

The Olympic Peninsula Explorers Volkssport Club Welcomes You to the Port Angeles – Sol Duc Falls Seasonal Walk

The walk is 6k and 10k (3C) and are on somewhat difficult terrain with some significant hill and stair climbing. Strollers: difficult, Wheelchairs: No, Pets: No, Restroom: Yes.

<https://www.nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/visiting-the-sol-duc-valley.htm>

Along this trail the forest mixes the elements of the rainforests to the west with plants of the rain shadow to the east. Near the Falls the woodland is dominated by Douglas Fir and masses of fern. As the trail reaches the spectacular Sol Duc Falls the route turns downstream following the east bank back to the starting point. There is a Geocache at the Hot Spring area and several along the Sol Duc River.

The walks start and end at the Sol Duc Falls trail head. From Port Angeles, travel west on Hwy 101 for 29 miles to Sol Duc Road. Turn left and continue for 41 miles, passing the hot springs, to the parking lot at the end of the road.

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 SEASONAL VOLKSSPORT EVENT
SOL DUC FALLS LOOP/LOVER'S LANE TRAIL WALK
OLYMPIC PENINSULA EXPLORERS VOLKSSPORT CLUB
6/10km Rated 3C **YRE 1720**

ESVA Challenges: 39 Counties – Clallam, Strolling Along the River (Sol Duc River)

AVA Challenges: Walk the USA A-Z, 50 States /51 Capitals

Start: 12076 Sol Duc-Hot Springs Rd, Port Angeles, WA (47.970506, -123.864841)

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.

From Port Angeles, head north on US 101. It is ABOUT 40 miles to the Sol Duc parking area. Enjoy the incredible vistas as you drive along Lake Crescent. At the end of the Lake you will see Fairholm General Store on your right. Continue up the hill, near the crest, turn LEFT at the sign; ***“Olympic National Park-Sol Duc Valley/Hot Springs Resort,”*** (28 miles from The Fairmount Restaurant).

At the Entrance to Olympic National Park, if the kiosk is open, you must pay a fee unless you have one of the National Park Passes. The Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort parking lot is 12 miles from the Entrance Station. Restrooms are available at the Resort and for about 2 Km along the Trail in the various campgrounds. In the Resort Lodge read the rules, warnings and trail conditions for “*Lover’s Lane*” Trail.

NOTE: If **rain and heavy runoff** has caused wet stream crossings, and/or muddy conditions, you may walk up to the Falls on the Sol Duc Trail (Steps 1-3), on the east side of the river, and return by the same route, avoiding the more primitive Lover’s Lane Trail on the west side of the river.

Cross the bridge into Sol Duc Hot springs. At the last street turn right. After you turn you may park your vehicle on the left next to the trees.

10km Option:

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| 1. Walk down the street until you reach a sign on your left, Lovers Lane Trail. Follow the trail to the left. | 5. At the end of the bridge turn left. After you turn left there will be a shelter on your right. |
| 2. Stay left at fork in the trail at the Lovers Lane trail. | 6. Continue on the path until you reach a sign “Campground” and turn left. |
| 3. At the T, you will take the trail to the left “Sol Duc Falls” | 7. At the campground turn, left on the paved road and follow loop A. |
| 4. Follow the trail until you reach the Bridge turn right and cross the bridge, as you are crossing the bridge look to the right and you will see the Falls. | 8. You will pass a rest room just before the second rest room you will see a slight incline on your left with a sign |

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

“Amphitheater/RV sites/ resort” take a left and follow the trail.

9. continue past the amphitheater on your left toward the RV sites
10. at the bend in the path stay to the left and onto a gravel trail which runs parallel to the river
11. When you come to the paved road turn left and cross the bridge and you are back to the start point.

6 km Option: Stay on main road past turnoff to resort. Enter Campground Loop B, drive ahead to parking area across from the second restroom.

1. Facing restrooms, turn right to campsite #61. Sign at trail is marked “Sol Duc Falls”. Walk down dirt trail here.
2. When the trail dead-ends at a junction go RIGHT at sign: “*Lover’s Lane Trail / Sol Duc Falls.*” *Cross the scenic bridge over the creek this is one of the most photographed spots in Olympic National Park.*
3. Bear RIGHT and go down to the river. Cross the bridge over the Falls. This is your 3km turnaround point. Go back the way you came, turning left at the “campground” sign, to your car.

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.

Sol Duc Falls 6k



Sol Duc Falls 10k

