

Instructions for
Fort Stevens State Park, Y-1972
Hammond, OR
5/6/11 Km, rated 1B

Walk Start Location: Battery Russell Parking Lot on Fort Stevens State Park on Oregon's west coast not far from Astoria at the mouth of the Columbia River.

GPS Coords: 46.19350, -123.97440

Driving Directions: From Portland travel west on US-26 passing Beaverton and after 73 miles merge onto US-101N toward Seaside/Astoria. After 14 miles left onto Hwy 104/OR-104, then slight left on Columbia Beach Ln, which becomes Ridge Rd. Right onto Delaura Beach Ln, then left onto SW Ridge Rd. Finally, left onto Jetty Rd and in about 1 mile the parking lot is on the left.

From north or south I-5 at exit 36 in Longview WA go west onto WA-432/Tennant Way to Oregon Way and left to cross the Columbia River into OR. Merge right onto US-30W and travel about 50 miles to and through Astoria OR to merge onto US-101S. After crossing Young's Bay on a long causeway right at the first stop light (Harbor St.) and follow it through Warrenton and Hammond to a yellow flashing light. Turn left on Lake Dr, then right at the first Ft. Stevens entrance (before KOA) and follow signs to the Battery Russell parking lot on the left.

Park Battery Russell Parking Lot.

Note: Labor Day to Memorial Day, gates to Historic Area open 10am to 4pm. Memorial Day to Labor Day, gates to Historic Area are open 9am to 6pm.

Restrooms available at the parking lot, at 3 km and 7 km distances.

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 event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that person 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 user's Event Bank when he/she submits the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.)

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FORT STEVENS STATE PARK

Fort Stevens was the primary military defense installation in the three fort Harbor Defense System at the mouth of the Columbia River (Forts Canby and Columbia in Washington were the other two). The fort served for 84 years, beginning with the Civil War and closing at the end of World War II. Today, Fort Stevens has grown into a 3,700 acre park offering exploration of history, nature, and recreational opportunities.

And you can help fund historic programs and restoration at the park! The Friends of Old Fort Stevens will run Wood on Wheels this summer, selling and delivering firewood right to your site. Check it out when you arrive!

Camping, beachcombing, freshwater lake swimming, trails, wildlife viewing, an historic shipwreck and an historic military area make Fort Stevens a uniquely diversified park. A network of nine miles of bicycle trails and six miles of hiking trails allow you to explore the park through spruce and hemlock forests, wetlands, dunes, and shore pine.

Coffenbury Lake has two swimming areas, a picnic area, restrooms, and a boat ramp (10 mph boating speed limit). Two other smaller lakes offer boat ramps for fishing and canoeing.

Throughout the year, you can browse through displays dating back to the Civil War at the museum, visit the only enclosed Civil War earthworks site on the west coast, and explore the gun batteries.

During the summer, watch the blacksmiths work, tour a rare 90-year old underground gun battery that served as a World War II command center, and take a truck tour of the fortifications spanning the Spanish-American War and World War II (tour available at a nominal charge).

CAMPING

During Discovery Season (October 1 to April 30), Fort Stevens has a limited amount of campsites available through the reservation system. RNW may not have all campsites available for reservations, but Fort Stevens will have campsites available on a first-come, first-served or drop-in basis. Additional loops will be opened, as necessary, to accommodate arriving campers.

Fort Stevens Points of Interest

(Extract from the Fort Stevens Welcome brochure.)

1. Climb the South Jetty observation tower to spot big waves, passing ships and birds. Enter the wildlife viewing bunker near lot D and keep your eyes peeled for local animals.
2. The Fort Stevens Military Reservation guarded the mouth of the Columbia River from the Civil War through World War II. Explore the gun batteries and stop by the Visitor Center for up close views of military artifacts. Hop into the back of a restored army truck for an informative tour of the grounds, or explore a unique “underground” battery on a guided walk.
3. The new Columbia Shores Disc Golf Course is a multi-hole journey through the historic military installations along the Columbia River. Short and long tee positions attract beginners and pro players alike. Use your own discs, or buy some at the park’s visitor center or ranger station.
4. Visitors with bicycles will enjoy looping through the park and historic areas on 9 miles of paved trails.
5. Battery Russell, constructed in 1904 and outfitted with unique disappearing guns, was attacked by a Japanese submarine during World War II.
6. The Peter Iredale shipwreck protrudes from the sand near the southern beach access parking area. The English sailing ship ran aground during a storm in 1906.
7. Enjoy more than 5 miles of hiking trails, including a scenic 2-mile route around Coffenbury Lake.

