



KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

LOCATION: This is a hybrid meeting. It will be held in-person at the Eagle's Nest Community Center (1195 Fairgrounds Road, Bremerton) and on Zoom.

Zoom link will be posted on the [home page](#) of Kitsap County Parks website on the day of the meeting. The link is the bottom right-hand side under the heading: **Upcoming Parks Advisory Board Meeting**.

Pre-Meeting: Virtual meeting format, information, and instructions

- I. **Welcome & Introductions**
- II. **Adoption of the January 21, 2026 meeting minutes**
- III. **Public Comment (3-minute limit/person)**
Public comments are welcome at this time. If you have questions or are seeking information from the Parks Department, please contact us at parks@kitsap.gov so that your inquiry may be directed to the appropriate Parks Department staff for a response.
- IV. **Special Presentations/Reports**
 - a. Year in Review: 2025 Events *Alex Hardy*
- V. **Parks Report**
 - a. Director's Report *Alex Wisniewski, Alex Hardy, Irene Weber, Carmen Smith, Bre Ganne*
- VI. **Sub-Committee Meetings (since last PAB meeting)**
 - a. None
- VII. **District Representative Reports**
- VIII. **Public Comment (3-minute limit/person)**
- IX. **Adjournment**



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2026 Sub Committee Assignments

Sub Committee	Type	Focus Area	PAB Members	Parks Staff <i>(may vary by topic)</i>
Finance & Budget	Standing (per by-laws)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating Budget Funding Opportunities 	Larry Walker Jessica Rice Linda Berry-Maraist	Parks Director
Capital Projects & Parks	Standing (per by-laws)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital Projects Program M&O Program 	Linda Berry-Maraist Lisa Hurt Dawn Dockter	Parks Planner M&O Supervisor
Community Outreach & Visitor Services	Ad Hoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events and Rentals Program Marketing Volunteer Program Youth Engagement 	Jessica Rice Jen Skalbeck	Admin & Events Supervisor Natural Resources Supervisor
Planning & Property	Ad Hoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Program Natural Resources Program Land Acquisition & Divestiture Park Code 	Larry Walker Linda Berry-Maraist Lisa Hurt Jen Skalbeck	Parks Planner Natural Resources Supervisor

2026 Agenda Items and Sub-Committee Meetings (updated monthly as needed)

Month	Task or Agenda Item	Board or Sub-Committee Assignment
January	Board Chair and Vice Chair Elections	Board (completed in November 2025)
	Sub-Committee Assignments	Board
	2026 Department Goals	Board
February	Events: Year in Review	Board
March	Rolling Hills Golf Course RFP	Board
	PAB Annual Workplan	Board
April	CIP Evaluation Tool Review	Capital Projects & Parks
May	CIP Plan Development	Capital Projects & Parks
	Draft CIP Development	Capital Projects & Parks
June	2027 Budget	Finance & Budget
July	Draft CIP Development	Board
	2027 Budget	Board
August		
September		
October	Nominating Sub-Committee (appointed by Chair)	Chair
November		
December	<i>No Meeting, written report only</i>	
	2026 Accomplishments	

KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

January 21, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Parks Advisory Board Chair, Dawn Dockter. Meeting guidelines of the hybrid Parks Advisory Board were read.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 19, 2025

Larry Walker motioned to adopt the November 19, 2025, meeting minutes. Linda Berry – Maraist seconded the motion.

No corrections. Minutes approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Katherine Ander: Shared insight and progress on volunteer work in Parks and the impact on the community. Also, shared plans for 2026, including work parties and collaborations with McCormick Woods and Washington Youth Academy.
- Marion Allen: Expressed concerns over wildlife and habitat protection at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park and voiced the need for more single-use trails for pedestrians at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park.
- Beverly Parsons: Shared concerns about Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park and the need to balance human visitors with protection of wildlife habitat, and balance mountain bike park usage with the other types of trail usage. Also encouraged PAB members to attend BoCC meetings and Planning Commission meetings.
- Carol Price: Raised concerns about human population and the impact on ecosystems (statistics from an article by Dr. DellaSala) and wants clearer emphasis on ecosystem health from the Parks Department.
- Alan Marshall: Gave a shoutout to Parks staff for their work, shared news about a forestry expert to speak at South Kitsap High School, which was recorded and saved on the Save Banner Forest website. Also mentioned that Banner Forest Park is regaining old growth status/health; after reviewing policy and planning docs recently approved in December, he expressed concerns over any heavy equipment used for thinning.
- Patricia Weagant: Raised concerns about safety at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park regarding the speed of mountain bikers; is encouraging speed limits and signs
- Joe Lubischer: Raised concern that the Parks Department is out of compliance with the Ranger Corridor in critical areas ordinance and forest practices act for Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park. The Park Stewardship Plan proposed in 2016 for Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park wetlands should have been indicated on maps and permits and requested change in approach for building trails and specialized recreation areas to be within compliance

