

**Rialto Beach/Hole in the Wall Ocean Beach Hike
Seasonal Hikes - 5K and 10K EVENTS - Y3304
Evergreen State Volkssport Association - In Clallam County, WA - Rated 1C**

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Driving Directions to the hike start

You will drive to the Rialto Beach parking lot at Mora, in Olympic Nat'l Park.

N 47.55' 14.86" W 124.38' 16.45"

From the traffic light in Forks at Division Street and Hwy 101, drive 1 1/2 miles north (toward Port Angeles) on Hwy 101. Turn LEFT on the La Push Road (Road 110). Drive west on the La Push Road 7 3/4 miles. Turn RIGHT on Mora Road and drive 5.0 miles to the Rialto Beach parking lot at the end of the road at the ocean. Along the way, you will enter Olympic Nat'l Park and pass the Mora Ranger Station and Mora Campground. There are restrooms at the parking lot. A Permit or Pass to park in National Parks is required for the parking area.

We hope you enjoy your hike on the wild NW Washington coast.

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Safety Information and Other (Good-to-know) Stuff

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Hike Description:

This is a wilderness beach hike on a beautiful portion of the wild Northwest Washington coastline in Olympic National Park. There are big waves, sandy beaches, rocky islands and sea stacks on this coastline with sand, cobble, rock and boulder covered beaches to hike on.

The 5K Hole-in-the-Wall portion of this hike is on sandy beach except for the rock you walk on to go through Hole-in-the-Wall. On the 10K portion north of Hole-in-the-Wall, the beach changes from sand to mostly bedrock, cobble, rock and even some boulders at the first headland. When the tide is out, there are some tidepools on the 10K portion. Elevation gain and loss is about 50 feet.

Camping and Restroom Information:

There is a National Park campground (Mora) in the area. Inquire before going if you intend to camp there. There are resorts in the area and motels in Forks. Restrooms are available at the Mora trailhead parking lot.

Safety and Ocean Tide Information:

Hike this event on an outgoing or low tide. It is recommended that you wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Take trekking poles (for balance) for crossing Ellen Creek (if you cross the creek on a walk log) and for hiking the 10K north of Hole-in-the-Wall because you hike on bedrock and cobble that might be slippery if the rocks are wet or if they have any algae or seaweed growing on them. On the 10K, there may be some rock/boulder areas to hike through at the first headland.

You can hike the 5K on the sand beach to Hole-in-the-Wall at any tide level but to walk through Hole-in-the-Wall, the tide must be less than +5 feet in height. If 5 feet or higher, passage is blocked by the ocean. As a poor alternative, there is a short, steep, rocky climb and descend trail over Hole-in-the-Wall if it is blocked by tide. Hiking through the rock is much more fun than climbing over the rock. If you do the 10K, check tide tables before going as you must plan for and hike the 10K portion north of Hole-in-the-Wall on an outgoing or low tide. You want to hike the 10K when the tide is low because the beach is easier to walk on when the tide is out versus when it is covering most of the beach. There is much more to see on the beach when the tide is low including tidepools. NOAA Tide Tables for La Push are used for this area.

Supplemental Information Words to the Wise:

The beach portion of this hike consists of bedrock, sand, cobble, rocks and boulders. The sandy portions are south of Hole-in-the-Rick for the most part. The beach portion north of Hole-in-the-Rock consists mainly of flat bedrock, loose cobble, small rocks and even some boulders at the first headland that must be walked through. The best time to hike the coastline portion is when the tides are very low. The farther out the tide is when hiking on the beach, the more flat bedrock, hard sand and small cobble rocks are exposed which makes for an easier hike. Plan extra time for your hike as your progress will be somewhat slower than a normal walking pace.

This hike is exposed to the weather elements. The weather can change from warm and sunny to foggy or windy and cool very quickly, so plan accordingly. Don't leave any valuables in your car.

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911 works in the parking lot but may not work on parts of this hike.
If an emergency, call 911 or contact rangers at the Mora Ranger Station

5K and 10K start the same. Read and heed the Safety information before starting this hike.

1. Facing the restrooms in the paved parking lot, turn **LEFT** on the asphalt trail and follow it into the trees. You will pass a kiosk on your left. The trail will turn to sand and gravel in the trees.
2. The trail will end. Pick your way through the beach logs to the beach and turn **RIGHT** (north) on the beach. Ocean will be on your left.
3. At 1 1/4K, you will **CROSS** Ellen Creek. *At maximum flow, the creek is little more than ankle or shin deep. Usually there is a log that someone has put in the creek for a dry crossing or if the tide is low, you can ford the creek on the flat portion of the beach where the creek spreads out and is less than shoe top high.*
4. At 2 1/2K, you will pass through the Hole-in-the-Wall rock (*unmarked but obvious*). *Be careful as some of the rocks may be slippery when wet or if they have algae growing on them.*

5K hikers turn AROUND here and return south on the beach to the trail and the parking lot.

10K hikers continue STRAIGHT (north).

5. **CONTINUE** on the beach past the first unnamed headland to the second headland that has the small island just off the coast from the headland. At low tide, the small island is connected to the headland by a sand/rock spit.
6. Turn **AROUND** at the second headland and retrace your steps back down the beach (south) thru Hole-in-the-Wall to the trail and back to the parking lot.

We hope you enjoyed your hike on the NW Washington coast. POC: jblazek1@gmail.com

The hike directions and map may only be used in conjunction with a signed AVA athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

Be sure to log back into the OSB system (my.ava.org) to finish/complete your online registration after doing the hike. The OSB system does not deduct any hiking fee from a hiker's event bank until they have submitted hike completion info the date the event was hiked, the distance hiked, and the selection of applicable special programs that hiker 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 hiker's Event Bank when he/she submits the hike completion info as a paying for credit hiker.) The \$2 "coupon" for the downloaded pdf expires in 60 days.

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