



REGIONAL AVA NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Greetings NW Region Walking Clubs

Warm sunny weather walking and hiking is in it's prime now (maybe not in Alaska as I hear there is a lack of sunshine!) Great time to get out and explore new YR's in various areas in our region.

As your clubs are deciding on the YR/SYR to sanction for next year please complete your sanctioning by end of August so Ed and I have time to run reports before it goes for publishing in the Starting Point Book. New YR's can still be added but will not appear in the Starting Point.

When you are renewing your walks, **please use the Reload 2023 button. After your walk is RD approved you can make any revisions you need to for 2024.** If you do not follow this procedure your walk will be given a new number and the OSB file will be dropped. Ed and I are reviewing when this happens and contacting clubs and headquarters to rectify the situation. In some cases, you may be billed for 2 walks the old number and the new number. Please notify Ed (Oregon) and Sharon (WA/Alaska) and we will work with headquarters. Please go through us rather than directly to headquarters as that is the preferred process.

Review	Bellevue, WA Bellevue Botanical Gardens	Edit	message	Reload 2023
YEAR ROUND EVENT Jan 2nd, 2024 to Dec 31st, 2024				
Review	Bellevue, WA Lake Hills	Edit	Message	Reload 2023
YEAR ROUND EVENT Jan 1st, 2024 to Dec 31st, 2024				
Review	Bothell, WA Town and Trail	Edit	Message	Reload 2023
YEAR ROUND EVENT Jan 2nd, 2024 to Dec 31st, 2024				
Review	Issaquah, WA Historic Issaquah and around Town	Edit	Message	Reload 2023
YEAR ROUND EVENT Jan 1st, 2024 to Dec 31st, 2024				
Review	Issaquah, WA Walking in the Highlands	Edit	Message	Reload 2023
YEAR ROUND EVENT Jan 2nd, 2024 to Dec 31st, 2024				
Review	Kirkland, WA Eastrail, Kirkland Downtown and views	Edit	Message	Reload 2023
YEAR ROUND EVENT Jan 2nd, 2024 to Dec 31st, 2024				

This is a great time of year to schedule group walks of YR's. **Our policy is to not schedule any YR group walks within 50 miles of a Traditional Event as the clubs are paying for the Event Walk and hosting facilities and creating a special route for walkers to enjoy.** In meetup it is causing confusion as many of our walkers do not realize that a Traditional Event is different than a YR and the amount of work, expense and coordination that goes into these special events. If you must schedule for that day, please allow enough time for driving between walks that folks can get from the Traditional Event to the YR Event.

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.

Latest NW Pathfinder Mini: <http://www.esva.online/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023-July-August-Pathfinder-online.pdf>

This is a great time to plan AVA travel with your clubs and friends. There are many multi-day events coming up or you could plan a mini trip more locally to do walks where you have not gone before.

Here is a list of other multi-day travel events to add to your calendar:

Aug 12, 2023, International Friendship Walk – Meet at the Peace Arch at the Canadian/US Border
Yvonne Colebert ,of Surrey Trekkers, is planning a mapped walk and Tamara Belts of NW Tulip Trekkers are planning to walk a YR in Blaine in the afternoon. Make your plans!

Sat Aug 12, 2023 - Surrey - Peace Arch Provincial Park Friendship Walk

MW - 5/10 - STVC - Rating: [1B](#)

Start Time: **10:00 am**

Start Location: [Picnic Area, Beach Road and Highway 99](#)

Postal Code: V3S 9N8

Host: Terri and Peter: surreytrekkersbc@gmail.com

Eatery:

<https://www.meetup.com/nw-tulip-trekkers-walking-club/events/290923889/>

Sept 14-17, 2023, Central Oregon <https://www.walking4fun.org/central-oregon-2023.html>
Sept 22-24, 2023, Vancouver BC – [Walk fest https://vancouverventurers.com/walkfest-2023rev1/](https://vancouverventurers.com/walkfest-2023rev1/)
May 24-26, 2024, Canadian Festival in Kingston, Ontario <http://walks.ca/cvf-fcv-2022-festival/>
Sept 2024 NW Regional Conference – Location in Washington State TBD

PLEASE VISIT THE AVA SITE FOR ADDITIONAL WALKFEST INFO:

<https://my.ava.org/find-a-fest.php>

See you on the trail!

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