



**SQUAXIN PARK
(PRIEST POINT)
Y 3393**

Distance: 2 routes, one 5.6K and another 6K.

Difficulty Rating: 6K RATED 1B – A fairly level, pretty walk through the woods with views of Budd Inlet.

5.6K RATED 3C - Another pretty walk in the woods that starts off the first 2k the same as the above walk, but then diverts and includes several steep hills and stairs. Views of Olympia, the Capitol Building and Budd Inlet.

Walk in the woods and see the ferns of the City of Olympia’s Squaxin (Priest Point) Park. There are two routes, one is fairly level and rated 1B, and the other has several steep hills and steps and is rated 3C. Walking both of the routes will give you 11.6K. This walk takes you through the old-growth forest, into a beautiful rose garden, and down to the beach. This is a great walk!

Walk Registration

Registration takes place online using the AVA Online Start Box at 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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SQUAXIN PARK
Scenic Level Walk
Y 3393



Distance: 6K

Difficulty level: 1B

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; Walking with America's Veterans

Start Point: Squaxin Park Shelter #1/Rose Garden

2600 East Bay Drive NE, Olympia, WA.

Lat: 47.069435, Lng: -122.894455.

Driving Directions:

From I-5 to Squaxin Park: From Southbound I-5: Exit 105B Follow Plum St. SE northbound. Plum St. SE becomes East Bay Dr. NE. Follow East Bay Dr. NE to Squaxin Park entrance on the right. Right into the park to Picnic Shelter #1. Northbound I-5: Exit 105 onto Henderson Blvd SE. Left onto Plum St SE. Plum St. SE becomes East Bay Dr. NE. Follow East Bay Dr. NE to Squaxin Park. Right into the park to Picnic Shelter #1, the first shelter you see, across from the first parking spaces you come to. If these parking spaces are full, there is more parking to the left and right after the stop sign.

Miscellaneous: Restrooms available at start. Pets allowed on leash.

1. From Shelter #1 **RIGHT** through rose garden arbor to kiosks on the left.
2. **LEFT** to pass three kiosks.
3. **RIGHT** to follow main path to "T"
4. **LEFT** at "T" to cross bridge, and continue to paved road.
5. **CROSS** paved road to enter dirt path.
6. Continue forward ignoring side trails until it ends at paved road.
7. Turn **RIGHT** on road (about 200 feet) to metal gate on the right.
8. **RIGHT** to pass thru/around gate, follow main gravel road to "No Horses" sign, then to cement block garden material bins.
9. At cement block garden material bins go **LEFT** on the path, then keep to **RIGHT** at all main path intersections until you come to a 4- way intersection with a bench.
10. Turn **RIGHT** at 4-way intersection with a bench.
11. Turn **RIGHT** at "T" (hollow tree near intersection) and continue to East Bay Drive.
12. **CAREFULLY CROSS** East Bay Drive. ~2K
13. **RIGHT** following East Bay Drive sidewalk to Flora Vista Road.
14. **LEFT** on Flora Vista Road. Then immediate **LEFT** through parking lot to service road/trail
15. **CONTINUE** to the end of the service road and views of Budd Inlet.
16. **TURN AROUND** and take the service road.
17. Optional: At first sharp right, short walk to beach access. After visiting beach, return to service road.

18. **CONTINUE** on service road back through parking lot.
19. **RIGHT** on Flora Vista to East Bay Drive.
20. **RIGHT** on East Bay Drive to car entrance/exit from Squaxin Park.
21. **RIGHT** into park and through parking lot.
22. **LEFT** to follow road to cross bridge over East Bay Drive.

23. **RIGHT** to return to Shelter #1.

