



## WARD LAKE – DESCHUTES RIVER WALK YRE #2133

**Distance:** 6K, 10K  
**Difficulty Rating:** 1B

Walk through south Olympia and north Tumwater neighborhoods visiting a small lake with fishing access and Pioneer Park along the banks of the Deschutes River. **Restrooms** are at Starbucks (1301 Yelm Highway SE, Tumwater, WA) across the street from the YMCA, at Kettle View Park, and at Pioneer Park.

### **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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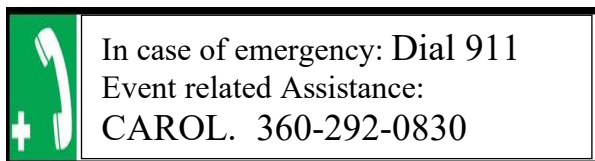
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**Start Point:** Briggs Community YMCA, 1530 Yelm Hwy SE, Olympia, WA 98501  
Lat: 47.004426, Lng: -122.882367

**Driving Directions:** From I-5 southbound, take Exit 103 (2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue). Turn left on Custer Way

SE. Turn right on Cleveland Avenue SE, which becomes Yelm Highway. Left on Briggs Drive SE (just before Henderson Boulevard traffic signal). Turn right on first street (Maple Lane), please park on Maple Lane. From I-5 northbound take Exit 103 (Deschutes Way). Turn right on E Street SE and then turn left on Capitol Boulevard SE. Turn right on Custer Way SE. Turn right on Cleveland Avenue SE and then follow directions above. **Restrooms** are at Starbucks (1301 Yelm Highway SE, Tumwater, WA) across the street from the YMCA, at Kettle View Park and at Pioneer Park.

1. With your back to the YMCA main entrance, turn **LEFT**.
2. Walk to the corner (Briggs Drive) and turn **LEFT**.
3. **LEFT** on Yelm Highway.
4. **RIGHT** on Henderson, crossing Yelm Hwy (Starbucks on right) and **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** down hill.
5. **RIGHT** at entrance to Pioneer Park, (sign at entrance) and stay to left side of parking lot.
6. **LEFT** at the second paved path which curves right.
7. Pass the park bench, keeping it on your left, at the intersection of trails.
8. Slight **LEFT** on first gravel trail continuing to a view of the Deschutes River on the left.
9. Hard **RIGHT** at next trail intersection opposite the river view.
10. **STRAIGHT** on gravel trail back to park parking lot.
11. **LEFT** at entrance to the parking lot.
12. **CROSS** parking lot and enter paved path.
13. **STRAIGHT** on paved path passing kids play area on the right and a picnic shelter on the left.
14. **RIGHT** at intersection of 4 baseball backstops.
15. Follow path as it curves right then straightens. **Restrooms** on the left.
16. Slight **LEFT** at next paved path intersection then **STRAIGHT**.
17. **RIGHT** as paved path follows fence.
18. **LEFT** immediately at parking lot following fence to a short gravel path. Go up path.
19. **LEFT** on sidewalk following Henderson Blvd SE up the hill.
20. **CROSS** Yelm Highway at the intersection.
21. **STRAIGHT** on Henderson Blvd for several blocks.

22. **RIGHT** at the **second sign** for Lake Cove Loop SE, crossing Henderson Blvd SE **at the crosswalk**.
23. Continue on Lake Cove Loop SE as it curves to the right.
24. **LEFT** on Lakewood Drive and straight following a small path through the trees and continue on Lakewood Dr SE.
25. **STRAIGHT** on Lakewood Dr SE down hill. Ward Lake Park is on the right. Enjoy the view of the lake.
26. **REVERSE** your direction, and go back up Lakewood Dr. SE.
27. **STRAIGHT** on small path through trees.
28. **LEFT** on Lake Cove Loop SE to Henderson Blvd SE.
29. **CROSS** Henderson Blvd SE carefully (no crosswalk).
30. **LEFT** on Henderson Blvd SE.
31. **STRAIGHT** on Henderson Blvd. SE for several blocks to the YMCA parking lot.
32. **RIGHT** into YMCA parking lot.
33. **STRAIGHT** through parking lot to stairs on the right.
34. **RIGHT** on stairs to Maple Lane.

