

Historic Fort Vancouver Walk, Vancouver, WA – YRE 0138

10 km & 5 km Routes, Rated 1A

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Starting Point is the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site Visitor Center, 1501 E. Evergreen Blvd. (Coordinates are 45.626164 N, 122.656581 W).

From I-5 in Vancouver, WA, take Exit 1C to Mill Plain Blvd. Northbound vehicles turn RIGHT & southbound turn LEFT onto Mill Plain Blvd. At the 1st traffic signal, turn RIGHT onto Ft Vancouver Way. At the roundabout, go 3/4 of the way around to the 3rd exit and head east on Evergreen Blvd. After about 1/2 km, turn RIGHT into the Visitor Center parking lot. If the lot is full, there are 2 other parking areas beside Evergreen Blvd. back the way you came.

RESTROOMS are available at the Visitor Center if it is open. Also, for 5 km route walkers, a public library is about 1.25 km from the Starting Point. The library is at the corner of Evergreen Blvd. and C Street and has restrooms available. Restrooms are also available in Marshall Park, between Mill Plain Blvd. and McLoughlin Blvd., across the street from the route. Additional restrooms are available on weekdays in Geiger Hall on the Clark Community College campus.

*****IMPORTANT REMINDER! *** Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match. For example, if you register using the OSB, do not complete your event by using the PSB (nor sign the PSB log sheet). The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB.**

AVA Special Programs:

Par for the Course – Esther Short Park playground, sports facilities along 10km route

Step to the Beat – Esther Short Park Bandstand, Providence Academy

Walking with American Veterans – Fort Vancouver, Vancouver Barracks, Officers Row

ESVA Challenges

National Park

Tell Me a Story

That's Entertainment – Cultural (Esther Short Bandstand)

That's Entertainment – Fairs Festivals, Arcades (Esther Short Park)

OTSVA Challenges

Peace Pole – Waterfront Park near Boat Landing

Purposely Blank

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POINT OF CONTACT for issues regarding route: Burt Paynter 360-798-8485. MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Call 911

NOTICE: This map and directions may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

1. **EXIT** Ft. Vancouver NHS Visitor Center & **LEFT** to follow entrance road up to Evergreen Blvd (unmarked).
 2. **JOG LEFT then RIGHT** after the split rail fence to a crosswalk. **CROSS** Evergreen Blvd in the crosswalk.
 3. **LEFT** on the sidewalk along Evergreen Blvd (**Officers' Row, Marshall House & the Grant House**) to Ft Vancouver Way.
 4. **5 km Walkers:** **CROSS** Ft Vancouver Way, then **SLANT LEFT** to use sidewalk & crosswalks to walk along Evergreen Blvd. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** to cross I-5 overpass bridge & pass the **Old Academy** to reach Daniels St. **Go to Step 21.**
 5. **10 km Walkers:** **RIGHT** on Ft Vancouver Way & continue across Mill Plain Blvd (**1 km**) to McLoughlin Blvd & **CROSS**.
 6. **SLANT RIGHT** to follow the walkway thru Clark Community College campus, passing the Friendship Garden & the fountain pen tower to the circular plaza in front of Geiser Hall (**Restrooms inside**).
 7. **LEFT** on the walkway from the center of the plaza to Ft. Vancouver Way and **CROSS** at the crosswalk. (**2 km**)
 8. **LEFT** on Ft Vancouver Way to the traffic light at Air Force Ave & **CROSS**. Walk 10 steps to an opening in the fence.
 9. **RIGHT** thru the fence to walk along Air Force Way as it curves right & then left to an intersection with Army Ave.
 10. **CROSS & RIGHT** on Army Ave to Fourth Plain Blvd.
 11. **LEFT** to walk along Fourth Plain Blvd & continue, crossing I-5 off ramps carefully, to "F" St & Arnada Park entrance.
 12. **LEFT** into Arnada Park & **LEFT** on circular park walkway.
 13. **LEFT** at 1st park exit & follow walkway to 24th St. (**4 km**)
 14. **RIGHT** on 24th St & proceed to Broadway St.
 15. **RIGHT** Broadway to 25th St.
 16. **LEFT** on 25th St to Main St.
 17. **LEFT** on Main St to 13th St. Cross major streets carefully.
 18. **RIGHT** on 13th St to Washington St & **CROSS**.
 19. **LEFT** on Washington St. to 12th St.
 20. **RIGHT** on 12th St to Daniels St. (**St. James Cathedral**)
 21. **LEFT** on Daniels St to its T-intersection with 9th St.
 22. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** on walkway between condo buildings, then cross 8th St into **Esther Short Park**.
 23. Pass statue of woman with children, then **LEFT** on circular walkway going ½ way around to clock tower plaza.
 24. **LEFT** to go thru clock tower plaza to 6th St.
 25. **RIGHT** on 6th St to Esther St (**Slocum House** on corner).
 26. **LEFT** on Esther St. to Phil Arnold Way.
 27. **LEFT** on Phil Arnold Way along Military Memory Wall to Columbia St. (**7 km**)
 28. **RIGHT** on Columbia St to the traffic signal at Columbia Way & **CROSS** Columbia Way.
 29. ***Border Crossing Option: Directions on map side.**
 30. **STRAIGHT** (**LEFT** if returning from Border Crossing option) on Columbia St (**Capt Vancouver Monument**) which turns left to go under the I-5 Bridge to become Columbia Way.
 31. **LEFT** at the crosswalk just past Who Song & Larry's restaurant to **CROSS** Columbia Way.
 32. **STRAIGHT** to go thru the Railroad underpass & enter **Old Apple Tree Park**.
 33. **RIGHT** on walkway over Land Bridge (**8 km**). Follow paved path on other side toward chain link fence. Path turns sharply right then further along sharply left.
 34. At sharp left turn, **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** along grass path to garden entrance at Old Fort Vancouver.
 35. **RIGHT** onto path thru garden toward the entrance to reconstructed **Old Ft Vancouver**. (**Well worth a visit! Essential feature in Northwest History.**)
 36. **LEFT** at end of garden & follow path along the Fort Vancouver palisade (high log barrier).
 37. **LEFT** at the Y-intersection just past end of palisade (**9 km**). Follow this path across the site of **the World War I Spruce Plant** & toward **Pearson Air Field**.
 38. **SLANT LEFT** after passing thru a split rail fence & go thru opening in chain link fence near back of green building on the left.
 39. **RIGHT** after passing thru chain link fence to keep green building on your left.
 40. **JOG LEFT then RIGHT** up 3 steps to go by **the Chkalov Monument** just past the green building. Continue on walkway passing **Pearson Air Museum**; walkway will bend left at its end toward 5th St.
 41. **CROSS** 5th St & walk straight up E. Reserve St to Evergreen Blvd.
 42. **LEFT** on Evergreen Blvd a short distance to on opening in the split-rail fence.
 43. **LEFT** thru fence to pass an old ship's anchor on the way to the FVNHS Visitor Center & the **FINISH**.
- We hope you enjoyed the Historic Fort Vancouver walk. Thanks to the Ft Vancouver NHS for hosting our walk box. Thank you for walking our event. Vancouver Walking Club**

