



Celebrate our 50th Anniversary all year in 2026!

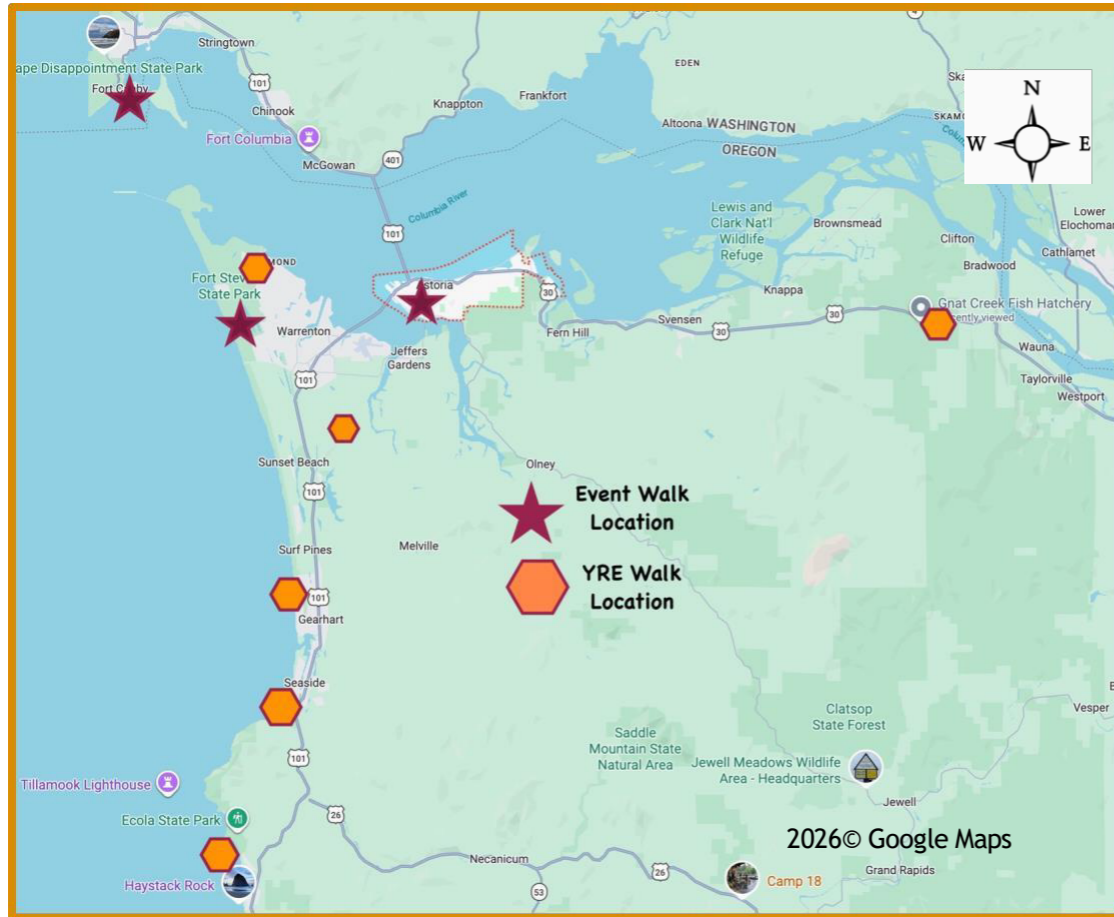
2026 NW Regional AVA Walkfest

September 24-27, 2026

**“Walking in the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark”
Hosted by Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association**

Location: Astoria, Oregon & surrounding areas

Astoria, Oregon is known as the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies, famous for its' rich maritime history, Victorian architecture, stunning Columbia River Views, and vibrant arts/food scene, heavily influenced by its' port city status and role in films like “The Goonies”. Key attractions include the Columbia River, Maritime Museum, the Astoria Column, historic downtown with breweries, and sites related to Lewis and Clark.

