

# Lake Isabella Classification and Management Planning (CAMP) Project

## Public Comments

### Natural Resource Issues

Preserve and maintain the forest and understory areas of the park to demonstrate good forest management practices.

Concern: Safety: Effective removal of old junked vehicles in the woods.

Preserve the shoreline as a natural habitat for wildlife and fish.

Concern: Encroachment of noxious plants on adjoining properties.

I have wildlife concerns. There are nesting bald eagles, osprey. How will the natural wildlife be considered in this management faze?

Non-native invasive species control

Nearshore salmon habitat (Mason County lakes program water quality focus). Use as salmon/watershed education site.

Demonstration site for water quality issues

Use site for native plant salvage nursery

Concern about intensive shoreline development, only allow light development for lake access.

Use a portion of the park for a native plant salvage nursery

Provide native plant walks

Publicize efforts to eradicate knotweed and knapweed from the park

Use site for community/Conservation Dist. Field days

Continue biocontrol for knapweed, including interpretation of biocontrol

FSC certification of forest stands

Water rights

Well security

### Cultural Resource Issues

Establish heritage markers regarding the homestead and surrounding areas along an unpaved path.

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Preserve and enhance the agricultural and homestead heritage of the property, as

- Demonstration
- Interpretation
- Education

(food bank garden, orchards, pasture, etc.)

Concern: Retention of the two heritage orchards.

Co-manage the cultural resources with related tribes. Involve/inform Tribes in the entire planning process (this applies to all State Park planning)

Use as example of Mason County ag land (mixed use of ag/forestry). Use as demonstration site for orchard/fruit production, livestock, 4-H, small farms, and eco-friendly agricultural buffers.

Food bank garden site

Identify fruit varieties and prune fruit trees

Primarily use the park for environmental education and interpretation of historic significance, recreational use should be secondary goal

Involve the historical society to help interpret the historic significance of the site

Continue to work on preservation of heritage orchards

Use as demonstration garden include a community food bank garden

Use a portion of the property to provide office and classroom space for Mason County extension offices

Demonstrate a working farm

## Recreation Issues

More picnic tables down in the grassy area and not by the toilets.

Lots of hiking paths.

Playground

Bathroom with running water.

Need of a place to walk your dog with out a leash. Need more trails.

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Off leash dog park. A place where we don't have to worry about running into people who don't like or are afraid of dogs.

Off-leash dog park at Lake Isabella fashioned after similar park located on north end of Lake Sammamish in Redmond. (Joint gov't/public endeavor).

We are interested in the ability to walk dogs off-leash. Our concept includes a fenced off-leash area of 10-40 acres and allowing dogs off leash on trails in the balance of the park with the exception of concentrated areas such as picnic area of campgrounds. The park has a history of neighbors walking their dogs. The tunnel under the road provides the opportunity for a good loop trail around the perimeter of the park. Several Oregon state parks have fenced off-leash areas but an unfenced trail system would be more like the Bellingham parks and Portland parks.

I would like to see an enclosed dog park. Most parks either prohibit or have leash laws due to no fenced in area! For the safety of other animals and humans I understand, but a fenced in section for dogs off leash to run and exercise would be perfect. There can even be pooper scooper stations that if you need to scoop, put a quarter in the machine and the scooper comes unattached from the machine! They have 50 foot retractable cords on them. I saw this in a dog park in New York. Space there is sparse for dogs where here you would think it would not be, but for some reason we have no specified safe dog exercise area. There are of course rules for safety concerns, which is posted before you enter the dog park. We have lots of human areas, let's start thinking for the dogs! It can be a great place!

Place for dogs to walk and swim. I'd like to see a fenced dog area for dogs to be able to play with other dogs. With picnic areas close by.

I enjoy the wide open spaces of this beautiful park. The trails are wonderful. I don't want it "destroyed" by dividing up these spaces into compartmentalized camping spots.

Need of off-leash dog park.

Would like to see an area for off-leash dog park. Prefer a fenced area as part of the plan, at least 30-40 acres. It would be desirable to have water available, outhouses or better, trash cans and waste disposal bags. Bulletin boards, public swim areas for people/dogs.

Off leash dog park with water access. Some benches for people and water bowls for the dogs would be nice.

Message board in off leash area for dog-related signs – lost dog, puppies for sale, puppy classes, dog walking, dog park clean up crew meeting times, etc.

I would like Lake Isabella Park to have all or large portion to be an off leash dog park. Please keep it natural as it is now.

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Off leash dog area in all areas of the park except natural areas, camp grounds and picnic areas. There are many many models to use from other off leash parks for rules and how to address liability.

As Mason County (& Shelton specifically) grows – so does the dog population. We do not have any off-leash dog parks here in Mason County and we need one. Many WA counties have these parks and there are some great models to choose from.

Off leash dog park, fenced and not fenced, with sensitive areas protected or designated, with swimming areas, with picnic areas and convenient parking and access for disabled.

There are a lot of dogs in the area and not place to walk them. We need more dog walks, as well as fenced off areas.

Dog park with waste disposal bags and trash cans provided.

