



## UPPER BIG CREEK TRAIL HIKE Y 3394

**Distance:** 7K, 13K

**Difficulty Rating:** 7K RATED 2C  
13K RATED 3C

The Big Creek trail follows a winding route around the Big Creek drainage and up the lower slopes of Mount Ellinor with an elevation gain of 900 feet for the 7K route, or 1800 feet for the 13K route. The forested trail crosses cascading streams on sturdy bridges under the canopy of the Olympic National Forest. The 13K route includes the Mt. Ellinor Connector trail and climbs another 900 feet to a bench, a beautiful view of Lake Cushman below, and on a clear day, views of Mt. Rainier.

**Pets are allowed on leash** with owners responsible for cleanup. **Restrooms:** near the trailhead, but no facilities on the trail. There is also a public restroom in Hoodspport next to the Hoodspport Grocery, 24151N, US-101, Hoodspport, WA. It is on the left side of the road as you pass through Hoodspport.

### **Walk Registration**

Registration takes place 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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**AVA Challenges:** Walking the USA A-Z

**Start Point:**

Big Creek Trailhead & Campground, (address:  
Forest Service Road 24, Hoodspport, WA)

Lat: 47.49245724, Lng: -123.2102208

### **Driving directions:**

**From I-5 Southbound or Northbound:** Take exit 104  
for US 101 N toward Aberdeen/Port Angeles for 5.9  
miles. Take US 101 N exit toward Shelton/Port Angeles.  
Continue 29 miles on 101 N to Hoodspport. From  
Hoodspport, turn left onto SR 119/N Lake Cushman Rd.  
Drive a little more than nine miles where SR 119 'T's with  
and becomes SR119/FR 24. Turn left and travel 100  
yards. The entrance to Big Creek Campground & the Big  
Creek Trailhead is on the right side of the road.

