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DUPONT SEQUALITCHEW HISTORIC
WALK

Distance: 10K

Difficulty Rating: 2C

Walk on paved and groomed trails through the woods along the Sequelitchew Creek to the beach at Puget Sount. Suitable for strollers but may not be suitable for wheelchairs due to the elevation change of approximately 220 feet. Dirt trails may be slick. Portions of the trails are isolated, so a walking partner is recommended. Beware of poison oak along the trail “leaves of three, leave them be”.

Introduction

The Nisqually Tribe has always had a presence in the area. The arrival of the European Americans brought extreme change to the Nisqually. The area was mapped in 1792 by Captain George Vancouver. The Hudson’s Bay Company established a fur trading post at Fort Nisqually in 1833. Hudson’s Bay Company was allowed to continue operating in the area after the land was awarded to the United States in the Oregon Treaty of 1846. Eventually Hudson’s Bay Company left. Chemical company DuPont de Nemours, Inc., better known as DuPont, bought some land to establish an explosives manufacturing plant.

A company town was established near the plant. The city was later named DuPont but did not incorporate until 1951. DuPont the chemical company operated in the area until 1975. The land was sold to the Weyerhaeuser Company which eventually developed the town using the *New Urbanism* model, which promotes environmentally friendly habits with walkable neighborhoods using a range of housing and industries. The land where the explosives plant was located is now a golf course. The City of DuPont is surrounded by Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), home to the U.S. Army I Corps and U.S. Air Force 62nd Airlift Wing.

According to the city of DuPont website: The Sequelitchew trail follows the historic route of the Dynamite Train which was owned by the DuPont Company and ended at a wharf on Puget Sound, so the trail itself is a moderate, steady downhill/uphill grade.

Walk Registration

Register 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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DuPont Sequalitchew Historic Walk 10K



In case of emergency: Dial 911

Event related Assistance: Carol: 360-292-0830

Difficulty level: 2C. Hill, paved and packed dirt paths

ESVA Challenges: 39 Counties (Pierce)

AVA Challenges: Rails-to-Trails

Start Point: Sellers Park, 600 Barksdale Ave, DuPont
Lat: 47.097, Lng: -122.632

Restrooms: Pit toilets at near the start point down a path from the parking lot and at approx. 3K and 7K near the DuPont City Hall.

Group walk: Saturday, April 25, 2026 ONLY

The Group walk starts at 9:30 am at the start point.

The leader will make a 4 to 5 stops along the walk to describe the history of this area beginning with Native American settlements and moving through British and early American exploration, the DuPont dynamite manufacturing plant and the current Weyerhaeuser planned community.

Driving Directions:

I-5, Exit 118 (Center Drive) toward City Center. Northbound continue straight over I-5 onto Center Dr/ Southbound turn right on Center Dr. Right onto Wilmington Drive (first traffic light). Continue on Wilmington Drive for one mile. Left at the traffic light onto Barksdale Ave and continue for .5 miles. Pass the Historic DuPont Museum on the right. As Barksdale Ave curves to the left, you will come to a small park on the left, Sellers Park. Meet in the gravel parking lot on the left just beyond the Sellers Park sign, across from intersection with Penniman St.

Walking Directions

1. Enter the paved trail from the parking lot and turn **RIGHT**.
2. Pass a trail spur on the **LEFT**.
3. Cross unmarked road and continue straight on unpaved trail marked "Grand Junction .6 MI"
4. Pass through 3 trail barriers and **VEER RIGHT** on unpaved trail.
5. **STRAIGHT** on main trail passing a trail to the **RIGHT**.
6. **LEFT** at trail junction with 4 other trails – this is Grand Junction. There is a fire hydrant at this trail junction. See sign "Haskell Street .6 MI"
7. **STRAIGHT** on the trail passing through Edmond Marsh.

8. **VEER LEFT** at the fork in the trail. See sign – "Sequalitchew Bridge .4MI"
9. **VEER LEFT** at trail intersection **to cross the bridge** ahead over Sequalitchew Creek.
10. **STRAIGHT** on gravel trail, passing paved trail on the **LEFT**.
11. As trail approaches Center Drive, a 4-lane drive, veer **RIGHT** and cross under Center Drive through the tunnel.
12. Follow the paved trail out of the tunnel, keeping **RIGHT** to a trail junction near buildings (DuPont City Hall and DuPont Police Department). There is a Pit Toilet at this trail junction.
13. **RIGHT** at trail junction (Sequalitchew Creek sign).
14. **STRAIGHT** on this trail 1.5 miles to Puget Sound. Notice sign for **9th Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers Encampment** on the **RIGHT**.
15. **VEER LEFT** to stay on main trail.
16. **VEER LEFT** to enter paved trail.
17. Paved trail ends part way down the hill. Continue on gravel trail.
18. Pass through tunnel under train tracks to the beach on Puget Sound.
19. **RIGHT** and walk along beach for a few hundred yards. Beach access may be limited by high tides.
20. Turn around and walk back to the tunnel under the train tracks.
21. **FOLLOW** the Sequalitchew Creek Trail 1.5 miles back up hill.
22. **LEFT** at DuPont City Hall & pit toilet and follow trail, veering **LEFT** to take tunnel under Center Drive.
23. **STRAIGHT** exiting tunnel toward bridge over Sequalitchew Creek.
24. Cross bridge and stay **RIGHT** on gravel trail. See sign on **RIGHT**, "Edmond Marsh Intersection .4MI"
25. **RIGHT** at trail intersection. See sign for "Grand Junction .3MI"
26. **RIGHT** at trail junction (Grand Junction). See sign for "Haskell Street .6MI"
27. Stay straight on main trail, passing trail on **LEFT** that leads uphill.
28. Pass through 3 trail barriers and continue straight on the trail.
29. Cross the street and continue straight on paved trail.
30. Start/Finish Point and gravel parking area are just ahead on the **LEFT**.

Don't forget to log back into the OSB system to "finish/complete" your online registration.

DuPont Volkssport Route 10K



ESVA/OTSVVA/AVA SPECIAL CHALLENGE PROGRAMS - 2026

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

WALK NAME:		WALK NUMBER:		
Dupont Sequelitchew Historic Walk		3866		
CURRENT ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
Please note the years [in brackets] that each challenge is active.				
39 COUNTIES - (ONGOING)	Pierce			
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]	Yes			
STROLLING ALONG THE RIVERS [2023-2025]	Yes, Sequelitchew Creek (not marked)			
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]	DuPont		
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]	Yes		
STEP TO THE BEAT	[2024-2026]			
WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS	[2021-2027]			
WALKING WITH THE WILD THINGS	[2025-2027]			