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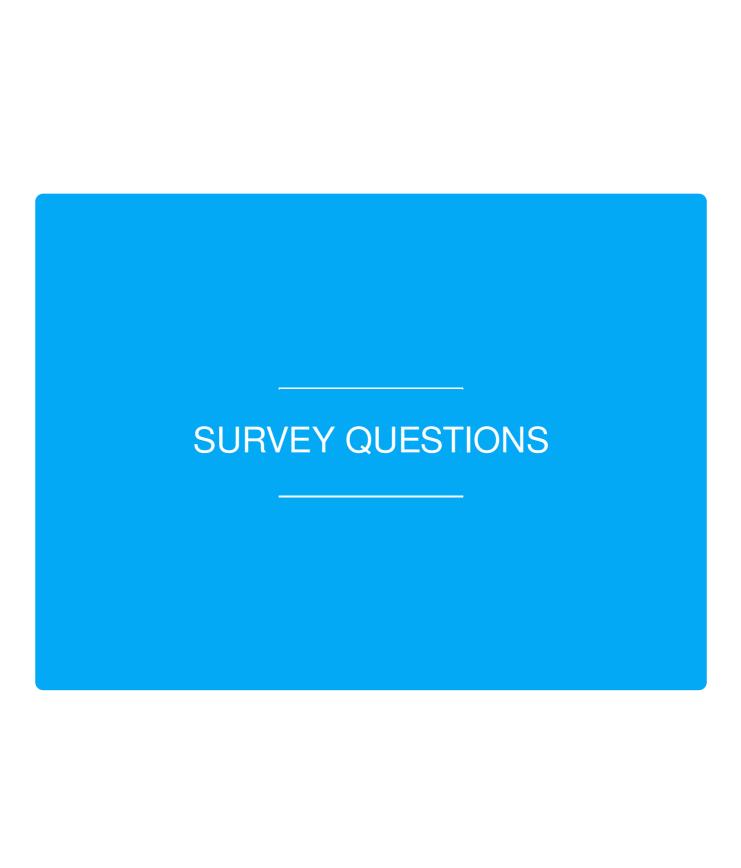
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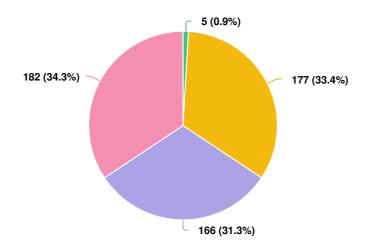




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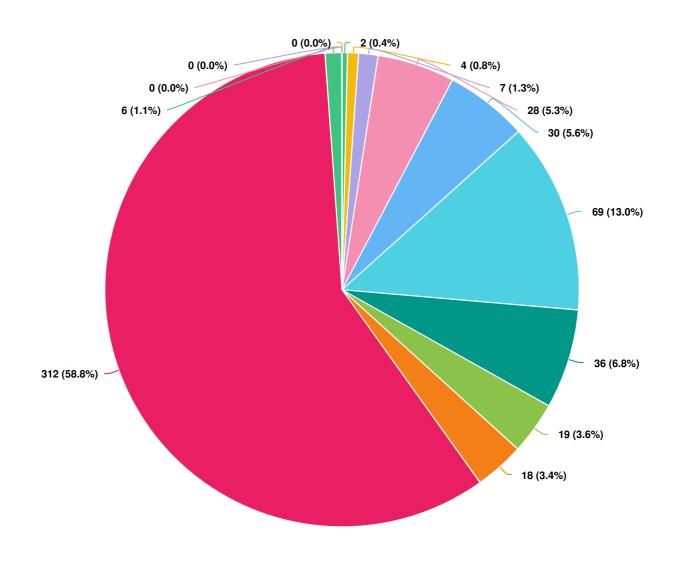
Q1 How many times did you visit Lake Padden Park in the previous 12 months?

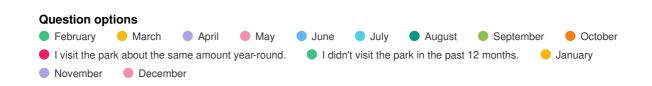




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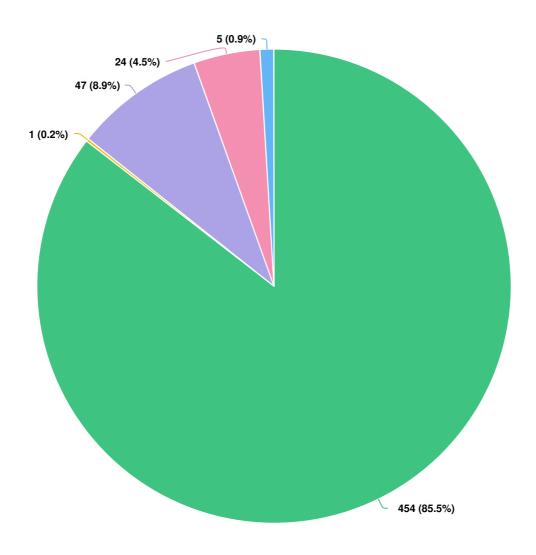
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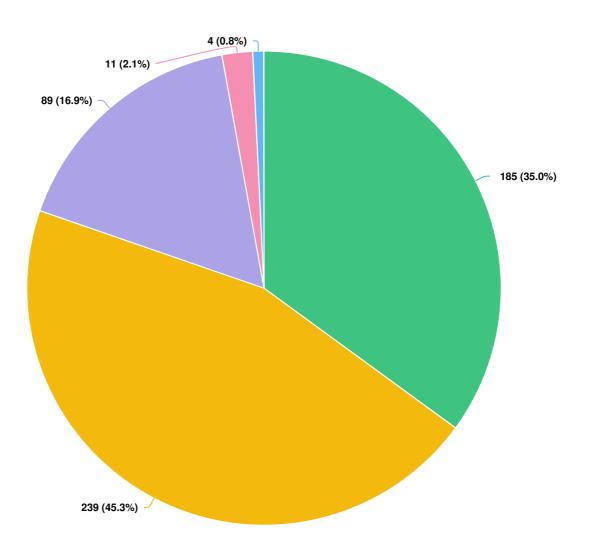
How did you get to Lake Padden Park?





