



## OLYMPIA HISTORIC EASTSIDE/MISSION CREEK YRE# 2576

**Distance:** 6K, 8K, 10K  
**Difficulty Rating:** 2B

This walk passes through the historic Bigelow neighborhood, the oldest neighborhood in Olympia, founded 1851. It also passes through Mission Creek Park, by the popular San Francisco Street Bakery and down a hidden pedestrian passage way. The 6K starts at the Capitol Vision Community Garden, and the 10K starts at the Bayview Market. Addresses and driving directions are on the walk directions. There are **restrooms** at the Bayview Market (start point) and Ralph’s Thriftway on the 10K route. There are **restrooms** for patrons at the San Francisco Bakery on the 6K route. Print a parking pass for your dashboard while you are parked in the Bayview Market parking lot.

### 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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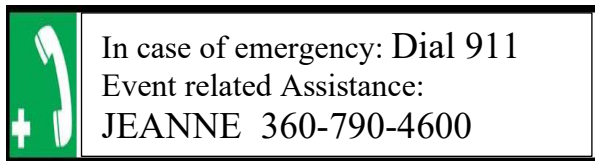
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YRE WALK #2576**



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**AVA Challenges:** 50 States/Capitals (Washington/Olympia); Walking the USA A-Z (O); Little Free Libraries (6K only).

**ESVA Challenges:** 39 Counties (Thurston County); Frontline Heroes – Sustenance Providers.

**OSTVA Challenges:** J, L, M, N, O, P, W

**Start Point: Capitol Vision Community Garden, 1749 Yew Ave NE, Olympia**  
Lat: 47.05126 Lng: -122.87967

**Driving Directions: From I-5 Northbound:** Take Exit 105 and follow Port of Olympia signs. Turn **LEFT** onto Plum St. to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. **RIGHT** on 4<sup>th</sup> one block. **LEFT** on Puget St to Yew Ave. **RIGHT** on Yew to Community Garden. Park on grass at Garden entrance on right. **From I-5 Southbound:** Take Exit 105B which merges into Plum St. Continue on Plum to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and then continue as above.

**Nearest Restrooms at Bigelow Park, 1220 Bigelow Ave NE, Olympia, WA 98506 (see restroom symbol on map**

1. Exit past “Capitol Vision Community Garden Garden Space Available, All are Welcome” sign to street.
2. Angle **LEFT** across Yew Ave to Lybarger St NE.
3. **RIGHT** on Lybarger to Pine Ave NE.
4. **RIGHT** on Pine to Wilson St. NE
5. **LEFT** on Wilson to 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NE
6. **LEFT** on 12<sup>th</sup> to Edison St NE
7. **RIGHT** onto Edison and continue into Mission Creek Park on well defined path (unmarked “Main Path” ignore small side paths. (see insert on map for detail of walk inside of park.)
8. Turn **LEFT** to keep on “Main Trail” at intersection where going straight head exits park at Fir St (Back of Fir St Sign on left)
9. Take first fork, **RIGHT** off of “Main Trail” onto similarly maintained unmarked “Loop Trail” (noted on map detail)
10. Stay **LEFT** to keep on “Loop Trail” at fork to right. Continue to next intersection at “Main Trail”.
11. Continue on “Main Trail” to cross boardwalk (slippery when wet).
12. **RIGHT** at end of boardwalk. Continue up incline to exit park onto (unmarked) San Francisco St. (See points of interest for directions from here to the local rhododendron garden in May at #12.)

13. Continue straight on San Francisco to Tullis St NE, (passing San Francisco St Bakery on right. Bakery, hot drinks, sandwiches. (during pandemic garden seating & restrooms for patrons are closed. Picnic tables & restrooms later in walk at Bigelow Park)
14. **LEFT** on Tullis to Yew Ave NE
15. **RIGHT** on Yew. Carefully cross Puget. Continue on Yew to Quince St NE
16. **LEFT** at Quince onto Public Pathway (sign) and then on street to Bigelow Ave NE.
17. **RIGHT** on Bigelow then immediate
18. **RIGHT** on path to historic Bigelow Springs. Return to Bigelow Ave.
19. **RIGHT** downhill on Bigelow Ave NE that turns left and becomes Quince St NE to Glass Ave NE.
20. **RIGHT** on Glass to East Bay Dr NE, passing Bigelow Museum and several very early historic houses.
21. **LEFT** on East Bay Drive, staying on left side of street to Olympia Ave NE. OR

