



Olympic Peninsula Explorers Volkssport Club

Island Hopping – Guemes Island Y3851

5K and 10K Rated 1B

Emergency Dial: 911



City / State: Guemes Island, WA

Guemes Island is a small island in western Skagit County, Washington, United States. It is located north of Fidalgo Island and the city of Anacortes, and is accessible by private boat and by the Guemes Island ferry operated by Skagit County.

Guemes Island was named by the Spanish after the Viceroy of New Spain, Juan Vicente de Güemes, who commissioned an expedition that revealed the islands to Spain in 1794.

Event Name: Island Hopping – Guemes Island

Event Type: Seasonal Walk – Y3851 Distance - Trail Ratings: 5K & 10 K – 1B

Start Point: Guemes Island Ferry Parking, 518 K Ave., Anacortes, WA 98221 (Sunday, July 26 8:00 – 10:00.

Description: Pleasant walk on country roads and trails of little Guemes Island, just north of Anacortes. This is part of OPE's Island Hopping weekend - Group walk Sunday, July 26 @ 8:30. Enjoy short ferry ride!

Amenities: Strollers: No | Wheelchairs: No | Pets: Yes | Restrooms: Yes

Driving Directions: Manned start point Guemes Island Ferry Parking, 518 K Ave, Anacortes, WA 98221. Manned hours Sunday, July 26 8:00-10:00. Guided walk is at 8:30. Online start box is available from July 18 - August 1.

Awards & Fees: IVV Credit Only.

Contact and Feedback:

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Please use the Online Start Box (OSB) to register and complete the event. The sponsoring club only receives credit for OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB.

WALK COMPLETION AND CREDIT: Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant’s Event Bank until they have submitted event completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that person is participating in. Nevertheless, a fee for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the user’s Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user’s Event Bank when he/she submits the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note, however, the for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.

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ISLAND HOPPING – GUEMES ISLAND TRAILS & ART

OLYMPIC PENINSULA EXPLORERS

5km & 10km

SYRE 3851

Park in the Guemes Island Ferry parking lot (free) at 518 K. Ave. Additional parking available on surrounding streets (esp. 6th Street). Purchase ferry passes at Skagitcounty.net (click Guemes Island Ferry under Popular Links) or at the kiosk at the ferry landing [NO CASH!]. Tickets are for round-trip. Restrooms available at ferry terminal; there is a portapot at the parking area on Guemes Is. and at the general store.

1. Walk to back of parking area and take sidewalk between green chain-link fences. Continue through small parking lot to ferry entrance. Wait in waiting area for next ferry (check schedule).
2. Leave ferry and immediate **left** on Tidewater Rd. Road curves right away from water.
3. **Left** at Stop sign (Shore Rd.). Road turns left towards water and then right.
4. {after 5117 on right} **Left** on Peach Preserve Trail. Enter woods.
5. **Left** on Beach Trail.
6. **Right** at Y past elevated trail. Trail winds along tidal flat to bench beside shore.
7. **Left** at the shore with water on your right. (If driftwood is too daunting or the tide is high, return to the Y on trail.)
8. Watch for kiosk on left above beach. **Left** at kiosk. Follow trail, veering right on elevated trail.
9. **Left** on Forest Trail. Follow through woods.
10. **Left** at paved road (Shore Dr.).
11. **5 Km:** Turn around at house #4704 and return back on Shore Dr. [**Go to #25**]
Extra 1 Km – Continue on Shore Rd. to Kelly’s Point overlook for views of the San Juan Islands. Turn around and return on S. Shore Rd. [Go to #25]
- 10 Km: Continue on Shore Rd. [**Go to #12**]
12. Look at the view at Kelly’s Point now or when you return. Shore Rd. curves right and goes uphill.
13. **Right** at Dogwoods (mail box 7690). Walk through parking area to map kiosk.
14. Veer **right** at the kiosk , passing bike rack and Dogwoods Trail bench through small meadow towards two low-slung chairs and a trail into the woods.
15. Follow South Trail.
16. Pass Little Stump Spur.
17. At Corona, continue on South Trail.

In case of emergency: Dial 9-1-1 -Event related assistance: Clay Baulch 210.204.9301 (text)

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18. Pass through Monty's Meadow and then **right** on Lemieux Loop.
19. Straight (**right**) at next intersection on Lemieux Loop.
20. At Huggable Doug, **right** on Frog Forest Trail.
21. At Cooper's X-Road, **right** on Frog Forest Trail.
22. Pass Waldo's Pond. Veer left on Frog Forest Trail.
23. **Right** at kiosk to exit park.
24. **Left** on paved road (Shore Rd).
25. Follow road all the way back to "town."
26. **Right** on Guemes Island Road. General store is ahead and trail is across the street. Walk down to ferry landing. Ride ferry or swim across channel (not recommended) and return to your ride.