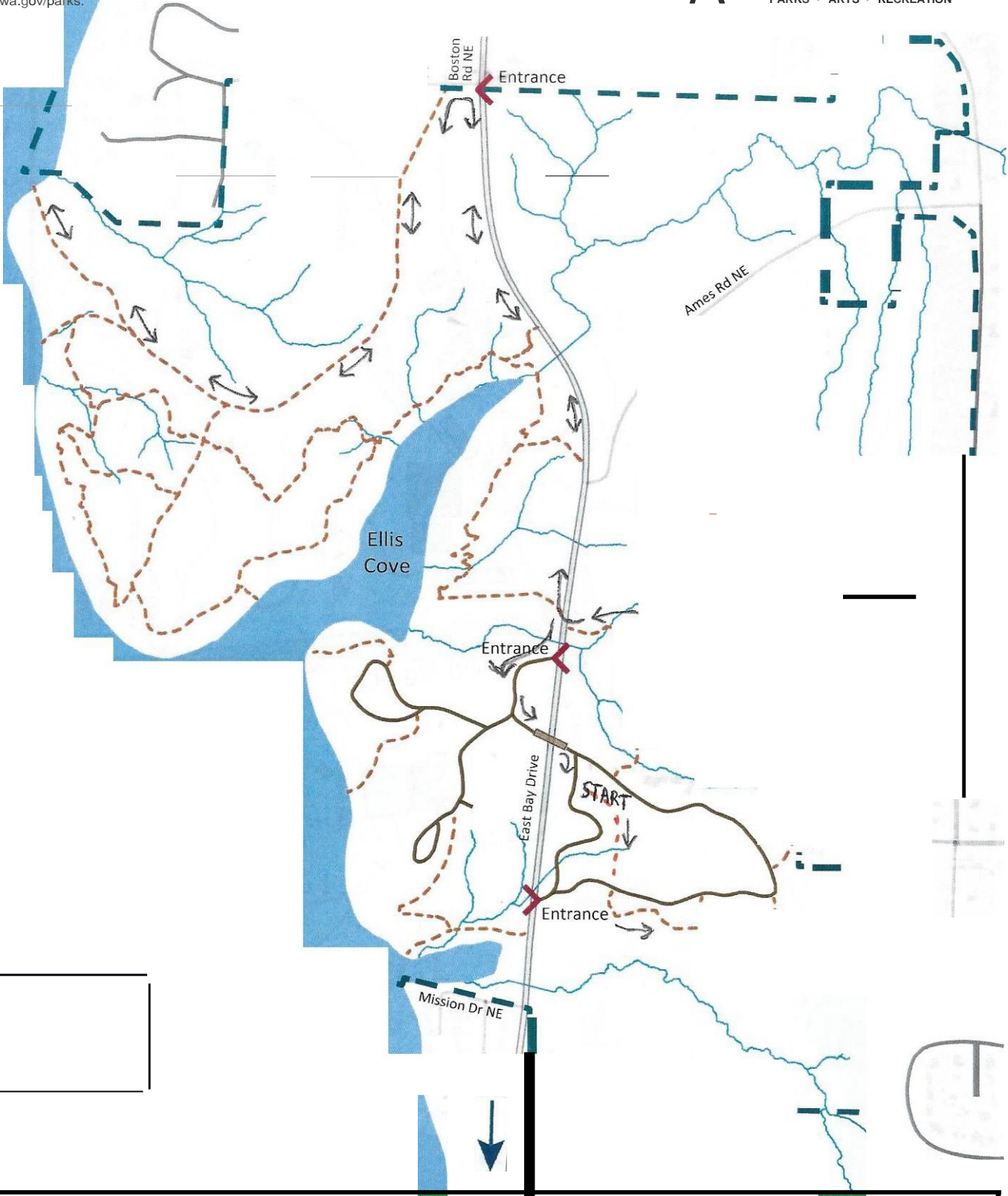
We hope you enjoyed your walk!

To exit park towards Olympia, follow “South Exit” signs.

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THIS MAP IS INTENDED FOR 8.5" X 11" PORTRAIT PRINTING.
Map produced by the City of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation
Department (9/2019).
For more information, call (360) 753-8380 or visit the website at
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SQUAXIN PARK Hills and Steps Scenic Walk Y 3393



Distance: 5.6 K

Difficulty level: 3C (some steep hills and steps; not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs).

