

WELCOME TO OUR YEAR-ROUND VOLKSSPORT EVENT

OLYMPIC DISCOVERY TRAIL BIKE

OLYMPIC PENINSULA EXPLORERS VOLKSSPORT CLUB

Rated 1A (some creek crossings - 2)

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ESVA Challenges: 39 Counties – Clallam, **Strolling Along the River (Bell Creek, Johnson Creek)**

AVA Challenges: Walk the USA A-Z, 50 States / 51 Capitals, **Rails to Trails, That's Entertainment, Par for the Course, Step to the Beat**

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.

BIKE DIRECTIONS (Completely on the Olympic Discovery Trail):

THERE ARE MULTIPLE PLACES TO START YOUR BIKE RIDE – you can design your own route. The Olympic Discovery Trail stretches from Port Townsend on the Salish Sea to La Push on the Pacific Ocean. A large portion of it is paved and safe with starting points at convenient intervals. You can piece any section together at any distance you wish. The ODT website olympicdiscoverytrail.org is an invaluable source for trail maps and information. Here are some recommendations of very rideable sections:

Port Townsend waterfront (Larry Scott Trail parking) to Four Corners (Milo-Curry) trailhead (12km one way) – gently rising from the shipyards of Port Townsend, this shady bike route winds around the Quimper Peninsula (I suggest starting at the waterfront, riding up, and enjoying the coast all the way back).

Port Townsend Boat Haven – Cape George Park [5.8km]

Cape George Park - Milo-Curry Trailhead [5.7km]

Diamond Point Rd to Dungeness River Nature Center (Sequim) (22km one way) – this is a great stretch of bike trail and rural road (and Sequim residential streets) that is easily broken apart into smaller chunks with parking at both ends and at Blyn, Whitefeather Rd, Keeler Rd, Lofgrin Rd, and Carrie Blake Park. You will ride over two high trestle bridges and have views of Sequim Bay on this stretch.

Diamond Point Rd trailhead – Blyn parking area [5.1km]

Blyn parking area - Whitefeather Way parking [7.4km]

Whitefeather Way parking – Keeler Rd parking [1km]

Keeler Rd parking – Lofgrin Rd parking [0.3km]

In case of emergency: Dial 9-1-1 - Event related assistance: Clay Baulch: 210-204-9301

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Lofgrin Rd parking – Carrie Blake Park (near QFC) [3.0km]

Carrie Blake Park – Dungeness River Nature Center [5.1km]

Dungeness River Nature Center to Port Angeles wharf (27km one way) – another safe section of primarily bike trail. This section is mostly flat with short, steep crossings of Bagley and Morse Creeks. You will feel alone in the country for most of this route. Parking available at Dungeness River Nature Center (with the scenic rail bridge) and on E. Runnion Rd, Carlsborg Rd, Robin Hill Farm Park, Wild Currant Way, Deer Park Loop Rest Area, Strait View Dr (near a long boardwalk), and by the Port Angeles waterfront wharf. (This is the route I do the most.)

Dungeness River Nature Center – E. Runnion Rd parking [1km]

E. Runnion Rd parking – Carlsborg Rd parking [1.4km]

Carlsborg Rd parking – Robin Hill Farm Park parking (Pinnell Rd) [3.5km]

Robin Hill Farm parking – Wild Currant Way parking [5.9km]

Wild Currant Way parking – Deer Park Loop rest area [6.7km]

Deer Park Loop rest area – Strait View Dr parking [1km]

Strait View Dr parking – Port Angeles Wharf [7.2km]

Port Angeles 18th St. parking lot (by airport) to Elwha River bridge (5.5km one way) – this is the same route as our walk event. This route is scenic and entirely on bike trails. The end section goes over a special bike trail high over the Elwha River just downstream from where one of the dams stood.

Spruce Railroad Trail parking (Lake Crescent – E. Beach Rd) to Camp Creek (Cooper Ranch Rd just off US-101) (32km one way) – If you are looking for excellent bicycling scenery, this is the stretch. It is almost all paved bike trail (very short forest service road connecting two sections) and mostly railroad grade flat. [Short hill to greet you off E. Beach and short climb just past Fairholme]. You will ride beside Lake Crescent for its entire length, pass through some woods, and crisscross the Sol Duc River and its tributaries on old rail bridges. There is parking at the start and end points and at Fairholme (near entrance to Sol Duc Hot Springs) and along FS2918 (if you only want to do the western stretch). You could also mirror the 12km route of our Spruce Railroad walk, going through both former railroad tunnels.

SRRT parking E. Beach Rd – Fairholme parking [16.2km]

Fairholme parking – FS2918 (park at side of road) [6.6km]

FS2918 – Camp Creek parking [8.6km]

AREAS TO AVOID:

******Four Corners to Discovery Bay** – This stretch on WA-20 is narrow and windy with a lot of traffic. The ODT is being constructed by the waterside here and should be finished soon. This stretch is not safe unless you have delusions of Tour de France . . .

Elwha River bridge to Spruce Railroad trailhead – this is mostly on highways and the Olympic Adventure Trail and is appropriate only for mountain bikes (if you are a mountain biker – enjoy).

West of Cooper Ranch Rd (on US-101) to La Push – the trail is in development here and traffic on the US-101 is *fast*.

AREAS OF CAUTION:

US-101 between two sections of Old Gardiner Rd (2.5km – between Discovery Bay and Gardiner) – Old Gardiner Rd is quite safe, but the section on the wide shoulder of the US-101 (1.5 miles) can give an inexperienced cyclist pause. I even think twice about it.

Port Angeles Wharf to 18th St trailhead – This stretch is on city streets and up a hill into a neighborhood. If you are connecting the two sections, it is ok. If you are looking for variety, ride on out to the end of Ediz Hook and the Coast Guard Station. It is flat and you will see seals in the harbor and large ships in the straits.

