

Shi Shi Beach - Point of the Arches Forest and Ocean Beach Hike
Seasonal Hikes - 10K and 14K Events - Y3322
Evergreen State Volkssport Association - In Clallam County, WA - Rated 2C

This on-line packet contains the following 4 pages of information:

1. This Table of Contents page including Driving Directions to the museum and trailhead (1 page).
2. Safety and other Important information (1 page).
3. Hike Directions for both 10K and 14K events (1 page).
4. A map for both the 10K and 14K events (1 page).

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Driving Directions to the Makah Indian Nation Museum in Neah Bay, WA.
(to purchase a recreation pass) N 48.22' 05.96" W 124.35' 57.95"

From Port Angeles, Drive west on US 101. Turn RIGHT (west) on SR 112 toward Sekui and Neah Bay. Continue on SR 112 through Clallam Bay and Sekiu to Neah Bay. Just as you enter Neah Bay, turn LEFT on Museum Road to the Makah Indian Nation Museum parking lot to purchase a \$20 Makah Nation recreational use pass. The pass is **required** (for vehicles) to park in the Shi Shi Trailhead and other recreational areas on the Makah Reservation. It is good for the calendar year it is purchased. Other purchase locations are: Pat's Place, Harmony Seafoods, Makah Mini-Mart, the Makah Tribal Center - Financial Services, and Hobuck Beach Resort though the museum is the easiest to find.

Driving Directions from the museum to the Shi Shi Trailhead day use parking lot. Follow the directions closely or you may get lost. You are heading toward and will drive almost to the Makah Nat'l Fish Hatchery. The trailhead parking lot is on Makah Indian Reservation land.
N 48.17' 37.27" W 124.39' 55.15".

1. Leave the museum and **turn LEFT** on Hwy 112/Bayview Ave to drive through Neah Bay along the water.
2. At the far end of town the main road **turns LEFT** and becomes Fort Street.
3. Drive 2 blocks on Fort Street and the main arterial **turns RIGHT** on 3rd Ave.
4. In just over one block, the arterial **turns LEFT** toward the Makah Nat'l Fish Hatchery.
5. In 2 1/2 miles, **turn LEFT** on Hobuck Road. Cross Waatch Creek.
6. Just beyond the bridge is a 4 way junction (unsigned). Stay on the middle road (Hobuck Rd) that **angles RIGHT**. Don't turn right on the road with signs to Hobuck Campground.
7. Drive 2/3 mile and **angle RIGHT** at the next "Y" onto Fam Camp Rd - unsigned with sign pointing toward Makah Fish Hatchery. Road that goes straight is gravel.
8. Drive 0.3 miles and **angle LEFT** on Makah Passage Road. You are now along the ocean.
9. Drive 3/4 mile and **angle RIGHT** at the "Y" on Tsoo-Yess Beach Road toward the fish hatchery. Makah Passage Road that goes straight ahead is gravel.
10. In 3/4 mile, you will **CROSS** the Sooes River Bridge.
11. In 1 3/4 miles is a small clearing with a double wide trailer on the left. This is where you would pay and park if you are going to camp overnight on the beach. At 2 miles, the Tsoo-Yess Beach Road **turns LEFT** and becomes the Hatchery Road.
12. In 1/4 mile, **turn RIGHT** into the Shi Shi Trail Day Use gravel parking lot. If you get to the fish hatchery, you have gone too far.

There are permanent vault toilets in the parking lot. The hiking trail begins to the left of the kiosk. Don't leave any valuables in your car.

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

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

Hike Description:

This is a forest trail and sandy beach hike. The 10K consists of hiking a little over 5K each way on a forest trail and old closed road through cedar and spruce forests to a sandy wilderness beach on a beautiful portion of the wild Northwest Washington coastline in Olympic National Park. There are rocky headlands at the north end of Shi Shi Beach and at the south end, there are sea stacks and small, rocky islands that stretch out into the ocean from the Point of the Arches that are well worth seeing.