**Parking:** Enter the Big Creek Campground and park in  
front of the closed gates to the campground, or park  
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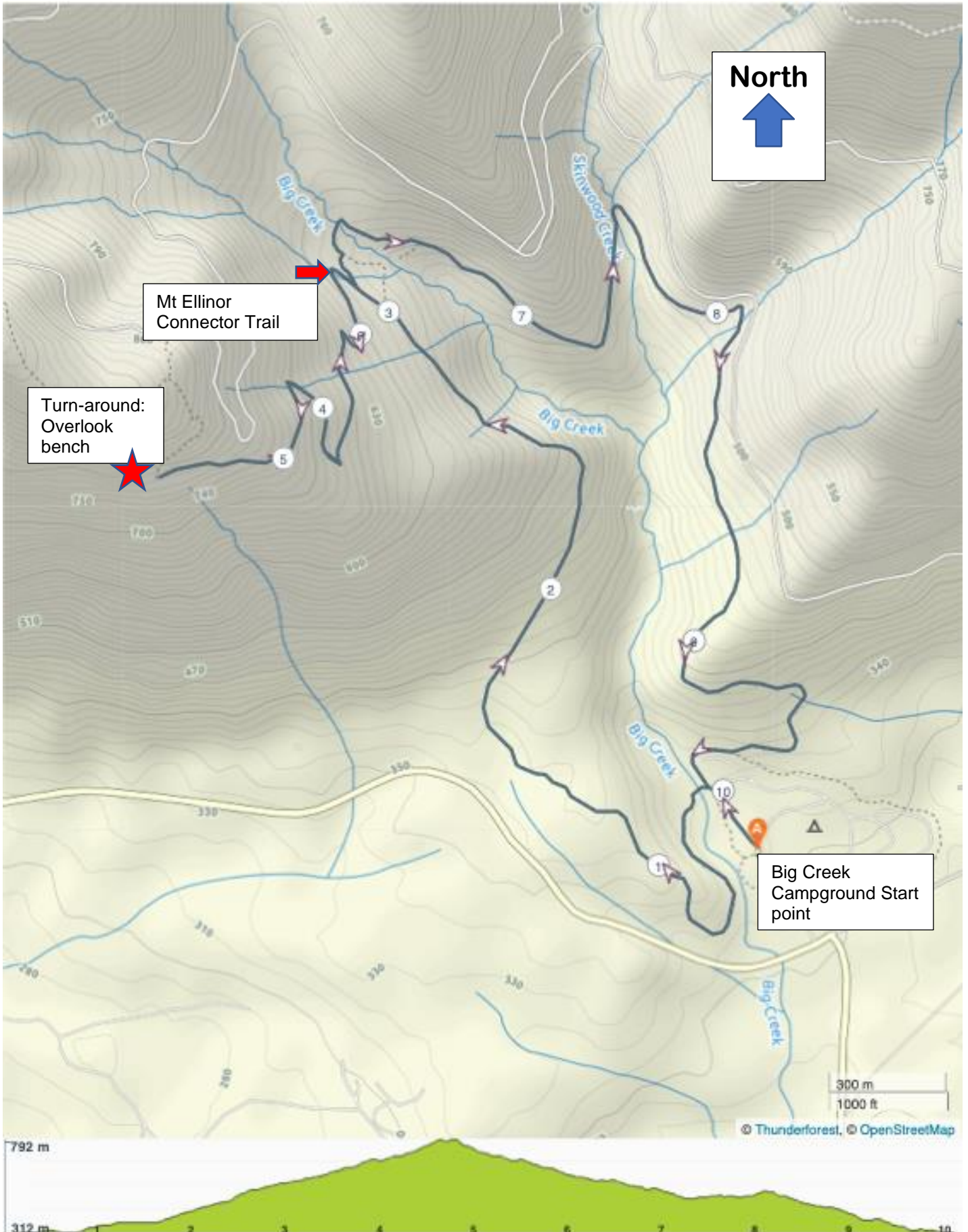
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the Big Creek Campground, walk approximately  
100 yards. **VEER RIGHT**, and start at the  
picnic shelter next to the day use parking area &  
pit toilet inside the Big Creek Campground.
2. **RIGHT** following the Upper Big Creek Loop  
Trail as it meanders along a flat, forested trail.  
**CROSS** Big Creek on a sturdy bridge.
3. Turn **LEFT** and follow the Upper Big Creek  
Loop Trail in a clockwise direction.
4. **CONTINUE** on the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail  
as it climbs approximately 900 feet.
5. **LEFT** on the Mt Ellinor Connector Trail at the  
trail intersection. (The Upper Big Creek Loop  
Trail continues straight and the Creek  
Confluence Trail veers right.)
6. **FOLLOW** the Mt Ellinor Connector Trail up  
and up.
7. Sharp **LEFT** at trail intersection going up two  
log steps. Look up on a tree for a sign pointing  
left to "View Pt" / "RLOOK".
8. **STRAIGHT** to the end of the trail where there is  
a nice bench and overlook to Lake Cushman  
below and views of Mt Rainier to the south on a  
clear day.
9. **TURN AROUND** and continue down trail to  
intersection.

10. Stay **RIGHT** and continue down the trail to the intersection with the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail.
11. **LEFT** on the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail.
12. **STRAIGHT** on the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail crossing North Branch Creek on a good bridge.
13. **STRAIGHT** crossing another good bridge spanning Big Creek above a gorgeous cascade.
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16. **STRAIGHT** on the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail crossing Skinwood Creek and No Name Creek. Look for views of Mt Ellinor and Mount Washington to your right through the trees.
17. **STRAIGHT** passing a junction with the Big Creek Campground Trail which loops around the Big Creek Campground.
18. **EXIT** the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail near the picnic shelter and day use parking area where you entered. **RIGHT** to the campground exit and SR 119.

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# Upper Big Creek Trail to Overlook 13K Map





