



## Lacey – Wild and Woodsy in WA – Here a Park, There a Park

YRE# 3391

**Distances: 6K, 11K**

**Difficulty Rating: 1A (6K), 1B (11K)**

This walk starts at the lovely Rainier Vista Community Park, and it takes you along peaceful city streets through beautiful, park-like neighborhoods. The walk also goes through the Wonderwood Park which is an old-growth park that boasts many gigantic and interesting trees. As you walk through Wonderwood Park, be on the look-out for hidden treasures amongst the wooded areas. There is a large group of rock-painters (Lacey Rocks) who hide their artistic masterpieces like Easter eggs in these woods. You're apt to find one if you look! The 5K then takes you back along city streets to the start point. After leaving Wonderwood Park, the 11K takes you to the Chambers Lake Nature Area. Stroll along the bark path that was created by an Eagle Scout as it takes you around the perimeter of this gorgeous wet-land area. After going through this lovely setting, the walk continues onto the paved Chehalis Western Trail for approximately 2K and returns you back to the start point after a tour of Rainier Vista Park. Look for the breath-taking views of Mount Rainier as you re-enter the park!

### 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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Event related Assistance:  
Pam Greig-Davis 360-790-9733

**Distance:** 6K  
**Difficulty level:** 1A  
**ESVA Challenges:** 39 Counties (Thurston); On the Road Again  
**AVA Challenges:** United States States/Capitals; Walking the USA A-Z; Walking With America's Vets, Par For the Course, That's Entertainment  
**Start Point:** Rainier Vista Community Park Parking Lot, at the covered picnic area next to the playground at: 5475 45th Ave SE, Lacey, WA  
Lat: 47.0047, Lng: -122.8128.

**Driving Directions from the north:** I-5 south take exit #109 toward Martin Way/College St./Sleater-Kinney Rd N. Turn right onto Martin Way E. Use the left two lanes to turn left onto College St. SE. At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on College Street SE. At the next traffic circle, take the 3<sup>rd</sup> exit onto 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Turn right into the park.

**Driving Directions from the south:** I-5 north take exit #108 for Sleater-Kinney Road toward College St. Keep left at the fork, and follow signs for College St. Keep left at the next fork, and follow signs for College St. Continue onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SE. Turn right onto College St. SE. Use the left two lanes to turn left onto Lacey Blvd. SE. Turn right onto Ruddell Rd. SE. Turn left into park.

1. With your back to the playground, **STRAIGHT** on the sidewalk, exit the park passing the soccer field, toward the stop sign.
2. **RIGHT** on 45th Ave. to the stop sign.
3. **LEFT** on Ruddell Rd. to the traffic signal.
4. **CROSS** and **LEFT** on Mullen Rd.
5. At the Bike Lane sign on the street, **BEAR RIGHT** on a sidewalk that goes downhill and through a gap in the fence.
6. **LEFT** on Sidney St (unmarked).
7. Cross Craney Ct (1K) and **LEFT** on next street (unmarked 39th Ave)
8. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** at the next cross street. This is now Koala St.
9. Stop at the corner with a stop sign (Ruddell Rd). The building across Ruddell Rd is the American Legion state headquarters (Walking with America's Veterans Challenge).
10. **SHARP LEFT** on a curvy a sidewalk uphill between trees (don't walk on Ruddell Rd).
11. At the first street, **RIGHT** around the circular end of 37th Ave.
12. **RIGHT** on Silver Maple Ct.
13. **RIGHT** on a curvy sidewalk at the end of Silver Maple Ct. (near the mailboxes). (2K)
14. **LEFT** on Ruddell Loop (unmarked).
15. **LEFT** on Ruddell Rd.
16. **LEFT** on Brentwood Dr (the second street). The Brentwood Dr street sign can be difficult to see because it's covered by the tree.
17. **LEFT** on the first road (entrance to Wonderwood Park). Walk on the right side and on

the asphalt sidewalk at the park gate.

18. **KEEP LEFT** at the first Y (Wonderwood Park sign).

19. Follow the sidewalk as it turns away from the road, goes along the parking lot and between the baseball fields to a restroom building.

20. **BEAR LEFT** to pass the restrooms.

