



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

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Hello Northwest Walkers!

I hope you will or were able to enjoy the 4th of July in walking style with the "Independence Day" walk in Discovery Park in Seattle with Emerald City Wanderers, or "July 4th Stroll Through History" in Vancouver with Vancouver USA Volkssporters. If you missed these events, keep in mind that so many of our NW clubs have seasonal walks that are waiting for you to enjoy. Check them out on my.ava.org before they end.

Forward thinking:

- We are sad to report that Northwest Tulip Trekkers walking club has been dissolved as of 6/30/2025. They have agreed to transfer all their 21 walks to Evergreen State Volkssport Association. Walks will be made available as OSB's through 2025, effective after 2nd quarter report has been completed. Thank you NWTT board members and volunteers for giving the Northwest so many enjoyable walks. Your work is appreciated.
- Walking Adventures International has new leadership taking over the business as of 2026. Welcome Hugo Palma from Portugal and Scott Isom from Washington State. The club continues to be listed as International Walkers in the AVA clubs site. Their website is <https://walkingadventures.fun>
- I-5 northbound 2-lane closures for repairs are planned from July 18th-August 15th. Plan your drives to allow for extra time. Visit "<https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-projects/revive-i-5-ship-canal-bridge-preservation>" for more information. Clubs need your walking enthusiasm to keep thriving.

Actions needed from clubs:

- Clubs can start YRE renewals for 2026 now. Deadline for completion is 8/31/2025. YRE's will not be approved until all maps have their source listed on the map. Please do this before you print or download your files. Also, keep 5k directions and map on single front/back sheet. Examples:
 - Map Data @ OpenStreetMap.org
 - Made with footpathapp.com
 - Mapping by plotaroute.com
- For help, reference Mike Green's article in the June Checkpoint. He has detailed descriptions of how to renew walks.

- The Challenge Sheet for 2026 is attached with current AVA, ESVA, and OSTVA challenges. These sheets can be included for your 2026 Renewals on-line and your physical boxes for each of your YRE's.

Multi-events coming up:

10/2/2025 - 10/5/2025 [Walking Stevens Pass to Leavenworth](#), sponsored by Interlaken & Central Washington Sun Striders

10/16/2025 - 10/19/2025 [Shady Cove, Oregon](#), sponsored by Columbia River Volkssport

Until next time, see you on the trail!

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