

Poulsbo Pump Track

Grand Opening:

This past year we had a great grand opening celebration that was attended by over one hundred people and more than 50 kids. We taught kids to ride, fed them and came away with great photos to use in future promotions. Festivities lasted all day long and only the sun setting prevented people from staying longer. We had visits from many leaders in the community, the Mayor of Poulsbo, Poulsbo Parks & Rec Director, North Kitsap County Commissioner, Kitsap County Parks Planner and leaders from other trail advocacy organizations such as North Kitsap Trails Association. We couldn't imagine a more successful day.

Usage:

Regularly there are half a dozen users at the park, usually after work hours or on weekends. We also seen day use by families with small children or older kids with families visiting the area and not currently in school.

This coming year we look forward to making the user experience even better and we are always looking at safety for our visitors as priority one.

Volunteer Participation:

Over the course of the year there we dozens of volunteers who helped out and got the track ready for opening. Volunteers shaped the track, cooked for other volunteers, sorted tools, picked up trash, maintained the landscape and taught others to ride.

We at least a thousand volunteer hours logged this year and more importantly many positive experiences with engaged citizens that have a passion for serving others.

We have been developing a volunteer incentive program and we are optimistic that it will increase participation this year and help the park flourish.

Track Maintenance:

The track design included a special mixture of dirt for topping the track as well as a solid clay base. This has worked out perfectly and the track has stood up against severe rains without significant erosion. The top layer finer particles have washed away by weather and left a sand paper like surface that increased traction. Drainage has been an issue in some areas of the track so we have to alter some loops to allow for better water flow.

Improvements:

This year we have big plans for the park. Improved track drainage, better signage, new bike racks, parking lot improvements and new picnic tables are among the projects planned. We also have some planting to do in the Bio Retention Cell in the corner of the park that will bring it up to spec. Work on beautifying our tool storage container so that it blends with the park is also a

priority. Last but not least we have learned by user input and usage the type of track that visitors gravitate to and so we plan to re-do some of our first sections of the track to improve user experience.

Sincerely,
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