

Who We Are

The Willamette Wanderers Club of Salem & Keizer is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer organization formed in 1986. It is a member of American Volkssport Association (AVA). "Volkssport" reflects its German origin.

The Wanderers focus on walking in groups, with family and friends or alone following club 5/10k routes with written directions and maps. A 5K (kilometer) is 3.1 miles and a 10K is 6.2 miles. If not an AVA credit walker, please consider donating as a Guest to help with club costs.

Besides these 16 walks, the club has a monthly Sunday Stroll on the 2nd Sunday. Some club members also do the weekly Thursday walks often in other towns. Special one-day weekend walks may be offered as well as summer evening walks. It is more fun when walking with others. See our Calendar at our website for these walks' details.

Visit Us at Our Website

www.willwander.weebly.com. Click "Contact Us" for more information. We are on Facebook and at Meetup. We will be glad to add your e-mail address for notifications about our upcoming walks.

Meetings

A monthly meeting is held on the third Wednesday at 1 PM at the Salem Library, 585 Liberty St SE, Salem. The meeting is one hour long and addresses club operations. Contact Jim Westcott (President) at 503-581-8444 for more information.

Membership

Information/application can be found at our website under Join Us. Annual dues are \$10 for individual membership, \$15 for family membership. Club t-shirts are for sale to members and non-members. The Oregon State Capitol is seen in our logo. The walking figure is the gold Pioneer statue who left his dome position to do a walk.

Location of Willamette Wanderers'

Cities for 2024 Sixteen Walks

Salem Hospital: 2½ miles west of I-5, exit 253;

Salem: Broadway Commons: 2 miles west of I-5, exit 256;

Turner: 3 miles SE of I-5, exit 248

Independence & Monmouth: 5 miles SW of downtown Salem to Independence;

Dallas: 10 miles NW from Independence or 25 miles SW from McMinnville;

McMinnville: 26 miles NW from Salem;

Newberg: 14 miles NE from McMinnville;

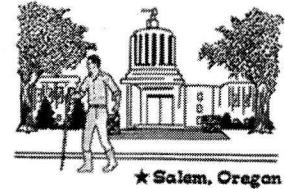
Springfield: 2 miles NE from I-5, exit 191;

Lincoln City: 58 miles NE from Salem on US101;

Depoe Bay: 13 miles S of Lincoln City on US101

 *Our walks are dog friendly*

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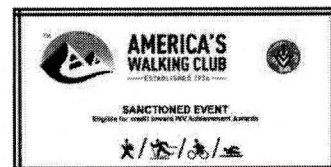
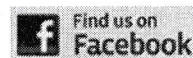
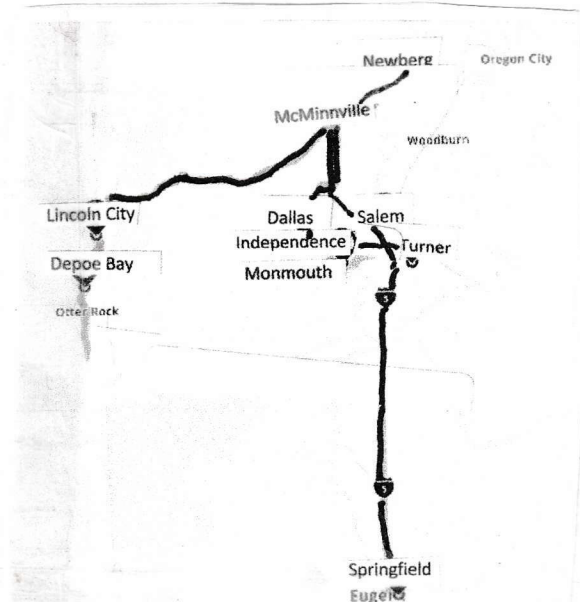
**2024 Self-Guided Walks in
Towns in Five Oregon Counties:
Salem, Independence, Monmouth,
Dallas, McMinnville (now 2 walks),
Newberg, Turner, Springfield, &
Coastal Walks in Depoe Bay
& Lincoln City**

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Our Walks in 2024

People can do these walks on their own. Driving directions and registration location can be found at the AVA website address given below. Besides being able to register at the walk's starting point, a walker can also register on-line at the AVA On-line Start Box at www.myava.org.

Walks in Marion County:

Register for three Salem walks at Salem Hospital, Bldg A (ER), 890 Oak St SE.