There are two potentially difficult portions of the trail. One is the old overgrown road/trail that is not maintained in any way. The road/trail is easy to follow with some small ups and downs but is very muddy and wet in places that makes for very slow progress on some parts of the trail. Figure extra time for getting around the wet,swampy spots. The other is the fairly steep (but well-maintained) portion of the trail that switchbacks from the bluff down to the beach (about 250 feet elevation change).10K hikers turn around at the beach and climb back up the switchbacks and return on the forested trail system to the trailhead while 14K hikers continue south about 2K on the flat, sandy beach to the Point of the Arches and then turn around and return the way they came.

The trailhead is on the Makah Indian Reservation. At about the 3K mark along the old road/trail, you cross into Olympic Nat'l Park.

Places to Stay and Restroom Information:

There are vault toilets at the trailhead. There are private resorts on the Makah Reservation and motels in Neah Bay, Sekui and Clallam Bay.

Safety and Ocean Tide Information:

Recommend that you wear sturdy high-top type shoes or hiking boots. Take trekking poles for balance as you might need them on some of the wet, muddy portions of the old road/trail. Hiking boots are better for these portions of the trail.

You can hike the forest part of this event at any time of the day. The beach portion can be inaccessible when the tide is high or when there are storms along the coast. The beach should be hiked on a low or outgoing tide because it is much more scenic and enjoyable then and more of the seastacks and rock formations at Point of the Arches are accessible when the tide is out. Also, you don't want to get trapped by an incoming tide. Note that rocks can be slippery if wet or if they have algae or seaweed growing on them. NOAA Tide Tables for Neah Bay are used for this area.

Supplemental Information Words to the Wise:

Shi Shi Beach is directly exposed to the weather on the coast. Here, the weather can change very quickly from warm and sunny to foggy or windy and cool, so plan accordingly. Check the weather forecast for Neah Bay before you go. Don't leave any valuables in your car.

If there are any issues with the information, maps or directions provided for this event, please email joemblazek1@gmail.com. Thank you.

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911 probably does not work on this beach hike

If an emergency, contact someone at the Fish Hatchery or Tribal Police in Neah Bay

10K and 14K start the same. Do #1 - #4.

1. The fairly well-maintained hiking trail starts just to the **LEFT** of the parking lot kiosk.
2. In about 1K, the hiking trail transitions from the trail to an old unmaintained road.
CONTINUE on the old road that is now the trail. It is easy to follow but is muddy and wet in many places.
3. In about 3K, you will be close enough to the edge of the bluff to have some views of the ocean through the trees and you will cross into Olympic National Park (unsigned).
4. In 5K at an Oly NP sign on a tree and an interpretative board, the trail descends steeply with switchbacks down to Shi Shi Beach.
NOTE where the trail comes down to the beach as you will need to find the trail to return back the way you came to the trailhead.

10K hikers do #5. 14K hikers do #6 - #9.

10K hikers

5. After taking in the great views from the beach, turn **AROUND** and ascend the switchbacks to the top of the bluff. Continue back on the old road/trail to the parking lot and your vehicle.

14K hikers

6. Turn **LEFT** (south) on the beach.
7. **CONTINUE** on Shi Shi Beach to the Point of the Arches. *The Point has the line of seastacks and small islands extending northwest from the Point out into the ocean. There are tidepools in the area just south of the Point.*
8. Turn **AROUND** and retrace your steps back (north) on the beach to the switchback trail.
9. Turn **RIGHT** and ascend the switchback trail to the top of the bluff. **CONTINUE** back on the old road and trail to the parking lot and your vehicle.

