



## Lacey – Wild and Woodsy in WA – Five Friendly Parks

YRE# 3387

**Distances: 5K, 11K**

**Difficulty Rating: 1C**

This walk starts at the Friendly Grove Park, and it takes you along peaceful city streets through beautiful, park-like neighborhoods. The 11K walk goes through the abandoned Rhododendron Garden which the city of Olympia has turned into a park. After you leave the rhododendrons, you walk through Priest Point Park. This park is loaded with old-growth trees! Additionally, be sure to stop in and admire the rose garden along the way. The 10K walk then takes you down more shaded city streets to your fourth and fifth parks – Mission Creek Nature Park and Bigelow Park. The 5K walk leaves Friendly Grove Park and goes to Mission Creek Nature Park. Both of the walks are rated 1C because of grass/dirt paths and exposed tree roots.

### Walk Registration

Register 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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**WILDAND WOODSY – FIVE  
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Event related Assistance:  
Pam Greig-Davis 360-790-9733

**Distance:** 5K  
**Difficulty level:** 1C  
**ESVA Challenges:** 39 Counties (Thurston); On the Road Again; Strolling Along the River  
**AVA Challenges:** Walking the United States States/Capitals; Walking the USA A-Z; Par for the Course  
**Start Point:** Friendly Grove Park Parking Lot at 2316 Friendly Grove Rd NE, Olympia, WA  
Lat: 47.0659, Lng: -122.8699.

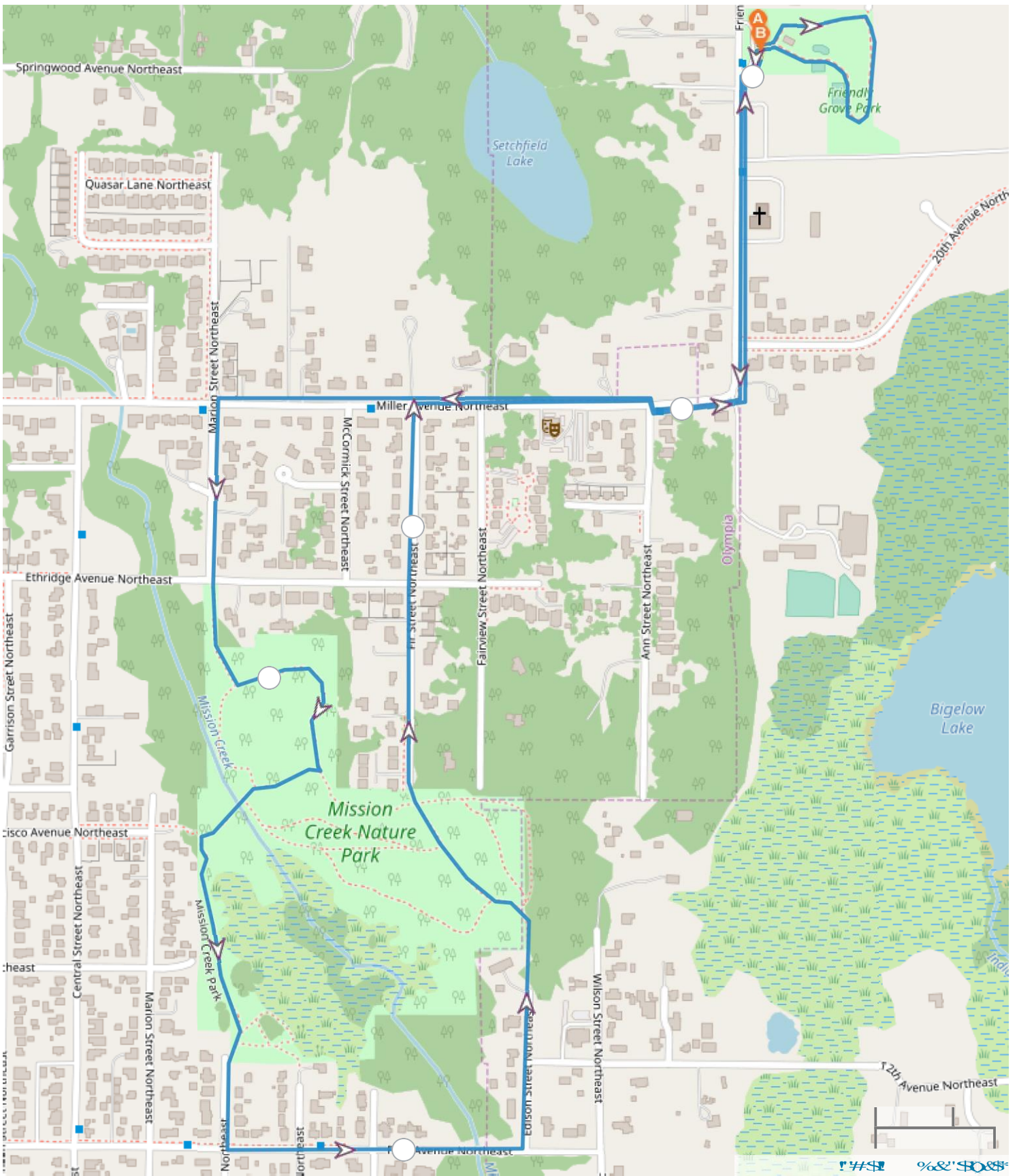
**Driving Directions:** I-5 take exit #107 for Pacific Ave. Southbound turn right/northbound turn left onto Pacific Ave SE. Turn right onto Phoenix St SE. Turn right onto S Bay Rd NE. Turn left onto 26<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. Turn left onto Friendly Grove Rd NE. Turn left into parking lot.

