

VANTAGE - TOWN AND GINKGO STATE PARK WALK AND HIKE 7K and 3K SEASONAL EVENT Y2184

Kittitas County, Washington

7K Vantage Community and Interpretative Center walk is rated 2B
3K Trees of Stone hiking trail is rated 3C

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This on-line packet of info contains the following 9 pages (pdf files) of information:

1. This information page.
2. Two pages of walk directions for both the 7K and the 3K walks including driving directions to both starting points. (2 pdfs)
3. Two pages of walk maps. One for the 7K town portion of the walk and the other for the 3K "Trees of Stone" hiking trail. (2 pdfs)
4. A list of qualifying AVA and Washington State ESVA Challenges for this event.
5. A supplemental State Park map of the area.
6. A CWSS brochure of club sponsored walks in Central Washington (2 pdfs)

VANTAGE, WA. - 7K & 3K SEASONAL WALKS Y2184
CENTRAL WASHINGTON SUN STRIDERS - 7K RATED 2B - 3K RATED 3C

Driving Directions to 7K walk start point at Vantage Boat Launch

1. On I-90, take Exit 136 (Vantage/Huntzinger Rd) to stop sign. Turn **LEFT** toward Vantage.
2. Just past the freeway interchange, turn **RIGHT** on Boat Ramp Rd and go downhill keeping to the **RIGHT** to the boat launch parking area. Park in the single vehicle parking area nearest the restrooms. If they are full then park across on the other side of the parking lot or in the gravel area. Don't park in the boat trailer parking slots.

Restrooms/vault toilets available at boat launch and at both state park parking areas. Don't leave valuables in your car.

7K Walk Directions (Mostly on pavement and road shoulders with some grassy areas)

1. On the sidewalk facing the restrooms, turn **RIGHT** and proceed on sidewalk to boat ramp/launch area.
2. Turn **AROUND** and return back toward the restrooms.
3. At gravel area just before the restrooms, turn **RIGHT** on the gravel trail. Follow it as it **CURVES** clockwise toward the river.
4. As it curves to the left, go **STRAIGHT** ahead on narrow grassy peninsula to the end at the edge of the river.
5. Turn **AROUND** return to the gravel trail.
6. Turn **RIGHT** on trail. It turns into concrete path along edge of river.
7. At next junction, turn **RIGHT** on concrete path that turns into a wooden boardwalk. If boardwalk closed, walk on the grass.
8. At end of boardwalk, turn **RIGHT** on grassy peninsula and follow it to the end at the fountain/sculpture at edge of river.
9. Turn **AROUND** and return on wooden boardwalk, concrete path and gravel path back to boat launch parking lot sidewalk in front of the restrooms.
10. Turn **RIGHT** on sidewalk and proceed up and out of the parking lot on right edge of Boat Ramp Rd to Main Street.
11. Carefully **cross** Main St and turn **RIGHT** after the fir trees but before Blustery's and parallel Main St in front of the Vantage businesses. *Watch for traffic as you walk along the "street".*
12. Just after the grocery/general store, turn **RIGHT** on the short access road, carefully **cross** Main St and **proceed** on Joyce St. to a "T".
13. Turn **RIGHT** on Columbia Avenue.
14. Turn **LEFT** on Wayne Street.
15. Wayne turns **LEFT** and becomes Lakeview Ave.
16. Turn **LEFT** on Kittitas St.
17. Turn **RIGHT** on Columbia Ave.
18. Turn **LEFT** on Brown St.
19. Turn **RIGHT** on Ginkgo Ave and proceed to Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park entrance.
20. **Proceed** into State Park. At (one way traffic) parking area loop, walk clockwise around parking loop facing traffic to left front corner of visitor center. (*Restrooms in parking area.*)
21. Proceed around left side of visitor center to back side of visitor center overlooking the river.
22. Turn **AROUND** and return to parking lot and front entrance steps of visitor center. (*Visit the visitor center when it is open.*)
23. Facing steps, turn **RIGHT** on paved trail in front of visitor center and proceed on "Trail to Indian Picture Rocks" "60 yards".
24. At the "T", Turn **LEFT** on paved trail and proceed to petroglyphs at end of paved trail.
25. Turn **AROUND** and retrace your steps back on paved trail to where chain/rock fence turns away from the paved trail.
26. Turn **LEFT** on dirt trail keeping chain fence on your left and proceed to river overlook.
27. Turn **RIGHT** out to the road.
28. Turn **LEFT** on road and proceed to State Park entrance (white) gate.
29. Just past gate, angle **RIGHT** at the "Y" on old asphalt road to where 3rd set of power lines cross overhead and over the road just before the road starts to descend downhill.
30. Turn **AROUND** at 3rd overhead power line and return to the "Y" at the park entrance.
31. Turn **RIGHT** on Ginkgo Ave. (no street sign)
32. Turn **LEFT** on Brown St.
33. Road turns **RIGHT** and becomes Lakeview Ave.
34. Road turns **RIGHT** and becomes Wayne Street.
35. Turn **LEFT** on Main Street.
36. Turn **LEFT** on Boat Ramp Rd back to start.

