

# Public Survey - tell us what you think!

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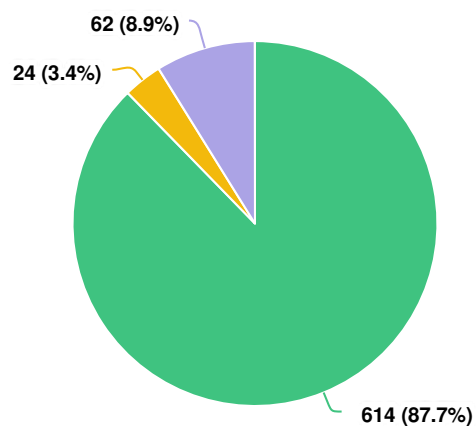
## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

01 June 2021 - 15 September 2021

### **PROJECT NAME:**

Chuckanut Community Forest Master Plan

**Q1** | The steering committee has proposed the master plan boundary, outlined below in red. The area was chosen to encompass the c...



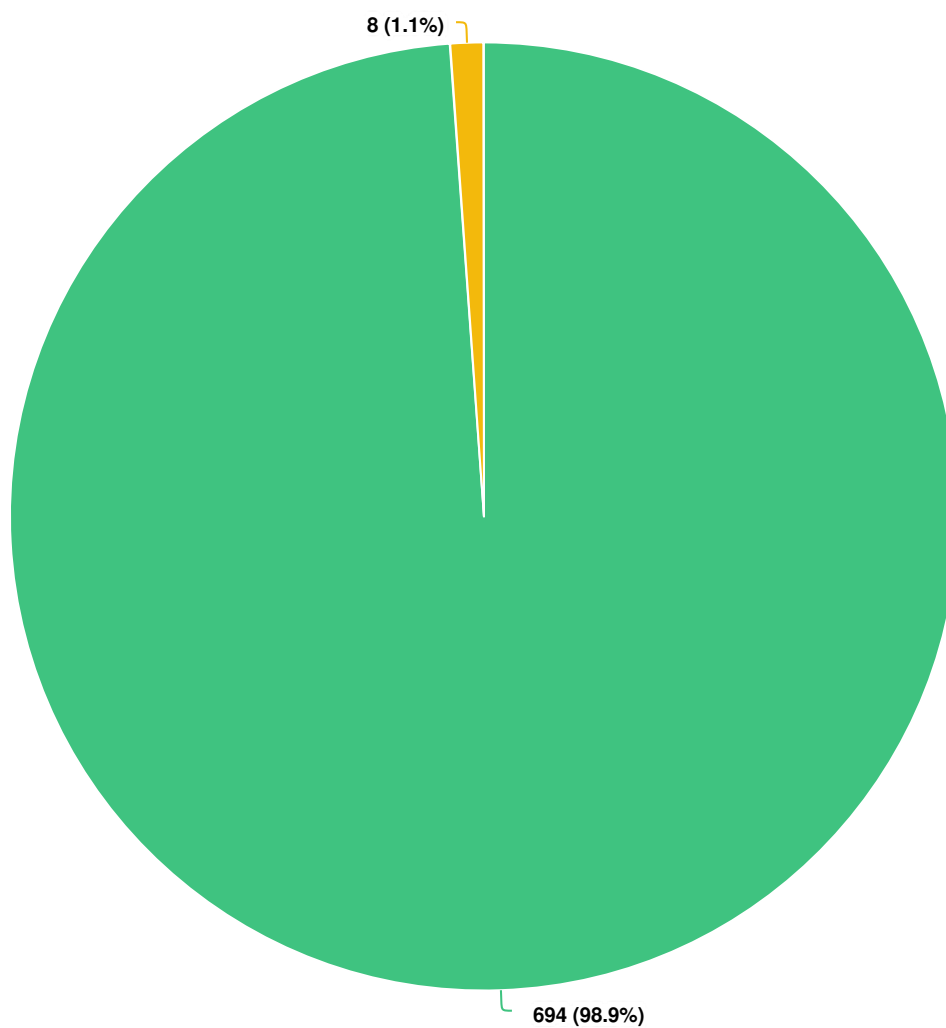
**Question options**

● Yes ● No ● Other comments

*Optional question (700 response(s), 16 skipped)*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q2** | Do you visit the planning area?

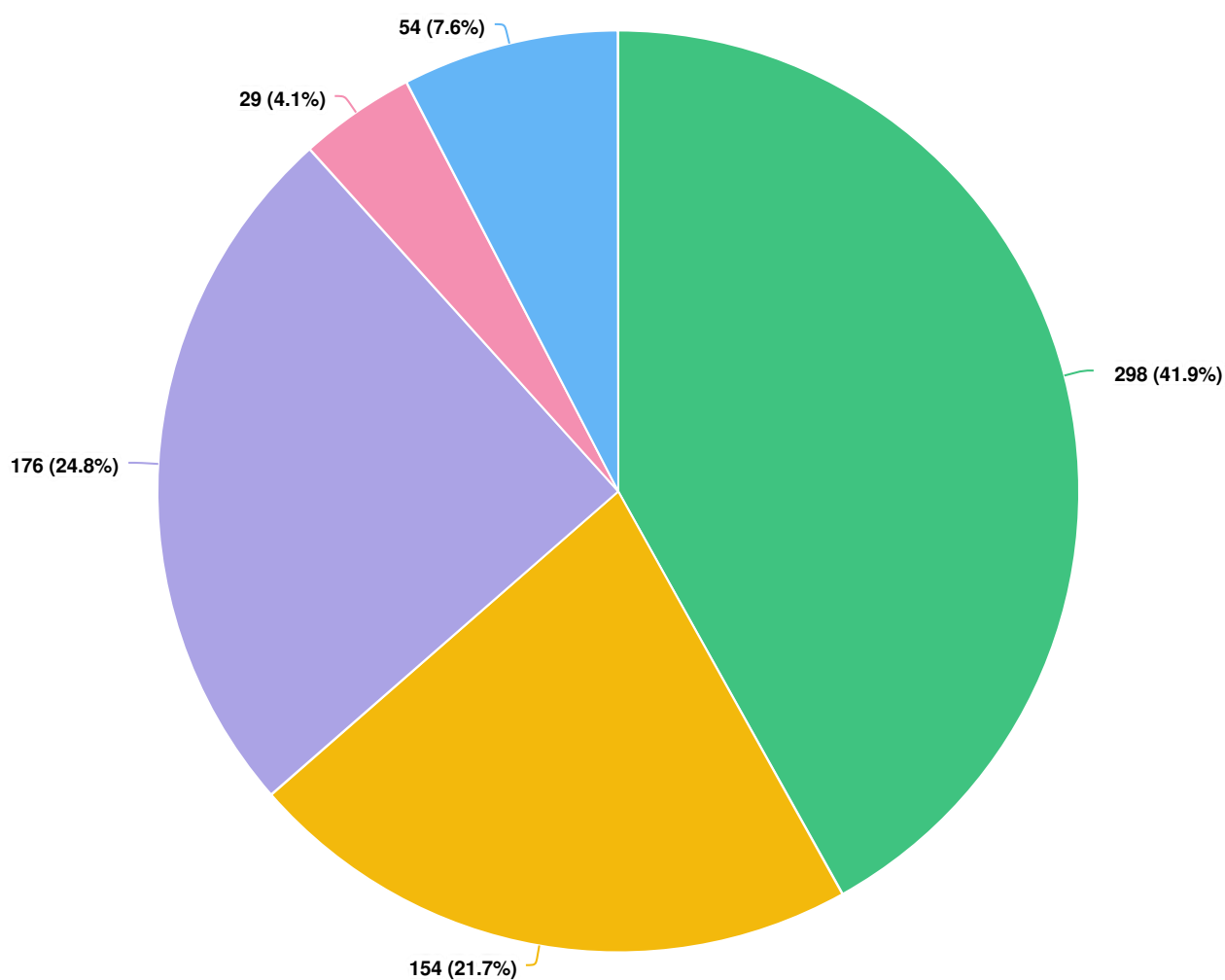


**Question options**

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Optional question (702 response(s), 14 skipped)  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q3** How frequently do you visit the planning area?

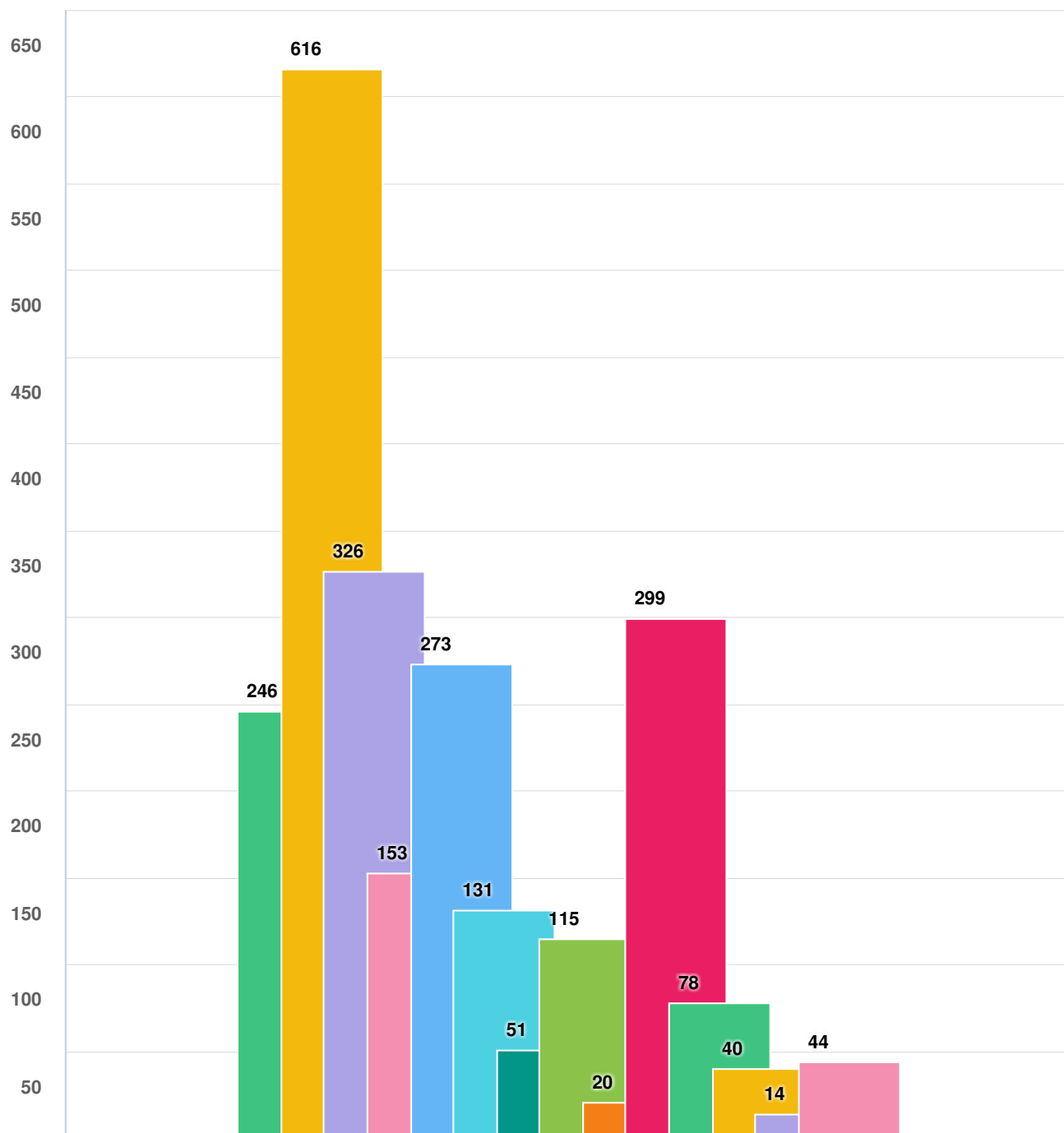


**Question options**

● Multiple times a week ● Once a week ● Once a month ● Once a year ● Other (please specify)

*Optional question (711 response(s), 5 skipped)*  
*Question type: Radio Button Question*

#### Q4 How do you use the planning area? (select all that apply)



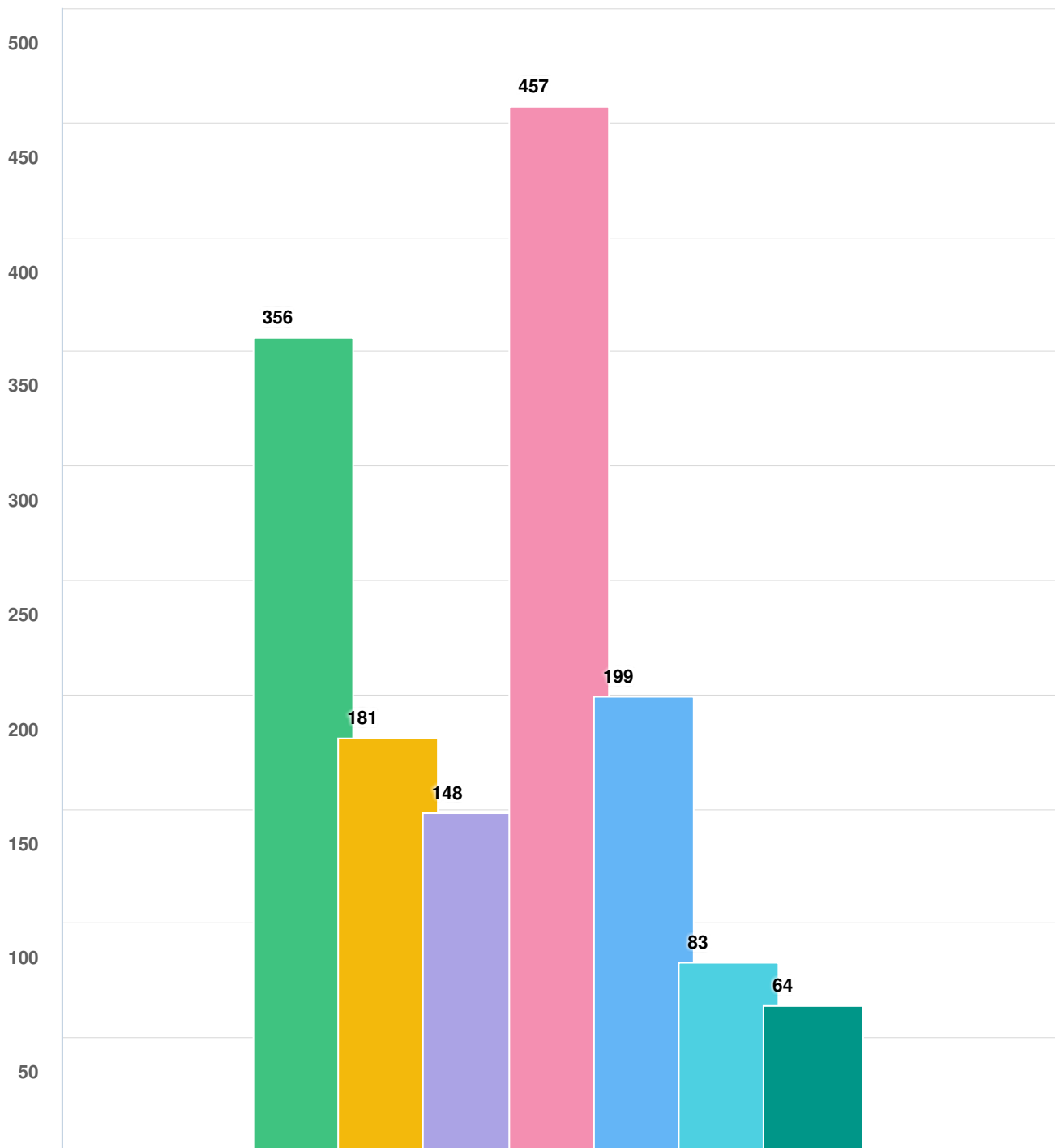
#### Question options

- Running
 ● Walking
 ● Biking - recreation
 ● Biking- through route/commuting
- Bird watching and/or wildlife viewing
 ● Photography
 ● Education
 ● Children's activities
 ● Research
- Dog walking/exercise
 ● Picnicking
 ● Attending community events (races)
 ● Geocaching
 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (711 response(s), 5 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q5 Which access points do you use most frequently? (select all that apply)**



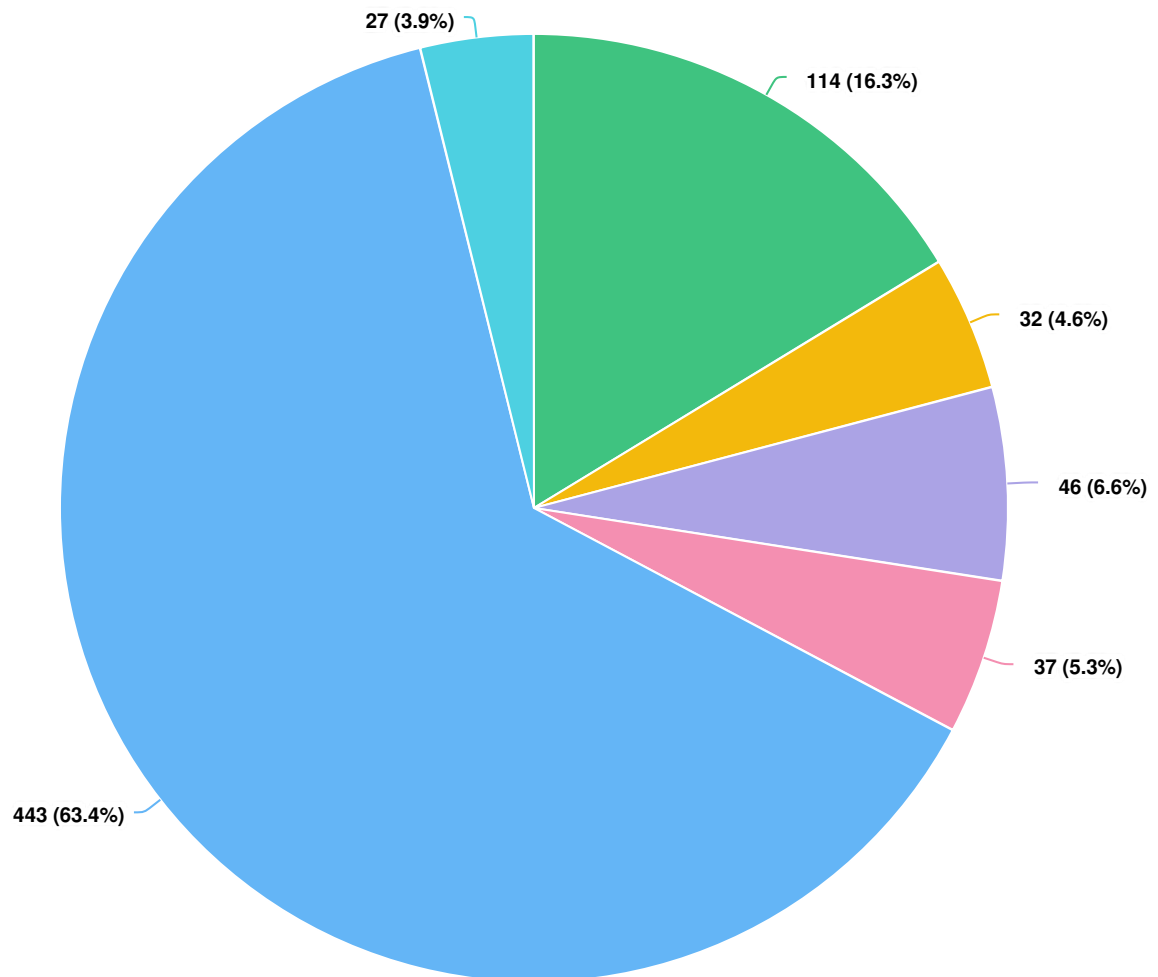
**Question options**

- Fairhaven Park upper shelter parking lot ● End of 18th St off Fairhaven Parkway ● End of 22nd St ● Interurban Trail  
● Chuckanut Drive at Viewcrest Rd ● Chuckanut Drive at 16th St ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (709 response(s), 7 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q6** What should the planning area be named?