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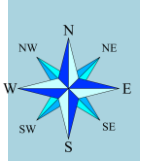
Map 1 – to historic area and back (5km)

1. **LEFT** on the bike path between parking lot and road.
2. Just before the path bends left, go **RIGHT** across the grass and the main road onto a short road that goes up a small hill to a barrier.
3. Go around the brown barrier and **CONTINUE** on asphalt path to 3 pylons and intersection with another path.
4. **STRAIGHT** through pylons onto the other path.
5. **RIGHT** at “Y” (1K)
6. **LEFT** at intersection after entering Historic Area (2K). **STRAIGHT** at next intersection (restrooms left) toward steam plant and then bear right toward the chain “fence” in front of Meriwether Lewis. **LEFT** along the “fence” to stairs at the end by Lyman Mishler.
7. **UP** the stairs. **LEFT** at the top toward Battery 245
8. Find and enter the Jetty Trail to the right. (NOT the road!) (3K along the trail)
9. Exit Jetty Trail to pass Lewis & Clark signboards then continue through 3 vertical wooden poles and bear **RIGHT** toward the museum.
10. Pass the Rose Garden on your right. Then turn **RIGHT** to go past the museum entrance. (Note the National Register of Historic Places plaque between the stairs and ramp entrances of the museum)
11. **CONTINUE** through museum parking to bike path.

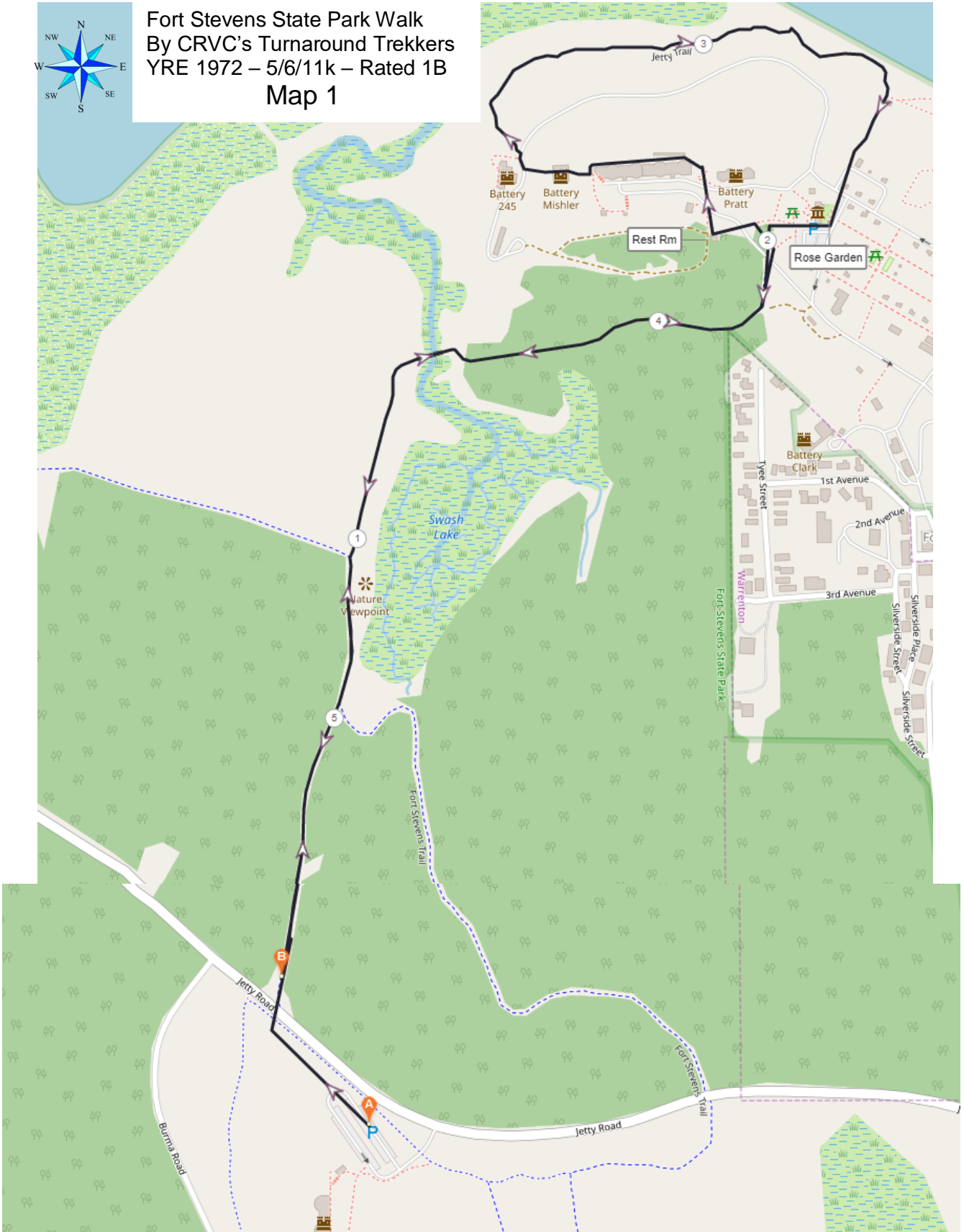
12. **LEFT** on the bike path to exit Historic Area the way you entered (4K @ bridge)
13. **LEFT** at intersection toward Battery Russell
14. **STRAIGHT** past 3 pylons (5K) as trail bends left and continue to the brown barrier. (5km walkers finish at parking lot.)
(6km walkers exit left from parking lot and start at step 15.)

