

A scenic view of a pond surrounded by dense evergreen trees. The water is calm, reflecting the surrounding greenery. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font with a green outline. The background features a mix of tall evergreens and some deciduous trees with yellowing leaves in the foreground.

Lord Hill 2020 Master Plan Update

Study Group Meeting
March 8, 2018

Lord Hill Regional Park

IS	IS NOT
Former DNR Logging Property Utilized by Recreationist	Pristine Nature Preserve
Former Quarry Site purchased with Salmon Recovery Board Funding	Free-for-all Event Space
Multi-Use Regional Park	Equestrian Park, Neighborhood or Community Park

REGIONAL PARK

▶ 1988 Definition

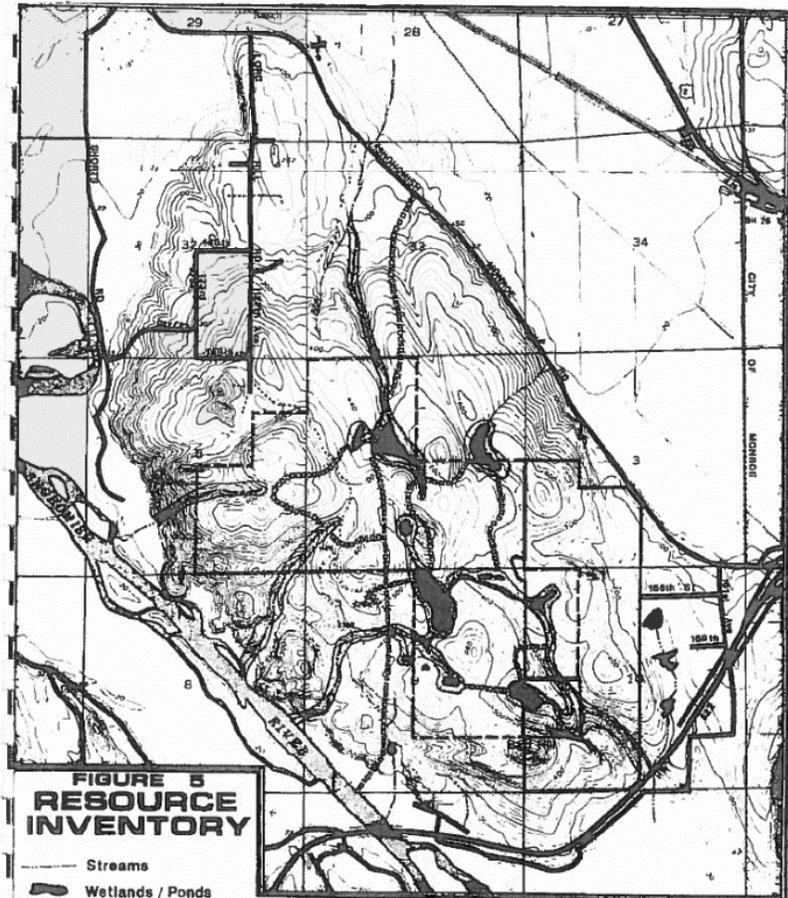
“Regional Parks are designated to serve a multi-county population with a wide range of recreation activities associated with the natural environment”

▶ Other Regional Parks in 1988 -

- ▶ Kayak Point Regional Park
- ▶ Flowing Lake Regional Park
- ▶ River Meadows Regional Park
- ▶ Meadowdale Beach Regional Park
- ▶ McCollum Regional Park
- ▶ Backman Regional Park
- ▶ Common Uses -
 - ▶ Day Use swimming, fishing, picnicking, playground and multi-use trails
 - ▶ Camping
 - ▶ Boat Launch

REGIONAL PARK

- ▶ 1988 Recreation Activities designated for Lord Hill
 - ▶ 13.5 miles of multi-use and designated trails
 - ▶ Hiking trails
 - ▶ Biking Trails
 - ▶ Bridle Trails
 - ▶ An Interpretive Trail
 - ▶ An Accessible Trail
 - ▶ A paddlecraft put-in as part of a regional water trail
 - ▶ Public Fishing
 - ▶ Hike-in / Ride-in camping
- ▶ Original Plan also recommended 60 year logging rotation



**FIGURE 5
RESOURCE
INVENTORY**

- Streams
- Wetlands / Ponds
- Buffer Area
- Potential Trail and Wildlife Corridor
- Potential Loop Trail

