



## ABERDEEN WATERFRONT, TOWN, HILLTOP YRE# 2996

**Distance:** 5K, 7K, 10K  
**Difficulty Rating:** 5K, 7K 1A  
 10K 3B

Walk the town where Kurt Cobain spent early years. Choose from multiple distances and a variety of sights: a peaceful walk along multiple city parks and The Harbor waterfront; through town where you can see some outstanding murals and interesting quirky art; moderate stair and hill climbs to see old "timber-baron" homes; then on up for breath-taking views of The Harbor from hill-tops to see a glimpse of Mt. Rainier on a clear day. Descend down to various levels of the city via several sets of "secret stairs". Please park as far as possible away from the entrance to the Best Western Plus leaving closer spots for guests of Best Western. There are restrooms in public buildings and parks along the route.

### **Walk Registration**

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box at [my.ava.org](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.

### **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 a stamped "virtual" insert card that you may print.

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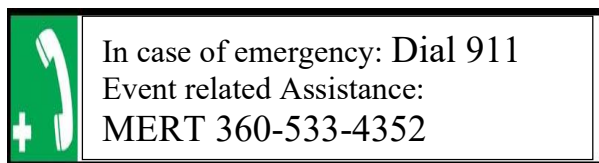
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YRE WALK #2996**



**Distance:** 5K, 7K

**Difficulty level:** 1A

**ESVA Challenges:** 39 Counties (Grays Harbor County); Whiskey-Vino-Brew (brewery & winery) on 7K.

**Start Point:** Best Western Plus, 701 E Heron Street, Aberdeen, WA

Lat: 46.975813, Lng: -123.809863.

**Driving Directions:** From I-5: Exit 104 and follow signs to Aberdeen. The highway will change from US 101 N., to WA-8, to US-12 W. In Aberdeen, turn left on Kansas St. (at Burger King before bridge). The hotel is straight ahead.

1. Leave Best Western Plus to the left.
2. At the street (Heron Street), turn **RIGHT**.
3. **Cross** the railroad tracks.
4. Take immediate **LEFT** on unnamed road.
5. Walk along the left edge of the road. Wal-Mart will be across the parking lot on your right.
6. At the stop sign turn **LEFT**. **Cross** the railroad tracks (again).
7. At the light/Wishkah Street, **Cross** at crosswalk.
8. Turn **RIGHT** on Wishkah Street. Walk with the traffic on your right.
9. At the next light (Starbucks), turn **RIGHT**, crossing Wishkah on crosswalk.

**Wheelchair Note:** At this point, WC can either take the slight bump down the shallow curb or go to the end of the sidewalk and use ramp.

10. After crossing Wishkah, proceed **LEFT** through the parking lot and toward the tower at the far end of the Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) building.
11. At the tower, take the ramp up and over the little bridge into Morrison Riverfront Park (note loggers monument on your left).
12. Stay on the walkway to the far end of the park, with the Chehalis River on your right. (1K at the flag.) Continue past the Pier/Viewing Platform/Fishing Dock.
13. At the "T" stay **RIGHT**. Follow the paved trail to the road. (2K at metal and wood bridge)

**Wheelchair Note:** The trail goes downhill at a fork in the trail just before road, so WC person might want to turn around before going down. Walkers can continue to end of paved trail/stop sign/"Sargent..." (or turn around with WC).

14. At road, **Turn Around**.
15. Follow paved trail back to park and toward back of TSC. (3K is near concrete "guard rail".)
16. **Recross** bridge to tower, then turn **LEFT**.
17. Follow walkway behind TSC (4K).
18. At far end of TSC either:

- Follow the trail along the river behind the stores (see 19a) **OR**

- Go in front of the stores on the sidewalk (see 19b).

**19a. If following the paved trail along the river,** continue on paved trail. Stay **LEFT** at “Y”/”T”.

Go to far end of last building. Drop down to #20.

**19b. If going on sidewalk in front of stores,** turn **RIGHT** at the far end of TSC. Use the sidewalk alongside Marshall’s and in front of other stores. Keep parking lot on your right. After the Goodwill, use sidewalks or trail to get to the Wal-Mart building. At the far end of Wal-Mart, veer **LEFT** across the parking lot to Trail and Rose Compass.