- Judy Willott: Shared that Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park's original concept was to be for all users, with a balance of recreation usage and expressed the need for more restoration work for natural habitats
- Beth & Doug Hayman: Raised concerns about Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park, expressed belief that there shouldn't be any other mountain bike areas except for the existing ride park. Also, expressed the need for restoration for compliance in the critical areas and a need for pedestrian-only trails and areas
- PAB Member, Linda Berry-Maraist, shared an overview of participants in stewardship work and park volunteers at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park. All involved in conservation and stewardship have contributed to parks, whether they are mountain bikers or not, and are all working together
- Martha Burke: Raised concerns about mountain bikers using trails going through streams, causing erosion on trails, has photo that she'd like to share with the PAB. Also, raised concerns that mountain bike usage impacts the environment as well as other park visitors
- PAB Chair, Dawn Dockter, explained how emails/feedback/photos are distributed with PAB and Parks so all feedback is heard and shared.
- April Rhine: Raised Concerns over Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park and how multi-use trails pose dangers if trail etiquette for yielding is not observed, and if there's no enforcement of speed limits; Proposed trails based on purpose and use.
- Margaret Tuft: Commented that park usage for pedestrians at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park has been limited because of the danger of multi-use trails. Expressed desire for nature and conservation to take priority at that location.
- Dewey Gibson: Discussed the incident at Horseshoe Lake on June 30, 2025, resulted in a Trespass from the Park for 1 year.
- Unknown Commenter (No name provided): Comment with a reminder that Evergreen Mountain Bike Association (EMBA) has a contract with Parks for the work they do in maintaining the ride park.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

a. Public Works: Lund Avenue Road Project

Michelle Filley, Project Manager from Public Works presented on Lund Avenue – Chase to Jackson 1 Project at South Kitsap Regional Park (SKRP).

- Part of a larger plan to improve the corridor that includes road improvements to help traffic flow and non-motorized access
- Work for this phase will take place in 2026 at the Lund entrance of SKRP and will include widening and paving paths and upgrading stormwater infrastructure.
- No permanent impacts to park usage, and temporary impacts will be mitigated by detours and signage.
- Project will improve park access, bike and pedestrian safety, and improve stormwater management and road operations

- PAB members asked that the landscaping around the roundabout do not occlude visual sight lines for drivers and requested pedestrian safety at the roundabout be taken into consideration.
- b. Sub-Committee Assignments
- The four sub-committees for 2026 were discussed with the aim for less than half of the PAB members to participate on any single sub-committee.
- Finance & Budget: Larry Walker, Jessica Rice, Linda Berry-Maraist* (*interested)
 - Capital Projects & Parks: Linda Berry-Maraist, Lisa Hurt, Dawn Dockter
 - Community Outreach & Visitor Services: Jessica Rice, Jen Skalbeck
 - Planning & Property: Larry Walker*, Linda Berry-Maraist, Lisa Hurt, Jen Skalbeck

c. 2026 Goals

Highlights for 2026 Parks Department goals

- Rolling Hills Golf Course, approved to proceed with an RFP process to evaluate potential new vendors and opportunities for operation.
- Create Naming and Sponsorship Policies
- Work to update our maintenance management software program
- AECOM Contract for Wildlife Utilization Study and Vegetation Mapping
- Update to Parks Code (last done in 1971), contract to conduct a new Parks Impact Fee study (last done in 2003), begin update to Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park Framework, Complete Gordon Park Master Plan (work to start in February).

PAB members raised the following concerns

- What metrics are being used to determine if the project was completed or considered a success.
- Concerns over REET money being shared with Public Works Storm Water and Capital Projects, in terms of that impacting Parks budget
- Concerns over establishing single-use trails in Port Gamble and how trails will be distributed by use
- Concerns were voiced over Parks contract with EMBA, which has been renewed for 2026

V. Parks Report

Parks continue to receive regular vandalism.

- Bathroom closed at South Kitsap Regional Park due to vandalism.
- Porta Potty installed to replace it was lit on fire and burned down
- Security patrols have been started at the park
- Security camera trailer was installed at park, but was tipped over twice and is now broken

New Wildlife Ecologist Position

- Currently reviewing applications.

Point No Point Updates

- Park is now open, grand re-opening held on December 20, 2025
- Working with DNR now on creosote log removal at Eastern Beach. To date, 10,000 lbs. of creosote logs have been removed from the beach

VI. Sub-Committee Meetings

None

VII. District Representative Reports

North

- Concerns about Springs Trail at Port Gamble showing signs of erosion (as mentioned previously by Marion)
- Rogue biking trails are appearing that need to be decommissioned.
- Concerns over EMBA using apps such as Trail Forks to share routes
- Concerns voiced over parking at Port Gamble- Stottlemeyer Trailhead often gets over full/impacted when multiple horse trailers are parked

South

- Meeting held with Commissioner Root about Banner Forest
- Framework for park planning has not been done yet, but will be developed this year, with no work being done in Banner until 2027
- Soccer Clubs reached out regarding grants for getting artificial turf installed at SKRP
- Larry has meeting with Addison Richards on Friday, who has interest in SKRP and Banner

VIII. Public Comment

- Allen Marshall: Despite vandalism, park visitors in South do appreciate the porta-potties at SKRP and Harper Park. Asked the question, what is the intent for the Stewardship program, and getting more clarification on the specifics of how it will work and how Parks will work with volunteers and stewards
- Joe Lubischer: Disagrees about the planning being documented in 2022. Had thought that framework for park planning was not going to happen until 2027. Planning of at Port Gamble has had difficulties in past with lack of wetland identification and mapping of critical areas
- Carol Price: Only 2 walking trails at Port Gamble (Tessa's and Bluff), Concerns over rogue trail that has become a mountain bike trail. If bridge will be installed at Springs Trail, please consider aesthetics. Would like a public meeting where all members of public can speak to stewards to have a say in what work is being done

- Lisa Hurt: Question on ride park and what rules/restrictions they have in place. Would like to know if what they're doing part of STO. Concerns that Petrchor trail is now 14' wide, has pictures
- Alex Wisniewski : In response to Lisa, it is not part of the STO, They do not have full reign on what work they can do, they maintain trails at the ride park, They have approval to make new connection to the new parking lot, but that is it, If any additional trails/widening is happening, please share information and photos with Parks
- Don Willott: Comments on STO. Feedback and information on concept of Sound to Olympics Trail

IX. Adjournment

Larry Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Linda Berry-Maraist Secoded the motion.