**LORD'S HILL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

GRAPHICS PREPARED BY THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY
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- LEGEND:**
- 24' ASPHALT PUBLIC ACCESS ROAD
 - 10' ASPHALT DRIVEWAY
 - 8' ASPHALT DRIVEWAY BANK HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE
 - 12' ASPHALT DRIVEWAY BANK
 - 24" (30' PED. W/ SH. CONNECTION) TRAIL
 - 48" (60' PED. W/ SH. TRAIL)
 - TRAIL



Snohomish County Parks and Recreation

Lord Hill Regional Park



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**Osborn & Roy,
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Concerns From the Study Group

Concern	Addressed	Pending
Environmental Degredation	Wayne's World	River Trail Riverview Trail Ear Therapy
Safety	Upper Springboard Golden Eye Midway	Mountain Bike Trails Signage Midway Re-route 2 Wayfinding signs and posts
Utility/Private Property	Upper Springboard	Red Barn
Parking	Striping Signage Plan - Equestrian Lot Tester Road Security	Striping Signage Plan - Main Lot, Tester Road Tester Road Caretaker

Lord Hill Park Planning Presentation - March 8, 2018



Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance is.....

- The *largest* single-state mountain bike organization in the US, dedicated to making Washington the best place to ride.
- A membership-based non-profit with **3,890** members.
- Committed to our mission of creating and protecting sustainable mountain biking opportunities in Washington.
- Strong reputation in building sustainable trails in both mountain bike specific and multi-use settings
- A team of 20 FTE trail builders and 7 program staff
- A strong network of **8** dedicated volunteer chapters



EVERGREEN: MISSION DRIVEN

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TRAILS



EDUCATION



ADVOCACY



COMMUNITY

A Fast Growing Sport

- 10% of WA residents ride a bike on forest/mountain/rural (soft) trails annually
- Duthie Hill Park – 150k+ annual visits
- Tiger Mtn Forest – 100k+ annual visits
- Sport is diversifying & age range expanding - 3 years and up....and up....
- MTB sales up to 25% of total at Bike Shops
- **Latent demand:** Lack of access is greatest limitation in growth (50% of trail need)



What mountain biking is... (Not really...)





What Mountain Biking is....




evergreen
MOUNTAIN BIKE ALLIANCE

TRAIL ETIQUETTE DAY

Grand Ridge
OCT. 10TH • 10AM-2PM

FREE HOT BEVERAGES
LEARN MORE ABOUT
TRAIL ETIQUETTE



FRONT COUNTRY TRAILS: Lord Hill



Design Principles for Lord Hill Park

1. Plan for and develop a sustainable trail network that caters to all current non-motorized recreation uses
2. Maintain the ecological integrity and tranquil recreation experience of LHP
3. Create equitable trail mileage between hikers, bikers, and equestrians
4. Respect and protect wildlife habitat
5. Prepare the park for future user growth
6. Improve trail sustainability, trail connectivity, and wayfinding
7. Create a satisfying recreation experiences and encourage healthy lifestyles for surrounding communities
8. Limit/control traffic, access and parking impact of park users on local streets