**Question options**

- ☐ Chuckanut Community Forest   ☐ Chuckanut Forest   ☐ Fairhaven Community Forest   ☐ Fairhaven Forest  
☐ Hundred Acre Wood   ☐ Other (please specify)

Optional question (699 response(s), 17 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

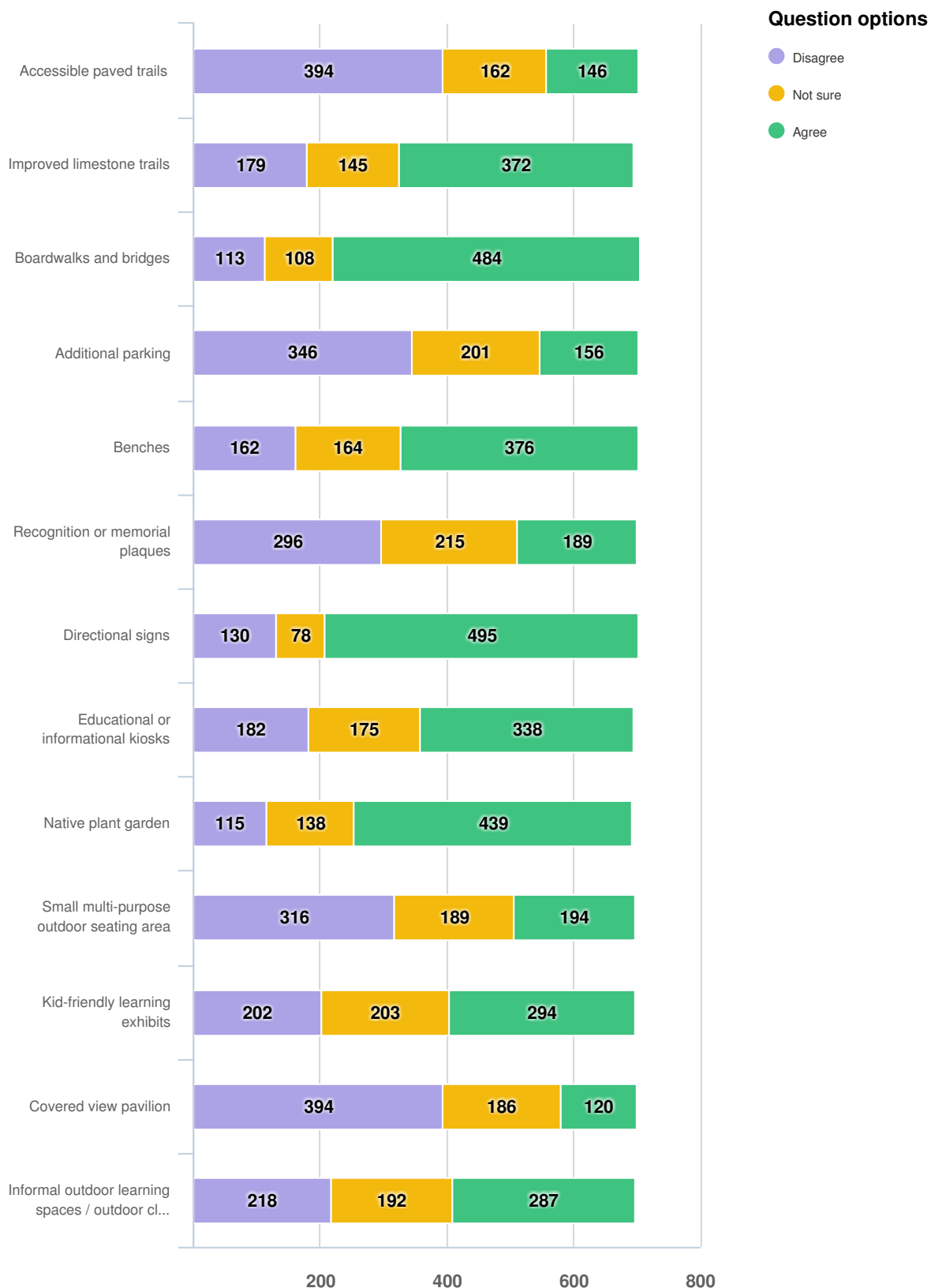
**Q7** What do you value most about the planning area? (rank 1-9 with 1 being the top)

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Trails	2.85
Quiet/solitude	3.51
Undisturbed forest and wetlands	3.73
Wildlife habitat	4.30
Ease of access	4.77
Contribution to climate resiliency	4.95
Bird watching and/or wildlife viewing	5.47
Educational and research opportunities	6.99
Community events	7.73

*Optional question (713 response(s), 3 skipped)*  
*Question type: Ranking Question*



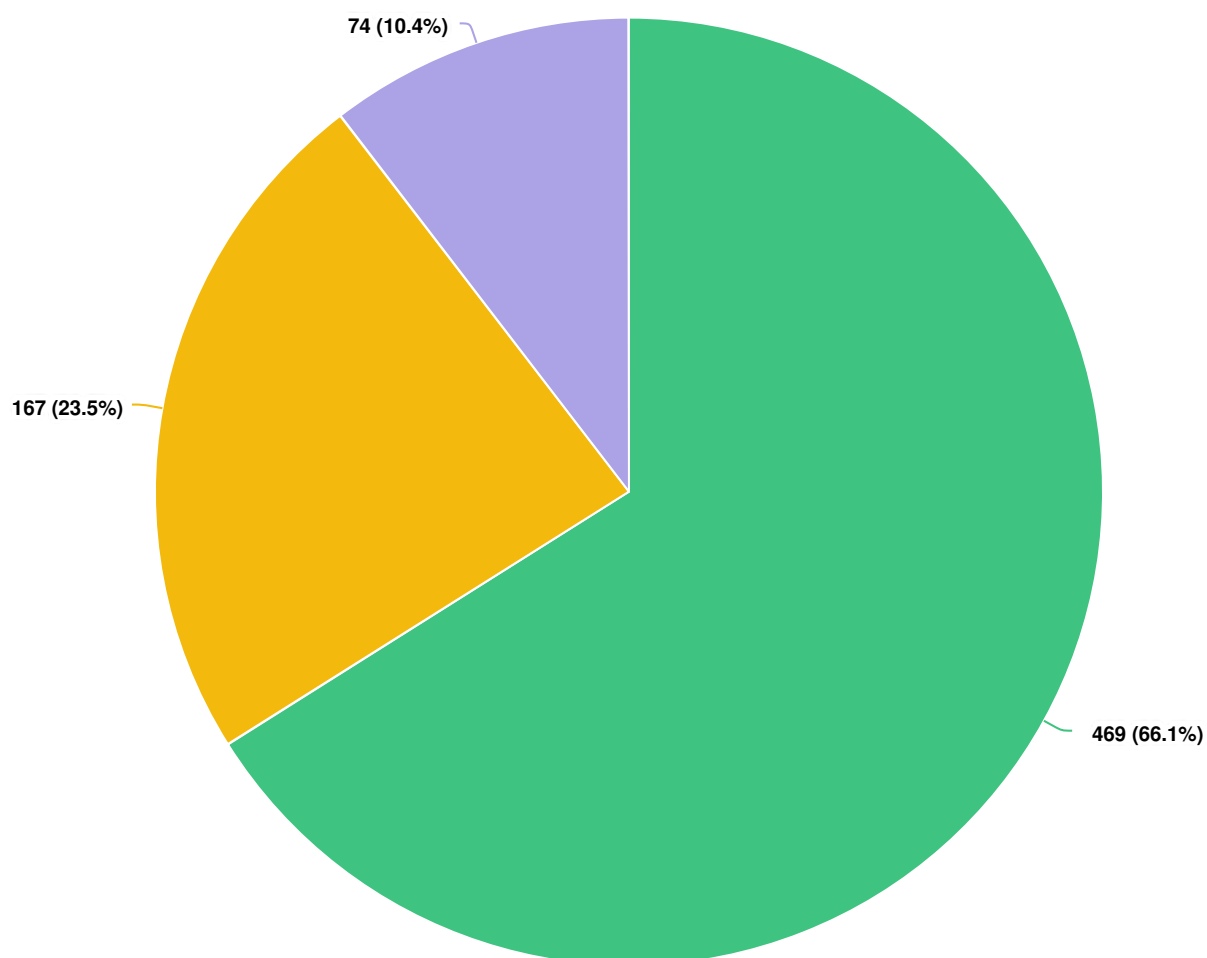
**Q8** For each potential use, please state whether you agree or disagree that the use is appropriate for the planning area (refer to boundary map).



Optional question (709 response(s), 7 skipped)

Question type: Likert Question

**Q9** Dogs are currently required to be on a leash in this area. Do you think that dogs should continue to be on leash only in the future?



**Question options**

☐ Other (please specify) ☐ No ☐ Yes

*Optional question (710 response(s), 6 skipped)*  
*Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q10 | Please describe any other concerns/question/suggestions you have regarding the planning area.**

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8/05/2021 04:44 PM

The fact that a large percentage of dog owners do not have their dogs on a leash.

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8/05/2021 05:04 PM

leave it as it is. Perhaps leave a few garbage bins for dog poop? As people don't pick up after their dogs. People have a hard time bringing it home as well without trash cans

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8/05/2021 06:17 PM

Directional signs would be great; people often get lost in the Hundred Acre Woods and are afraid to try it.

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8/05/2021 06:48 PM

Some form of recognition of the efforts of the late Robyn duPre to make this dream a reality.

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8/05/2021 07:22 PM

The bikes are destroying the trails and habitat. Please consider banning bike access to these trails.

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8/05/2021 07:34 PM

Less is more. Protect the wild area.

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8/05/2021 07:40 PM

Item 7 above seems useless the way the numbers/rankings are offered. RE: Naming Hundred Acre Wood. OK, so it's a bit short of 100. But that is the name we the people have used, and championed in protection. Please keep that name.

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8/05/2021 07:49 PM

The boundary makes it look like you are trying to carve out part of the forest for development. I am strongly against that. I think it should continue un-interrupted along Route 11. The properties in that area should not be given permission to develop further.

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8/05/2021 08:47 PM

Do not develop this space.. we do not need another disneyland for picnics and playground equipment. We have plenty of these on the Southside. Keep this special place wild!!!!!! The animals that live here .. and thrive in this semi-urban sanctuary.. deserve and desperately need it! So do the humans that gratefully share the

space with them.

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8/05/2021 08:49 PM

Preserve the wildlife, preserve the vegetation, preserve the ecosystem. Provide the kind of trails for humans to share this space that will benefit these things instead of impairing them.

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8/06/2021 06:57 AM

1) Create and maintain a "fire wise" landscape in this area: >10' space between tree crowns, fire line around the perimeter, tree branches cut the recommended distance from the ground level, fuels reduction operation and generally to get ready for it to catch on fire. 2) Allow electric bicycles. This will allow the less fit, older, time constrained or tired from working population to ride without the impacts of complying with the WA state law of riding e bikes only on paved surfaces. 3) Allow Electric Motorcycles. I am a proponent of populating our community spaces with as many trail users and trails as reasonable. I believe this helps to pressure the trash dumpers, homeless camps and partiers away from such spaces. Electric Motorcycles could be limited to certain trails, especially like the fire perimeter trail I would like to see created. 4)Rebuild the motocross track at the pit. Long live Scott's berm! This would be the focal point for motorized activity and recreate the after school riding area of my youth. Thanks for asking.

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8/06/2021 09:21 AM

I want to leave it as intact as possible. Signs would be helpful as to not get lost.

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8/06/2021 09:38 AM

Some paved accessible trails are desirable and should be made, but would not want to see all the trails in the park so improved. Leave most as is.

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8/06/2021 10:08 AM

Please leave this area as it is. If people want to go hang out in a park with pavilions and benches and gravel trails, that is all available in Fairhaven Park and Interurban Trail. This area should remain as natural as possible, this includes the wetlands, and muck. Potential changes cost money, I pay for this specific park in my annual property tax. If changes are made to benefit more people from across town, this cost must be paid for by the entire community.

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8/06/2021 10:34 AM

An additional garbage/dog poop bag dispenser where logistically possible.

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8/06/2021 11:25 AM

I think the interest of the community regarding the area defined by the proposed master plan boundary is best served if access and use is limited to use by individuals and small groups. Planned activities such a foot races or bicycle races that bring in large groups and disturb the atmosphere of the area should not be permitted. If bicycles are allowed to use the area, they should only be allowed to use the existing interurban trail and a designated bike trail yet to be constructed. One possible route for this proposed future trail would be a connector along Main Vein to Viewcrest.

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8/06/2021 11:48 AM

Aside from the Interurban trail, bicycles should generally be discouraged from the rest of the planning area's acreage.

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8/06/2021 12:32 PM

I think you need to keep most of the trails as people like to walk in loops. Also a few of the steeper trails could be reworked to make them more user friendly & also make the loops work better. And well-behaved dogs should be able to be off leash. Unfortunately people who don't train their dogs make the rest of us look bad.

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8/06/2021 12:53 PM

I am supportive of bike use, but it should be allowed through a coordinated process/effort (such as having certain trails designated for pedestrian only, while others for multi-use).

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8/06/2021 03:28 PM

I think that there should be multi use trails and designated trails within this planning area for hikers/joggers, mountain bikers, and equestrian users to enjoy. As a natural area accessible from many different neighborhoods I see this as a potential space for users of all ages (especially youth) to be able to recreate independently and develop a sense of place. Allowing mountain bike trails to co-exist with other multi-use trails would provide easy access for families and youth. The Lake Padden off-leash/back loop area is an example of a successful multi use natural area.

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8/07/2021 01:03 PM

Maps to help people navigate the trail system

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8/07/2021 01:16 PM

Homeless encampments create garbage and feces.

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8/07/2021 04:56 PM

The Chuckanut Community Forest is mostly “edge” habitat of one kind or another, surrounding a relatively small “core” of intact and maturing conifer forest with a mosaic of wetlands. As the Master Plan is developed and restoration priorities identified, the integrity of this core should be kept at the forefront. Ecologically, it has and is developing exceptional properties as the forest matures. It is also the key location of a certain aspect of the visitor experience — the zone of the CCF that is MOST buffered from the ambient traffic noise of Chuckanut Drive, Fairhaven Parkway, and I-5. This locally exceptional refuge of true auditory solitude (compare it with almost any location in Sehome Arboretum!) must be a protection priority in CCF plans.

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8/07/2021 05:55 PM

Keep it multi-use/multi-access

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8/07/2021 07:30 PM

I hope some/most of the trails are left as dirt paths rather than limestone.

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8/08/2021 09:14 AM

Hundred Acre Woods has been a healing and sacred place for me over the past 4 years. As a women, the encampments that have been allowed in the park is concerning. I definitely am aware of my surroundings at all times and hope in the future that this park can be a safe place for all who enter this majestic forest.

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8/08/2021 08:44 PM

Please continue to allow bike access. this is a wonderful resource for children to learn and ride safely, and it's low key riding area that is hard to find around here. Also, please consider not removing all access trails from private land, as this is the way a lot of people who live nearby access the woods safely (i.e., not having to take kids on Chuckanut Dr.)

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8/09/2021 06:02 AM

If our entire county were being taxed for this park's improvements then multi-use educational features would be nice. But as one of the local property owners taxed with paying for this park, I do not believe its current uses should be expanded. To be clear, I resent that the cost of management of this space was dumped on us by a group of activists that sold the proposal to the voting public. Many local residents were not aware that our small voting district would be shouldering the burden of cost for a park that that is fully accessible to the general public.

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8/09/2021 06:57 AM

I love this area! It is perfect for a short hike and has a nice array of trails. And since so many know it as hundred acre wood I think that is a perfect name!

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8/09/2021 06:59 AM

I would like to see the ecological impact kept to a minimum. I would prefer a wilderness setting over a manicured park with lots of impervious surfaces and man-made structures.

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8/09/2021 07:11 AM

All citizens of Bellingham helped preserve these properties through their greenway property tax. Access must be improved so this area may be more widely used. Parking, restrooms, directional signage, website presence, etc, need to be expanded. When other agencies (NCI, for example) have events here, the registration should reference City ownership of this property. There may be opportunity for development not allowed in the restrictive covenants in portions of the planning area, such as near Hoag's pond. It's hard to predict what future community needs may be and expanding the restrictive covenants through master planning a larger area, intentional or not, should be carefully considered

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8/09/2021 07:47 AM

This green area is a fantastic place to ride bicycles. Hopefully the master plan will include some creation of bicycle specific trails, and generally encourage cycling use in the park.

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8/09/2021 08:04 AM

Leave it the way it is as much as possible but do protect the wetlands with boardwalks or bridges. There needs to be trash cans at the most frequently used entrances for dog waste bags and other litter.

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8/09/2021 08:20 AM

Keep it as undeveloped as possible

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8/09/2021 08:37 AM

Kiosk map showing feature and trails

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8/09/2021 08:42 AM

It seems to me that you're trying to lump multiple spaces together, which I get, you need a master plan. The existing City park, hundred acre wood, interurban trail, Hoag's Pond: they are connected but different spaces. The governance shouldn't be a "one size fits all" for the project. Your Master Plan should have chapters for different spaces with different rules. On-leash in the

Park; off-leash in hundred acre woods. Maybe the main trail thru hundred acre woods gets a crushed limestone treatment and all the rest stay natural (which would help folks know when they have arrived back at the main trail). Hoag's Pond needs some limestone at the west end where it gets more use and very muddy in the wet season, but maybe leave the trail as it is around the back side of the pond. A dead-end trail in from the far east end to the Pond proper would be nice to have (probably needs a boardwalk in there as its low and wet). The Interurban Trail serves a lot of folks who are passing through but not visiting the hundred acre woods or Hoag's Pond spaces and then others who use it to get to the hundred acre woods or Hoag's Pond. Signage at the entrances to hundred acre woods with a map. But not within the hundred acre woods proper. Part the enjoyment of the woods is that you can get lost on all the intersecting trails and still find your way out (especially if the main trail is limestone so folks know when they've found it again). My point being, don't develop the hundred acre woods like the adjacent Park space has been. They are different spaces serving different needs. Your question #8 implies the same potential treatments for the project as a whole. I struggled with that.