Motioned carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Parks Advisory Board Meeting Attendance

PAB MEMBERS	STAFF	PUBLIC (IN PERSON)
Lisa Hurt - North	Alex Wisniewski – Director	
Linda Berry- Maraist - North	Alex Hardy – Admin and Event Supervisor	
Larry Walker - South	Dee Tuttle – Office Support Specialist	
Dawn Dockter - South	Michelle Filley – Public Works Project Manager	
Jessic Rice - South		
Jen Skalbeck - North		



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Director's Report

Date: 2/18/2026
To: Parks Advisory Board
From: Alex Wisniewski, Parks Director

Administration Program

Temporary staffing shortages

The department recently lost an Office Support Specialist to a career advancing opportunity in Public Works/Capital Facilities Division. That position for Parks focuses on processing contracts and public disclosure requests for the department, as well as providing other support needs to all program areas. Filling the vacancy is a priority; staff have already completed interviews and hope to have an offer out soon. Additionally, Parks' budget analyst is currently on approved extended leave for a few months. During this time without the positions, some department operations will be slower than normal.

Communications

In 2025, Parks communications staff created a "fun" calendar to promote events in Kitsap County Parks on social media in honor of National Park and Recreation Month. Due to the overwhelmingly positive response, the team has decided to continue creating and sharing the calendars each month. The October calendar is attached. Please see *Attachment A*.

- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-4, Objective 4.1 (Action 4.1.3)*

Volunteer Program

Volunteer Work Parties

The public volunteer events are scheduled for the 2026 calendar year. Staff have developed a marketing plan and will be promoting the events; the marketing flyers are attached. Please see *Attachment B*.

Discover Kitsap Parks

The Discover Kitsap Parks dates, locations, and topics have been planned for the full 2026 calendar year. See marketing flyers in *Attachment C*.

- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-2, Objectives, 2.2 (Action 2.2.2), Goal PR-4, Objective 4.2 (Actions 4.2.1, 4.2.2), Objective 4.4 (Actions 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.5, 4.4.6, 4.4.7), Goal 6.3, Objective 6.3 (Action 6.3.2)*

Events Program

Events Year in Review: 2025

The end of 2025 marks the third complete year for Parks staff utilizing RecDesk for event reservations for athletic fields, community buildings, fairgrounds, event center, picnic shelter, and special park events. *Staff will present 2025 event and facility rental data.*

Events By the Numbers and Events Calendar

- Outward-facing events calendar: [Kitsap County Parks Event Calendar \(kitsapgov.com\)](https://www.kitsapgov.com/parks-events)
- Online reservations and payment portal: [Kitsap County Parks > Home \(recdesk.com\)](https://www.kitsapgov.com/parks)

March Public Events		
Event	Date	Location
Puget Sound Awana Games	March 7	Pavilion @ Fairgrounds and Event Center
Kitsap Weavers & Spinners Spin-In	March 14	Van Zee @ Fairgrounds and Event Center
Military Appreciation Day	March 14	Pavilion @ Fairgrounds and Event Center
Kitsap Conservation District Native Plant Sale	March 14	Sheep Barn @ Fairgrounds and Event Center
Semancik Memorial Scholarship Crab Feed	March 14	Presidents Hall @ Fairgrounds and Event Center
Peninsula Dog Fanciers Dog Show	March 20-22	Fairgrounds and Event Center
Last Fool Standing – Endurance Run	March 28-29	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
WPSRC Rabbit Show	March 28	Sheep Barn @ Fairgrounds and Event Center
Peninsula Birth and Baby Expo	March 28	Pavilion @ Fairgrounds and Event Center

Maintenance & Operations Program

Park and Facility Maintenance

In January, staff focused on cleaning and restoring park amenities, indoor maintenance projects and preparing buildings and fields for the upcoming spring and summer seasons. Additionally, staff continued clearing storm drains, maintaining drainage ditches, and culverts. Staff also addressed dozens of hazardous or fallen trees and completed routine seasonal tasks such as gutter clearing, leaf blowing, and sweeping curbs and walkways of debris and moss.

- **South Kitsap Regional Park:** In response to increased vandalism at South Kitsap Regional Park...
 - Staff installed new area lights in two locations to improve nighttime visibility. Combined with twice-nightly security patrols, these upgrades have already reduced after-hours, unauthorized activity.
 - Multiple incidents of vehicles driving onto the athletic fields at South Kitsap caused rutting and turf damage. Staff resolved this by relocating barrier fencing



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from Harper Park- removed for the Public Works project - to block vehicular access to the fields.

