

The Olympic Peninsula Explorers Volkssport Club Welcomes You to the Port Angeles – Hurricane Hill Seasonal Walk

The walk is 5k, 10k and 11k (3B) and are on somewhat difficult terrain with some significant hill climbing. Strollers: difficult, Wheelchairs: No, Pets: No, Restroom: Yes.

<https://www.nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/hurricane-ridge-area-brochure.htm>

The route follows some roads, forest trails and a well-maintained trail to Hurricane Hill. Breathtaking mountain and valley view all the way! Wildflowers change with the season. Elevation is over 5000 feet. This Seasonal starts in April but check ahead for snow conditions. Hurricane Ridge Conditions: 360-565-3131. ONP Visitors Info: 360-565-3130.

Trail work may close the trail during the summer. M-F 6:30am - 5pm/Sat & Sun 7:30am - 5pm

The walks start and end at the Hurricane Hill trail head, 1.5 miles past the Hurricane Ridge Visitor's Center.

Walk Registration:

Registration takes place online using the

AVA Online Start Box, on <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. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

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 stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may choose to print out.

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HURRICANE HILL WALK

OLYMPIC PENINSULA EXPLORERS VOLKSSPORT CLUB

5/10/11km Rated 3B

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ESVA Challenges: 39 Counties - Clallam

AVA Challenges: Walk the USA A-Z

Start: The Hurricane Ridge Visitor's Center is located at 3002 Mount Angeles Rd, Port Angeles, WA. The trailhead coordinates are: 47.976447, -123.517529

Note: The walk begins at an elevation of about 5,000 feet. It descends a bit and then climbs to an elevation of 5,757 feet. It is mostly on paved trails, but there are some rocky parts and exposed roots. It is somewhat demanding but entirely possible for the average walker if done at a leisurely pace, so do not rush, enjoy the spectacular views!

From US 101 in Port Angeles, take Race Rd (note: Race Rd becomes Mt. Angeles Rd at Lauridsen Blvd.) There are signs.

You will pass the Olympic National Park Visitors Center on the right (worth a visit). JUST PAST the Visitors Center keep RIGHT onto Hurricane Ridge Road. In about five miles you will come to the Pay Station; there is a fee if you do not have a National Park Pass. In another 12.5 miles, you will arrive at the Hurricane Ridge Visitors Center. There are clean restrooms, a shop, a snack bar, and Rangers with information.

Continue past the Visitors Center down the road to the first Parking/Picnic area and park and lock your car. Restrooms available.

NOTE: It is important that you walk the below mentioned trails at the two parking areas to fulfill the distances!

1. Walk the loop trails around the picnic tables and viewpoints in the parking area.
2. Continue on foot, down the road, carefully watching uphill traffic, about 0.5 kilometers down to the next parking area and again walk the side trails around the tables and view points in the parking area. Last restrooms until you return!
3. Follow the TRAIL at the end of the parking area down to the loop parking area and the Hurricane Ridge
- Trailhead. Check the Bulletin Board for pertinent information.
4. Proceed and stay on the asphalt trail all the way until you get near the top. It is important to help preserve the natural beauty of this area. This is a well-maintained trail, although early in the season you may encounter some snow drifts! It is a gentle slope to begin with but becomes quite steep as you proceed to the summit of Hurricane Ridge.
5. A short distance along the trail, an overlook on the right provides a

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northerly view of Mount Angeles. Note the small cirques carved into the rim of the ridge by glaciers long ago. Soon you will pass the Little River Trail on your right, it may not be in service. Continue on the paved trail.

6. Soon, observe on your left the ridge sloping steeply downward to the Elwha River. Note the Elwha Trail on your left further ahead.
7. Continue about another one-half kilometer to the end of the paved trail and follow the path up to the Hurricane Hill summit.
8. After enjoying the majestic vistas of the mountains in Canada, proceed down from the summit to the informational sign.
9. Continue RIGHT from the sign keeping to the right as it joins another trail, continuing down and around toward a big fir tree to the viewpoint. Note the (not so old) burn. Follow around these trails back to the informational sign and then continue down from the summit, returning to your car the same way you came up.
10. **5 Kilometer Option:** Drive past the Hurricane Ridge Visitors Center all the

way past the two parking areas to the loop parking area and the Trailhead. Walk to the summit of Hurricane Ridge only, don't walk any of the side loops.

11. **11 Kilometer Option:** Walk out the Elwha Trail to where the trail loops around and return to the Hurricane Ridge Trail.
12. Be sure to log back into the OSB system (my.ava.org) to "finish/complete" your online registration after doing the walk. The OSB system does not deduct any walking fee from a walker's Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that walker is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 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 walker's Event Bank when he/she submits the walk completion info as a paying for credit walker.) Note however that the \$2 "coupon" for the downloaded PDF expires in 60 days.