21. **KEEP RIGHT** at the Y.

22. **LEFT** at the T. (3K)

23. **BEAR LEFT** and **CAREFULLY CROSS** the parking lot. Exit the park and walk on Stikes Dr.

24. **LEFT** on Mullen Rd.

25. **RIGHT** and **CAREFULLY CROSS** Mullen Rd at the crosswalk just before Park Place Loop (which is only on the right side).

26. **BEAR LEFT** then **STRAIGHT** on Park Place Loop.

27. **RIGHT** at the T (also Park Place Loop).

28. **CROSS** 43rd Ave.

29. **RIGHT** at next street (Park Place Loop) to exit this neighborhood.

30. **RIGHT** on 45th Ave for about half a block.

31. **LEFT** on Parkside Dr.

32. **LEFT** on the first paved path.

33. **RIGHT** at the T.

34. **CONTINUE FORWARD** on this path as it curves left around the baseball field.

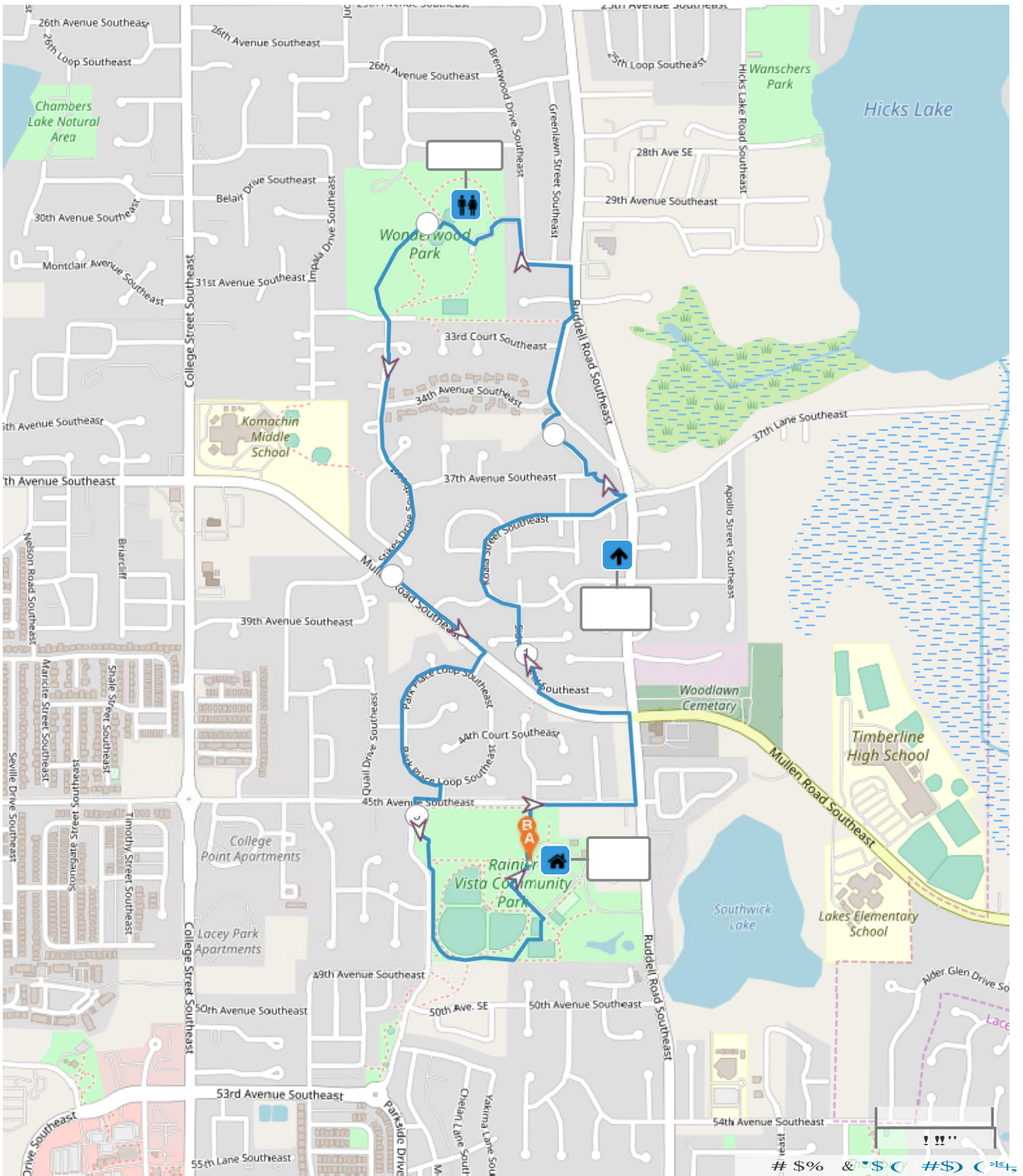
35. **LEFT** at the Y around the tennis courts.