- **Fairgrounds and Events Center:**
 - Nearly 100 new LED bulbs were installed in the President's Hall and Pavilion, replacing outdated fluorescent lighting. Staff also installed new fire-retardant ceiling tiles in both buildings, as required by the fire marshal.
 - Plumbing repairs were completed at the E-Barn and Fair Office. Staff also repaired multiple toilets at the 4H Bathrooms, Pavilion, the Eagle's Nest, and at Silverdale Waterfront Park. Experienced staff have been training newer employees how to troubleshoot and repair flushometers.
 - **Vegetation Management & Storm Cleanup:** Staff continued blackberry removal, storm-debris cleanup, and clearing of sightlines and walkways at Veterans Memorial Park, Old Mill Park, Salsbury Point Park, Island Lake Park, and Horseshoe Lake Park.
 - **Volunteer Support:** Staff supported multiple volunteer events, including Washington Youth Academy's storm-debris cleanup at Wildcat Lake Park and invasive-weed removal at North Kitsap Heritage Park, Coulter Creek Heritage Park, Carpenter Lake Reserve, and Keyport Saltwater Park.
 - **Propane Upgrades:** The propane tank serving the President's Hall was replaced and upgraded with a remote monitoring system for improved oversight. Staff are working to standardize all propane tanks to allow procurement through the state-contracted vendor.
 - **Magg's House Septic System:** Staff identified a septic system serving Magg's House at Point No Point that was not listed with Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD). It is now enrolled in routine annual inspections to meet KPHD requirements.
 - **Signage & Access Improvements:** Staff developed a new sign and access plan for Point No Point Park; signs have been ordered and will be installed in February.
 - **Coulter Creek Heritage Park:** The access gate to the KARCS airfield was repaired following multiple vandalism incidents caused by vehicles driving into/ramming the gate to force it open.
 - **Angeline Park:** Trees were limbed near the playground and a structural support on the aging playground was replaced.
 - **Playground Equipment Removal & Replacement Planning:** A deteriorated slide at Horseshoe Lake Park was removed after routine inspection found it unstable. With many aging playgrounds, staff are prioritizing and developing a replacement plan. Play elements have been removed in recent years at Salsbury, Island Lake, Horseshoe Lake, Silverdale Waterfront, Kitsap Kids, Long Lake, and Wildcat Lake due to safety concerns.
- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-6, Objective 6.1 (Action 6.1.2, 6.1.3), Objective 6.5 (Action 6.5.2)*

Ballfield Maintenance

- **Lobe Fields:** Staff are contracting repairs to the center pole that supports the safety net.

- **Turf Repair:** Staff are developing repair plans for the turf at South Kitsap Regional Park and Bloomquist Park, where chafer beetles have caused the most damage.
- **Bloomquist Rotary Park:** Renovation of the Bloomquist infields will be completed as soon as weather conditions allow.
- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-6, Objective 6.1 (Action 6.1.2, 6.1.3), Objective 6.5 (Action 6.5.2)*

Trail Maintenance

- **Trail Reroute Planning:** Staff and park stewards have been evaluating a needed reroute for Tessa’s Trail at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park, which currently terminates at the new North Gateway access road on Carver Drive. Also, to improve safety and prevent bike access on this steep, narrow, hiking-only trail, staff installed two staggered sections of round-rail fencing.
- **Tree Clearing:** Staff cleared dozens of fallen trees across trails at Harper Park, Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park, Coulter Creek Heritage Park, Bandix Dog Park, South Kitsap Regional Park, and Howe Farm.
- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-6, Objectives 6.3 (Action 6.3.1, 6.3.2), Objective 6.4 (Action 6.4.1)*

Unplanned Maintenance: Vandalism and HEART Response

Throughout December staff responded to multiple incidents of vandalism, illegal dumping, and encampment cleanup across the park system:

- **Swine Barn (Fairgrounds):** An electrical panel was vandalized. Staff disconnected the wiring to prevent unauthorized after hours use of the lights. The barn lighting is only needed during Fair and will be reconnected in August.
- **Building Vandalism:** A broken window at the Callison House was boarded up, and several windows and doors at the lodge and house at Calvinwood were secured after repeated intrusions by squatters. Staff are exploring the use of game cameras with guidance from Risk.
- **Unauthorized Woodcutting:** “No Woodcutting” signs were installed at Wicks Lake, Square Lake, and Harper Park following frequent reports of timber and firewood theft.
- **Illegal Dumping and Encampments:** Staff responded to multiple large-item dumping incidents across various parks. Items included couches, mattresses, and abandoned tents. Notifications were received through community submissions via the SeeClickFix system.

Natural Resources Program

Wildlife Ecologist Program Coordinator Hiring

The wildlife ecologist program coordinator position was posted on December 31st and closed January 19th. Over 200 applications were received for this position. Applications have been reviewed and interviews are underway with the hope of having a start date in late winter or early spring.

Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing with King County Natural Resource Managers

On February 2nd, Natural Resources staff met with King County Forester and DNR Forest Health Specialist at Island Center Forest on Vashon Island. This meeting was arranged to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing between land managers that have similar restoration needs and objectives.

- *Supports PROS plan goals PR-2, Objectives, 2.1, 2.2, Actions 2.2.2, 2.2.3*



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Point No Point Park: Creosote Log Removal

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources Marine Debris Removal Crew has completed their project identifying and removing creosote-treated wood along the beach. Crews will remove the wood using chainsaws and utility vehicles. Creosote is a coal-tar based wood preservative with chemicals inside that, when diffuse, have been found to be harmful to humans and marine life. The DNR Crew estimates that they removed approximately 20,000 pounds of creosote marine debris.

