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INVENTORY

The Bremerton Parks & Recreation Department operates and maintains 319 acres of land distributed among the following nine facility categories:

- Regional Parks (1)
- Community Parks (3)
- Neighborhood Parks (9)
- Pocket Parks (10)
- Natural Areas (4)
- Plazas (6)
- Streetscapes and Greenways (9)
- Trails (10 miles within city parks)
- Special Facilities (5)

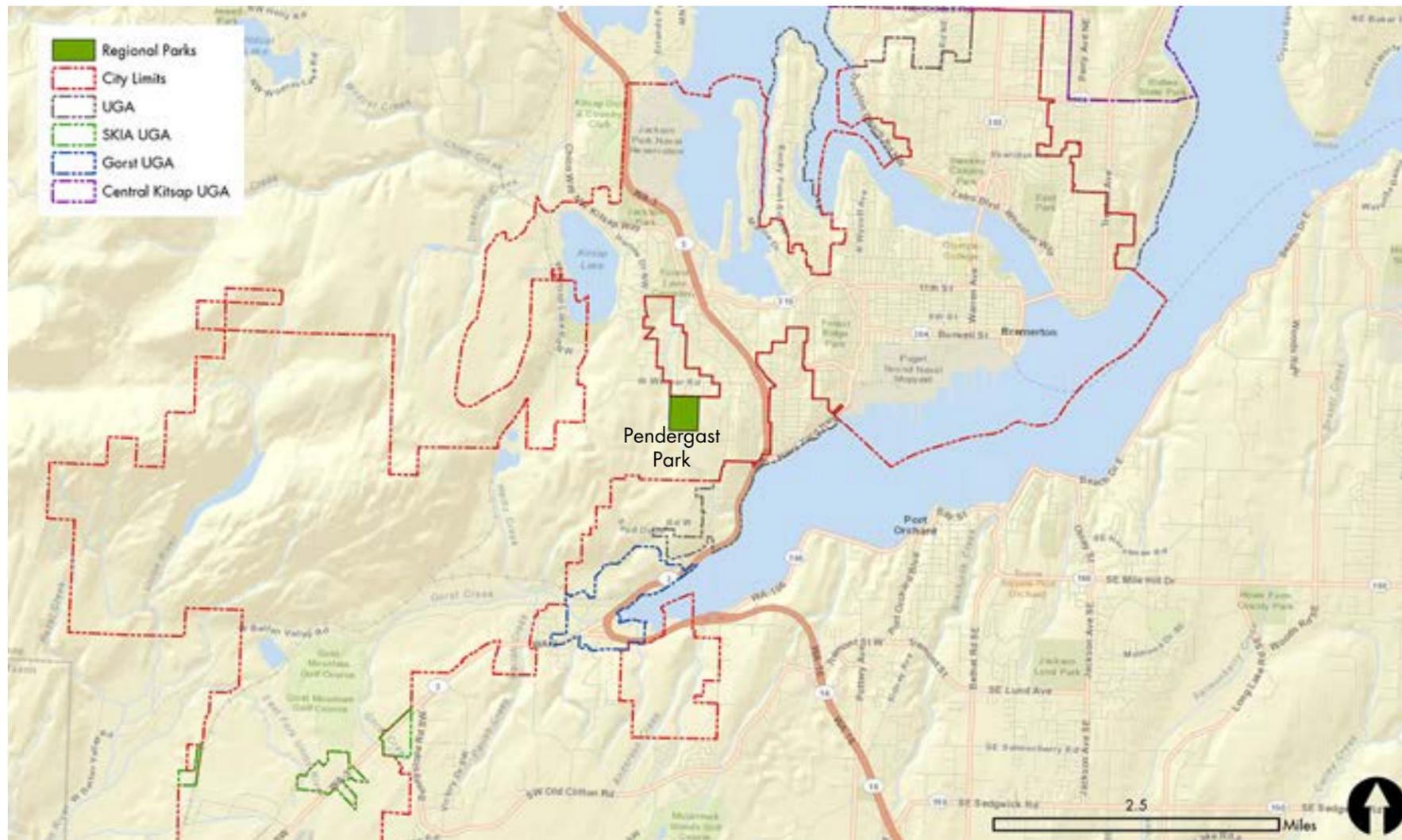
An additional 375 acres of public land is available at two special facilities: Ivy Green Cemetery (15 acres) and Gold Mountain Golf Complex (360 acres). Together, these 39 sites total 694 acres of public land.

Inventories of Bremerton's Parks & Recreation system are presented on the following pages from data gathered during field assessments in the winter of 2018–19. The management issues and recommendations are the result of site assessments, previous inventory efforts, staff recommendations, and public comments.

A summary of other area recreation providers is shown at the end of the chapter. A detailed matrix of amenities, by park site, is provided in Appendix B.



REGIONAL PARKS



Regional Parks

Regional parks are usually larger than 50 acres in size and serve residents from throughout Kitsap County and beyond. There is no existing or recommended service standard for distribution or number of regional parks in Bremerton. These parks are usually designed to accommodate large numbers of people, and typically they provide for diverse and intensive recreational activities, such as sports complexes, extensive trail systems, or large picnic areas. Regional parks often include passive or natural areas and unique features. Pendergast Park is the city's only regional park. Regional park users are typically willing to drive five miles or more to participate in activities at regional parks. Kitsap County provides several regional parks that are frequented by Bremerton residents.

Regional Parks

Location	Acreage
Pendergast Regional Park	50.29
	50.29



Pendergast Regional Park



The flagship sports facility for youth and adults in Bremerton is Pendergast Regional Park. This 50.3-acre park and sports complex located in West Bremerton provides various recreational and competitive sports and activities for youth and adults, including softball, baseball, soccer, sand volleyball, basketball, rugby, lacrosse, and special events. A portion of this site serves as an interim off-leash dog park. Pendergast is also the site of the privately owned Olympic Peninsula Sports Center indoor soccer facility.

Inventory

- Lighted parking
- Playground and site furnishings
- Lighted softball fields
- Lighted soccer fields
- Walking paths
- Restrooms
- Concessions, clubhouse, and umpires' office building
- Picnic tables and benches
- Drinking fountains
- Open play areas
- Basketball court
- Sand volleyball court
- Off-leash dog area (interim location)



"The parks I have seen are very nice. If some small ones are not used often, they could be sold to save on maintenance and use the money to upgrade Pendergast."

"Complete Pendergast Park as promised to the citizens."

— Park Survey Comments, 2013

- Indoor soccer center
- Paved plaza space
- Maintenance yard

Management Issues

- Poor drainage
- Long-term management and location of off-leash dog park
- Development of partnerships and agreements with soccer groups, sport center operator, and off-leash dog interests

Improvement Recommendations

- Develop all-weather, synthetic turf soccer fields
- Improve drainage to low lying impacted areas
- Develop additional ball field



- Develop additional park pathways
- Install group picnic shelters (near amenities such as playground and dog park)
- Enhance visual appearance of parking area
- Upgrade restroom adjacent to soccer fields
- Overlay/sealcoat asphalt parking lot
- Repair exterior of concession/restroom building
- Improve drainage adjacent to soccer building
- Improve aesthetic appearance of soccer buildings
- Upgrade playground
- Partner with non-profit to develop climbing wall
- Re-lamp softball and soccer fields (convert to LED)

COMMUNITY PARKS



Community Parks

Community Parks

Park	Acreage
Evergreen Rotary Park	10.31
Lions Park	17.04
N.A.D. Park	50.87
	78.22

Community parks are generally 10 to 50 acres in size and are best defined by the array of recreational activities that a site provides. Community parks may include areas for intense recreational facilities along with passive areas for walking, wildlife observation, and picnicking. These parks serve groups of neighborhoods within a 2–5 mile radius of the park site. Access to community parks may be by car, bicycle, or on foot. Some off-street parking is required at community parks. In general, community park facilities are designed for organized activities and sports, although passive components such as trails and picnic areas are highly recommended as complements to active sports facilities.

The range of facilities provided is greater than in neighborhood parks and will generally appeal to more diverse user groups. Developed community parks typically include amenities such as picnic shelters and tables, sport courts, covered activity areas, soccer and baseball fields, play equipment, bike and pedestrian trails, restrooms, parking lots, and landscaping and irrigation. Community parks may serve as neighborhood parks for residents living within a half mile of these facilities.



Evergreen Rotary Park



A 10.3-acre waterfront park located along the Port Washington Narrows, between the Warren Avenue Bridge and the Manette Bridge. This community park includes 1,900 linear feet of shoreline, a boat ramp, an inclusive children's playground, and picnic shelters that can accommodate group and community events.

Inventory

- Parking facilities
- Walking paths
- Group picnic shelters
- Picnic tables and benches
- Restrooms
- Drinking fountains
- Open play areas, volleyball and basketball hoops
- Horseshoe pits

- 2-lane boat launch, floating dock, and trailer parking
- Historical/interpretive signage
- WWI Memorial
- Shoreline and water access
- Amphitheater
- Wildlife viewing opportunities: waterfowl, raptors, perching birds
- Location of Bremerton Community Farmers Market
- 9/11 Memorial
- Inclusive playground

Management Issues

- Ongoing maintenance/repair of playground turf surface
- Hazard trees
- Impact of community events on residents living adjacent to the park



- Poor drainage at southern portion of park
- Overnight encampments
- Off-leash dogs
- Invasive species along shoreline

Improvement Recommendations

- Complete continuous perimeter pathway; address accessibility of walkway at boat launch
- Enhance water access by providing ADA access to beach
- Overlay parking lot
- Upgrade main shelter (#1)
- Work with Farmers Market to plan, design, and construct site improvements to better accommodate

- market operation
- Consider additional historical and interpretive signage
- Consider drainage improvements for wet lawn areas
- Consider additional stormwater infiltration methods at parking lots
- Install street parking along 13th Street near 9/11 Memorial
- Remove old wood light poles and overhead wires near playground and shelters
- Implement Forest Management Plan recommendations
- Increase maintenance presence and police enforcement
- Develop and implement Shoreline Management Plan



Lions Park



A 17-acre waterfront park located along the north shores of the Port Washington Narrows. Lions Park contains varied recreational amenities including lighted softball fields and tennis courts, a basketball court, playground, shelters, and asphalt pathways. Lions Park contains nearly 2,000 linear feet of shoreline and gently sloping beaches. Other features include a boat ramp and boat trailer parking. The park was renovated in 2011.

Inventory

- Parking areas
- Playground areas
- Lighted softball fields
- Lighted tennis courts
- Walking paths
- Group picnic shelters
- Picnic tables and benches
- Restrooms
- Drinking fountains



- Open lawn areas
- Basketball court
- Boat launch and trailer parking
- Overwater pier (closed and unusable)
- Wildlife viewing opportunities: abundant winter waterfowl
- Shoreline and water access

Management Issues

- Park is built on former landfill
- Control of invasive plants/shoreline weeding
- Drainage issues in lawn areas, basketball court, and shelter #1

Improvement Recommendations

- Remove overwater pier (i.e., coal dock)
- Restore boat launch to enhance boating/water access
- Replace south restroom
- Address drainage to divert water from shelter #1
- Reconstruct basketball court to drain
- Renovate tennis courts (resurface and replace fencing)

"Lions Park is a great example of adding huge community value.... I'd like to see more of this renovation to make the most of what we have."

– Park Survey Comment, 2013



N.A.D. Park



A 50.8-acre wooded park site located off of Kitsap Way acquired by the city as Government Surplus Authority property. N.A.D. (Naval Ammunition Depot) Park is heavily used by local disc golf groups. In addition to standard park amenities, this site also contains a decommissioned F-8 Crusader fighter jet on display.