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8/09/2021 08:54 AM

I'd love to see some bike specific or multi-use trails for commuting to the Chuckanut trail system and a neighborhood bicycle pumptrack for the kids (and adults).

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8/09/2021 08:54 AM

1) This area is lacking in garbage cans, particularly for disposal of pet waste along the interurban trail and at parking areas on 24th Ave. Please add garbage cans to the plan. 2) Many people, including running teams from Sehome and Western access the area by crossing Fairhaven Parkway at 24th Ave. It is becoming increasingly dangerous to cross here. If the planning area is improved, more people, especially children, will be crossing at this intersection. Please add cross walk lights.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2021 08:57 AM

Whether or not bikes are allowed on the trails is a really big issue. The trails are narrow, and there's often not room for bikers to pass pedestrians. Bikes also churn up a lot of mud, which makes pedestrians go off the trail to avoid the mud. I think we should ban bikes on the trails (except of course for the interurban).

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8/09/2021 08:57 AM

simplify trail system in the "hundred acre wood"



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8/09/2021 09:02 AM

Why doesn't it encompass the green space North on Chuckanut Drive?

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8/09/2021 09:15 AM

Leave this area as untouched as possible. Do not build a lot of trails or put in gravel everywhere. This should be left in its natural state.

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8/09/2021 10:13 AM

It has been a grass roots nature area. It should stay simple. I do think dogs should have some off leash access. Trail signs would be helpful. The signs at Lake Padden are not easy to read. The lack of signs at Whatcom Falls Park keep visitors constantly trying to figure out where they are. Easy signage with appropriate map access(paper) is very important. No relying just on phones. Occasional park benches are a good idea for those who need to rest and for those who want to contemplate life and nature. A board at the entrances of the park with a map and names of trails is helpful. Clear expectations of the area too. Garbage cans for dog poop and other garbage would be helpful too. I like the poop bags and garbage can by the Fairhaven pavilion entrance. We don't use the bags cause we carry our own, but it encourages others to clean up the poop! If there is a wetland in the area then a boardwalk or bridge may be helpful for access without people walking all through it. Remember, keep it simple. Thanks.

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8/09/2021 10:28 AM

I visit this area multiple times a week with my daughters. We love it as it is now.

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8/09/2021 11:00 AM

We live across from the access point on chuckanut and view crest and have children and dogs it is already a lot of traffic as is right out in front of our house and although it may be nice to have a bit more parking to limit the need for cars to park on the road but expanding to a large lot would be detrimental to this neighborhood

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2021 11:18 AM

Please keep development and "improvements" to a minimum. The way it is now is perfect. There are lots of other "developed" parks in Bellingham such as Fairhaven Park which is right next door already.

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8/09/2021 11:40 AM

Keep it natural but accessible.

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8/09/2021 12:02 PM

Need to include strategies to reduce blown out trails, particularly around wet areas that people walk or bike around.

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8/09/2021 12:16 PM

Leashing dogs is important as there are people who are frightened of all dogs. Also, it is necessary to protect wildlife: rabbits, birds, etc. Your survey does not address the issue of mountain bike usage that tears up trails and creates hazardous conditions for walkers.

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8/09/2021 01:04 PM

There is already a paucity of garbage disposal areas from Larabee to Fairhaven park along the interurban trail. People either leave bags of dog poop along the trail or are forced to carry it for miles. This problem will only be exacerbated with more people using the area. Please add garbage cans at easy to access points along the trail and accessible for the 100 acre wood plan area.

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8/09/2021 02:44 PM

With our hotter, drier summers one concern I have is fire. If possible it would be great to have a plan in place to minimize the risk of fire.

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8/09/2021 03:02 PM

Please continue to try and add acreage to this park!! Don't allow further development around the park boundaries.

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8/09/2021 03:03 PM

Please keep it as natural as possible. No need for exhibits, pavilions, plaques, a native plant garden, or outdoor seating. Just (unpaved) trail maintenance. It's magical as is, and is worth preserving.

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8/09/2021 03:19 PM

This is one of the few 'wildest' areas, relatively minimal in its development and therefore refreshing. There are more developed park areas very nearby, with parking and benches and play areas, etc... What we don't need is more paving, more stuff/clutter along forest paths, wider paths (they are widening all by themselves, since covid struck), dogs off leash. I love Hundred Acre Woods fairly much as it is. Yes, I'd like simple, small clear signage for help in navigating its complex trails along the way. Sometimes I'd like a little bridge over routinely muddy spots, but even that isn't critical. I'd like some effort to keep people on the existing paths and stop creating lots of new ones. I'd like someone to box the ears of dog owners who allow their dogs off leash to poop in the woods or disturb other walkers/runners. I'd like it to stay quiet. I wouldn't

mind that the existing parking along Chuckanut be improved, for safety's sake: signs to slow oncoming traffic in each direction; minimally widened or restructured parking slots. That's about it. Mostly, I don't want it changed much at all, as it is one of the few spots that is sorta untrammelled, though it has taken a real beating, since Covid struck. Most everywhere along Chuckanut that has ample parking has also become rapidly degraded -- hence my reason for not wanting Hundred Acre to also have additional parking. I don't mind coming back later, for the sake of keeping this place of quiet quiet. I wouldn't want kiosks throughout the park, but a single good trail map at the entrance would be ok. ALSO: a dispenser of doggie poop bags at the beginning of the trail, and some serious fines for not taking bags out of the park (or any park around here!). Not sure what it is about people in this part of the country that they have developed this nasty habit of packaging but not packing out poop ! Thanks.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2021 03:21 PM

Keep it as natural as possibly. Multi-use very important. Dogs ,bikes ,walking, running. improve existing trails so people will stay on trails and not bushwhack

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8/09/2021 03:40 PM

Historically most dogs have been off leash despite the current requirement. This has generally not been a problem and off-leash should be permitted throughout, or at least on secondary trails as it is in the Sehome Hill Arboretum. There have been objections to bicycles on the trails by some, although not listed in the survey as a separate question as the leash question is. I have never had a problem with bicycles (not riding them myself on the trails), but they should probably be limited to the wider main trails. Recently most or all bikes have been used for transit through the forest, which is neither challenging nor otherwise amenable to a good mountain biking experience. Please preserve most existing trails similar to the plan presented by the DPR in 2021, including many existing loops. To preserve or improve hydrology and hydrologically sensitive areas, decompaction and fairly extensive boardwalks should be installed.

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8/09/2021 03:51 PM

wetland preservation is key and leaving it as natural as possible.

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8/09/2021 04:47 PM

One of the unique features of the Fairhaven Park section of the area is the multiple looping trails it has. This creates a sense of exploration and adventure that is often missing from woodland parks with fewer, wider, and better maintained trails. The ability to

navigate from one landmark in the park to another along a half-remembered trail, and indeed, to sometimes get lost and need to backtrack, is one of the things I enjoy most about the park. It is wilder and less tamed. I hope this sense can be preserved while also protecting sensitive wetland and wildlife habitat if certain trails need to be closed.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2021 05:01 PM

Keep it natural!

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2021 05:25 PM

I greatly value the quiet, meandering trails in the Hundred Acre Wood, as well as the relatively intact natural ecosystem. I also appreciate that the trails are not heavily traveled and offer a measure of solitude. I do not think paved trails or developed areas are appropriate for the study area, however I think consideration for ADA accessibility on some of the trails would be a benefit to the community. A crosswalk across Chuckanut Drive at the end of Viewcrest would improve safety for users coming from the south. Also simple wayfinding bollards or trail markers throughout the trail network would help new visitors to discover all that the park has to offer. Thank you!

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8/09/2021 08:07 PM

I would like it to stay mostly as is. I think the improvements made thus far are excellent, but further gentrification of pathways and structures, we would lose what makes it special and unique. A relatively undisturbed natural/wild area adjacent to Fairhaven. We would also begin to stress wildlife and habitat. It is not THAT big of an area.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2021 08:41 PM

Disc golf course, the course in Blaine at Lincoln Park could be a good example of fit and potential effects. Keeping mountain biking allowed, has been a great place for kids to start mountain biking. Keep trails as trail, not over developed mud avoiding boardwalks.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2021 09:32 PM

This is such a great place for so many people. I don't see a great need to change how it gets used.

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2021 09:50 PM

Please subsidize the highest possible density housing nearby. 50 story towers. Please. This is not a joke. I am begging. This asset should be accessible for many right outside their door

Screen Name Redacted

8/09/2021 10:32 PM

It's less than 100 acres. Please let it be - it's maturing second growth.

Screen Name Redacted

8/10/2021 08:19 AM

For the name: there are already many "Fairhaven Xs" and "Chuckanut Ys." If you say to someone "Meet me at the Chuckanut Woods" that's not going to be clear where it is. 100 Acre Wood(s) is unique. I grew up biking in there, and my 5 year old and I now bike there. It is a great beginner place for biking, and bike riders and walkers seem to coexist pretty well, in my opinion. If you build infrastructure I'm afraid it would require constant attention due to vandalism and homelessness. There are perhaps too many trails and it gets confusing. I would dormant some trails and add a little bit of simple signage.

Screen Name Redacted

8/10/2021 09:23 AM

I have huge concerns about how the forest appears to be dying. Too many trails being randomly cut without permission, people leaving dog feces everywhere, no trashcan available so they leave it, unattended kids who don't have any guidance about how to protect and care for the forest. Groups of children being taken into small clearings and they trample and destroy it then they move on the next day. It's devastating to see. I've seen the terrain being shifted by bikers making ramps or pulling roots out to make biking down hills easier. Too much damage! The forest should be for visiting only on the trails, dogs need to stay on the trails, too. People don't have any idea how to respect and care for the forest. I've seen them pulling huge pieces of bark off dying/dead trees. Someone stole a rock from the bottom of my driveway, carried it in to the main intersection and plopped it in a puddle to make crossing the mud easier. (It's distinctively green and square.) We need walkways built over the wetlands so they don't continue to be trampled. We desperately need education about the proper way to maintain a forest and I'd like to see much more reforestation happening. There are so many more people using it as our population grows bringing more people, dogs and bikes. I understand that it is the closest place here to connect to the Interurban Trail. Could there be a trail used just by bikers to have a more direct route to it and limit the damage being done in the forest? I have offered to keep poop bags stocked at the Viewcrest entrance. I live directly across the street. I've quite literally picked up over a hundred piles of dog poop one day just on that entrance trail from where you enter the forest to the point where it splits to go left or rights. There was a white mold growing on them one day making them stand out--almost glow--so they were easy to see. Way off the trail sometimes but often just often just a foot or two. Pile after pile after pile. I was told some guy in Edgemoor actually

tapped several trees in the forest to catch syrup!! I've been to the Stimpson Reserve. It's incredibly gorgeous. No dogs, no bikes. It's what our forest would naturally look like if it was taken care of by those who use it, and going from one to the other--it's so obvious and heartbreaking the difference in the two and how dead ours looks/is in comparison. Our community worked so hard to save this forest and we pay a fair amount of annual tax for it since we live nearby. I'm happy to do my part, but not if the forest continues to be destroyed by humans at this rate. Please save our forest. I don't want to lose the trails I walk, I love my loops, but I'd rather lose several trails than the whole forest. Thank you for moving on this, for all you do. We're counting on you!

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8/10/2021 09:26 AM

What discussions are taking place regarding homelessness in the area?

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8/10/2021 09:32 AM

It is very nice without improvements .

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8/10/2021 11:52 AM

Limiting bike access would be good, including with trail barriers--they're very destructive to the forest! Reconfiguring the trails (including adding boardwalks) to protect the forest is important, but some loop option(s) should be maintained. If compatible with the environmental needs, I think more, smaller trails are better than fewer large trails. It's much better to feel like walking in the forest than on a road, so I prefer the current "secondary" trails to the "primary" ones--as long as bikes don't expand/destroy them. Please don't "develop" the area--the only development should be things that protect the environment (like boardwalks), not structures or other human intrusions into the natural forest.

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8/10/2021 01:15 PM

It's great as is, but with increased traffic more durable trails and bridges would be good to help preserve habitat and quality of experience in the woods.

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8/10/2021 01:34 PM

I walk in the 100-acre woods daily, with my dog. I would guess between 60-70% of the folks I run into are also walking dogs. It would be a shame to lose access for pet owners. I would also encourage at least a portion of the trails be off-leash. I would also encourage the City to maintain the mostly undeveloped nature of the study area. This parcel is a great community resource, so understand the desire to make it as accessible as possible. A lot of the folks I encounter are also folks that I see on a daily basis, and

walk to/from the property from their homes.

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8/10/2021 01:54 PM

I love that I see ALL ages enjoying the woods, and for everyone's safety, security, and comfort, it seems best to stick with the On Leash Only policy. Also, trails should generally be narrower (2 feet is enough in most areas) and natural, rather than graveled. A couple of major through-paths could be packed-gravel and wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs and strollers.

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8/10/2021 04:08 PM

I would like to see it stay primitive. Let the kids build bike jumps and the dogs run free. I understand Fairhaven has a dog off leash park, however not all dogs enjoy it. My dog, for example is now too old to play and fetch. The woods are a perfect place for him to walk unleashed and get his energy out. I have experienced no problems encountering other dogs off leash in the park. I love the hundred acre wood as it is with the exception of the leash rule.

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8/10/2021 04:19 PM

Leave it as it is

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8/10/2021 05:05 PM

Many of those who enjoy these woods are older folks who are not keen on being run off the trails by fast bicycles (which also degrade the trails, especially in the wet months). Many cyclists seem unaware of the yielding rules on the trail systems, and the existing problems have only been exacerbated by electric cycles whose speeds equal those of mopeds. It would be nice to have a pedestrian only park in Bellingham--just as cyclists have Galbraith Mtn. Thanks

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8/10/2021 06:58 PM

The map shows a proposed trail through the Woodland Hills Condominium property. This is private property. Please remove this location from your drawing.

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8/11/2021 06:25 AM

Selected ridge area should be managed to promote old growth forest characteristics, per DNR guidelines.

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8/11/2021 06:29 AM

Mountain Bikes: I vacillate on the extent to which I would like to see some trails developed for mountain biking. I can imagine a section in the open area near the top of the "main vein" that includes practice jumps, drops, and bridges. Both Duthie Hill in Issaquah and Swan Creek in Tacoma have something similar.

Before the city acquired the area, there were some unsanctioned trails that were appropriate for beginning and intermediate riders to practice their skills. Additional Parking: Existing spaces at Fairhaven Park and the lot along the Parkway seem sufficient. However, if additional space is deemed necessary, developing some places to park parallel along Chuckanut between 16th St. and Viewcrest makes sense. This might warrant improvements to the trails that lead to Iris Lane and 16th St. Hoag's Pond to Happy Valley: I would like to see some of the trails along the hill north of Hoag Pond linked to 28th Street and the Happy Valley Park Trail, and perhaps a connector to 30th St. via Broad or Willis. Bridges: There are some swampy trails along the west side of the park that a bridge would improve. Also, a bridge over the creek that links the southernmost trail to the interurban trail would improve access. Favorite Spots - The little hill and wooded area behind Fairhaven Park Apartments with deer trails to 20th St. / Connelly St. to the east. - The big rock by the 16th St. entrance. - The poetry kiosk near 22nd St. - The large ground depression on the north side of the ridge that links to 22nd St. - The rock shrine on the steep trail off the main vein that leads to the top of the ridge that links to 22nd St. - Open area near the Hoag Pond bridge.

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8/11/2021 08:25 AM

We recently lived in the Netherlands where neighborhood forests with paths, like the Hundred Acre Wood, are common. They are mainly used for off-leash dog walking, walking and child scouting activities. These are wonderful places where relationships are formed between neighbors, etc. The residents of Bellingham would love for that to be the theme for this wonderful property. Thanks.

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8/11/2021 12:00 PM

Not sure what "social trails" include but many of the less obvious trails have value to me for solitude. They also contribute to the maze-like atmosphere and the "lost in the woods" feeling.

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8/11/2021 03:08 PM

I hope that this area is kept as natural as possible, with any improvements/developments being for the sake of protecting the wetlands and forest. I know that unsanctioned trails are a huge issue in the forest, so perhaps trail improvement and directional signage (and maybe a couple dedicated bike trails and then also hiker only trails?) would help to alleviate this issue. Ideally anything like paved trails or outdoor seating areas (more "developed" areas) might be located closer to Fairhaven Park proper to leave the rest of the forest more wild. The "wildness" of the area is the best part so I hope it can be maintained.



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8/11/2021 03:32 PM

I like that it is wild and it is not greatly used by bikes. My main priority it to maintain the wild nature. Arroyo has changed as more bikes have used it and I do not think 100 Acre Wood can sustain that kind of use. If there is a Pavilion please put it at one edge near Fairhaven Park.

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8/11/2021 09:12 PM

It really should not be over developed.

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8/12/2021 09:54 AM

I would like to see this area be an off-leash area for dogs. This is one of the few, easy to access areas on the southside for off-leash dog walking. I have walked my dogs here for 15 years off leash, I have paid my tax for these woods as a south sider, I want to be able to come here and continue to walk my dog off leash. Even though rule calls for leashes, very few leash their dogs here. I like the woods the way they are. A few benches would be nice. Small outdoor education area ok, but no paved or limestone trails, please. It has been a beautiful, pristine, meditative place to walk and think, please don't ruin it by doing too much to it. My taxes helped to pay off this property, I want to continue to use it as I have been doing these last 15 years. Am grateful to the city for acquiring the woods and having the opportunity to voice my opinion on their use. Thank you.

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8/12/2021 10:48 AM

Our last remaining semi-natural areas are becoming wiped out by human intrusion. We have few opportunities left to halt this.

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8/12/2021 12:35 PM

With the exception of trail modification to make it easier to avoid mud in the winter, I'd prefer the area be left as it is.

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8/12/2021 01:58 PM

Please prevent or at least limit bikes! Designate some trails as closed to bikes. Riders are often rude and unsafe, plus they cause significant trail degradation and erosion.

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8/12/2021 03:19 PM

Only concern would be that the forest becomes busy and overpopulated.

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8/12/2021 04:34 PM

Trails need to loop and not be dead ends. Signage would be good ie. color coded trail markers keyed to a map would be easy. Interesting educational QR signage of ecology or natural info like

ferry shrimp, plants, habitats, wildlife, etc. When things are known, used, and personally valued one tends to take ownership, care and stewardship of it. It seems the end goal of the CCF is stewardship, conservation and care of the woods as a priceless natural asset in Bellingham. I could definitely see a strong education element - historically with WWU, and youth ie. Fairhaven Middle School, Wild Whatcom, other independent daycare and teaching groups as well as adult. Birding trips, flora/fauna/wildlife, foraging, health & wellness walking groups. Preserve the quiet, healing peacefulness of the woods... there is a HUGE mental health benefit to have access to the quiet of Nature!