If there is an Emergency, call 911.

Thank you for walking our Vantage walk.

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Driving Directions from Vantage Boat Launch parking lot to 3K hike start point

1. Drive out Boat Ramp Road to stop sign at Main Street (no sign). Turn **RIGHT** on Main Street. You will drive 2.5 miles on Main Street/Vantage Highway to the parking lot for the "Trees of Stone" Interpretive trail.
2. Just past Vantage, Main Street **CURVES LEFT** and becomes Vantage Hwy. Look for a sign just before the gravel State Park parking lot that says, "Ginkgo Petrified Forest Interp Trail ¼ mile". Parking lot requires a Discover Pass (\$10 daily Discover Passes are available in the parking lot) or you can park along the Vantage Hwy for free. (There is a wide spot along the highway just past the far end of the parking lot).

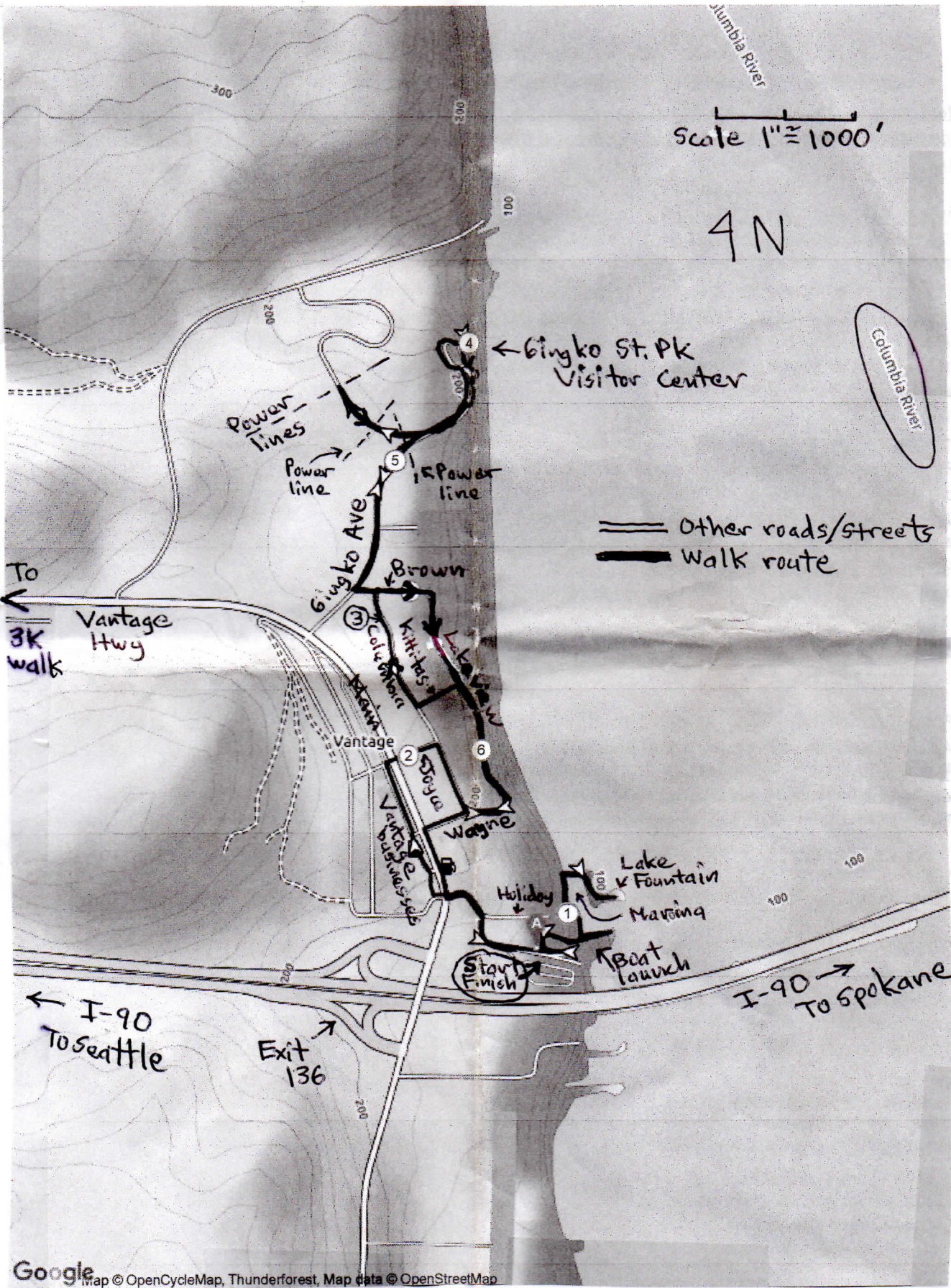
Walk Directions for 3K hike ("Trees of Stone" Interpretive hiking trail). You will walk past each of the exhibits in their numbered order. Pit toilets are in the parking lot. There is a seasonal drinking fountain at the rock house. There is no shade on this hike.

