



Newhalem/Thunder Knob SYR3092



5K Rated 1B 7K Rated 3C

Interlaken Trailblazers welcomes you to Historic Newhalem and Thunder Knob Trail along the North Cascades Highway.

This event has 2 starting points. You will drive 10 miles between the 2 sections.

- You will walk 5K in Historic Newhalem. This is a “Company Town” for workers building and maintaining the Dam on the Skagit River.
- The second start point is 7K at Thunder Knob Trailhead about 10 miles east of Newhalem. This trail leads to awesome viewpoints of Lake Diablo.

Both start points have no food or gas services. Restrooms and water available.

Cell Service is spotty. Please walk with a partner.

No Parking fees or passes are needed.

Newhalem 5K: Skagit Information Center SR20 and Commissary St Marblemount, WA

GPS LOCATION: GPS 48.67329, -121.24714

Restrooms: Skagit Info Center and Gorge Powerhouse at 3.5k

Driving Directions: From I-5 North or Southbound. Take exit 230 toward Sedro Woolley. Follow SR20E for 60 miles to Newhalem, Right at Commissary St. Park near the Skagit Information Center.

Thunder Knob 7K: Thunder Knob Trailhead outside of Colonial Creek Campground. SR20 Milepost 130

GPS LOCATION: 48.69037, -121.09805

Restrooms at Trailhead and in the Colonial Creek Campground.

Driving directions: From Newhalem: Drive 10 miles east on SR20 crossing Gorge Lake and follow the shoreline of Diablo Lake until you reach Colonial Creek campground, past milepost 130. Turn left and park at the trailhead to the right of the campground entrance.

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Emergency Dial 911

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 participants 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 of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the users Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to users 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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Newhalem Historic Walk SYR3092



5K 1B (rated 2B for a .5k distance)

Start: Skagit Information Center: SR20 and Commissary St. GPS 48.67329, -121.24714

Restrooms at start and the Gorge Powerhouse (3.5k)

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Start your walk at the hall corridor between the Skagit Information Center and Restrooms.

- 1) Walk ahead on the paved path viewing the artwork, information displays and open area.
- 2) At gravel road, **RIGHT**, then **LEFT**. A few yards ahead **LEFT** back onto the paved path.
- 3) **CROSS** Seattle City Light St. continuing path to Cherry Blossom Lane.
- 4) **CROSS** and **LEFT** on Cherry Blossom Lane to the end.
- 5) **RIGHT** on Silk Stocking Rd (not marked here).
- 6) At Commissary St, **RIGHT** on path toward "Trail of the Cedar's Suspension Bridge"
- 7) At end of bridge continue ahead slightly **LEFT** to walk the trail clockwise.
- 8) When you reach the rail fence, **LEFT** to the Historic Powerhouse for viewing.
- 9) **RETURN** to the Trail keeping straight following the loop as it winds through Cedars and returns to the suspension bridge.
- 10) **CROSS** the bridge.
- 11) **RIGHT** on the paved path keeping the river on your right. (You are now on Ladder Creek Rd)
- 12) As the path/sidewalk ends, continue walking on the wide shoulder about .5k to the informational display boards at the GORGE Powerhouse.
- 13) After viewing displays, return on the roadside for a short distance.
- 14) **ANGLE LEFT** at the green railings to go down to the footbridge and cross the Skagit River.
- 15) Continue up the slope following the sign to Ladder Creek Falls.
- 16) At the Falls **RIGHT** to walk across the footbridge for views and return to the trail.
*[Walkers not wanting to climb farther up may turn left and walk down turning **RIGHT** at the Electric Forest sign to walk at the rear of the gorge powerhouse. Continue down a few stairs. When you reach a narrow stairway, on your right, ascend the stairs and go up to visit the information center. Restrooms available here. Continue with step 23.]*
[Walkers climbing a bit more for views]
- 17) Ascend the stairs.
- 18) Continue around the corner passing the first opening in the fence (bench here).
- 19) At the second opening, **LEFT**, continuing on trail to the "Y" and take the lower trail down.
- 20) When you reach a concrete structure, **RIGHT** on the trail. You will then ascend some rock stairs.
- 21) At the next junction, **LEFT**, crossing a boardwalk, following the trail as it switchbacks down the hill.
- 22) When you reach the green rails, take the first **LEFT** and down the stairs to the GORGE Powerhouse entrance. Enjoy the displays (Restrooms here)
- 23) As you leave the Powerhouse **LEFT** then **LEFT** down the narrow stairway with railings.
- 24) At the bottom of the stairs turn **RIGHT** and continue across the parking area to the driveway.
- 25) **LEFT** and continue ahead crossing the green bridge on the pedestrian walkway on the left side.
- 26) Continue ahead, single file, on the side of the road (SR20).
- 27) As soon as you feel comfortable crossing the highway, **CROSS** and **LEFT** walking on the grass until you reach the sidewalk.
- 28) From the sidewalk, **RIGHT** to view the ROSS Crypt.(J.D.Ross was the "Father" of Seattle City Light)
- 29) Return to the sidewalk turning **RIGHT**.
- 30) Continue on paved path, crossing parking lot driveway to continue on paved path.
- 31) **ANGLE LEFT** at garden circle. Continue through garden to street. **LEFT** to SR20.
- 32) Use crosswalk/blinker to **CROSS** SR20.
- 33) **LEFT** to **CROSS** Commissary St and view "Old #6".
- 34) Return to Commissary St.
- 35) **LEFT** to Bachelor Lane and **LEFT** onto the street.
- 36) **RIGHT** past Bldg. #640 to Silk Stocking Rd.
- 37) **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on paved path to Commissary St.
- 38) **CROSS** Commissary St and **RIGHT** viewing Totem Pole and information board on your way back to the Skagit Information Center.
We hope you enjoyed the historical tour.



Thunder Knob Trail SYR3092

7K Rated 3C (Elevation gain 635ft)



Start: Take Highway 20 east past Newhalem, Cross Gorge Lake and follow the shoreline of Diablo Lake until you reach Colonial Creek campground, past milepost 130. Turn left and park at the trailhead to the right of the campground entrance. (10 miles from Newhalem) GPS 48.69037, -121.09805

Restrooms/water in the Campground

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Cell Coverage is minimal. No Parking fees.

- 1) From the Kiosk at Trailhead parking go to the entrance of Colonial Creek Campground North.
 - 2) **RIGHT** on campground road.
 - 3) Follow signs to Thunder Knob Trail. You will walk across a very rocky area, keeping left, before you reach the single person bridge.
 - 4) **CROSS** the bridge to continue on the trail to your left. The trail now becomes a dirt path.
 - 5) Gentle switchbacks will take you to the top.
 - 6) Enjoy the views and continue all the way to several different viewpoints and rest points.
 - 7) **DESCEND** the trail.
 - 8) After **CROSSING** the bridge keep **LEFT** at the rocky "Y".
 - 9) Continue ahead to the campground main road.
 - 10) Exit the campground and return to your car.
- We hope you enjoyed your hike.