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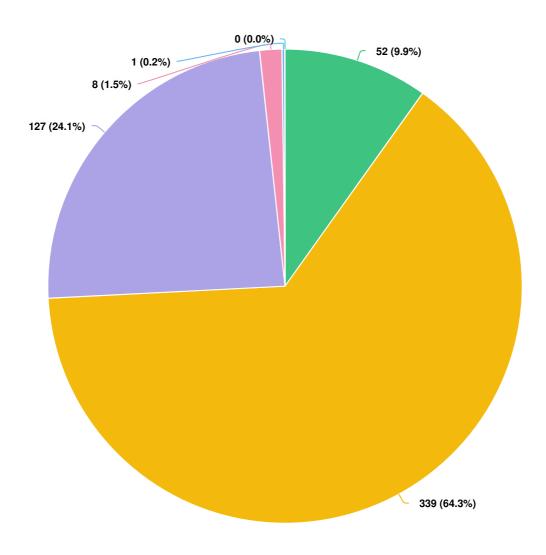
About how long did it take you to get to lake Padden Park?





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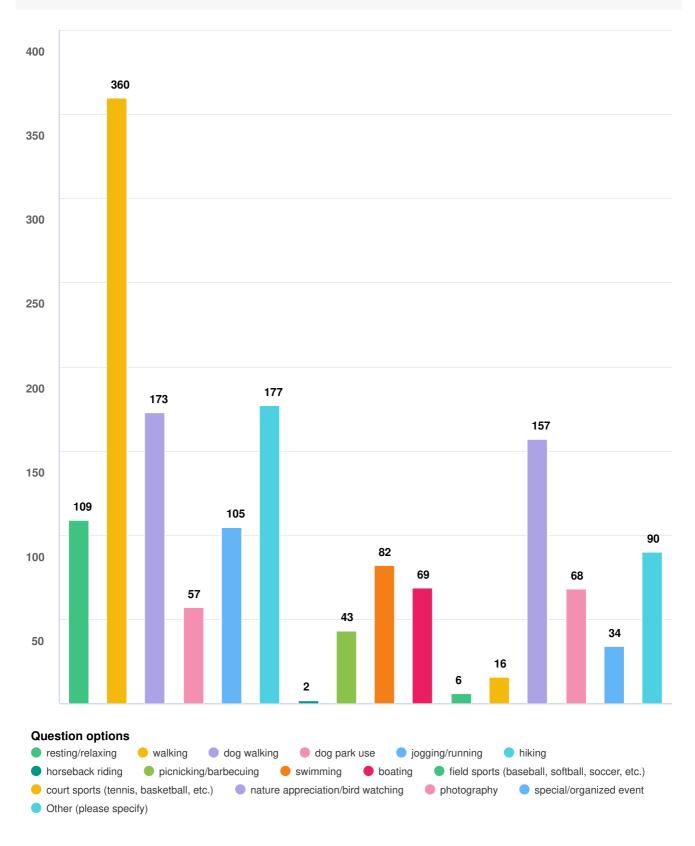
6 About how much time did you spend at Lake Padden Park?





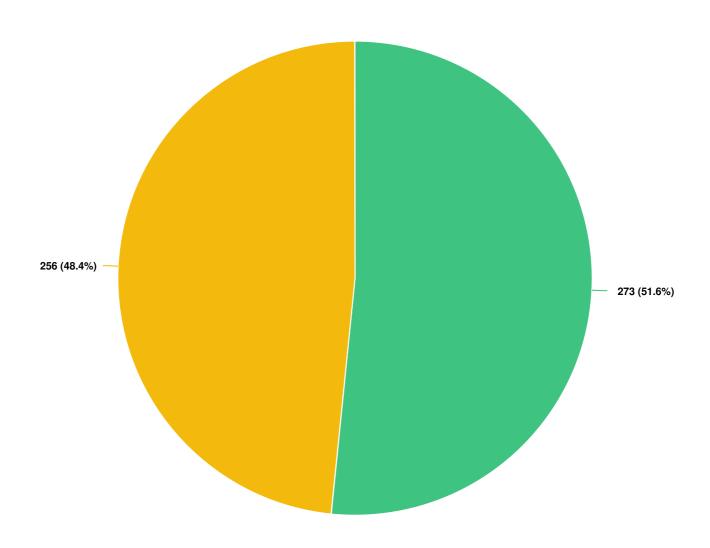
Optional question (526 response(s), 4 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 What activities did you (and your group) participate in during your visit to Lake Padden Park?



Optional question (529 response(s), 1 skipped) Question type: Checkbox Question

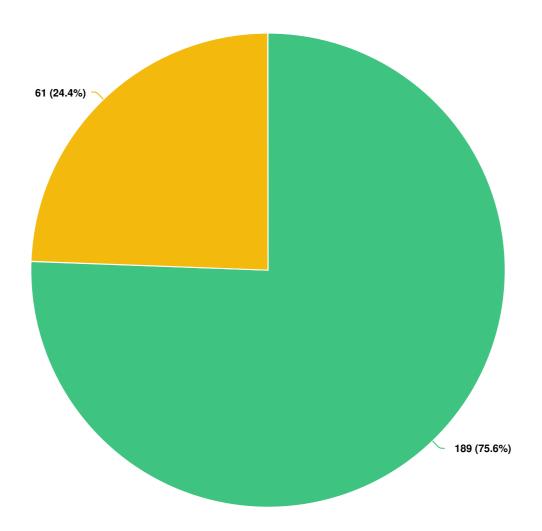
Do you ever use the main beach area at Lake Padden?





