

The Olympic Peninsula Explorers Volkssport Club Welcomes You to the Port Angeles – Waterfront Walk

The walk is 6k and 11k (2A) and are almost entirely on pavement with some moderate hill or stair climbing.

Pets okay on a leash, 6k suitable for strollers and wheelchairs, 11k OK for strollers.

A route is along the Port Angeles Waterfront Trail, Olympic Discovery Trail and city streets. Enjoy the mountain views along the way as well as artwork and murals in town. There are numerous geocaches in the Port Angeles, Washington area. There are numerous restaurants along the route in downtown Port Angeles

The walk start is at Port Angeles City Hall, 321 Fifth Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362. Park on the street near City Hall to start the walk.

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box, on

<http://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.

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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WELCOME TO OUR YEAR-ROUND VOLKSSPORT EVENT
PORT ANGELES WATERFRONT /DISCOVERY TRAIL WALK
OLYMPIC PENINSULA EXPLORERS VOLKSSPORT CLUB
6/11km Rated 2A **YRE 0361**

ESVA Challenges: 39 Counties – Clallam, Rails to Trails (Olympic Discovery Trail), That's Entertainment (Port Angeles Fine Arts Center), Tell Me a Story (Port Book & News), Anniversaries Hurrah

AVA Challenges: 50 States/51 Capitals, Walk the USA A-Z, City Halls, Rails to Trails (Olympic Discovery Trail), Step to the Beat, American Veterans (9/11 Memorial)

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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, 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.

The walk start is at Port Angeles City Hall, 321 E Fifth Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362. Park on the street on 5th between S Lincoln St (US 101) and S Peabody St. Restrooms are available along the route.

11 km Directions:

1. Leaving the front door of City Hall, walk to 5th Street and turn **RIGHT** on 5th Street to S Lincoln St (US Hwy 101).
2. Turn **RIGHT**. Continue on Lincoln down the hill until it ends at Railroad Avenue. Turn **RIGHT** and walk on the paved Waterfront Trail in front of the hotel, passing City Pier, a waterfront park, and marine science center on the left.
3. Continue along the Waterfront Trail, passing the **9-11 Memorial/Francis Street Park** on the hill on your right (note the gazebo). Eventually the Waterfront Trail becomes the Olympic Discovery Trail. Cross the Ennis Creek Bridge, a former ferry loading gangplank.
4. Continue on the Trail for a while. Eventually the trail crosses a wooden bridge (Lee's Creek) with chain link fence along the right side of the trail. Shortly after the chain link fence ends, look for the small blue marker sign on the **RIGHT** that says: "MM 2.5 (E)."
5. Reverse course here and retrace your steps walking back on the trail enjoying the view from a different perspective.
6. At **9-11 Memorial/Francis Street Park** turn **LEFT** at the first paved path up to the park and walk up the hill into the park, through it and the parking area to N Francis Street.
7. Continue **STRAIGHT** on Francis Street to E Georgiana Street and turn **LEFT**.
8. Continue on Georgiana to N Race Street and turn **RIGHT**.
9. Continue on Race Street, crossing Front Street at the light; continue one block and turn **RIGHT** on First/1st Street.
10. Continue on First/1st Street all the way to Cherry Street at the other end of the Port Angeles downtown shopping area. (James Park is up the stairs at Laurel St.)
11. Cross Cherry Street, turn **RIGHT** and walk on Cherry Street to Front Street.
12. Cross Front Street carefully at the crosswalk and enter **Valley Creek Estuary Park**.
13. Continue straight to tall, white helical sculptures at a viewpoint. After enjoying the view turn around and walk back into

In case of emergency: Dial 9-1-1 - Event related assistance: Todd Oberlander: 360-620-0810

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the park and turn **LEFT** and walk on the wide sidewalk through Pebble Beach Park staying **LEFT** until the sidewalk continues along Railroad Avenue.
you have time, turn **LEFT** towards the City Pier and visit the Feiro Marine Life Center, kids especially will enjoy the touch-tanks. The Observation Tower offers great views of the mountains and the Straits.)

14. Veer **LEFT** staying on Railroad Avenue's wide sidewalk walking along the water's edge. Continue **STRAIGHT** crossing the Black Ball Ferry area.

16. Continue on Railroad Av to Lincoln St. Turn **RIGHT** on Lincoln and continue on Lincoln back up the hill to 5th Street. Turn **LEFT** on 5th and return to City Hall.

15. Continue on Railroad Avenue. There are **restrooms at Port Angeles Wharf.** (If

6 km Option:

1. Leaving the front door of City Hall, walk to 5th Street and turn **RIGHT** on 5th Street to S Lincoln St (US Hwy 101).
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4. Cross the Ennis Creek Bridge, a former ferry loading gangplank.
5. Continue on the Trail for a while. Leaving the fenced area of the remediation site when the Trail becomes asphalt again and numerous large diameter pipe segments are on the grassy area on the left, look for the small blue marker sign on the **RIGHT** that says: "MM 2.0 (E)." This is the turn around point.
6. Return the same way you came on the Waterfront Trail. Turn **LEFT** on Lincoln and continue to 5th Street. Turn **LEFT** on 5th and return to City Hall.

Be sure to log back into the OSB system (my.ava.org) to "finish/complete" your online registration after doing the walk if that is how you registered. The OSB system does not deduct any walking fee from a walker's Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that walker is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded pdf is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the pdf is downloaded. Later, any pdf fees are credited back to a walker's Event Bank when he/she submits the walk completion info as a paying for credit walker.) Note however that the \$2 "coupon" for the downloaded PDF expires in 60 days.

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ESVA/OTSV/AVA SPECIAL CHALLENGE PROGRAMS - 2026

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

WALK NAME:		WALK NUMBER:		
CURRENT ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS Please note the years [in brackets] that each challenge is active.				
39 COUNTIES - (ONGOING)				
DISCOVER YOUR STATE AND NATIONAL PARKS [2026-2028]				
TELL ME A STORY [2025-2027]				
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]			
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]			
STEP TO THE BEAT	[2024-2026]			
WALKING WITH AMERICAN VETERANS	[2021-2027]			
WALKING WITH THE WILD THINGS	[2025-2027]			