



WESTPORT MARINA AND BEACH YRE# 791

Distance: 5K, 10K
Difficulty Rating: 1A

This walk is along a paved trail next to the Pacific Ocean with optional beach walking. There are many benches available all along the trail for sitting and enjoying the views of the ocean and dunes. Enjoy the soothing sounds of the ocean and the distance fog horn. You will see the public docks where people fish and crab; a working marina where fresh fish can be purchased right off the boat; quaint shops in the fishing town; and the "tallest lighthouse in Washington". On a clear day, you can see the Olympic Mountains and Mt. Rainier (Cascade Mtn. Range). Free entrance to the Westport Winery garden, a recommended stop on your way to or from Westport. Carry water. Sunscreen, sunglasses and a jacket are important. Beach walkers, think about checking the tide table and use EXTRA CAUTION when the tide is coming in. NEVER turn your back to the water. The rocks on the jetty at the far end of Half Moon Bay can be slippery.

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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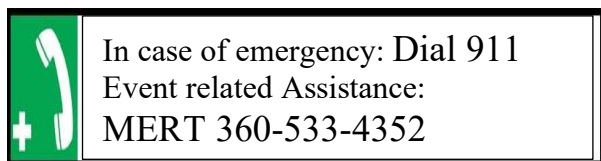
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WESTPORT MARINA AND BEACH YRE WALK #0837



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Difficulty level: 1A

ESVA Challenges: 39 Counties (Grays Harbor County)

Start Point: Westport Public Parking Area/Restrooms, Nyhus Street, Westport, WA 98595.

Lat: 46.910007, Lng: -124.115870.

Driving Directions: Follow Hwy 12 through Aberdeen (also called E. Wishka Street). Drive in the left lane following the signs to Westport. You will cross the Wishka River. At Rite Aid on the left, move to the left turn lane. At South “H” Street, turn left. While crossing the Chehalis River Bridge, move to the right lane and follow the signs for Westport and WA 105-S. In 18 miles, just after the Shell gas station, make a slight right onto S. Montesano Street (see signs for Westport). Stay on this for about 3.5 miles as it curves to the right and becomes E. Dock Avenue. At N. Nyhus Street, turn left. Parking is 2-3 blocks down on the right. Restrooms are in big square building in the parking lot.

1. Leave the restrooms. With your back toward Nyhus Street, walk toward the buildings/shops in front of you and take either a path or street between the shops out to the street. This will take you to Westhaven Drive.
2. At Westhaven Drive, turn **RIGHT**. Walk along sidewalk to 2201 Westhaven Drive to the Westport Maritime Museum.
3. **Turn Around** at the Museum and return to the previous intersection/cross street.
4. **Cross** Westhaven Drive.
5. Walk with the Marina on your right. Enjoy the mural at the end of the street on your right.
6. **Cross** Westhaven Drive at the crosswalk to the viewing tower. Optional view from the top.
7. Follow the paved trail away from the tower with the large boulders on your right. You are walking away from town toward the ocean.
8. Along the paved trail there are sandy paths off to the right. These go to Half Moon Bay – nice optional views for a short out and back. **OR** At either of the next two towers on the right are options for walking along Half Moon Bay. If you choose to walk along the water, **Note** that you will need to turn left and **rejoin** the paved trail before the beach curves sharply to the right and the cliffs become steeper.
9. Continue on the paved trail to Westhaven State Park parking lot.
10. Stay on paved trail. Use the crosswalk and walk on the left side of the parking lot. **Restrooms** are at the far end of the parking lot and off to the right.

5K Walkers Turn Around and retrace your steps on the paved trail back to the viewing tower. Then continue at direction #16.

11. Take first **LEFT** onto Westport’s Lighthouse Trail System, **OR** turn **RIGHT** if returning from restroom.
12. Stay on the main trail which will veer off to the left (as you near the condos) and go downhill to the parking lot of the Westport Light State Park and **Restrooms**.
13. The “trail”/sidewalk ramp continues on the other side of the State Park driveway. Continue on this to the first paved trail on the left. This is the viewing area of the Westport Lighthouse “Washington’s Tallest Lighthouse” (viewing hours may be posted on the sign).

14. **Turn around** and return to the Westport Light State Park for options.

15. Options:

Option 1) Paved Trail for 10K Walkers

- Return to the paved trail and Westhaven State Park.
- Turn **RIGHT**, keeping the parking lot on your left. Use crosswalk and continue back to the viewing tower.
- Go do directions #16

Option 2) Beach Walk for 11K Walkers

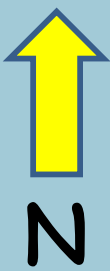
- Return to the paved uphill trail leaving the Westport Light State Park.
- Near the top of the hill, take the paved side trail on your left and follow it down to the water.
- Turn **RIGHT** at the water/beach. Continue to (not onto) the jetty (rock outcropping with water on both sides to protect the harbor).
- At the jetty, turn **RIGHT** and follow the main sand trail over the dunes to a “parking lot”/cleared dirt area.
- Along the left side (opposite the ocean) look for and take a sandy trail cut down through the hillside. This will take you down to Half Moon Bay.
- Walk along Half Moon Bay to the 2nd Tower.
- Walk up toward the 2nd tower and follow a trail or “road” to the other side of the dune.
- At the paved trail, turn **LEFT**.
- Continue back to the viewing tower.

16. Walk along Westhaven Drive to Sue Hoffman Street (formerly Coast Avenue), across from float #14.

17. At Sue Hoffman Street, turn **RIGHT**. The parking lot is at the end of the block. Done!

We hope you enjoyed your walk!

Don’t forget to log back into the OSB system to “finish/complete” your online registration.



Start/Finish

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5 and 10k**