Optional question (528 response(s), 2 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

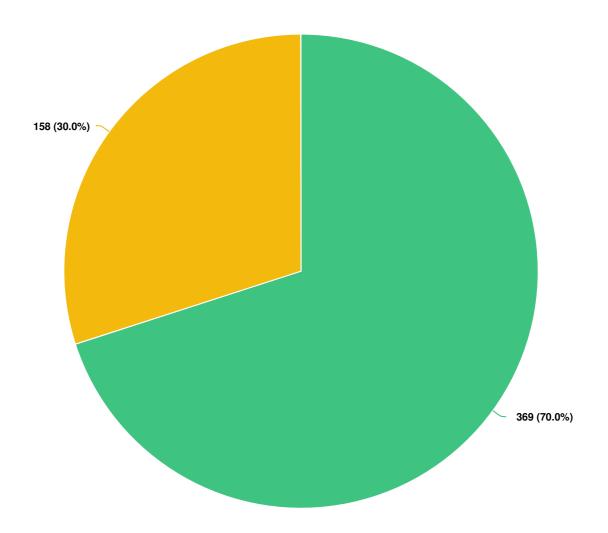
Did anything interfere with or prohibit your use of the main beach area at Lake Padden?





Optional question (250 response(s), 280 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

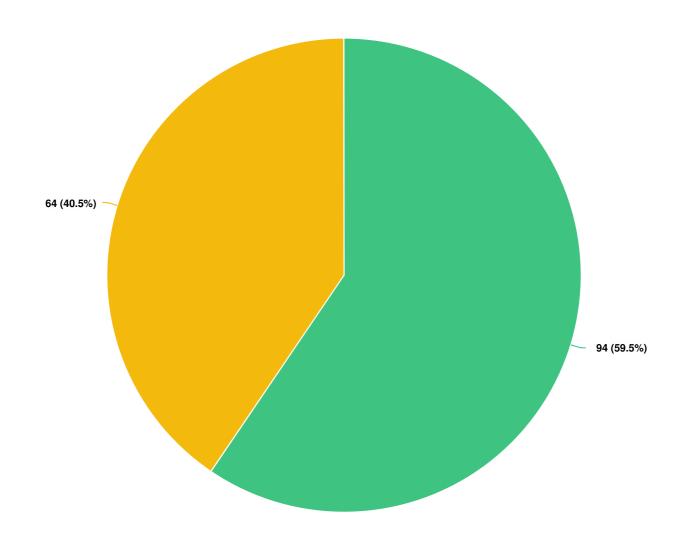
Q10 Did you swim at Lake Padden this summer?





Optional question (526 response(s), 4 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

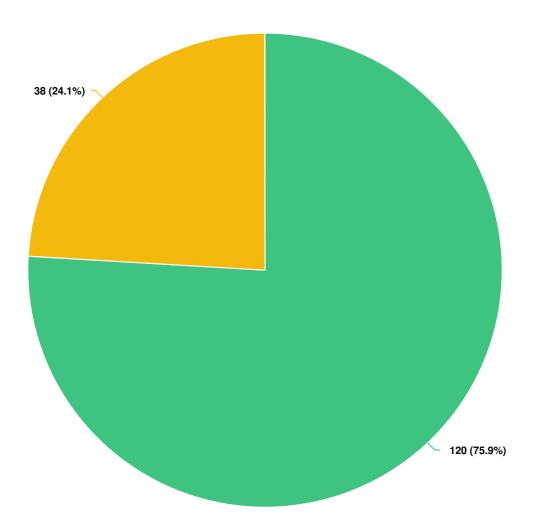
211 Where did you swim?





Optional question (158 response(s), 372 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

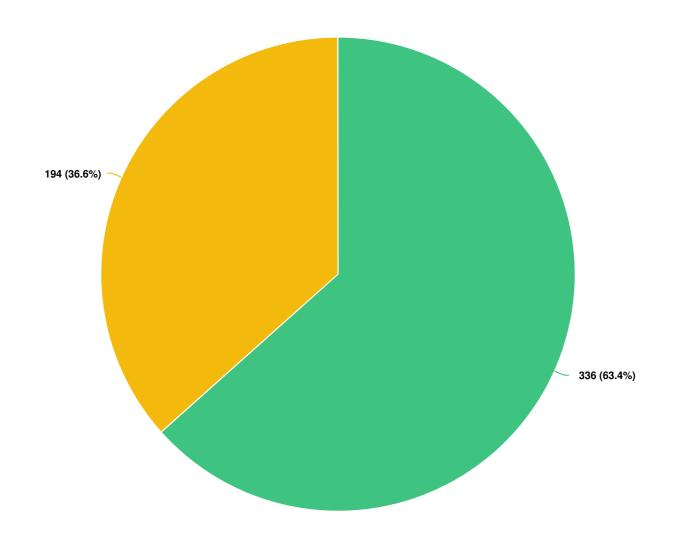
Q12 Did anything interfere with or prohibit your ability to swim at Lake Padden?