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8/12/2021 04:39 PM

I understand you want to protect areas but as a runner, I hope you don't limit the park to only a few trails. I hope that it will be possible to have loops so that we don't have to walk from an entrance and then just turn around and completely re-trace where we just ran/walked.

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8/12/2021 09:17 PM

Keep bike access, these are great trails for beginners and are very close to town

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8/13/2021 01:15 PM

Boardwalks only for protection of wetlands. Crushed limestone only on one major east-west bicycle commuter route.

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8/13/2021 03:02 PM

Maintaining and recovering wildlife areas where human access is limited is incredibly important, and being able to enforce park rules such as leash laws and no smoking/alcohol is extremely useful to that task. Empowering the public to shame those who do not follow those rules would be very helpful to help keep the parks and wildlife areas safe and healthy.

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8/13/2021 04:05 PM

Currently dogs are frequently off leash. I have witnessed dogs knocking people over. I think there should be separate trails for walkers and bikers.

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8/13/2021 06:15 PM

The hundred acre woods is a wonderful place to walk quietly with your dog and also to introduce kids to trails For running hiking exploring. And an easy Beautiful forest to have kids explore mountain biking in a safe place on nice trails. These things are rare in our area. Galbreath in Chuckanut offer a little higher level of those activities. I think the dog leash rule should be flexible. If your

dog is a great dog and doesn't need to be on leash and come wander freely I think it's great. If the owner knows their dog is not good off leash then they should have their dog on a leash. Everyone should pick up their dog poop. So maybe have poop bags stations. We absolutely love this partially wild /urban area for our family, dog and for solitude. 😊

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8/13/2021 07:09 PM

Can the park also include the northwest corner green space? There should be biking restrictions in the interior of the 100 acre woods. Used to be closed off and now there is considerable increased mtn bike traffic and trail disturbance. Less development overall for the park, less heavy use, cleaner water for fishies.

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8/14/2021 08:36 AM

I truly enjoy being able to meander around the 100 Acre Woods as it is. It's peaceful and perfect as it is.

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8/14/2021 09:34 AM

Mountain biking trails marked

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8/14/2021 04:54 PM

I hope it isn't overdeveloped ("improved"). Salamanders and other critters can cross dirt or muddy trails but not graveled or paved trails.

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8/15/2021 06:54 AM

My priority would be to leave the landscape as wild as possible while still making it accessible to park users. Trail development should include providing trail signage, enhancements (like boardwalks) where the trails have an impact the environment (for example wetlands or wet areas). Also, improve trails for safety and to reduce the development for side trails. Maps would be great! Thanks for the opportunity to provide comments.

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8/15/2021 09:04 AM

Please keep it pristine as it is now. Do not add signs, structures, kiosks, etc that will drastically change the landscape of this beautiful forest. We love that it is a complete mystery and a place to wonder in the woods.

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8/15/2021 02:44 PM

Bar bicycles.

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I'd love this area to remain a little wild. Don't over do!

8/16/2021 08:19 AM

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8/16/2021 10:16 AM

Directional / Milage signs please! These would allow visitors to wander without getting lost. Idea... Name the trails. (Like the ski runs at Mt Baker) This would help visitors communicate and visualize the park better.

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8/16/2021 10:17 AM

I really like the area as it is. I think it's great. If it needs to be improved to be able to accommodate more people without impacting the environment, I guess that would be good. But it's such a great quiet space that I would hate for more people to come and make it suck.

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8/16/2021 12:33 PM

We need more off-leash dog areas in Bellingham. This is a perfect place to accomplish that goal.

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8/16/2021 02:20 PM

please leave it as Natural as possible; we are supposed to live in Harmony with the environment; thank You G1D

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8/16/2021 06:04 PM

Re: "Improved limestone trails" option: Basalt paths for the forest and interurban trail would be better than limestone. Re "Additional Parking": limited additional parking only, say no more than 20 to avoid too many cars. Where directional signs are posted we suggest trail maps of the "You Are Here" type. There needs to be a homeless action plan. We suggest there be a bicycle protocol for safety of all hikers. While Geocaching can be fun, please do not allow in the planning area. There are plenty of other places available for Geocaching. Is it correct to assume the Chuckanut Com Forest Pk Tax Distribution will go away and any tax distribution needed for maintenance, etc, will now be taken out of City of Bellingham Greenways (or something like that)?

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8/16/2021 06:54 PM

Please include the following in the Master Plan: (1) Connecting this park to the Interurban Trail and Arroyo Park south of Old Samish Road through improved bicycle trail access; (2) Increased parking/access to Hoag Pond. My family and I have been verbally harassed by local residents for parking in marked parking spaces on Broad Street.

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8/16/2021 07:44 PM

My general concern is that the mission of CCF may be compromised by folks who wish to prioritize "development" over

protection of the woods. I am not anti-development as you can see from the answers above, but protection should be prioritized since it is a major reason why CCF was purchased to begin with. This goal may be challenging to meet given the current use of the woods with the proliferation of trails, dogs off leash as a common behavior, etc. I would expect CoB to follow through on management that emphasizes the original purpose of protecting the CCF and will do my best to support that overall goal.

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8/16/2021 10:46 PM

The undeveloped nature of this space is what sets it apart from other recreational or open space areas. While I do think a little signage would be nice, I don't think there is a lack of other amenities that this space needs to provide. Fairhaven park and the inter urban trail nearby provide the more 'developed' recreation options. I think in the case of this area, less is more.

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8/17/2021 09:03 AM

A big issue is the use of the trails. Biking vs Running/Walking vs off-leash dogs. In general, I think these uses can be shared on the trails. However, it is not a place for fast biking. Obviously, uncontrolled dogs should be leashed (many owners of uncontrolled dogs don't expect that their dogs are that way). Not sure what to do about limits on the trail uses. Another big issue is that there are too many trails in the park now. Some should be closed and allow native veg to return. Big decisions on which to close. good luck and thanks for doing this!

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8/17/2021 09:49 AM

Our family so appreciates that area to walk our dogs and that is the primary use of this undisturbed community forest. Very grateful for this area to continue as it presently is in our city. Thank you for offering this survey.

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8/17/2021 02:05 PM

I love the big open field at fairhaven park and would like it to remain as a big open field as much as possible

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8/17/2021 05:55 PM

My main concern is the continued bias against electric mountain bike riders. We are mostly older, overweight, and more handicapped than young healthy mountain bike riders. Galbraith Mountain is the main case in point. We have been told to stay off the best mountain bike trails in the country, just because we have a tiny bit of assistance that helps us enjoy those beautiful Galbraith trails. My wife and I spent \$15,000 on new electric mountain bikes at Seattle Electric Bike in Fairhaven. Yes we like to support the

local economy. If we would have known that Galbraith mountain was closed to us we would not have bought those bikes. Bellingham, where I pay property taxes, spent \$3 million on Galbraith Mountain? And I can't ride there. I remember back in the '80s when snowboards first appeared. Everybody hated them except for one very smart leader. Duncan Howat. He was the Mt. Baker ski area general manager. He didn't listen to the skiers that hated the snowboarders. He would not have listened to the mountain bike riders that hate the electric mountain bike riders. He had the wisdom and foresight to make Mt. Baker the greatest snowboard mountain ever. People come from around the world to snowboard there. Those people put money in our local economy. We have a chance to do the same thing here with electric mountain bikes. Do we have the leadership to do so, or will we keep the good trails for just a select few? Thank you

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8/17/2021 07:22 PM

This should be preserved as an unspoiled nature area. Some access should be improved/provided but only on a limited basis and if possible with limestone trails rather than asphalt. Bringing in large groups or activities is not consistent with the incredible beauty and pristine natural beauty of the area.

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8/17/2021 07:55 PM

I have been a cyclist all my life and I truly appreciate opportunities like within the forest to ride. However I am also a walker and I believe it should truly be a priority to design trail access that does not bring fast riding bike riders on to trails used by walkers. It can be dangerous and certainly intimidating for walkers. In the past as we fought long and hard to save this magnificent forest we who lived nearby were often accused of selfish behaviour for fighting this battle. In truth it is in fact a wonderful asset for all the citizens of Bellingham and beyond please make that reality well known. Providing access should be a priority thus some additional parking may be justifiable. However it would be much more environmentally correct and user friendly to provide efficient bus access. This could be accomplished by creating a traffic circle at Chuckanut Drive and Old Sammish which would provide an opportunity for city buses to bring our citizens to a very convenient portal for access to wealth of outdoor recreational opportunities. Among them the Chuckanut Community Forest, Arroyo Park, the Interurban Trail, Woodstock Farm, Mud Bay and others.

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8/18/2021 08:21 AM

Please don't add parking or build.

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8/18/2021 09:32 AM

These trails are amazing and should be protected as they are. I discourage development unless it is for research, stewardship, or education.

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8/18/2021 10:57 AM

Close and reclaim/recover the redundant network of trails.

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8/18/2021 12:39 PM

It would be great to have some off leash trails. Some people think it's off leash already. Could we have at least one section designated as off leash? Kind of like how there is some off leash designation at Whatcom falls park. If it was well marked people would have a better understanding of off vs on leash expectations.

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8/18/2021 02:32 PM

No dogs on leash or off is my preference, but know there are too many who love their dogs and go there. The on leash rule is often abused by the dogs who are not controlled by owners. Could there be a required training and registration for dog owners?

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8/18/2021 03:00 PM

Please leave the woods in a unspoiled nature.

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8/18/2021 07:32 PM

Keep bikes out. Allow them only on Interurban.

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8/18/2021 08:51 PM

Forest functions pretty well currently. Don't mess with it too much!

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8/19/2021 07:59 AM

For the name - using anything "chuckanut" will be confusing since we already use the term chuckanuts to describe other areas to the south. For access - crossing fairhaven parkway is challenging and dangerous (especially for children) so adding crosswalks at intersections is a MUST.

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8/19/2021 11:04 AM

There should be a primary trail linking Fairhaven Park with the Interurban trail. All trails should avoid wetlands or cross on boardwalks or bridges. The proposed trail from 28th and Cody should connect to the Interurban trail. There should be a loop trail between Chuckanut Drive and the Interurban trail. Bicycles should be restricted to primary trails and a loop trail.

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8/19/2021 11:34 AM

Bathrooms are a necessity.

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8/19/2021 08:44 PM

I love that there is an area with quiet, unpaved trails so near to the center of town. I like that the trails feel like hiking trails (rather than wide paved or gravel trails) and that they're accesible elevation wise. Having this area as a resource means one doesn't have to go all the way up into the mountains to visit a quiet forest with soft dirt trails.

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8/20/2021 01:28 PM

Prefer mostly trails, not much else.

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8/20/2021 03:25 PM

The hundred acre woods is an absolute Bellingham gem exactly as it is. As someone who visits multiple times a week and has been using the area for 20 years, I would be devastated if the forested area was significantly changed. The fact that it is all accessible single track means that it feels like a forest still, which is amazing. It allows for easy, low elevation trail running, dog-walking, and mountain biking which is rare around town. Places like whatcom falls or the board-walk allow for completely accessible, outdoor walking, and so the 100 acre woods fills a different niche for community recreation. The addition of interpretive signs, paved paths, picnic areas, etc. would significantly change the character of the area, which it does not need, in my opinion. The only change I would make is to make the dog walking off-leash, since 99% of people do anyways, and that way new visitors or people with skittish/aggressive dogs would know what to expect instead of being surprised by off-leash dogs. I think the proposed trails on the map seem like they're in spots that need them, which is great to see good planning.

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8/21/2021 12:52 PM

Please do not develop it and leave it as wild as possible. Our dog does not like gravel trails this is the only place without them near our house.

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8/21/2021 02:15 PM

I want it to remain as natural as possible with little change. The only thing I would not be opposed to is eliminating some of the extra trails that have been made and returning them to native/natural areas. I like that there are not trail names and directional signs, it provides an opportunity for paying attention to your surroundings and the challenge of looking for and remembering landmarks. Keep it quiet and natural. It does not



need any structures. With increased use I think negative dog interactions and dog feces will be a problem so making it on leash is preferable.

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8/21/2021 03:58 PM

That the trails be maintained and enhanced. That the planning area excludes any development, other than projects that enhance the park for the community.

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8/21/2021 05:43 PM

Accessibility and preservation of the wild area. This is one of the most beautiful gems in Bellingham - please don't allow private development to encroach on this area.

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8/22/2021 07:11 PM

The reason that I checked "research" in my survey is that I have participated in amphibian surveys within the planning area, with the Whatcom County Amphibian Monitoring Program. Through this, I have learned that the planning area is rich in native frogs and salamanders, and in order to thrive, they depend on untrampled forest floor and wetlands/ ponds. Currently the forest is crisscrossed by many trails, some that are very close to wetland habitat or which run through wetlands. Mountain bikers have made new trails and have creating ramps and jumps. Dog owners routinely disregard the leash rule. In my ideal vision of this planning area, we would use it as a refugium and as habitat for native species. Good quality, undisturbed lowland habitat is a rarity, and we are very lucky to have a place like this on the edge of Bellingham. I believe we should strive to protect the natural habitat of the planning area as much as possible. Dogs should be on a leash. Mountain bikes should not be allowed (no bikes should be allowed). Perhaps some existing trails should be re-routed to protect sensitive habitat. Signs should be placed educating people why dogs should be leashed, why dogs and people should stay on trails; perhaps label plants and trees along one of the trails and create a scene more like a nature park and preserve, and less like an area to use for recreation. We have enough parks like that already. Lastly, I didn't put "contribution to climate resiliency" high on my priority list because I already had "undisturbed forest and wetlands" as high priority. It seems like there is redundancy with these two categories.

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8/22/2021 07:34 PM

As a 20+ year Happy Valley resident who has visited the "Hundred Acre Wood" over many years, I am concerned by the common and frequent occurrence of off-leash dogs despite this technically being an on-leash area. I also do not think this area is appropriate for

mountain biking as most of the trails are not designed to support this activity and get trashed out in a hurry during the wetter times of year. Bikes then attempt to bypass these boggy areas and widen trails or just punch through previously undisturbed habitat. There are oodles of trails elsewhere and this little wood does not seem capable of supporting any substantial volume of bike traffic(which it is now receiving). Both the off-leash dogs and the mountain-bikes also seem disruptive to the woods which have a rich diversity of birds and other wildlife I have not seen elsewhere in the area. Just the other day I watched a pileated woodpecker feeding on tree adjacent to a trail, at about eye level, which no doubt would have flushed if a biker or loose dog tore by. We are lucky to have been able to prevent this area from development and should do our best to preserve it.

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8/22/2021 08:29 PM

As far as dogs and leashes, it would be great if there were trails designated for off leash, and trails that were for on leash only. I walk my dog in the Hundred Acre Wood, and I would enjoy spaces where I could let her off leash for a bit. I do think it is also a great idea to have on leash trails as well so everyone can enjoy our fabulous space.

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8/23/2021 04:53 AM

Too many rules and signs will ruin it

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8/23/2021 10:48 AM

Maintaining and improving the ecological integrity of the area should be the first priority. Wetlands have degraded rapidly in the last 20+ years. Filling in the ditch be wetland JJ and KK should be done along with building a berm at the high point of the swale between KK and JJ1 to stop the loss of water from KK that was caused by the use of that area for road and trails. Consideration should be given to reintroducing beavers to wetland JJ2 after building a temporary dam at the outlet creek to better provide a viable reintroduction area for the beaver. beavers will contribute to the preservation of this, the largest wetland in the area.

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8/23/2021 11:17 AM

This is a community use forest that should be developed with education, walking and dog walking as primary concerns. People, like me, who helped to preserve this forest want it to continue to be what it has always been. A place for people to walk in the woods. This should be the primary concern for management. Preventing additional environmental damage is also a big concern, but the two need to be carefully balanced. More boardwalks would be good and stopping new unauthorized trail development. Many of the

proposed plans I have seen involved closing more than half of the existing trails. That is NOT a good idea for this area.

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8/23/2021 07:19 PM

Parks rules need to be posted at the 22nd St entrance.

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8/24/2021 07:07 AM

Thanks!

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8/24/2021 04:12 PM

A bit more proactive management would help, but not too much. The wildness of the area is an essential part of its attraction.

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8/24/2021 05:19 PM

I love the fact that the trails are unmarked and plentiful. Most people I talk to enjoy just getting "lost," as I do. To have trail signs would spoil that sense of adventure. If one wants to, they can follow a map, which would be much more fun anyway.

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8/24/2021 09:28 PM

I'm honored to have my tax dollars help pay for this environmental treasure. PLEASE, no tax dollars for "free" car parking. It's everywhere! The planet doesn't need more.

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8/24/2021 09:34 PM

We love the biking trails for our little kids, easily accessible from our house and how wide they are for the multi-use of walkers and bikers. Thank you!

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8/25/2021 01:35 PM

The land included in the plan ranges from completely undeveloped wildlife habitat to a busy urban park (e.g., Fairhaven Park). Your survey isn't finely grained enough to determine how these varying uses would be dispersed across the planning area. Obviously, there are areas where unleashed dogs would be fine, but there are areas where dogs should be leashed (or kept out entirely if there is sensitive habitat or wildlife present). So it's very difficult to answer your survey questions. The most common answer to most of the questions is "It depends!"

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8/25/2021 01:43 PM

There's enough paved trails around town. we should finish the bay to baker trail before we start bulldozing the last remaining woods in Bellingham. I am all for a learning center near Fairhaven park but ideally the 100 acre woods would be left untouched. A native plant garden near the park sounds cool. It would be really neat if there

was a mountain bike skills course near the Fairhaven Park entrance. I walk and bike this area all the time and it's an invaluable space for this community. It would be a shame to add signs and benches to these pristine woods. Just leave the 100 acre woods alone, and allocate all those funds towards a learning center in the park/mtb skills course for kiddos to hone their skills. Heck, throw in a pump track at the park too.. or whatever else y'all have planned. Incredibly grateful for these spaces all around town. Thanks, A

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8/25/2021 02:33 PM

I'm curious what specific roles this area plays in the health of adjoining creeks, i.e. runoff control and volume so that the MP is not seen in a vacuum. This area is linked to all of the other developed and undeveloped places in this sector as a system.

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8/25/2021 03:28 PM

Too small of an area to be supported as a destination mountain biking area, although through-riders/commuters should be allowed.

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8/25/2021 03:44 PM

The Hundred Acre Wood should be kept as close as possible to a wild state, without additional infrastructure.

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8/25/2021 09:00 PM

Expanded non paved trails; multiple picnic areas with tables; don't skimp on parking; not sure where boardwalks would be

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8/25/2021 09:13 PM

I am concerned that the wetlands and forest not become a park, focused on human recreation but remain a quiet, natural forest that humans may visit with respect and awe. No bicycles should be allowed. The interurban trails are nearby and provide for cyclists. Leave the forest to those who tread carefully & quietly.