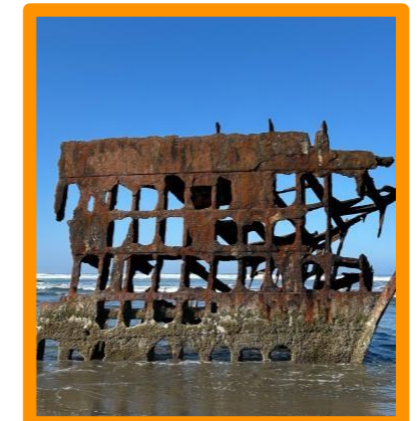


Driving Distances for Events from Suomi Hall

- Event #1 Astoria - Anniversary Walk - Start at Suomi Hall
- Event #2 Astoria - A and N and back again - Start at Suomi Hall
- Event #3 Astoria - Hollywood comes to Astoria - Start at Suomi Hall
- Event #4 Illwaco - Chasing Lighthouses - 17 Miles
- Event #5 Fort Stevens - Peter Iredale and OCT - 9 Miles

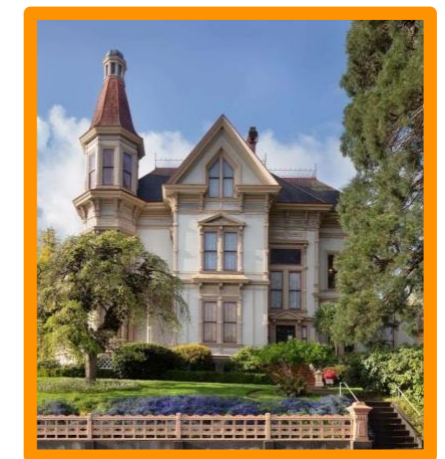
Driving Distances for YREs from Suomi Hall

- Y2213 Gnat Creek Fish Hatchery - 19 Miles
- Y1972 Fort Stevens - 9 Miles
- Y1136 Fort Clatsop - 7 Miles
- Y2336 Gearhart - 13 Miles
- Y0300 Seaside - 17 Miles
- Y0434 Cannon Beach 25 Miles



6 Event Walks and 2 Social Events

There are also 6 YRE's along the coast of Oregon



SANCTIONED EVENT
Eligible for credit towards IVV Achievement Awards



Join us for 4 days of Volkssport Walks in Astoria, Oregon

LOCATION: The WALKFEST will be headquartered at Suomi Hall, located at 244 West Marine Drive, Astoria, Oregon 97103. Daily hours at the Hall are Thursday-Saturday, 8:00am-4:00pm, Sunday 8:00-noon. Google/Apple Maps: Suomi-Hall Astoria Oregon. There is limited parking in the lot, and street. Carpool if you can.

DIRECTIONS TO SUOMI-HALL:

From Seattle – southbound on I-5, take exit 36 for WA-432 W, take the ramp to Longview, TURN RIGHT to merge onto US-30W toward Astoria. Use any lane to turn slightly right onto US-30W Marine Drive. Destination on your right.

From Portland – start at US-26 W. Take a slight right to merge onto US-101N toward Seaside/Astoria. At the traffic circle, turn left at traffic light Columbia Ave. Then left into parking lot for Hotel/Suomi Hall.

From Airport (PAX) – Head SW on NE Airport Way. TL to I-205 & cross the Glenn Jackson Bridge. Stay on I-205. Exit to I-5 North. Exit 36 (West to Hwy 30) to Tennant Way (WA-432 W). TL onto Oregon Way (WA 433 S). Cross the Lewis & Clark bridge into Oregon. Take ramp to US-30 West to Clatskanie/Astoria. In about 47 miles Hwy 30 turns into Leif Erikson Dr then becomes Marine Drive. TR on Columbia Ave, & then left to Suomi Hall.

LODGING:

Holiday Inn Express and Suites Astoria. Located at 204 W Marine Drive, Astoria, OR 97103 (888-898-6222). Use code WCG for reservations. Blocked rooms are available for \$199 a night for single and double occupancy. Any more than two persons, is \$10 each. Free parking and short walk to Suomi Hall.