Optional question (158 response(s), 372 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

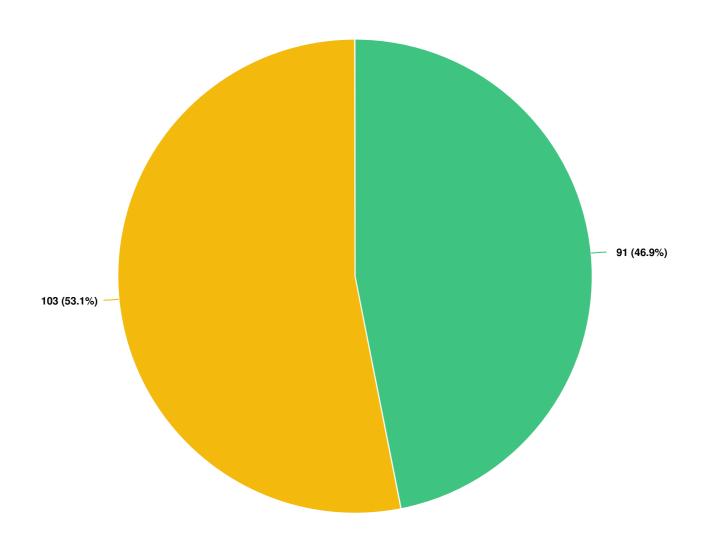
Q13 Do you use watercraft at Lake Padden?





Optional question (529 response(s), 1 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

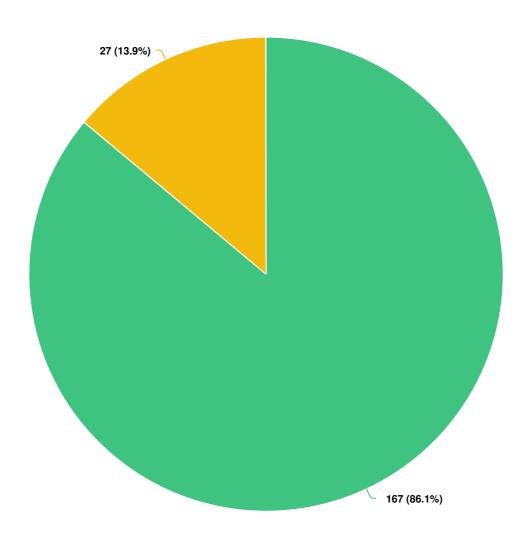
Q14 Where did you launch your watercraft?





Optional question (194 response(s), 336 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

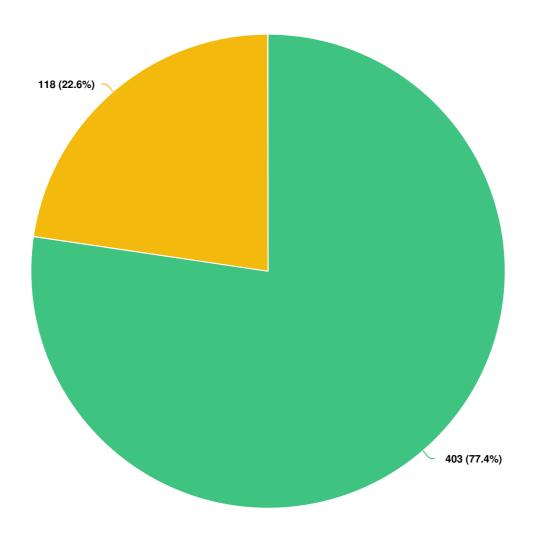
Q15 Did anything interfere with or prohibit your ability to use watercraft at Lake Padden?





Optional question (194 response(s), 336 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question

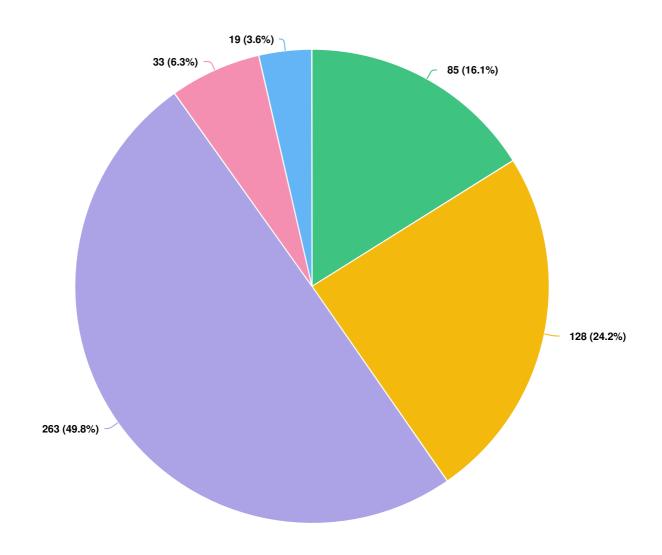
Q16 Are there activities that you'd like to do at Lake Padden Park that you can't do currently?





No Yes (please describe)

Optional question (520 response(s), 10 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q17 At Lake Padden Park, there is a need to balance natural/environmental features and developed areas that support recreation. Please tell us how you think these needs should be balanced in the future development level at Lake Padden Park. (choose onl...



Question options

- Much more emphasis on restoring/enhancing natural areas and environmental features
- More emphasis on restoring/enhancing natural areas and environmental features
- About an even balance between restoring/enhancing natural areas and developed recreation areas
- More emphasis on enhancing developed recreation areas and facilities
- Much more emphasis on enhancing developed recreation areas and facilities

Optional question (527 response(s), 3 skipped) Question type: Radio Button Question Q18 As the Parks and Recreation Department considers improvement options at Lake Padden Park, rank the following types of potential enhancements. (Please rank 1-7, with 1 being the highest priority and 7 being the lowest priority.)