**Note:** If the parking lot is full, follow the signs for overflow parking at the Peace Lutheran Brethren Church, 2242 Friendly Grove Rd NE (not permitted Sunday mornings). Start your walk here by walking back to Friendly Grove Rd and turning **RIGHT**. **RIGHT** on the paved path just before the vehicle entrance to Friendly Grove Park.

1. **ENTER** the park through the gap in the fence.
2. **LEFT** on first paved path just before bathrooms. Circle the park clockwise.
3. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** back to parking lot.
4. **LEFT** at parking lot on paved path to exit park.
5. **LEFT** on unmarked Friendly Grove Rd, which curves **RIGHT** to become Miller Ave.
6. **RIGHT** using the marked crosswalk to cross Miller Ave. **LEFT** to continue on Miller Ave,
7. **LEFT** on Marion St.
8. At end of street, **BEAR SLIGHTLY LEFT** into Mission Creek Nature Park (to the right of the kiosk and between the chain link fences).
9. **RIGHT** at T. Stay on main trail (ignore smaller trails).
10. **RIGHT** at the next path T and keep **RIGHT** at the next trail Y intersection.
11. **LEFT** on path after boardwalk bridge onto another boardwalk bridge.
12. Exit park and **LEFT** on unmarked Lybarger St.
13. **LEFT** on Pine Ave.
14. **LEFT** on Edison St.
15. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** into Mission Creek Nature Park.
16. Stay on wider path (ignore smaller trails).
17. **STRAIGHT** on path towards street and exit park through metal posts on unmarked Fir St.
18. At stop sign, **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on Miller Ave.
19. **RIGHT** using the marked crosswalk to cross Miller Ave. **LEFT** to continue on Miller Ave, which curves left to become Friendly Grove Rd.
20. **RIGHT** to return to your vehicle.

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5. **LEFT** on unmarked Friendly Grove Rd, which curves **RIGHT** to become Miller Ave.
6. **RIGHT** using the marked crosswalk to cross Miller Ave. **LEFT** to continue on Miller Ave.
7. At stop sign, **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on Bethel St.
8. At Springwood Ave (which is only on right side of the street), carefully cross Bethel St and continue on Springwood Ave.
9. Just past the yellow fire hydrant (on right), **LEFT** around the gate.
10. **LEFT** on first gravel path (before the shed).
11. **RIGHT** at Y.
12. **CONTINUE LEFT/STRAIGHT** at next Y.
13. **RIGHT** at Y. Pass a kiosk and exit the park.
14. **RIGHT** on unmarked Springwood Ave.
15. At stop sign, **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on Bethel St.
16. At stop sign, **LEFT** on 26th Ave, walking on the left side on a paved bike path/sidewalk.
17. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** on 26th Ave when the main road appears to curve right. Walk straight past the green St sign that says “Springer Ln NE”.
18. When the road ends at a chain-link fence, **ANGLE LEFT** on dirt path.
19. **RIGHT** on paved park road. **Important: Please stop and look around carefully. Note your position compared to the metal gate and the large tree where the dirt path ended. You will return through that gate to the dirt path you just walked on.**
20. **LEFT** on the path at crosswalk by Restroom #1.