20. Facing the Rose Compass in a Westerly direction (look toward the big Chehalis River Bridge), take the paved trail to the **RIGHT** and follow it to the far end of the Best Western Plus.

21. Return to start/finish (5K) or add 2K and go downtown for a total of 7K (See #22).

22. **7K Option:** Additional 2K after completing 5K. Leaving from Best Western Plus, go back out to the street (Heron), as you did when starting out on the 5K. Turn **RIGHT**.

23. At the crosswalk turn **LEFT** and **Carefully Cross** the busy street (Heron) toward the Five Star Dealership.

24. Turn **LEFT** on Heron Street and walk facing traffic and on the opposite side of the street from the Best Western.

25. Cross the Heron Street Bridge and walk six blocks to “K” Street. After crossing the Wishkah River and passing Zelasko Park on the right, up ahead you will see Billy’s Restaurant on the corner of “G” Street. (*Billy’s was built in 1910 and named after notorious gangster Billy Gohl. It was a Red Cross Pharmacy in the 1930’s and a bordello in the 1950’s. You might see mannequins in the windows of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor showing location of the Elnora Rooms. The bldg. is reportedly haunted.*) As you walk around town, look for murals. The Brewery Challenge is on the corner of Broadway. The Ice Cream Parlor Challenge is on the corner of “K” Street.

26. At “K” Street, turn **RIGHT**. Notice the huge mural on your right. Walk one block to Wishkah Street.

27. At Wishkah Street, turn **RIGHT**. Walk one block to Broadway.

28. **Cross** Broadway. Another brewery is on the corner.

29. Turn **RIGHT** on Broadway. Walk ½ block to the alley, passing a winery.

30. At the alley, turn **LEFT**. Many locals refer to this section of alley (one block long) as “Art Alley”. Enjoy some interesting and ever-changing art – some are very good. Walk one block.

31. At the end of the block, turn **LEFT** and walk to the 2<sup>nd</sup> light at Market Street. You will pass the public library.

32. At Market Street, turn **RIGHT**. The building on your immediate right is the historic Old World Building - location of our local newspaper many years ago. Across the street is City Hall with the fountain and the police station. You will walk two blocks on Market, with the traffic on your left to “G” Street.

33. At “G” Street, **Cross** “G” and turn **RIGHT**.

34. Walk on “G” Street one block to Wishkah Street.

35. **Cross** Wishkah Street.

36. Turn **LEFT** on Wishkah Street. Traffic will be on your left. If into Star Wars, note Mural on the side of Sucher and Sons Star Wars Shop.

37. Continue on Wishkah Street passing Zelasko Park and crossing the Wishkah River on the drawbridge.

38. At Harbor Street (the 2<sup>nd</sup> street after the bridge), turn **RIGHT**. Walk one block to Heron Street.

39. **Cross** Heron Street at the crosswalk.