Need Statement for MTB Trails at Lord Hill

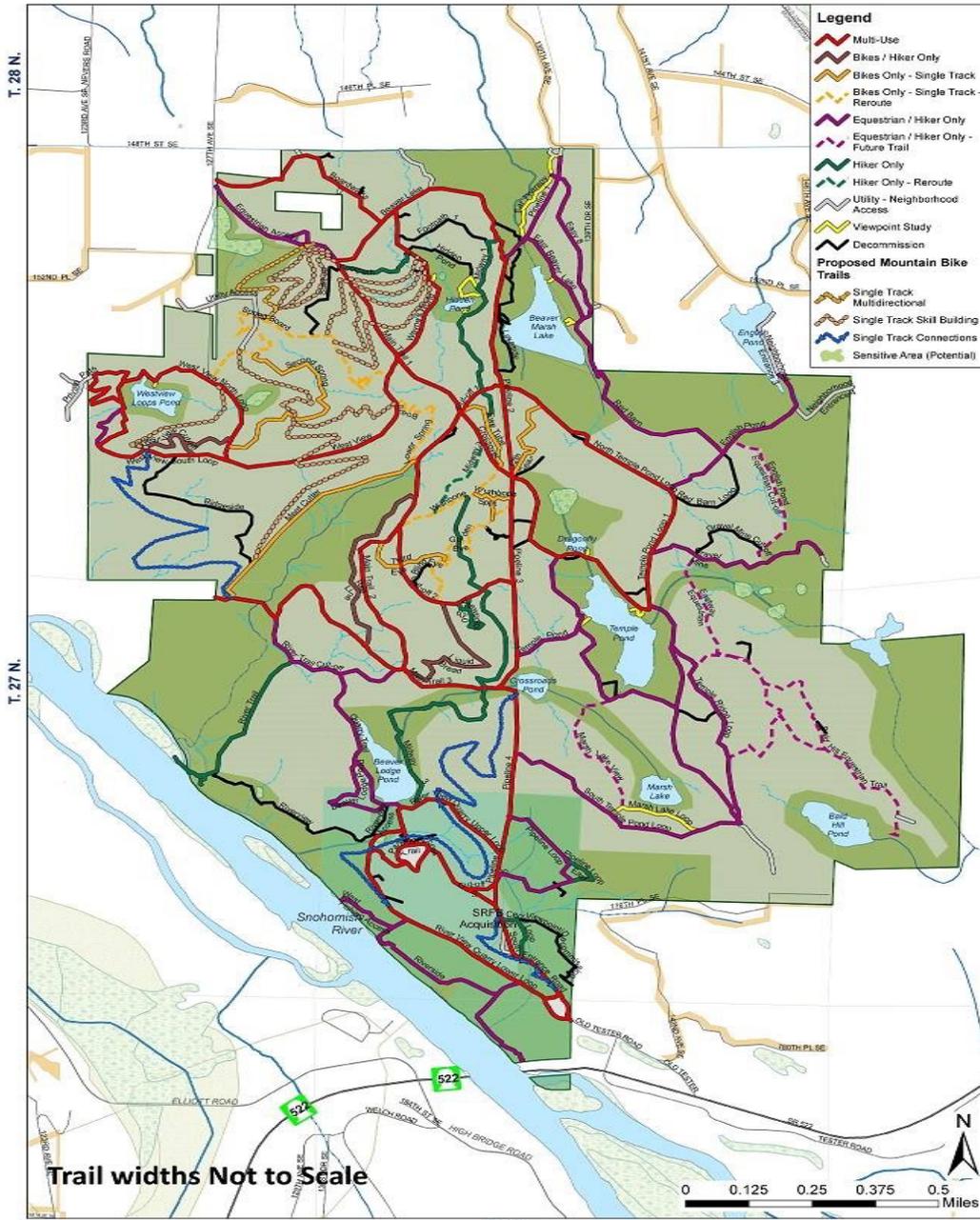
- Latent Demand: only 50% of MTB trail needs are met at this time
- Need to engage youth in healthy & playful outdoor activities
- Need to improve current trail system for better connectivity and improved wayfinding
- Resolve areas of perceived and actual user conflict
- Design trail network that's entertaining, fun, and which encourages riding and eliminates digging...
- “The right amount of Playful”



Alternative 2

- Establishes designated trail use system
- Establishes Sensitive Areas
- All proposed Equestrian trails considered
- Mountain Bike skill building trails only in NW portion of park
- 4 miles of trails decommissioned
- 10.4 miles of multi-use main trails PLUS:
- 13.2 miles of hiking trail access
- 9.2 miles of equestrian trail access
- 11.8 miles of bike single track and bypass access

Lord Hill Regional Park Alternative 2



Trail Design & Features to Meet Goals

- Connecting trail segments
- Low Trail Density
- Good Visibility
- Good Signage
- Foster User Collaboration and Good Trail Etiquette by all users
- Progressive trail design that allows for skill progression
- Trail variability: XC, DH, Freestyle, Flow: unique experience
- All natural skill building features on Blue and Black trails: Playful terrain
- Some opportunity for “wheels off the ground”
- Minimized Road Crossings & Speed Control in strategic places



Snohomish Youth Cycling

At Lord Hill Park

Sandra Baird & Don Heirman

3/8/2018



What we are about...