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8/26/2021 11:43 AM

The use of mountain bikes in the woods are incompatible with the mission of keeping the forest environment preserved due to the small nature of the reserve and the large amounts of erosion they cause. Perhaps allowing bicycles to take a main trail through the woods should be allowed but full on mountain biking is incompatible.

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8/26/2021 11:47 AM

No bike access. Limited foraging. Eliminate some existing trails but no new trails.

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8/26/2021 12:23 PM

I greatly appreciate the natural feel of the area - I don't want the intrusion of buildings and formal pathways - we already have 2 buildings, a playground and tennis courts- enough. Small directional signs in the 100 acre area would help - it is easy to get lost. Happy to have Padden creek used for education- be nice maybe to have a sign or update on what they are doing or finding- we cherish this area and want to see it stay natural and healthy.

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8/26/2021 01:07 PM

The undeveloped nature of the park is neat. But some of the trails are not well thought out-- they deteriorate when it's wet, etc. The lack of trail signs is both annoying and great. During the lockdown I just walked into the park and wandered, getting lost and enjoying it. Another thing that's good about the trails is the variety. Some steep, some mellow. I can walk whatever I am in the mood for. I've come across homeless people camping in the park on several occasions. I found needles next to one encampment while mushroom hunting.

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8/26/2021 01:09 PM

Thanks for the opportunity to give feedback. Any additional parking should be limited to the Fairhaven Park location. No need to create formal classrooms and Pavillions, the latter of which might invite noisy crowds. Much of what makes the current space special is how undeveloped it is! What a great way for kids to learn! For the same reasons, add some signage, benches, etc. but keep it minimal. I'm a bit concerned about the likelihood of the ranked questions skewing in favor of a) closing trails and/or b) adding pavement. Here's why . . . The ranked list did not include recreation - only "trails". So, for example, there's no opportunity to express interest in a robust and maintained network of trails for mountain biking and/or the addition of a mountain bike skills training area, which might be popular with casual/recreational mountain bikers and school mountain biking clubs. Instead, there are four options for conservation, which stack the deck in favor of "justifications" for trail closures which might threaten the appeal of mountain bike recreation. Then as far as accessibility (an important priority) goes, trails should NOT be paved, but crushed stone and wooden boardwalks could provide accessibility (which you should have emphasized in the survey.) Again, thanks for the chance to provide feedback.

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8/26/2021 01:14 PM

If dog owners were all responsible owners, then we could have an off-leash policy but there are always piles of poop that irresponsible owners leave behind! I have even encountered concerned citizens CLEANING up dog poop than the

IRRESPONSIBLE owners leave!

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8/26/2021 02:23 PM

Access to this green space saved me during the first few months of the pandemic. Being able to go on solo walks in the hundred acre woods when things felt so scary and unsure kept me sane and gave me hope

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8/26/2021 03:16 PM

off site parking should be encouraged. in Fairhaven and 25th St. Increased walking access and signage from happy valley via 22nd and 28th A trail head in Fairhaven park with bike racks and improved toilets, in a multi purpose" educational" building for pre entry to the forest.

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8/26/2021 03:19 PM

I love the rustic, unimproved nature of the hundred acre woods. improving some of the main trails seems like a good idea (some of the arterials get swampy in the wintertime), but I don't think pavement would be a good fit :)

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8/26/2021 03:28 PM

One of the most wonderful things about the space is that you can get lost in it. And that it takes time and concentration to remember where the payhs go and recognize the signs in nature they give you directions. Also, it is one of the few places in our city where kids and adults can learn from a natural environment without signs telling them everything. I think some wheelchair access paths would be wonderful, but having most of the paths natural and muddy during winter and dusty in summer is great for those who love intersecting with nature. I would hate to see it too tamed.

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8/26/2021 03:42 PM

1. Care should be taken with bikes in the park. Perhaps limiting bikes to a main through trail. Other trails should be limited to walking only. Bikes and walkers are not safety compatible on narrow trails, and most trails in the park should remain narrow or retired altogether. 2. The survey does not clearly account for restoration and preservation of the natural ecosystem as the priority for this park, but rather focuses on uses. I would have ranked restoration and preservation of natural ecosystem as the number one priority for this park, even if doing so limits certain uses, but this was not a listed option at all.

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8/26/2021 04:09 PM

Would love to see a mountain bike skills area!

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8/26/2021 04:26 PM

I got to pay for the 100 acre wood so some local rich people could take their dog on a poop walk! This should have been a housing development. Its got the city utility's and support and we need housing. This was a gravel pit, not some pristine old growth forest!

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8/26/2021 04:27 PM

Clear park boundaries and wayfinding signs are a must (those cool map designs at Whatcom Falls Park would be a great addition.) Additional dog waste disposal units should be installed at the various entry points along with leash expectations and signs that promote the preservation of the natural surroundings which is why dogs should not be allowed to roam and run freely about. But please make getting rid of the waste EASY! Although I know there is strong history of mountain biking/jumping in this particular area I hope is is prohibited as it does not fit with the mission statement of the park. Our entire Bellingham community currently does not have a place to walk in the woods without the threat of ped/bike collisions. If bikes are permitted they should be relegated to the main trails only as commuter trails. The park needs to be accessible to the disabled. Care needs to be taken to promote and improve access for this population. I do not see this park as one typical of having picnic shelters and play areas for kids as much as one for families and individuals to walk and run in our naturally beautiful area. The northern parts of Fairhaven park already contain these elements. Thank you for this opportunity to participate.

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8/26/2021 04:57 PM

Mountain bicyclists not riding very responsibly in some areas and thus wearing new trails ad hoc into the wilderness.

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8/26/2021 05:04 PM

We live close to the forest (and have been paying taxes to purchase the forest). I would strongly prefer that the forest maintain its current undeveloped character. Hence, I would prefer that we do not overdevelop the forest. From my perspective, appropriate improvements could include a kiosk(s) with map of area and trails, trail signs for major trails, and crushed gravel for limited major trails (not all trails). However, I am not in favor of additional development as we have other park areas in Bellingham that can serve those who wish to be in a more developed park.

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8/26/2021 05:56 PM

Please keep this space a haven for nature, wildlife, and native fauna. I appreciate greatly being able to walk these trails, and drink in the natural beauty. We need more of this kind of space! Thank

you.

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8/26/2021 06:19 PM

Prepare the trail and access plans to account for possible residential development in a 200-300ft corridor along Chuckanut Drive. It won't happen soon, but it will happen. It will suck, but we should be prepared.

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8/26/2021 06:22 PM

I walk here daily and I would really hate to see anything changed too much. It's beautiful just the way it is, undisturbed. Please do not go in there and start putting cement walkways or take out brush. Part of the enjoyment of being there is that it's quiet and undisturbed. I like that trails have logs that have come down and overgrown brush. Nothing needs to be done and please do not commercialize hundred acre woods. It's wonderful as is, undisturbed and off the beaten trail. We don't need equipment going in and clearing larger trails. It's fun to explore the narrow little trails and offshoots and wonder where it's going to come out. Please, please do not do anything to the park. It's wonderful as is.

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8/26/2021 06:49 PM

Keep this place as natural as possible. And why are bikes allowed in? People don't need sidewalks and kiosks and directions and information and plaques in the forest. They need nature in its purest form.

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8/26/2021 08:27 PM

Please don't build up the area too much, a huge part of it's appeal is how natural/undisturbed it is! The feeling of getting "lost" in the woods in the middle of the city is a treasure, and changing the environment would take away from that.

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8/26/2021 09:05 PM

I appreciate these woods very much. We use it frequently, walking directly from our house to walk, run bike and often take the dog. I use it to connect with the interurban trail as well as just to be "in the woods" for quiet time. I'd like to see it continue to be a forested area and would hate to see it developed as a park. It would benefit from a bit of limited signage. Would love to see just a handful of trail markers to provide points of reference.

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8/26/2021 09:33 PM

I think this area should be a designated off-leash zone for dogs. It would be a great extension of the arroyo off-leash area. As the owner of Paws For A Beer, I would happily sit down and have a discussion about this idea



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8/27/2021 04:44 AM

We should leave it as it is.

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8/27/2021 07:21 AM

This area is unique in the greenways system. It is still "undeveloped." It would be nice if could be maintained. Designated trails and bridges/boardwalks where needed are really the only improvements I would like.

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8/27/2021 07:33 AM

Trail maintenance and upkeep during the wet months should be an obvious and important part of this area. If this isn't important to people than they don't use this area much for our 9 months of the year when it's wet.

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8/27/2021 09:56 AM

The less development the better. Blocking off some unauthorized trails and trying to funnel people into a reasonable number of authorized trails (as is already being done) is a good idea but for the most part it should just be left alone.

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8/27/2021 09:59 AM

Keep trails multi-use

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8/27/2021 10:01 AM

Please leave it as is. Maybe allow a community group to rebuild the bike track that was in the middle of it in the 90's but that's it. Definitely don't build eyesore kiosks or update any trails

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8/27/2021 10:27 AM

Minimal development, please. I appreciate this area in it's natural state

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8/27/2021 10:32 AM

Garbage management

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8/27/2021 11:07 AM

Please keep bike access, it is very important for the surrounding neighbors and broader Bellingham generally. Please keep most/all the smaller natural surface trails, as it is a main feature of the space and used regularly by visitors.

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8/27/2021 11:07 AM

I think it should be kept in it's natural state except for appropriate bridges, trails and parking that offers accessibility to everyone

(including wheel chairs etc.)

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8/27/2021 11:16 AM

Please keep this area free of pavement and invasive species.

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8/27/2021 11:45 AM

please do not over-develop this Bellingham gem! Nearby Fairhaven Park is more manicured. What is refreshing about 100 acre woods is that it is not manicured; it is natural. Please please be considerate of this as a natural forest sanctuary that is needed. Please do not pave trails through this area!

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8/27/2021 11:49 AM

Getting to the park on foot, bike, and by transit should be encouraged by limiting parking and installation of bike racks at \*all\* access points and in areas where people may logically leave bikes to do an activity. Too often the only way of getting to local parks, that is facilitated, is by car. It's rare that I can't find a place to park my car, and it's rare that I CAN find a place to park my bike. More people are moving here and for well documented reasons we need to start facilitating people moving by less impactful means. It should be an easy choice. Finally, many will argue that bike racks at trail access points is a bad idea due to theft. Let people on bikes make the calculation whether it's safe to leave their bikes. The same argument applies to parking spaces at access points, yet we have plenty of those.

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8/27/2021 12:07 PM

The City of Bellingham should consider doing an enviromental assessment on the space next to Fairhaven Park. This space should be kept as a wildlife sanctuary, not become a dog park. As you can see in this Youtube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCC4sV19x4pH5XDDJEBu1yQ>) it is home to animals like deer and barred owls.

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8/27/2021 12:38 PM

What a great asset for the community.

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8/27/2021 01:41 PM

Keep the trails natural, no paving no gravel. Value is as natural area in the city. Keep like Simpson Preserve. Keep wild. Stop any new trails, but keep existing small ones that branch off main trails. This area should stay as natural as possible and NOT have "park" improvements. Tks.

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8/27/2021 02:00 PM

Adding a pump track would be a great addition. clearly with how popular the waterfront pump track is, getting something like that closer to families on the south side of town should be a big priority.

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8/27/2021 03:29 PM

The existing trails in 100acre woods are nice beginner friendly mountain bike trails.

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8/27/2021 05:17 PM

The current conservation easement with CCFPD permits many kinds of development that are not compatible with the place as it is now, the vision of a "community forest," or its designation as "open space." In particular, developments permitted in conservation easement section IV(1)(a,b,f,h-t) would degrade the natural quality of the area and increase maintenance and management burdens for the city. Those uses should be excluded in an amended conservation easement and they should not be excluded from the master planning process. Introductory comments acknowledge likely historic use of the area by Indigenous peoples. Responsible master planning should consult representatives of the Lummi Nation, and elevate their advice or guidelines to requirements the master plan must fulfill.

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8/27/2021 06:07 PM

I have noticed on other trails and forests that dogs are allowed to use the forest as a toilet and the owners rarely clean up after them. Calling your attention to lake padden trails. This pollutes the streems, ground water, ponds and Puget sound. Having baggie stations at the enterances of each trail could help people do the right thing. It makes me realize how bad things have really gotten when I go on walks in these irreplaceabe forests with my family. Thank you.

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8/27/2021 07:58 PM

If am not mistaken, the levy that South Bham residents voluntarily taxed themselves to pay for the CCF, has been paid off. We are now being asked to continue to be taxed to keep an office running for this study/planning; something that should have been completed well before now. Please do better.

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8/28/2021 07:54 AM

Need more trash receptacles on Interurban in area. Do not like proposed access across Cody Circle

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8/28/2021 08:29 AM

Just thank you!

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8/28/2021 11:20 AM

If dogs are allowed have dog waste disposal system because people leave their pet's waste behind on the trails today - even in their dog waste bags.

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8/28/2021 11:43 AM

I really think that bikes should not be allowed in the park - the trails are narrow and often have limited visibility and it is easy for bikers to charge unexpectedly around corners and nearly hit hikers (as has happened to me on multiple occasions)

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8/28/2021 12:00 PM

Lack of trash receptacles throughout the trail system result in people leaving garbage.

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8/28/2021 12:05 PM

Dog poop bag and garbage can at major trailheads. Maps posted ("You are here"). Forestry/Tree management plan and Restoration plan incorporated into the Master Plan

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8/28/2021 12:59 PM

I think the whole of Bellingham should be taxed to support this area and not just Edgemore, Fairhaven, Happy Valley and South Hill. This tax is unfair taxation on these communities.

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8/28/2021 02:07 PM

In my mind Chuckanut Community Forest is not an extension of Fairhaven Park, although it is adjacent to it. CCF should not be used as a park but as a nature preserve. I am adamantly opposed to allowing dogs off leash as there are several off-leash dog parks in the city already. Permitting dogs to run off leash has the potential to damage native vegetation and sensitive ecological areas. I realize, however, that in reality many dog owners will not adhere to any leash regulations in the CCF.

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8/28/2021 03:59 PM

This area was preserved as a natural area and from development at a price about \$4 million above market value. Our city should not 1. Over develop a park 2. Create structures that create operational expenditures to the greatest degree possible

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8/28/2021 06:08 PM

Leave the are as is with minimal disturbance! It is beautiful in its present state. Leave it alone!

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No activities should be allowed that may cause mechanical noise

8/28/2021 07:17 PM

(radios, motor bikes, playing music, motorized toys,) or otherwise disturb wildlife or other people enjoying unspoiled nature. Either special trails for off trail biking or no off trail type biking at all.

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Thank you for your work!

8/28/2021 07:26 PM

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Create a larger area that maintains a forested quality. Preserve the space with minimal additions-we don't need a bunch of people in there creating pavilions or educational areas (maybe post an educational flyer on a city website so people/kids can explore on their own), the plants are already "native"-leave them alone and let them grow. Please maintain dirt trails as they are through forested areas, the limestone is nice on areas that are closer to higher traffic areas.

8/29/2021 07:32 AM

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It is pretty perfect right now. A few direction signs would help those who don't know the area by heart. Thank you for your stewardship.

8/29/2021 08:26 AM

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The upkeep of the area after the initial work has been done is most important . So many parks in Bellingham are neglected once they are developed, Cornwall Park., as an example. The trails there are in very bad shape. I remember when it was developed and now it's sad to see . Let's keep up this new area after it's developed. Will the Park department step up and do the job or will local neighbors and volunteers do the work as at Broadway Park .....

8/29/2021 09:29 AM

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Some stretches of trail that are often wet would benefit from minimal enhancement for avoidance of mud.

8/29/2021 10:00 AM

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I would love to see this area become a local park, protected in perpetuity from sale and incursion by development, supported by public taxes.

8/29/2021 01:49 PM

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I'd like to see horses permitted on trails

8/29/2021 01:56 PM

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Limit trails that run too close to adjoining private property. Review current trails to make sure no trails run on private property. Better control water runoff on trails. Some trails are really wet and muddy

8/29/2021 02:15 PM

in the winter.

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No electric bikes in the planning area.

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8/29/2021 04:54 PM

There is a rapidly increasing number of 'social trails' destroying vegetation and frequent playing in the Padden Creek stream bed.

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8/29/2021 06:11 PM

How to stop unauthorized trail building.

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8/30/2021 12:33 AM

I would like the planning committee to consider having some trails dedicated to walkers/hikers only. Many of the trails are not conducive to joint use and having it as such, is often a safety hazard, especially with children on the trails. FYI, I am a hiker and mountain biker, so I support both sports being accommodated safely. Thank you for giving the community an opportunity to voice our concerns/suggestions. It is a community treasure worth preserving with thoughtful planning.

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8/30/2021 10:03 AM

Please move quickly to get this ready

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8/30/2021 10:04 AM

Clearly mark the trails you want people to use and demolish and retire the foot paths you don't want people to use. Use low profile barriers such as split rail fence as a temporary measure to channel preferred trail use until native vegetation and soils are sufficiently restored.

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8/30/2021 11:05 AM

I personally don't ride a bike through here much, but I would like to continue to see biking allowed in this forest. It is an especially accessible place for families and young children to learn how to ride on trails without cars present, and the terrain is much more gentle than Arroyo Park or Galbraith, which are both steep for the intro-level rider. I have only ever had respectful interactions with people riding through here, and often see children on their parents handlebars or on their own tiny mountain bikes. I also think directional signage is an important part of accessibility in this forest. Numerous times I have had to answer someone's questions about how to get back to Fairhaven Park or the Interurban trail from the middle of the forest.

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8/30/2021 12:41 PM

This property needs to remain in its natural state with no "improvements" only light trail maintenance and active sound stewardship to minimize human impacts.

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8/30/2021 02:00 PM

Too many people and unleashed dogs will chase the wildlife away and trample plants. Keep it natural.

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8/30/2021 04:12 PM

I do not think there should be any development in this area. I want these woods to be as natural as possible.

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8/30/2021 04:16 PM

Please keep the woods natural and untouched. That's what makes it so special!

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8/30/2021 04:43 PM

I would LOVE trails for specific purposes only. Trails for walking only, trails for biking only, and just a few mixed use trails. Also, directional biking trails are best so some sort of signage for that. And, keep it an "on-leash" area for dogs!!! Our family loves dogs, but hates off leash areas. We NEVER have our dog off leash when off our property, and we prefer other dog owners also keep their dogs on leash, for the safety of all who use the trails. Also, I LOVE renaming the space The Chuckanut Community Forest.

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8/30/2021 05:25 PM

I see no reason to be on leash I would say that at least 95% of users are walking dogs friendly dogs In all the years I have walked there -sometimes twice a day 5-7 days a week-- have only met.2 or 3 DOG walkers with leashed dogs who could be aggressive. All warned ahead of time and got well.off the trail. Have not seen hardly any dog waste either. I know.of several who.pack out poop.backs that others have left behind. I think.we.all.appreciate the area and treat it respectfully. Rarely any garbage either. I feel the less interference the better. we are responsible and don't need babysitters.