**Quieter Alternative:**

- **LEFT** on East Bay Drive immediately turn
  - **LEFT** again into alley in front of grassy hill. Take alley to next street (unmarked Pear St).
  - **RIGHT** to follow Pear across Prospect Ave and then as it curves left to Quince.
  - **RIGHT** on Quince to Olympia Ave NE. Then continue at #22.
22. **LEFT** on Olympia Ave NE (more historic houses) to Tullis St NE
  23. **LEFT** on Tullis to Bigelow Ave NE
  24. **RIGHT** on Bigelow to Marion St NE (Picnic tables, restrooms in Park)
  25. **LEFT** on Marion to Yew Ave NE
  26. **RIGHT** on Yew to Capitol Vision Community Garden and finish

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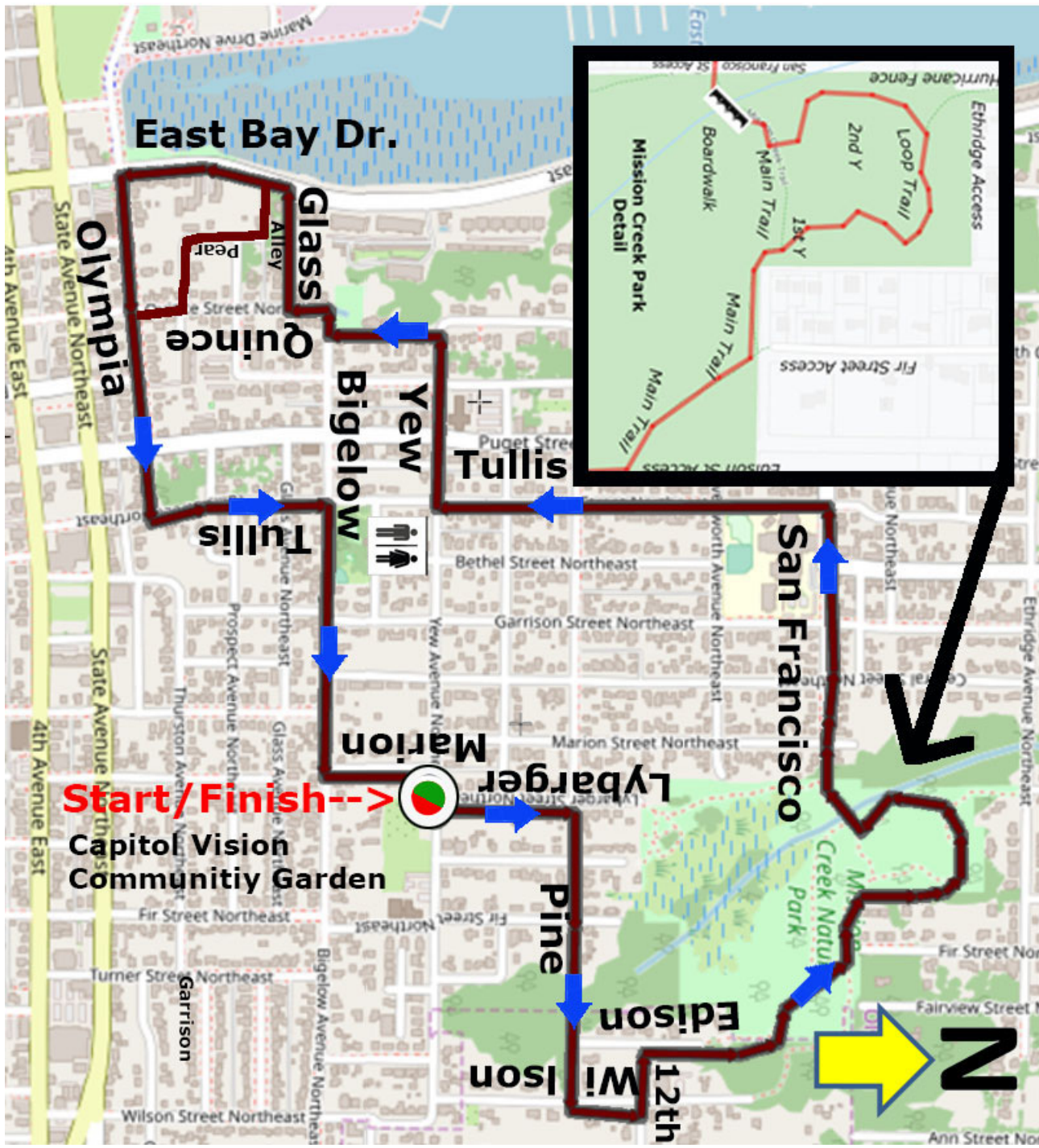
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## Points of Interest (step number noted)