Inventory

- Informal off-street parking
- Small playground
- Walking paths
- Group picnic shelter
- Picnic tables and benches
- Restroom
- Basketball hoop
- Horseshoe pits
- Disc golf course
- Orienteering course
- Wildlife viewing
- Log cabin
- Restored F8 Crusader Fighter Plane



"..The use and great expansion of the disc golf player base has made parking an issue...often creating hazards both for motorists and park users."

— Park Survey Comment, 2013

Management Issues

- Park user safety associated with vehicle traffic on Austin Drive
- Maintenance of the log cabin
- Impact of disc golf on habitat
- Encampments
- Forestry management
- Non-accessible, obsolete playground and sports court
- Substandard shelter

Improvement Recommendations

- Improve pedestrian access and parking along Austin Drive
- Prepare Master Plan to guide site

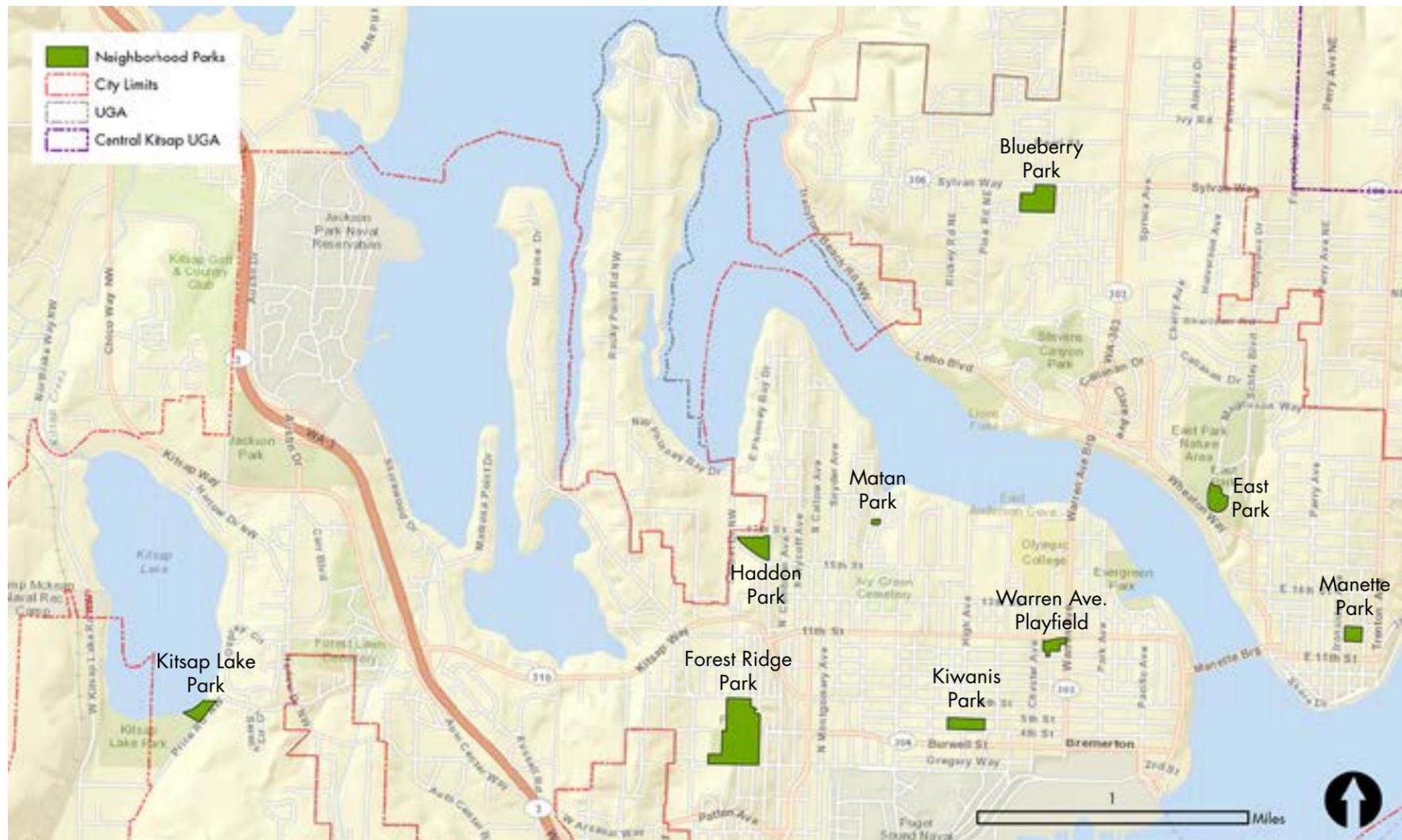


renovation and long-term maintenance

- Provide ADA access to activity areas including pathway from parking lot to restroom
- Restore landscape affected by disc golf course
- Upgrade playground
- Replace picnic shelter
- Improve signage/wayfinding
- Determine long-term viability of log cabin
- Increase trail maintenance and park presence
- Implement Forestry Management Plan recommendations
- New accessible playground



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS



Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are generally no more than 10 acres in size—depending on a variety of factors including need, location, and opportunity—and should meet a minimum size of 1.5 acres. These parks are intended to serve residential areas within walking distance (up to ½-mile radius) of the park site and should be geographically distributed throughout the city. Access is mostly pedestrian, and park sites should be located so that persons living within the service area will not have to cross a major arterial street (except at signal-controlled crosswalks) to get to the site. Developed neighborhood parks typically include amenities such as play equipment, picnic shelters, restrooms, paths and trails, picnic tables, play fields, sports courts, and landscaping and irrigation. Off-street parking is not generally required for neighborhood parks.

Neighborhood Parks

Park	Acreage
Blueberry Park	6.90
East Park	3.39
Forest Ridge Park	21.01
Haddon Park	3.09
Kitsap Lake Park	2.00
Kiwanis Park	3.58
Manette Park	1.70
Matan Park	0.37
Warren Avenue Playfield	1.89
Total	43.93

"The explosion of research into the benefits of nature suggests that green space in cities shouldn't be considered an optional luxury. It is a crucial part of a healthy human habitat. Daily exposure is essential. If you don't see it or touch it, then nature can't do you much good. Proximity matters. But every little bit of nature helps. This means we need to build nature into the urban system, and into our lives, at all scales. Yes, cities need big, immersive destination parks. But they also need medium-sized parks and community gardens within walking distance...they need pocket parks and green strips and potted plants...Cities need green in sizes S, M, L and XL. Otherwise the human ecosystem is incomplete."

- Happy City, 2013



Blueberry Park

A 6.9-acre neighborhood park located along Sylvan Way and home to Bremerton's P-Patch Community Garden. This site was acquired in 1979 and is a former blueberry farm. In 2008, the park was developed with neighborhood park amenities using Low Impact Development (LID) features including pervious pavement, rain gardens, and a vegetated roofed picnic shelter.

Inventory

- Parking area
- Playground
- Walking paths
- Picnic shelter with green roof
- Picnic tables and benches
- Restroom
- Drinking fountain
- Community garden plots
- Community garden tool shed
- Demonstration garden
- Demonstration garden tool shed and beehive
- Original blueberry plantings from White's Farm
- Wetland (Category IV)

Management Issues

- Continued management of gardens
- Planting bed maintenance
- Blueberry plant maintenance
- Under-used perimeter walking path is narrowing
- Poor drainage surrounding wetland

Improvement Recommendations

- Improve drainage in wet areas
- Involve garden clubs/volunteers to maintain the blueberries and planting beds
- Consider security improvements
- Reconstruct walking path along wetland



East Park

A 3.4-acre park located in east Bremerton adjacent to the Jarstad Aquatic Center, YMCA, Bremerton Ice Arena, and Kitsap Community Resources Child Care Facility. This site is home to Bremerton's skate park and provides active and passive recreational opportunities. Residential development surrounding East Park has increased usage of the park and its adjacent recreation facilities.

Inventory

- Parking area
- Playground
- Picnic tables and benches
- Restroom
- Skate park
- Pathways

Management Issues

- Graffiti removal at skate park
- Planting bed management

Improvement Recommendations

- Graffiti-proof paint/mural on skate park walls
- Develop a master plan to include ADA access improvements, picnic shelter, new restroom, new play area, and potential regrading of south parcel to accommodate sports court



Forest Ridge Park

Forested neighborhood park located on a 21-acre hillside adjacent to west Bremerton neighborhoods. This site was dedicated to the city in 1927 and contains a variety of passive and active recreation amenities. An active stewardship group helps care for the park.

Inventory

- Parking area
- Playground
- Park pathways and nature trails
- Picnic tables
- Restroom
- Drinking fountain
- Tennis court
- Horseshoe pits
- Natural wooded areas
- Historic building



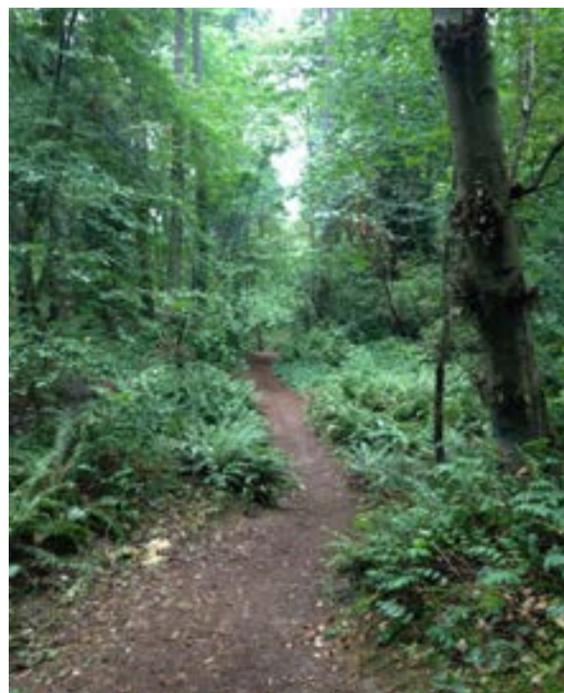
Management Issues

- Un-gated park entry road limits ability to restrict nighttime vehicle access and illegal dumping
- Encampments
- Because of the dense understory and isolated location, security and safety is an ongoing issue for park users
- Management of native and invasive vegetation
- Root fungus has compromised the health of a large number of conifer trees
- Maintenance of tennis courts
- Maintenance of historic cabin

Improvement Recommendations

- Install removable bollards to limit vehicular access past parking lot to discourage illegal activity
- Develop a Forest Management Plan and Park Master Plan
- Remove old road beds and create lawn area and/or revegetate as appropriate
- Replace restroom building
- Replace play area with accessible structure
- Provide ADA pathways between parking, play area and restroom
- Formalize entry ways

- Renovate or remove tennis court
- Renovate cabin roof/heating system
- Program cabin building for community use
- Implement Forestry Management Plan
- Prepare Master Plan to guide site renovation including ADA pathways, new restroom, picnic shelter, playground, basketball court, and site furniture



Haddon Park

A 3-acre neighborhood park acquired by the city in 1987. This park was developed with Community Development Block Grants in 1998 and includes a play area, perimeter pathway, restroom, and open lawn. This park is well-used and provides passive and active recreation opportunities for the residents of this west Bremerton neighborhood.