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### **Point of interest on the Ward Lake - Deschutes River Walk**

**Starbucks Building** at corner of Yelm Hwy and Henderson Boulevard: the Starbucks building originally housed the Chambers Prairie Grange No. 191 which was first organized in 1906. Grange members built the wooden, one story 5,668 square foot building through donated work on land donated by the Wickie Family. The Chambers Prairie Grange, completed in 1910, was one of the first in Thurston County.

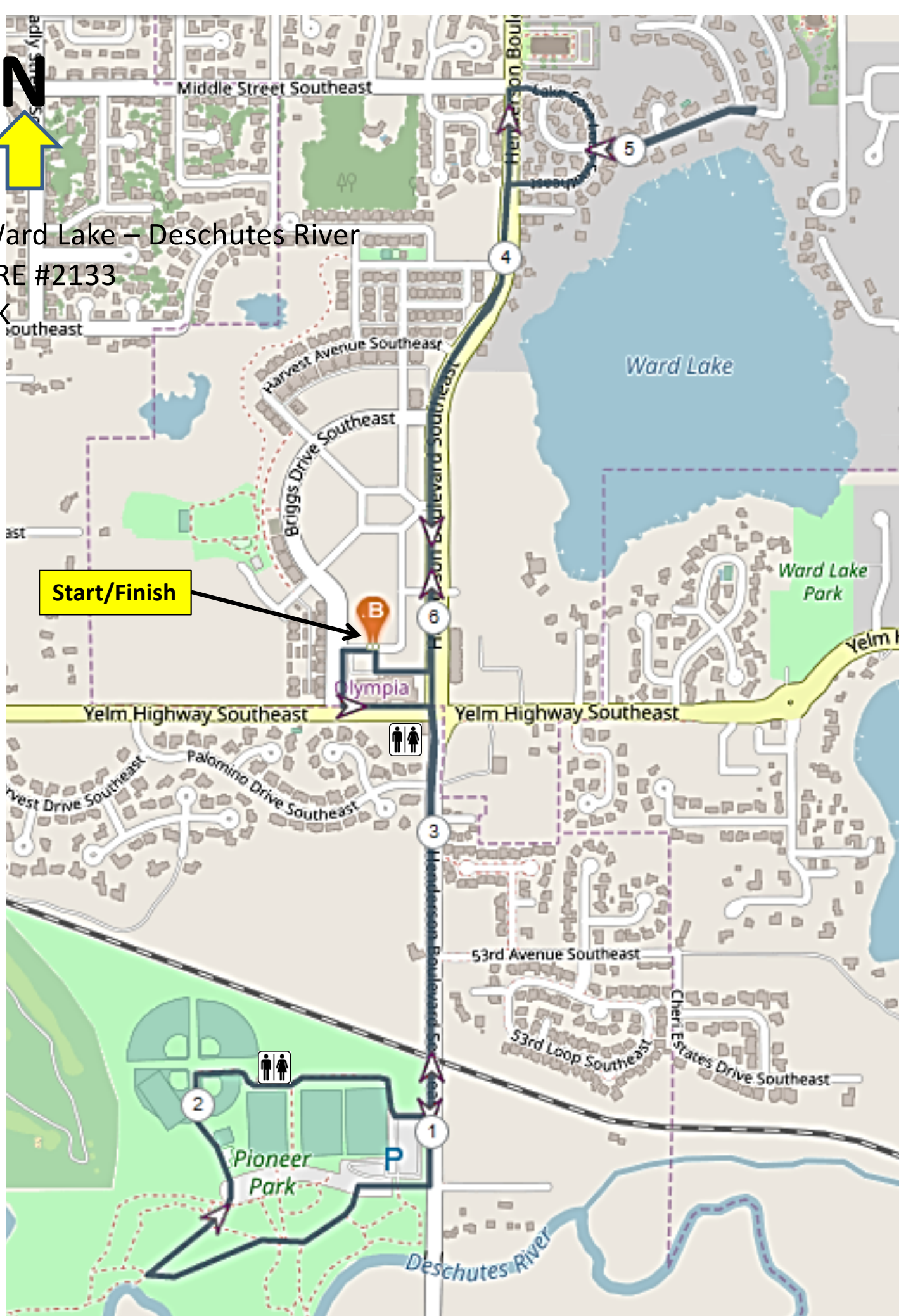
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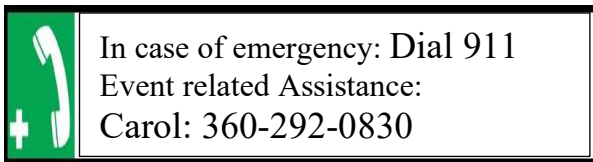