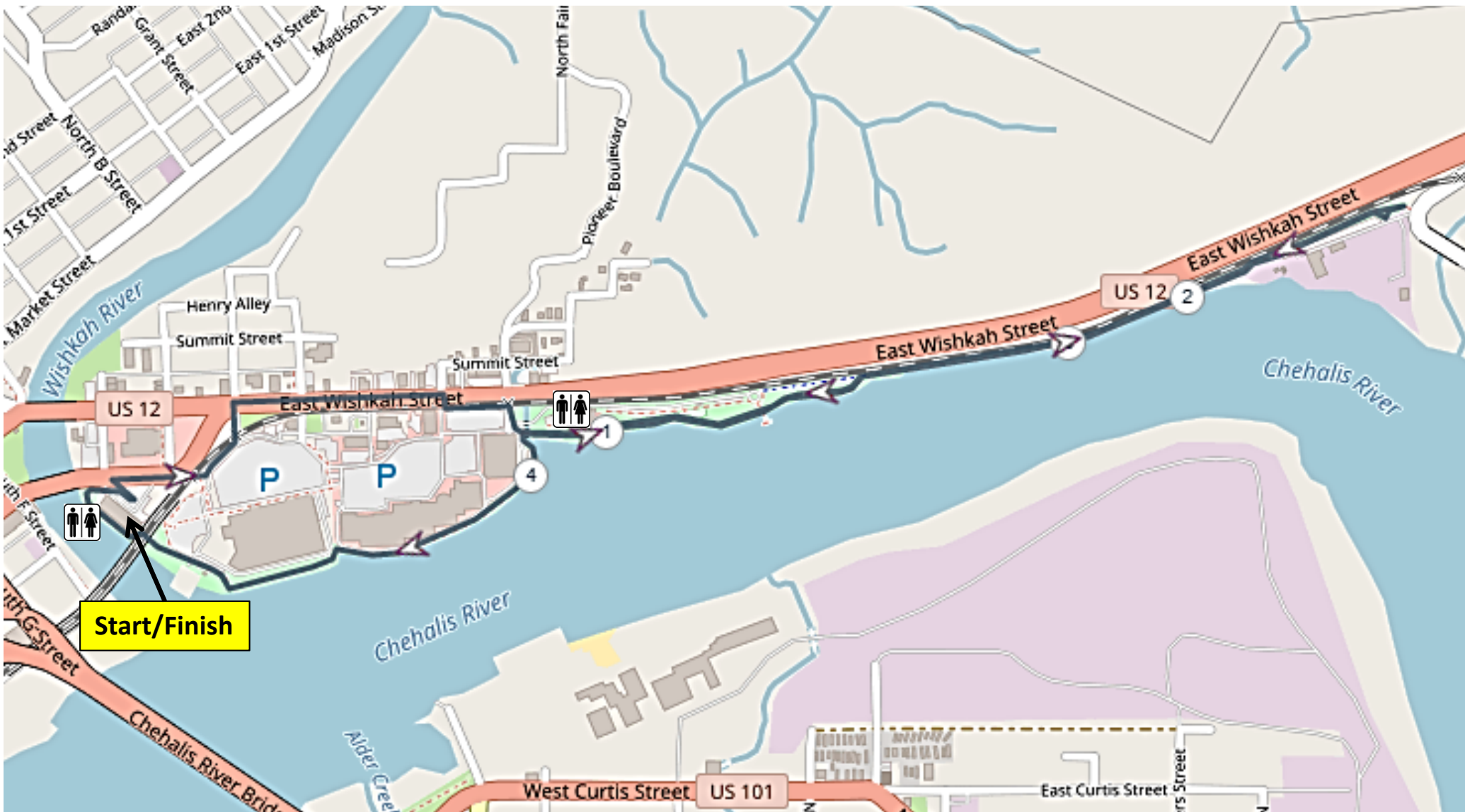
40. Return to start/finish. 7K Done!