37. At lower end of parking lot, **proceed** up asphalt trail through rock house passageway (*drinking fountain at exit of rock house*).
38. Continue **STRAIGHT** ahead up the asphalt trail past 2 dirt way trails and 2 gravel trails (all on your left), past exhibits 1 & 2 to exhibit 3 at the end of the asphalt trail.
39. Turn **AROUND** and retrace your steps back to the junction at exhibit 1. (*A small sign under a bush points to exhibits 4-11*).
40. Turn **RIGHT** on the gravel path and pass exhibits 4, 5 and 6. Soon after exhibit 6, there is a way trail that comes in from the right (unmarked). Stay **STRAIGHT** on the main trail.
41. Immediately after the way trail, the main trail will curve left and there will be a junction with a gravel trail that goes downhill to the left (unmarked). Stay **STRAIGHT** on the main trail. You'll then go uphill on two short but steep right and left switchbacks. (*Don't go up the steep, rocky cutoff trail*).
42. Continue past exhibits 7 and 8.
43. Shortly after exhibit 8, you'll go through two short right and left switchbacks with cut off trails. Stay on main trail through the switchbacks.
44. At next "T" and exhibit 9, turn **LEFT** downhill to exhibit 10.
45. At exhibit 10, turn **AROUND** & return to exhibit 9.
46. Continue **STRAIGHT** ahead to exhibit 11.
47. Turn **LEFT** on "Interp Trail" and pass exhibits 12 and 13 to another gravel trail junction (unmarked) on your **left**.
48. Continue **STRAIGHT** at junction, pass exhibits 14 and 15 to a "Y" trail junction (*small sign points to exhibits 16-22*).
49. Go **RIGHT** at the "Y" on Interpretive Trail to exhibit 16.
50. At exhibit 16, turn **RIGHT** and continue uphill past exhibits 17, 18 and 19 to another "Y".
51. Turn **LEFT** at the "Y" (*small sign points to exhibits 20 -21*) and **LEFT** again at another "Y" (unmarked) shortly after that.
52. Pass exhibits 20 and 21 and **continue** around to the main trail junction again. On the way, you'll pass a short gravel trail on your **left**.
53. Turn **LEFT** on the signed "Interpretive Trail" and pass exhibits 16 through 19 again to "Y".
54. This time, turn **RIGHT** at the "Y" (*small signs point right to exhibit 22 and hiking trail*).
55. In 60 feet, turn **RIGHT** at the next trail junction (*unmarked*).
56. Proceed past exhibit 22 on the ridge top hiking trail. Once you get to the ridgetop. There is a barbed wire fence on your left. Pass a small way trail that angles right (unmarked) and then pass a small way trail that angles left (unmarked).
57. After the main trail makes a large, sweeping 180 degree curve to the **right**, turn **LEFT** at the next gravel trail junction (unmarked) and stay on the main trail.
58. At the next gravel trail junction (unmarked), **ANGLE LEFT** and stay on the main trail.
59. At next "Y" junction (unmarked), turn **RIGHT** on the main gravel trail. In 200 feet, the gravel trail turns to asphalt and you are back at exhibit 3.
60. Stay **STRAIGHT** on asphalt path back downhill to the parking lot.