21. View the Rose Garden, then return on the path and walk to Restroom #1.
22. **RIGHT** at Restroom #1
23. **LEFT** on the gravel path just past Restroom #1.
24. **RIGHT** at each trail Y.
25. **RIGHT** at T on wide gravel service road.
26. Walk around the metal gate and **LEFT** on paved road.
27. There's a park debris area on your left. Just past the driveway with a chain hanging between posts, **LEFT** on dirt trail (**you came in here earlier**). Continue until trail ends at a road.
28. **RIGHT** onto unmarked 26th Ave (house #913 on right).
29. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** on 26th Ave past stop sign. Move right to the paved bike path/sidewalk.
30. **RIGHT** on Bethel St (use right side sidewalk since the left side sidewalk ends shortly).
31. **LEFT** on Miller Ave.
32. **RIGHT** on Marion St.
33. At end of street, **BEAR SLIGHTLY LEFT** into Mission Creek Nature Park (to the right of the kiosk and between the chain link fences).
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37. Exit park and **LEFT** on unmarked Lybarger St.
38. **RIGHT** on Pine Ave.
39. **LEFT** on Bethel St.
40. Continue **STRAIGHT** on the grass through Bigelow Park (bathrooms) to unmarked Bigelow Ave.
41. **LEFT** on Bigelow Ave.
42. **LEFT** on Fir St to stop sign.
43. At Yew Ave **SLIGHT LEFT, THEN RIGHT** to continue on Fir St.
44. **RIGHT** at stop sign on Pine Ave.
45. **LEFT** on Edison St.
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which curves left to become Friendly Grove Rd. 51. **RIGHT** to return to your vehicle.

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## AVA/ESVA SPECIAL CHALLENGE PROGRAMS 2024

| WALK NAME /NUMBER – Five Friendly Parks /#3387 |                 |                               |                      |                    |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS                          |                 |                               |                      |                    |
| STROLLING ALONG THE RIVER<br>[2023-2025]       | YES             |                               |                      |                    |
| ON THE ROAD AGAIN<br>[2022-2024]               | YES             |                               |                      |                    |
| FRONTLINE HEROES<br>[2021-2023]                | MEDICAL CENTERS | DELIVERY SERVICES             | SUSTENANCE PROVIDERS | ESSENTIAL SERVICES |
| COUNTIES (ONGOING)                             | THURSTON        |                               |                      |                    |
| THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT<br>[2024-2026]            | CULTURAL        | FAIRS<br>FESTIVALS<br>ARCADES | CRAFTS/HOBBIES       | SPORTS VENUES      |
| AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS                           |                 |                               |                      |                    |
| 50 STATES/51 CAPITALS                          | [ONGOING]       | WASHINGTON                    |                      |                    |
| A-Z (Walking the US A-Z)                       | [ONGOING]       | OLYMPIA or LACEY              |                      |                    |
| A-MAZ-ING LABYRINTHS                           | [2024-2026]     |                               |                      |                    |
| BORDER CROSSING                                | [2014-2023]     |                               |                      |                    |
| GREAT LAKES                                    | [2021-2024]     |                               |                      |                    |
| LIGHTHOUSES II                                 | [2023-2025]     |                               |                      |                    |
| PAR FOR THE COURSE                             | [2023-2025]     | YES                           |                      |                    |
| RAILS TO TRAILS                                | [2022-2025]     |                               |                      |                    |
| STEP TO THE BEAT                               | [2024-2026]     |                               |                      |                    |
| TOWN HALL/CITY HALL                            | [2020-2024]     |                               |                      |                    |
| WALKING WITH AMERICAN VETERANS                 | [2021-2024]     |                               |                      |                    |
|  |                 |                               |                      |                    |