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4. **CONTINUE** on the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail as it climbs approximately 900 feet.
5. **STRAIGHT** on the Upper Big Creek Loop Trail passing the Creek Confluence Trail on the right and the Mount Ellinor Connector Trail on the left.
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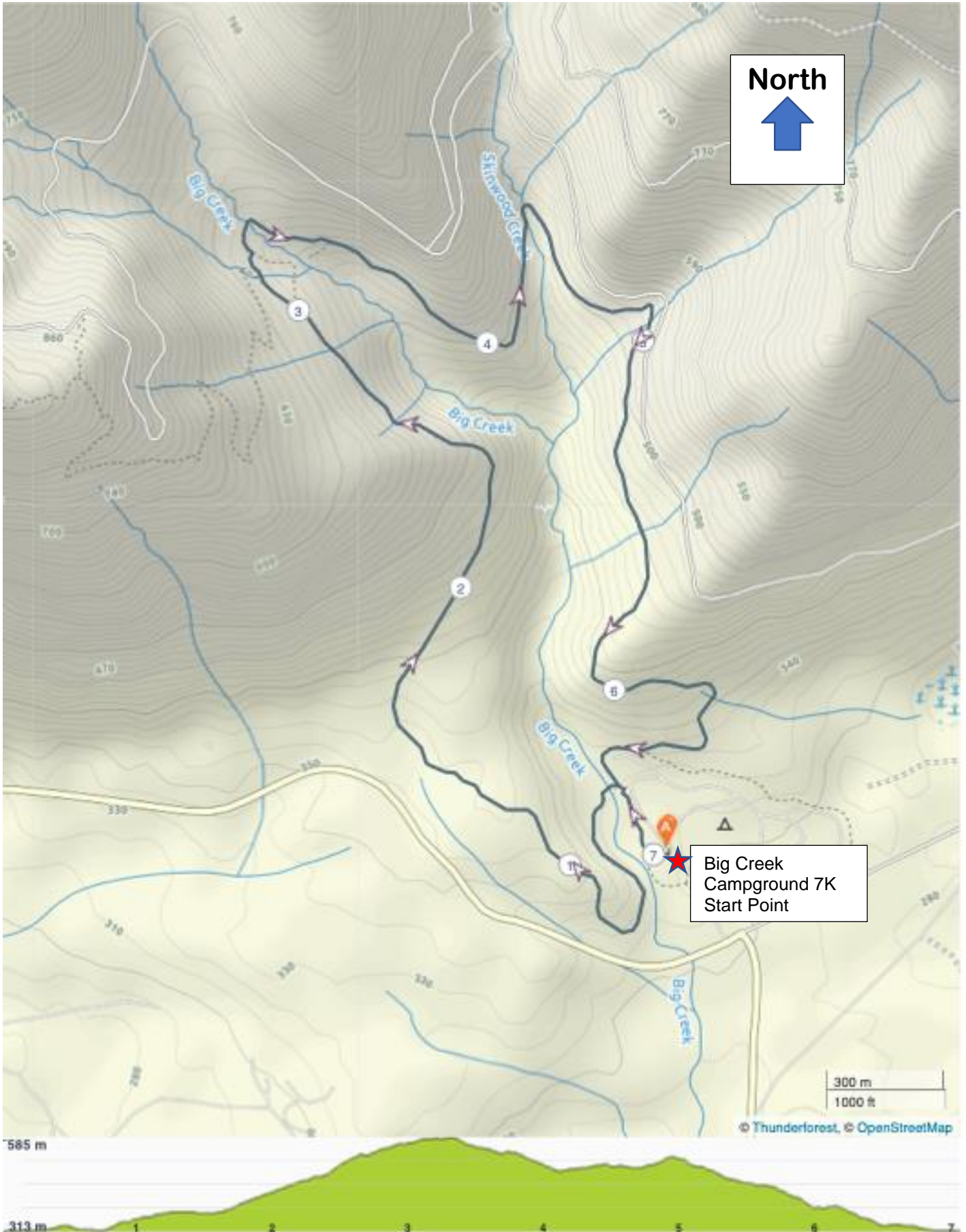
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## AVA/ESVA SPECIAL CHALLENGE PROGRAMS 2024

<b>WALK NAME /NUMBER – Big Creek Hike / #3394</b>				
<b>ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
STROLLING ALONG THE RIVER [2023-2025]	<b>YES</b>			
ON THE ROAD AGAIN [2022-2024]	<b>YES</b>			
FRONTLINE HEROES [2021-2023]	MEDICAL CENTERS	DELIVERY SERVICES	SUSTENANCE PROVIDERS	ESSENTIAL SERVICES
COUNTIES (ONGOING)	<b>MASON</b>			
THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT [2024-2026]	CULTURAL	FAIRS FESTIVALS ARCADES	CRAFTS/HOBBIES	SPORTS VENUES
<b>AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[ONGOING]			
A-Z (Walking the US A-Z)	[ONGOING]	<b>HOODSPORT</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]			
RAILS TO TRAILS	[2022-2025]			
STEP TO THE BEAT	[2024-2026]			
TOWN HALL/CITY HALL	[2020-2024]			
WALKING WITH AMERICAN VETERANS	[2021-2024]			