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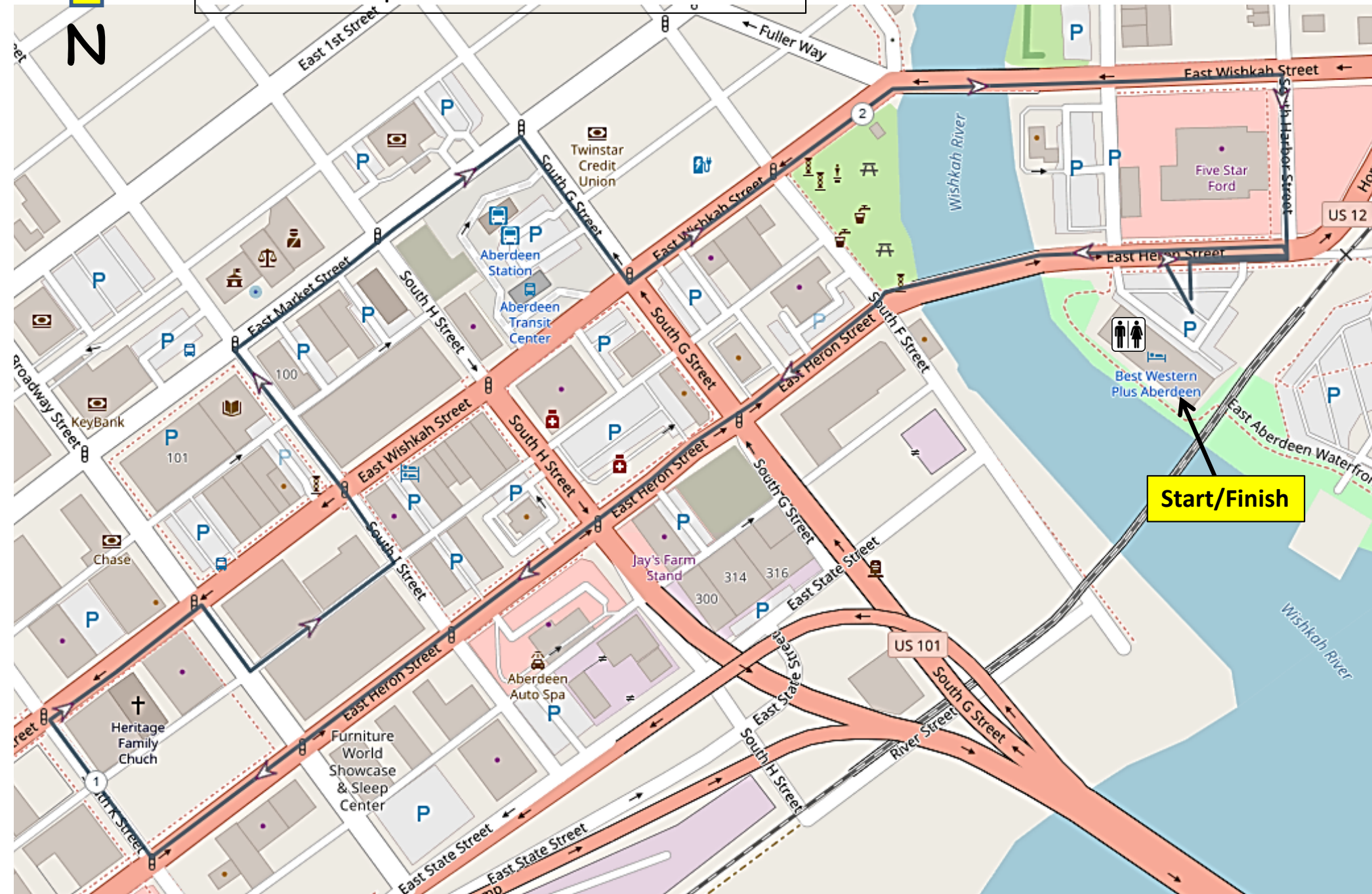
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2K Add-on Option



Start/Finish



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1. Leave Best Western Plus to the left.
2. At the street (Heron Street), turn **RIGHT**.
3. At the crosswalk turn **LEFT** and **Cross** Heron. Cars and trucks are typically good about stopping, but use **CAUTION** as this is a busy two lane street/highway. Walk on Newell Street (S. Harbor Street) for one block.
4. At Wishkah Street, turn **LEFT**. You will cross the Wishkah River Bridge and pass Zelasko City Park. On the corner of "G" Street, note Clock Tower at the bus station and Mural on far wall.
5. At South "G" Street, turn **RIGHT**. Walk one block.
6. At Market Street turn **LEFT**.
7. At Broadway turn **RIGHT**. **Cross** 1<sup>st</sup> Street at light and continue up Broadway.
8. At Ninth Street turn **RIGHT** for one block.
9. **Cross** Ninth and "I" Streets.
10. Turn **LEFT** on "I" Street – traffic is on your left. See monument at bend in the road and follow the sidewalk around to the right.
11. At crosswalk turn **LEFT**.
12. At first sidewalk turn **RIGHT** and walk along edge of park and street. Follow the sidewalk to the left as it winds around and down to the playground. **Restrooms** may not be open at all times.
13. **Cross** the restroom parking lot to sign post of Hanna & "F" Streets. Go up the stairs.
14. At the top of the stairs is 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Turn **LEFT** and walk along the shoulder that overlooks the park.
15. Across from house #114 is a view of Grays Harbor. Go **LEFT** down stairs to Spur Street. Walk one block.
16. At E. Tenth Street, turn **RIGHT**.
17. At N. Broadway turn **LEFT**. Walk one block.
18. At Ninth Street turn **RIGHT** (**Carefully Cross** Broadway.) and walk on Ninth to the end.
19. At "L" Street turn **LEFT** to W. Eighth Street.
20. At W. Eighth Street turn **RIGHT**. Stay on this as it makes a sharp corner to the **LEFT** (Division Street).
21. Go down Division Street (one block).

