

MINER'S CORNER FAQ



Q. How often is the park mowed?

A. All of the park's lawn areas are mowed regularly. The remainder of the park landscape contains native forest and meadow restoration areas. All native landscape areas were planted with a prairie seed mix which contains native grasses and wildflowers. Areas with tree plantings will evolve over time and become forested—with shade loving plants such as ferns



and salal replacing most of the grasses and wildflowers. Meadow areas with no trees (including the power line corridor) will be mowed periodically to prevent establishment of trees and other woody vegetation. All native landscape areas will be monitored and managed regularly for control of invasive species such as blackberry and scotch broom. The park's design includes a LID (low impact development) stormwater system which utilizes native vegetation instead of basins to treat runoff. The park planting plan is based on specific drainage permit requirements and a strong public desire for "retained wild areas". The LID stormwater management system restores native plant communities, provides wildlife habitat, reduces long term maintenance and provides numerous passive recreation opportunities.

Q. What's up with the pond by the playground?

A. On a hot summer day at Willis Tucker Park there are as many kids playing in the parking lot raingardens as there are in the spray park. Kids love water and Miner's Corner was designed to give people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to play and interact with it. The park gives kids—even those in wheelchairs— a chance to experience creatures such as frogs, water striders and dragonflies up close. An interpretive sign developed for the park provides additional information on the sand and water garden; the sign can be viewed [here](#).

Q. Why aren't there any trash cans?

A. The Parks Department has implemented a “Pack it In, Pack it Out, Recycle at Home” campaign which is intended to change the structure of waste management activities and increase Park users commitment to environmental stewardship at Snohomish County Parks. Through an integrated education and infrastructure campaign, this effort encourages Parks visitors to take their garbage and recyclables home with them, and recycle at home. Miners Corner County Park has trash receptacles in the restrooms for paper products and a central dumpster, but individual outdoor trash cans are not provided.