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8/30/2021 05:53 PM

No dogs at all would be my preference, as would no bicycles at all.

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8/30/2021 09:03 PM

There should be many decommissioned trails, but it is great to have a nice network or both single track and wider, gravel trails. Many areas get quite wet so bridges and walkways in the wetland area should be a priority.

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8/31/2021 07:43 AM

This boundry area is way more than the chuckanut forest.

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8/31/2021 11:17 AM

I hope that the main trails will remain open to mountain bikes, so a person can ride between Chuckanut Drive, the Interurban Trail, and Fairhaven Park. I also hope all trails remain open to leashed dogs and that at least one loop trail be available for unleashed dogs.

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8/31/2021 11:47 AM

I would like to see clear priorities for the area and recommend the top priority be given to protection and enhancement of ecological function. This is a gem among COB park assets, and there are plenty of other parks already developed with hardscape amenities. Consistent with a priority for ecological protection, financial resources should be devoted to protecting existing trail integrity (reduce mudholes), removing invasive plant species (holly, ivy, blackberry), and restoring damaged areas. De-emphasize or restrict bicycle use, as it can be hazardous to pedestrians and impacts trails. Please acknowledge that there are few access locations that will accommodate large numbers of cars. Emphasize parking access primarily from Fairhaven Park. I would support well-crafted interpretive and behavioral signage, as well as coordination with schools and community groups for educational programming in the Wood.

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8/31/2021 11:52 AM

Please make sure we have MTB trails especially for our kids. Fairhaven middle school is right next to this park and our kids need more ways to recreate near there schools.

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8/31/2021 12:25 PM

Re: plaques-No corporate ones. Re Cost to maintain: have the ENTIRE CITY start paying for this, Not just us on the south side. Post SIGNS re Bicycle use and rules. (THIS one thing can really destroy our habitats. It is so utterly devistating to see the damage done by bike riders who simply don't give a d--n

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8/31/2021 03:05 PM

Though some have said there are too many redundant trails, those trails are really not redundant. They allow you to avoid people and respect your own and their solitude, otherwise we would be walking in lockstep like the trail around Lake Padden or Green Lake. Most of these redundant trails do not traverse wetland areas Mountain Biking and Ebikes should not be allowed, Families with



kids on bikes are fine. There are plenty of places to bike other than the 100 Acre Woods

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8/31/2021 03:23 PM

It is great there are so many different trails for distancing and solitude (they are not "redundant.") Since there are many places to ride bikes, it would be nice if these trails could be for walkers/hikers/ dog walkers. I think the forest is unique as it is, and would hate to turn it into something with kiosks, classrooms, etc. Leave it as undisturbed as possible while doing some trail maintenance.

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8/31/2021 03:36 PM

Your survey does not work well on iPad (cannot scroll all number ratings nor enter a number from keyboard)

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8/31/2021 08:39 PM

I would like to see the area to remain as natural as possible by keeping the trails in the woods as dirt/unimproved. Providing some improvements to drainage in problem wet areas would be helpful but otherwise keep it as it is now.

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9/01/2021 07:08 AM

Poop bag stations and garbage cans at fairhaven Park and viewcrest trailheads.

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9/01/2021 10:59 AM

Your outreach for this survey is horrible. Not everyone has smartphone QR capability. You really have to dig to find the online survey by another means. Mountain bikes on the single path trails is becoming a problem. I almost got flattened by one guy going faster than I could step aside. If I hadn't heard his squeaking bike behind me, who knows what would have occurred.

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9/01/2021 11:43 AM

I hate to be a grumpy old man, but..... when groups of runners gather off of 24th and Lindsay for their intended runs, they often stand in the middle of the street (24th) milling around rather than stand on the paved sidewalk on the east side of 24th. This makes it rather frustrating and difficult for us drivers trying to safely get by, especially when we are greeted by sneers and upset faces, as if standing in the middle of a public street is an acceptable mode of gathering. Grumble. Grumble. Grumble.

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9/01/2021 05:44 PM

The Forest is so fragile, we need to "improve" it as little as possible.

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9/01/2021 06:15 PM

Enforce the leash law. Trails are narrow and often busy. I encounter many off leash. Most are friendly, but not all. "Dogs will be dogs!"

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9/01/2021 07:03 PM

Thoughts in no particular order - Reduction and removal of invasive plants for example E. ivy, Herb Robert, E. Holly, it has been great to see this already underway! - Removal of tents and discouraging "camping" - Protecting seasonal wetland and wet areas with board walks and replanting damaged areas - removal of bike tracks and replant these areas - create trail system with a circular main trail and narrower loop trails. Main/access trails limestone or boardwalks in wet areas, if possible narrower trails be soil if sustainable. A lot of new trails have appeared in the past 1.5 years, probably more than is good for wildlife habitat. Some of these could be restored with planting. If accessible paved trails are developed they would need accessible parking, this might be good in the current Fairhaven Park area, not sure how well it would work in the current forest area. (I've observed the frequent use of the paved trail at Squalicum Creek Park by elderly visitors.) - educating public about the impact on wildlife when dogs are off leach

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9/01/2021 07:46 PM

I think we need to provide geographic limits to bicycle traffic within the area.

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9/01/2021 08:24 PM

Our city is already blessed with acres and acres of green space traversed with multiple use trails. I think the Hundred Acre Woods should remain true to its original CONSERVATION easement, i.e., keeping the area as wild as possible for wildlife and vegetation habitat and to aid in climate resiliency. Some low impact trails for walking, yes, but NO bike trails, pavement, parking, buildings, etc. Keep it green and wild-- we won't have another chance like this.

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9/01/2021 08:27 PM

Would be nice to have a trash can near popular entrances and planet-friendly poop bag dispenser ☺

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9/01/2021 09:03 PM

A mountain bike specific trail or two would be great

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9/02/2021 08:17 AM

Limit traffic to foot traffic as much as possible

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9/02/2021 11:50 AM

This area is such a treasure. We need to preserve it and not allow it to be overrun.

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9/02/2021 01:35 PM

Other than at entrances where there could be educational information i think the minimal amount of disturbance is best. Even as a cyclist I am careful to minimize my impact by staying on trails and walking my bike when on narrow ones, or to not create more erosion on hillsides or steep trails. (in future if place to lock my bike at entrance i would not bike, to avoid impact in this area, that is not on already interurban rock based trail.) Many of our parks are being damaged by continual new off trail cut throughs as mt bikers want moguls etc., for extreme adventure. I feel this should be limited to places already set aside. Galbraith and pump track, whatcom, cordata and most other parks that have made areas for this form of riding that is not really conducive to wildlife or trees.

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9/02/2021 02:33 PM

The dirt trails are very nice for people and, especially, dogs (tender pads), but some trail segments need to be improved with boardwalks or limestone because of wetlands/mud in winter. Trained dogs under handler's control should be allowed off-leash, with liability for harm strictly enforced!

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9/02/2021 04:30 PM

Ecological continuity and integration with Arroyo Park and Chuckanuts must be a concern. An assessment of the value of ecological services should be prepared.

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9/02/2021 05:49 PM

People parking on 16th Street when visiting the park. This hasn't been a problem but it's on my radar screen.

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9/02/2021 07:31 PM

I have concerns about the Wildlife being pushed out of their habitat with too many trails. Dogs are unlawfully let off their leashes now.....they race through the woods, chasing the wildlife. I only see it getting worse.

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9/02/2021 07:46 PM

The original intent of this property (paid for by self-taxing of citizens in that tax district - as well as Greenway Funds) was to leave it as untouched as possible. There should be no community running races and bike races through this property. Occasional benches and some signage will contribute to the enjoyment of the quiet and solitude that many people not only seek, but need.

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9/02/2021 08:30 PM

It's a fantastic asset for the community that I fear but can't confirm is underutilized. I'm there pretty often and rarely if ever see full parking lots and rarely see more than a few other people on the trails. While I would not mind keeping the status quo for selfish reasons (less wear and tear, more solitude), it is in fact a community asset that should be wisely, effectively planned and then managed to preserve what's best about it while increasing awareness of and access to the park.

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9/02/2021 09:23 PM

Please keep the natural aspects of the Forrest intact. Do not add too many man made aspects to harm the integrity of the nature surroundings.

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9/02/2021 09:44 PM

Bring back the beavers!

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9/02/2021 10:15 PM

I would sat that this remnant of forest should be left alone to be as it would be if people didnt have access to it at all, but having some mobility problems I appreciate well maintained trails.

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9/03/2021 08:35 AM

keep it as natural as possible

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9/03/2021 09:21 AM

I would not encourage bicycle use. Today's knobby tires kick up dust on the flats and as back wheels are typically locked up going down hills, make more dust hikers have to breath.

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9/03/2021 09:38 AM

It should be first and foremost a forest, not a park, emphasizing wildlife. Trails should be limited to major only, not all the little side trails, so people can enter from the four directions. Dogs should definitely be on leash. Wetland areas should be connected, using wooden bridges where necessary to facilitate connecting flows.

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9/03/2021 09:38 AM

Keep it simple! Keep the entire area multi-user, with no preferences given to any particular individuals or user groups. Keep "special interests" out of this planning boundary. This means we are all in this equally including walkers, runners, bikers, horseback riders, dog walkers (dogs on leashes to prevent issues - not everyone has a well trained dog), seniors, children, the

physically and mentally challenged, South siders, Northerners, county folk; everyone and every group equal, no preferences. I think that the area should be kept in it's current natural condition with very few modifications other than minor trail maintenance including drainage improvements and/or boardwalks, and surface improvements where necessary but kept to a minimum. Any added signage should be kept to the area boundary trailheads, not inside the boundary area. Permanent facilities and shelters should not be added because they are for special interests, are expensive to build, and require upkeep and maintenance. They are usually underutilized and are a source for vandalism and graffiti. Keep it simple. Keep expenditures down and utilize volunteers as much as possible. Spend greenway and tax dollars on maintenance and acquiring more land, not special interests.

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9/03/2021 09:47 AM

Pavement is very hard on human and dog joints for running. I would prefer the trails to be limestone or soft forest floor trails. And NO BIKES!! Bikes have plenty of areas they can go. It is safer for pedestrians, birdwatchers, children, dogs if their are no vehicles on trails. That way you can relax and enjoy without looking over your shoulder and having to yield/ jump off trail all the time. Plus bikes tear up forest trails exposing roots and exponentially accelerating erosion and soil runoff leading to pollution of soil runoff into the waterways. Like Padden Creek where enormous effort and \$ is being spent to rehabilitate salmon habitat. Please keep the trails like the Stimpson Family Nature Reserve on Lake Louise Road. Thank you!

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9/03/2021 09:59 AM

We enjoy the area very much. It is very easily accessible from South Hill. The area offers a peaceful oasis.

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9/03/2021 10:50 AM

This is a beautiful and pristine place. Those are hard to find in Bellingham. I would prefer to keep it exactly as it is right now. The only addition I think is most important is more parking.

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9/03/2021 12:01 PM

We have no right to disturb this habitat.

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9/03/2021 01:43 PM

Trails should be narrowed or kept to their existing width. Parking space should not be enlarged.

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I think this area should remain as untouched as possible. Although

9/03/2021 05:37 PM

I don't mind the mountain bikers making some courses.

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9/03/2021 07:18 PM

We need to maintain the precious and beautiful forests of Bellingham

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9/04/2021 06:54 AM

I would like the park to stay a quite area where owl sightings are common and dog poop is picked up. Quite forested areas are becoming a rare thing in Bellingham. Let us work to preserve this

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9/04/2021 12:21 PM

I'm concerned about adding elements that attract people to hang out in groups and make noise. Those activities can be done in Fairhaven Park. The forest should be for quiet time, listening to wilderness.

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9/04/2021 01:39 PM

Bikes only in designated areas

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9/04/2021 01:50 PM

I'd like the signage to happen. I still get lost all the time so only walk when I have a lot of extra time. I'd like to see some of the dirt bikes trails eliminated.

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9/04/2021 02:11 PM

Make desgnated parts of trails off limits to bicycles to limit damage.

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9/04/2021 04:02 PM

Most important is to conserve and maintain or expand current natural forest area and forest trails with minimal/no infrastructure.

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9/04/2021 04:11 PM

One (1) graded main path is plenty. Leave the rest un-graded, un-improved, un-paved. Eliminating about half of the existing paths would be fine, as would a few rough boardwalks/bridges to protect wetlands. Think in terms of a couple of loops--say, one leg on top of the northern ridge, one main one up the middle, one toward the southern edge, with three or four connecting legs. Leave a few very steep, so it's not all civilized and simple. The recent 8 foot wide crushed limestone path up from Fairhaven Park is a good example of what NOT to do--really, what's the point? We don't need space to march four abreast without tripping hazards; this is supposed to be a natural area, not a formal garden or parade ground. PS: Thanks!

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9/04/2021 04:52 PM

It is sometimes difficult to walk with bikers who race on the trail. Possibly designated bike times or bike regulations to keep pedestrians safe.

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9/04/2021 04:52 PM

Once again, I would argue a look at ACFL...Anacortes...The trails are thoughtfully planned and organized in a way that best serves the terrain. We need more spaces similar to what Anacortes has preserved.

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9/04/2021 04:59 PM

I found the survey interesting and would like to hear the pros and cons about development of a native garden, outdoor classroom space, use for scientific study etc. I think the community would benefit from having information presented before having to fill out this survey.

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9/04/2021 05:47 PM

More trail signage with limited mountain bike trails.

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9/04/2021 06:15 PM

Information about any future construction plans.

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9/04/2021 06:32 PM

Leave it as is per the original purpose--conservation and preservation as is, a working forest, wildlife habitat--don't turn it into a park with benches, paved trails. Move E. planning boundary back to the Interurban trail.

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9/04/2021 07:55 PM

I answered "not sure" to most of the above questions because I think choice of location matters tremendously. My biggest concern is that the heavily forested parts of the planning area remain unchanged and more useful to wildlife than to humans. I don't think it would be a problem to add some of the above human-focused improvements directly along the interurban trail section or around/within the recreation area of Fairhaven Park. I love dogs but keeping them on leash is an accessibility need for many people, and there's already an off leash dog park in the Fairhaven Neighborhood.

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9/04/2021 09:32 PM

Remove all invasive, non-native plants. Restore native vegetation as needed.

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9/04/2021 10:05 PM

The trails need signage - so easy to get lost in there

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9/04/2021 10:31 PM

Eradicate mountain bike trails built unofficially

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9/05/2021 08:00 AM

I would create better access for all. Open up areas to let natural light in. Pave a few major trails.

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9/05/2021 08:06 AM

The number of trails should be limited. Right now, there are too many.

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9/05/2021 08:13 AM

Use Anacortes Community Forest for a model.

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9/05/2021 10:26 AM

This should not be a mountain biking area as there are currently a proliferation of mountain biking trails. Definitely off limits to electric bikes.

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9/05/2021 11:58 AM

Disturb as little as possible

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9/05/2021 12:33 PM

I like it just the way it is, but you could close off some of the redundant trails.

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9/05/2021 01:29 PM

Too many criss-crossing trails at present. Some could be closed down while others improved on. Items marked "not sure" above depend on how big and where located.

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9/05/2021 06:32 PM

I'd walk here more often but I'm afraid I'll get lost. There no signs AT ALL. I've left sticks to mark my trail but I still can't find where I was I'm a prior walk.

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9/05/2021 08:38 PM

Needs to be treated like the jewel it is. Please recognize its unique qualities, and how important it is as a wild, protected place.

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9/06/2021 07:31 AM

Preserve the wildness. Protect the biological and ecological function of this property.



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9/06/2021 09:12 AM

Please try to keep mountain bikers, their knobby tires and inherently accelerated erosion out of the 100 acre wood.

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9/06/2021 09:26 AM

keeping the area a natural as possible

Screen Name Redacted

9/06/2021 10:11 AM

1) Given the area's proximity to other nearby green areas, I would hope connectivity to those areas is being kept in mind as this planning work moves forward. 2)it would also be helpful to understand how this planning boundary differs from earlier iterations.

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9/06/2021 11:11 AM

Some of the cedars bark is being striped - is this being allowed because the trees are dead? Is this sanctioned?

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9/06/2021 03:53 PM

That the trails be left as is for developing a sense of direction and remaining less intrusive.

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9/06/2021 03:57 PM

Improving the trail system with maps would be great. Keeping it preserved as much as possible would be my highest priority.

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9/06/2021 09:07 PM

no homeless camps

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9/06/2021 11:23 PM

We have enjoyed these woods since the 70s. They deserve to be left as natural as possible with very minimal footprint. Any changes will begin to infringe on the wild magic of this 100 acre wood. thank you

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9/07/2021 10:11 AM

Please don't "improve" the space. It is great how it is.

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9/07/2021 12:20 PM

It would be a shame for this area to become more developed and have wildlife habitat further degraded. This is why I don't believe that the Small multi-purpose outdoor seating area or Covered view pavilion are good ideas for this area.

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9/07/2021 01:11 PM

Mixed use is very important to me and my family (bike, hike)We would love love love the Connelly Trail system be included to change it from an island to a safe, natural way to access to Arroyo and Fairhaven/beyond. We live the less disturbed feel of the 100 acre Woods and would be concerned if development inside included paved trails or more limestone. We very much appreciate and have contributed to the tending of the trails that have taken place over the last 5 years and the outskirts being made more accessible has been positive this far, and, again, bringing that into the 100 acre woods would risk the treasure of safe, unmarked trails. Yes, it takes some doing to know them and, what a gift to have this in our city limits. Thanks for asking for input!

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9/07/2021 01:41 PM

Please keep this a quiet and peaceful forest retreat for humans and wildlife

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9/07/2021 04:41 PM

Non-approved uses, e.g. mountain bike use off trail and building of ramps, etc. I'm concerned about the number of existing trails and their condition. I suggest keeping the area as undeveloped as possible, that includes minimizing trails, staying away from sensitive areas (wetlands/ponds), and limiting extras like shelters, benches, and viewpoints.

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9/07/2021 04:51 PM

Many questions remain at "not sure" due to an overall perspective of 40 plus years of south bellingham living, a life ful of a father and siblings dragging me onto trails, decades of 100 acres wood hiking. Many of those trails were forged by the wildlife. Great teaching for the woods full of skunk weed and stinging nettles, sinking in bogs that your boots wouldn't come out of, and yes the odd unsettled individual all women should have their senses on for) Excellent learning. Even having to find, calm, self care and find my way home. Again, excellent learning in a small patch of relatively very safe woods.!!! These are lessons of self reliance and in our soft but brutal society, self belief and self reliance is so important to revisit throughout our lives! Yes, some of the lower traits could be improved for access. But the woods were fought for, and paid in part by taxpayers of many years in this area to protect wildlife and refuse a ridiculous development ok'ed by the city. So i am opposed to significant development of any sort. Folks do not need padded seats, children do not need large covered spaces for learning. It does rain in the northwest. Funny that. You know another funny would have been suggesting ('or whining") that I was cold, wet,, or needed a chair on my childhood hikes! It's hard being a littlest sister! Enjoy rain, rain gear, mud and trails. Or don't. Noise, noise,

noise! Keep your voices down folks, esp groups and families with loud interactions. Learn to respect your wildlife by quieting and listening!

