



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



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Hello Northwest Walkers!

ASTORIA WALKFEST: Registration for our very own, Northwest Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of AVA is NOW AVAILABLE on otsva.org. When you go to this website, click on the upper left corner on "menu", and the information is waiting for you! We hope to see you in Astoria, Oregon from September 24-27, 2026. So many things to see: Lighthouses, trails, beaches, "The Column" celebrating its' 100th year, many movie/TV locations shot in Astoria, walking alphabetical streets from A to N (including historic pigeon stairs), Columbia River Maritime Museum, Underground Tours, waterfront trolley, FIVE new event walks, and SIX YRE's. See you there!

2027 YREs: As of June 1st, all of the 2026 YRE's have been copied over to get ready for 2027 on the my.ava.org website. Changes to these 2027 YRE's can be updated until the end of August 2026. If you have any new YRE's you'd like to add for the new year, now is the time. Pat and I will be busy this summer, reviewing YRE's for required attributions (streetmaps.com, cover letters, directions, maps, copy writes, POC info, etc. If there are any changes from 2026, use the upload option to update 2027 until end of August.

Crazy Horse AVA meeting: Pat and I will be attending the Crazy Horse 50th Anniversary Event June 4th-8th in South Dakota. The July newsletter will have current information on AVA walk app progress, Silver Sneakers connection, and the formation of an AdHoc committee whose purpose is to keep walks open due to club closures. (FYI-Pat & I have our phones, no computers.)

- 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 listed on the attached Future Events Calendar.

Events coming up:

There are many more Traveling Guided walks (TGW) listed on the FEL list.

Sat., June 6 Federal Way - Hosted by Sea Tac VC. Register: 9:00-11:00. Start: near Federal Way Link Station. 5K and 11K rated 1B.

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 5K (1B) and 10K (2B).

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 5k and 10K walk, with a group walk available at 9:30am.

Sat., July 4th. Seattle-Independence Day Walk - Seattle, WA. Hosted by Emerald City Wanderers. Registration: 8:30-9:30am. Start: Tukwila Light Rail Station OR SEATAC Community Center, 13735 24th Ave S, SeaTac, WA. 5k and 10K, rated 1A.

Sat., July 4th Stroll thru History - Vancouver, WA. Hosted by Vancouver USA Volkssporters. Registration: 8:00-11:00am. Start: 605 Esther St, Vancouver, OR. (Ester Short Park). 5k and 10k rated 1A.

Sat., July 11th Come Celebrate 40 years of Walking. Hosted by Daffodil Valley VA. Register: 8:00-11:00am. Start: Clark's Creek Park, 1800 12th Ave SW, Puyallup, WA. 6K(1A), 10K(2B).

Fri-Sun, July 24-26. Island Hopping Weekend. Hosted by Olympic Peninsula Explorers. All walks start in Anacortes, WA. Registration/Start:

- **7/24:** Anacortes Downtown & Waterways YRE. 9:00am. The Market, 1519 Commercial Ave #2234, Anacortes.
- **7/24:** Tommy Thompson Trail YRE 1:00pm at The Market, 1519 Commercial Ave. #2234, Anacortes.
- **7/25:** Friday Harbor YRE. Catch 8:40am Friday Harbor Ferry in Anacortes. Meet on top level of ferry for registration.
- **7/26:** Traditional Walk 8:30-10:30am Meet at Kiwanis Waterfront Park, 1708 6th St. Anacortes.

Sat, August 1. Lake Sammamish State Park. Hosted by Interlaken Trailblazers (more to come)

Sat. August 29. Historic Canby & Cruise. Hosted by Columbia River VC. Register 9:00-11:00a. Start: Cutsforth Marketplace, 225 NE 2nd Ave., Canby, OR. 6K & 11K rated 1A.

Sat, September 5th Labor Day Weekend. Hosted by Emerald City Wanderers) Register: 9:00-11:00. Start: St. Alphonsus Family Center, 5816 15th Ave NW, Seattle. 5k & 10K rated 1A.

Until next time, see you on the trail!

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Attachments:

50th Anniversary Info/Registration

Future Event List (FEL)

Invite to Surrey Trekkers (Canada) May 2027 Fraser Valley