Inventory

- Parking area
- Playground
- Pathways
- Picnic tables
- Restroom
- Drinking fountain
- Open play area
- Basketball court
- Natural area



Management Issues

- Invasive vegetation management along property perimeter
- Off-leash dog control
- Increasing transient activity
- Substandard restroom facility
- Aging playground
- Dangerous trees on southern border

Improvement Recommendations

- Increase maintenance presence
- Prepare Master Plan to guide site renovation including parking, ADA pathways, new restroom, picnic shelter, playground, basketball court, and site furniture
- Plant trees to provide shade for park and playground areas
- Remove poplar trees

Kitsap Lake Park

A 2-acre lake front park with boating and fishing facilities located on Kitsap Lake with an adjacent 40-acre forested wetland. Kitsap Lake Park is popular for boating and fishing throughout the year. A Master Plan was developed in 2018 and will be funded primarily by state grants. Construction is expected to be complete in 2021. The Parks & Recreation Department will enhance the site with the following new amenities:

- Accessible parking
- Accessible pathways linking park's upland to lake
- Upgraded restroom, outdoor shower
- New accessible one-lane boat launch and boat trailer parking
- New accessible fishing dock
- Shelter overlooking water
- Wetland viewpoint and signage
- New site furniture
- Modular wetland to treat runoff

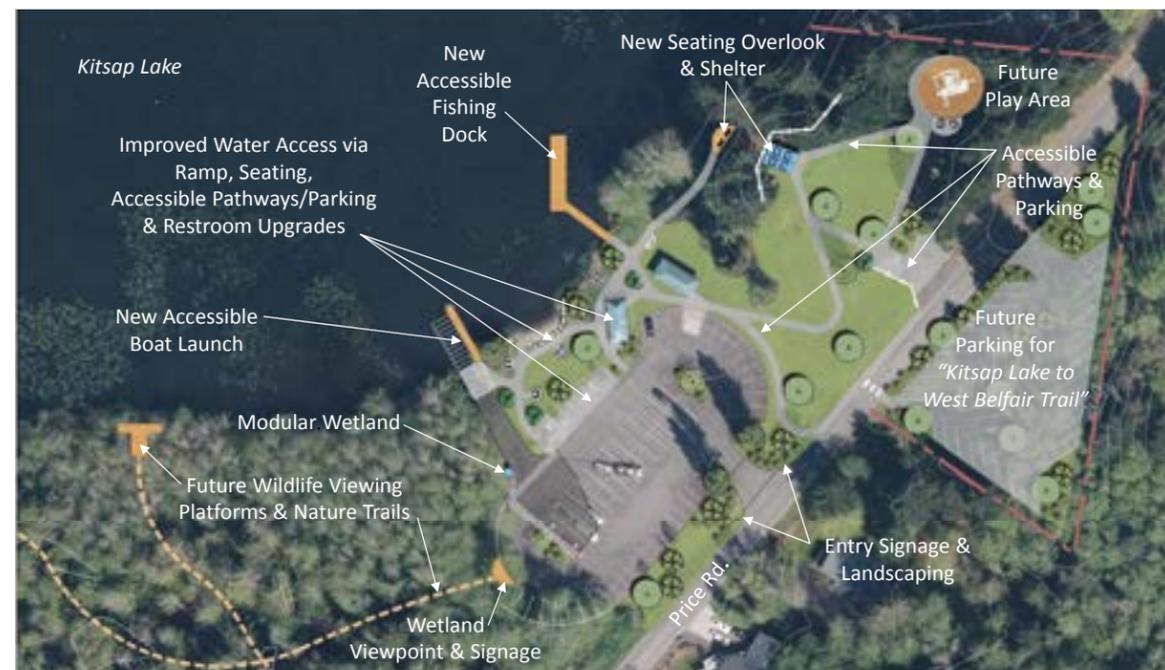


Pre-renovation Management Issues

- Ensuring boat launch and docks remain in safe, usable condition
- Because of sloping terrain, providing access to site amenities is challenging
- Conflicts between watercraft and shore fisherman
- Enforcement of watercraft regulations (maintaining buoys to protect shoreline)
- Lake water quality and invasive weed issues (algae blooms/E. coli closures)

Additional Improvement Recommendations

- Consider trail and boardwalk from Kitsap Lake Park into Kitsap Lake wetlands around south end of lake
- Consider loop trail around Kitsap Lake
- Install playground
- Consider overflow parking across street



Kiwanis Park



A 3.6-acre neighborhood park purchased from the Bremerton School District in 1976. This site is located between 4th and 5th Streets in an established residential neighborhood called Union Hill just west of downtown. The park was redeveloped in 2013 and is a Summer Playground Program location.

Inventory

- On-street parking
- Playground
- Restroom
- Picnic shelter
- Picnic tables and benches
- Soccer field
- Perimeter walking path
- Open lawn area



- Sundial plaza
- Rain garden
- Embankment slide

Management Issues

- Establishing new planting areas and invasive species control
- Vagrants monopolize restroom and shelter
- Vandalism

Improvement Recommendations

- Install artificial turf at soccer goal mouths
- Increase park patrols and security



Manette Park

A 2.5-acre neighborhood park located in the established Manette neighborhood district adjacent to the Bremerton Senior Center. The park is located on a sloping hillside and shares parking with the Senior Center. The park was redeveloped in 2019, becoming ADA accessible, and is a Summer Playground Program location.

Inventory

- On-street parking and shared parking
- Playground
- Restroom
- Multi-sports court (tennis, youth tennis, pickleball, and basketball)
- LED lit youth playfield
- Picnic shelter
- Benches
- Drinking fountain
- Brick pavers



Management Issues

- New plant and turf establishment

Improvement Recommendations

- Replace old chainlink playfield fencing



Matan Park

A 0.37-acre neighborhood park donated to Bremerton by the Matan family and developed with Community Development Block Grant funding. Matan Park also includes a section of the Anderson Street right-of-way, incorporated into the park's redevelopment in 2011.

Inventory

- Playground
- Picnic shelter
- Picnic tables and benches
- Walking path
- Basketball hoop
- Drinking fountain

Management Issues

- Park vandalism/security

Improvement Recommendations

- Consider purchase of adjacent property for park lawn expansion
- Consider pedestrian connectivity to Lillian and James Walker Park
- Upgrade landscaping
- Upgrade damaged basketball hoop
- Upgrade trash receptacles

"I love the trees and flowers, but I'm afraid of them being misused or trampled by people that don't care. I live next to Matan, and you have done an absolutely wonderful job rebuilding that place. Now it's up to us to figure out how to take care of it on the days City crews can't be there."

— Park Survey Comment, 2013



Warren Avenue Playfield

A 1.9-acre park facility located at the intersection of 11th Street and Warren Avenue. This park provides active and passive recreation opportunities for sports groups and neighborhood residents. A Master Plan was developed in 2018 and will be funded primarily by state grants. Construction is expected to be complete in 2020. The Parks & Recreation Department will enhance the site with the following new amenities:

- Paved parking lot
- LED sports field lighting

- Restroom
- Picnic shelter
- Relocated playground away from the street
- Accessible pathways
- Fencing
- Landscaping and irrigation

Pre-renovation Management Issues

- Programming sport field activities to limit impacts to surrounding neighbors

- Many uses packed into a small site
- Neighborhood use limited by existing facilities
- Vegetation on steep bank difficult to maintain

Improvement Recommendations

- Improve aesthetics of clubhouse
- Consider terracing of bank to retain slope and reduce maintenance



Master Plan



Plan Enlargement



Example of Shelter



Example of Playground

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POCKET PARKS



Pocket Parks



Pocket parks (or mini parks) are typically smaller than one-half acre in size and often provide a specific purpose such as a view point, play area, or namesake memorial.

Space limitations prevent them from containing the range of amenities needed to function as a neighborhood park. Pocket parks may be considered as a surrogate neighborhood park only when provision of a traditional neighborhood park is impractical or not achievable. Off-street parking is not a pocket park requirement but is provided in many instances.



Pocket Parks

Park	Acreage
9th Street Mini Park	0.10
Arvon Park	0.24
Bachmann Park	0.15
Bataan Park	0.83
Lent Landing Park	1.18
Lillian & James Walker Park	0.74
Lower Roto Vista Park	0.74
Pat Carey Vista	0.21
Sheridan Park	0.78
Smith Natural Play Park	1.14
Total	6.11

9th Street Mini Park

This waterfront pocket park is situated on a residential lot located on Shore Drive in the Manette district. The parcel is a right-of-way street end which was developed in 1984 through partnership with the adjacent neighborhood. The 0.1-acre site includes a parking area, site furnishings, and a view of downtown Bremerton.

Inventory

- Parking area
- Picnic table
- Shoreline and water views

Management Issues

- Small park; consider long-term viability and recreation benefit of this mini park within the overall system

Improvement Recommendations

- Coordinate with Public Works on long-term use and maintenance



Arvon Park

Located on 0.24 acres of land donated to the city in 1995 by the National Spiritualist Association of Churches for recreation and open space. This pocket park includes a parking area, playground, site furnishings, and is situated in an established residential neighborhood. The property deed includes reversionary clauses to protect stipulated recreational uses and is to be returned to grantor if park uses change in the future.

Inventory

- Parking area
- Playground
- Picnic table
- Benches

Management Issues

- Consider long-term viability and recreation benefit of this mini park within the overall system
- Small park is visually secluded because of hillside location
- Lack of adequate parking

Improvement Recommendations

- Consider surplussing for development of affordable housing



Bachmann Park

A 0.15-acre waterfront park located in the Manette neighborhood district with beach access and panoramic views of Sinclair Inlet and Port Orchard Bay. The observation deck and shelter renovated by the East Bremerton Rotary is an excellent location for viewing the ship traffic calling on Bremerton's ports. The land was donated to the city by George Bachmann for park purposes.

Inventory

- Parking area
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Flag pole
- Shelter and observation deck
- Shoreline and water access

Management Issues

- Rusting picnic tables and benches due to salt spray

Improvement Recommendations

- Evaluate need for guardrail along plaza walls
- Develop interpretive/environmental signage
- Replace picnic tables with accessible metal/wood style



Bataan Park



This .83-acre park located at the intersection of Sylvan Way and Olympus Drive was developed in 1976 by members of the Filipino Community and veterans groups. Steep topography makes park expansion to bring it up to neighborhood park standard difficult. The site includes a picnic shelter, lawn areas, a rose garden, and a monument in memory of Filipino and American soldiers who fought and died in Bataan, Philippines during World War II.

Inventory

- Informal parking area (non-ADA)
- Picnic shelter
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Flag pole
- Rose garden
- WWII monument

Management Issues

- Long term maintenance of rose garden
- Site is not accessible; steep grades make ADA compliance retrofit difficult to design and fund
- Illegal dumping at parking lot
- Irrigation deficiencies

Improvement Recommendations

- Improve pedestrian access from Sylvan Way
- Improve stairway access from Olympus Drive
- Upgrade parking lot
- Develop interpretive signage
- Upgrade retaining wall adjacent to parking area
- Restroom facility
- Design and install new irrigation system



Lent Landing

Developed by the Rotary Club, this 1.2-acre waterfront park is located in East Bremerton. The site provides a quiet respite along Lebo Boulevard with sloping lawn, picnic areas and access to the Port Washington Narrows shoreline.

Inventory

- Parking area
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Pathway
- Gazebo
- Shoreline and water access

Management Issues

- Water and shoreline access by park users may cause additional erosion of bank
- Long-term maintenance of wooden gazebo
- Shoreline and property perimeter vegetation overgrown

Improvement Recommendations

- Consider historic or interpretive signage
- Increase maintenance frequency on shoreline and at property lines
- Consider removal of former maintenance access road



Lillian A. & James Walker Park



In 2011 the City of Bremerton purchased this 0.74-acre waterfront parcel at the corner of Taft Avenue and 19th Street both to serve as a stormwater Low Impact Development (LID) demonstration site and to provide beach access for the Anderson Cove neighborhood.