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**Restrooms** are at Starbucks (1301 Yelm Highway SE, Tumwater, WA) across the street from the YMCA, at Kettle View Park and at Pioneer Park.

1. With your back to the main entrance of the YMCA, turn **LEFT** on unmarked street, Maple Lane, which parallels the YMCA parking lot.
2. Walk to the corner (unmarked Briggs Drive) and cross the street.
3. **RIGHT** on Briggs Drive.
4. **LEFT** on Dogwood Drive.
5. Follow Dogwood Dr. as it turns right and becomes Eagle Bend Drive (unmarked).
6. **RIGHT** just past Kettle View Park sign and parking lot (just before sidewalk ends).
7. **LEFT** on asphalt path to enter the park.
8. **LEFT** immediately at the Y in the path.
9. Stay to the **LEFT** at the next path Y (**Restrooms** available at the building on the right).
10. Follow the path around the park, past the tennis court.
11. At the path T, turn **RIGHT**.
12. Take the next path **LEFT** to exit the park.
13. **STRAIGHT** as the path becomes gravel.
14. **LEFT** on the sidewalk at the T (Briggs Drive).
15. **LEFT** on Magnolia Drive, which curves right and becomes Harvest Avenue. (Little Free Library on Harvest Avenue).
16. **LEFT** on Seneca Street.
17. **LEFT** on Brighton Way.
18. At Pifer Road (sign on left, behind tree), **CROSS** the street and turn **LEFT** (South Street). Follow South Street as it curves right.
19. **CROSS** and turn **RIGHT** on Hoadly Street.
20. At the T, **CROSS** and turn **RIGHT** on North Street. (Shortshop Grocery on the right)
21. **STRAIGHT** crossing Henderson Street at traffic light.
22. **RIGHT** using crosswalk at Holiday Drive SE and Holiday Hills sign.
23. **STRAIGHT** on Holiday Drive as it curves to the left.
24. **RIGHT** on Lakehills Drive SE.

25. **RIGHT** at T on Lakewood Drive SE. A view of Ward Lake is on the left.

26. The street ends, but take the asphalt path through the trees that connects to the next neighborhood (still Lakewood Drive SE)

27. **STRAIGHT** at the 4-way intersection, unmarked street becomes Sulenes Loop SE.

28. **LEFT** at the T on Lakecove Loop SE.

29. **CROSS** and turn **LEFT** on Henderson Blvd. SE.

30. **CROSS** Yelm Hwy at intersection (Starbucks on right) and **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** down hill.

31. **RIGHT** at entrance to Pioneer Park, (sign at entrance) and stay to left side of parking lot.

32. **LEFT** at the second paved path which curves right.

33. Pass the park bench at the intersection of paved paths.

34. Slight **LEFT** on left-hand gravel trail.

35. **STRAIGHT** at intersection of three trails with Deschutes River on the left.

36. **LEFT** at the T.

37. Follow the main trail right (a small trail left leads to the Deschutes River bank).

38. **RIGHT** at the 4-way intersection of trails following the gravel trail.

39. **STRAIGHT** at gravel clearing to Deschutes River Bank.

40. **TURN AROUND** and reverse your route.

41. **STRAIGHT** on gravel path.

42. **LEFT** at 4-way intersection of trails.

43. **LEFT** at T intersection on trail.

44. **STRAIGHT** on gravel trail at next intersection.

45. **LEFT** at entrance to the parking lot.

46. **CROSS** parking lot and enter paved path.

47. **STRAIGHT** on paved path passing kids play area on the right and a picnic shelter on the left.

48. **RIGHT** at intersection of 4 baseball backstops.

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54. **CROSS** Yelm Hwy at intersection.

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