- #1 Community Garden
- # 6 **Chua Lien Hoa Temple** is a Vietnamese Buddhist Temple. Respectful visitors are welcome to visit the garden/ reflection area, to sit, or eat. The entrance off of 12<sup>th</sup>. Occasionally staff is on hand to answer questions. **No Dogs! No Meat! on temple premises.**
- # 7 **Mission Creek Nature Park.** Headwaters of Mission Creek rise in this park then it makes its way to Budd Bay at the south end of Priest Point Park. The City is partnering with the Port of Olympia and South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group to restore estuarine functions and fish passage to the mouth of Mission Creek
- #12 **Optional 2k to Springwood Parcel Rhododendron Garden.** This beloved garden was created in their back yard by Art and Peggy Zabel, then donated to the City of Olympia by The Angela J. Bowen Conservancy Foundation in 2015. It contains hundreds of varieties of rhododendrons, many of which don't exist anywhere else. Note: At the moment, other than the path and flowers it is an undeveloped open space. **Flowers blooming in May.** Directions:
  - Just after exiting Mission Creek Park onto unmarked San Francisco Ave, **RIGHT** on Central St to Miller Ave NE.
  - **LEFT** on Miller to Bethel St NE
  - **RIGHT** on Bethel to Springwood (next right, long block)
  - **RIGHT** on Springwood Ave NE to the Springwood Parcel entrance/path on **LEFT.**
  - Circle through and enjoy flowers.
  - When finished exit **LEFT** on Springwood to Bethel St NE
  - **LEFT** on Bethel to Ethridge Ave
  - **LEFT** on Ethridge to Garrison St
  - **RIGHT** on Garrison to San Francisco Ave NE
  - **RIGHT** on San Francisco then
  - **CONTINUE** at step #13 on previous page.
- #13 San Francisco St Bakery is the community heart of the North Eastside neighborhood.
- #18 The **Bigelow Springs Park**, includes a small free-flowing artesian well. There are interpretive signs and a small seating area.
- #20 & #22 The Bigelow's house is now the **Bigelow House Museum** on Glass street. Closed during the pandemic. More info at [olympiahistory.org](http://olympiahistory.org). It is the oldest existing documented house in Olympia 1854, and the Historic Bigelow Neighborhood is the oldest in Olympia. Many historic homes line Glass Ave and Olympia Ave.
- #24 Bigelow Park. Picnic Tables & **Restrooms.**



Olympia Historic  
Eastside/Mission Creek  
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**OSTVA Challenges:** J, L, M, N, O, P, W

**Start Point:** Bayview Market 516 W. 4th Ave, Olympia, WA 98502.

Lat: 47.044890 Lng: -122.907327

**Driving Directions:** From I-5 Northbound: Take Exit 105 and follow Port of Olympia signs. Turn LEFT on Plum St. and LEFT on State St. Keep in right lane to turn RIGHT at 4th Ave. Bayview is on the right just before the bridge. Place parking pass on dashboard. From I-5 Southbound: Take Exit 105B merges into Plum St. Proceed as above. **Restrooms** at Bayview Market.

