



TREKKER TRAKKS JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2018 NW Tulip Trekkers Volkssport Walking Club

President's Message:

NWTT Members,
Happy 2018! This will be a busy year for us. We have added 2 new YREs, dropped 1 and revised others so we now have 22. NWTT will be hosting the Whidbey Walking Festival on September 7 - 9. This time the festival headquarters will be at Camp Casey, just north of Fort Casey and the Coupeville Ferry Terminal. It will feature a New Venue, New Walks and New Views.

We are planning 5 walks and 2 socials. We need volunteers the weekend of the event and also are looking for people willing to coordinate the organization of the event. People are needed for: Publicity, Trails, and Soliciting sponsors/door prizes; Start/finish Supervisor, Volunteer Coordinator and Socials Coordinator. If you are interested in helping to plan the event or would like more information about the above positions, please email Sue Payton at wishome@yahoo.com

Please take a look at our website for January and February Friendship walk dates. David Wesley has listed made a lot of updates and is continuing the transformation over to the newer html format. We are in the process of updating YRE photos as well.

See you in Fairhaven soon.

Tim Fisher
President NWTT



Welcome to the NW Tulip Trekkers:

Karla Garey, Sedro Woolley

Dale and Glenda Johnson, Mount Vernon

January 18th (Thursday)

Flash Walks – Anacortes

Start Location: Mobil Station, 2410 Commercial Ave(both 10k and 5k)

10k Start Time: 10 am. Please register by 9:45 am.

Rated: 1A #Y0512

10k Hosts: Tim & Cheryl Fisher gotdisc7@gmail.com 425-626-0492.

5k Start Time: 11 am. Please register by 10:45 am.

Rated: 1A #Y0512

5k Hosts: Fred & Sharon Fisher sfisher@fidalgo.net 360-293-7985.

Special Programs & Challenges: *Anacortes, Skagit County, Fidalgo Island, Downtown & Waterways, Amphitheatres, Honoring our Flag, National Register of Historic Places, Points of Reference, US Post Offices, Take a Walk in a City Park, Volcanoes, Walking America's Ports of Call, Make a Wish at a Water Fountain, You'll Never Walk Alone, Whiskey-Vino-Brew.*

Walk along the Cap Sante Marina and over to the Guemes Channel passing boat works and historic Causland Park. Explore the quaint downtown with many shops and restaurants.

Directions to Start: From I-5, Exit 230, Highway 20 west. Follow signs for Anacortes. At Anacortes, follow Highway 20 as it turns right on Commercial; Mobil is on the left at 24th Street. Please use on-street parking.

Whidbey Walking Fest Meeting: After your walk, join your fellow Trekkers at 12:45 for lunch and a WWF meeting inside [Bastions Brewery](#) , 12529 Christianson Rd, Anacortes. The purpose of this meeting is to give people the opportunity to get involved by helping out at the WWF event. We need volunteers, so please attend.

Friendship Walks for January/February:

ALL WALKS START AT 10 am UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Please sign in and be ready to walk before 10 am.

January 20th (Saturday)

Connelly Creek - Interurban (Fairhaven)

Register at 9:45 am; Walk will start at 10am

Start Box Location: Fairhaven Runners, 1209 11th St.

Hosts: Norm & Gina Colon ng.colon@yahoo.com 360-393-5054

Revised Route. 5/10 km., [Rated 2B](#), Number Y365.

Boardwalks, Honoring Our Flag, Ice Cream Parlors, National Register of Historic Places, Points of Reference, Trekking with Trees, Walk the USA Street by Street, Walking America's Ports of Call, You'll Never Walk Alone.

This walk takes you through historic Fairhaven, Western Washington University campus with wonderful views of Bellingham Bay and outdoor art displays, the gravel & paved South Bay Trail, Boulevard Park and Taylor Dock, a popular walking trail. On Saturdays April through September you could walk through the Farmers Market and there are restaurants throughout the downtown. Restrooms are available at start/finish and along route.

Directions to Start: I-5 Exit 250, Fairhaven Parkway. From the South turn left, from the North turn right. From Fairhaven Parkway, right on 12th St, Left on Harris Ave, Right on 11th. Shop is on the right and we will register in the front of it.

February 3rd (Saturday)

Cornwall Park (Bellingham)

Start Location: Haggen Food & Pharmacy, 2814 Meridian

Hosts: Tom Stabile/Margaret Quick tandmwa@frontier.net 360-966-2346

5/10 km. , [Rated 1A](#), Number Y1142.

Boardwalks, Honoring our Flag, National Register of Historic Places, Points of Reference, Trekking with the Trees, Volcanoes, Walk the USA Street by Street, Walking America's Ports of Call, You'll Never Walk Alone

Walk through Historical residential neighborhoods, 5 parks, Bellingham Vocational College and on trails in northwest Bellingham. Fabulous old homes with a couple of mansions along the way. Restrooms at start/finish and along the way.