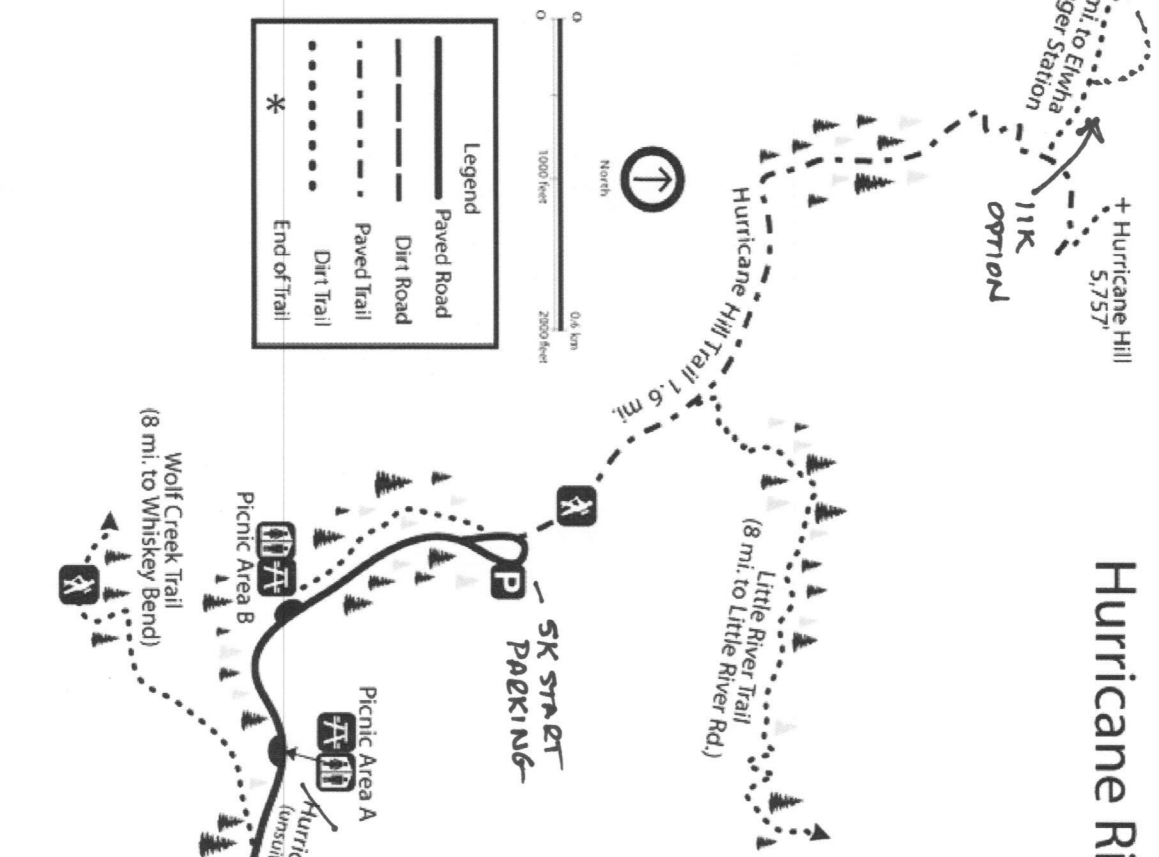
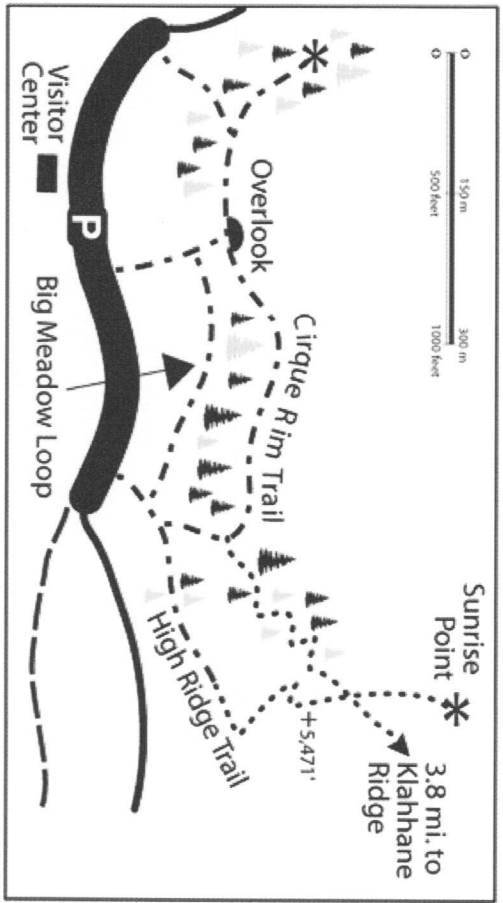
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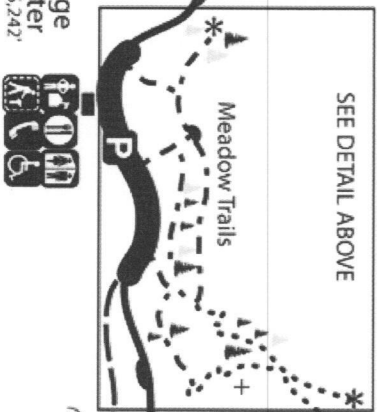
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Hurricane Ridge Area



Legend	
	Paved Road
	Dirt Road
	Paved Trail
	Dirt Trail
	End of Trail



3.8 mi. to Klahhane Ridge
 To Port Angeles
 To Obstruction Point (7.8 mi., no RVs or buses)

Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center
 Elevation 5,242'