- 1) **"Old South Salem,"** Y1028, 5K (rated 1A) & 10K (rated 2A). Both routes go through the Gaiety Hill/Bush's Pasture Park Historic District with attractive houses/gardens. The 10K continues to more lovely areas on hills. <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125409>
- 2) **Capital – Waterways,** Y1413, 6/10K, rated 1A Walk includes the downtown, the Carousel in Riverfront Park, several veterans war memorials, the State Capitol, and Willamette University. Lovely walk by several waterways. <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125379>
- 3) **Minto-Brown Island Park,** Y1264, 2 5K loops, rated 1B. River loop may at times be closed due to high water. **Register at the hospital but the walk starts at this popular Park 3 miles to the SW. OSB is urged.** <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125408>

Northeast Salem, Y3223, 5/10K, rated 1A. Broadway Coffeehouse, 1300 Broadway St NE, Salem. Walk in the pleasant historic Grant & Highland residential areas. <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125390>

Historic Turner, Y3222, 5K (rated 1A), 10K (rated 2B). Turnaround Café, 7760 3rd St SE, Turner, Explore new and older parts of this former lumber town. 10K includes hilltop cemetery. <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125391>

Walks in Polk County:

Two walks start in Independence from Hi-School Pharmacy, 1357 Monmouth St,

- 1) **Independence,** Y1669, 5/10K, rated 1A. Both routes go to the residential/downtown areas on the National Register of Historic Places and the Riverview Park with new housing and great River views in this small Willamette River town. Inspirational Garden is not to be missed with its variety of gardens and its summer riparian trail <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125376>
- 2) **Monmouth,** Y1265, 10K, 2 5K's, rated 1A. The 10K & remote 5K go to Western Oregon University, historic downtown west of 99W and residential areas. New 2nd 5K goes to unique Edwards Addition residential area also on the 10K. <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125377>

Dallas, Y1160, 10K & 2 5K's, all rated 1A, start at Tater's Café, 683 SE Jefferson St. The 10K includes housing on hills, historic downtown, City Park/Arboretum & Rickreall Creek Trail. The 2 5K routes derived from the 10K do not

have hills. <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=12537>

Walks in Yamhill County:

Register for two McMinnville walks at McMenamins Hotel Oregon, 310 NE Evans St.

- 1) **McMinnville,** Y1916, 5/10K, rated 1A. Downtown public art on 5K; 10K includes Linfield Univ. plus downtown. <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125378>
- 2) **McMinnville: Discovery Meadows Park,** Y3430, 5/10K, rated 1A. Remote start 2 miles SW. OSB recommended. 10K has more parks and newer residential areas. **NEW** <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125713>

Newberg, Y3227, 5/10K, rated 1A. **OSB registration only.** Walk starts at Nap's Thriftway in downtown, goes through two Parks, George Fox University, and residential areas. <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125715>

Walks in Lane County:

Register for two Springfield walks at the Pump Café, 710 Main St., Springfield.

- 1) **Springfield: Murals, Historic Houses & Nature,** Y2355, 5/6/10K, rated 1A. 5/10K routes focus on the many lovely downtown murals and Washburne Historic District; 10K also includes the West D Street Greenway by the river. The 6K includes murals and Greenway. <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125411>
- 2) **Springfield: Dorris Ranch,** Y3061, 5/10/12K, rated 1A. Remote walk 1 mile SW starts at this City Park at a historic hazelnut farm. Paved walk along Middle Fork of the Willamette River with scenic views on the out-back routes. <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125410>

Walks on the Coast in Lincoln County:

Depoe Bay: Oregon's Whale Watching Center, Y0330, 5/6/10K, rated 2B. Gracie's Sea Hag Restaurant, 58 N US101, Depoe Bay. 10K includes forest trail and 2 coastal loops. 5K only the forest trail and 6K the two coastal loops. Coastal loops have lovely old houses with great views of the Pacific Ocean. World's smallest harbor also here. <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125375>

Two Walks in Lincoln City: D Sands Condominium Motel, 171 SW Hwy 101. Start at nearby D River Wayside.

- 1) **Town Walk,** Y0311, 10K, 2 5K's, rated 2B. 10K route divided into 2 5Ks with the 2nd 5K being a remote start, 1½ miles north including the Connie Hansen Gardens seen on the 10K but not on the other 5K. <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125552>
- 2) **Beach Walk,** Y0312, 5/6/10/20K, rated 1C. North Beach 5/10K walk from D River to Road's End Park. New South Beach seasonal 6/10K walk (April-Sept) from D River goes to Taft community. Best done at low tide. Returns include street walking. Do both for a 20K. <https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=125714>