



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

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#16 NW Regional News 9/4/2026

Hello Northwest Walkers!

Attachments:

Future Events List (FEL)

Astoria Registration/Waiver (only for those who haven't submitted one)

Astoria - good to know before you go

AVA Big Give

Shady Cove, Oregon event

2027 Walk: Thank you to all the NW Clubs and State Organized Sponsors in Alaska, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon who have renewed all of their 474 seasonal and YRE walks for 2027 year: So far in 2026, we've had Traveling Guided Walks, and Traditional Events totaling 77 with 1,874 attendees. Get ready for a great year of walks and hikes through the great Northwest!

NW Walkfest "Following the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark". The committee is looking forward to have you join us, exploring any or all of the 11 walks offered in this beautiful part of the country. See you in Astoria, Oregon from September 24-27, 2026 (walks are open from 9/23-9/28). Suomi Hall is our headquarters, located at 244 W. Marine Drive, Astoria, OR 97103. (Attached: walk list/waiver for those who haven't signed up yet, bring this with you AND info sheet with map and directions so you'll be in the know.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Please Consider: We are in need of filling some volunteer shifts for Walking in the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark Walkfest Sept 24-27th. If you are attending the event please consider volunteering for a shift. If you are already volunteering thank you for doing so. We have 180 people attending so we want this to be a premier event. Link for signing up, is listed below: Thank you, Pat Jewett, Deputy Regional Director.

[NW Regional Walkfest: Walking in the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark Walkfest](#)

FEATHERS from NORTHWEST CLUBS: Thank you to the clubs responding to bring their club feathers for Astoria's Walkfest celebration on September 24-27th. We are proud of our NW Clubs and we want everyone to know it! What a great display that will be! We will have the feather banners safely on display in Suomi Hall for the duration of the event.

We'd like to have them on the first day of the event on the 24th, and then you can pick them up before noon on the 27th. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE for The Big Give: AVA's annual fundraiser is on line from September 23rd - 24th from 6am to 6pm. This time slot is specifically chosen for "matching funds", a win-win for AVA. Your donation will help to support AVA to continue providing insurance for club events, maintain the website, work on innovative solutions to keep our sport up-to-date with technology, and so much more. Here's where you can give to [The Big Give](#). You can also mail a check to AVA, 1032 S Alamo St, San Antonio, TX 78210 through 9/30/2026 (see attached flyer with QR Code).

Events coming up:

- 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 Calendar.
 - Sat, Sept 5. 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.
 - Sat, Sept 19. Mt. Angel Oktoberfest. Hosted by Willamette Wanderers. Register: 9:00-12:00pm. Start: Biergarten Festhalle, 500 S Wilco Hwy NE, Mt Angel Oregon. 5K/10K rated 2A. Group walk 9:30am.
 - Wed, Sept 3. Sandpoint Shuffle. Hosted by Lilac City Volkssport. Register: 9:45-10am. Start: Liberty Pier, Sandpoint City Beach Park, 58 Bridge St, Sandpoint, ID 83864. Look for picnic table. 5K/10K rated 1B
 - Thurs-Sun, Sept 24-27, 2026. NW Regional Conference - Astoria, Oregon. A&N and back again, Hollywood Comes to Astoria, Chasing Lighthouses, Fort Stevens/Peter Iredale, and Anniversary Walk (scheduled for 9/26 at 9:30am).
 - Sat, Oct 3 Where the Salmon Run. Hosted by Capitol Volkssport. Register: 9-10am. Start: 110 Deschutes Way SW, Tumwater, WA. 5K/10K rated 2B.
 - Sat, Oct 3 Lost Borders Walk Y3919. Hosted by Olympic Peninsula Explorers. Register: 8-10:00am. Start: 811 Marine Drive, Point Roberts, WA. 6K (1A), 10K (2A). More information on my.ava.org
 - Sat. Oct 10, 2026. Lake Easton Fall Colors. Four-Plus Foolhardy Folks. Register 9-noon. Start: 150 Lake Easton State Park Rd, Easton, WA 98925. 5k (1B), 10K (1C). Walk and bike routes available.
 - Sun. Oct 11, 2026. The Great Columbia Crossing. Columbia River Volkssport. Register: on line www.greatcolumbiacrossing.com for a bib. Bus transportation between 6:45am-8:30am. 10K rated 2A.
 - Oct 15-18, 2026. Shady Cove Event. Hosted by Columbia River Volkssport Club. Register: 7-8:00am each day. Start: Edgewater Inn Conference Room, 7800 Rogue River Drive, Shady Cove, OR. Variety of 4 walks available.
 - Sun. Oct 25, 2026. Sharon Fisher Memorial Walk Y1279. Sound Steppers Volkssport Club. Register: 1:00-2:00pm. Start: La Conner Waterfront Park, 3rd St. and Sherman

Ave, La Conner, WA. Limited parking, please carpool if you can. 5k/10k (2B). See soundsteppers.org for information.

- Sat, Oct 31, 2026. Remlinger Farms Halloween Walk. Emerald City Wanderers. Register: 9-noon. Start: 3610 NE 32nd St, Carnation, WA. 6k/10k (1B).
- Sat, Oct 31, 2026. Halloween Walk. Vancouver USA Volkssporters. Register: 10-noon. Start: Lincoln Elementary School, 4200 NW Daniels St., Vancouver, WA. 5k/10k (1A)
- **SAVE THE DATE: June 28-July 1, 2027** AVA 24th Biennial Convention 2027 in Springfield, Missouri. Pre-convention walks June 26-28th, Post convention walks and activities July 2-4. Reservations available now: [University Plaza and Hotel - Springfield, MO](#)

Until next time, see you on the trail!

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Remaining 50th Anniversary Celebrations:

Astoria, Oregon (September 24-27). *This is the NW Region's Walk. A "must do"!*

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)