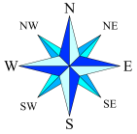
Map 2 – Coffenbury Lake Loop (6km)

15. Go around the barrier to the main road. **CROSS** the road & grass. **RIGHT** on the bike path and continue as it bends left. (6K @ tunnel)
16. **LEFT** at “T” toward Coffenbury Lake (7K a bit after the turn) Continue to a road.
17. **CROSS** the road and go **LEFT** on the bike path (8K as path curves right away from road toward 3 pylons)
18. **RIGHT** at intersection toward Coffenbury Lake, just before the tunnel.
19. **RIGHT** at intersection to pass restroom, then **LEFT** down hill across sand/grass to the fishing pier. **LEFT** along on the pier and then **LEFT** on the path which skirts the parking area. **LEFT** at the pay station then quick **RIGHT** onto path where you entered.
20. **RIGHT** at intersection through the tunnel. (9K)
21. **LEFT** at next intersection toward Battery Russell. (10K near a wooden stake with 7 on it)
22. **LEFT** at “T: toward Battery Russell. (11K at parking lot)



Fort Stevens State Park Walk
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Map 1

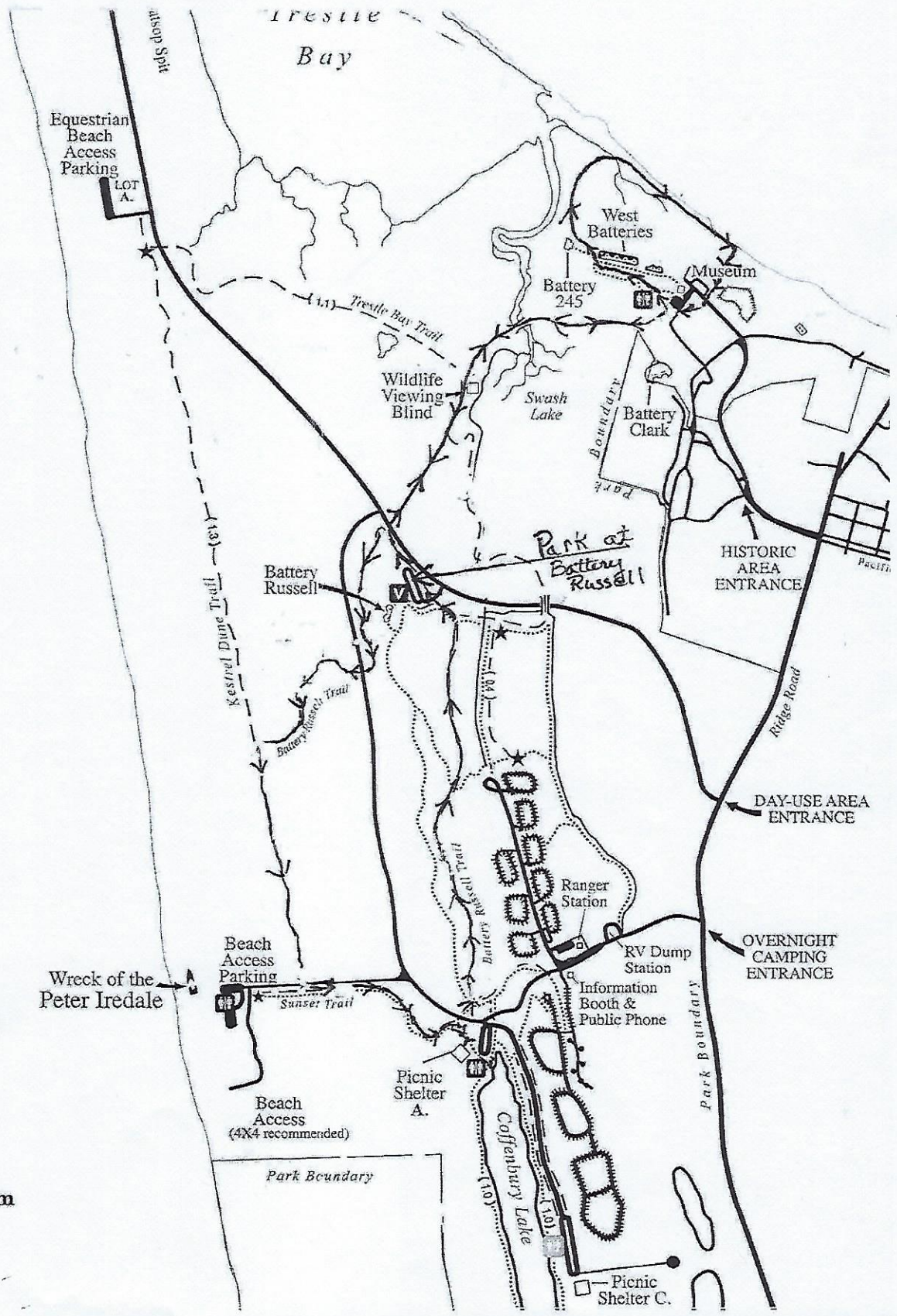




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Map 2



Pacific Ocean



LEGEND

- Hiking trail
- Bike trail
- Restroom
- ADA Restroom
- Vault toilet