



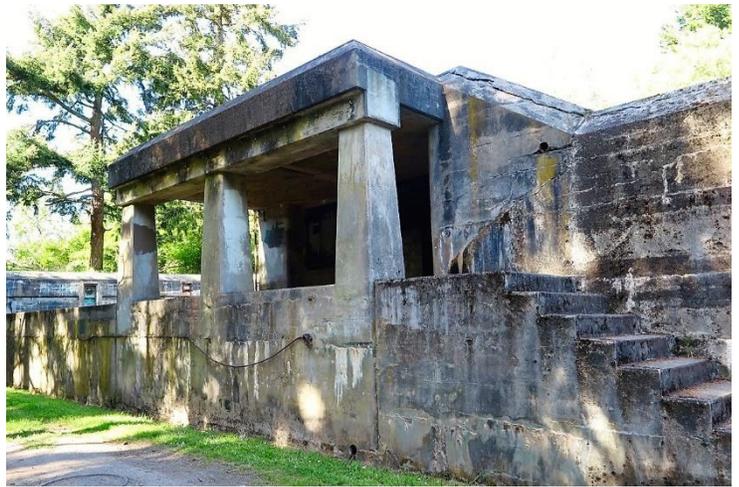
Friends of Fort Worden State Park



First Day Hike – January 1, 2019 1:00PM

Ring in the New Year with Friends! On New Year's Day, the Friends of Fort Worden are hosting two special hikes as part of the statewide First Day Hikes program sponsored by Washington State Parks. The hikes will start from the USO Building parking lot adjacent to Taps at the Guardhouse near the Park's main entrance. The Friends and State Parks will provide free warm beverages and light snacks at the starting point.

Visitors will have a choice of two different hikes. The **first hike** will be a self-guided hike along family-friendly paved roads winding up and around Artillery Hill. Hikers will find directional signs and knowledgeable docents along the way. Called the "Best of Fort Worden Hike", participants will see and learn about some of the most iconic features at Fort Worden. The hike should be accessible to strollers and power wheelchairs, but please leave your dogs at home. There are some sections of moderate slope on this 2.3 mile hike and the expected duration is about 2 hours at an easy pace.



The **second hike** will be a guided hike along mostly dirt trails around the perimeter of Artillery Hill. Called the "Viewpoints Loop Hike", participants will see the best viewpoints around the Park, including a stop at the new free public viewing telescope recently donated to the Park by our Friends group. You are welcome to bring your well-behaved dogs on leash on this hike. There are some sections of moderate to steep slope, and the trail surface has some heavily rooted sections. The hike length is 2.5 miles, and the expected duration is about 1.5 hours at moderate pace.

Please wear weather-appropriate attire and footwear. For more hike details, check out our [First Day Hikes](#) interactive online map.