Directions to Start: I-5 northbound: take exit 256 Bellis Fair and turn Left onto Meridian. I-5 southbound: take exit 256 and turn Right on Meridian. In either case, drive 1 mile to store. We will meet to register at the corner of the parking lot near Meridian & Illinois streets.

February 10th (Saturday)

Downtown Mount Vernon

Start Location: Ristretto Coffee Lounge & Wine Bar 416 S 1st St.

Hosts: Tim & Cheryl Fisher gotdisc7@gmail.com 425-626-0492.

Revised Route 5/10 km. [Rated 1A/2A](#). Y1957. *Animal Safari, Bridges Spanning the USA, Food for Thought, Points of Reference, Take a Walk in a City Park, Trekking with Trees, US Post Offices, Volcanoes, Walk the USA Street by Street, You'll Never Walk Alone, Whiskey-Vino-Brew.*

Walk through downtown Mount Vernon passing many local restaurants and small businesses, including the historic Lincoln Theatre. Pass through quiet residential areas. Enjoy the Riverwalk with beautiful views of the Skagit River and Skagit Valley. Picnic spots along route.;

Directions to Start: I-5 Exit 226. Southbound turn right on Kincaid and proceed to First St. Northbound turn left under the bridge on Kincaid. Proceed to First St. Turn right. Turn left on Gates and park in Riverfront parking lot. Public restrooms are available on Riverwalk. Walk back to First St on Gates. Turn left and Ristretto is the first business on your right. Friendship Walk registration will be at table outside of coffee shop.

February 17th (Saturday)

Cordata (Bellingham)

Start Location: Whatcom Community College, Purple parking lot near the corner of Westerly and Eliza, Bellingham, WA

Host: Tamara Belts sis98225@yahoo.com 360-220-2111

New Route 5/10 km., [Rated 1A](#), Number Y1713.

Honoring Our Flag Make a Wish at a Water Fountain Take a Walk In a City Park, Volcanoes, Points of Reference, Walk the USA Street by Street, Walking America's Ports of Call, You'll Never Walk Alone.

Walk on city sidewalks, wooded trails, through residential neighborhoods, a new city park, and the campus of Whatcom Community College.

Directions to Start: Driving I-5 southbound take exit 258 Bakerview exit, left over I-5, left on Eliza Ave, pass Westerly Rd then right into the parking lot of Whatcom Community College (Purple lot). Northbound I-5 take exit 256B Meridian St exit, left on Bellis Fair Pkwy, pass Target and left on Eliza Ave, cross Bakerview, then turn right just past Westerly Rd and into the parking lot (Purple) of Whatcom Community College. Park just past the tennis courts near Pavilion building; we'll meet to register and start at the table in front of the Pavilion building.

February 24th (Saturday)

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There is a NW Expo at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal (in Fairhaven) from 12-5. It is geared to outdoor enthusiasts.

<https://www.recreationnorthwest.org/events/expo/>

The Friendship Walks are also listed on our web page.

Friendship Walks for the next two months of 2018:

(All walks will start at 10 am unless otherwise noted.)

March 3rd – Ferndale

March 24th – Coupeville

March 11th – La Conner at 2 pm

April 7th – Whatcom Falls

March 17th – Location TBA

April 14th – Fort Ebey

April 28th – N. Lake Whatcom

A graphic with the words "Happy New Year!" in a blue, 3D-style font. The letters are decorated with colorful streamers and confetti.

NWTT Club Gear

UPDATE: We're waiting for more orders for a price-break. A few members have asked for a new order of club gear. All members received an email about club gear and prices. A personalized message was sent to

each person who had expressed interest to find out if they want to order the gear immediately or preferred to wait until more people are interested to bring the price down; the majority of folks want to wait. If you had asked to get in on the order but didn't get a personalized email, please send a note to mquick6465@gmail.com. If you would like to order club gear please email mquick6465@gmail.com stating what you'd like, and whether you'd like it now or are willing to wait until we have a larger order that might lower the prices. The shirts/price list can be re-sent on request.

PLAN AHEAD:

NW Regional Walking Festival Port Angeles, WA, 7/13/2018 - 7/15/2018, www.esva.online

Whidbey Walking Festival, Coupeville, WA, 9/7/2018 - 9/9/2018, www.nwtrekkers.org

2019 AVA Convention, Albany, NY, 6/9/2019 -6/16/2019 www.walkescv.org

Club website: www.nwtrekkers.org
Evergreen State Volkssport Association: ESVA.org
AVA: America's Walking Club: AVA.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/1077999575578009/
Meetup: www.meetup.com/NW-Tulip-Trekkers-Walking-Club/

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