Inventory

- Seating amphitheater
- Picnic table
- Lawn area
- Walking path
- Labyrinth
- Shoreline and water access
- Landscaping and irrigation



Management Issues

- Maintained by private contractor administered by Public Works & Utilities

Improvement Recommendations

- Consider connectivity to Matan Park and adjacent shoreline locations

Lower Roto Vista Park

A 0.74-acre waterfront park site located at the end of Elizabeth Street and donated to the city by Puget Sound Energy. This isolated park provides unique views of the Port Washington Narrows and the Warren Avenue Bridge from its rocky shoreline. The park is accessible via a stairway from Upper Roto Vista and below at the end of Elizabeth Street. Puget Sound Energy retains a right-of-way through the property for utility use.

Inventory

- Picnic table
- Park benches
- Wildlife viewing opportunities: peregrine falcon nest and pelagic cormorant roost
- Shoreline and water views

Management Issues

- Small park is visually secluded because of hillside location and may require additional safety and security provisions
- Increased transient activity
- Vandalism and graffiti
- Long-term maintenance
- Park accessibility
- Continued maintenance of vegetation at hillside to maintain visibility

Improvement Recommendations

- Replace wooden stairway
- Install park entry and interpretive signage
- Increase park and police patrols
- Increase security lighting



Pat Carey Vista

A 0.2-acre waterfront viewpoint located along Tracyton Beach Road and Port Washington Narrows. This site was acquired in 1974 with the assistance of state grant funds. Facility has been recently upgraded, including improved parking, site furnishings, and landscaping. This property provides outstanding views of the shoreline and Olympic Mountains.

Inventory

- Gravel parking area
- Park benches
- Shoreline and water views

Management Issues

- Shoreline erosion
- Illegal dumping

Improvement Recommendations

- Pave parking area
- Consider long-term viability of site



Sheridan Park

A 0.78-acre waterfront pocket park located adjacent to the Parks maintenance yard and across the street from the Sheridan Park Community Center. This area provides passive recreation opportunities and limited views of Port Washington Narrows and downtown Bremerton.

Inventory

- Small parking area
- Playground
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Filtered water views

Management Issues

- Steep terrain presents accessibility challenges from street
- Current location of adjacent



maintenance yard consumes high value waterfront property

- Off-leash dog issues

Improvement Recommendations

- Relocate maintenance yard to expand waterfront park land
- Prepare Master Plan to guide site renovation with ADA access from parking area and integration of the community theater
- Maintain and/or plant vegetation on bank to prevent future erosion

Smith Natural Play Park

This 1.1-acre park was purchased from the school district in 1974. In 2011, the park was leased to Kitsap Community Resources (KCR) and redeveloped as Washington's first certified Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom for children ages 5 and younger. The park is open to the public and provides an outdoor learning and creative play experience for KCR Head Start classes, community children, and local pre-schools.

Inventory

- Parking area
- Nature playground
- Picnic tables
- Bench

Management Issues

- Lack of ADA accessibility throughout site



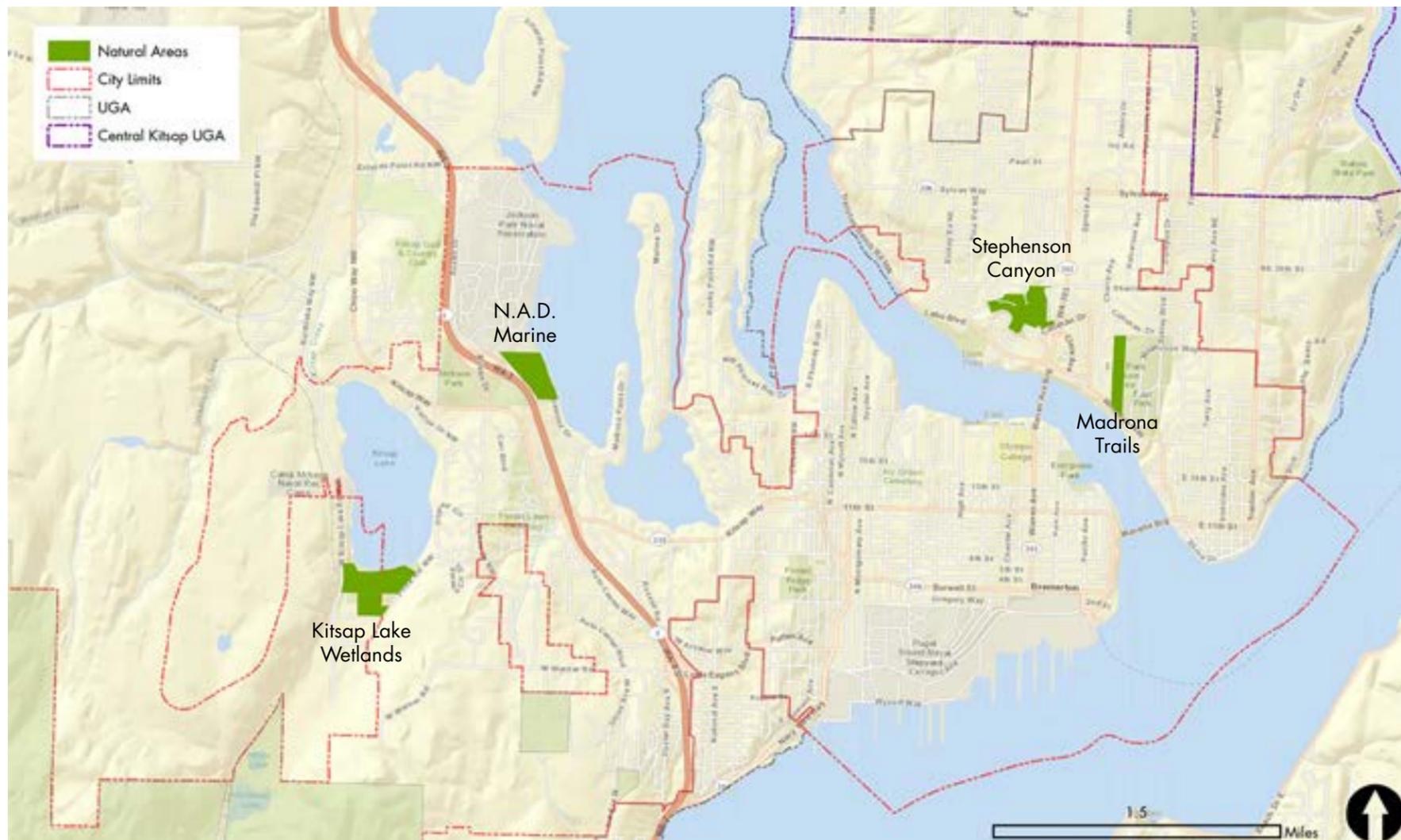
- Parking area shared with school offices
- Poplar tree suckering
- Vagrants and drug-use
- Utility expenses high for water feature
- Lack of public restroom
- KCR is responsible for maintaining park

Improvement Recommendations

- Improve ADA access from parking to site amenities
- Install park entry signage
- Upgrade site furniture
- Update lease agreement with KCR to acknowledge high utility costs



NATURAL AREAS



Natural Areas

Natural areas protect ecologically sensitive land and provide amenities for passive recreation, such as trails, benches, and interpretive panels. Public access via rustic trails within these areas is important to provide recreational opportunities, as appropriate with resource protection and environmental stewardship. The selection of natural area sites is based on a variety of criteria, including linkage to or through other open spaces, public facilities, relation to existing parks in the area, the need to preserve a site's natural features, and the size and quality of the open space. Natural areas are intended to remain in a natural state, while also providing passive recreation opportunities. Off-street parking is recommended though not required.



Natural Areas

Location	Acreage
Kitsap Lake Wetlands	40.00
Madrona Trails	15.39
N.A.D. Marine Park	27.50
Stephenson Canyon	28.49
	111.38

"I prefer low maintenance paths like walking trails through wooded areas compared to paved paths in grassy areas."

"Consider partnering with Kitsap Audubon regarding birding activity, nest boxes, critical habitat."

"Desired activities: birding, canoe/kayak launches, fishing, naturalist classes."

— Park Survey Comments, 2013



Kitsap Lake Wetlands



A 40-acre partially forested wetland located at the head of Kitsap Lake adjacent to Kitsap Lake Park. The wetland offers potential for education and interpretive features, including a boardwalk and wildlife viewing blinds.

Inventory

- Freshwater lake shoreline
- Wildlife viewing opportunities: waterfowl

Management Issues

- Wetland evaluation needed to develop sound management recommendations
- Illegal dumping



Improvement Recommendations

- Eliminate pull-off to discourage dumping
- Consider elevated trail/boardwalk from Kitsap Lake Park around south end of lake
- Consider environmental and interpretive signage, including a park kiosk or viewing blinds

Madrona Trails

A 15.4-acre forested nature area lying east of the Harrison Medical Center and acquired by the City in 1967 through the Governmental Surplus Authority property program and state grant funds. This steeply-sloped site includes primitive trails and is home to a diverse Madrona tree forest. The property serves as a buffer between new residential development and the hospital property.

Inventory

- Natural areas
- Primitive trails
- Parking lot

Management Issues

- Ensuring protection of sensitive wooded lands
- Limiting encroachment of new non-native plantings
- Encroachment by adjacent landowners
- Debris from use as a smoking area
- Increased transient activity
- Trails narrow with low use
- Parking lot used by hospital workers

Improvement Recommendations

- Increase maintenance presence and widen trails
- Expand trails and connections to new residential development
- Continue developing partnerships to assist in managing invasive vegetation, trail maintenance and removal of dumped garbage
- Install park entry signage



N.A.D. Marine Park

Formerly a Naval Ammunition Depot, this 27.5-acre undeveloped waterfront park is accessed through a narrow, residential street along the shores of Ostrich Bay. The site is Government Surplus Authority property and contains remnants of concrete bunkers built before WWII. Since acquiring the property for public use the site has received minor improvements including primitive beach access and picnic tables.

