

Whidbey Walking Festival
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Walks will explore historic sites, towns, forests, and prairie lands on and around Whidbey Island. Panoramic views of the Salish Sea (Puget Sound), Cascade and Olympic Mountains

Our Festival headquarters and registration will be at Camp Casey, just north of the Coupeville/Port Townsend Ferry Terminal and Fort Casey State Park. Fort Casey and Camp Casey are on the site of the former US Army base built at the turn of the 19th century. Gather to visit with old friends or make new ones while watching abundant wildlife, marine ship traffic, sea and mountain views. After registering, pick up walk directions and driving directions to walk starting points.

Note: no alcohol allowed on Camp Casey property!

Headquarters: Camp Casey, 1276 Engle Road, Coupeville WA 98239

Start Times: Friday: 9am-1 pm, finish by 5pm

Saturday: 8am - 1pm, finish walk by 5pm

Sunday: 8am - 12 noon, finish by 3 pm

Socials: Friday: Free Meet 'n' Greet at Camp Casey: 4 - 5:30 pm

Saturday: Free Bratwurst Lunch at Camp Casey 12 noon - 2 pm

Sunset Social walk & Smores by the beach: Camp Casey - 7pm

The Coupeville Lions Club will host a Native American Style Salmon BBQ (\$20) on Sunday 11:30 am -1p.m at the Coupeville Town Park. All proceeds benefit their service projects. The Town of Coupeville sponsors a free concert Sunday in the park also. Tickets for the Salmon BBQ go fast so pre-order on the pre-registration form.

Festival Walk Routes

Coast to Coast: 6/11 km rated 2B. #108578

Drive 4 miles to start. **11 km**-Walk from historic Coupeville's waterfront on the east side of Whidbey Island to the majestic bluffs overlooking Puget Sound on the west side. Walk through Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve to view expansive prairie farmlands, Olympic and Cascade Mountains, Port Townsend and beyond. Walk on paved and dirt paths and along country roads. **6 km**- Walk from Coupeville to the outskirts of town for a view of prairie farmland before returning to town

Historic Fort Casey/Admiralty Inlet: 5/10 km rated 2B. #110782

Saturday Featured Walk. Walk by historic military gun batteries and support buildings, in Camp Casey and Fort Casey State Park. Bring a flashlight to explore the gun batteries. Walk pass the vintage Admiralty Head Lighthouse, Coupeville (Keystone) Ferry Terminal, old growth forest and rare prairie lands, panoramic views of Admiralty Inlet, Puget Sound, Port Townsend and the Olympic Mountains.

Bowman Bay: 5 km rated 2B. 10 km rated 3C. #110781

Drive 25 miles to start. **Washington State Discovery Pass required for parking.** This

walk is on the north side of the Deception Pass Bridge. Walk along the shore, bluffs and forests. Enjoy views of the San Juan Islands, Bowman and Lottie Bays, Deception Pass Bridge and Puget Sound. While in the park, be sure to stop and visit the Civilian Conservation Corp Museum. The CCC built several buildings in the park that are still in use. Our club also has a year-round walk (YRW) in the area on the south side of the bridge. YRW registration will be available at our Headquarters

South Whidbey-Freeland: 5/10 km. #110783

TWO 5K ROUTES: First 5 km rated 2C: Drive 13 miles to South Whidbey State Park. **Washington State Discover Pass required for parking.** Route has one steep hill (shorter option available to avoid the steep hill). Walk through old growth forests saved from bulldozers by tree-hugging citizens in the 1970's and the now closed campground with moss covered big leaf maples and lots of shade.

Second 5 km rated 1B: from South Whidbey State Park drive 3 miles. This census designated area started as a socialist community in the early 1900s. Walk along Holmes Harbor and view the east side of Whidbey Island, Cascade Mountains, the latest construction project at Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, pass historic Freeland Hall, restaurants, antique stores, and take a short trail through a wooded marshland. *Your own vehicle liability insurance covers your drive between portions of this walk.*

Port Townsend

The Olympic Peninsula Explorers Volkssport Club will be offering a walk in Port Townsend. Walk the short distance from the start at Camp Casey headquarters to the Coupeville Ferry Terminal for a leisurely ride across Puget Sound to the historic seaport of Port Townsend. Continue your walk through Port Townsend before returning on the ferry and walking back to Headquarters to finish your walk. Port Townsend's Victorian downtown is a National Historic District. *Current Washington State Ferry walk-on fares are \$3.35, \$1.65 senior or youth, each way.* There are also several YRW's in Port Townsend that start from the Subway sandwich shop across the street from the Port Townsend ferry landing. This is also the weekend for the Annual Wooden Boat Festival in Port Townsend (<http://nwmaritime.org/wooden-boat-festival/>).

Join us Thursday afternoon September 6, 4pm, to walk the Oak Harbor YRE. 5/10k Rated 2B. Walk along the harbor and through downtown. Start location: Oak Harbor Windjammer Park, 1600 S. Beeksma Drive. From the North on SR 20, at the traffic light at Pioneer Way, continue straight onto SW Beeksma Drive, Park entrance is on the left.

Four other year-round walks are available on Whidbey Island: Deception Pass State Park (South), Oak Harbor, Fort Ebey State Park, and Coupeville Historic Town and Country. Registration and directions for the walks will be available at our headquarters.

IVV Credit: \$3.00 (US funds)/Free walkers welcome. Everyone must register and carry a start card. Donations are accepted, which supports Volkssport events and community projects.

Pre-Registration: Pre-registration form is available on our website (nwtrekkers.org) and must be postmarked by August 20, 2018.

All those who pre-register by the above date will be entered in a Friday raffle for a \$50.00 gift certificate at a Coupeville restaurant (tbd).

The Volkssport USA Club will offer Walking Stick training. Information on training times will be available at Festival Headquarters.

Additional information can be found at www.nwtrekkers.org or email nwtuliptrekkers@gmail.com

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