



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

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Hello Northwest Walkers!

First things, thank you to Sharon Moats and Ed Hainline for their four years of excellent leadership, organization, and informative insights into everything volkssporting as Regional and Deputy directors!

Intros: Let me introduce ourselves as your new representatives for the Northwest Region. Pat Jewett and I have over a combined 50 years of volkssporting. We are both retired from our professional jobs, and have been enjoying the benefits of traveling near and far. We look forward to serving you in this capacity and meeting you on the trails.

Sad News:

Tater Tours, and Walking Adventures International are ending their tours at the end of 2025. If you subscribed to The Pathfinder newsletter, it will end June 30, 2025. Many thanks to Mary Ptacek (head tater), George and Dan Friesen (family owned WAI), and Chase Davis (Pathfinder publisher). You kept us informed, adventurous, and social by extending invitations to walk together. We wish you the best! You will be sorely missed.

Good news:

- Seasonal walks are available! Seasonal walks became available in April and end up to November. Some seasonals have a shorter open window. They are posted on my.ava.org. You can find these walks without having an account, but if you want to do any of these OSB walks, you'll need to create a my.ava.org account.
- Don't forget the PCT (Pacific Crest Trail) hike challenge in Washington and Oregon. Many of these hikes are seasonal. If you need a challenge book, contact Nancy Wittenberg (newittenberg@gmail.com)
- 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.
- AVA has announced their 2026 challenge: [Anniversaries Hurrah!](#)
- ESVA has announced their 2026 challenge: "Discover Your Parks" with qualifiers being National and State Parks. (more info to come)

Actions needed from clubs:

- Second quarter ends June 30th, with reports due on from July 6th-July 30th.
- Start talking to your clubs about renewal of YRE's for 2026. The renewal period is coming up soon. Important change for 2026-all maps need to acknowledge the source, at the bottom of the map. For example:
 - Map Data @ OpenStreetMap.org
 - Made with footpathapp.com
 - Mapping by plotaroute.com

Until next time, see you on the trail!

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