If there is an Emergency, call 911.

The walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed AVA athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

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.) The \$2 "coupon" for the downloaded PDF expires in 60 days.



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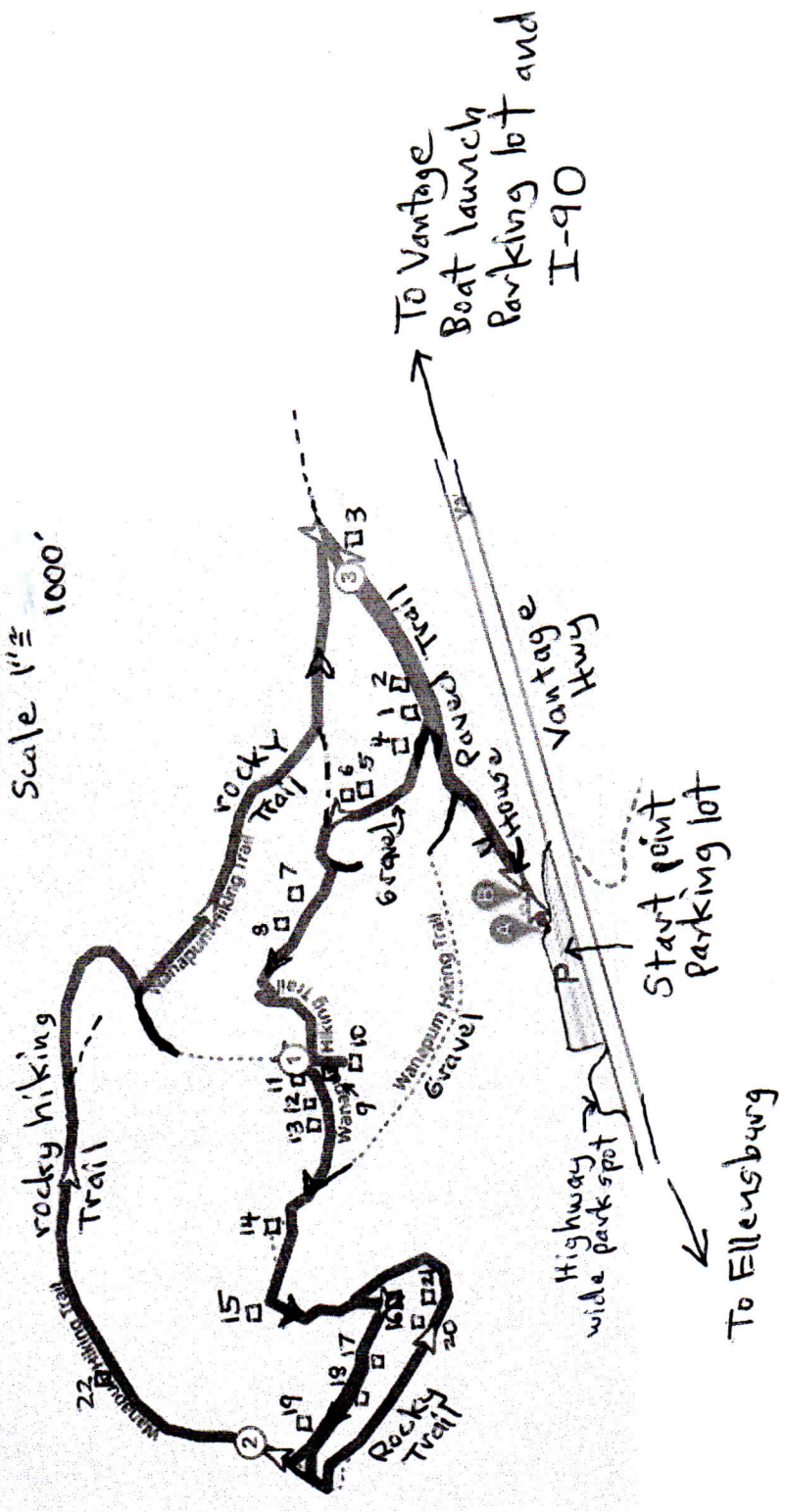
Vantage 3k