Inventory

- Picnic tables
- Paved pathway (vacated section of Shorewood Drive)
- Primitive trails
- 1,600 linear feet of shoreline and water access

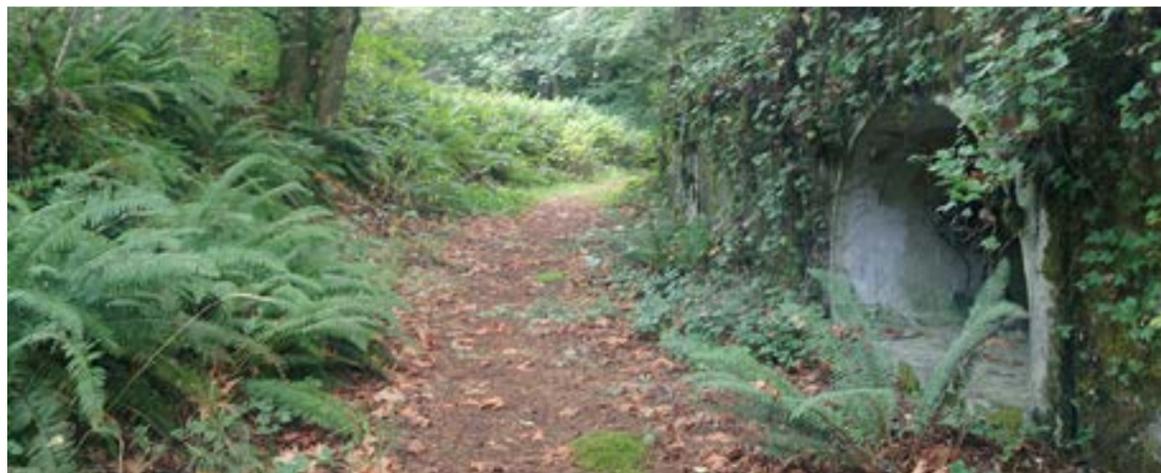
Management Issues

- Steep terrain and rocky shoreline make water access challenging
- Site's location at the end of Shorewood Drive is remote and may present maintenance and security issues
- High bank areas are without pedestrian fall protection and fencing
- High bank areas adjacent to parking with limited vehicle barriers and wheel stops

- Increased transient activity
- Graffiti/tagging of bunkers
- Unstable slopes

Improvement Recommendations

- Upgrade ADA access, where feasible, from parking lot to shoreline
- Upgrade water access for non-motorized boating
- Install new park entry signage
- Install environmental and interpretive signage including trail map with bunker locations
- Consider restroom
- Install fencing and wheelstops at high bank areas



Stephenson Canyon

A forested 28.5-acre nature area acquired from the Federal Government in 1967. At one time a portion of this property contained housing for shipyard personnel; the remainder consists of a steep canyon with a year-round stream at its base. Today a portion of the uplands is home to the city's two greenhouses and materials storage, while the balance of the property is undeveloped except for nature trails and a basketball hoop at the end of Morrison Court.

Inventory

- Forested ravine with year-round stream
- City greenhouses/materials storage
- Basketball hoop

Management Issues

- Illegal dumping
- Invasive vegetation
- Increased transient activity and encampments

- Trails narrow over time

Improvement Recommendations

- Increase maintenance presence
- Widen trails
- Consider long-term relocation of greenhouses and storage yard
- Examine potential for an off-leash area in the previously disturbed upland portion of the site currently used for materials storage
- Develop partnerships to assist in managing invasive vegetation, trail building and removal of dumped garbage

"Stephenson Canyon is beautiful, and very little known in my experience. I would love more parks like it."
— Park Survey Comment, 2013



PLAZAS



Plazas

Plazas reinforce retail and commercial areas by creating safe and enjoyable public places suitable for informal gatherings or community events. They may be developed with water features, public seating, art, and view areas. While plazas are maintained by the Parks & Recreation Department their ownership may reside with other city entities. Plazas such as Harborside Fountain Park and the Louis Mentor Boardwalk focus on the downtown waterfront and accommodate large numbers of people for special events.



Plazas

Location	Acreage
1st Street Plaza	0.06
Harborside Fountain Park	2.21
Kitsap Conference Center Plaza	1.37
Louis Mentor Boardwalk	0.72
Memorial Plaza	1.10
Whitey Domstad Viewscape	0.23
	5.69

2012 - Bremerton receives Futurewise Livable Communities Award!

Bremerton's Downtown Redevelopment was selected because it demonstrates the extraordinary value of leadership and working together to create a healthier, safer, and more economically and environmentally sustainable place to live and work. Through the leadership of the city and other key partners, the downtown has been transformed over the last several years. Implementation of a comprehensive, locally driven redevelopment strategy has turned a declining area into a flourishing community that includes multi-modal transportation choices, construction and remodel of civic buildings, installation of low impact and pedestrian friendly improvements, integration of affordable multi-family housing, and award winning public spaces.

1st Street Plaza

A 0.06-acre outdoor-seating area adjacent to the Bremerton Bar and Grill.

Inventory

- Tables and chairs
- Trash cans

Management Issues

- Litter buildup and keeping hardscapes safe and clean
- Maintaining container plantings

Improvement Recommendations

- Replant containers with appropriate plant material



Harborside Fountain Park

Dedicated in 2007, this contemporary urban waterfront park was developed in partnership with the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. The 2.2-acre park features five fountains, paved plaza spaces, tables and chairs, public art, lush landscaping, and viewpoints overlooking Sinclair Inlet.

Inventory

- Picnic tables and benches
- Water features/fountains
- Public art and sculptures
- Landscape and plaza areas
- Naval Museum
- Restroom
- Venue for community events
- Views of Sinclair Inlet and ferry terminal
- Holiday light display

Management Issues

- Water features and public art require



a high level of maintenance, safety and security

- Maintaining water quality standards in fountain to state health standards
- Insufficient amount of site furniture
- Moveable site furniture
- Dead or dying trees and plant material
- Erosion of eastern shoreline breakwater
- Keeping hardscapes safe and clean due to brick movement and bird waste

Improvement Recommendations

- Program site for community events
- Seal leaking fountain basins
- Replace fountain lights
- Install pavers in wet lawn areas adjacent to fountains
- Re-arm eastern shoreline breakwater
- Replace dead/dying trees and plant material
- Renovate site furniture (rusting due to salt spray)

Kitsap Conference Center Plaza

A 1.4-acre plaza centered between restaurants, a hotel, and the conference center.

Inventory

- Fountains
- Tables and chairs
- Water view
- Landscaping

Management Issues

- Funding to maintain fountains as they age
- Identify areas of responsibility between city and private vendors
- Maintenance of plaza hardscape (due to vendors, bird waste, etc.)
- Instability of brick pavers require repair
- Replacement of diseased trees in planters
- Moveable furniture

Improvement Recommendations

- Replace diseased trees with suitable container trees
- Install appropriate plant material in empty bedding areas
- Update fountain controls



Louis Mentor Boardwalk

A 0.7 acre area of boardwalk along Bremerton's waterfront connecting the ferry terminal and convention center with the USS Turner Joy floating museum. The site is used for special events and festivals.

Inventory

- Park benches
- Picnic tables
- Drinking fountain
- Restroom
- Historical and interpretive signage
- Views of Sinclair Inlet and marine traffic
- Adjacent public marina
- Public art
- Stage and canopy
- Festival power
- Hanging baskets

Management Issues

- Deficient water supply
- Management of community events
- Maintenance of existing signs and plaques
- Substandard restroom
- Boardwalk structural maintenance (cathodic protection/expansion joints)
- Moveable furniture

Improvement Recommendations

- Renovate water and electrical utilities
- Consider additional historic or natural history interpretive signage
- Upgrade restroom facilities



Whitey Domstad Plaza

A 0.2-acre viewpoint at the east end of the Manette Bridge overlooking downtown Bremerton. The site serves as an amphitheater and is used for special events.

Inventory

- Tables and benches
- Circular compass plaza
- Manette Community Christmas Tree

Management Issues

- Steep slope makes for difficult mowing

Improvement Recommendations

- None



Memorial Plaza

A 1.1-acre downtown plaza along Pacific Avenue.

Inventory

- Fountains and waterways
- Sculpture and artwork
- Tables and chairs
- Historical and interpretive signage
- Bow of USS South Carolina

Management Issues

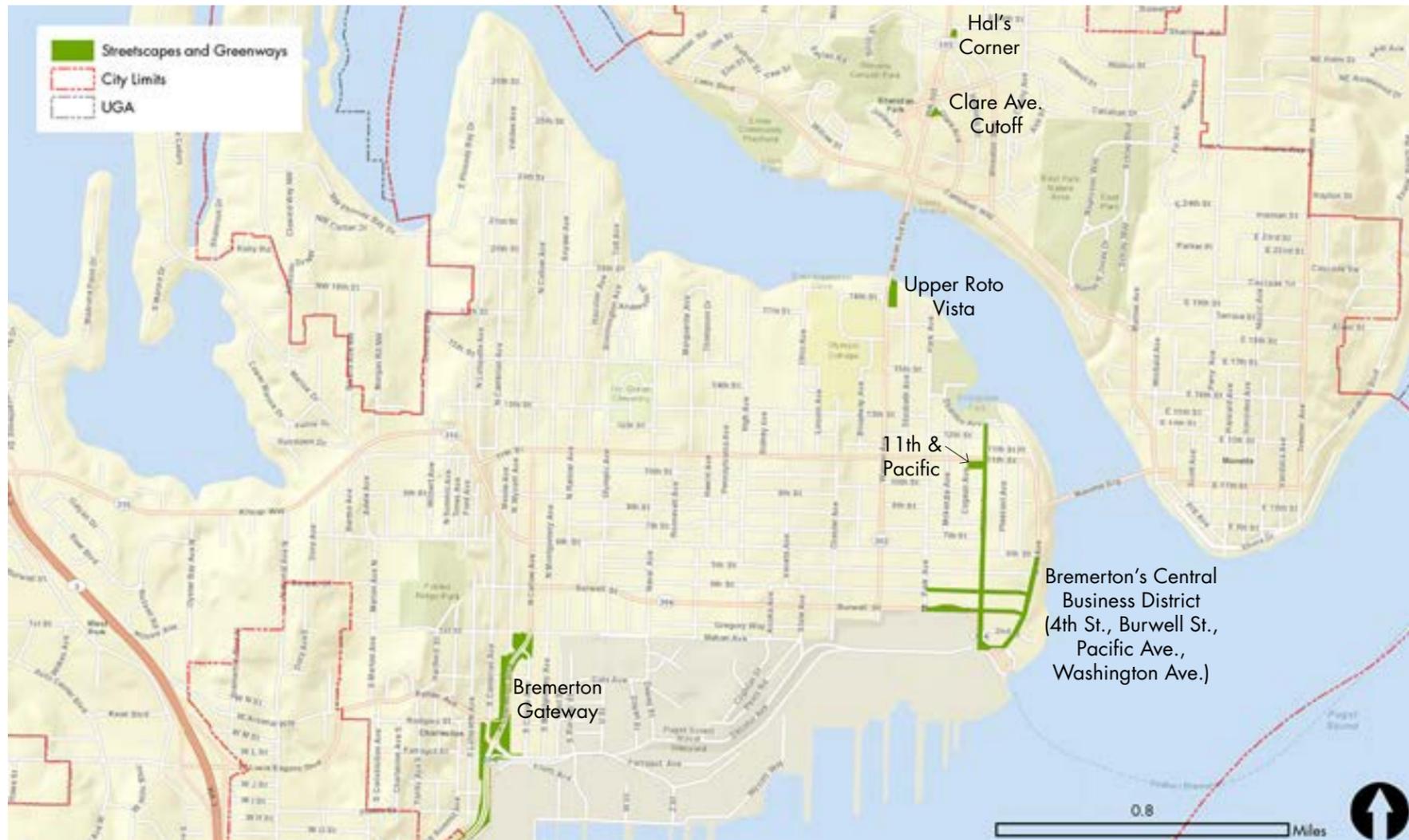
- Fountain maintenance is intensive
- Water loss through concrete joints
- Proprietary and obsolete fountain control system



Improvement Recommendations

- Install liner to reduce water loss
- Update fountain controls
- Remove and replace dead or dying plant material
- Renovate lighting system

STREETSCAPES AND GREENWAYS



Streetscapes and Greenways

Streetscapes and greenways are landscaped streets maintained by the Parks & Recreation Department. Streetscapes are located in the downtown core and are designed to attract pedestrians and increase the attractiveness of nearby businesses to downtown shoppers. They may include flower baskets, trees, decorative light poles, irrigation, planted medians, and Low Impact Development (LID) features such as rain gardens to cleanse stormwater runoff. Greenways are landscaped right-of-ways located outside the downtown core that provide visual and psychological relief from urban development along transportation corridors.

Streetscapes/Greenways Maintained by Parks & Rec. Dept.