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9/07/2021 08:28 PM

This is one of the few relatively undisturbed forests in Bellingham and it's full of wildlife. Let's be part of the solution

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9/07/2021 09:43 PM

The undeveloped and uncertain nature of the trails are part of the charm of this area. I'd suggest that lots of signage would take some of the fun out of the area and change the character.

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9/08/2021 07:42 AM

The Fairhaven Park would be a good place to build a covered outdoor pavilion. Placing it next to the basket ball court and soccer field area would provide a covered shelter for outdoor sports. It is next to a green space that could be used for an environmental and wildlife learning center. The students at the local colleges could help facilitate lectures and a study environment for student interested in pursuing careers in Environmental Studies. The pavilion could provide a place to social distance and meet for after school study and day field trips.

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9/08/2021 07:43 AM

I do not think that this is an ideal place to create an outdoor learning environment, and the city's money would be better spent elsewhere (like developing outdoor spaces along the waterfront). I believe a better space for forestry outdoor learning would be somewhere close to the Chuckanut Trailhead, on the other side of Old Samish Rd - this area is already heavily trafficked and would make for a nice learning space for community, young people, etc. I think it is best for 100-Acre-Woods area to continue seeing sporadic foot traffic in order to maintain it's natural beauty.

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9/08/2021 07:57 AM

I would love to see this primitive space reserved as is without domesticating it in any way. Thank you for accepting public opinions.

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9/08/2021 08:58 AM

In the "potential use" section of the survey you ask us to agree, disagree or say "not sure" as answers. For me, many of the answers depend on where the use would happen, and how large it actually is. Additional parking depends on where and how many. Paved and improved limestone trails depends on where and how far. For me the highest priority is to protect the forest for it's animal

and plant inhabitants. A bunch of improved trails and increased parking and human hang out or education sites, while nice, will serve to drive away wildlife from their home. Thanks for your efforts on this.

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9/08/2021 12:40 PM

I love the 100 Acre Woods as is presently summer of 2021. It's needed as a quiet place of solitude so close to the urban home, so many can visit Mother Nature several times a week. The improvements made have been appreciated, however I wish it to be as natural as possible, minimizing the human development. The few benches as are now, and a few boardwalks, bridges and improved limestone trails as they are now, are good. Don't add more. Don't change it. Limit dog and bicycle impact. No signs other than at entry points. Let us wander around the trails & wetlands, habitat for wildlife, including birds, and native vegetation. Educational classroom space, historical native use info signs in Fairhaven Park & perhaps the parking space on 18th St, and at Viewcrest. From my perspective the Park has been managed well

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9/08/2021 01:53 PM

One of the best things about this place is the lack of development and it feels more secluded.

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9/08/2021 03:23 PM

I would like it to remain as un-disturbed as possible. This area is already used extensively. Keep it protected and as natural as possible!

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9/08/2021 05:09 PM

The boundary should include the greenway to the northwest along Padden Creek and up towards 12th st

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Many of the uses suggested here are only appropriate in small areas within the proposed master plan boundary.

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9/08/2021 06:19 PM

The area should be looked at as a whole in regards to environmental and ecological concerns, as well as wildlife habitat concerns. This is an area that should be left as it is and should not be an improved area like Fairhaven Park. There could be some use of paved trails for accessibility, but they should not be widespread throughout the area at all. A native plant garden should fit in with the environment and not look to be a separate typical garden. Kid friendly learning exhibits should fit in with the area and not take up a lot of space or change the feeling of the

forest. There should be some areas without any signage or sign of people's impact beyond a simple trail. Additional parking should not impinge on the older forested areas or interfere with the wildlife corridors.

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9/08/2021 07:07 PM

The list of potential uses in #8 above raises concerns of extensive development. This area is quite nice as is and I'd recommend minimal development. Add a few boardwalks over persistently wet areas, close replant some of the unnecessary spur trails, keep the loop trails but don't feel the need to widen them. No mountain bike development (and I'm a mountain biker). If you add signs, make it very few and subtle. Please don't pave or limestone the trails. Put a garbage can at each entrance that is emptied regularly. Keep it as wild as you can, what makes this place special is its lack of development.

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9/09/2021 09:37 AM

Yes please keep dogs on leashes.

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9/09/2021 09:55 AM

Please keep the hundred acre woods in its natural form, I'm tired of all the ways that man thinks it can improve nature. Just leave nature as nature, we are going to be craving it even more as the population expands

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9/09/2021 10:01 AM

since nobody pays attention to leash laws or to picking up after their pets I think no dogs should be allowed

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9/09/2021 10:07 AM

I would like the local tribes to be included in the naming of the park, memorial educational plaques, etc. After all it is their traditional homelands. Respectfully.

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9/09/2021 10:16 AM

I did not realize the extent of this nature trails area. I will frequent more often now.

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9/09/2021 01:22 PM

door to door surveys of Fairhaven residents, accumulating their suggestions and input are a must in community building, dialogue, conversation and most importantly trust...keeping neighborhoods abreast of decision making and the process of seeing results come to fruition is paramount in the community embracing the changes and developments to better the area's use and also to encourage community ownership.

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9/09/2021 01:59 PM

Signs at entrances saying leashes required are needed. Would like to leave it as natural and undisturbed as possible. Some of the extra small trails could be eliminated.

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9/09/2021 07:01 PM

Just to clarify, I like the idea of at least 1 paved wheelchair accessible trail and handicapped accessible parking area. I don't want to see all the trails be paved. And I think benches along the paved trail provide more accessibility to those that have mobility issues. But I do love how quiet the area generally is so I'm hoping that can somewhat remain. I think education can occur without signs though. I Like the idea of an outdoor classroom though I'm not sure who this will serve the most. Fairhaven MS is close to Fairhaven Park already and Happy Valley Elementary is closer to Connelly Creek. So while I love the idea of outdoor classrooms I'm not sure 100 acre woods is the best choice out of all the areas in B'ham.

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9/09/2021 09:19 PM

Keep all existing trails. They are all in use. If some segments must be closed because they are too steep, build alternatives to those segments first. In the meantime, it might help to have a simple sign suggesting an easier trail (if it isn't obvious that the trail ahead is steep.) Mark only main trails through the woods with signs. Avoid graffiti magnets (fancy signs). Don't take away loops and trails just because they are near each other. Don't improve trails too much (it's nice to be able to walk in the woods, not on pavement or groomed trails all the time). There are a few segments of main trails in which water pools in wet months. Building up those small segments might help drainage. We have a lot in the Fairhaven area. Other parts of Bellingham may need improvements more than we do.

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9/10/2021 08:34 AM

The boundaries encompass a very diverse area. What is reasonable in Fairhaven Park is not desirable in the Hundred Acre Wood portion. It's difficult for the survey as it is currently created to allow for such nuances. For example, yes I support paved paths in Fairhaven Park so people can use strollers to get children to the playground, etc. I don't support that in the Hundred Acre Wood area. I would happily support more wildlife habitat and less intrusions by people in portions if and only if 1) there are successful urban models that have worked for on-going elimination of access by people in order to have different opportunities for wildlife. 2) There is significant evidence that wildlife other than

those that have adjusted to living/moving near people (i.e. deer, raccoons, etc) are or would use the area I would like to see some trails where dogs (even on leash) are not allowed as I think their presence can negatively impact wildlife. Electric assist bikes are already a concern on some trails as they allow greater speeds than is desirable. I am not aware of how the public and parks can successfully prevent people from creating new paths (whether by mountain bikes or runners/walkers) which has already happened a lot in the Hundred Acre Wood area. I'd appreciate a wetlands educational/boardwalk site.

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9/10/2021 02:25 PM

Outside of Fairhaven Park, there aren't any garbage cans so there is nowhere to put dog waste.

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9/10/2021 06:35 PM

Part of the charm of this special place is the legacy of trails without markings. It is a place that requires attention, rather than having everything spoon-fed. Some handicap access is reasonable, but the slopes are not conducive past the limestone trails already installed. The main attraction is the native vegetation, so trails should remain narrow and just barely passable.

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9/11/2021 08:57 AM

Consider having large areas preserved for wildlife sanctuary (i.e., trail-free).

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9/11/2021 09:37 AM

this area should be more accessible to all

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9/11/2021 11:12 AM

I would like to see a very low level of development with opportunities for research and environmental education prioritized.

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9/11/2021 01:35 PM

Etiquette signs for walkers and bikers to enjoy the trails together safely.

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9/11/2021 09:42 PM

This is a great step in the process

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9/12/2021 09:48 AM

As in all parks, unfortunately new trails seems to be happening by people exploring the area, or just wanting to make short cuts.

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9/12/2021 09:48 AM

There should be a clear policy regarding bikes and signage and, if necessary, barriers. The Interurban is for bikes, of course. Bikes should be permitted to Hoag's Pond but not around it. If there is to be a mountain bike trail it would be best to be a loop accessed from Fairhaven Park and running the west side of the parcel and paralleling Chuckanut Drive and segregated from hiking trails. Its connection to the Interurban should be through Fairhaven Park only. If it exits onto Chuckanut Drive at the south end then there should be a bike trail that segregates bike traffic from car traffic on Chuckanut Drive going south until converging with the Interurban at Old Samish Way. There should be a wildlife survey and wildlife enhancement projects including corridors. Trails should be planned relative to habitat preservation and minimizing disturbance. Beaver should be reintroduced to the Marsh west of the Interurban. There should be conservation easements and agreements with landowners within the Master Plan Boundary. There should be a master plan for fish in Hoag's Creek, including addressing the fish barriers under the Interurban and 24th.

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9/12/2021 10:23 AM

This is not a typical culottes park. It does not need to be "cleaned up" and is a gem almost unchanged from what it is today. More outdoor/environmental education opportunities would be a benefit

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9/12/2021 01:11 PM

This is my favorite place to bring beginner bikers before galbraith. Also due to geological location, this is a fantastic biking experience when galbraith is dried out. Please let/help us make more bike oriented trails! Thanks!

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9/12/2021 03:47 PM

Leave as natural as possible

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9/12/2021 03:51 PM

Would like to see this area to be left as natural as can be with discrete informational kiosks. That alone will provide a learning experience for small groups that are interested.

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9/12/2021 03:57 PM

I hope that the forest can be improved to maintain trails and allow for additional use and that there is also some planning to consolidate trails. Other than that, I hope that the forest is maintained in an unimproved state. In other words, I would hope to keep informational/educational signs, seating areas, etc. to a minimum.



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9/12/2021 05:05 PM

My hope is that it is preserved as is. I love the forest hiking trail feel in a more urban setting. Such a gem.

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9/12/2021 10:29 PM

I think the highest priority should be engaging youth in a variety of ways including unstructured outdoor activities, active outdoor educational activities & opportunities, fun engaging challenging trails and features, educational opportunities, both structured and unstructured. That potential is what I value most about the area.

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9/13/2021 08:37 AM

Highly value ecosystem services provided by the area. Further reduction of canopy or roads/trails is highly undesirable.

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9/13/2021 08:42 AM

No purpose built bike trails/features.

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9/13/2021 08:45 AM

Being so close to town I think that accessibility to trails for all people and mobilities is important. I would love to learn more about the history of the area throughout the park. I live in Sudden Valley and work in Bellingham. Creating areas to rest or picnic throughout the park would be nice. Areas that are not right on the trail. A side trail to a picnic table or meditation space. Little micro areas to spend time in the forest recharging. A small trail that leads to a bench and a small table for setting your water bottle down. When a bench is right on the trail it often feels like you need to move along faster.

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9/13/2021 09:04 AM

As a responsible dog owner I value spaces where well-behaved dogs are welcome. An off leash trail area (similar to the off-leash back trails at Lake Padden) would be of great value to the community. Continued signage for picking up pet waste and where to leash your dog as well as enforcement of leashes in leash-designated areas are crucial to the success and good standing of off-leash areas. Having access to spaces where dogs can decompress, learn good off-leash behaviors in a safe and lower traffic environment, and just "be dogs" is invaluable to me as a community member, Bellingham resident, and advocate for ethical dog training and canine mental health/wellbeing! Thank you!

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9/13/2021 09:05 AM

Would not approve of paved trails. This space is perfect just the way it is.

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9/13/2021 09:08 AM

I would like to see accessibility increased for more folks, but without disturbing the natural environment and wild-feeling area too much

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9/13/2021 09:24 AM

This is a space paid for in part by and for the local residents who live nearby and typically walk or bike to use the space and thus parking is not of added benefit. I think lack of parking and lack of development/infrastructure is a benefit to the integrity of the space and the environment and encourages people to walk or bike. Leave well enough alone and let it be a natural space and dont encourage more tourism and use from non-locals through advertising, signage and parking.

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9/13/2021 10:09 AM

Please maintain the presence of the mountain biking trails in the 100 acre wood trail systems. Their presence is perfect for new/beginner mountain bikers who want to get their feet wet. They are a unique presence in the area and offer a peaceful alternative to Galbraith.

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9/13/2021 10:34 AM

Main priority is accessible and well marked trails

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this would be a nice area for another mtb skills park

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9/13/2021 10:45 AM

I'd love to see this area remain mostly natural. Maintenance of the existing trail system, block-off/signage to restore highly trafficked off-trail areas, and re-routing to take advantage of natural access points would be beneficial,

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9/13/2021 11:25 AM

I think it is important to keep access for all types of users including bikers, hikers, dogs owners, etc.

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Use a small footprint so as not to disturb the wildlife and plants

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9/13/2021 11:42 AM

I use the current trail system for running and mountain biking regularly and have been very happy with the continuous improvement to the trails. Directional signage would be a great improvement to this area since it is easy to get turned around unless you are very familiar with the trails.

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9/13/2021 11:42 AM

I enjoy hundred acre wood because of its primitivity while still being within walking distance. The abundance of single track trails and lack of signage make for a fun corner of Bellingham to be explored by runners, walkers, and bikers. I hope that this area along with the other nearby wooded areas remain protected and minimally developed. Nearby parks such as Fairhaven, Marine, and Happy Valley should be the location of extended parking, educational kiosk, accessible trails, outdoor seating, etc as they are already cleared areas. Adding these amenities to Hundred Acre Wood would require further disruption of habitats.

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9/13/2021 11:48 AM

would like to see more mountain bike trails

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9/13/2021 12:02 PM

My concerns include: 1. Irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up and dispose of their dog's poop in their garbage at home. 2. Irresponsible dog owners who do not keep their dogs on a leash and under control. 3. Lack of disabled parking spots near the trail access points. 4. Lack of access for people in wheelchairs to enjoy the forest. 5. Ill mannered bike riders who do not extend the courtesy of letting you know they're coming up behind you to pass and who have taken me by surprise or who have almost struck me in passing. I understand limiting access to dog owners and bike riders in parts of the forest, other than the Interurban trail per se, will be very unpopular. I and my husband have been paying for this 100 acre woods via taxes yet we may not be able to enjoy it much at all other than saving it from another development nightmare.

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9/13/2021 12:30 PM

The 100 Acre Woods should be kept as area for multiple use, mt biking, hiking, walking , running. With enhanced trails for varying degree of abilities. The trail system should incorporate, learning kiosk of the native plants and non unbiased history of native and non natives. The main trails going east to west and to chuckanut drive should be wide and graveled. Other trails should have minimal improvements, with drainage and sustainability being the most important. Kids mt biking and learning are should be part of the plan with Fairhaven middle school so close maybe at or near the gravel pit. Finally If there are not enough trails for all the user group CoB parks will end up decommissioning trails instead using their time enhancing the park area. My 2 cents :-)

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9/13/2021 12:31 PM

There absolutely 100% should be a designated mountain bike area, it's appalling that this is not a more prominent issue on this survey and the loss of bike trails and jumps is a tragedy to the youth of the southside

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9/13/2021 12:34 PM

Please incorporate singletrack for mountain biking and hiking

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9/13/2021 12:50 PM

I have no comments or questions.

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9/13/2021 12:58 PM

I am highly concerned that the character of this area will be drastically and irreparably changed in a foolish endeavor to address nonexistent issues. By this I am referring to the paving, widening, and sanitizing of the amazing trail network.

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9/13/2021 01:06 PM

Walking, running, biking, should all be permitted on the path in this area. Equestrians should not.

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9/13/2021 01:33 PM

I would hope that the trails are designed as multi use similar to lake padden.

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9/13/2021 02:35 PM

I have heard that cycling through Hundred Acre Wood might be in jeopardy - I would hate for bicycling to not be allowed as this is an excellent area to learn to ride. Most of the trails in the area are far too difficulty for beginners or little learners, and Hundred Acre Wood provides this venue for such enthusiasts. It will not be a destination for aggressive or fast riders who will want to bike elsewhere, but for the newer and smaller riders, it is unsurpassed in Bellingham. As loving dog owners, we do agree that all dogs should continue to be on leash, unless a fenced-in dog park was created for off-leash opportunities. Finally, I think it is absolutely imperative that all motorized transport be kept out. Battery-operated devices (electric bicycles, motorized skateboards, and the like) degrade trails unnecessarily, are harder to control (especially for the novices that always seem to be piloting them, putting other trail users at risk), and should not be allowed within the park's trails. This rule will need enforcement as I have witnessed blatant disregard for such rules at other parks, which creates unnecessary tension among trail users. I mention enforcement because this is often otherwise left to other rule-following trail users, and with people claiming exceptions for mobility-impaired, bringing up the

subject with what appears to be a disallowed motorized trail user is a great way to ruin an otherwise pleasant outdoor experience.

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9/13/2021 03:18 PM

I think the most important thing about this area is that the trails remain multi-use accessible (i.e., biking, running, walking). E-bikes should not be allowed on non-interurban trail portions.

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9/13/2021 04:08 PM

I think it is critically important to keep the trails multi-use accessible for non-motorized activities (i.e., hiking, biking, running). This is a wonderful place for kids to learn how to ride bikes in the woods, I am there nearly daily with my two boys (ages 4 and 6) and seeing them learn how to navigate roots and wet rocks has been a wonderful experience. And we get to spot the occasional owl as well! Please retain the current character of the park so can kids continue to play and explore.

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9/13/2021 04:42 PM

Bike should be allowed and encouraged in the area. This is a great mellow neighborhood gem and makes it easy to enjoy the woods

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9/13/2021 04:48 PM

There are so few easily accessible areas close to town that are just forest. I would hate to see "improvement" come at the expense of wildlife habitat and opportunities for quiet--I don't want to see kiosks and pavilions and paving in the forest.

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9/13/2021 04:54 PM

I love these trails so much, and have visiting them multiple times a week for the last few years and I STILL get lost. I would love to see little maps posted throughout the trails to help with navigation.