- Supports PROS plan goals PR-2, Objectives, 2.1, 2.2, Actions 2.1.3

Gordon Park Environmental Assessments

Natural Resources staff have been collecting environmental information to identify, inventory, and assess the condition of the ecosystems, sensitive areas, and restoration needs in the 40-acre Gordon Park parcel. This information will be used as a baseline dataset that will inform natural resource management as well as the Gordon Park master plan development.

- Supports PROS plan goals PR-1, PR-2, PR-3 Objectives, 1.3, 2.1, 3.2 Actions 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.4, 3.2.1

Planning Program

Planning

Gordon Park Master Plan

The contract with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) was approved by the BoCC at the January 26th meeting. Parks staff is working with ESA to kick off the project, which will begin in February.

- Supports PROS: Goal PR-1, Objective 1.3 (Action 1.3.2), Objective 3.2 (Action 3.2.1)

Park Impact Fee Study

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a park impact fee rate study was posted on February 10, 2026, and will close on March 13, 2026.

- Supports PROS: Goal PR-1, Objective 1.3 (Action 1.3.2), Objective 1.6 (Action 1.6.1)

Dan Thompson Account Grant

Parks staff attended a kickoff meeting for this project led by the Kitsap Public Health District in January. More information will be shared as the project, and Parks' role, gets further defined.

Supports PROS Plan Goal PR-1, Objectives 1.3, Objective 1.4 (Actions 1.4.1 & 1.4.2)

Kola Kola Park Community Engagement

Parks is planning to engage with the Kingston community around future use(s) for Kola Kola Park in the spring. Staff attended the February Kingston Parks, Trails, and Open Space (KPTOS) meeting to share information about the project and collect input. Next steps are to create a community survey and reach out to stakeholder groups to schedule interviews.

Supports PROS Plan Goal PR-1, PR-4, Objective 4.1

Rolling Hills Golf Course

Kitsap County Parks intends to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for operations of Rolling Hills Golf Course. Staff is working on contracting with the National Golf Foundation (NGF) to develop the RFP and will hold a public meeting on February 17, 2026 to share information about the process and collect input on current use of the course and desired improvements. Supports PROS Plan Goal PR-4, PR-6, Objective 4-1, Objective 6.5 (Action 6.5.1)

Capital Projects

Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park – North Gateway Trailhead

Construction is nearing completion. Once ready, Parks will coordinate an opening event to celebrate.

- Supports PROS: Goal PR-4, Objective 4.1 (Action 4.1.2)

Eagle’s Nest Deck Replacement

Construction is underway and nearly complete. Still remaining are installation of a new fire suppression system under the deck and patching the asphalt drive where the newly aligned walkway meets the loading zone.

- Supports PROS: Goal PR-5, Objective 5.3 (Action 5.3.2), Goal PR-6, Objective 6.5 (Action 6.5.1)

South Kitsap Regional Park Athletic Fields

Kitsap County Parks worked with the Board of County Commissioners Office to submit a request for state funding for Design & Engineering for athletic field and lighting improvements at South Kitsap Regional Park. Awards will be announced in April, aligned with the State’s budget development.

- Supports PROS: Goal PR-1, PR-5, Objective 1.3 (Actions 1.3.1& 1.3.2)

Attachments:

- A. Events Calendar
- B. Public Work Party Flyer
- C. Discover Kitsap Parks Flyers
- D. Rolling Hills Golf Course RFP Timeline
- E. WSDGA Letter
- F. 2025 Workplan

2026 March

FIND YOUR PARK: WWW.KITSAP.GOV/PARKS



KitsapCounty
Parks

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 WORLD WILDLIFE DAY The Theme for 2026 is Medicinal & Aromatic Plants: Conserving Health, Heritage, and Livelihoods	4	5 2026 WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC OPENING DAY	6	7 <u>PUGET SOUND AWANA GAMES</u> 9am Kitsap County Fairgrounds
8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	9	10	11 PARK PICNIC The days are getting longer, so take advantage of the sunlight and have a picnic at your favorite park	12	13 FRIDAY THE 13TH Search a park for spooky sights like foggy trails, crows, hooting owls, and black cats	14 KITSAP WEAVERS & SPINNERS SPIN-IN 10am <u>CRAB FEED</u> 5pm Kitsap County Fairgrounds
15 NCAA MARCH MADNESS BEGINS	16 SHOOT SOME HOOPS Check out the basketball court at Wildcat Lake and play your own March Madness games	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 SPRINGTIME SKATING Celebrate spring and take your skateboard or bike to the skate park at South Kitsap Regional Park	20 SPRING EQUINOX	21 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS VOLUNTEER DAY Banner Forest Heritage Park
22 PENINSULA DOG FANCIERS AKC DOG SHOW Sat. & Sun., 6am-9pm Kitsap County Fairgrounds	23 NATIONAL PUPPY DAY Puppies and Parks, the perfect match!	24	25 MLB OPENING DAY	26 BALLFIELD FUN Head to the open playfield at Harper Park and play a few innings to celebrate the start of baseball season	27 SPRING PHOTO CHALLENGE Spring is here, so see how many photos you can get of new blooms and buds	28 <u>LAST FOOL STANDING</u> Sat. 8am - Sun. 8am Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
29 <u>LAST FOOL STANDING</u> Sat. 8am - Sun. 8am Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	30	31 PREPARE YOUR PRANKS Start planning for April Fool's Day and think of some fun and lighthearted jokes				