1. Exit Bayview. **CROSS** parking lot to 4th Ave.
2. **LEFT** on 4<sup>th</sup> to Capitol Way. Cross Capitol Way.
3. **RIGHT** to cross 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Continue on Capitol to Legion Way SE
4. **LEFT** on Legion to Central St SE (blinking light)
5. **LEFT** on Central to 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE (1 block)
6. **RIGHT** on 5<sup>th</sup> to Edison St SE (street ends)
7. **LEFT** on Edison to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave E
8. **LEFT** on 4th Ave to crosswalk at flashing lights by Ralphs (restrooms)
9. **RIGHT** to cross 4<sup>th</sup> then **LEFT** on sidewalk to Turner St.
10. **RIGHT** on Turner. At State Street cross at crosswalk. Continue on Turner to Olympia Ave NE
11. **RIGHT** on Olympia 1 block to Wilson St NE (2 giant sequoias on left side of street)
12. **LEFT** on Wilson until it bends left.
13. Immediate **RIGHT** to continue on Wilson to 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NE
14. **LEFT** on 12<sup>th</sup> to Edison St NE
15. **RIGHT** onto Edison and continue into Mission Creek Park on well-defined path (unmarked “Main Path” ignore small side paths. (see insert on map for detail of walk inside of park.)
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18. Stay **LEFT** to keep on “Loop Trail” at fork to right. Continue to next intersection at “Main Trail”.
19. At “Main Trail”, **RIGHT**. Cross boardwalk (slippery when wet).
20. **LEFT** at first path to cross the other boardwalk and continue on “Main Trail” through grassy area to exit park at Lybarger street.
21. Continue on Lybarger to Yew St.
22. **LEFT** on Yew to McCormick.
23. **LEFT** on McCormick. At end of street take path through break in bushes back into park.
24. Take grassy path that veers **LEFT** past bench on mound to “Main Trail”
25. **RIGHT** on “Main Trail”. Retrace your steps to the boardwalk
26. **LEFT** at end of boardwalk and up incline to exit park onto San Francisco St.
27. Continue straight on San Francisco to Tullis St NE, passing San Francisco St Bakery on right. (Bakery, hot drinks, restrooms for patrons.)
28. **LEFT** on Tullis to Pine Ave NE
29. **RIGHT** on Pine to Quince St NE
30. **LEFT** on Quince. At end of street, continue straight onto Public Pathway (sign) and then on street to Bigelow St.
31. **RIGHT** on Bigelow St then immediate **RIGHT** on path to historic Bigelow Springs. Return to Bigelow St.
32. **RIGHT** downhill on Bigelow Ave NE that turns left and becomes Quince St NE to Glass Ave NE.
33. **RIGHT** on Glass to East Bay Dr NE, passing Bigelow Museum and several very early historic houses.
34. Cross East Bay Dr NE at the crosswalk.
35. **LEFT** on East Bay Drive, then straight crossing State St to 4<sup>th</sup> Ave E.
36. **RIGHT** continue straight on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave to Start/Finish Point at Bayview.

