



## **WILD & WOODSY in WASHINGTON SQUAXIN PARK Y3769**

**Distance: Two 6K routes for a total of 12K.**

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

**6K RATED 3C – A pretty hike in the woods that starts with the first 2K 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 and Trillium herb on the City of Olympia's Squaxin Park (formerly known as 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 12K. This walk takes you into a beautiful rose garden, through the old-growth forest, and (optionally) 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](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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**SQUAXIN PARK  
Scenic Level Walk  
Y3769**

**In case of emergency: Dial 911**

Event related Assistance: Chase 360-584-6446

**Distance: 6K**

**Difficulty level: 1B**

**ESVA Challenges: 39 Counties (Thurston)**

**AVA Challenges: Walking with America's Veterans**

**Start Point: Squaxin Park Shelter #1/Rose Garden, 2600 East Bay Drive NE, Olympia, WA  
Lat: 47.06938, Lng. -122.89438**

**Driving Directions:**

**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 sign. 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.

**Southbound I-5:** Exit 105B Follow Plum St. SE northbound. Plum St. SE becomes East Bay Dr. NE. Continue as above.

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

1. From Shelter #1 **RIGHT** through rose garden arbor (look for a Blue Star Memorial plaque on the right) to kiosks on the left.
2. **LEFT** to pass the 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 path ends at paved road.
7. **RIGHT** on road for about 200 feet to a metal gate on the right.
8. **RIGHT** to pass around gate, follow main gravel road to cement block garden material area (a sign "3"- 6" Rock" is on a block).
9. **LEFT** on the trail for approximately 1K, keeping **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. **RIGHT** at "T" (partly hollow tree on left near intersection) and continue to East Bay Dr (unmarked).
12. **CAREFULLY CROSS** East Bay Dr. ~2K
13. **RIGHT** following East Bay Dr sidewalk to Flora Vista Road.
14. **LEFT** on Flora Vista Rd. Then an **IMMEDIATE LEFT** through the parking lot to service road/trail.
15. **CONTINUE** to the end of the service road with views of Budd Inlet.
16. **TURN AROUND** and return on the service road.

17. Optional: At first sharp right, take a 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 Rd to East Bay Dr.
20. **RIGHT** on East Bay Dr to driveway (City of Olympia Squaxin Park sign).
21. **RIGHT** into driveway and through parking lot.
22. **LEFT** to cross the bridge over East Bay Dr.
23. **RIGHT** to return to Shelter #1.

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**We hope you enjoyed your walk!**

**To exit park towards Olympia, follow "South Exit" signs.**

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# Squaxin Park 5K 1B Scenic, Level





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## SQUAXIN PARK Hills and Steps Scenic Walk Y3769

**In case of emergency: Dial 911**

Event related Assistance: Chase 360-584-6446

**Distance:** 6K

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

**ESVA Challenges:** 39 Counties (Thurston)

**AVA Challenges:** Walking with America's Veterans

**Start Point:** Squaxin Park Shelter #1/Rose Garden  
2600 East Bay Drive NE, Olympia, WA.

**Driving Directions:**

**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 sign. 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.  
**Southbound I-5:** Exit 105B Follow Plum St. SE northbound. Plum St. SE becomes East Bay Dr. NE. Continue as above.

**Miscellaneous:** Restrooms available at start. Sturdy walking shoes recommended. Pets allowed on leash. Trails and boardwalks may be slick. Caution is recommended.