- PUBLIC EVENTS
- HOLIDAYS & ACTIVITY IDEAS

VOLUNTEER

WITH KITSAP COUNTY PARKS

3/21, 10AM-12PM

International
Day of Forests

Banner Forest
Heritage Park

4/18, 10AM-12PM

Earth Day Celebration
Work Parties

Port Gamble Forest
Heritage Park

5/16, 10AM-12PM

Park Clean Up

Island Lake Park

6/6, 10AM-12PM

National Trails Day

Coulter Creek Heritage
Park & Guillemot Cove

7/11, 10AM-12PM

Celebration of
National Parks
and Rec Month

Fairgrounds and
Events Center

8/22, 10AM-12PM

Kickin' it with Kitsap

Newberry Hill
Heritage Park

9/19, 10AM-12PM

National Clean
Up Day

North Kitsap
Heritage Park

10/10, 10AM-12PM

Celebration of Orca
Recovery Month

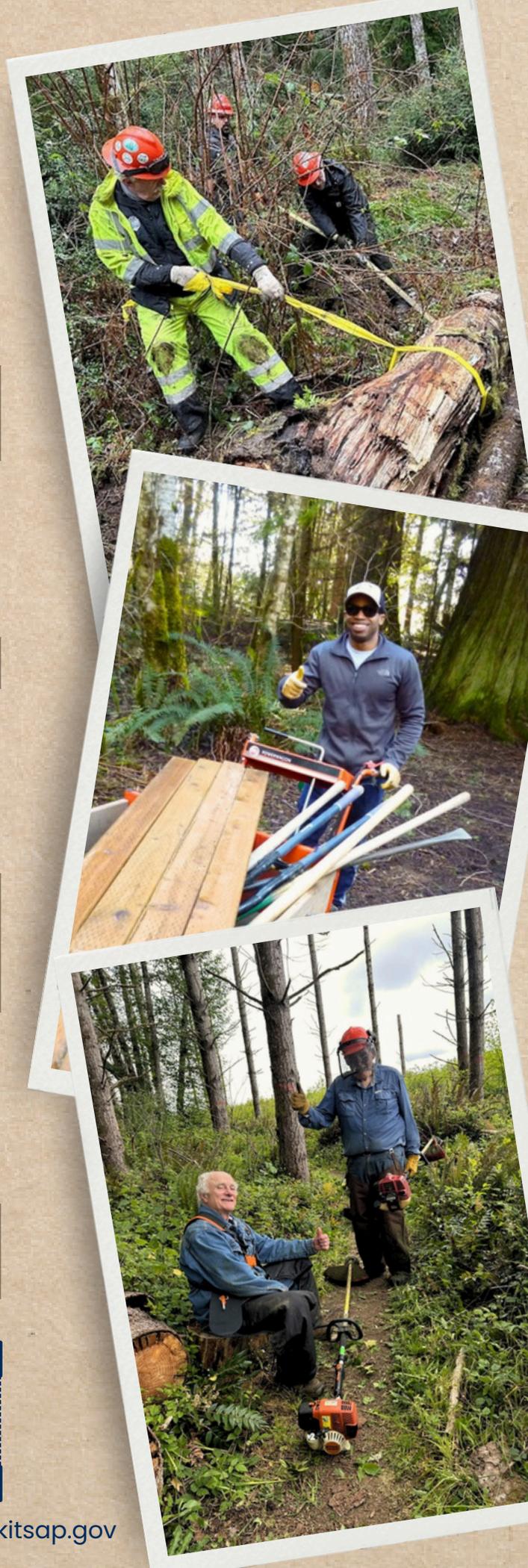
Harper Park



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DISCOVER

Kitsap Parks

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING GUIDED NATURE WALKS!



Ecology- Native Plants

North Kitsap Heritage Park

Address: Miller Bay Rd, Kingston, WA

Date & Time: Saturday, March 28th, 10am-12pm



History- Becoming a Park

Illahee Preserve Heritage Park

Address: 5474 Almira Dr NE, Bremerton, WA

Date & Time: Saturday, April 25th, 10am-12pm



Seabird Migration

Point No Point Park

Address: 9009 Point No Point Rd NE, Hansville, WA

Date & Time: Saturday, May 30th, 10am-12pm



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Forest Health

Banner Forest Heritage Park

Address: Miller Bay Rd, Kingston, WA

Date & Time: Saturday, June 27th, 10am-12pm



Lasting Legacy

Hansville Greenway

Address: NE Buck Lake Rd, Hansville, WA

Date & Time: Saturday, July 25th, 10am-12pm



Ecosystems

Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park

Address: Port Gamble, WA

Date & Time: Saturday, August 29th, 10am-12pm



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Aquatic Species

Coulter Creek & Square Lake Park

Address: Port Orchard, WA

Date & Time: Saturday, September 26th, 10am-12pm



Salmon Systems

Chico Salmon Park

Address: 3150 Chico Way NW, Bremerton WA

Date & Time: Saturday, October 24th, 10am-12pm



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Rolling Hills Golf Course RFP Timeline (estimated)

	Jan '26	Feb '26	March '26	April '26	May '26	June '26	July '26	Aug '26	Sept '26	Oct '26	Nov '26	Dec '26	Jan '27	Feb '27	March '27	April '27	May '27	June '27	
Public Messaging		*		**		***					****								
Contract w/ National Golf Foundation for RFP services																			
Community Meeting (RFP Process & Visioning)																			
RFP Development																			
RFP Open for Submissions																			
Evaluate RFP Submissions & Interview Operators																			
Select Submission																			
Contract w/ Operator																			
Operator Transition (if needed)																			
Current Lease Expires																			
New Lease Begins																			

*Notification to golf community to promote community meeting

**Press Release: History of course, ownership, purpose of RFP

***Public Notice: Mandatory for RFP Process

****Press Release: Operator choice, next steps



West Sound Disc Golf Association

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February 10, 2026

RE: Kitsap Fairgrounds Disc Golf Park – Year in Review and Looking Forward

Dear Director Wisniewski and Members of the Kitsap County Parks Advisory Board,

Founded in the early 2000s, the West Sound Disc Golf Association (WSDGA) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting the growth and sustainability of disc golf as an environmentally, socially, and physically beneficial recreational activity. Over the years, WSDGA has helped transform disc golf into a well-used and valued amenity in Kitsap County through course development, stewardship, programming, and community partnerships.