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Emphasize environmental enhancements including addressing aqua invasive species (e.g., New Zealand mud snails, algae blooms, etc.)	
Expand the existing trail network including new trailheads	2.67
Add new recreation facilities and amenities (e.g., restrooms, benche picnic tables, drinking fountains, etc.)	s, 3.76
Provide new opportunities to access the lake (e.g., beaches, boat launches, docks, etc.)	4.09
Add additional recreation programs (e.g., nature appreciation, photography, fitness, meditation, etc.)	4.30
Provide more space and new facilities for social activities (e.g., picni shelters, group events, etc.)	c 4.63
Add additional sports courts and fields (e.g., basketball, baseball, soccer, etc.)	5.60

Optional question (507 response(s), 23 skipped) Question type: Ranking Question

Q19 If you could change one (1) thing at Lake Padden Park, what would it be?

Anonymous 10/20/2023 04:55 PM	Open the showers for swimmers
Anonymous 10/20/2023 05:13 PM	Enforce the 15 mph bicycle speed limit and eliminate motorized vehicles (aka e-bikes).
Anonymous 10/20/2023 05:20 PM	I would lower the bicycle speed limit to 10 mph, post it widely, and strictly enforce it. We get mowed down while walking on a regular basis. Most bicyclists are considerate but that isn't universally true.

Anonymous

10/20/2023 06:16 PM

Complete trail connections to get to park.

Anonymous

10/20/2023 06:39 PM

More connection of pedestrian trails to get to the park.

Anonymous

10/20/2023 08:50 PM

Dog poop wouldn't be bagged all over the place...so I guess I'd change the dog owners to make them more responsible.

Anonymous

10/20/2023 10:16 PM

Please REMOVE those colored floats from the lake that detract from the beauty of the location. If people need them for an activity take them down when finished. Color them Green to at least blend in somewhat while they are being used.

Anonymous

10/21/2023 06:40 AM

Improve drainage on trails

Anonymous

10/21/2023 07:35 AM

Blacktop the trail all the way around the lake and add much more lighting in the parking lots! Former Park Electrician Tim Dolan P.S. Lighting and public access are the worst things about this park! There aren't any safe pedestrian entrances to this park! There is not even a sidewalk that goes out to Samish Way! And the one crosswalk across Samish Way is located in the wrong place!

Anonymous

10/21/2023 08:38 AM

Control over bike use as bikers for the most part are not considerate and are dangerous

Anonymous

10/21/2023 09·29 AM

Better deter crime (car prowls, etc.)

Anonymous

10/21/2023 01·26 PM

Conservation of the natural environment should take priority over any new projects or development. We should be doing less events to allow the ecosystem restore itself. There is quite a bit more use of the lake than years past and the ecology of the lake is degrading. We should reduce events and new activities and support daily nature exposure for residents.

Anonymous

0/21/2023 01:48 PM

Nothing

Presence of invasive species. Salmon accessibility along Padden Anonymous 10/21/2023 02:36 PM Creek Ease of use by birds Anonymous Offer storage for SUPs 10/21/2023 03:31 PM Anonymous Resurface tennis courts 10/21/2023 04:29 PM Anonymous Invasive species and poor water quality 10/21/2023 05:37 PM Get rid of invasive marine species Anonymous 10/21/2023 07:07 PM Get together with the county and finish the side walk from wade king Anonymous elementary on yew street road . Lots walk and bike to lake and are going to get killed . Put area back in uga and finish what you started . More direct trail from Galbraith parking lot to padden, improve beach Anonymous areas to have less sharp rocks right near shoreline, add path along Samish separated from traffic that runs from galbraith parking to padden entrance Anonymous More trail maintenance to address the inevitable mud. 10/22/2023 01:53 PM Make the lake safe to swim in again Anonymous Sandy beach Anonymous 10/22/2023 02:51 PM Re-open the showers and keep the restrooms open year-round Anonymous 10/22/2023 03:21 PM The new zealand mud snails would be gone. Overuse reduced. Bikes Anonymous 10/22/2023 05:50 PM degrading trails ended. This is a nature gem. Encourage low impact uses and discourage high impact. Send dirt bikes to Galbraith.

Anonymous

10/22/2023 06:14 PM

A. The current trail system is fantastic, clearly marked and provides the proper amount of space between trails. It's nice to feel like you're walking through a secluded forest. It's quiet and peaceful on the high trails. B. Fishing docks could be updated or remodeled

Anonymous

10/22/2023 10:01 PM

Add off leash dog area in wooded areas.

Anonymous

10/23/2023 07:10 AM

More trails.

Anonymous

10/23/2023 11·22 AM

Nothing! Love it as is.

Anonymous

10/23/2023 12:35 PM

Cleaner safer water

Anonymous

10/23/2023 03:56 PM

Wishlist... A dedicated paddler's clubhouse. For both the large paddling community and team use. Paddlers - including world Olympic level - are a primary user group of the park, training on the lake year round. But Padden is pretty perfect as it is. It is prized by the paddling community due to limits on boat traffic - unlike lake whatcom with its heavy jetski/wake boat use. The city should not develop more of Lake Padden or change much at all.

Anonymous

10/23/2023 03:43 PM

More parking in the summer.

Anonymous

10/24/2023 10:43 AM

Some trails need some simple improvements. I'd appreciate benches in the back woods for watching wildlife like owls and wood walkways to mitigate the excessive mud in the back trails. It becomes impassable after rain. There is also a hill that leads to the lake that dogs use. That could use a wood stair access for safety. I'm also hoping that the creek is slated for improvements as it exits the lake. Finally, crayfish traps should not be permitted at Lake Padden

Anonymous

10/24/2023 08:14 PM

Improve foot path drainage near main bathroom - no more puddles!

Anonymous

10/25/2023 01:33 PM

More trails and beach areas.