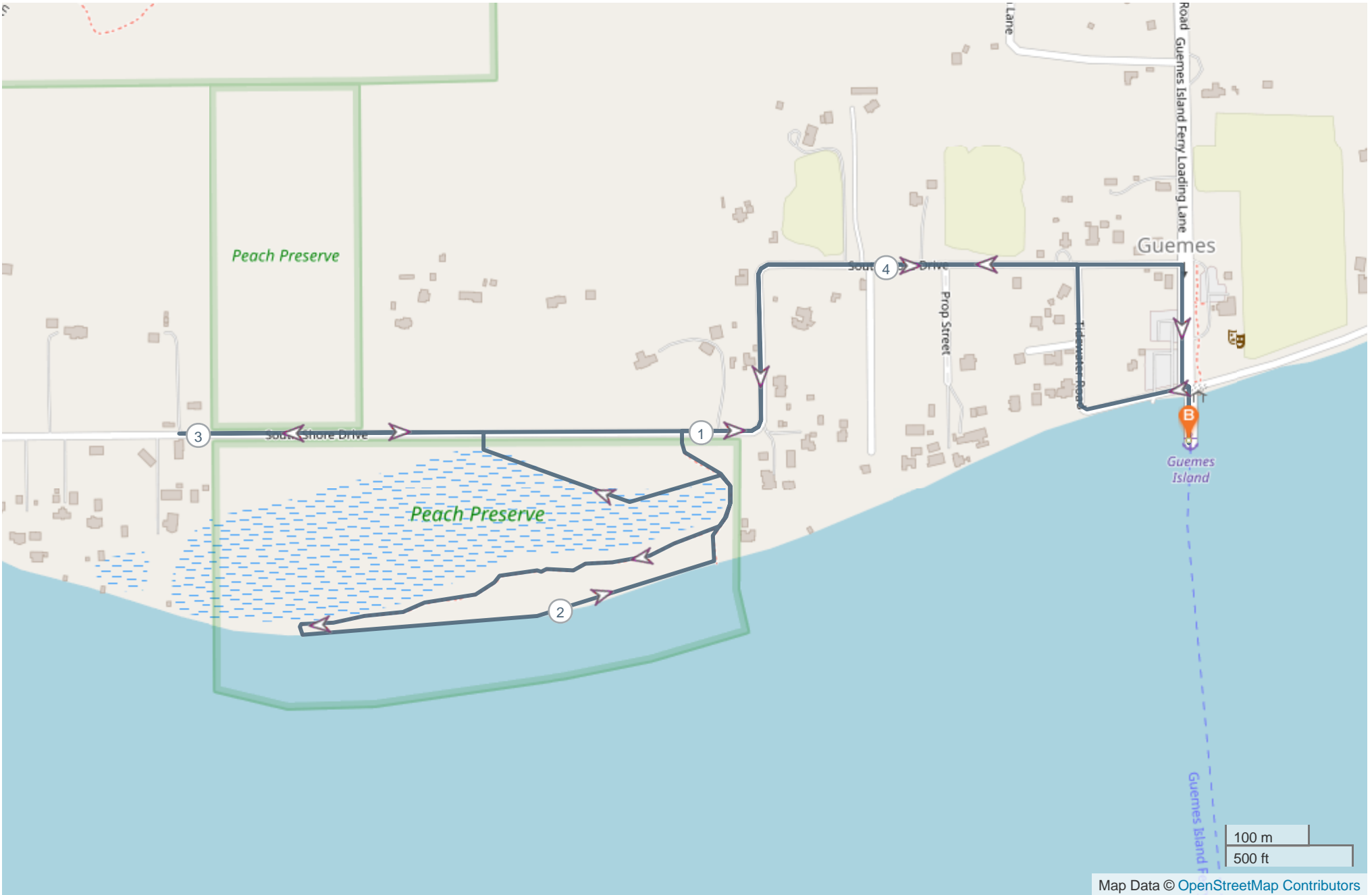
We hope you enjoyed our Island Hopping – Guemes Island Trails & Art event and encourage you to visit our year-round events nearby (two in Anacortes and one in Friday Harbor.)