Location	Streetscape Blocks	Greenway Acreage
4th St. Streetscape	2	
11th St. & Pacific Ave.		0.10
Burwell Streetscape	2	
Clare Ave. Cutoff		0.29
Bremerton Gateway		8.00
Hal's Corner		0.25
Pacific Ave. Streetscape	13	
Upper Roto Vista Park		0.97
Washington Ave. Streetscape	4	
	21	9.61



Placemaking promotes a simple principle: If you plan cities for cars and traffic, you get cars and traffic. With the right balance, streets can accommodate vehicles and become destinations worth visiting.

- Placemaking & the Future of Cities, 2012

4th Street/Park Avenue Streetscape

Two and a half blocks of landscaped right-of-way downtown that includes two blocks on 4th Street, from Washington Avenue to Park Avenue, and continues a short block on Pacific Avenue, between 4th Street and Burwell Street. The city is currently working to transform the streetscape on 4th Street between Pacific and Washington into an open-air hub for special events called "Quincy Square."

Inventory

- Irrigated planters, flower baskets and street trees
- Benches and tables
- Clock

Management Issues

- Trash maintenance
- Tree and planter maintenance

Improvement Recommendations

- Replace existing pear trees
- Convert select roadside planters into hardscape



"Unite paths in Bremerton into a comprehensive system with signage showing distances between points. Encourage citizens to get healthy and keep more eyes on the street."

— Park Survey Comment, 2013

11th and Pacific

A 0.1 acre landscaped parcel on 11th and Pacific.

Inventory

- "Constellations" Sculpture

Management Issues

- Pruning, irrigation, and weed control

Improvement Recommendations

- None



Bremerton Gateway

An 8-acre open space at Bremerton's southern city limits. Site is developed and maintained as linear greenspace with intermittent lawn areas.

Inventory

- Irrigated lawn area
- Trees and shrubbery

Management Issues

- High-maintenance landscape design requires mowing, weeding and frequent litter control
- Safety of workers: Traffic control required for ordinary maintenance of median
- Maple tree roots encroaching and disrupting irrigation systems
- Tree replacement when hit by cars



Improvement Recommendations

- Modify center median landscape treatment to reduce ongoing maintenance
- Choose appropriate tree species for location
- Crown elevate all trees for sight distance and general clearance

Burwell Streetscape

Two blocks of landscaped right-of-way downtown from Washington Avenue to Park Avenue.

Inventory

- Planters and street trees

Management Issues

- Street trees ('Crimson Sentry' Norway maple) susceptible to powdery mildew
- Replenish bark in tree pits
- Pruning, irrigation and weed control



Improvement Recommendations

- Consider installing tree grates

Clare Avenue Cutoff

A 0.29 acre portion of right-of-way on northeast end of Warren Avenue Bridge.

Inventory

- Landscaped and irrigated right-of-way property

Management Issues

- None

Improvement Recommendations

- Remove planter and replace with lawn in southeast corner



Hal's Corner

A 0.25 acre portion of right-of-way in honor of Hal Fischler, founding father of the Navy League in Bremerton, located at the north end of the Warren Avenue Bridge.

Inventory

- Two sets of ship's guns from the USS West Virginia
- Anchor from USS Bremerton

Management Issues

- Existing irrigation is inadequate
- Frequent shrub pruning
- Trash maintenance
- Maintenance of artifacts

Improvement Recommendations

- Design and install new irrigation system
- Eliminate perimeter shrubs
- Partner with Navy/volunteer group to maintain artifacts



Pacific Avenue Streetscape

Thirteen blocks of landscaped right-of-way from 1st Street to Sheldon Street.

Inventory

- Irrigated planters and street trees
- Flower baskets

Management Issues

- Litter control
- Watering/fertilizing flower baskets is time consuming
- Flower baskets are difficult to access with water truck due to traffic circulation
- Frequent pruning of street trees
- Art vandalism

Improvement Recommendations

- Remove all unused freestanding pots
- Clearance prune trees for signs and traffic signal sight line



Washington Avenue Streetscape

Four blocks of landscaped right-of-way downtown from 2nd Street to 6th Street.

Inventory

- Street trees and flower baskets

Management Issues

- Litter control
- Sidewalk cleaning
- Watering/fertilizing flower baskets is time consuming
- Flower baskets are difficult to access with water truck due to traffic circulation

Improvement Recommendations

- Remove and replant suitable street trees on west side of street



Upper Roto Vista Park

Formerly the Warren Avenue Bridge toll area, this 1-acre park site was acquired by the city in 1964. Site has limited public access and is influenced by the heavy traffic noise along Warren Avenue. The north end is isolated and affected by occasional vandalism, tagging, and dumping.

Inventory

- Park bench
- Rotary dedication plaque

Management Issues

- Small park is visually secluded because of roadside location and may require additional safety and security provisions

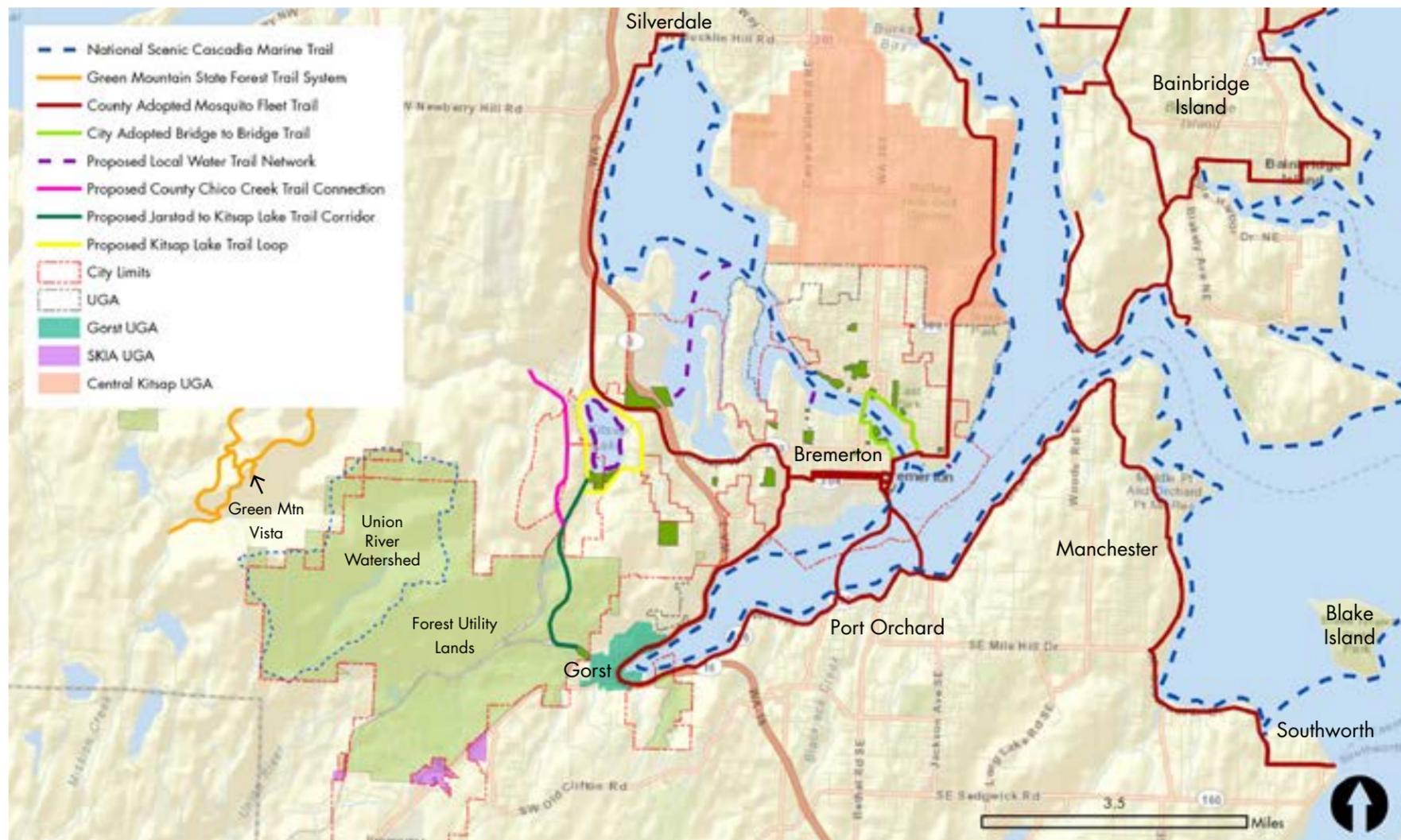


- Transient issues, vandalism, and tagging
- Bank erosion above shoreline

Improvement Recommendations

- Improve access to Lower Roto Vista
- Upgrade seating and landscaping
- Consider public art
- Provide continuous vegetation clearing to maintain site lines
- Consider long-term viability/public benefit of this greenway (though maintain easement to Lower Roto Vista)
- Consider potential as off-leash dog area

County and City-wide Adopted and Proposed Trail Connections



Trails

Trails are a high-demand facility in nearly every user survey conducted by the Parks & Recreation Department. Residents consistently express desires for additional trails connecting parks and neighborhoods, in addition to perimeter trails within parks that provide opportunities for walking or jogging in an environment without motor vehicles. Soft surface nature trails for exercise and wildlife viewing are also popular amenities in natural areas like Stephenson Canyon and Madrona Trails. Bremerton residents' desire for additional trails is consistent with statewide and national trends showing walking as the most common form of lifelong exercise in our increasingly health conscious society. The maps in this plan depict existing trail routes including the Bridge-to-Bridge Trail connecting east and west Bremerton and proposed trail routes including Chico Creek Trail connection, County-wide Mosquito Fleet Trail, Kitsap Lake to Jarstad Park Trail, and the Kitsap Lake Trail loop. The trails that take place adjacent to city streets or on sidewalks are discussed at length in the city's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. Visit <http://www.ci.bremerton.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/840/Non-Motorized-Transportation-Plan-PDF> for more information.

In addition to land-based trails, the designated water trail is shown. Water trails are an emerging recreational concept which designate a route along navigable waterways. These routes link public rest stops which may include a boat launch, restroom, and camping, to allow opportunities to explore the shoreline via kayak or canoe.



Bremerton's parks contain just over 10 miles of internal trails. Parks where perimeter trails have been added in recent years show a marked increase in use. The best example is Lions Park where, prior to the addition of a perimeter trail, park use was primarily for athletic events. Today the park is used by exercise walkers on a year-round basis.



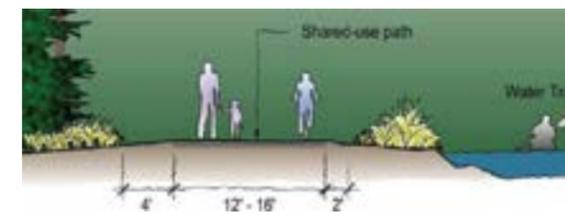
City-wide Adopted and Proposed Trails - Map Enlargement



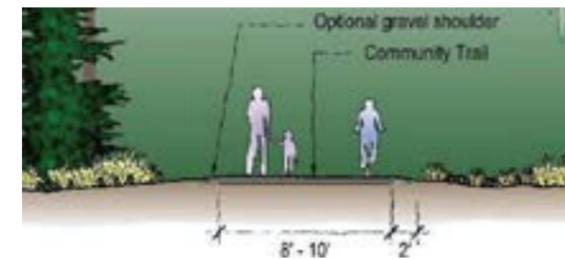
Trail Classifications

To provide an appealing, safe, accessible, economical and diverse trail system, trail standards and classifications should be developed and may be based on the following:

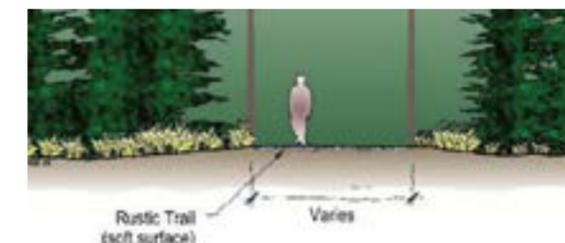
Regional Trail: Paved, shared-use, long-distance linear trail corridors for the exclusive use of pedestrians, bicycles, and other approved trail users. Regional trails are typically 12'-16' wide with a 2' wide gravel shoulder on both sides.



