



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

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Hello Northwest Walkers!



Walkfest: Thank you all for coming to Astoria's Walkfest, "Walking in the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark". We had a great turnout with 241 people attending, walking 831 traditional walks in total, not counting the YRE's. Everyone came prepared for all of kinds of weather, ready to explore Astoria, Gearhart, Seaside, Cannon Beach, Warrenton, Ilwaco, Fort Stevens, and Fort Clatsop while visiting with old friends, and making new ones. I want to thank the committee (Ed, Sharon, Pat, Arline, Don, and Mary) for all your hard work during the last year, it was worth the time planning; everyone appreciated it. Special thanks to our bartender Nathan; Sound Stepper Members Brad, Chris, Susan, Leda; and the many walkers who stepped forward to set and take down everything during the event.). See you for the next event in Washington in 2028!



Five Remaining 50th [AVA anniversary walks](#):

Oct 16-18: 25th Annual FreedomWalk Festival IML. Arlington, VA

Oct 28-Nov 1: Halloween Klicks on Route 66". Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma

Nov 6-8: 35th Walk Around Florida. Bradenton, FL

Nov 14: OWF Honors Veterans. Dayton, OH

Dec 5: Weihnachten Lights Spectacular. Helen, GA

Third Quarter (July-Sept) Statement Due this month: Did you know that you can save your club \$20 a year by printing your own quarterly statement? 12 of our 25 clubs are paying for this. When you are ready to submit your quarterly report, make note to not request a paper copy sent to you. You can print these yourself, and save your club the cost.

Financials/Officers Verified/Form 990: Clubs with fiscal year ending June 30th, it's time to look at completing your Annual Financial Report which is due (at the latest) November 15th. (See attached listing of clubs needing to address this).

Challenges for 2027: Buy yourself a challenge book, and make it a group activity when you're walking. The new ones coming out from AVA are Historic Places of Worship, Historic Route 66-Celebrating 100 years, and Craft Beer. You can order your books [here](#) on November 1, 2026.

Meet Up: If you belong to a meetup and you plan on attending a walk advertised, please take a moment to respond with "I'm going". This helps the clubs to print up enough directions and stickers needed. It also helps the host club know if the walk will be well attended and worth the effort to have it.

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&rsel=NW>
- All walks are listed on the attached Future Events Calendar.
 - 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 Boarders Walk Y3919. Hosted by Olympic Peninsula Explorers. Register: 8-10:00am. Start: 811 Marine Drive, Point Roberts, WA. Walk or Bike 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).
- Sat, Nov 7, 2026. Tacoma-Pipeline Trail Walk. Daffodil Valley. Register: 9:30-noon. Start: Eastside Community Center, 1721 E 56th, Tacoma, WA. 5k/10K (1B). Group walk at 10:00am.
- Wed, Nov 11, 2026. Honoring America's Veterans. Emerald City. Register: 9-10:00am. Start: Discovery Park (formerly Fort Lawton) north parking lot, 740 Discovery Park Blvd, Seattle, WA. 5k/10k (2B).
- Sat, Nov 28, 2026. Turkey Trot. Sound Steppers. Register: 9-10:30am. Start: Edmonds United Methodist Church, 828 Caspers St, Edmonds, WA 98020. 5k (1A), 10K (2B). Accepting donations of cash or non-perishable food for Edmonds Food Bank.
- **SAVE THE DATE: June 29-July 2, 2027** AVA 24th Biennial Convention 2027 in Springfield, Missouri. Pre-convention walks June 26-27, Post-convention walks and activities July 2-4. [2027 Convention - AVA](#)

Until next time, see you on the trail!

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