



NW Tulip Trekkers present the NEW



WHIDBEY WALKING FESTIVAL

*5 Event Walks
2 Socials*

September 7-9, 2018
All Walkers Welcome

AVA: America's Walking Club



Eligible for credit towards IVW Achievement Awards



Join us for walks on Whidbey Island and surrounding areas. Explore historic sites, towns, forests, and prairie lands. Take in the panoramic views of the Salish Sea (Puget Sound), bay and mountain views.

Our Festival headquarters and registration will be at Camp Casey, just north of the Coupeville/Port Townsend Ferry Terminal and Fort Casey State Park. Fort Casey is a former US Army base built at the turn of the 19th century. One of the historic buildings will serve as our headquarters for the weekend. Camp Casey is centrally located on the western shore of the island and makes a convenient spot to meet before heading out for walks. Gather to visit with old friends or make new ones while watching abundant wildlife, marine ship traffic, sea and panoramic mountain views. After registering, pick up walk directions and driving directions to walk starting points.

Note: no alcohol allowed on Camp Casey property.

Headquarters: Camp Casey, 1276 Engle Road, Coupeville WA 98239

Start Times: Friday: 9am-1 pm, finish by 5pm
Saturday: 8am - 1pm, finish walk by 5pm
Sunday: 8am - 12 noon, finish by 3 pm

Socials: Friday: Free Meet 'n' Greet at Camp Casey: 4 - 5:30 pm
Saturday: Free Bratwurst Lunch at Camp Casey 12 noon - 2 pm

The Coupeville Lions Club will host a Native American Style Salmon BBQ (\$20) on Sunday 11:30 am -1p.m. All proceeds benefit their service projects. The Town of Coupeville also sponsors a free concert in the Coupeville Town Park Sunday. Tickets for the Salmon BBQ go fast so pre-order on the pre-registration form.

Walk Routes

Coast to Coast: 6/11 km rated 2B. #108578

Drive 4 miles to start. **11 km**-Walk from historic Coupeville's waterfront on the east side of Whidbey Island to the majestic bluffs overlooking Puget Sound on the west side. Walk through Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve to view expansive prairie farmlands, Olympic and Cascade Mountains, Port Townsend and beyond. Walk on paved and dirt paths and along country roads. **6 km**- Walk from Coupeville to the outskirts of town for a view of prairie farmland before returning to town. *AVA Special Programs: Volcanoes ESVA Challenges: Parks, Womb to Tomb, Whisky-Vino-Brew*

Historic Fort Casey/Admiralty Inlet: 5/10 km rated 2B. #110782

Walk by historic military fortress' and other buildings in Camp Casey and Fort Casey State Park. View original gun batteries and support buildings, an old growth forest and rare prairie lands. Bring a flashlight to explore the gun batteries. Pass the vintage Admiralty Head Lighthouse and Coupeville Ferry Terminal. Panoramic views of Admiralty Inlet, Puget Sound, Port Townsend and the Olympic Mountains. *AVA Special Programs: Volcanoes. ESVA Challenge: Parks, Womb to Tomb.*

Bowman Bay: 5 km rated 2B. 10 km rated 3C. #110781

Drive 25 miles to start. **Washington State Discovery Pass required for parking.** This walk is on the north side of the Deception Pass Bridge. Walk along the shore, bluffs and forests at the entrance to Deception Pass. Enjoy views of the San Juan Islands, Bowman and Lottie Bays, Deception Pass Bridge and Puget Sound. While in the park, be sure to stop and visit the Civilian Conservation Corp Museum. The CCC built several buildings in the park that are still in use. Our club also has a year-round walk (YRW) in the area on the south side of the bridge. YRW registration will be available at our Headquarters. *AVA Special Programs: Volcanoes. ESVA Challenge: Parks, Womb to Tomb.*

South Whidbey-Freeland: 5/10 km. #110783

Two 5K routes. **First 5 km rated 2C:** Drive 13 miles to South Whidbey State Park. **Washington State Discover Pass required for parking.** Route has one steep hill (shorter option available to avoid the steep hill). Walk through old growth forests saved from bulldozers by tree-hugging citizens in the 1970's and the now closed campground with moss covered big leaf maples and lots of shade.

Second 5 km rated 1B: Drive 3 miles from South Whidbey State Park to Freeland. This census designated area started as a socialist community in the early 1900s. Walk along Holmes Harbor and view the latest construction project at Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, pass historic Freeland Hall, restaurants, antique stores, and take a short trail through a wooded marshland. *Your own vehicle liability insurance covers your drive between portions of this walk. AVA Special Programs: US Post Office. ESVA Challenge: Parks.*

Walk Routes cont.

Port Townsend

The Olympic Peninsula Explorers Volkssport Club will be offering a walk in Port Townsend. Walk the short distance from the Camp Casey headquarters to the Coupeville Ferry Terminal for a leisurely ride across Puget Sound to the historic seaport of Port Townsend. Then continue your walk through Port Townsend before returning on the ferry and walking back to Headquarters to finish your walk. Port Townsend's Victorian downtown is a National Historic District. *Current Washington State Ferry fares are \$3.35, \$1.65 senior or youth, each way.* There are also several YRW's in Port Townsend that start from the Subway sandwich shop across the street from the Port Townsend ferry landing. This is also the weekend for the Annual Wooden Boat Festival in Port Townsend (<http://nwmaritime.org/wooden-boat-festival/>).

Four other year-round walks are available on Whidbey Island: Deception Pass State Park (South), Oak Harbor, Fort Ebey State Park, and Coupeville Historic Town and Country. Registration and directions for the walks will be available at our headquarters.

Join us Thursday afternoon September 6, 4pm, to walk the Oak Harbor YRE. 5/10k Rated 2B. Walk along the harbor and through downtown. Start location: Oak Harbor Windjammer Park, 1600 S. Beeksma Drive. From the North on SR 20, at the traffic light at Pioneer Way, continue straight onto SW Beeksma Drive, Park entrance is on the left.

Register at our headquarters and pick your walks. Driving directions to the walk start points will be included on the walk directions.

Facilities/Pets: Restrooms and water are available at headquarters. Restrooms available at walk start points and along some walk routes. Pets are permitted on walks but not in buildings, or overnight at Camp Casey. Pets must be on a leash at all times, picked up after, and follow all local rules.

Pre-Registration: Pre-registration form is enclosed in this brochure or available on our website and must be postmarked by August 20, 2018.

Driving Directions to Camp Casey (approx. 43 miles from I-5). From I-5, Exit 230, Hwy 20/Burlington, take State Route 20 West, to Oak Harbor, then to Coupeville. At the Coupeville traffic signal turn Right onto S. Main St. This becomes S. Engle Rd. at the 4way stop. Continue on S. Engle Rd. approx. 3 miles to Camp Casey. Watch for parking signs.

Accommodations:

whidbeycamanoislands.com/lodging/inn-1/

whidbeyisland.us/whidbey-island-lodging-a-complete-guide/

Coupeville area: coupevillechamber.com/where-to-stay-2/

Camping: coupevillechamber.com/where-to-stay-2/rv-parks-campgrounds/

Accommodations at Camp Casey: spu.edu/depts/casey/index.asp

Or call: 866-661-6604

Additional information can be found at www.nwtrekkers.org or email nwtuliptrekkers@gmail.com
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