



DuPont Sequelitchew Trail and Town

YRE# 0193

Distances: 5K, 10K

Difficulty Rating: 1B

Walk on paved and groomed trails through the woods along the Sequelitchew Creek to the beach at Puget Sount. The 10 km is suitable for strollers but may not be suitable for wheelchairs due to the elevation change of approximately 220 feet. Dirt trails may be slick. Portions of the trails are isolated, so a walking partner is recommended. Beware of poison oak along the trail “leaves of three, leave them be”.

Introduction

The Nisqually Tribe has always had a presence in the area. The arrival of the European Americans brought extreme change to the Nisqually. The area was mapped in 1792 by Captain George Vancouver. The Hudson’s Bay Company established a fur trading post at Fort Nisqually in 1833. Hudson’s Bay Company was allowed to continue operating in the area after the land was awarded to the United States in the Oregon Treaty of 1846. Eventually Hudson’s Bay Company left. Chemical company DuPont de Nemours, Inc., better known as DuPont, bought some land to establish an explosives manufacturing plant.

A company town was established near the plant. The city was later named DuPont but did not incorporate until 1951. DuPont the chemical company operated in the area until 1975. The land was sold to the Weyerhaeuser Company which eventually developed the town using the *New Urbanism* model, which promotes environmentally friendly habits with walkable neighborhoods using a range of housing and industries. The land where the explosives plant was located is now a golf course. The City of DuPont is surrounded by Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), home to the U.S. Army I Corps and U.S. Air Force 62nd Airlift Wing.

According to the city of DuPont website: The Sequelitchew trail follows the historic route of the Dynamite Train which was owned by the DuPont Company and ended at a wharf on Puget Sound, so the trail itself is a moderate, steady downhill/uphill grade.

Walk Registration

Register online using the AVA Online Start Box at 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.

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 a stamped “virtual” insert card that you may print.

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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.

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In case of emergency: Dial 911
Event Related Assistance:
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Distance: 5K and 10K

Difficulty level: 1B

ESVA Challenges: 39 Counties (Pierce);

AVA Challenges: A-Z, 50 States, Rails-to-Trails

Start Point: DuPont City Hall, 1700 Civic Drive,
DuPont, WA.

Lat: 47.1061717589984,

Lng: -122.64644158236459

Caution: Trail portions may be slick.

Poison Oak grows along the Sequalitchew trail. Do not touch the leaves, which cause blistering rashes on most people.

Driving Directions: I-5: Take Exit 118.

Northbound continue straight over I-5 on Center Dr/ Southbound turn right on Center Dr. In approximately 1.3 miles, turn left on Civic Dr. Turn right at first opportunity into the City of DuPont parking lot. Trailhead starts in the parking lot to the left of City Hall, which is the building closest to Center Dr (restrooms available in City Hall when open).

1. Trail starts on left side of City Hall (brown sign for Sequalitchew Trail.)
2. Use concrete sidewalk to gravel walkway on left.
3. **LEFT** on gravel walk, past porta potty. Continue left through gate. Trail is both gravel and blacktop.
4. Walk down trail, passing under railroad bridge. The tracks to your right are remnants of the DuPont Dynamite train tracks.
5. Trail will curve to right at the water's edge. You might see otters, seals or other wildlife once you are at the water. Go to rocky beach before turning around, retracing your steps back up the trail.
6. **5K walkers** pass the Porta Potty on your right returning to the parking lot.
7. **10K walkers LEFT** at Porta Potty to gravel trail ending at concrete walk.
8. **RIGHT** at concrete walk to unmarked Center Dr.
9. **RIGHT** at Center Dr. to Civic Dr.
10. **LEFT** at Civic Dr. and **CROSS** Center Dr.
11. **RIGHT**, walking on left side of Center Dr.
12. **LEFT** at the first asphalt path, which dead ends into unmarked McDonald Ave.
13. **RIGHT** on McDonald Ave, which curves right at the first T after Palisade Blvd., continuing to Thompson St.
14. **LEFT** on Thompson St.
15. **RIGHT** at T intersection (still Thompson St.) to Ross Ave.
16. **RIGHT** at Ross Ave and continue past the fenced in swimming pool onward toward Ross Loop (T intersection).
17. **CROSS** Ross Loop and enter (unmarked) Ross Memorial Park.

