

Princess Ilchee Walk – Y0369
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10 km & 5 km Routes - Rated 1A

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. For 10 km route walkers, there are restrooms available in Marshall Park about 1.5 km from the Start. Public restrooms are also available for all walkers in the new Vancouver Waterfront Development area on the upper walkway east of the pier (about 2.5 km the route for 5 km walkers, and about 4.5 km for 10 km walkers).

*****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

Step to the Beat – Esther Short Park Band Stand, Providence Academy

Walking with American Veterans – Fort Vancouver, Vancouver Barracks, Officers Row, Medal of Honor Memorial at the Cannons Plaza

ESVA Challenges

National Park

Tell Me a Story

That's Entertainment – Cutural (Esther Short Bandstand)

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

OTSVVA Challenges

Peace Pole – Waterfront Park near Boat Landing

Purposely Blank

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10 km & 6 km Routes Rated 1A

POINT of CONTACT: For issues with the route, Burt Paynter 360-798-8485. Medical Emergencies – Call 911.

PLEASE NOTE – CONSTRUCTION ALONG ROUTE: This walk goes thru the new Vancouver Waterfront Development. Please exercise caution when near construction activity and be prepared to modify your route to avoid it.

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. **LEFT** upon exiting the Visitor Center & follow entrance road toward split rail fence & Evergreen Blvd.
2. **LEFT** on paved walking path immediately beyond fence.
3. **CONTINUE** path. **CROSS** Ft. Vancouver Way at the traffic circle (Note **Cannons & Medal of Honor Memorial**). **CONTINUE** across the I-5 Overpass bridge (**Providence Academy**) to Broadway.
4. **LEFT** on Broadway to 8th St & **CROSS**.
5. **RIGHT** on 8th St passing **Esther Short Park** to Grant St.
6. **LEFT** on Grant St continuing thru the railroad underpass. **Shift to right side of Grant St to avoid construction.**
7. **CROSS & RIGHT** on Columbia Way to path on the left.
8. **LEFT** on the path passing thru a small park. Cross next street & go straight, passing a building on its right side, to the first walkway along to Waterfront Way & **CROSS**.
9. **CONTINUE**, passing Maryhill Winery on its right side, to the first walkway along the river.
10. **RIGHT** on this waterfront walkway & **KEEP RIGHT** at the 1st intersection.
11. **LEFT** at the 2nd intersection to follow the middle walkway down to the bottom of a set of steps leading up to the viewing platform. **Stop for the view!**
12. **TURN SHARP LEFT** to follow the lower walkway past a playground & back up to the upper walkway.
13. **KEEP RIGHT** to walk toward the Grant Street Pier.
14. **RIGHT** to walk out to end of pier & **enjoy the view!**
15. **CONTINUE TO WALK COUNTERWISE** on the pier back to the waterfront walkway.
16. **RIGHT** after coming off the pier & onto the walkway.
17. **RIGHT** & down short flight of steps about 30 meters from the pier.
18. **LEFT** on walkway nearest to the river, passing a water feature (**Columbia Basin wading fountain**).
19. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** on path & **BEAR RIGHT** at the intersection to a viewing plaza next to the river. Then proceed up the steps nearest the river.
20. **SLANT LEFT** across upper plaza & right side of the hotel.
21. **RIGHT** on Columbia Way & continue to the traffic light. ***OPTION: Border Crossing Directions on Map Side.**
22. **RIGHT** on Columbia Way (it is Columbia St. to the left) which bends left to pass under the I-5 Bridge.
23. **6 km Walkers: LEFT** to cross Columbia Way in the Crosswalk near the Who Song & Larry sign, & walk under the railroad overpass into **Old Apple Tree Park. Go to Step 35.**
24. **10 km Walkers: RIGHT** just past the Who Song & Larry sign to follow sidewalk along parking lot & into Waterfront Park. **ZIGZAG** your way to the walkway along the river.
25. **LEFT** on riverside walkway & follow to its end back at Columbia Way, ignoring the walkway down to beach.
26. **RIGHT** on Columbia Way and continue to the “Y” in the path just before the condominiums.
27. **RIGHT** at the “Y” & along the river passing the Princess Ilchee statue at the end of the condominiums. Continue past McMenamin’s & Beach’s restaurants, to the **Rosie the Riveter** statue near the end of the walkway.
28. **TURN AROUND** & return to the ramp between the two restaurants.
29. **RIGHT** up the ramp walking straight away from the river to Columbia River Dr.
30. **CROSS & LEFT** on Columbia River Dr to the Ilchee Plaza.
31. **CROSS** Columbia River Dr to visit Princess Ilchee, then **CONTINUE** on Columbia River Dr. to Columbia Way.
32. **LEFT** on Columbia Way & return past Waterfront Park.
33. **RIGHT to CROSS** Columbia Way in crosswalk near the Who Song & Larry sign, & walk under the railroad overpass into **Old Apple Tree Park.**
34. **RIGHT** on walkway over Land Bridge. Follow paved path on other side all the way to 5th St & **CROSS.**
35. **RIGHT** on 5th St a short distance to Parade Ground Rd on the left and across from entrance to Historic Fort Vancouver. This is Parade Ground Rd.
36. **LEFT** on Parade Ground Rd to Visitor Center & **FINISH.**

The Vancouver USA Volkssporters & the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site would like to thank you for walking!