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

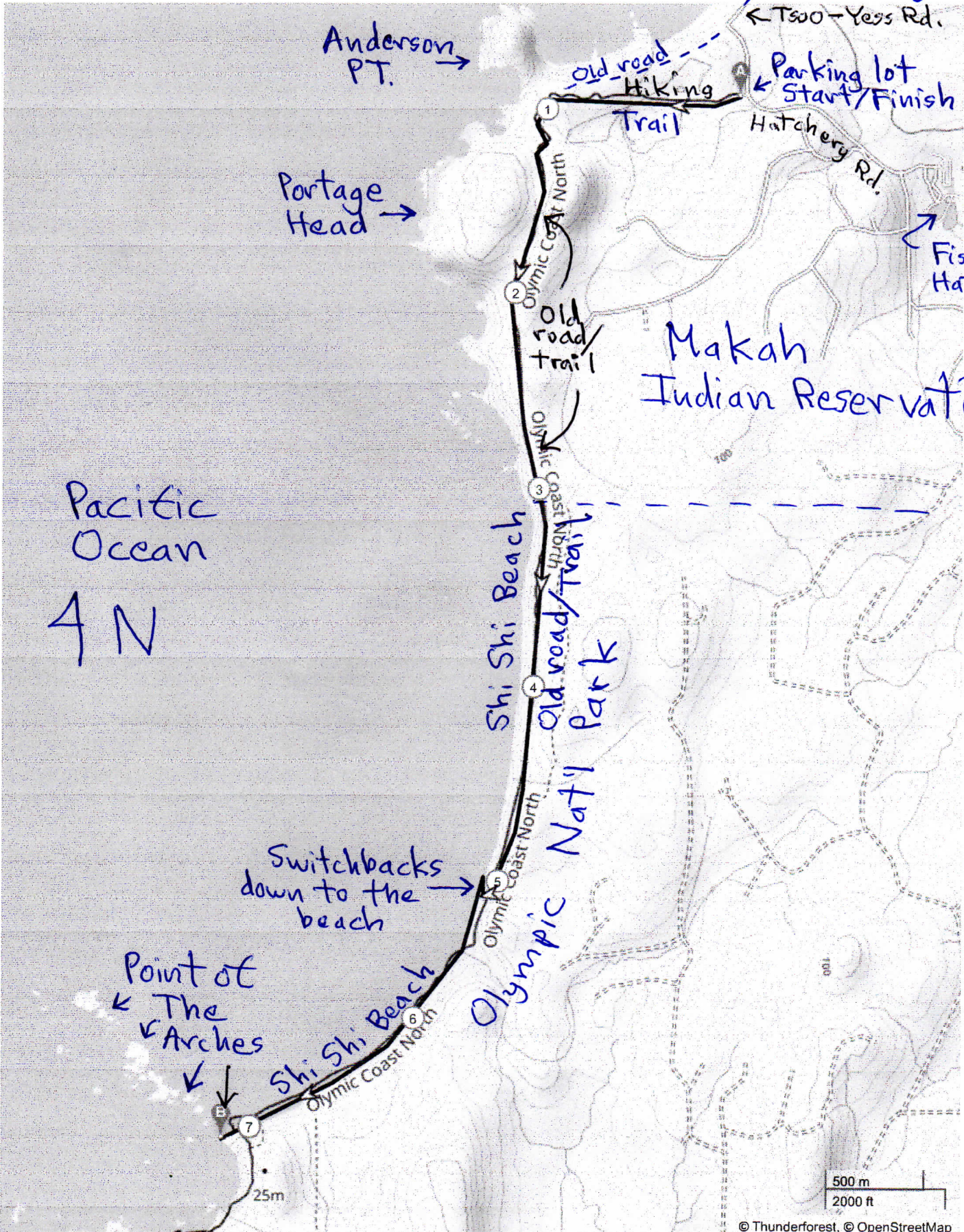
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The hike directions and map may only be used in conjunction with a signed AVA athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

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 including 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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Shi Shi Beach/Point Of The Arches



Road to Neah Bay
← Tsou-Yess Rd.

Anderson PT. →

Parking lot Start/Finish
← Hatchery Rd.

Portage Head →

Fish Hatchery →

Makah Indian Reservation

Pacific Ocean

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Shi Shi Beach
Olympic Coast North
Olympic Nat'l Park

Switchbacks down to the beach →

Point of The Arches
←

Shi Shi Beach
Olympic Coast North