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18. **RIGHT** at T intersection walk passing memorial to 911, etc.
19. **EXIT** park at unmarked Wilmington Ave.
20. **LEFT** on Wilmington Ave to Palisade Blvd.
21. **LEFT** on Palisade Blvd.
22. **LEFT** under arbor on left with Clock Tower on right (also restroom).
23. **LEFT** at the end of the arbor (you are still on
24. Palisade Blvd.) to Bob's Hollow Lane.
25. **RIGHT** at Bob's Hollow Lane to Hammond Ave.
26. **CROSS** Hammond Ave., entering black top trail at GG.050 trail post.
27. **REMAIN** on black top trail as it leads down to the perpendicular gravel trail at the bottom of the hill. The trail will make sharp turns left, then right, as it winds between the old Orchard and the historic Hudson Bay Site on the left.
28. **LEFT** on gravel trail to concrete walk.
29. **LEFT** on walk to unmarked Civic Dr.
30. **RIGHT** at Civic Dr. (crossing Center Dr.) to walk finish.

Thank you for walking our DuPont Sequalitchew walk.

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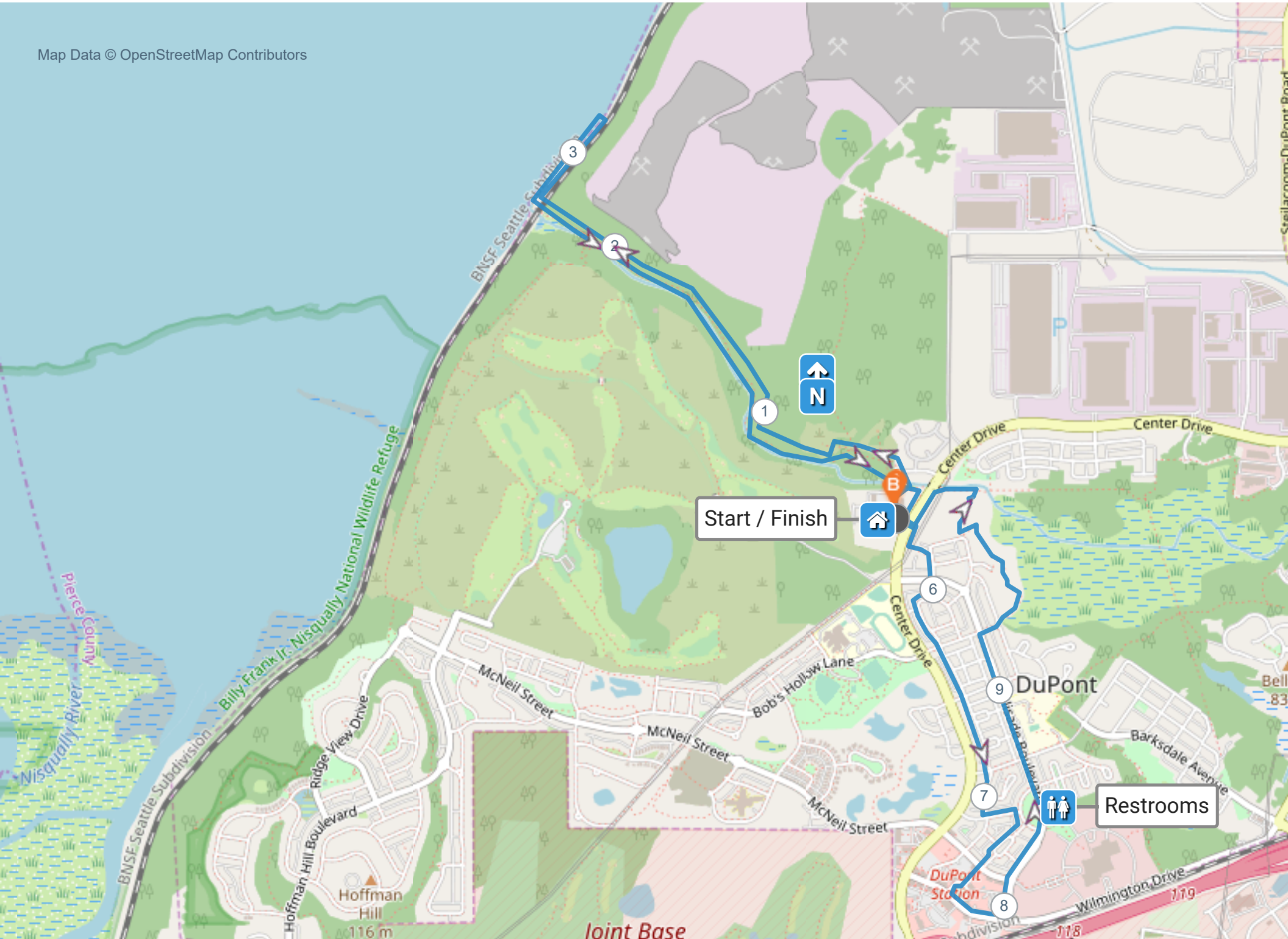
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Start / Finish