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9/13/2021 05:20 PM

I love the wild and more natural habitat in the hundred acre woods! I agree that accessibility could be improved with some paved and improved/widened trails. I also love the idea of enhancing opportunities for outdoor and environmental education in the park. I hope that the wildness of the Hundred Acre Wood will continue! It is a lovely place to explore and "get lost."

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9/13/2021 05:50 PM

Keep it a place to discover

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9/13/2021 06:53 PM

I think it is important to preserve the natural area and keep as much of it untouched as possible. If it were me, I would try to

utilize some of the already altered land such as the green area at fairhaven park as the location for any small seating areas or educational areas so that the natural space around it can continue to be a refuge for wildlife.

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9/13/2021 08:03 PM

Trail development stewardship would be good

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9/13/2021 09:07 PM

The Chuckanut Community Forest is a neighborhood gem. It offers a calm and serene respite for both humans and animals alike. It is well used by people in the area, but is not incredibly busy. The dirt paths and lack of signage make this a lovely place to explore, get lost and enjoy nature. The uncured feel of this park is part of what makes it so appealing - you can really enjoy the calm and beauty of the forest. I hope that the plan will preserve this component. While some trail improvements such as bridges or paths to preserve the wetlands would be appropriate, turning all of the trails into improved trails would take away from the benefits of this park. Similarly, developing extensive visitor facilities such as a pavilion or seating area, or developing trails for mountain biking would really take away the many benefits the Chuckanut Forest has to offer. We are fortunate to have many developed parks in Bellingham, world class mountain biking and visitor facilities. What makes the Chuckanut Community Forest unique is that it is a forest in the middle of town, a place where you can encounter a coyote on the trail or be surprised by an owl swooping down on you. I hope the master plan can maintain these unique characteristics of this magnificent place. Thank you for your consideration of my comments, and for your attention to the long-term conservation of the Chuckanut Community Forest.

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9/13/2021 09:24 PM

Lots of uses for the community is best for the planning area.

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9/13/2021 09:30 PM

We need our woods. We need them to be as natural as they can be. The woods are an important part of Bellingham that help make it the home that it is. We need to leave the woods be and let them thrive on their own

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9/13/2021 10:50 PM

--Do NOT allow bicycles around the pond. They disturb the wildlife, especially waterfowl. Make sure there is signage and routing of bikes to accomplish this. --Be much more assertive about dogs not being allowed off-leash. Currently many visitors bring dogs off-

leash and these also disturb wildlife (have killed several ducks), and disturb other visitors. --Mountain bike trails should be kept to a minimum and in areas away from hiking options. --There needs to be a current wildlife survey that also documents corridors before any trail planning takes place so that habitat preservation & wildlife travel are taken into account re: trail placement. --NSEA has been working to improve the chances that fish might be restored to Chuckanut & Hoag's Creeks; the culvert under 24th & the Interurban should be improved for that purpose. --The Parks Dept has long considered this to be a "walk-in" park with limited parking only. This should be continued in order to preserve the quiet tranquility of the park and to avoid traffic disturbing the wildlife (including the residents who live within the boundaries). --If private property is to be included within the boundaries then conservation easements and agreements with landowners will need to be worked out before the Plan is implemented.

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9/14/2021 05:59 AM

The forest is being impacted by off trail use, bikes are especially a concern.

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9/14/2021 06:10 AM

I would be 100% completely impressed to see this transformed into a native food forest, with edible plants and mushrooms. This would promote education, wildlife, and climate change resilience.

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9/14/2021 08:26 AM

I love that the 100 Acre Woods are relatively undeveloped (in terms of paved trails and other "upgrades." This adds to its uniqueness and wildness.

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9/14/2021 08:30 AM

Mix of limestone and dirt trails. Work with WMBC to develop trails for mountain biking.

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9/14/2021 10:33 AM

My son and his friends from the area (Sea Pines neighborhood) like riding their mountain bikes in this forest and it'd be great if their dogs could run off leash as well.

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9/14/2021 11:20 AM

prefer minimal changes; for wet paths, use rocks/wood walkways rather than gravel (other than entrance from Fairhaven Park) or paving; maintain current informality and paths without signs; minimize signage in general

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9/14/2021 12:01 PM

We especially like that this park is mostly in its natural state, with a myriad of trails are mostly used by walkers. Lately some mountain biker have created/modified (I presume illegally) a section of trail in the southeast section of the park that has jumps and banked turns for riding downhill fast. This makes that section dangerous for walkers. I would like to see one main trail (probably the existing trail that is unofficially called the Main Trail) kept up as a bike trail to get from the Interurban trail on the east side to Fairhaven Park on the west side, but all other trails off-limits to bikes. There are plenty of mountain bike trails in the Chuckanuts that this small park should be kept as a haven (and safe) for walkers.

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9/14/2021 01:34 PM

I highly suggest that their be better trail signage/maps in the Community Forest Project Area. Right now there is no central point for a map or even trail maps for guests to use. I think this is one of the most important things that will help visitors visit the forest in the future. Along with improving the trail system and getting rid of social trails that already exist.

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9/14/2021 01:36 PM

No e-bikes

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9/14/2021 02:01 PM

I value the informality of this space. It's nice to just wander. "Improvements" may not necessarily improve the experience. Keeping kiosks and structures to the already more developed areas (eg Fairhaven Park) would be preferential.

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9/14/2021 02:20 PM

I fear that the trails will be closed to bikes. My family likes to ride bikes through the woods and the old guard of the Chuckanut Community Forest Park District have historically been anti-bikes. We more recently see older people on eBikes using these trails now as well. Bikers are tree-huggers & trail builders too!

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9/14/2021 02:21 PM

I love seeing classes of students in the woods. I don't think a classroom seating area is needed. Dogs are in the woods unleashed and I haven't noticed a problem Arroyo is unleashed also. I like being able to get lost in this park. The joy of this park is noticing something different every time: Pileated Woodpeckers, coyotes, big big trees and skunk cabbage too.

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9/14/2021 02:34 PM

Would like the majority of trails to be multi-use (bikes allowed) with clear signage for walking only trails to allow different users to all



have a good time

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9/14/2021 03:14 PM

I think that the wild nature of the forest is really important. My concern is that the specific uses indicated by my "not sure" choices above, might not be implemented judiciously. Too much development would negatively impact the wild solitude of the forest. Just walking in a wild forest preserve can teach more than even the most well intentioned additions.

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9/14/2021 04:06 PM

I don't want the area to be so controlled that we can't do maintenance on our trails. Also all trails that people want to use should be left for them to use, not removed by some appointed group with an agenda different than the people who use the area

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9/14/2021 04:42 PM

I really love how quite and undeveloped this area is. It is such a tranquil place, that has very few reminders of civilization in it. I hope that it can remain that way as much as possible and not be over developed by adding benches, signs, pavilions, etc.

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9/14/2021 05:04 PM

It's a great spot. Would love to see few mtn bike trails or pump track for the kids.

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9/14/2021 05:55 PM

This area doesn't need much human disturbance - its rare beauty is that it feels wild, and it's so close to where people live. Continual ecological restoration, including removing invasive plant species in combination with planting native plants, is recommended in degraded areas.

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9/14/2021 06:35 PM

I'd like to see it as untouched as possible, but with improvements for accessibility.

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9/14/2021 07:20 PM

1. The trail around Hoag's pond currently passes through the corner of our property, 2910 Broad st, which extends the whole city block between 30th, 28th, Broad, and College. It impacts our neighbors around Hoag's pond even more. It is important to survey this area (and all areas of private property within the planning boundary) and make agreements with the property owners. We are long-time supporters of the park, but these details should be addressed before the process is complete. 2. A huge opportunity that has been missed so far would be access/connectivity between

the Connelly Creek Nature area (that ends at 30th st. and Donovan) and the Chuckanut Community Forest. There is a natural access point, sometime trail, at 28th and Cody next to the Cody Circle, this is private land here but it is mostly undeveloped, continuous forest. 3. Also, a frequent problem and liability that needs to be addressed in Bellingham Parks before someone is hurt or killed, is that the on-leash law is not enforced. We walk our dog on leash daily and frequently run into off-leash dogs. This happened today at Padden, with 2 pit bulls off leash, and the owners actually argued that there was no "real" leash law in the park, because no one ever gets a ticket.

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9/14/2021 08:43 PM

Would prefer no e-bikes

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They should build more bike trails

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9/15/2021 10:13 AM

So many kiosks and play areas are un-used and kids end up finding and trampling a spot to play in the woods, but designated flexible unprogrammed spaces are so much more useful. Less is more, but it's still important to keep wild places wild so the forest floor can regenerate and "breathe" without compaction from lots of wandering feet.

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9/15/2021 11:13 AM

I have mixed emotions about paved trails. I hope that trails can be accessed without paving. This obviously requires more ongoing effort, but I believe it's worth it. Thanks for including the community in these plans!

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9/15/2021 12:39 PM

I've lived here for many years and before the city acquired this space, there were only a few trails and egress was easy to determine. Now there are more trails, which is great, but I get lost easily and would appreciate signs indicating the way out. Thanks

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9/15/2021 02:03 PM

COB should partner with Bellingham Public Schools (BPS), right now, to get them to consider investing in a truly functional community and school district asset here at the CCFPD: Right now BPS has a scheme to build an expensive and wasteful "environmental education" facility that is two zip codes away from the nearest school, deep in the Lake Whatcom watershed, and will require students to sit in a diesel bus for an hour-long drive (to and

from the facility) just to attend a three-hour field trip. This is ridiculous. The CCFPD has covenants that it should be used for "research and educational purposes" — that is why the byline is even on this survey — so Bellingham should capitalize on that by partnering with BPS (and perhaps WWU) so they can help fund a truly useful asset both for their students (Fairhaven Middle School is a five minute walk away!) and for the larger Bellingham community. Call them. Save both of they local, taxpayer-funded, governments millions of dollars and collaborate to build ONE excellent project instead of two weak ones.

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9/15/2021 03:28 PM

--Street lighting on 25th street ruins absolutely the night time experience. The street lights are so bright you can't see the stars, and driving on the road one has to squint because the bright lights are such a contrast to the dark forest environment. Could these lights be lower on the poles? Lower in intensity? Part of being in nature is seeing the stars at night. --I live along 25th Street, beside the Interurban Trail. Sometimes I hear and see horses and this is wonderful. There are so few places to ride horseback, I hope this remains a welcome trail. I also hope the leash law for dogs is enforced as well as the accompanying poop scoop regulations. Many people ignore it. --College Street is a short section the runs E/W between 25th Street and 26th Street. This street needs attention from the city, it's in bad repair and could be made into more of a trail; people ask me all the time if they can walk up what seems like our driveway. --I've recorded wildlife sounds for years, my yard is beside the Class A wetlands, including frogs, coyotes, and birds of all sorts. My interest is to listen for a changing environment. These audio recordings could be used for interpretive programming, particularly for kids to know who lives here besides humans. --Signs about how the park was acquired would be wonderful, a huge neighborhood effort over 20 years went into preserving the "Hundred Acre Woods" in particularly Dean & Dudley Evenson. It's quite a story! --Thank you for caring for this beautiful park!

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9/15/2021 03:39 PM

Regarding the name, Hundred Acre Wood is very appealing to some, but I find it very generic. I feel the name should reflect the location and native history which is why I prefer the current Chuckanut Community Forest name or something similar.

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9/15/2021 04:27 PM

I would suggest designated trails or times for the many uses. For example, some trails are off leash, others not. Or some times of day/week are off leash and others are not. I think a similar plan

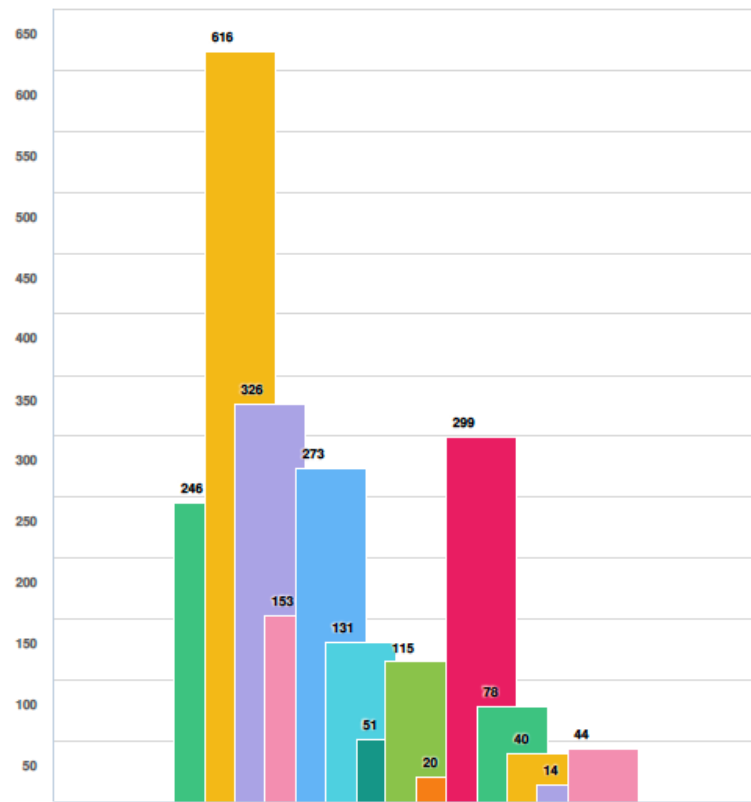
would work with mountain biking. For example, some directional trails designated for bikes might keep the shredders happy and the kids/grandmothers happy.

**Optional question** (422 response(s), 294 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

# Chuckanut Forest Master Plan Public Survey Results

Q4 How do you use the planning area? (select all that apply)



#### Question options

Running Walking Biking - recreation Biking - through route/commuting  
Bird watching and/or wildlife viewing Photography Education Children's activities Research  
Dog walking/exercise Picnicking Attending community events (races) Geocaching Other (please specify)

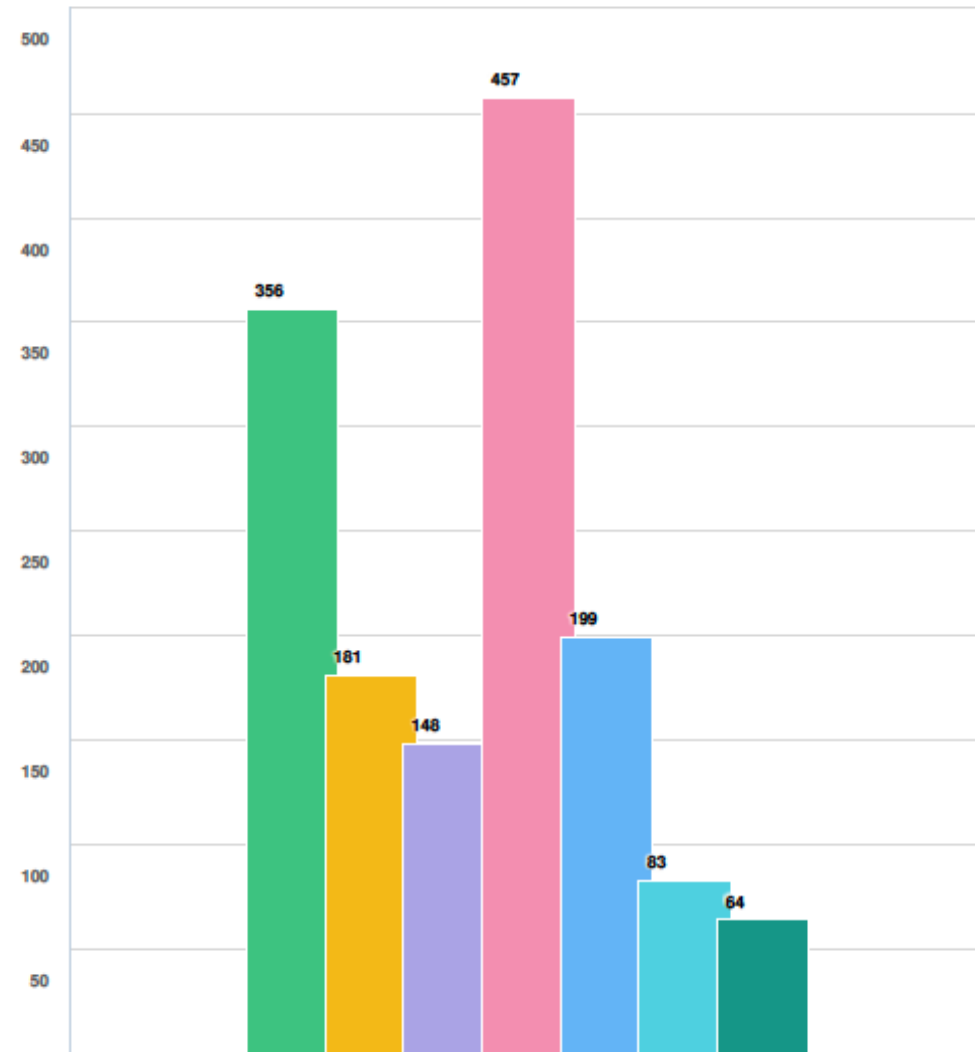
## Participant overview:

- 716 participants
- 99% visit the planning area
- 64% visit the planning area at least once a week
- Primarily use area for walking, dog walking, recreational biking, bird watching and wildlife viewing

## Participants primarily access planning area via:

- Interurban Trail entrance
- Fairhaven Park Upper Shelter Lot

Q5 Which access points do you use most frequently? (select all that apply)



**Question options**

- Fairhaven Park upper shelter parking lot ● End of 18th St off Fairhaven Parkway ● End of 22nd St ● Interurban Trail  
● Chuckanut Drive at Viewcrest Rd ● Chuckanut Drive at 16th St ● Other (please specify)

# Clear Outcomes

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- 88% agree with the proposed master plan boundaries
- 63% marked that the planning area should be named Hundred Acre Wood
- 67% agreed that dogs should continue to be only on-leash in the planning area



# Uses

- Agree:
  - Directional signs (71% agree)
  - Boardwalks and bridges (69% agree)
  - Native plant garden (62% agree)
- Inconclusive:
  - Improved limestone trail (over ½ agree)
  - Benches (over ½ agree)
  - Ed/Informational kiosks (over ½ agree)
  - Kid-friendly learning exhibit (42% agree)
  - Informal outdoor learning spaces (41% agree)
- Disagree:
  - Accessible paved trails (over ½ disagree)
  - Covered view pavilion (over ½ disagree)
  - Additional parking (almost ½ disagree)
  - Small multipurpose seating area (45% disagree)
  - Plaques (42% disagree)

Q8 For each potential use, please state whether you agree or disagree that the use is appropriate for the planning area (refer to boundary map).





# Comments

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- Common sentiment: “Less is more. Protect the wild areas”
- Disagreement on whether bicycles should be allowed
- Some individuals noted wanting:
  - Garbage bins
  - Maps
  - Bathrooms
- Concerns:
  - Homeless encampments
  - Taxes