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Miscellaneous: Restrooms available at start. Sturdy walking shoes recommended. Pets allowed on leash.

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2. **LEFT** to pass three kiosks.
3. **RIGHT** to follow main path to "T".
4. **LEFT** at "T" to cross bridge and continue to paved road.
5. **CROSS** paved road to enter dirt path.
6. Continue forward ignoring side trails until it ends at paved road.
7. Turn **RIGHT** on road (about 200 feet) to metal gate on the right.
8. **RIGHT** to pass thru/around gate, follow main gravel road to "No Horses" sign and cement block garden material bins.
9. At cement block garden material bins go **LEFT** on the path, keeping to **RIGHT** at all main path intersections until you come to a 4- way intersection with a bench.
10. Turn **RIGHT** at 4-way intersection with a bench to the next intersection.
11. Turn **RIGHT** at "T" (hollow tree near intersection) and continue to East Bay Drive.
12. **CAREFULLY CROSS** East Bay Drive. ~2K
13. **RIGHT** following East Bay Drive sidewalk past Ellis Cove Trail sign and past next trail on your left.
14. Just after you pass Ellis Creek (sign faces away from you), turn **LEFT** onto narrow path (Ellis Cove trail detour)
15. Stay **RIGHT** until 3-way intersection at top of steps.

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16. **RIGHT** at 3-way intersection to a 4-way intersection.
17. **CROSS** 4-way intersection, cross bridge #8 and #7, and continue to 3-way intersection with sign post on left. ~3K
18. Turn **LEFT** on Bluff Trail and continue up the hill (Do Not go straight ahead to boardwalk).
19. Keep **RIGHT** at first intersection to follow path along the bluff.
20. At next intersection keep **RIGHT** entering viewpoint with 2 benches and wooden pole guardrail fencing.
21. Exit viewpoint turning **RIGHT**.
22. Continue a short distance to next intersection and turn **RIGHT**. Proceed to a view through the trees of Olympia and the Capitol Building at another wooden pole guardrail fence.
23. **CONTINUE** along same path, keeping the water on your right, to an informational sign about the Ellis Cove estuary. ~4K
24. Just after the informational sign, go **LEFT** up steps, to a 3-way intersection.
25. At 3-way intersection go **RIGHT** and descend steps. Then follow path as it parallels Ellis Cove.
26. At "trail closed" sign take Ellis Cove Trail Detour to the **LEFT**.
27. Turn **RIGHT** on sidewalk at East Bay Drive to next trail on right.
28. **RIGHT** on first trail (Across from Ames Rd.)
29. **LEFT** at first intersection (Trail Closed sign on the right).
30. **LEFT** at "T" continuing switchbacks down, then climbing up a long set of stairs. ~5K
31. **RIGHT** on East Bay Drive to car entrance/exit from Squaxin Park.
32. **RIGHT** into park and through parking lot.
33. Follow road **LEFT** to cross bridge over East Bay Drive.
34. **RIGHT** to return to Shelter #1.