I kinda love it just the way it is. Anonymous Anonymous Not have to worry about my car being broken into. 10/25/2023 03:52 PM Anonymous Nothing Anonymous Nothing. I live a quarter mile from Padden and walk around it 5-6 times per week. Every time I'm there I think about how lucky I am to live so close to such a beautiful place. Anonymous More warning when there will be a major activity (races, etc.) on the 10/26/2023 09:29 AM trails. Sometimes there are postings in advance, other times not. Whatever changes are made, minimize environmental/wildlife impacts. Anonymous That my dog could be off leash at the lake and the lake trail. easier access to launch kayaks and swimming. more sandy swim Anonymous beaches and more picnic area. shuttle service to the park 10/26/2023 12:36 PM Anonymous Improved water access. Anonymous Remove the dog park. It is a pollution source Fix the showers and maintain what you've got before you add more Anonymous trails and access points. It's so unsanitary and gross to try to change clothes in the bathrooms after swimming. The bathrooms get filthy from overuse, especially since the showers have been locked up. People not using boat launch to lounge on. Anonymous Anonymous Improve water quality & amp; Restore the use of life guards at the old

bathhouse. Clean up the swim beach

Anonymous

10/27/2023 02:46 PM

Clean up lake to make it safer for swimming

Anonymous

10/27/2023 02·52 PM

cleaner water

Anonymous

10/27/2023 02:58 PM

More covered areas for picnics and BBQs. Even one in the dog park area too. Best new feature would be a small (not deep, maybe a 1'-2' deep) pool inside or easily accessible from the dog park. With the ability to refill with a hose. In reality Lake Padden needs a few more than 1 upgrade. It is time to spend some funds on revitalizing an awesome park.

Anonymous

0/27/2023 02:52 PM

Water quality

Anonymous

10/27/2023 03:01 PM

I don't see the need to expand the hardscape and buildings in the park. It all seems pretty awesome at Paddeen as it is now.

Anonymous

10/27/2023 10:11 PM

Increase access via bike and walking via trails. Do NOT spend more

money expanding facilities.

Anonymous

10/27/2023 03:30 PM

Fix the upper loop trail so it's not so muddy and rutty.

Anonymous

10/27/2023 03:36 PM

Get rid of the baseball fields

Anonymous

10/27/2023 03:53 PM

Install proper drainage on several trails that turn into mudholes, $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$

unusable for months on end.

Anonymous

10/27/2023 04:15 PM

Update bathroom facilities and provide year-round access to more of

them.

Anonymous

10/27/2023 04:30 PM

Improved communication of pedestrian/horse/bike suggested routes and etiquette to help everyone find their place and keep everybody

safe and comfortable.

Anonymous 10/27/2023 04:30 PM	I would add more native evergreen trees, shrubs, and plants.
Anonymous 10/27/2023 04:41 PM	Remove invasive species from the lake as much as possible, and convince people to pick up their dog droppings on and near the trails.
Anonymous 10/27/2023 04:39 PM	I'd like less noisy recreational activities, no power boats, no more ball courts.
Anonymous 10/27/2023 04:40 PM	Remove algae blooms and snails because I want to swim and paddle there with my kids.
Anonymous 10/27/2023 05:04 PM	A place to get a coffee or ice cream!!
Anonymous 10/27/2023 05:18 PM	Not change - keep it pristine and about reflection and naturewe have lots of other lakes and the bay for more active sports!
Anonymous 10/27/2023 05:26 PM	I love it just the way it is! My husband jokes that if he won the lottery he'd buy the whole property and build a dream home on the ridge overlooking and have his own personal golf course
Anonymous 10/27/2023 05:32 PM	More trail tread on the shaded side of the lake to prevent slipping on accumulated leaves, mud, or ice.
Anonymous 10/27/2023 05:27 PM	Clean up the water so it is more desirable to swim/play in!
Anonymous 10/27/2023 05:36 PM	More parking near the off leash dog trails.
Becketbluegreen 10/27/2023 05:40 PM	Dangerously speeding bicycles on the trails
Anonymous 10/27/2023 05:58 PM	Safety from homeless.
Anonymous 10/27/2023 07:30 PM	Road width.

Improve dog park: allow dogs to be off leash directly from dog park Anonymous 10/27/2023 07:34 PM onto trails. Expand off-leash dog trail systems. Better conditions and facilities for swimming Anonymous 10/27/2023 07:45 PM Anonymous More access to water Restoration of a more natural shoreline at the east end of the Lake. Anonymous 10/27/2023 08:27 PM The shoreline is horribly eroded there. Anonymous A place to relax like woods coffee answers a family swimming beach 10/27/2023 08:31 PM Taking better care of the water. Anonymous I'm a tennis player and dislike sharing the tennis courts with pickleball Anonymous 10/27/2023 08:48 PM players. It makes it much harder to access the court for tennis. Perhaps they could have their own courts. Remove geese poop and improve water quality. Anonymous 10/27/2023 08:50 PM Updated playground, especially the toddler area.

Anonymous

Anonymous Better and larger beach access for swimming and benches and tables

Nothing. Just maintain, upkeep and preserve what exists now. Anonymous

10/27/2023 09:29 PM Please improve signage on trails. The main lake trail is no problem, Anonymous but I often get lost and take wrong turns on the upper trails. 10/27/2023 09:25 PM

year round restrooms and drinking fountains Anonymous 10/27/2023 09:58 PM

10/27/2023 09:01 PM

Anonymous

10/28/2023 12:24 AM

I wish the dog swim area was all hours so you can do dog park and

swim in same location

Anonymous

0/28/2023 06:26 AM

nothing -- I LOVE it!