36. **LEFT** on the next path (at the drinking fountain).

37. **LEFT** on next path. Return to start point.

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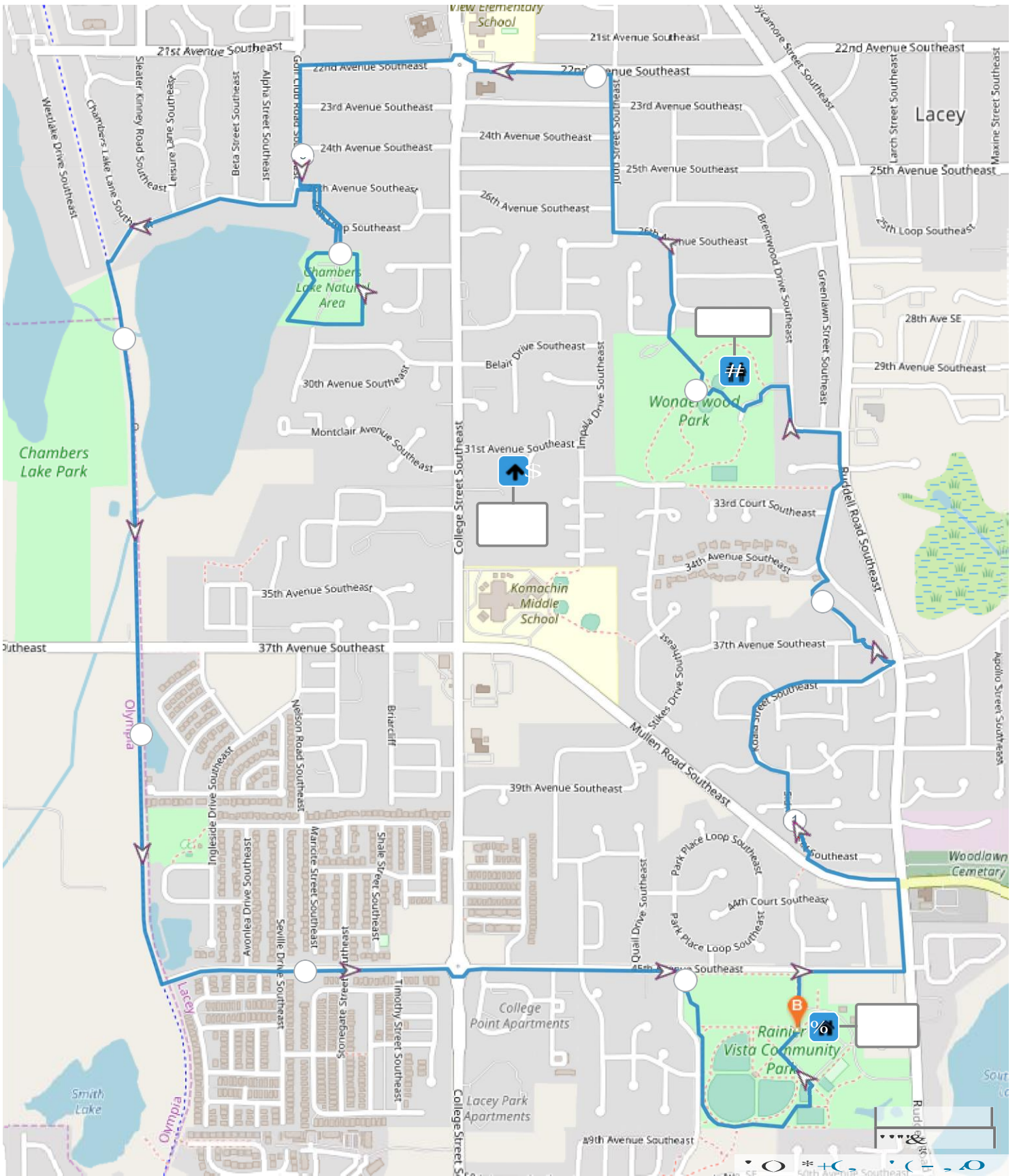
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23. **KEEP LEFT** at the next three intersections.
24. **BEAR RIGHT** on the park exit road.
25. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** on unmarked Sunset Dr. (cross street is Maple Hills Dr).
26. At the Y (28th Ave), **LEFT** on unmarked Sunset Dr. to the stop sign.
27. **LEFT** on 26th Ave.
28. **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on Judd St at the T.
29. **LEFT** on 22nd Ave (4K) to the roundabout.
30. **RIGHT** to cross 22nd Ave and then **BEAR LEFT** to the College St crosswalk.
31. **CAREFULLY CROSS** College St.
32. **CONTINUE** on 22nd Ave to its end.
33. **LEFT** on Golf Club Rd. (5K)
34. **LEFT** on 26th Ave.
35. **RIGHT** on 26th Loop.
36. **RIGHT** on Lakeside Dr.
37. **RIGHT** on bark trail.
38. **CROSS** asphalt path and **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** on gravel trail.
39. **LEFT** before yellow posts to stay in park.
40. **RIGHT** on asphalt path / Lakeside Dr.
41. **LEFT** at Y on 26th Loop (unmarked).
42. **LEFT** on 26th Ave.
43. **LEFT** on Golf Club Rd, which curves right to become Chambers Lake Dr.
44. Just before the gate in the road, **LEFT** on the sidewalk trail through the mini-park.
45. **LEFT** on paved trail (unmarked ChehalisWestern Trail).
46. **CAREFULLY CROSS** 37th Ave and continue on the paved trail. (8K)
47. **LEFT** on the paved trail/street (unmarked 45th Ave trailhead).
48. **CAREFULLY CROSS** College St and continue on 45th Ave. (9K)
49. **CROSS** and **RIGHT** on Parkside Dr. (10K)
50. **LEFT** on the first paved path.
51. **IMMEDIATE RIGHT** at the intersection.
52. **CONTINUE FORWARD** on this path. It will eventually curve left behind the baseball field.
53. **LEFT** at the Y just before the tennis courts.
54. **LEFT** on the next path (drinking fountain).