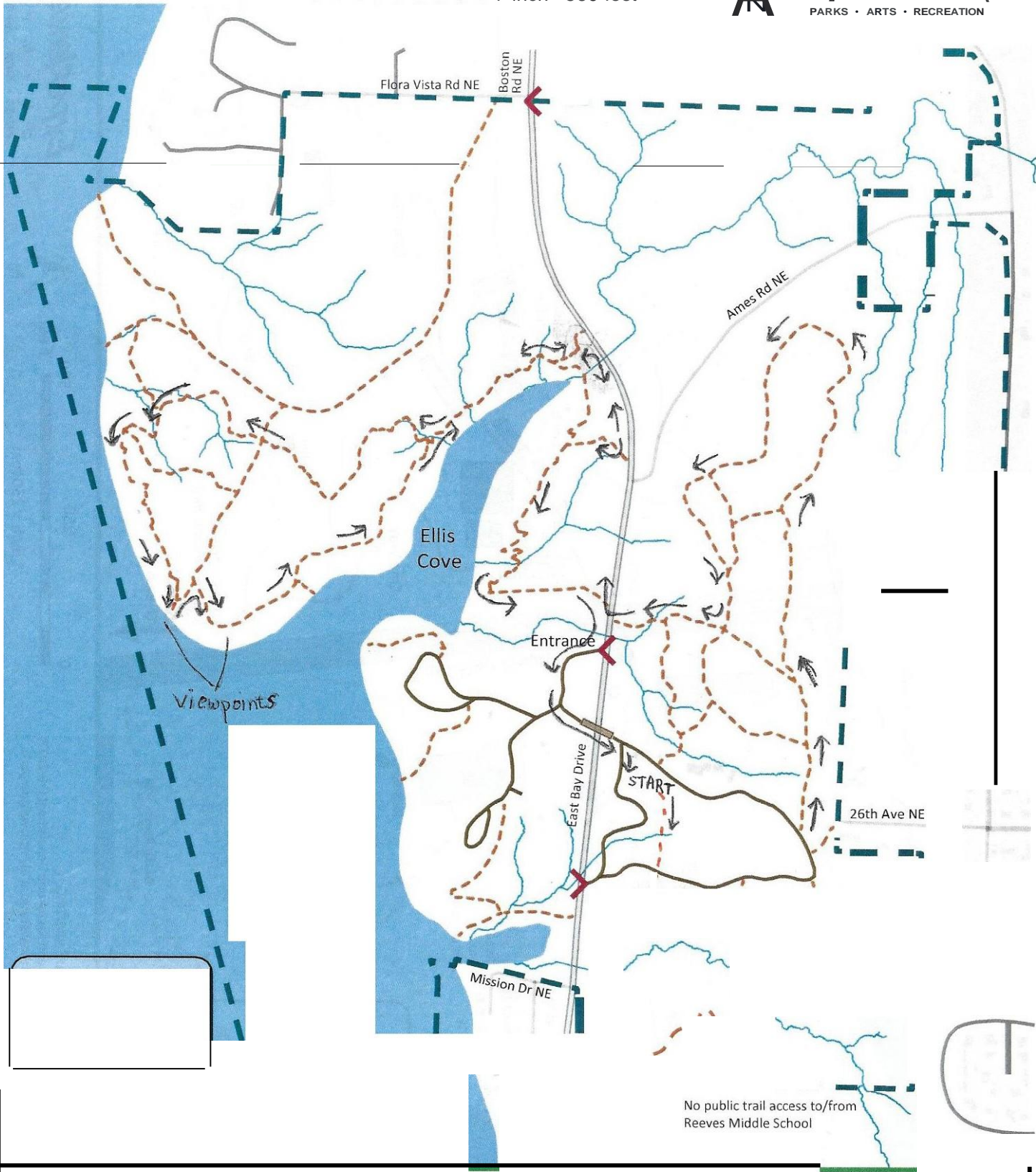
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AVA/ESVA SPECIAL CHALLENGE PROGRAMS 2024

WALK NAME /NUMBER – Squaxin (Priest Point)Park /#3393				
ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
STROLLING ALONG THE RIVER [2023-2025]	YES			
ON THE ROAD AGAIN [2022-2024]	YES			
FRONTLINE HEROES [2021-2023]	MEDICAL CENTERS	DELIVERY SERVICES	SUSTENANCE PROVIDERS	ESSENTIAL SERVICES
COUNTIES (ONGOING)	THURSTON			
THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT [2024-2026]	CULTURAL	FAIRS FESTIVALS ARCADES	CRAFTS/HOBBIES	SPORTS VENUES
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[ONGOING]	WASHINGTON		
A-Z (Walking the US A-Z)	[ONGOING]	OLYMPIA		
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]	YES		