OTHER LODGINGS in Astoria, Oregon:

Lloyd Hotel Astoria Bayfront, 555 Hamburg Avenue

Bowline Hotel, 19th St.

Best Western Columbia River Waterfront Hotel Astoria, 3420 Leif Erikson Dr.

Atomic Motel, 131 W Marine Dr.

Motel 6, 288 West Marine Dr.

Astoria Crest Motel, 5366 Lief Erikson Dr.

RV PARKING: Visit www.oregonstateparks.org or call 800-452-5687 for state park camping and RV.

SOCIAL EVENTS: The Walkfest includes two dinners, both at Suomi Hall: On Friday, 9/25, we will gather for a Meet and Greet with Pizza and Salad from 5:00-8:30pm. On Saturday, 9/26 enjoy a buffet dinner from 5:00-8:30pm. Reservations are required for both. **Limited seating for 100.** Pop/Water included. No host bar available.

WALK INFO: All walks will be available from 9/23-9/29. Be sure to register and stamp before the end of the festival on the 27th. Check the schedule each day for the Guided Walk Schedule. Special 50th Anniversary Walk – Astoria Waterfront and Downtown will be a group walk on Saturday, 9/26.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Begins **May 15, 2026**, utilizing the Registration Form in this flyer. The form is also available on the OTSVA website <https://www.otsva.org/nw-regional-conferenceava-50th-anniversary.html> T-Shirts available by pre-order by **September 1, 2026**. You must pre-register for the dinners by **September 17, 2026**. Those registered for events walks will receive walk directions a few days before the event. You may register for walks at Suomi Hall starting **September 24, 2026**.

EVENTS: Please note that Oregon State Parks are requiring day-use parking permit. \$10 for in state/\$12 or out-of-state visitors. This permit is good for the entire day of purchase at any Oregon State Park. **Discovery Parks pass is good for Lighthouse Event in Washington.** Also, it's recommended to carpool as much as you can, due to limited parking.

Event #1 50th Anniversary Walk – 6k/11K (1B)

This is a relaxing walk along the waterfront and significant historical locations around town. Take the time to read all about the influence of pioneers, port of call, canneries, laborers, and acknowledging the Chinese population that helped to grow this coastal town.

Event #2 A-N and back again – 6K and 10k (2B)

Both walks are by the river and on the alphabetical streets named Astor to Niagara. Drive to the start of the 6k while the 10k starts at Suomi Hall. 10K walks along the river, Flavel House Museum, Fire Fighters Museum, as well as Clatsop Community College while seeing views of the lighthouse. (The optional Astoria Column hike is an additional 1.5 miles round trip and is rated a 3C.)

Event #3 Hollywood comes to Astoria – 5K (1A), 6K, and 10K (2B) Both 5k and 10K walks start at Suomi Hall. 6K starts at the Safeway Store. Astoria was a premier location for key shots in 10 movies, most famous for *The Goonies* (1985), *Kindergarten Cop* (1990), *Short Circuit* (1986) and *Free Willy* (1993). TV horror Vampira (Maila Nurmi) has her home and favorite jitterbug spot along the 5k route. Key sites include the [Oregon Film Museum](#) (old jail), the privately owned ["Goonies House"](#) and the Flavel House Museum. You'll see these and more on the 10k route.

Event #4 Chasing Lighthouses – North Head 5k (2B) / Disappointment 5K (2C)

Follow in the footsteps of Lewis & Clark at the site they explored after arriving at the Pacific Ocean. Visit both lighthouses to enjoy the magnificent ocean views. Learn more about the Expedition's exploration of this coastal area. . You will be enjoying the trails in Cape Disappointment State Park in Washington for this walk.

Event #5 Peter Iredale & Oregon Coast Trail beach walk – 4K (1B). 10K (2B)

Enjoy a walk from Fort Stevens to the Peter Iredale shipwreck. Walk the beach on the Oregon Coast trail returning on an asphalt trail through the coastal understory forest. The additional 4K option is around Coffenbury Lake.

