

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION



What is “Shoreline Walks”?

Shoreline Walks is a free community walking program operated by the City of Shoreline to help adults stay active, meet new people (or connect with old friends) and feel safer and more confident exploring our city by foot. Volunteers plan and lead walks that take place April – November exploring neighborhoods, parks and trails offering great insight into some of the best walking routes in our city. Many walks also have educational value offering knowledge of history, nature, art, and other subjects. Each walk is free to the public, led by a volunteer walk leader and is open to all ages and abilities. Participants do not need to sign up in advance, they just show up at the “meet up” location and join the group on the walk.

How popular is Shoreline Walks?

Our volunteer walk leaders collectively organize and lead between 30-40 walks each year. Depending on how popular a location is, a walk can have anywhere from 12 – 30 participants join. Shoreline Walks is a very popular program and is well loved by its participants.

How is the program advertised? Do volunteers have to promote the program?

City of Shoreline staff manages all promotion and incoming questions about Shoreline Walks. Program information, a list of current walks and a library of past walks is found on the website ShorelineWA.gov/ShorelineWalks. Walks are promoted on the [City of Shoreline Parks and Rec Facebook Page](#), printed and digital city newsletters and the Shoreline Recreation Guide. Additional digital and print flyers are given to volunteers so that they can help promote the program, if they choose to do so.

What are the duties of a Shoreline Walks Volunteer Walk Leader?

Our volunteers love to walk and want to share that passion with the community! They play a critical role in keeping our community healthy, socially connected and safe while exploring the city by foot.

- Walk Leaders work closely with each other and City of Shoreline to plan and lead a full “Season” of walks that take place from April – November. This planning typically takes place in February/March.
- Leaders select the length and difficulty of their walks. Most walks are 1-3 miles and are assigned a difficulty rating so participants can decide if a walk is appropriate for their fitness level.
 - **Don’t know a walking route? No Problem!** Some leaders know excellent walking routes they use to plan their walks. Other volunteers pick their walks from our extensive [Walks Library](#).
- Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to get creative with their walks!
 - Walks can take place on streets, neighborhoods, trails, parks and commercial areas.
 - Walks typically take place within Shoreline’s borders, but can also start in Shoreline and can go beyond its borders. Staff reviews walking routes to ensure they are safe .
 - Leaders can add educational value to their walk such as sharing a neighborhoods history or knowledge of plants, animals, artwork or local businesses along the walk. Participants on the walk also often share interesting knowledge as well.

Is training provided?

All Walk Leaders will go through an orientation and be given an information packet with everything needed to create and lead your walk. Volunteers also shadow a current walk leader before leading their own walk.

Want to volunteer? Got more Questions?

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