

Your help is needed in naming our parks. In January 2011, the Parks and Recreation Commission considered and approved land classifications and long-term park boundaries for 11 state parks and properties in the south Puget Sound.

At the January meeting, the Commission decided to postpone making a decision on naming three park properties, known as the Haley Property, the Harstine Island Property, and the Scott Property. The Commission wanted Parks staff to get more public input before they made a final decision on naming these properties. I would like to include some information below on names that are being considered, and I ask you to give us your thoughts on these names, or to suggest other names you think would be more appropriate. Please send comments to Nikki Fields, Parks Planner, at Kopachuck.JarrellCove.Planning@Parks.Wa.Gov, or call 360-902-8658.

Thank you very much for your help!

NOTE: *Until a park property is officially named by the state's Parks and Recreation Commission, it is often referred to by the name of the previous owners. The Commission policy on naming parks states:*

In naming of sites, priority shall be given to geographic locations, historic significance or geologic features. Park sites may be named for a living person if the site has been donated by the individual. Where it is desirable to give recognition to a living person for their contribution to the State Park system, it is permissible to name for them individual natural or man-made features within a park.

HALEY PROPERTY

This property was acquired in several phases between 1978 and 1982, and has not yet been developed. Some of the names being considered for the property are:

- ***Haley State Park***
This name was considered because the property has been referred to as the Haley Property by both staff and the public for thirty years. The Haley family bought the land for a vacation property in 1929. They did not donate the park land to the state.
- ***Olympic View State Park/
Mountain View State Park***
Olympic View and Mountain View were considered because of the beautiful views to the Olympic Mountains from the Haley Property beach. Olympic View State Park received some public support.
- ***Dutcher Cove State Park***
Dutcher Cove is the name of a small cove north of the property. The lagoon and the creek within the Haley Property itself appear to be unnamed. This name was considered because the property is near the mouth of this other named cove. This name could be confusing, since the property isn't actually located on the cove.
- ***Case Inlet State Park***
Case Inlet State Park received some public support. There are a number of other state parks on both sides of Case Inlet.
- ***Byrnwettus State Park***
This name was suggested by the Haley family after the January Commission meeting. It stems back to the summer of 1932 when the family began constructing a house on the property. Here is their description:

"Over the long summer days on the beach, before modern sunscreen and before shelter had been constructed, family and visitors often became sunburned. Other days, the Northwest weather being what it is, they were soaked by rains. Children were continually in and out of the water. And drying off by a bonfire, sometimes too closely, was said to be another way to be burned. These activities defined the place, inspiring John Bridgwater [a cousin] to join the words "burn" and "wet" to coin the name "Byrnwettus", and that name, sometimes with alternate spellings, has been used by the Haley family and guests ever since."

HARSTINE ISLAND PROPERTY

The Harstine Island Property was acquired in 1990 from the Department of Natural Resources.

The names being considered for this property include:

- ***Harstine Island State Park***
This property has been commonly referred to as Harstine Island State Park by both staff and the public, despite the property having no official name. There was some public support for retaining this name.
- ***Jim Donkey Hill State Park/
Donkey Hill State Park***
"Jim Donkey Hill" or "Donkey Hill" appears on some older maps of the area, but little has been uncovered as to this name's significance.

SCOTT PROPERTY

The Scott Property is one of our most recent acquisitions, being acquired in 2009 with the help of the Trust for Public Land.

Some of the names being considered for this property include:

- ***Scott State Park***
Part of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for this property said "State will make a good faith and diligent effort to secure Parks Commission approval to name the Property the "Walter and Isabella Scott Memorial State Park." The Scott family owned this property from 1949 to its sale to State Parks, and used it for logging and recreating. They did not donate the property to the state, but they did delay its sale for two years to allow the Trust for Public Land and State Parks time to pursue acquisition funding. During this planning process, State Parks received letters from the Scott Family and from the Trust for Public Land urging our support for naming the property "Scott State Park."
- ***Harstine Island State Park***
This would involve combining the Scott Property and the nearby Harstine Island Property under a single name. The two properties are one-half mile apart, and both upland and tideland connections between the two properties are included within the Commission-approved long-term park boundary. With this option, the beach at the Scott Property could be named "Scott Beach," with Commission approval.
- ***McMicken Island State Park***
This would involve combining the Scott Property and the nearby McMicken Island State Park under a single name. This option could be confusing since the Scott Property is not on McMicken Island.

- ***Colonel Wright State Park***
Colonel Wright was an early property owner on Harstine Island, and at one point owned the Scott Property, but this name was not supported by the public because it might create confusion with Colonel Wright Road, potentially causing park visitors to trespass on private property.
- ***The Ballow State Park***
The Ballow is the name of the community near the Scott Property. This name has some staff support, but was not supported by the public for the same reasons as Colonel Wright was not.
- ***Glaser State Park/
H.A. Glaser State Park***
There was some public support for naming the property "Glaser State Park" after early settlers on the island whose family still lives in the Ballow area. The Scott Property itself was never owned by the Glaser family.
- ***Carson State Park***
Like the Glaser proposal, this option would name the park for a prominent landowner in the area. The Carsons once owned McMicken Island, and also the area north of the Scott Property, now known as the Canyonwood Beach development. The Carsons did not own the Scott Property, and they sold, rather than donated, McMicken Island to State Parks.