22. At W. Sixth Street turn **RIGHT**. **Cross** the Sixth Street bridge and through the stop sign.
23. Two blocks passed the stop sign is Conger Street. Turn **RIGHT** on Conger and walk two blocks.
24. At the “T” (top of the steep little hill) is Isabel Way. Turn **LEFT** and walk one block.
25. At stop sign (Rice Street) turn **RIGHT**.
26. At “T” (see fire hydrant) turn **LEFT**. Follow the road as it winds up hill (Council Crest).
27. At the next “T” (another fire hydrant) turn **LEFT**.
28. Up ahead on the right you will see a cable or chain gate. Go around it or over it and follow the trail uphill a short distance.
29. Go around the Barrier and follow the paved road (Grays Point Lane) off to the **RIGHT**. At the top of the hill, take in the view of the harbor. On a clear day you can see Mt. Rainier off to the left next to/just above the hillside.
30. Turn around and return the way you came to the street below (downhill, around barrier and over or around the cable/chain gate).
31. Turn **LEFT** at the paved street.
32. Stay to **RIGHT** following it as it winds downhill. After the yellow fire hydrant and dead end sign, is Rice Street.
33. At Rice Street, turn **RIGHT** about two blocks.
34. At W. Seventh Street, turn **LEFT**. As you walk down W. Seventh Street, you can sometimes catch another glimpse of Mr. Rainier.
35. At N. Thornton Street, turn **RIGHT**. The sidewalk turns into stairs. Go down the stairs.
36. At the bottom of the stairs, **Cross** W. Sixth Street and continue one block to “T” (W. Fifth Street).
37. Turn **LEFT** on W. Fifth Street and walk to the curve (corner of Williams Street).
38. At the curve, walk on the sidewalk next to the fence and go down the stairs.
39. At the bottom of stairs, turn **RIGHT** (N. Williams Street). Walk one block to Cherry Street.
40. At Cherry Street turn **LEFT**.
41. At Finch Playfield cut across the park to the street at the far right by the basketball hoops **OR** if the grass is too wet, take the path to the right of the fence to the street. **Restrooms** at Finch Playfield may not be open at all times.
42. At the street (Sumner Avenue) turn **LEFT**.
43. Turn **RIGHT** on N. Michigan Street to Second Street.
44. At Second Street, turn **LEFT**.
45. At “K” Street, turn **RIGHT**. **Carefully Cross** W. First Street. You will pass an ice cream parlor on the opposite corner of “K” and Heron Streets.
46. Turn **LEFT** on Heron Street.
47. At Broadway (Mount Olympus Brewery), turn **LEFT**. Walk to Wishkah Street, but do not cross it (Wishkah). Note Mural on opposite corner.
48. **Cross** Broadway. Steam Donkey Brewery is on the corner. Turn **RIGHT** on Broadway. You will be walking back on the opposite side of the street for ½ block. Pass Wine Sellar Winery.
49. At Alley turn **LEFT** to see local art work. Walk one block.
50. Turn **RIGHT** at next street (“I” Street). Walk ½ block to Heron Street.
51. At Heron Street turn **LEFT**. Walk with traffic on your right. In two blocks you will see the new immigrants mural off to the right. Also at the corner of “G” Street is Billy’s Restaurant (*Billy’s was built in 1910 and named after notorious gangster Bill Gohl. It was a Red Cross Pharmacy in the 1930’s and a bordello in the 1950’s. Mannequins in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows show the location of the Elnora Rooms. The building is reportedly haunted.*)
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