

Willamette Wanderers' Eight Self-Guided Walks for 2017:

Downtown Salem Walks: starting from Salem Hospital, Bldg A, 809 Oak St SE, Salem – 6K/10K routes:

- 1) Capitol – Waterways
- 2) Capitol – Governor's Mansion
- 3) Historic NE Salem

Keizer Walk, "Five Parks & a River," with 5/10K routes, register at Safeway, 4990 River Rd. Walk starts at Keizer Rapids Park.

Monmouth/Independence Walks starting from Hi-School Pharmacy, 1357 Monmouth St, Independence

- 1) Independence (5K/10K)
- 2) Monmouth (6K/11K)

Dallas Historic & Nature Walk, 5K/10K, starting from Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar, 788 Main St, Dallas

McMinnville: Heart of Oregon's Wine Country, 5/10K, rated 1A, starting from McMenamins Hotel Oregon, 310 NE Evans St, McMinnville

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Directions to Registration:
Mission Lake Boat Ramp
Willamette Mission State Park
10991 Wheatland Rd NE
Gervais, OR 97026

I-5: Exit 263 (Brooks/Gervais).
Northbound: LEFT on Brooklake;
Southbound: RIGHT on Brooklake;
RIGHT on Wheatland Rd. LEFT into Park. FOLLOW park/volkswalking signs to Mission Lake Boat Ramp.



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Willamette Wanderers and Oregon State Parks sponsor

Historic Willamette Mission Walk



On Saturday, June 3, 2017
Oregon State Parks Day
(no-entrance fee)

Event # 107145
5K/10K (Rated 1A)

Start: 9AM to Noon
Finish: 3PM



Walk Description:

Saturday, June 3, 2017 is Oregon State Parks Day, and in honor of this day, there will be no entrance fee for access to any State Park.

Enjoy a nature walk in the historic Willamette Mission State Park, the site of the Methodist Mission settled in 1834 and now on the National Register of Historic Places. You can see a “ghost structure” marking the location of the Mission. Later, the settlement was moved to the area now known as Salem after continuous flooding.

Even older than the Mission is the unique black cottonwood tree planted probably around 1735. It is the largest black cottonwood in the United States. The walk will take you by this Oregon Heritage Tree.

The walk starts at the Mission Lake Boat Ramp. The Park has more than 1,600 acres of woodlands, wetlands, meadows and farmland. There are walnut and filbert orchards which will also be seen on the walk.

The Wheatland ferry will also be seen. If you wish, you can “walk on water” for a round trip on the ferry for free across the Willamette River.

Trail description: There will be two 5K loops rated 1A. Walk on paved and dirt pathways. Difficult for strollers and wheelchairs. Pets are acceptable if leash and clean up laws are obeyed.

Registration & Fees:

This function is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV). There is no charge for this walk except those receiving IVV/AVA credit after paying the \$3.00 fee.

After a participant registers and signs the waiver, written directions and maps will be provided. The routes will also be marked with arrows/ribbons.

Water will be available at the start/finish and checkpoint. Restrooms are nearby.

Challenges:

WOC: Klubs, Docks, Forest, Lakes, Landmarks, Waterways

AVA: Honoring Our Flag, Lakes & Reservoirs, National Register of Historic Places, Trekking With the Trees, You’ll Never Walk Alone

Stipulation/Disclaimer:

The sponsor is not liable for thefts, accidents, and/or any material damage. Reasonable effort will be made by the sponsor to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.



Wheatland Ferry

Willamette Wanderers of Salem/Keizer:

The Willamette Wanderers Club of Salem & Keizer is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer organization formed in 1986. It is affiliated with the American Volkssport Association (AVA) of 200+ clubs which hold 3,000+ annual walks.

Besides sponsoring the eight self-guided walks listed on the back, the club has a monthly Sunday Stroll on the second Sunday. There is a weekly Thursday walk in other towns doing 5K/10K routes developed by other AVA clubs. Walking is more fun when with others besides promoting friendships and fitness.

Meetings

Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 PM at the Salem Hospital, 890 Oak St SE, in Bldg D (the location of the Creekside Grill) in the Classroom on the second floor with free parking to the right of the building. Meetings are open to the public.

Our Logo

The Oregon State Capitol is seen in our logo. The walking figure represents the gold Pioneer statue on top of the Capitol Dome. He has left his position and his ax to begin a walk. Club t-shirts are blue or teal bearing this logo.