"Trees of Stone" Interpretive + Hiking Trail

- - location of petrified wood exhibits
- Other Trails
- Walking Route

Scale 1" = 1000'

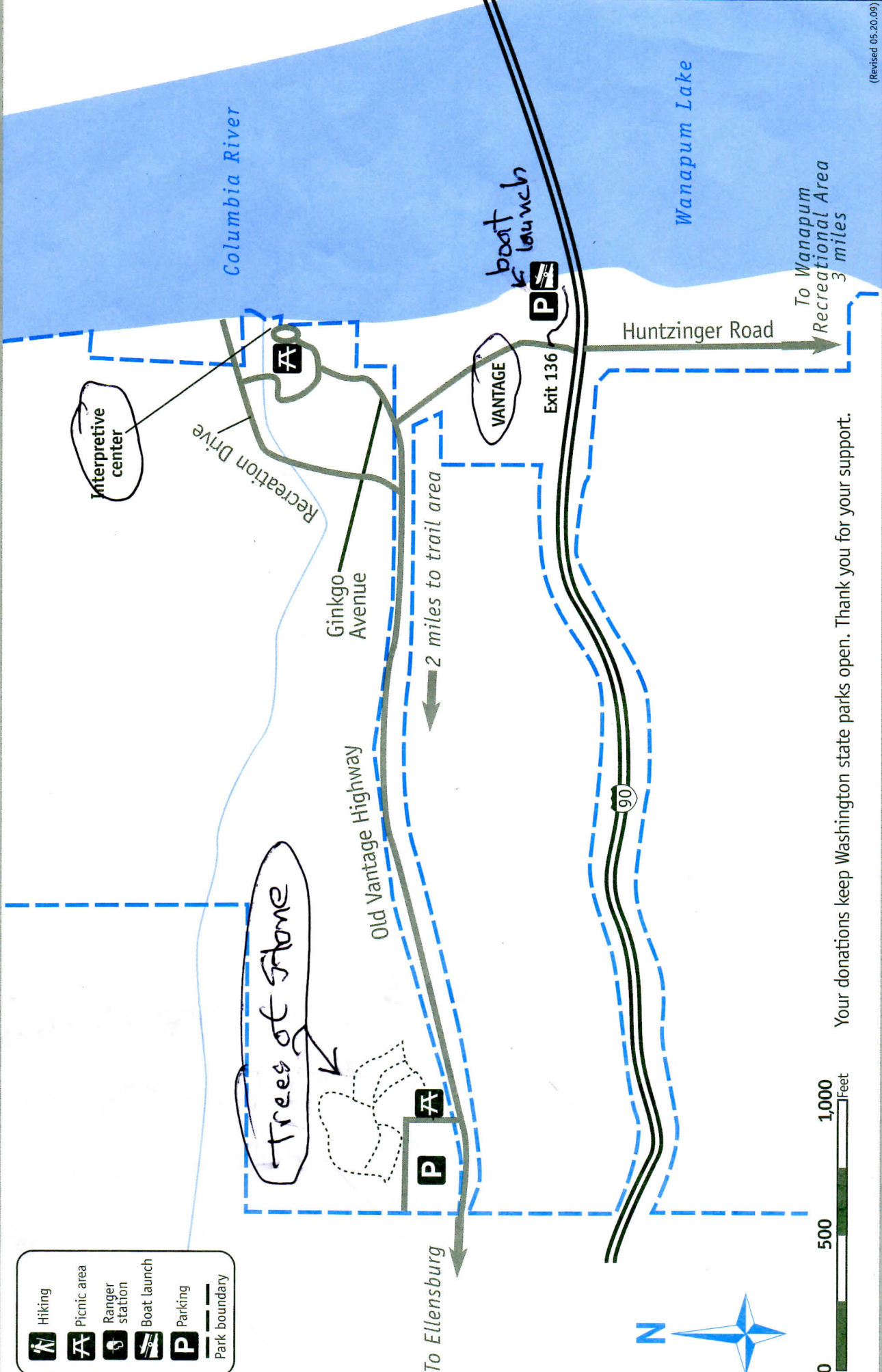
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Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park