Anonymous

10/28/2023 06:36 AM

Trail maintenance or structures (e.g. boardwalks) to prevent muddy

conditions. PS. Thanks for all you do now.

Anonymous

10/28/2023 07:12 AM

More environmentally protected.

Anonymous

10/28/2023 07:41 AM

Honestly it meets all my recreational needs and it's beautiful. The walking loop is one of my favorite places to get exercise in

Bellingham so I suppose more beginner level trails would be nice (I have small kids and would be nice to have more family friendly hiking)

Anonymous

10/28/2023 08:05 AM

Improve the swimming area

Anonymous

10/28/2023 08:14 AM

Add more garbage bins in the offleash dog trails and a water spigot

would be amazing.

Anonymous

0/28/2023 08:13 AM

Clear algae from the lake

Anonymous

10/28/2023 08:38 AM

More emphasis on birds , nature and quiet. Actually, this park is

getting loved to death. Maybe do something more with Lake Sammish

for recreation?

Anonymous

0/28/2023 08:54 AM

Better water quality/safety.

Anonymous

10/28/2023 09:17 AM

Enhance shoreline for additional accessibility.

Anonymous

Pedestrian access from samaish

More running trails! Anonymous Anonymous No traps allowed in the lake Anonymous More signage to pick up dog poop Anonymous No mountain biking allowed on horse and dog off-lead trails Have mountain bikers use Galbraith exclusively, off the horse and Anonymous offleash trails. I love the walking - and that it's not too crowded. Not sure I would Anonymous 10/28/2023 11:11 AM change anything!! no dogs Anonymous 10/28/2023 11:49 AM I would add more trails to explore! Anonymous 10/28/2023 11:56 AM Create Safe pedestrian access to the park, including wheelchair Anonymous 10/28/2023 03:01 PM access to, and from the bus stop. Install a wide sidewalk that goes down into the park from the road. Work with the city to talk about a sidewalk along Wilkins that street that runs in front of the tennis courts. More off-leash zones/trails for dogs Anonymous 10/28/2023 04:11 PM A place to rent kayaks with an easy put-in. Anonymous 10/28/2023 04:36 PM I love it as is. Anonymous 10/28/2023 05:06 PM It's pretty perfect just as it is! It's my favorite park and the only lake I Anonymous 10/28/2023 05:31 PM like to swim in. It would be nice to be able to shower after, like we

	used to.
Anonymous 10/28/2023 05:33 PM	Cleaner water
Anonymous 10/28/2023 06:15 PM	Lake not gross
Anonymous 10/28/2023 06:33 PM	I'd like not to worry about my car being vandalized or stolen while I'm walking around the lake. Increased parking lot security would help.
Anonymous 10/28/2023 07:50 PM	Add beach volleyball
Anonymous 10/28/2023 08:09 PM	Enforcement of all dogs on a leash except for designated off leash area. Dogs off leash cause problems for those dogs that are leashed and for adults and children that are fearful of dogs.
Anonymous 10/28/2023 08:21 PM	Clean up and then protect lake. All Storm water runoff needs to be treated!
Anonymous 10/28/2023 08:33 PM	More trash receptacles for doggie poo bags to be tossed in.
Anonymous 10/28/2023 08:57 PM	Protect the trail system from overuse and erosion from unsanctioned trails
Anonymous 10/28/2023 09:12 PM	I would move the dog park so that runoff didn't go into the lake. I've had a serious itch after swimming in Lake Padden, and now I hesitate to swim there.
Anonymous 10/28/2023 09:30 PM	Restrooms at the boat launch area.
Anonymous 10/28/2023 09:36 PM	Safety on trails and parking lots
Anonymous 10/28/2023 11:11 PM	Please take care of the algae.

More grilling picnic tables with a water view Anonymous 10/29/2023 06:52 AM More community events like triathlons and trail running races Anonymous ? Anonymous 10/29/2023 08:25 AM The number selection above is not working. I only could choose 2 or Anonymous 6 on a couple. More garbage cans to deposit pet waste bags. Add playground equipment specific to toddler age groups. Eg similar Anonymous to the one at whatcom falls park Better beaches or water access on the North end of the lake Anonymous 10/29/2023 12:43 PM Except for the mud snails, it is pretty perfect. Our favorite park. Anonymous Better for swimming, there can be a bit of swimmers itch in the Anonymous 10/29/2023 01:03 PM summer Covered seating area in dog park Anonymous 10/29/2023 02:16 PM Reliable, consistent access to restrooms and showers. Even an Anonymous 10/29/2023 03:50 PM outdoor shower would be good Anonymous Improve the water quality Anonymous More trash cans/dog waste stations! 10/29/2023 04:42 PM Anonymous More parking 10/29/2023 05:24 PM

Lights on the tennis courts and all bathrooms open year around Anonymous Showers Anonymous 10/29/2023 08:48 PM Anonymous Enhanced water quality Anonymous Emphasize that on the main trail dogs must be on leash! 10/30/2023 06:31 AM Preserve balance for wildlife habitat. Our waterfowl need undisturbed Anonymous habitat both on and out of the water. Making the lake swimmable again! Anonymous Anonymous Keep the water from spilling when it gets cold. It would freeze over more and slow the mud snail growth. Jacob Stewart I would use the bus to travel there more often on weekends if it ran 10/30/2023 09:02 AM more frequently and pulled in to let folks on and off. Keeping water quality high so it feels safe to swim (past algae issues) Anonymous Add Pickleball courts. Anonymous 10/30/2023 09:47 AM Disc golf year round and daily Anonymous 10/30/2023 09:47 AM water cleanliness Anonymous Anonymous Solve the water quality problem so the lake will be safe to swim in. Anonymous I love it just the way it is

10/30/2023 10:40 AM

Anonymous

Add more mountain biking/ hiking. Even with Galby close by, Padden

is beautiful.