Our work extends well beyond organizing tournaments. WSDGA plays an active role in maintaining course infrastructure, supporting inclusive programming, fostering volunteer engagement, and creating opportunities for physical activity and social connection for residents of all ages and abilities. The WSDGA has significantly contributed to the growth and popularity of disc golf in Kitsap County, making it a hub for enthusiasts of all skill levels. Here are some of the key contributions made by the WSDGA:

- *Kitsap Fairgrounds Disc Golf Park.* Disc golf at Kitsap Fairgrounds has been a County-supported recreational amenity since the late 2000s, following approval by the Kitsap Parks Advisory Board and partnership with the West Sound Disc Golf Association (WSDGA). The initial 18-hole course was designed and installed by WSDGA volunteers and has been maintained through ongoing coordination with Parks staff and hundreds of volunteer hours each year. Over the past 15+ years, the Fairgrounds course has evolved into one of the most actively used disc golf facilities in Washington State, serving a wide range of recreational, competitive, youth, and first-time players.
- *Events and Programming.* WSDGA organizes and supports numerous events each year, including the West Sound Invitational, King of the Jungle, and Queen of the Jungle, all hosted at Kitsap Fairgrounds. In 2025, the Fairgrounds hosted 16 organized events, doubling the number from the prior year and drawing 330 unique event participants.
- *Volunteerism and Stewardship.* WSDGA members regularly volunteer their time to maintain and improve course conditions. Efforts include debris removal after storms, erosion mitigation, equipment replacement, signage improvements, and coordination with Parks staff. This stewardship helps protect the natural environment while keeping the course safe and welcoming.
- *Inclusive Growth of the Sport.*
 - Evergreen Women's Series (EWS). Founded and operated out of Kitsap County, the EWS is a women-led disc golf series that promotes participation, skill development, and community building for women across Washington State.
 - Women's Skills Clinic. In 2025, WSDGA hosted a Women's Skills Clinic at Kitsap Fairgrounds focused on instruction, confidence-building, and welcoming new women into the sport. The clinic emphasized fundamentals, course navigation, and supportive peer learning, helping reduce common barriers to entry and encouraging long-term participation.
 - Rising Aces Junior Disc Golf Tournament Launched in 2025. Rising Aces is a junior-focused event designed to introduce youth to disc golf in a structured, encouraging environment. The inaugural event, held June 28, 2025, welcomed 48 participants ages 5–18 at Kitsap Fairgrounds.
 - Indoor Putting League. During the winter months, WSDGA and 360 Disc Golf partner to host an Indoor Putting League at the Sheep Barn at Kitsap Fairgrounds. This six-week league provides a weather-independent opportunity for skill development, social connection, and continued park engagement during the off-season, further expanding year-round recreational use of the Fairgrounds.

2025 Fairgrounds Usage and Impact

UDisc is the primary mobile application used by disc golfers to record rounds, scores, and course activity using GPS-based technology. It is widely recognized as the industry standard for tracking disc golf participation and is commonly used by

parks departments to quantify course use. UDisc impact reports are based on anonymized user data; however, it is generally estimated that only about 20% of disc golfers record their rounds using the app, meaning reported figures likely represent a conservative snapshot of overall course activity rather than total use. According to the 2025 UDisc Impact Report, Kitsap Fairgrounds Disc Golf Park continues to see strong and growing use:

- 8,571 total rounds played (+4% year over year), includes 1,362 unique players
- 14,489 hours of play
- 36.8 million steps taken
- Players traveled from 31 states and 3 countries, with hundreds visiting from over 30 miles away
- Course ranked 15th in Washington State by play count in 2025

This level of activity reflects the Fairgrounds' role as a regional recreational destination and a highly efficient use of public land. Consistent daily use also provides passive surveillance, helping deter vandalism and unauthorized activity while reinforcing the Fairgrounds as an active, community-oriented public space.

Looking Ahead to 2026

As use of the Kitsap Fairgrounds Disc Golf Park continues to grow, WSDGA's priorities moving forward are focused on maintaining the quality, safety, and sustainability of the course while ensuring it remains compatible with other Fairgrounds uses. The following priorities reflect both current conditions observed through ongoing stewardship and long-term improvement concepts previously identified through planning efforts. Collectively, these actions are intended to support responsible reinvestment, manage increasing demand, and inform future Fairgrounds master planning discussions.

