

## NEVER SAY DIE run/walk at The Goondocks

This document lists a variety of trails and routes for your consideration if participating in the Virtual Pace Series “NEVER SAY DIE” event in June 2017. When you register and use code GOONDOCKS, you save \$1 and we get a donation (don't forget to submit your race results). <https://www.virtualpaceseries.com/portfolio-item/never-say-die-5k10k/>

The Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce is not hosting an official race or event, but encourages you to check out our local scenery and participate in the Virtual event while in our area. Most of these routes have other options nearby to lengthen or shorten your route. Use the links for more information or stop by the Chamber's Visitor Center.

### Astoria Riverwalk (Astoria)

**6.4 miles**

Follows along the Columbia River from the Port of Astoria (western end) to the Alderbrook Lagoon Road (Eastern end) traveling through downtown Astoria.

Flat, mostly paved surface with some wooden railroad trestles in areas.

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### Cathedral Tree Trail (Astoria)

**1 mile**

Start at the Astoria Column (purchase annual parking pass) and walk downhill through an urban forest to visit the old-growth Sitka Spruce. (limited trailhead parking at 28<sup>th</sup> and Irving, the lower end of the trail)

Soft surface footpath and significant change in elevation on this hiking trail.

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### Warrenton Waterfront Trail (Warrenton)

**4.5 miles**

The trail begins at the Skipanon River Park at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, along the Skipanon River before following the Columbia River to the Hammond Marina and Seafarers Park. The trail follows the old railroad right of way and offers stunning views of the river and marine life. There are other routes that intersect or complement this trail including the Airport Dike Trail (2 miles), Skipanon River Loop Trail (2 miles) and others.

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### Coffenbury Lake / Fort Stevens State Park (Warrenton)

**2 miles**

The Fort Stevens Military Reservation guarded the mouth of the Columbia River from the Civil War through World War II. The park has more than five miles of hiking trails and seven miles of bike paths.

Scenic views of the water abound on the two-mile trail around Coffenbury Lake. A mile-long trail runs between the north end of the lake and Battery Russell along a ridge created by dune action many years ago. Day-use fees are charged at Coffenbury Lake and the historic area of this park year-round. Another option at the State Park is to simply walk along the beach with parking areas around the Peter Iredale Shipwreck or South Jetty Viewing Platform providing access.

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### Fort to Sea Trail (Warrenton)

**6.5 miles**

The Fort To Sea Trail starts from the Visitor Center at Fort Clatsop. The first two miles take you up a gentle climb to the top of Clatsop Ridge, where on a clear day you can see through the trees to the Pacific Ocean. From there, you descend through deep woods and reach wooded pasture dotted with small lakes. The wooded pasture leads to the crossing tunnel under U.S. Highway 101 and near Camp Rilea. This stretch of the trail marks the beginning of sandy soil and gentle dunes and leads into beach woods before arriving at the Sunset Beach/Fort to Sea Trail parking lot. From there, travel the 1-mile path to the beach. While the Fort to Sea Trail is navigable in any weather, please note that rain can make the trail slick in some places and muddy in others. Finally, a one-way trip requires pickup at one end of the trail. A cab or wait car should be arranged.

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**Meet up with locals!** Each Tuesday, a group of locals welcome any and all to join them for a walk or run on Astoria's Riverwalk. The “Tuesday Social Run/Walk” group meets at 5:30 PM at Fort George, encourage everyone to go at their own pace/distance and then hang out afterward enjoying food and fellowship.