

PALOUSE FALLS

- Kayaker access trail and pulley system to lower boats.
- Provide access to East side of Canyon.
- More longer hiking trails.
- Private shuttle between L.F. Park and KOA at L. Ferry and Palouse Falls.
- Palouse Falls day use only.
- Improve access to river below the falls.
- Get rid of camping + make Day Use Area + develop camping @ Lyons Ferry.
 - Increase parking areas
 - Noxious weed control
 - Erosion control on trails
- Update interpretive exhibits.
- Access trails down to river.
- Story of early Chinese labor used to build the RR line. The train tunnels have pick axe marks in the rock walls (not that I'm admitting to trespassing...).
- The dark sky experience people can have at this park is amazing. Limiting hours or eliminating camping would not be a great idea. Maybe switch to a lottery system to help control the influx (though a lot of visitors are indeed "transient" & just there for a day trip).
- The 3 mile canyon upriver from the Falls is such an amazing piece of the ice age flood puzzle. At a future point, if access & trail development was possible, that would be amazing & people would get to see the "bend" at little Palouse Falls.
- Acquire property between Rt. 261 and the railroad track at Palouse Falls for parking. Add interpretive panels to make the walk-in interesting. Create trails that are safer down to and around the falls.
- Maybe coordinate w/ hiking groups to devise the least treacherous path down & "advertise" it as such, though the use of it would still be "unsanctioned" and people would still be responsible for their emergency response expenses.
- Sounds like investigating parking options (via land purchase) may be necessary.
- This is not a recreational site.

- Limit access to shuttle vehicles only.
- Pave the road to Palouse Falls.
- A radio repeater for emergency communication at Palouse Falls.
- The Falls is a State Falls so money from the governors declaration was not carefully considered for the amount of people visiting. Make Governor accountable.
- No RVs (big) at Palouse Falls until parking gets resolved.
- Trail treads are, in some places, worn 6" to 10" below grade. Further wear needs to be prevented.
- Comfort station needs to be expanded. Sometimes lines on busy days.
- Acquire lands around Upper Palouse Falls and get a trail into the falls.

LYONS FERRY

- Camping to include cabins.
- There used to be a gazebo atop the hill by the ranger station w/ informational signage along the (well maintained) hiking trail. It burned down in a fire. IF rebuilt – think of fire-“resistant” materials ie, metal? Not wood. ☺ (info signs had reference to the recycled steel bridge, etc)
- Pricing of camping must be on par with private operations to avoid unfair competition.
- More/longer hiking trail to/from P. Falls.
- Please dry dock the ferry until it can be given the care it deserves. If Friends group formed, work w/DAHP (Wa Dept. archaeology + historic preservation) for maritime grant. If no friends group, there are historical societies + museums that would be more than willing to work w/state parks to get it restored. Major area artifact!
- I believe there are electrical facilities for RVs. It would be nice if Electric vehicles were allowed to charge there.
- Pedestrian access to from park and KOA at Lyons Ferry marina.
- Restore Ferry informative kiosk
- Replace bridge on Hwy 261 between LF Marina + LF Park + add a pedestrian/bicycle lane or bridge.
- Lyons Ferry Marina provide great visitor services +has food and a store. Better signage between all 3 facilities would benefit ALL visitors.
- Rail tour from Joso bridge to P. Falls
- Open the camp ground at Lyons Ferry.
- Work w/ fish & Wildlife to get their geological/cultural displays in the hatchery updated. I have called & left voicemails but to no avail.

- If the campground land isn't used as a campground, it would be an interesting site for cultural heritage interpretive area ie, Palus tribe info. Could also touch on Chinese rail workers because of the prevalence of the trestle near the site.
- Make the jetty hikeable again. It's crazily overgrown. Used to hike out there to swim "back in the day".

PALOUSE FALLS-LYONS FERRY

- Create a walking or biking trail between Lyons Ferry State Park and Palouse Falls St. Park
- Because Lyons Ferry Park will have your new camping facility, Palouse Falls wouldn't need it.
- Promote kayaking up the Palouse River from Lyons Ferry Marina and park up to the falls. Can walk the last little bit that is too shallow.
- On site EMT and firefighting equipment (wildfire, rough land capable trucks) Equipment and people at Lyons Ferry and Palouse Falls.
- Provide transportation between Lyons Ferry + Palouse Falls as a State Park/Park Aide position w/ interpretation during ride (for nominal fee? Or as part of Discover Pass?) Seasonal / weekend only need; low likelihood of finding a concessionaire to fill this need.
- Determine safe / sustainable trail route between Lyons Ferry and Palouse Falls; route exists but needs to be developed for sustainability.
- Palouse Falls/Lyons Ferry
 - Fencing/safety/aesthetic
 - Camping/space/privacy
 - Invest in 1 location vs. both re: camping
 - Private shuttle-marine and Lyons Ferry, maybe just weekends.

LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL

- I visit the park for bird watching when driving through the area.
- Build tent pads. Maybe tent only sites.
- Create pedestrian overpass or underpass between two sides of Lewis and Clark Trail St. Park. Add partial and full RV hookups in the campground at Lewis and Clark. This used to be one of the biggest requests I received when I worked at the Dayton Chamber.
- Better access to Touche river for anglers?
- Riparian area and condition? Improvements?
 - River habitat? + opportunity for in-stream habitat improvements?

OTHER

- People ask all the time “what’s happened to the old ferry?” It needs to be reclaimed and restored. It has historic + cultural significance.
- Add infrastructure to camping area:
 - Full and partial RV hookups
 - Shade structures at tent camp sites
 - Potable water
 - Paved trails

This would make the campground very popular and generate revenue for maintenance and operations of the entire facility. Original Corps Park plan showed this, and there is room for drainfield expansion to accommodate it.

- There is so much history in this area
 - Ferry
 - Railroad cut
 - Joso Bridge
 - Marmes
 - Geology

There is so much to share! More interpretive panels would be appreciated by all the new people visiting Palouse Falls.

- Celebrate the history of building the railroad through the rocky terrain. Celebrate the Joso Bridge history.

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