WSDGA's priorities at Kitsap Fairgrounds are grounded in the long-term improvement framework previously outlined in the Fairgrounds Disc Golf Park Improvement Plan and are intended to align with future Fairgrounds master planning efforts. Identified priorities for 2026 include:

- Updating tee signs and the course overview map to improve navigation, safety, and user experience.
- Installing 18 new baskets within the existing layout as aging equipment reaches the end of its service life.
- Maintaining the additional nine seasonal holes during peak spring and summer use to help disperse play and reduce congestion.
- Continuing erosion mitigation, path hardening, and soil compaction management in high-use areas.
- Engaging in the Fairgrounds Master Planning process to evaluate long-term options, such as a permanent 27-hole configuration, multiple tee and pin positions per hole, and compatibility with other Fairgrounds uses.
- Expanding volunteer coordination and stewardship training to ensure sustainable maintenance and environmental protection.

As we look to the future, WSDGA values its strong partnership with Kitsap County and appreciates the continued collaboration that allows disc golf to serve as a low-cost, high-benefit recreational amenity for the broader community.

Thank you for your time and continued dedication to Kitsap County's parks and recreational facilities. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or if additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely,

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Electronic Attachments:

[WSDGA Website](#)

[Evergreen Women's Series Website](#)

[West Sound Invitational Disc Golf Tournament Page](#)

[Queen of the Jungle Disc Golf Tournament Page](#)

[Rising Aces: Junior Disc Golf Tournament Page](#)



PARKS ADVISORY BOARD 2025 WORK PLAN

Meeting Days, Time, and Location: 3rd Wednesday of every month, 6:00pm, Eagle’s Nest (Fairgrounds)

Advisory Group Staff: Alex Wisniewski

Advisory Group 2025 Chair/Co-Chairs: Larry Walker (Chair), Dawn Dockter (Vice Chair)

Advisory Group Purpose/Mission Statement: To provide timely advice to the (Parks) Director and the Board of County Commissioners of their findings and recommendations regarding acquisition, development, and the administration of various park properties (*Kitsap County Code 10.12.035*).

2025 Goal	Status	Priority Level	Comments/Coordination (Individual or Sub-Committee)
TIER 1: HIGH PRIORITY			
<p>1. PROS Plan. Participate in update of the department’s Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review 2018 PROS Plan and track areas that require addition, edits, or expansion. • Port Gamble and Coulter Creek Framework recommendations to be reviewed as part of the updated PROS Plan. 	Completed	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project will be facilitated by a hired consultant. • Parks Planner will manage consultant contract. • Planning & Property subcommittee and/or entire PAB will have multiple touchpoints during project to provide feedback and recommendations. • PROS Plan to be evaluated for consistency with Kitsap County’s Comprehensive Plan. • PROS Plan to be approved by Board of County Commissioners. • PROS Plan targeted to be completed in April 2024.
<p>2. Park Code. Review and provide recommendations to proposed updates to the department’s Park Code.</p>	Postponed to 2026	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Code update will be facilitated by Parks Department and Prosecutor’s Office. • Planning & Property subcommittee and/or entire PAB will have multiple touchpoints during project to provide feedback and recommendations. • Park Code update to be reviewed by Kitsap County Prosecutor’s Office and Risk Management departments. • Park Code update to be approved by Board of County Commissioners.

2025 Goal	Status	Priority Level	Comments/Coordination (Individual or Sub-Committee)
3. Event Policy Update. Review and provide recommendations to proposed updates to event policies.	Completed	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event Policy update will be facilitated by Marketing and Events Supervisor. • Community Outreach & Visitor Services subcommittee and/or entire PAB will have multiple touchpoints during project to provide feedback and recommendations. • Event policies update to be reviewed by Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office and Risk Management departments. • Event policies update to be approved by Board of County Commissioners.
TIER 2: MODERATE PRIORITY			
1. PAB By-Laws Update. Review and provide recommendations to proposed updates to PAB By-Laws.	Postponed to 2026, sync with Park Code update	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAB By-Laws update will be facilitated by Parks Director. • Entire PAB will have multiple touchpoints during project to provide feedback and recommendations. • PAB By-Laws update to be reviewed by Kitsap County Legal and Risk Management departments. • PAB By-Laws update to be approved by Board of County Commissioners.
2. Community and Youth Engagement. Develop opportunities and partnerships to increase use and engagement in Kitsap County Parks. <i>a. Topic of Interest: Assist department with development of volunteer and steward work planning</i>	Limited work happened in 2025	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing community and youth engagement strategies and opportunities to be facilitated by Public Relations and Communications Coordinator with assistance from Program Supervisors. • Other Parks staff to participate based on overlap with program area (i.e., Natural Resources, M&O, Events, etc.) • Community Outreach & Visitor Services subcommittee and/or entire PAB will have multiple touchpoints during project to provide feedback and recommendations.

2025 Goal	Status	Priority Level	Comments/Coordination (Individual or Sub-Committee)
3. Forest Restoration Policy Update. Review and provide recommendations to proposed updates to policy.	Completed	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest Restoration Policy update will be facilitated by Natural Resources Supervisor and Forester. Planning and Property subcommittee and/or entire PAB will have multiple touchpoints during project to provide feedback and recommendations. Forest Restoration policy update to be reviewed by Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office and Risk Management departments. Forest Restoration policy update to be approved by Board of County Commissioners.
4. Staff Funding. Advocate to move staff funding out of Forestry budget.	Completed	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PAB sent a letter to Board of County Commissioners in 2024 advocating to move the Natural Resources Supervisor and Forester positions out of the Forestry budget. Finance and Budget subcommittee to review this during 2026 budget development process.
TIER 3: LOW PRIORITY			

GOALS ON HOLD			
Goal	Status	Priority	Comments
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