Community Trail: Paved, shared-use trails typically found within community parks or linking park facilities. Community trails are typically 8'-10' wide. The paths within Lions Park are examples of community trails.



Rustic Trail: Earthen or soft-surface trails with limited horizontal clearances and challenging grades and obstacles. Providing accessibility and regular facility maintenance are issues typical of this type of trail. Rustic trails vary in width and surfacing. The trails of Stephenson Canyon are rustic trails.



Water Trail: Navigable non-motorized and motorized waterways appropriate for canoe, kayak, and other boating. Providing launch facilities and non-motorized boat access points are important considerations in water trails.

In 2014, the 350-mile-long Kitsap Peninsula Water Trail was adopted as an official segment of the Cascadia Marine Trail (a National Scenic Trail), raising Kitsap County's profile as a destination for kayakers and paddlers. Bremerton's Lions Park, Evergreen Rotary Park, and the Port of Bremerton Marina are identified as designated launches and rest stops along this national water trail route.

Bike Routes & Sidewalks: Typically associated with street transportation systems, these linear paths are heavily used within urban areas and should be included in trail planning efforts. For more information see Bremerton's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan at <http://www.ci.bremerton.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/840/Non-Motorized-Transportation-Plan-PDF>



"Find a way to connect parks with bike lanes."

"I think there needs to be a connection between the parks. Potentially bike lanes (which may be a larger scope than what the Parks Department can do, but could be a goal."

- Park Survey Comments, 2013

RECREATION AND SPECIAL-USE FACILITIES



Special Facilities

Special facilities include single-purpose recreational areas such as golf courses, conservatories, arboreta, display gardens, and outdoor theaters. Special facilities also include community centers and pools, and sites of historical or cultural significance, such as museums, historical landmarks and structures, public buildings, or other urban developed areas. There are no standards concerning the development of special facilities, demand being defined by opportunity more than a ratio standard. Nor are there minimum or maximum facility or site sizes, size being a function of the facility rather than a separately established design standard.

Special facilities within Bremerton include the Gold Mountain Golf Complex, Ivy Green Cemetery, and the facilities of the Bremerton Senior Center, Sheridan Park Community Center, and Glenn Jarstad Aquatic Center.



Recreation Programs

The Recreation Division provides direct programming to population segments that may not have affordable private sector options. One example includes the Summer Playground Program offered at multiple park sites. This free program targets youth that may not have sufficient household income to attend summer camps or go on extended family vacations, and it includes a free lunch designed to make up for subsidized lunches that are offered when school is in session. Special youth programs are offered during breaks in the school year as well as open gym time for youth on school early release days. The Bremerton Senior Center offers a range of social, health, and cultural activities for residents 55 years and older, many of whom are on fixed incomes or may be living primarily on Social Security benefits.

The Department's recreation programs have undergone a considerable transition since the onset of the 2008 recession. Prior to 2008 the Recreation Division employed a variety of instructors who led a range of activities and classes at city facilities. To meet budget constraints the Parks & Recreation Department now offers instructors the opportunity to rent space and hold classes in the Sheridan Park Community Center or Bremerton Senior Center; however, the instructors must provide their own insurance, business license, and the lion's share of marketing for the offerings. The

transition places the Recreation Division in the position of making facilities available to other recreation providers as opposed to being a direct provider. This model is an extension of a trend that started in 2000 when the city was approached to provide land for facilities like the Bremerton Ice Arena in East Park and the indoor Olympic Peninsula Sports Center at Pendergast Regional Park. The Recreation Division, as part of the city's compensation for the land, receives hours of use from these facilities that are distributed to Bremerton residents who wish to take advantage of the private facilities located on city property. In 2011 the model was extended to include the Glenn Jarstad Aquatic Center where, rather than close the pool owing to budget constraints, the YMCA assumed management responsibility for the facility and in return provided continued pool use for scholastic swim teams and elementary school swimming lessons. In addition, the YMCA provides Bremerton residents access to the YMCA and pool once each calendar quarter free of charge and with no membership requirement.

The Recreation Division maintains a strong presence in adult athletic programming. The Division has ready access to lighted sports fields and courts at Lions and Pendergast Parks and makes full use of the Sheridan gymnasium for basketball leagues. As these programs are

revenue-producing they are less vulnerable to budget pressures to the extent that highly subsidized programs are during lean fiscal times. The city operates a youth basketball program in addition to the adult offerings; however, other youth sports such as soccer, volleyball, baseball, and football often use Parks & Recreation facilities but are organized by non-profit volunteer associations and sports groups.

The other prominent role assumed by the city's Recreation Division is working with non-profit organizations to facilitate community events such as the Blackberry Festival, Kitsap 9/11 Remembrance, Kitsap Wine Festival, Kitsap Harbor Festival, Bremerton WinterFest, Senior Craft Fair, Bremerton Bridge Blast, and Kitsap Veterans "Stand Down," along with several community fundraising runs, walks, and special events. These activities use park venues and often contain shared responsibility for organization. In addition to the community events, the Recreation Division handles over 500 private rentals of meeting rooms, ballfields, park shelters, and other park facilities. The revenue from rental of facilities helps to offset the costs of operating the subsidized youth and senior programs.



Sheridan Park Community Center

Sheridan Park Community Center is located at 680 Lebo Boulevard and is operated by the Bremerton Parks & Recreation Department. The 33,000-square-foot building was constructed by the US Navy in 1943 and remains a valuable city asset owing to its large wood floored gymnasium and community meeting rooms. The center is used for athletic, art, and cultural events as well as other city programs, and contains meeting rooms that are rented to community groups on a regular basis. The building also contains the Parks' administrative offices, and indoor work space for the Parks' maintenance crew is located in the basement level. The facility is in need of considerable renovation for energy efficiency, ADA compliance and user comfort.

Inventory

- Gymnasium and stage

- Meeting rooms
- Art room
- Parks and Recreation Offices
- Parks maintenance work area
- Off-street parking
- Kitchen

Management Issues

- Budget constrains staffing for weekend operation

Improvement Recommendations

- Upgrade HVAC system for user comfort and energy efficiency
- Renovate restrooms including new fixtures, plumbing, ADA access
- Replace single pane windows
- Replace flooring materials
- Improve ADA access
- Overlay parking lot
- Develop interior signage plan
- Replace doors
- Install wireless internet access to activity areas/meeting rooms
- Renovate kitchen
- Bring electrical system to current building code
- Paint interior
- Roof replacement
- Repair foundation leaks
- Building structural improvements
- Lighting upgrades

Bremerton Senior Center

The Bremerton Senior Center is owned and operated by the City of Bremerton Parks & Recreation Department. It is located in East Bremerton's Manette Community at the corner of 13th Street and Nipsic Avenue. The center provides recreational programs for the local population age 55 and better. Programs include fitness, wellness and dance classes, arts and crafts, billiards, cards, trips, treks, sports, specialty classes, socials, and more.

Inventory

- Large activity room and stage
- Dance room
- Billiard room
- Kitchen
- Computer room
- Small meeting rooms
- Staff offices

Management Issues

- Staffing level prevents expansion of operating hours
- Volunteer cadre needs additional training supervision
- Center is small for simultaneous activities to take place
- Inadequate parking
- Long-term viability of facility to serve community

Improvement Recommendations

- Resolve ADA access issues
- Replace roof
- Evaluate feasibility of replacement facility to serve increased need



Glenn Jarstad Aquatic Center

The Glenn Jarstad Aquatic Center is owned by the City of Bremerton Parks & Recreation Department and operated through a concession and management agreement by the Pierce and Kitsap Counties YMCA. Bremerton residents who are not YMCA members may take advantage of one free pass each quarter to the YMCA and pool. The aquatic center is located in East Park, adjacent to the Bremerton YMCA and Bremerton Ice Arena. The 25-yard indoor pool has six lanes and a bulkhead that divides a shallow water area that is used for water exercise, therapy, swim lesson instruction, and more.

Inventory

- Six-lane 25-yard pool
- Spa
- Locker rooms
- Meeting room
- Viewing area
- Movable bulkhead
- Lobby

Management Issues

- Management agreement subsidizes public access

Improvement Recommendations

- Increase resident awareness that pool can be used four times per year at no cost



Ivy Green Cemetery

Ivy Green Cemetery consists of two separate cemeteries that merged over time to cover 16.7 acres, of which 14.9 acres are plotted for use. Home to the grave of John Nibbe (one of the first individuals to receive the Medal of Honor during the Civil War), the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and USS Saratoga Memorial.

Inventory

- Approximately 4,500 burial plots
- Maintenance storage building and yard
- Perimeter fencing

Management Issues

- Vandalism
- Time intensive to carefully mow around grave markers
- Burials delay ordinary park maintenance tasks from taking place on schedule
- Antiquated data management
- Trees disrupting gravesites
- Off-leash dogs

Improvement Recommendations

- Replace entry signage
- Replace chain link perimeter fencing
- Upgrade restroom facility
- Upgrade irrigation system
- Implement GIS for data management and public access



- Removal of disruptive trees and repair gravesites and roadway
- Consider relocation of maintenance facility to southeast corner to allow room for a columbarium wall, restroom, and parking area



Jarstad Park & Gorst Creek

Operated by the Bremerton Department of Public Works and Utilities, this 3.5-acre facility is located on city watershed land at 4398 West Belfair Valley Road.

Inventory

- Two large picnic shelters
- Restrooms
- Cold water deep sink
- 120volt outlet
- Large barbecue pit and grills
- Nine 10-foot picnic tables
- Two horseshoe pits
- Volleyball standards

Management Issues

- Vandalism prevention
- Protecting entrance to watershed lands
- Park use currently by reservation only
- Confusion over Public Works managing park

Improvement Recommendations

- Develop trails plan
- Consider historical signage



Gold Mountain Golf Complex

The Gold Mountain Golf Complex is a public golf facility owned by the City of Bremerton and operated through a management agreement. The 360-acre facility includes two 18-hole championship golf courses and a 10,000-square-foot clubhouse with a restaurant and banquet facilities. Gold Mountain draws golf enthusiasts from the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Gold Mountain hosted the 81st USGA Amateur Public Links Championship in 2006 and the 2011 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship. The Olympic course at Gold Mountain has been consistently voted as one of the best public courses in terms of value in the United States. Visit www.goldmt.com for more information.