I strongly advocate for safe, accessible dog parks in Mason County. Over a third of all households own dogs. I travel and recreate with my dogs. I exercise with my dogs. I socialize with my dogs. I obedience train my dogs. I am a conscientious dog owner. We all need convenient, attractive places to enjoy the outdoors with our dogs; off-leash if we so desire. We need alternatives to the leash laws to legally enjoy a good quality of life with our dogs, leading to responsible dog ownership for the benefit of all people – with or without dogs.

1. Designate most of the park as partially fenced off-leash dog area (dog park) w/lake access. Protect the sensitive areas.
2. Large, fenced accessible dog park w/ trails, picnic/gathering areas, ADA access.

As people work 5 & 6 days a week and leave their dogs home alone all day it is extremely important for our & our dogs health & well being that we have a place where our dogs can run & socialize with other dogs & people. I work for Adopt-a-Pet & know first hand the problems created by modern life for dogs. I have let my dogs run at the Lk. Issabell Park for 2 yrs. & have met many other people doing the same. It is so important for many of dog owners to have this place. Please help.

We need convenient, attractive places to enjoy the outdoors with our dogs. Off leash alternatives to benefit dogs & people. Over 1/3 of households own dogs.

This is a large tourist area where a lot of places do not allow dogs even on leash. The South Puget Sound has the possibility of changing this concept.

Both fenced and unfenced off leash areas. It's been used successfully off leash for 15 years.

Am interested in a area at Isabella being set aside for a dog park. Preferably off leash. Fenced & with rules of responsibility.

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Off leash dog park – Safe place for dogs with no motor vehicles racing around.

A dog-friendly park – a south Puget Sound resource for people & their dogs as a destination on a stop around the Olympic Peninsula. Right now there are no such parks and we need them. Large ones!

Reserve all or part of the open field as an off-leash area for dogs.

Allow dogs under voice control, off leash.

Need a free-range cat area.

Leave “as-is” for dog walkers, runners, or gravel the pathways already used by them. At most, build picnic tables and restroom facilities.

I would like to have Lake Isabella remain as it currently is. I live in Shelton and drive to the lake a few times a week to enjoy walking around in the open space with my dog.

Leave “as-is” for dog walkers, joggers/runners, who would use open fields/trails w/o damaging trees, marshland, etc.

No changes to current use – off-leash dog walking. Recommend minimal management. Maintain/open trails. Get noxious weeds under control. Silviculture work – thin stands. Fully open to all users. Generate revenue from nat. resources. No boat launch.

Protect the springs around the lake and allow human and dog access. Keep the boat launch where it is.

Prefer day use only. No boat launch! There is a public boat launch on the lake now. Keep private land owners in mind when planning park – some join the state property.

I would prefer that the boat launch at the end of the road be maintained or improved and that a boat launch not be in the park.

My biggest concern on this small lake is watercraft traffic. The lake is only about 200 acres and the park is 182 acres. Is the park going to have a boat launch or docks? Will the park have horse riding trails? Is the park service aware of the nesting eagles and osprey? Are you aware of the sad conditions of the current boat launch?

Concern: Restricting (if not prohibiting) lake access for jet skis.

Traffic congestion in and out. Will there be a boat launch? Over use for boating, the lake is small. Would like to see open space, trails for hiking, horseriding. Who is going to police the traffic on the water? There’s only one police boat for all of the lakes.

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Concern: waterfront swimming safety.

What plans does the state have for the waterfront? What can the state do to the shoreline? i.e. – plants, animals, etc.

Concern – Is a dock and/or swimming area under consideration?

Enhance access to the lake for swimming, etc.

Access to the lake should be improved.

Passive shoreline access for swimming

Partner with WDFW to promote lake access at park

Team with WDFW for boat launch. Look at acquisition of property adjacent to WDFW boat launch

Interpret Lake Isabella “swimatorium” side by side with low impact freshwater access

Create a low-impact public swimming access at the lake, while preserving as much wildlife habitat as possible.

Development of waterfront access and camping facilities.

Approx. 15 years ago we were told by the state that Lk. Isabella State Park would be a day use only park. Is that still true?

Please no off road vehicle. Protect the existing wildlife & habitat.

Off limits to ATV's, etc.

Concern: Prohibiting off road vehicle riding in park.

Non-motorized paths and trails.

ORV use – block access with ecology blocks or bollards

Who will have access to the fruit from the orchard?

Concern: security for proposed food bank garden @ Isabella.

Concern: Time/distance factors for a ranger at Potlatch to respond to an Isabella incident.

Attaboy: Darrela spending time on site!

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Concern: Night time security.

Concern: Daylight hours security.

How are neighbors to the park protected?

Establish contact station.

Consider ranger housing at park.

Capital budget support for IAC grant planning/development.

Need master plan for property.

Lake Isabella Don't sell it!

Concern: Ensure ADA factors are considered!

27 hole disc golf course.

I want to promote the inclusion of disc golf (also known as frisbi golf) at Lake Isabella.

Concern about intensive shoreline development, only allow light development for lake access.

Concern that recreational development would upset the apple cart

Concern about off leash dog park; not a great need for this area

Need for increased presence on site for improved security

Concern there may be use of the park by homeless individuals

Continue to work on preservation of heritage orchards

Concern with park visitors trespassing on private property

Create volunteer park host site for increased site presence

Camping area across the road from lake. There is a need for camping in the south county.

Would like a covered, open-air, multi-use classroom for environmental education.