



NW TULIP TREKKERS  
South Deception Pass State Park  
YR #1681, 6k – Rating 2C, 10k – 2C  
Walk Directions – Please recycle, Emergency Dial 911



## Deception Pass – Island County



**City / State:** Deception Pass State Park, Oak Harbor, WA

**Event Name:** Seasonal, (April through September), Y1681

**Distance - Trail Ratings:** 6K – 2C, 10k – 2C

**Start Point Latitude and Longitude:** 48.23, -- 122.38

**Description:** Walk the south side of Deception Pass State Park. Walks are entirely within the park. Views include Puget Sound, San Juan Islands, Olympic Mountains and Deception Pass Bridge. Gradual hills. Deception Pass spans two islands and you will see rugged ocean views and walk in old growth forested areas.

Restrooms at start and finish and along the route. Picnic Spots. Photo opportunities at every turn. Take water.

**Amenities:** **Strollers:** no | **Wheelchairs:** no | **Pets:** Yes | **Restrooms:** Yes **Start Times:** dawn to dusk

**Start Point / Driving Directions:** Deception Pass State Park (East Cranberry Lake Parking Lot). From I-5 north and south, exit #230, follow Route 20 for 11 miles towards Anacortes. Turn left and continue on Route 20 West at the Oak Harbor/Pt. Townsend Ferry sign and drive an additional 6 miles to Deception Pass Bridge.

After you cross Deception pass Bridge, turn right into Deception State Park at East Cranberry Lake parking lot. (Parking lot is 3rd road past the kiosk at which time you will turn left into parking lot).

WA State Park Discovery Pass required - \$10 per day or \$30 per year. There is plenty of parking at walk start point.

**Awards & Fees:** IVV Credit Only Start point Longitude & Latitude coordinates: **48.393, -122.642**

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Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event. 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.

**WALK COMPLETION AND CREDIT:** Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant's Event Bank until they have submitted event completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that person is participating in. Nevertheless, a fee 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 user's Event Bank when he/she submits the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note, however, the coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.



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**Start Point :** Deception Pass State Park (East Cranberry Lake Parking Lot).

**This is the 6K (CROSS** the parking lot to gravel trail (across from restroom) going toward the park entrance booth.

1. **CONTINUE** up the stairs & cross the road passing the entrance booth.
2. **RIGHT** walking along edge of road facing traffic.
3. **CROSS** State Route 20 at the light.
4. **STRAIGHT** walking on the left side of Cornet Bay Road, facing traffic.
5. **LEFT** at entrance to park and Quarry Pond camping area.
6. **LEFT** at intersection at One Way Sign and walk past Quarry Pond on your left.
7. **LEFT** at the pond.
8. **LEFT** at Y by campsite #347.
9. **LEFT** onto trail just past camp site #343 following the trail when it turns right onto Goose Rock Trail.
10. **LEFT** at Y intersection onto Discovery Trail (not marked), at a rocky area and follow the trail into the woods. This path is quite wide. Ignore any side trails and proceed until you reach a fence and the Coronet Bay Youth Camp sign.
11. **LEFT** following the Discovery Trail.
12. **RIGHT** soon after passing through the tunnel under State Route 20 at the sign for the North Beach. This trail leads you through a more open area.
13. **RIGHT** at the T intersection walking up hill toward Deception Pass Bridge.
14. **RIGHT** up the stairs just before the bridge. Visitor booth and restrooms in parking lot.
15. **TURN AROUND** and return back down the stairs unless you are doing the 1k option (steps A-I).

*1k option to walk over bridge*

- A. **LEFT** at the top of the stairs, follow sidewalk as it crosses over Deception Pass Bridge.
- B. **LEFT** at the end of first section of the bridge, down the stairs following path as it curves and passes under the bridge.

- C. **LEFT** up the stairs beside the bridge.
- D. **RIGHT** at the end of the path to observation area on Pass Island.
- E. **TURN AROUND** and return toward the bridge.
- F. **LEFT** on sidewalk crossing back over the bridge.
- G. **LEFT** at the end of the bridge down the stairs.
- H. **LEFT** on the trail passing under the bridge and follow trail to North Beach parking lot.
- I. **CONTINUE** from step #18.