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**Start/Finish**



**4th**

**Capitol Way**

**1**

**Legion Way**

**4th**

**East Bay Dr**

**Glass**

**8**

**Bigelow**

**State Ave**

**2**

**EASTSIDE**

**4th**

**3**

**Olympia**

**Wilson**

**4**

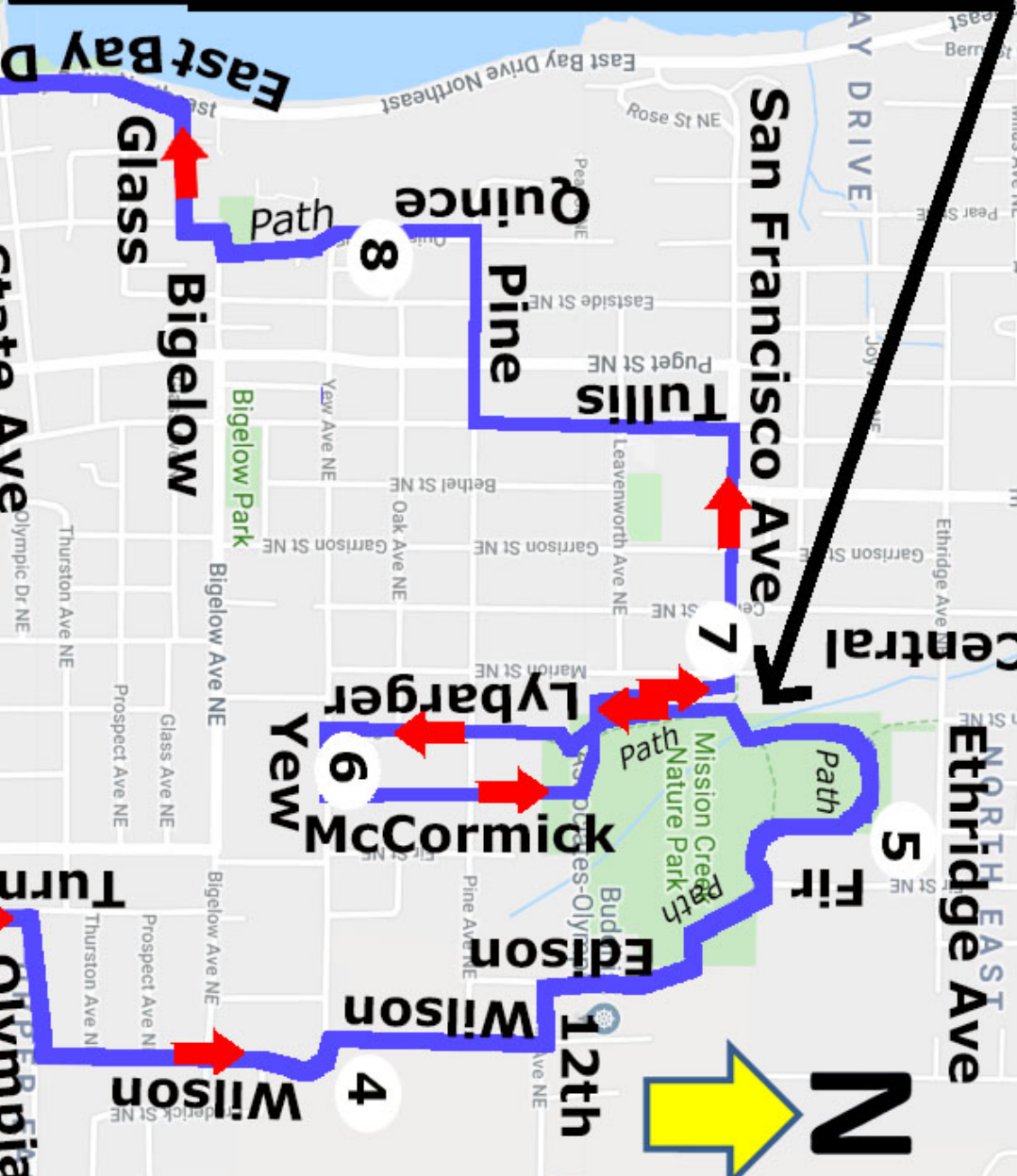
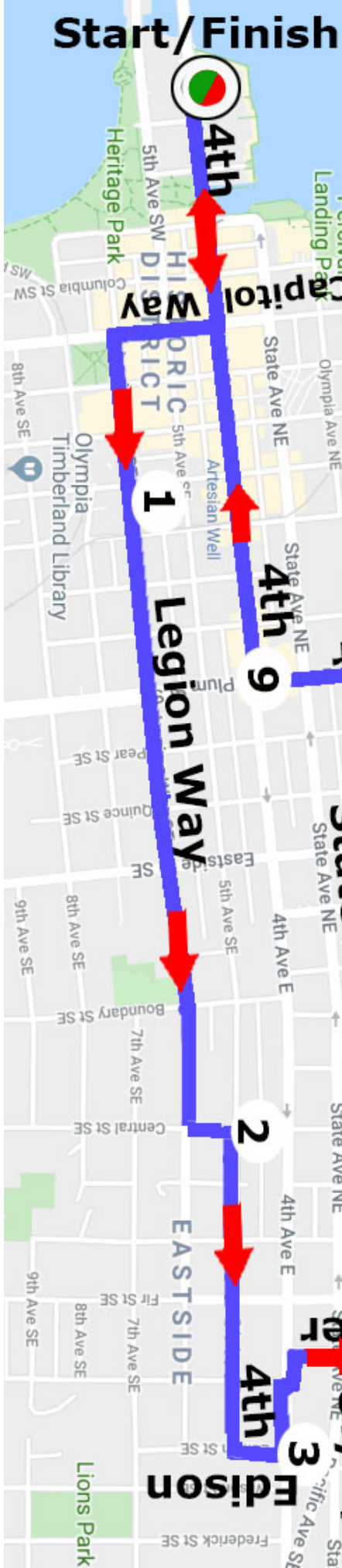
**Wilson**

**12th**



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**EAST  
Ethridge Ave**

**Central**

**5**

**Fir**

**Path**

**Edison**

**Wilson**

**6**

**McCormick**

**Yew**

**Lybarger**

**Path**

**Tullis**

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**Glass**

**Bigelow**

**State Ave**

**4th**

**Capitol Way**

**10k**

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