1. From Shelter #1, **RIGHT** through rose garden arbor (look for Blue Star Memorial plaque on the right) to kiosks on the left.
2. **LEFT** to pass the 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 path ends at paved road.
7. **RIGHT** on road for about 200 feet to a metal gate on the right.
8. **RIGHT** to pass around gate, follow main gravel road to cement block garden material area (a sign "3"- 6" Rock" is on a block).
9. **LEFT** on the trail for approximately 1K, keeping **RIGHT** at all main path intersections until you come to a 4-way intersection with a bench.
10. **RIGHT** at 4-way intersection with a bench.
11. **RIGHT** at "T" (partly hollow tree on left near intersection) and continue to East Bay Dr (unmarked).
12. **CAREFULLY CROSS** East Bay Dr. diagonally toward the kiosk on the other side. ~2K
13. **LEFT** on dirt trail, going past the Ellis Cove kiosk.
14. **RIGHT** at the Y to up the stairs.
15. **LEFT** at the Y and down the stairs.
16. **RIGHT** at the Y at the top of the stairs, going uphill with a sign on the rail fence post that says, "Ellis Cove Trail Emergency Location B".
17. **STRAIGHT ACROSS** the 4-way intersection ("Ellis Cove Trail Emergency Location C"), cross bridges #8 and #7, and continue to a 3-way intersection with a sign post on left ("Bluff Trail"). ~3K
18. **LEFT** on Bluff Trail and continue up the hill (Do Not go straight ahead to boardwalk).
19. **RIGHT** at the first intersection ("Ellis Cove Trail Emergency Location H") to follow trail along the bluff.
20. **RIGHT** to enter a viewpoint with a bench and guardrail fencing.
21. Reverse to exit viewpoint and turn **RIGHT**.
22. Continue a short distance to next intersection and turn **RIGHT**. Proceed downhill to a viewpoint through the trees of Olympia and the Capitol Building.

23. **CONTINUE** along same trail, keeping the water on your right, to an informational sign about the Ellis Cove estuary. ~4K
24. **LEFT** up steps just after the sign.
25. At 3-way intersection go **RIGHT** and descend steps. Then follow the trail as it parallels Ellis Cove.
26. **KEEP RIGHT** at the Y, going down one step.
27. After crossing the bridge and going up the stairs, **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** at the top of the stairs.
28. **LEFT** at “T” continuing on switchbacks down, crossing bridge #1, then climbing up a long set of stairs. ~5K
29. **RIGHT** on East Bay Dr (unmarked) to driveway (City of Olympia Squaxin Park sign).
30. **RIGHT** into driveway and go through parking lot.
31. **LEFT** to cross the bridge over East Bay Dr.
32. **RIGHT** to return to Shelter #1.

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# 2026 Squaxin 6K Hills And Steps



# ESVA/OTSVVA/AVA SPECIAL CHALLENGE PROGRAMS - 2026

For more information on ESVA go to: <http://www.esva.online/challenges/>

<b>WALK NAME:</b>		<b>WALK NUMBER:</b>		
<b>Squaxin Park</b>		<b>3769</b>		
<b>CURRENT ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
Please note the years [in brackets] that each challenge is active.				
39 COUNTIES - (ONGOING)	Thurston			
DISCOVER YOUR STATE AND NATIONAL PARKS [2026-2028]				
TELL ME A STORY [2025-2027]				
THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT [2024-2026]	CULTURAL	FAIRS, FESTIVALS, ARCADES	CRAFTS/HOBBIES	SPORTS VENUES
<b>PREVIOUS ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
Patches for books received past the end date will be sent while supplies last. No refunds.				
FRONTLINE HEROES [2021-2023]	MEDICAL CENTERS	DELIVERY SERVICES	SUSTENANCE PROVIDERS	ESSENTIAL SERVICES
ON THE ROAD AGAIN [2022-2024]	Yes			
STROLLING ALONG THE RIVERS [2023-2025]	Yes			
<b>CURRENT OTSVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
For more information on OTSVA go to: <a href="https://www.otsva.org/challenges.html">https://www.otsva.org/challenges.html</a>				
BUTTERFLY [2026-2028]				
PEACE POLES [2024-2026]				
<b>CURRENT AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>				
For more information on AVA go to: <a href="https://cb.ava.org/specprog.php">https://cb.ava.org/specprog.php</a>				
Most programs allow the participants up to 12 months from the official end date to complete.				
50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[ONGOING]	Washington / Olympia		
A-Z (Walking the US A-Z)	[ONGOING]	Olympia		
A-MAZ-ING LABYRINTHS	[2024-2026]			
ANNIVERSARIES HURRAH	[ONLY 2026]	Yes		
GRAIN ELEVATORS: MONARCHS OF THE PLAINS	[2025-2027]			
IVV-AMERICAS	[2022-NO END]	Yes		
LIGHTHOUSES II	[2023-2025]			
PAR FOR THE COURSE	[2023-2025]			
RAILS TO TRAILS	[2022-2025]			
STEP TO THE BEAT	[2024-2026]			
WALKING WITH AMERICAN VETERANS	[2021-2027]	Yes		
WALKING WITH THE WILD THINGS	[2025-2027]			