16. **LEFT** on trail down to North Beach Parking Lot.
17. **CONTINUE** on the trail beside the restroom, keeping restroom to your right.
18. **CONTINUE** at end of parking lot by restroom to the additional parking lot.
19. **STRAIGHT** onto trail at end of parking lot.
20. **LEFT** onto trail to Amphitheatre (.5 miles, beach .6 miles).
21. **RIGHT** at the fork in the trail (there's a sign here) to the Amphitheater/West Beach. Keep the water on your right, crossing wooden pathway.
22. **RIGHT** at the next trail intersection to a viewpoint (photo op).
23. **RETURN** and continue on the trail, keeping the water on your right (Sign: W Beach .1 mile).
24. **RIGHT** at the next trail intersection towards West Beach away from the campground, keeping the water to your right.
25. When the trail gets close to the beach, walk on the beach to the amphitheater. If you don't want to walk on the beach, take the trail to the gravel parking lot and cross the lot to the amphitheater.
26. **LEFT** on the trail up the hill beside amphitheater with the amphitheater on your left.
27. **RIGHT** at the Y.
28. **CONTINUE** on the path through the woods to the parking lot (restrooms are to the left).
29. **LEFT** at parking lot, paralleling the beach.
30. **LEFT** on the gravel trail at the parking lot between the lake and the parking lot, to the crosswalk.

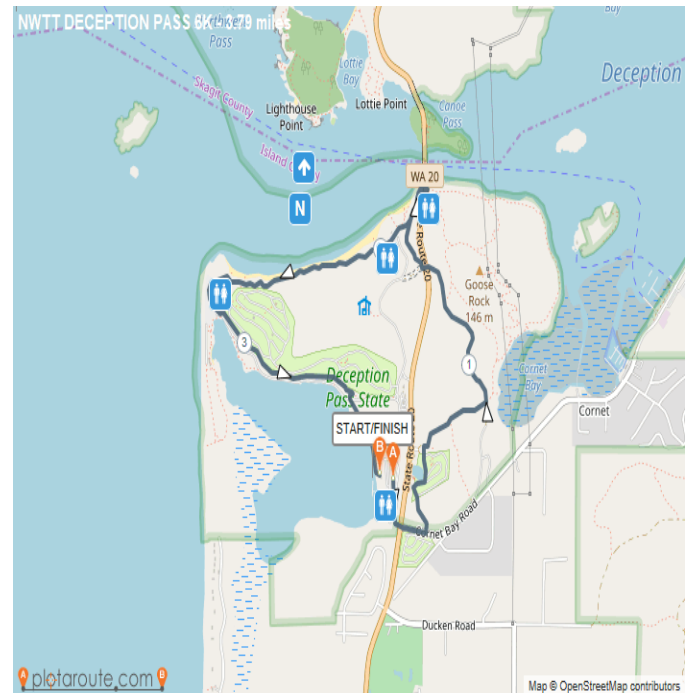


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## 6k continued

31. **LEFT** at the crosswalk.
32. **RIGHT** onto Administration Trail.
33. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** across the paved road (the entrance to the camping areas) on the path toward the Administration area.
34. **RIGHT** at 2<sup>nd</sup> trail intersection.
35. **RIGHT** at next intersection down to crosswalk toward the paved road.
36. **CROSS** the paved road to the trailhead on the other side of the road beside Cranberry Lake.
37. **FOLLOW** trail toward Cranberry Lake dock.
38. **LEFT** when the trail ends at picnic area just past large rock and wood shelter, returning to the parking lot and your car.



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## This is the 10K

1. **CROSS** the parking lot to gravel trail (across from restroom) going toward the park entrance booth.

2. **CONTINUE** up the stairs & cross the road passing the entrance booth.

3. **RIGHT** walking along edge of road facing traffic.

4. **CROSS** State Route 20 at the light.

5. **STRAIGHT** walking on the left side of Cornet Bay Road, facing traffic.

6. **LEFT** at entrance to park and Quarry Pond camping area.

7. **LEFT** at intersection at One Way Sign and walk past Quarry Pond on your left.

8. **LEFT** at the pond.

9. **LEFT** at Y by campsite #347.

10. **LEFT** onto trail just past camp site #343 following the trail when it turns right onto Goose Rock Trail.

11. **LEFT** at Y intersection onto Discovery Trail (not marked), at a rocky area and follow the trail into the woods. This path is quite wide. Ignore any side trails and proceed until you reach a fence and the Coronet Bay Youth Camp sign.

12. **LEFT** following the Discovery Trail.

13. **RIGHT** soon after passing through the tunnel under State Route 20 at the sign for the North Beach. This trail leads you through a more open area.

14. **RIGHT** at the T intersection walking up hill toward Deception Pass Bridge.

15. **RIGHT** up on NW Goose Rock Summit Trail. At the next signed intersection you are ½ way there. Continue to the summit.

