



KAYAK POINT County Park

Day Use Area - CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN OPTION 2 of 2

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* Base information obtained from Snohomish Co. Information Services GIS data and field measurements collected by the Parks & Recreation Department. All features shown on this plan are approximate.

- POCKET ESTUARY/LAGOON**
- Prior to development of the day use area, a backshore lagoon covered much of the south end. A tide channel extended north connecting with Puget Sound near the existing picnic shelters.
 - To restore lost ecological functions and provide a dynamic park feature, explore the feasibility of a recreated intertidal marsh and pool in the northern portion of the site.
 - Provides a focal element and destination at the north end of the park while enhancing the walking experience on new path network.
 - Provides unique wildlife viewing and extensive educational opportunities.
 - Supports the health of fish and recreational harvest species.
 - Provides semi-secluded setting for northern shelters (two northern shelters relocated to hillside).
 - Provide improvements to existing Cascadia Marine Trail campsites and facilities. Explore options for relocation of campsites to shoreline area (see existing shelters below).

- NEW RESTROOM AND PUMP HOUSE STRUCTURE**
- North restroom and septic pump station are combined into one new structure.
 - Explore adding showers to restroom facilities or providing stand alone outdoor shower station(s).
 - Set structure into hillside to conserve park open space.

- EXISTING SHELTERS**
- Relocate two northern shelters to hillside.
 - Native plant areas provide separation from adjacent path, add interest and define the space around each shelter.
 - Explore off-peak and/or Cascadia Marine Trail camping at shelters. Add tent or portable shelter walls.
 - Maintain open views to the Sound.
 - Modifications to shelters may be required, in the long term, due to sea-level rise.

- CENTRAL / NORTH LAWN**
- Maintain open lawn for picnicking and passive recreation.
 - Relocated parking allows the creation of a more pedestrian friendly waterfront and lawn area.
 - A wetland bioswale filters run-off from parking areas while providing a buffer between the boat launch and lawn area.
 - Explore tree removal or limbing to create open views to the Sound.

- IMPROVE EXISTING BOAT LAUNCH**
- Redesign boat launch approach and parking to improve launch access, increase safety, and reduce congestion.
 - Staging lanes provide space for approximately 8 vehicles.
 - Relocate trailer parking adjacent to ramp to reduce vehicle congestion and launch time.
 - Additional trailer parking provided on upper level of park.
 - Explore options for a new elevated boat ramp. Design should limit sediment deposition problems on the ramp while maintaining natural sediment transport processes.
 - Explore feasibility and long term sustainability of a courtesy dock.

- EXISTING PIER**
- Renovate existing pier building to accommodate concessions or other flexible use.
 - Explore expansion of pier at shoreline to provide outdoor seating and integrate pier with central plaza space.
 - Explore raising the grade of the plaza to allow elimination of existing pier entrance ramp and railings.

- NEW MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING AND PLAZA**
- Provides central indoor/outdoor gathering space for a variety of activities and amenities.
 - Possible uses for new structure include equipment rental, interpretive center, or picnic shelter.
 - New plaza area provides flexible outdoor space for entertainment, educational activities, equipment staging, portable vending, etc.
 - Add kayak launch area south of pier.
 - Provides opportunity for revenue generation to support park maintenance and operation.

- ENHANCE EXISTING PLAYGROUND**
- New landscape areas separate playground from adjacent pathways and boat launch area.
 - Plantings improve aesthetics and provide shade.
 - Explore use of low walls around playground to add seating and define playground space. Walls may also be required to raise surrounding grade for improved drainage.

- SOUTH LAWN**
- Maintain open lawn for informal sports and picnicking.
 - Raise grade to facilitate proper drainage.
 - Add low native plantings along paths to enhance walking experience and provide interest.
 - Over time create and maintain open views to the Sound. Remove existing trees as they die or become damaged.

- SOUTH SHORE ENHANCEMENTS**
- Remove existing road and replace with paved path.
 - Remove existing bulkhead at point and replace with soft armoring storm berm system.
 - Add native planting areas to enhance habitat and define picnic areas.
 - Low growing plant species preserve views.
 - Provide multiple routes for beach access.
 - Portable picnic tables allow flexible use and removal during storms.

- INTEGRATED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**
- Currently stormwater from the site flows directly to Puget Sound without filtration.
 - Replace current system with a series of connected wetlands and bioswales to remove pollutants and improve water quality.
 - Additional micro depressions within native plant areas collect, filter and infiltrate runoff from surrounding lawn and paths.
 - Provides wildlife habitat and adds interest to the site.
 - Supports the health of recreational harvest species and provides educational opportunities.

- NEW PATH NETWORK**
- A new network of paved paths creates a pedestrian friendly park.
 - Paths provide opportunity for walking and exercise while allowing easy access across the site.
 - 10' min path width allows multiple uses and maintenance vehicle access.
 - Provide system of interpretive kiosks and/or signs. Include current and historical information about cultural and natural resources.

- EXISTING BLUFF TRAILS**
- Improve trail surface and stairs.
 - Explore possibility of linking trails to create bluff loop.
 - Explore possible new trail along south bluff.

- EXISTING GROUP SHELTER**
- Maintain existing shelter.
 - Modifications may be required, in the long term, due to sea-level rise.

- CONSOLIDATE AND RELOCATE PARKING**
- Consolidate parking away from waterfront to expand space for recreation and amenities.
 - Relocate approximately 50 parking spaces to upper portion of park.
 - Provide peak-season shuttle service from overflow parking to day use area.
 - Improve drop off areas to allow better vehicle circulation.
 - Provide carts for transport of personal items from drop offs and parking to shelters and picnic areas.
 - Explore providing several parallel parking spaces in drop off zones for off-peak water viewing.
 - Add additional parking capacity to upper overflow parking lots.

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