Wanderers. Registration: 9:00-11:00am. Start: 865 Union St NE, Salem, Or. This is a self-guided walk, with a group walk available at 9:30am. 5k and 10K available.

Until next time, see you on the trail!

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