- Hiking
- Picnic area
- Ranger station
- Boat launch
- Parking
- Park boundary



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WALLA WALLA - City and Parks - Walla Walla Co. Y1922 6K & 10K
WEB REGISTRATION utilizing the Online Start Box or contact POC by email for directions.
4/1 - 11/15. Rated 1A. Walk through downtown with its many winery tasting rooms, through Whitman College and city parks and historic homes.

WENATCHEE - City Art and River - Chelan Co. Y0503 5K & 10K
WEB REGISTRATION utilizing the Online Start Box or contact POC by email for directions.
4/1 - 10/31. Rated 1A. Walk through downtown and on a paved trail through parks along the Columbia River with lots of artwork along the trail.

YAKIMA - Chesterley Park/Canal Path - Yakima Co. Y0993 5K & 10K
Powerhouse Grill, 3807 River Rd, Yakima, 509-469-9900. 4/1 - 11/15. Rated 1A.
Walk paved Powerhouse Canal path and through residential areas.

YAKIMA - Yakima River Greenway Trail - Yakima Co. Y0574 5K & 10K
Baymont by Wyndham Hotel, 1603 E. Yakima Ave, Yakima, 509-654-9168. 4/1 - 11/15.
Rated 1A. Walk a paved trail along the Yakima River and through the city's Arboretum.

YAKIMA - Historic Downtown - Yakima Co. Y2734 5K & 10K
Baymont by Wyndham Hotel, 1603 E. Yakima Ave, Yakima, 509-654-9168. 4/1 - 11/15.
Rated 1A. Walk through historic downtown, residential areas and through several parks.
NEW EVENT for 2021.

ZILLAH - Town and Canal - Yakima Co. Y1951 5K & 10K
Best Western Plus, 911 Vintage Valley Parkway, Zillah, 833-448-0904. 4/1 - 11/15.
5K rated 1A, 10K rated 1C. Walk through the town past historic "Teapot Dome" gas station, a Veteran's Memorial, and through residential areas. 10K follows a gravel road along the Sunnyside Canal.

Web registration address: my.ava.org. You will need to establish an account on the site before being able to register for events.
POC contact for email registration: joelblazek1@gmail.com

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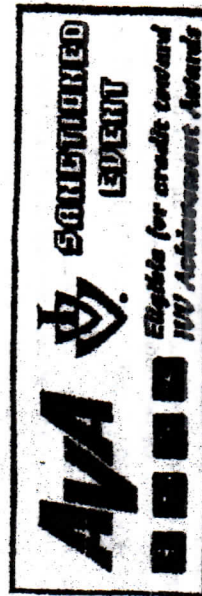
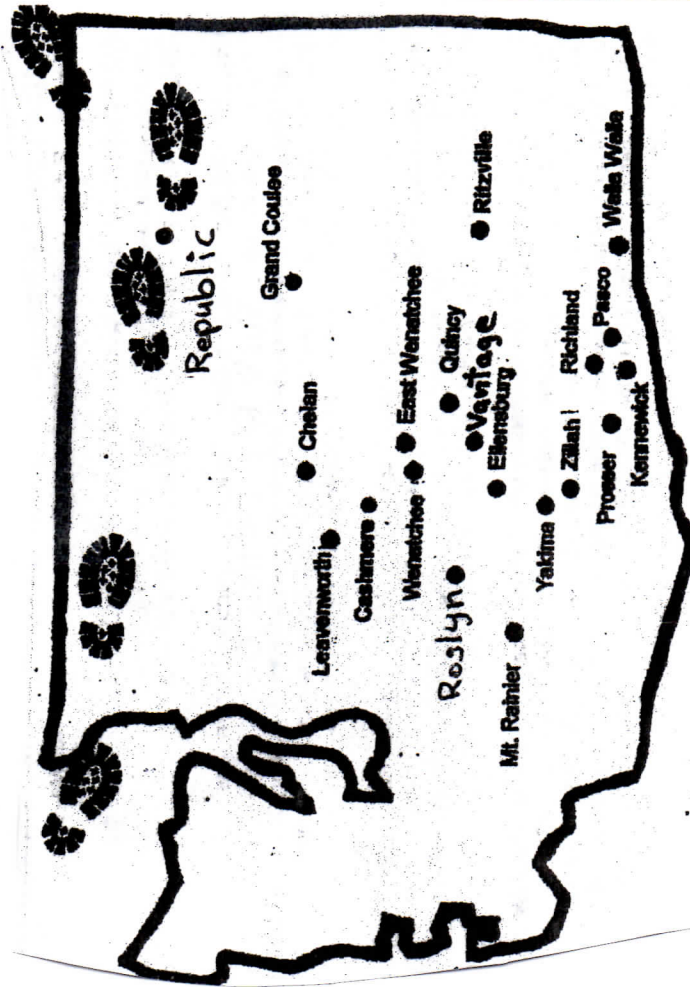
Comments can be sent to Central Washington Sun Striders,
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1 YEAR ROUND WALK 24 SEASONAL WALKS IN CENTRAL WASHINGTON



