

The Willamette Wanderers Welcomes You to: **Silver Falls State Park Walk**
 An AVA Sanctioned Seasonal Event
 April 15 – November 15



This walk was voted one of the top 10 walks in the USA. The walk starts at Parking Lot E in Silver Falls State Park and follows the canyon trail to view nine beautiful waterfalls. You will walk behind three of the waterfalls and along Silver Creek as it meanders through the canyon. An additional 1K allows you to view the 10th waterfall (Upper North Falls). Trails are natural, paved, wood chip and stairs. While this is an 11K, there are several connecting trails that allow adaptation to shorten the route. No pets are allowed on the Canyon, Rim, Winter or Maple Ridge Trails. They are allowed on trails in the other day use areas and in the campgrounds. There is a large day use area for picnics with access to Silver Creek. In addition to the hiking trails there is a four mile paved bike path. South Falls Lodge was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's and is usually open for refreshments. There is a \$10.00 State Park day use fee. For more information: oregonstateparks.org.

The walk is rated 2B. Wear sturdy shoes, and carry water. There are restrooms at the start of the walk and at the North Falls parking area.

OTSVA: Oregon Counties:

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods. 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, by registering using the OSB then completing your event using the PSB nor signing 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.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the "My Start Box" tab, then the "Finish Table" tab, then click on "Go to Finish Table" button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

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Directions for Silver Falls State Park Walk

Starting Point Location:

From the North: On I-5, take Woodburn exit #271, follow the signs east to Silverton on Hwy 214. In Silverton, right on "C" Street, Left on Water (Silver Falls Hwy). Approximately 14 miles to Silver Falls State Park, right into South Falls Day Use Area.

From the South: On I-5 take Market St. exit #256 (Salem). Follow signs east on Hwy 213 to Silverton. Right on Water (Silver Falls Hwy). Approximately 14 miles to Silver Falls State Park, right into South Falls Day Use Area. GPS 44.87725,-122.65490

Restrooms:

Available in South Falls Day Use Area and at North Falls Parking area (about half way point).

Emergency Numbers:



In case of Emergency: Dial 911

Event related assistance:

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These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

Walk Directions:

1. At South Falls Historic Area Sign, take middle brick walkway passing restrooms on left. Keep **LEFT** at green water fountain, passing South Falls Lodge.
2. At information circle, turn **LEFT** to South Falls and South Falls Viewpoint.
3. Turn **LEFT** and then **RIGHT** down 4 steps. **RIGHT** down several more steps.
4. Turn **RIGHT** and follow trail behind South Falls.
5. At bridge, follow Canyon Trail keeping creek on right. Pass Lower South Falls, going behind falls (2K), creek will now be on your left.
6. At junction, stay on Canyon Trail going downhill. (3K @ small wooden bridge with side rails). Cross bridge, creek is on right.
7. Turn **LEFT** at Double Falls sign. Go to Double Falls then return to main trail.

8. Turn **LEFT**, continuing on Canyon Trail, passing Drake Falls and Middle North Falls.

9. At junction to Winter Falls, **STAY ON CANYON TRAIL TO TWIN FALLS (5.5K).**

10. Go behind North Falls (7K) then continue on Canyon Trail to Rim Trail junction.

(Restrooms available across Silver Creek in North Falls parking area.)

Option: To view North Falls, continue on Canyon Trail then return to Rim Trail/Canyon Trail Junction. (additional 1K).

