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WOMEN'S WALK ACROSS AMERICA

On March 29th, a group of women left the Oregon State Capitol to begin a relay-style cross country walk to Washington D.C. to spotlight ongoing attacks on women's rights.

The walk is being spearheaded by Emily Waugh, who was joined by her mother, Amy Peck, in the early stages of the walk. Waugh, an Oregon mother of two, was feeling overwhelmed and angry by the news. "We as women are under attack in this country," she said. "Our rights are being ripped out from under our feet, and our abusers are being protected by our government." As the SAVE Act passed the House - a move that threatens to disenfranchise millions of voters, including married women who have changed their name - and the Epstein files continued to lay fallow, failing to be met with any accountability, she was overcome with a desperate need to do something.

What started as a personal idea to "pull a Forrest Gump" and walk out her own front door and not stop until she reached D.C. has grown into an inspiring group event. More than 60 walkers have now put in over 1000 miles, crossing Oregon, Idaho, Utah, and shortly will be entering Colorado. They have been treated to meals in parks and hosted in the homes of volunteers.

Susan Tripp, a retired judge from Oregon who has put in over 200 miles for the walk so far, said of her motivations to join the walk, "Women's rights are being eroded over time. Many people that I've talked to on the walk have said, 'I'm out here for my kids, for my grandkids, that they have the same freedom that I have.'"

It will take a little over seven months to cross from the Oregon Capitol to the steps of the United States Capitol. Once in D.C., they intend to meet with members of Congress, and hope to hold a rally. "We want to stand in front of the politicians as an undeniable force, and remind them that they ignore us at their own detriment," Waugh said.

The walk is expected to gain attention and walkers as they go. "We anticipate the crowd size growing as we pass through major cities and naturally dwindling through quieter stretches." People are encouraged to join at any point and for any length of time. There are no restrictions or limitations to participate beyond some safety precautions intended to protect those already on the route. The walk is entering Colorado as of June 18th. We will reach Denver July 4th and have a rally planned. Then on July 5th WWAA will begin the Susan B. Anthony Ride for Women's Rights - a ride from Denver to Topeka, KS

"I just feel so strongly that we are living in a moment that demands urgency, and has no patience for perfection," Waugh said. She hopes to inspire women into action, and to tell the government that women will not be silenced.

To learn more or get involved, visit womenswalkacrossamerica.com.

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