CASHMERE - Town and River - Chelan Co. Y0319 5K & 10K

Martin's Market Place, 130 Tichenal Way, Cashmere, 509-782-3801. 4/1 - 11/15. 5K Rated 1A, 10K Rated 2A. Walk through downtown which includes the Aplets and Collets factory, through residential areas, along the Wenatchee River, and by a 9/11 and Veteran's Memorial.

CHELAN - Town and Lake - Chelan Co. Y1974 5K & 10K

WEB REGISTRATION utilizing the Online Start Box or contact POC by email for directions. 4/1 - 10/31. Rated 2A. Walk through residential and business areas, through three parks, and along Lake Chelan and the Chelan River.

EAST WENATCHEE - Columbia River Bridge and Trail - Chelan/Douglas Cos. Y0258 6K/10K

WEB REGISTRATION utilizing the Online Start Box or contact POC by email for directions. 4/1 - 10/31. Rated 1A. Walk across the Columbia River on a pedestrian bridge. Then walk on a paved recreation trail along the river with views of Wenatchee and surrounding hills.

ELLENSBURG - City and CWU - Kittitas Co. Y0320 5K/6K/10K & 15K

Best Western Plus Hotel, 211 W. Umplanum Rd, Ellensburg, 509-925-4244. 1/2 - 12/31. Rated 1A. Walk through historic neighborhoods, downtown and CWU campus.

ELLENSBURG - Yakima River and Parks - Kittitas Co. Y1151 6K & 10K

Best Western Plus Hotel, 211 W. Umpplanum Rd, Ellensburg, 509-925-4244. 4/1 - 12/31. Rated 1B. Walk in three city parks and along the Yakima River.

GRAND COULEE - Town and Dam - Douglas/Grant/Okanogan Cos. Y1921 5K and 10K.

WEB REGISTRATION utilizing the Online Start Box or contact POC by email for directions. 4/1 - 10/31. Upper 5K rated 2B, lower 5K rated 1B. Walk on paved trails and city streets with great views of the river and reservoir from above and below Grand Coulee Dam.

KENNEWICK - River and Carousel - Benton Co. Y1015 1K/5K & 10K

WEB REGISTRATION utilizing the Online Start Box or contact POC by email for directions. 4/1 - 11/15. Rated 1A. Walk 5K or 10K on paved Sacajawea Trail along the Columbia River and through Columbia Park. You then drive 5 1/2 miles to the 1K carousel walk.

LEAVENWORTH - Bavarian Town - Chelan Co. Y0452 5K & 10K

Icicle Village Resort - Icicle Inn, 505 US2, Leavenworth, 800-961-0162. 4/1 - 11/15. Rated 2B. Walk through the Bavarian themed downtown, residential areas and along the Wenatchee River crossing bridges to Blackbird Island and a city park.