55. **LEFT** on next path. **RIGHT** to return to start.

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## AVA/ESVA SPECIAL CHALLENGE PROGRAMS 2024

<b>WALK NAME /NUMBER – Here a Park, There a Park / #3391</b>				
<b>ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
STROLLING ALONG THE RIVER [2023-2025]				
ON THE ROAD AGAIN [2022-2024]	<b>YES</b>			
FRONTLINE HEROES [2021-2023]	MEDICAL CENTERS	DELIVERY SERVICES	SUSTENANCE PROVIDERS	ESSENTIAL SERVICES
COUNTIES (ONGOING)	<b>THURSTON</b>			
THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT [2024-2026]	CULTURAL	FAIRS FESTIVALS ARCADES	CRAFTS/HOBBIES	SPORTS VENUES <b>YES</b>
<b>AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[ONGOING]	<b>WASHINGTON</b>		
A-Z (Walking the US A-Z)	[ONGOING]	<b>OLYMPIA or LACEY</b>		
A-MAZ-ING LABYRINTHS	[2024-2026]			
BORDER CROSSING	[2014-2023]			
GREAT LAKES	[2021-2024]			
LIGHTHOUSES II	[2023-2025]			
PAR FOR THE COURSE	[2023-2025]	<b>YES</b>		
RAILS TO TRAILS	[2022-2025]			
STEP TO THE BEAT	[2024-2026]			
TOWN HALL/CITY HALL	[2020-2024]			
WALKING WITH AMERICAN VETERANS	[2021-2024]	<b>YES</b>		