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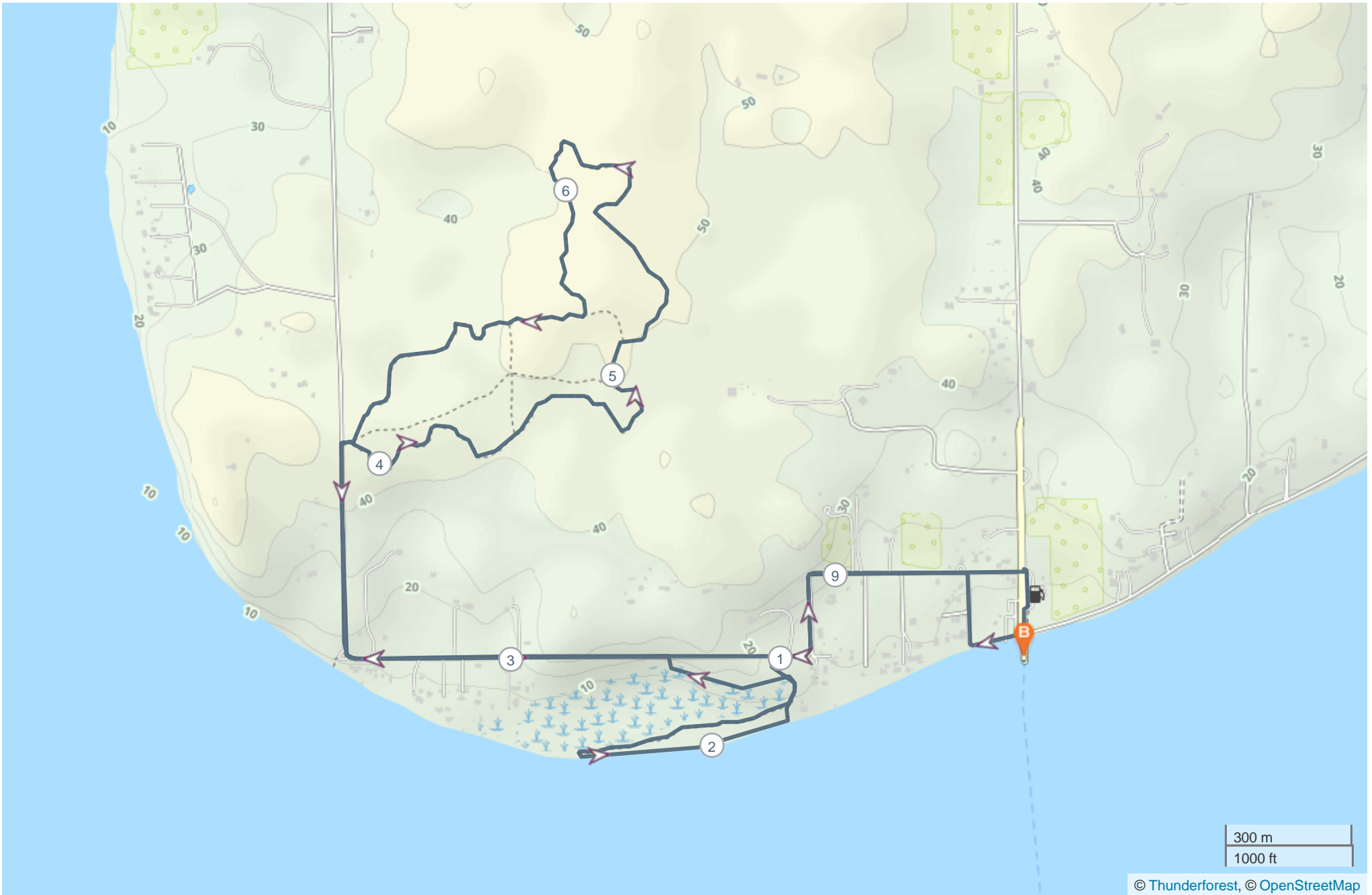
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Guemes Is 10 Km



ESVA/OTSVVA/AVA SPECIAL CHALLENGE PROGRAMS - 2026

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

WALK NAME:		WALK NUMBER:		
CURRENT ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
Please note the years [in brackets] that each challenge is active.				
39 COUNTIES - (ONGOING)				
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
PREVIOUS ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
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]	ONLY APPLIES TO TRADITIONAL EVENTS			
STROLLING ALONG THE RIVERS [2023-2025]				
CURRENT OTSVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
For more information on OTSVA go to: https://www.otsva.org/challenges.html				
BUTTERFLY [2026-2028]				
PEACE POLES [2024-2026]				
CURRENT AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
For more information on AVA go to: https://cb.ava.org/specprog.php				
Most programs allow the participants up to 12 months from the official end date to complete.				
50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[ONGOING]	Washington		
A-Z (Walking the US A-Z)	[ONGOING]			
A-MAZ-ING LABYRINTHS	[2024-2026]			
ANNIVERSARIES HURRAH	[ONLY 2026]	All AVA sanctioned events qualify for Anniversaries Hurrah.		
GRAIN ELEVATORS: MONARCHS OF THE PLAINS	[2025-2027]			
IVV-AMERICAS	[2022-NO END]	All AVA sanctioned events qualify for the IVV-America's Special Program.		
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]			
WALKING WITH THE WILD THINGS	[2025-2027]			