DuPont 10K Sequelitchew Trail And Town

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ESVA/OTSVVA/AVA SPECIAL CHALLENGE PROGRAMS - 2026

For more information on ESVA go to: <http://www.esva.online/challenges/>

WALK NAME: Sequalitchew Trail and Town		WALK NUMBER: 0193		
CURRENT ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
Please note the years [in brackets] that each challenge is active.				
39 COUNTIES - (ONGOING)	P (Pierce)			
DISCOVER YOUR STATE AND NATIONAL PARKS [2026-2028]				
TELL ME A STORY [2025-2027]	X			
THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT [2024-2026]	CULTURAL	FAIRS, FESTIVALS, ARCADES	CRAFTS/HOBBIES	SPORTS VENUES
PREVIOUS ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
Patches for books received past the end date will be sent while supplies last. No refunds.				
FRONTLINE HEROES [2021-2023]	MEDICAL CENTERS	DELIVERY SERVICES	SUSTENANCE PROVIDERS	ESSENTIAL SERVICES
ON THE ROAD AGAIN [2022-2024]	ONLY APPLIES TO TRADITIONAL EVENTS			
STROLLING ALONG THE RIVERS [2023-2025]				
CURRENT OTSVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
For more information on OTSVA go to: https://www.otsva.org/challenges.html				
BUTTERFLY [2026-2028]				
PEACE POLES [2024-2026]				
CURRENT AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
For more information on AVA go to: https://cb.ava.org/specprog.php				
Most programs allow the participants up to 12 months from the official end date to complete.				
50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[ONGOING]	Washington		
A-Z (Walking the US A-Z)	[ONGOING]	D (Dupont)		
A-MAZ-ING LABYRINTHS	[2024-2026]			
ANNIVERSARIES HURRAH	[ONLY 2026]	All AVA sanctioned events qualify for Anniversaries Hurrah.		
GRAIN ELEVATORS: MONARCHS OF THE PLAINS	[2025-2027]			
IVV-AMERICAS	[2022-NO END]	All AVA sanctioned events qualify for the IVV-America's Special Program.		
LIGHTHOUSES II	[2023-2025]			
PAR FOR THE COURSE	[2023-2025]			
RAILS TO TRAILS	[2022-2025]	X		
STEP TO THE BEAT	[2024-2026]	X		
WALKING WITH AMERICAN VETERANS	[2021-2027]	X(10K)		
WALKING WITH THE WILD THINGS	[2025-2027]	X (10K)		