Event #6 Mystery Walk – Information available at Suomi Hall.



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Please complete both sides of this form. One person per form. Descriptions of the t-shirt, walks and dinner menus are available at: <https://www.otsva.org/nw-regional-conferenceava-50th-anniversary.html>

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please note: Friday night Meet and Greet at the event start point (Suomi Hall) and Saturday night buffet dinner at Suomi Hall are limited to the *FIRST 100* people to register and send payment.

Registration forms must be received by Sept 17, 2026 to give the restaurant the total count prior to the dinner. No-Host bar available (Beer/Wine)



T-Shirt orders must be received by Sept 1, 2026

The walks are sanctioned for 9/23/2026-9/29/2026. Pre-registered walkers will be e-mailed the directions for walk events registered for a few days prior to the event. In person registration for walks will be available at Suomi Hall 9/24/2026 through 9/27/2026. See schedule on website for hours available.

If walking the 28-29 you must pre-register at the hall or on this form.

Registration for nearby YRE's will be available at the start point and also on OSB.

Please put an “X” next to all of the activities you are registering for at this time.

		PRICE	TOTAL
X	Registration fee (to help with the facility and event costs)	\$10.00	10.00
	Friday Pizza and Salad meet and greet. (No-host bar available) Please Note: Prefer Veg <input type="checkbox"/> GF <input type="checkbox"/>	\$20.00	
	Saturday Buffet Dinner Pasta Buffet (No-host bar available) Please Note: Prefer Veg <input type="checkbox"/> GF <input type="checkbox"/>	\$37.00	
	T-Shirts		
	Short Sleeve-Unisex	\$18.00	
	Long Sleeve - Unisex	\$20.00	
	 		

EVENT WALKS				
#1 Celebrate AVA “50” Waterfront and historic downtown Walk	6K/10K, Rated 1B		\$4.00	
#2 A to N and back again Walk	5K/10K, Rated 2B/3C		\$4.00	
#3 Hollywood Comes to Astoria Walk	5K/10K, Rated 2B		\$4.00	
#4 Chasing Lighthouses /Cape Disappointment State Park Walk	5K/10K, Rated 2B/2C		\$4.00	
#5 Peter Iredale/Oregon Coast Trail Walk (OCT)	5K/10K, Rated 1B/2B		\$4.00	
TOTALS				

For registration, please make checks (in US Funds) payable to: OTSVA

Mail to: Sharon Moats 1260 Boyle St Enumclaw WA 98022-5057 Sharon.L.moats@gmail.com

Be sure to sign Waiver on back of this page or attached to it.



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Amateur Athletic Waiver and Release of Liability

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in American Volkssport Association (AVA) volkssporting programs and related events and activities, the undersigned:

1. Agrees that before or during my or my minor child’s participation, if I believe anything is unsafe, I will immediately advise the event supervisor or other person in authority at the volkssporting program and the related events and activities of such conditions and refuse to participate;
2. Acknowledges and fully understands that each participant will be engaging in activities that could involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from my own or my minor child’s actions, inactions or negligence of others, or the condition of the premises, the trail or any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known or not reasonably foreseeable at this time;
3. Assumes all the foregoing risks and accepts personal responsibility for the damages following injury, permanent disability or death;
4. Releases, waives, discharges and promises not to sue AVA, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, volunteers or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, and advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including serious injury, permanent disability, or death, or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of any such person or organization, or otherwise.
5. Members, please be aware that when you share photos, via digital image or otherwise, with AVA, such photos or images become the property of AVA and AVA, its legal representatives and assigns, retain the right and permission to publish any such photo or image in any written or electronic publication, including Checkpoint or TAW, on social media, websites or in audiovisual presentations, promotional literature, advertising or in any similar method.

The undersigned has read the above waiver and release, understands that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and sign it voluntarily. I further understand that if I place my name on the form upon which this waiver and release is printed, that I voluntarily agree that I understand that I have given up substantial rights.

Signature

Date

Printed Name