16. When you near the summit, the trail curves sharply to the right and you will see power lines. A few steps later, an open area with exposed bedrock, as your first view southward over Whidbey Island. When you reach the bedrock, turn around and look at the path on which you arrived because you will start down the same path.

17. **LEFT** following timber lined path to continue to the viewpoint at the highpoint of the rock. Goose Rock, the highest point on Whidbey Island and Mount Rainier.

18. **RETURN** back down the hill on the same trail you came up, watching for an intersection on your right.

19. **SHARP RIGHT** just after a tree at the signed intersection, (sign is just past the intersection: NW Summit Trail, Goose Rock Perimeter Trail .2 mi; Summit via NW Goose Rock Trail .1 mi) onto the unnamed trail, which takes you down to Perimeter Trail.

20. **LEFT** at the intersection with the Goose Rock Perimeter Trail, keeping the water on your right.

21. **WALK UNDER** the bridge unless you want to do the 1k option to walk over the bridge.

### 1k option to walk over bridge

- A. **LEFT** up the stairs just before trail goes under the bridge.
- B. At the top of the stairs follow sidewalk as it crosses over Deception Pass Bridge.
- C. **RIGHT** at the end of the bridge to observation area on Pass Island.
- D. **TURN AROUND** and return toward the bridge.
- E. **LEFT** down the stairs just before the bridge, following trail under the bridge and up the stairs on the other side of the bridge.
- F. **RIGHT** on sidewalk crossing back over the bridge.
- G. **RIGHT** at the end of the bridge.
- H. **RIGHT** down the stairs.
- I. **LEFT** on the trail and resume directions.

22. **CONTINUE** on the trail down to the North Beach parking lot (rail fence on your right)

23. **RIGHT** on the trail beside the restroom, keeping restroom on your left.

24. **LEFT** on the beach (or on the path just before the beach if you don't want to walk on the beach.

25. **LEFT** on wide trail past the first large shelter (before the 2<sup>nd</sup> smaller shelter hiding in the trees), walking away from water.

26. **RIGHT** onto trail to Amphitheatre (Amphitheatre .5 miles, beach .6 miles) back of sign is facing as you approach intersection.

27. **RIGHT** at fork in the trail (there's a sign here) to the Amphitheater/West Beach. Keep the water on your right, crossing wooden pathway.

28. **RIGHT** at the next trail intersection to a viewpoint.

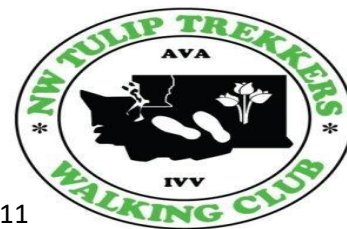
29. **RETURN** and continue on the trail, keeping the water of your right (Sign: W. Beach .1mi)

30. **RIGHT** at the next trail intersection towards West Beach away from the campground, keeping the water on your right.

31. When the trail gets close to the beach, walk on the beach to the amphitheater. If you don't want to walk on the beach, take the trail to the gravel parking lot and cross the lot to the amphitheater.



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**49. LEFT** when the trail ends at picnic area just past large rock and wood shelter returning to the parking lot and your car.

## 10 k continued

32. **LEFT** on the trail up the hill beside the amphitheater with the amphitheater on your left.
33. **RIGHT** at the Y
34. **CONTINUE** on the path through the woods to the parking lot (restrooms are off to the left)
35. **RIGHT** at the parking lot, and walk past the end of the parking lot, (picnic tables and undergrowth on the left) to another view point.
36. **RETURN** and walk the length of the parking lot, paralleling the beach (you may walk on the beach, returning to the path at the concessions building with snack bar and restrooms).
37. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** at the end of the lot, on the sandy path, passing the concessions building on the left.
38. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** as the path closest to the Sound becomes paved. On your left you will pass a several hundred-year-old tree.
39. **LEFT** at the trail intersection, turn away from the water walking through the woods. The trail curves to take you back towards the parking lot.
40. **CONTINUE** on the path keeping the concessions building on your left when you exit the woods.
41. **RIGHT** on the gravel trail at the parking lot between the lake and the parking lot, to the crosswalk.
42. **LEFT** at the crosswalk.
43. **RIGHT** onto Administration trail.
44. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** across the paved road (the entrance to the camping areas) on the path toward the Administration area.
45. **RIGHT** at 2<sup>nd</sup> trail intersection.
46. **RIGHT** at next intersection down to crosswalk toward the paved road.
47. **CROSS** the paved road to the trailhead on the other side of the road beside Cranberry Lake.
48. **FOLLOW** trail toward Cranberry Lake dock.

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## 10 k map

