



REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Greetings NW Region Walking Club

Hope everyone is enjoying their special holiday walks and club socials.

Action for Clubs:

- If a YR walk your club now has come from another club, please be certain that the **walk directions and OSB file list the new copyright and POC for your club**. Some still need to be updated. If you have revised your walk to only OSB the reference paragraph to PSB needs to be corrected and the sanction needs to be adjusted regarding reference to the walk box to avoid confusion for walkers.
- If your club has walks that are only OSB please help groups that want to walk your route but are not in OSB. This can be done by emailing directions, stickers and registration sheets to the requesting group or meeting them and walking with them. Clubs and walkers will appreciate it.
- New special programs – please review your sanctions to include them. For the ESVA and OTSVA programs please review your routes and include information in your sanction. Here is the link to the current ESVA Special Program reference page: <http://www.esva.online/challenges/>
- Be certain your walk box information includes the pricing for your walks or donation request. Several walkers have reported this information is missing in some walk boxes.

What's new:

The Emerald City Wanderers are starting a second challenge book for Link Light Rail in the Seattle-Puget Sound area as new stations are opening up. Interlaken Trailblazers has 5 new walks off the eastside route (all OSB). The club will be planning group walks about once a month for walkers to join in (mostly on Saturdays when traditional events are not planned). Sound Steppers will also be planning group walks of their new routes from the Link Rail Stations at the North end of the Link route. Books are available for purchase at the New Year walks hosted by Emerald City Wanderers. We hope some of those club members can join us on our walks and bring books to purchase.

See: https://www.meetup.com/walkers-574/?eventOrigin=event_home_page

Interlaken website: www.interlakentrailblazers.org

Sound Steppers website: www.soundsteppers.org

[With the holidays over the next 3 weeks please check store hours online if you are planning to visit PSB's. Some businesses have early closing or close for a few days in the new year. Almost all walks are available in the OSB.](#)

Please visit the AVA Convention page for the latest information. Per the latest checkpoint the registration information will be available by Jan 1, 2025. <https://ava.org/2025-convention/>

The pre-convention and post-convention walks will be Saturday April 26-28 and post walks on May 3-4. The pre and post walks will be available in the OSB.

Hope all clubs are planning to have a representative there for the meetings. I don't know if voting can take place remotely if we have representatives who cannot travel at that time.

Please bookmark the link to AVA Policies and forms as things have moved around on the web since the legacy system was removed. There is a nice index here for detail searching. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with what is available.

Policy: https://cb.ava.org/operations_policies.php

All AVA Documents are available here: <https://ava.org/club-policies/>

The Future Event Calendar is filling up with many new areas to walk in. Be sure to get your club's future walks on the calendar even if you only have preliminary information available so you can reserve the date you need.

Multi-day events are noted in the future event list.

See you on the trail!

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