LEAVENWORTH - Icicle Gorge/Chatter Crk Trails - Chelan Co. Y1675 7K & 3K

Icicle Village Resort - Icicle Inn, 505 US2, Leavenworth, 800-961-0162. 5/1 - 10/31. 7K Icicle Gorge Trail rated 1B, 3K Chatter Creek Trail rated 2B. Register and drive 13 miles to hike the Icicle Gorge loop trail along both sides of the creek. Then drive a short distance and hike the Chatter Creek Trail to a small waterfall. Federal land's parking pass required.

MT. RAINIER NAT'L PK - Ohanapecosh River Trail - Lewis Co. Y0789 5K & 10K

Info Center, Ohanapecosh Campground, Mt. Rainier Nat'l Park, 360-569-2211, open 7/3 - 9/6. From 9/7 - 9/30 use the AVA On-Line Start Box for registration or email joelblazek1@gmail.com for directions. Rated 3C. Hike a loop trail through the forest along the river to Silver Falls and the big trees in the Grove of the Patriarchs. Federal land's parking pass required.

PASCO - Sacajawea River Trail - Franklin Co. Y0148 5K & 10K

WEB REGISTRATION utilizing the Online Start Box or contact POC by email for directions. 4/1 - 11/15. Rated 1A. Walk on a paved trail along the Columbia River.

PROSSER - City and Wineries - Benton Co. Y2092 5K & 10K

WEB REGISTRATION utilizing the Online Start Box or contact POC by email for directions. 4/1 - 11/15. Rated 1A. Walk through Vintner's Village - an area of many wineries. Cross the Yakima River and walk through the downtown and residential areas.

QUINCY - Agricultural Town - Grant Co. Y1543 5K & 10K

WEB REGISTRATION utilizing the Online Start Box or contact POC by email for directions. 4/1 - 10/31. Rated 1B. Walk through downtown and residential areas of this agricultural town.

REPUBLIC - Old Mining Town and Rail Trail - Ferry Co. Y2591 4K & 6K

WEB REGISTRATION utilizing the Online Start Box or contact POC by email for directions. 4/1 - 10/31. 4K is rated 2B, 6K is rated 1A. Walk 4K to a fossil dig site and around town on sidewalks and road shoulders. Then drive a short distance to the 6K Golden Tiger Rail Trail.

RICHLAND - Columbia River Trail - Benton Co. Y1012 10K

WEB REGISTRATION utilizing the Online Start Box or contact POC by email for directions. 4/1 - 11/15. Rated 1A. Walk on a paved path through parks along the Columbia River.

RITZVILLE - Historic Agricultural Town - Adams Co. Y1011 6K & 10K

WEB REGISTRATION utilizing the Online Start Box or contact POC by email for directions. 4/1 - 10/31. 6K is rated 1B, 10K is rated 2B. Walk through the historic downtown district, residential areas and through the county fair grounds.

ROSLYN - Historic Town & Coal Mine Rail Trail - Kittitas Co. Y1565 5K & 11K

The Lodge at Suncadia, Suncadia Resort, 3600 Suncadia Trail, Cle Elum, 509-649-6400. 4/1 - 9/30. Rated 2B. You will drive 4 miles after you register at the Lodge to Roslyn. Walk through the Nat'l Historic area and the historic cemetery with its 23 separate ethnic and fraternal sections and on the gravel Coal Mine Rail Trail.

ROSLYN - Suncadia Resort Trails - Kittitas Co. Y1599 5K & 11K

The Lodge at Suncadia, Suncadia Resort, 3600 Suncadia Trail, Cle Elum, 509-649-6400. 4/1 - 9/30. 5K is rated 1A, 11K is rated 2B. Walk on paved trails through forests, golf courses and residential areas of this planned resort community.

VANTAGE - Town and Ginkgo State Park - Kittitas Co. Y2184 7K & 3K

WEB REGISTRATION utilizing the Online Start Box or contact POC by email for directions. 4/1 - 10/31. 7K is rated 2A, 3K is 2C. Walk 7K along the Columbia River, through the community and to the state park visitor center with its petrified logs and petroglyphs. Then drive a short distance to hike the 3K "Trees of Stone" trail with petrified logs and views of the river and area.