11. Take Rim Trail to Winter Falls parking lot (9K). Cross both parking areas and continue on Rim Trail.

12. When trail meets bike path, turn **RIGHT**, continue 50 feet and turn **RIGHT** on Rim Trail.

13. At next bike path crossing, turn **RIGHT** 20 feet and then **LEFT** on Rim Trail.

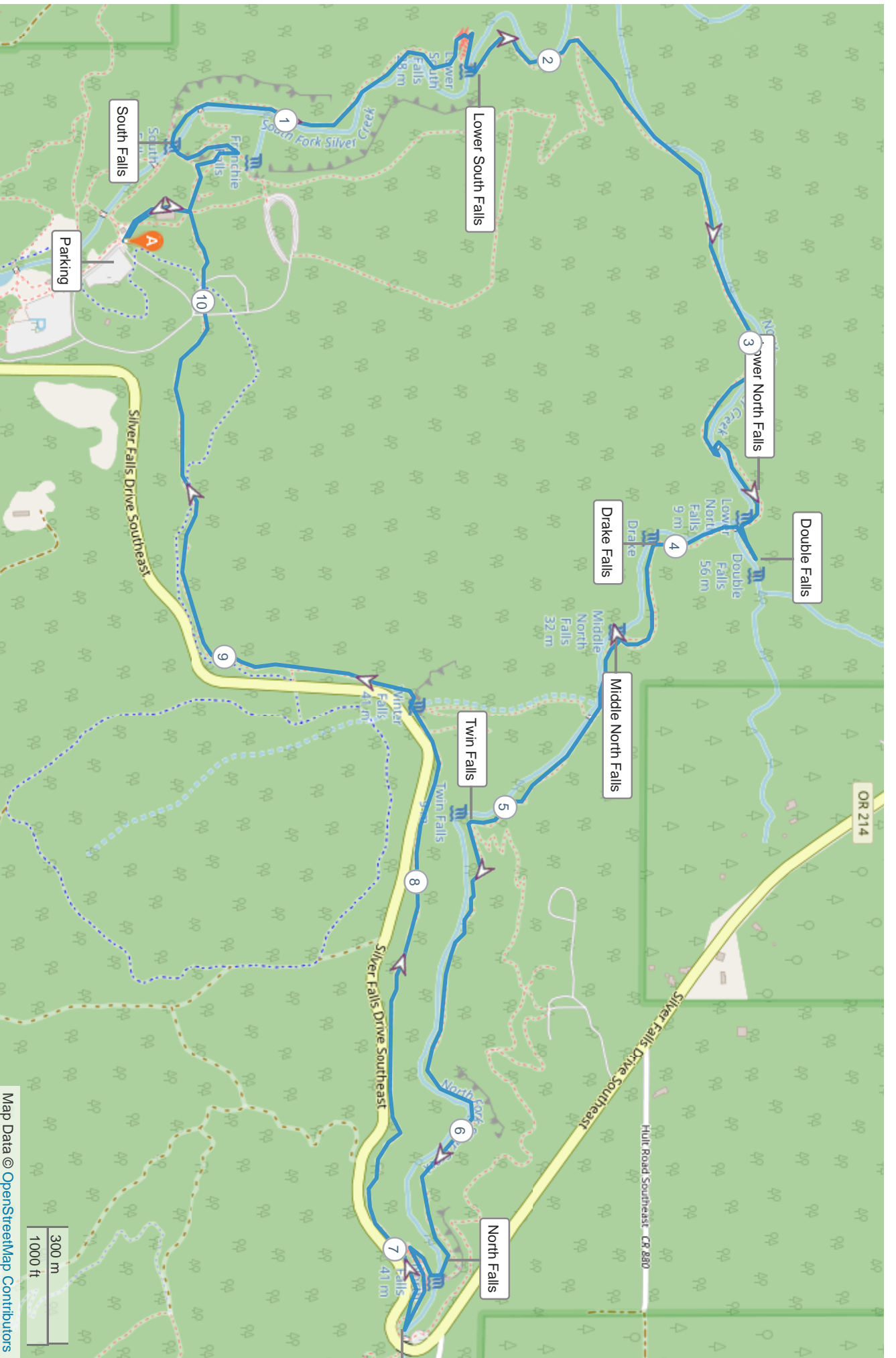
14. At road, cross and continue on trail.

15. At parking lot A, cross and follow sign to South Falls Lodge, on brick walkway.

16. At information circle, follow signs to Parking lot E and Finish.

Walk is 11K (12K, if you do the Upper North Falls option).

Silver Falls



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