Inventory

- Two 18-hole courses
- Four practice putting greens
- 70-yard chipping area w/ target green
- Two bunker practice areas



- 100-yard-wide natural grass practice tee/driving range
- Covered teaching studio
- Clubhouse with pro shop, restaurant, bar, patio, and banquet pavilion
- On-course snack bar
- 406-space vehicle parking area

Management Issues

- Highly competitive golf environment with a large public course inventory and slow growth in the number of young golfers taking up the sport
- Ensuring revenue generation is sufficient to meet debt obligations, operating expenses and capital improvement needs

Improvement Recommendations

- Develop a preventive maintenance program for structures and mechanical systems



- Develop a replacement program for greens maintenance equipment
- Develop a replacement program for kitchen, restaurant equipment, and fixtures
- Renovate clubhouse restroom facilities
- Replace sections of cart paths damaged by tree roots
- Replace aging irrigation system on the Cascade Course
- Replace the clubhouse furnishings, fixtures and equipment
- Replace floor covering in the clubhouse and restaurant
- Cascade Course upgrades

Other Recreation Providers

The ownership and management of recreational sites in the Bremerton regional area involve a large number of public and private parties, including governmental agencies, businesses, non-profit groups, and individuals. These facilities include parks, trails, boat launches, golf courses, attractions, campgrounds, and forest and wilderness areas. Though many of these facilities are not located within city limits, their close proximity to residents of Bremerton make them important components of an overall recreation system.



Illahee Preserve Heritage Park

Kitsap County

The Kitsap County Parks and Open Space system currently includes 74 sites totaling 5,693 acres. More than half of that acreage is within the five large heritage parks of at least 400 acres in size. Other classifications of facilities within the county's park system are: Regional Parks that draw people from more than a five-mile distance; Community Parks that draw people from the immediate community; Natural Resource Areas that are preserved for their habitat values; and Partnership Properties that are generally smaller and have limited, if any, active use and/or are used and managed primarily by other parties. www.kitsapgov.com/parks

Some county parks of local significance to Bremerton include:

Anderson Hill Athletic Fields (18.5 acres), which offers two soccer fields and one practice field.

Anna Smith Children's Park (6.6 acres), which is home to the Master Gardeners Demonstration Gardens. Amenities include saltwater fishing, picnic area, trails, restroom, and an outdoor amphitheater used for weddings, ceremonies, picnics, and plays.

Illlahee Preserve Heritage Park (380 Acres), which is a large tract of undeveloped open space north of Bremerton with walking trails

and picnic tables.

Island Lake County Park (23 acres), which provides lake access, swimming area, fishing pier, walking trails, picnic areas, picnic shelter, playground, restrooms, and a community center. The community center, located on the shores of Island Lake in North Kitsap, is a perfect facility for weddings, private parties, ceremonies, family reunions and meetings.

Kitsap County Fairgrounds (129 acres), which includes three meeting rooms, fair facilities, ball fields, soccer fields, and tennis courts. There are many rooms, halls, and arenas to host larger events as well, suitable for parties, dances, sporting events, and craft shows.

Wildcat Lake County Park (11 acres), which includes lake access, fishing, basketball courts, playground, swimming area, volleyball court, restrooms, and picnic area.



Photo from Kitsap County Parks & Recreation website

Kitsap County Fairgrounds

Washington State Parks

Washington State Parks operates 120 park and other recreation facilities throughout the state, including Illahee State Park located just north of the city of Bremerton. Illahee State Park is a 75-acre marine camping park with 1,785 feet of saltwater frontage on Port Orchard Bay. The park provides visitors with access to some of the last stands of old growth forests in Kitsap County, facilities for a number of outdoor activities, and access to a variety of water sports. The park has three reservable shelters and one available first-come/first-served, plus 90 additional open picnic sites. The park has 23 tent spaces, two utility camping spaces, one dump station, four restrooms (two ADA), and two showers. Tent spaces are suitable for any RV, but no hookups are provided.

www.parks.wa.gov

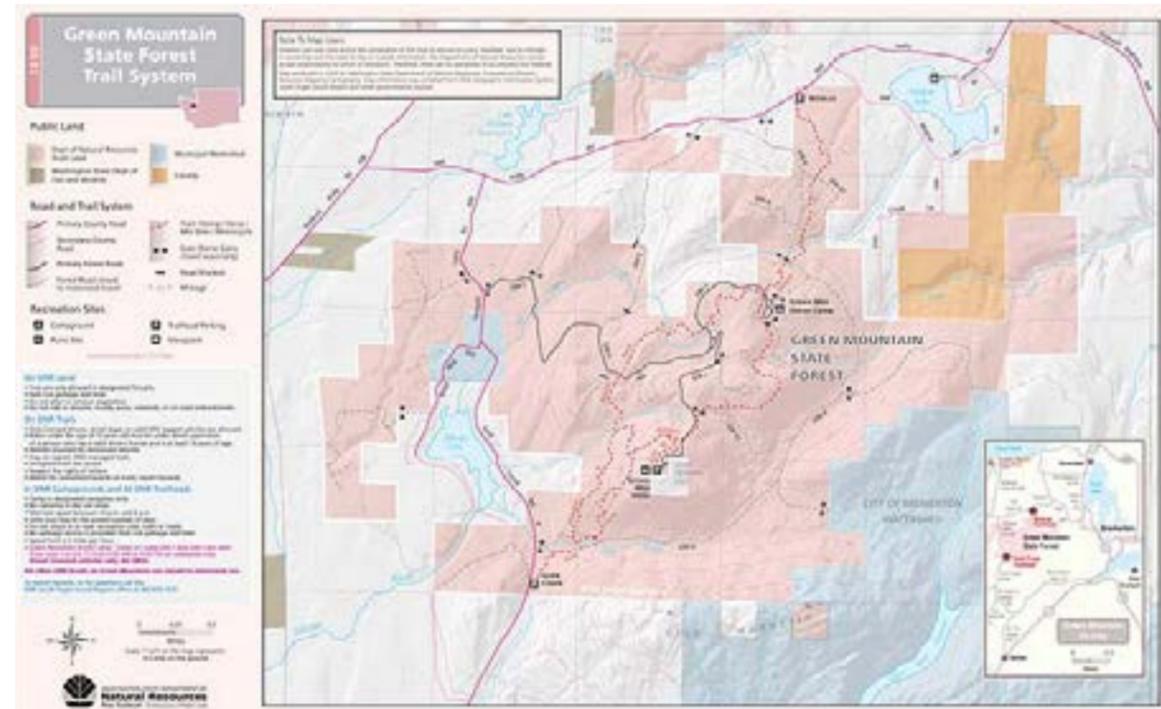


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WA Department of Natural Resources

Washington Department of Natural Resources provides recreation opportunities on state-managed trust lands throughout the state of Washington. These forested sites provide rustic campgrounds and picnic areas, interpretive sites, and more than a thousand miles of trails. These state lands are destinations for bicycling, hiking, motorized off-road vehicle riding, horseback riding, fishing, bird watching, and more. The Green Mountain State Forest lies just

west of Bremerton and provides a variety of hiking, biking and equestrian trails. This forest site also provides horse camping facilities. The Tahuya State Forest, southwest of Green Mountain, is another state land providing outdoor recreation. In addition to non-motorized uses, Tahuya State Forest provides a diverse network of trails and routes open to off-road vehicles and provides four campgrounds and various trailheads. www.dnr.wa.gov



National Park Service

The Olympic National Park comprises 922,650 acres of land situated in the diverse rain forests of Washington's Olympic Peninsula, west of Bremerton. Roads provide access to the outer edges of the park, but the heart of Olympic National Park is primitive and encompasses three distinctly different ecosystems – rugged glacier-capped mountains, stands of old-growth and temperate rain forest, and more than 60 miles of Pacific coastline. These diverse ecosystems are still largely pristine in character and about 95% of the park is designated wilderness. The park receives more than 3.3 million visitors per year, ranking it as the 4th most popular national park in the United States.

www.nps.gov/olym/index.htm



Photo from National Park Service website



Photo from National Park Service website

Hurricane Ridge, Olympic National Park

U.S. National Forest Service

The forest service manages 633,677 acres of land within the Olympic National Forest. The Olympic National Forest is located on the Olympic Peninsula with the Pacific Ocean to the west, the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the north and Puget Sound to the east. The Forest surrounds much of Olympic National Park. Originally designated in 1907, today's park boasts over 20 campgrounds, 270 miles of trail, a commercial lodge and cabins, 13 distinct watersheds and over 88,000 acres of wilderness and roadless areas. This forest receives approximately 455,900 visits per year.

www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic/index.shtml

Community Recreation & Attractions

A variety of cultural and recreation-oriented opportunities exist within the city of Bremerton. These opportunities are operated by a diverse group of public, private, and non-profit organizations. For additional information, contact the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce via the internet at www.bremertonchamber.org

Bremerton Boys & Girls Club

The Bremerton branch of the Boys & Girls Club of South Puget Sound was opened at the Naval Avenue Learning Center in 2006 with strong local support from community leaders and the Bremerton School District. The Club offers more than 25 national programs in the areas of education, the environment, health, the arts, alcohol/drug and pregnancy prevention, gang prevention, career/leadership development, and athletics. The Bremerton Teen Center opened in 2013, providing expansion of the existing elementary programs and the ability to provide continuity to youth as they enter their teens. The Teen Center is the first phase of a 7-acre Youth Wellness Campus to be located in East Bremerton on land owned by the Bremerton School District.

www.bg-clubs.com/bremerton.htm

Bremerton Ice Arena

This ice skating facility is conveniently located next to the YMCA and the Glenn Jarstad Aquatic Center. The facility offers open skating sessions, lessons, figure skating, and youth hockey. In addition, it is the home of the Puget Sound Tomahawks, the 2004 Western Division Champions. The arena is also available for private rentals, including birthday parties and corporate events.

www.bremertonicearena.com

Bremerton Family YMCA

The YMCA offers fitness classes for kids, teens, and adults, swimming lessons and open swim, and teen late night activities. Located adjacent to the Glenn Jarstad Aquatic Center, the YMCA has a strong relationship with the city's recreation program and manages the aquatic center for Bremerton.

www.kitsapfamilyymca.org

Kitsap County Historical Society Museum

Located in downtown Bremerton on 4th Street,



Bremerton Family YMCA

the museum houses one of the finest collections of historic photographs in the area. Rotating exhibits depict various aspects of the county's history and programs pertaining to local history. In addition, the museum archives are available for historical research.

www.kitsaphistory.org

Kitsap Golf & Country Club

Kitsap Golf & Country Club is an 18-hole, member-owned, private golf course situated on 57 acres in Bremerton. Social and holiday events are held for members and their guests. A large clubhouse contains a ballroom for large events, a smaller formal dining room, lounge,



Marvin Williams Recreation Center

locker facilities, and a children's game room.

www.kitsapgolfcc.com

Marvin Williams Recreation Center

Opened in 2018, this 20,000-square-foot facility offers programs for toddlers to adults, such as toddler gym, basketball, ballroom dance, youth mentoring, academic tutoring, and 30-minute meals.

<https://mwcenter.org>



Olympic Peninsula Sports Center

McCormick Woods Golf Course

McCormick Woods is an 18-hole public course located in Port Orchard. The on-site clubhouse can accommodate up to 350 people for gatherings, business meetings, weddings, and special events.

www.mccormickwoodsgolf.com

Olympic Peninsula Sports Center

The Olympic Peninsula Sports Center features two indoor playing fields plus party rooms and an outdoor deck. The facility, located at Pendergast Regional Park through a lease

agreement with the city of Bremerton, is available for games and practice, as well as special events and conferences.

<https://www.olympensports.com/>

Trophy Lake Golf & Casting

Trophy Lake is an 18-hole public course located in Port Orchard. Fly fishing is also available at this site.

www.trophylakegolf.com

USS Turner Joy

The USS Turner Joy is a refurbished Vietnam-era destroyer that is now a floating museum operated by the Bremerton Historic Ships Association. Moored at the north end of the Bremerton Boardwalk, the ship can be explored topside and below decks. The tour also includes a Vietnam POW memorial. The ship is a popular location for group events, reunions, and guided tours.

www.ussturnerjoy.org

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