- We are part of the Washington Student Cycling League
- Empowering youth through Mountain biking
- Open to all students grades 6-12 regardless of their skills, fitness level, gender or economic status
- Non profit organization based on the efforts of volunteers
- Foster life skills development through cycling and create a foundation for lifelong cycling enjoyment
- Encourage healthy lifestyle habits through physical fitness and positive outdoor experiences
- Encouraging individual and team goals
- Providing youth the opportunity to challenge themselves
- Facilitate an environment of teamwork, stewardship and leadership

What we teach...

- Sense of Community
- Respect for the environment
 - Respect for the native plants and wildlife
- Trail etiquette and safety
 - Respect for other park users
 - Yield to equestrians (yearly equestrian training)
 - Respectful of hikers, thanking them for moving over, letting them know how many additional riders
- Respect for park rules
- Maintenance of trails

The WHOLE Athlete



- *Competitive and Non-Competitive Goals*
- *Sense of Community*
- *Leading by Example*
- *Having Fun*
- *Teamwork and Camaraderie*
- *Giving Back and Helping Others*
- *Respect for the Environment*

“If someone were to ask me, ‘What was your best experience from high school?’, I would say, ‘Mountain Biking Club!’”

- - *Bronson Berry, Ballard High School*



2016 Season



2017 Season



Lord Hill Park

- We want to maintain the park as a shared community park
- Maintain shared trails
- Have some trails separated for safety
 - Flodeneye trail crosses the pipeline cut-off trail and need to be redirected (current hazard)
- Allow minimal amount of new trails- reviewed by parks, specific % of trails versus land
- Maintain biking access through equestrian lot (add rules to the gate)
 - This also provides emergency access
 - Open to new trail options to have minimal impact to the horses
- Add lines in the parking lots
- Consider allowing overflow parking in limited area of the equestrian lot
- BuDu Race trying to move the venue to the south side entrance for 2019

Orienteering at Lord Hill Park

What is orienteering?

Temporary checkpoints are distributed throughout the park. Navigate to them using terrain recognition, map and compass. Learn improvement techniques from faster navigators.



Goal: Provide navigation practice as an active sport to any interested participants:

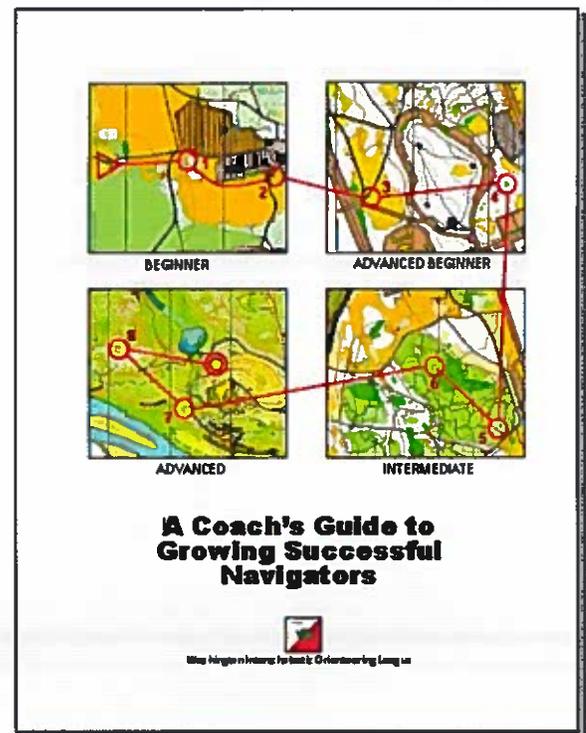
- Increased wilderness safety
- Increased appreciation of outdoor spaces
- Fitness activity for hikers and runners alike

Why Lord Hill?

It is one of just two large parks west of the Cascade mountain range with the open, runnable forest needed for advanced contour and compass practice.

Requested primary usage: temporary, park-wide event access on one or two winter days—One in the last weekend in December and one in a weekend in February. (One from the south entrance, one from the north.)

Requested secondary usage: Non-dedicated access to small, northern area of the park with complex trail network open to hikers/runners for occasional beginner training in small groups during the year.



How do we minimize impact to others?

- Documented lowest environmental impact of any sport.
- Only two days/year of large event usage—in the cold rainy season!
- Small activity usage is non-dedicated and open to other groups

Orienteering also is a multi-discipline activity: How can we help you?

- **MTB:** <http://orienteering.org/calendarresults/mountain-bike-orienteering/world-mtb-orienteering-championships/>
- **Equestrian:** <http://www.nacmo.org/>