

**Instructions for
Narrows Bridge, Y-1630
Tacoma, WA
6 & 10 Km, rated 2A**

Walk Start Location: Park and Ride Parking lot across from the intersection of 6th Ave and S. MacArthur St in Tacoma, WA. The nearby Shell Station address is 7202 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406. GPS Coords: 47.25589, -122.53263.

Driving Directions: From northbound I-5 take exit 132 toward Gig Harbor/Bremerton and keep left at the fork in the ramp merging onto WA-16 for 3.5 miles. Exit 6th Ave toward WA-163 and left on 6th Ave for a mile to the Park and Ride on the right. Southbound I-5 take exit 132B onto WA-16 and follow directions above.

Park in Park and Ride lot.

Restrooms available in nearby businesses and public library at 6th and Skyline (when open).

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1. Leave your car and **LEFT** following the wide sidewalk downhill.
2. Continue through War Memorial Park on either sidewalk.
3. At bottom of hill proceed toward traffic light at N 8th and N Jackson St.
4. **CROSS** N Jackson St and follow wide trail downhill.
5. Trail becomes walkway across new Narrows Bridge.
6. Continue across Narrows Bridge until reaching far end (past last cable support.)
7. **TURN AROUND** and re-trace your steps back across the Narrows Bridge and uphill to traffic light at N Jackson St. **CROSS** Jackson St again.

6km WALKERS: Follow sidewalk up through War Memorial Park and return to your car.

10km WALKERS: Continue on #8.

8. **LEFT** on N Jackson St, crossing over SR-16 freeway.
9. Follow N Jackson St for about 1 km to a traffic light. Street name changes to N Narrows Drive.
10. Follow Narrows Drive for another 1 km to the next traffic light. Street name changes again to N 26th St.
11. Follow N 26th for 1 more block.
12. **RIGHT** on N Vassault St.
13. N Vassault St ends when reaching Westgate Blvd.
14. **CROSS** Westgate Blvd in crosswalk and **RIGHT** on Westgate (Walk on **LEFT** side of street.)
15. In 3 blocks Westgate changes to N 17th St.

16. Follow N 17th St for a couple more blocks then **LEFT** on N Skyline Dr.
17. Follow Skyline Dr until it ends at footbridge over SR-16 freeway.
18. **CROSS OVER** SR-16 on footbridge.
19. Continue on Skyline Dr for about 2 more blocks.
20. Just before traffic light, **RIGHT** into Park-and-Ride lot and continue to your vehicle.

NOTE: Restrooms are located in the Public Library at 6th Ave and Skyline (when open.)

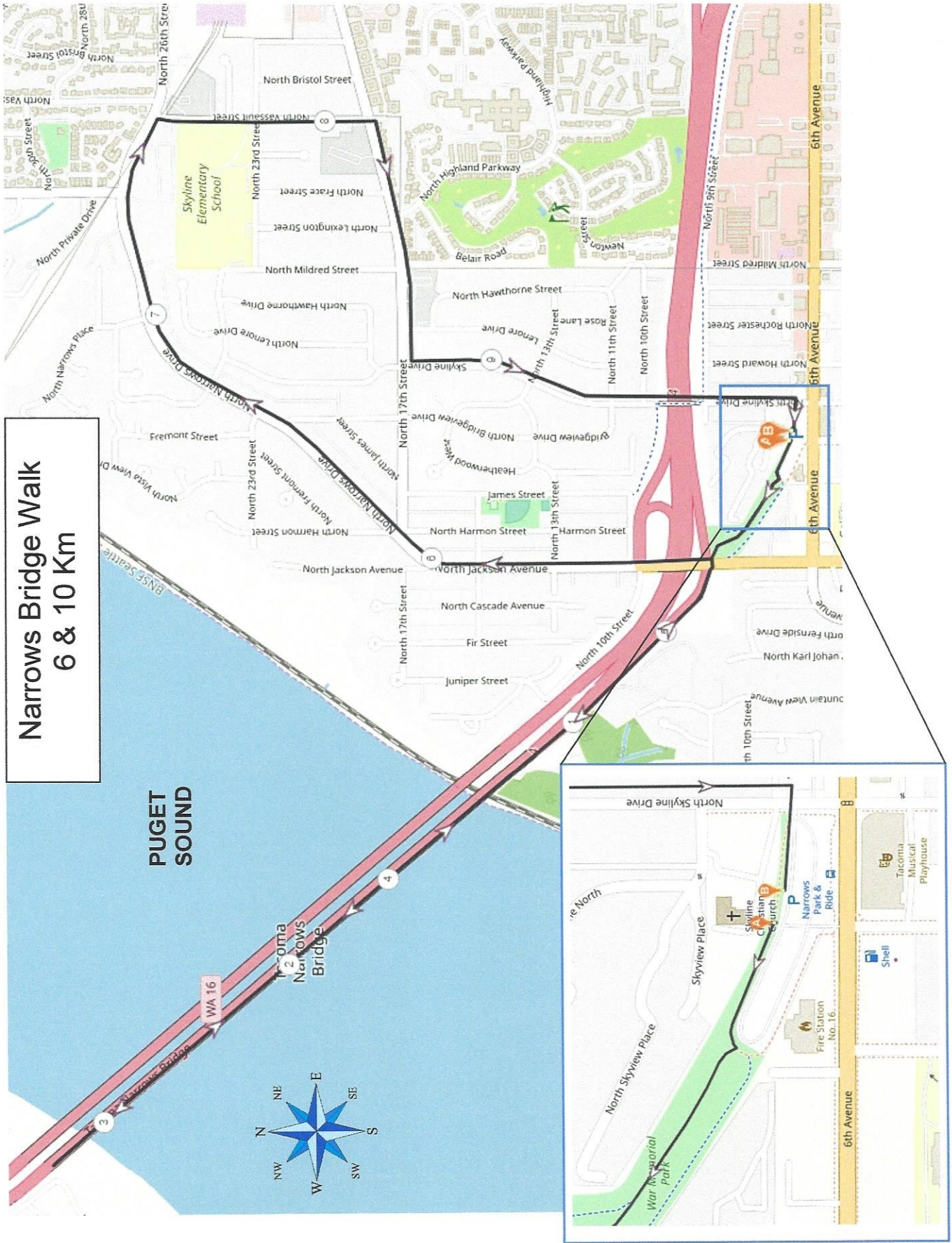
NARROW BRIDGE Info:

The first Narrows Bridge opened to traffic in July of 1940 and was just a two-way road. Due to design errors, the bridge deck swayed and pitched in the wind and was nicknamed "Gallopig Gertie". In a windstorm later that year, the bridge began swaying violently and after several hours the cables snapped and the bridge fell into the water just four months after it opened.

Due to World War II, another bridge was not constructed until the late 1940s. The newer bridge (green in color) was a four-lane bridge and opened to traffic in 1950. With increasing traffic and much congestion on the bridge, a second four-lane bridge (concrete) was constructed, opening in 2007.

The older bridge now carries westbound traffic out of Tacoma and the new bridge carries eastbound traffic into Tacoma. If there should be a major traffic accident on either bridge, two-way traffic could travel on the unaffected bridge until the accident was cleared up.

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