Anonymous

10/30/2023 04·59 PM

Playground

Anonymous

10/30/2023 06:04 PM

The water quality of the lake.

Anonymous

10/30/2023 06:38 PM

Pathways to get to the park, making it easier and safer for everyone

to walk to the park.

Anonymous

10/30/2023 07:57 PM

I might look at doing something new with the softball fields. The new

upper parking lot is great.

Anonymous

10/30/2023 08:04 PM

More and better signage designating on-and-off-leash areas for dogs. $\label{eq:condition}$

There is a lot of off-leash area there and that is fine, but the upper trail above the lake is NOT off-leash, and many dog owners don't

seem to realize this. Or maybe they don't care.

Anonymous

10/30/2023 09:48 PM

Make maintaining the environmental integrity of the lake the number

one priority.

Ali-Sea

0/30/2023 09:48 PM

Please keep the off leash trails!

Anonymous

10/30/2023 10:36 PM

I love the park. Restrooms open through the winter

Anonymous

10/30/2023 10:40 PM

Parking

Anonymous

10/31/2023 01:00 AM

Perhaps another dock for fishing

Anonymous

10/31/2023 05:33 AM

Fishing restricted to docks.

expand trail system Anonymous Anonymous Honestly, just taking care of the water itself. It would be nice to feel 10/31/2023 08:19 AM safe going for a swim again Anonymous More bathrooms 10/31/2023 08:23 AM Anonymous Coffee/snack bar with paddle board/pedal boat rentals Cleaner bathrooms and emphasis on safety. Lots of sketchy people Anonymous 10/31/2023 09:46 AM sleeping in cars Anonymous More benches along the trail. I'm old and need to sit a spell to make it 10/31/2023 10:34 AM around. More trails! Anonymous I love the park. Practically no changes! Maybe just being sure there's Anonymous TP and soap in the restroom. The leashed areas for dogs was better enforced. Many people have Anonymous 10/31/2023 11:47 AM their dog off leash in the leashed areas. Also more signage to leave nature as it is, lots of human destruction of natural habitat. People need reminders/education on preserving the park. Aquatic invasive species Anonymous Anonymous Covered, rentable spaces with power. 10/31/2023 11:58 AM I hate seeing the rumors of leeches in the lake, and bloom. I have no Anonymous 10/31/2023 02:05 PM knowledge of what it takes to keep a lake as "clean" as possible, but I wish it was easier.

Anonymous

10/31/2023 03:15 PM

I love it the way it is and don't want to see further development other than maintenance of the trails.

Anonymous

10/31/2023 03:28 PM

more activities

Anonymous

10/31/2023 04:09 PM

Fix the bathhouse at the swimming area, so there is functioning, showers, dressing area, and restrooms. Fix the bathhouse at the swimming area, so there is functioning, showers, dressing, area and restrooms enhance the swimming area access so it can accommodate more people because it gets very crowded in the summer. Also, add lifeguards during the summer and rope in the swimming area with and a docks.

Anonymous

10/31/2023 05:59 PM

Eliminate the off leash area.

Anonymous

10/31/2023 08:11 PM

Keep it clean!

Anonymous

10/31/2023 10:17 PM

Add a sandy beach where children can play and people can sit

Anonymous

11/01/2023 08:55 AM

I love it the way it is

Anonymous

11/01/2023 09:00 AN

Tear down the swim beach bathrooms, and rebuild. Bigger bathrooms, outdoor showers and a better storage area for COB events.

Anonymous

11/01/2023 09:04 AM

better water quality

Anonymous

11/01/2023 09:21 AM

I would like to better understand the invasive species. I swim and use my paddleboard in four places (Bellingham Bay, Lake Padden, Lake Whatcom, and Toad Lake.) I have worried at times that a species may live on my paddleboard or wetsuit. At times I have made a special trip to Bellingham Bay because I figure the salt will kill the invasive species. Ideally I would better understand what measures are adequate so I don't have an extra trip or otherwise worry about this.

Anonymous 11/01/2023 09:32 AM	Dog swimming area
Anonymous 11/01/2023 10:08 AM	Nothing major at all. Addressing water quality issues is probably number one - within the context of ensuring environmental health and sustainability of the entire ecosystem.
Anonymous 11/01/2023 11:23 AM	More care about control of the outlet for stream water!
Anonymous 11/01/2023 01:45 PM	More accessible paths/access for people with disabilities.
Anonymous 11/01/2023 02:58 PM	Signage where going in and out of off leash area
Anonymous 11/01/2023 08:10 PM	Better swimming beach/area
Anonymous 11/01/2023 08:10 PM	nothing! love it as is
Anonymous 11/01/2023 08:55 PM	I would have better water quality in lake padden. The algae seems pretty gross to me, but maybe I'm an idiot and that's actually a symptom of a healthy lake. What do I really know anyway?
Anonymous 11/01/2023 08:59 PM	I would love if there were at least one additional dock!
Anonymous 11/01/2023 09:26 PM	We need more access for fishing like docks and beach access on all sides of the lake so there isn't such a high concentration of people in one area.
Anonymous 11/02/2023 12:06 AM	The amount of car prowlers and theft which occurs in the parking lots.
Anonymous 11/02/2023 04:43 AM	Attention to fishing activities
Anonymous	Enforce dog off leash law.

Anonymous

more pickleball!:)

Anonymous

11/02/2023 08:43 AM

Lake Padden Park is a phenomenal resource as is. I suggest adding some environmental education signage: information about native

trees, native birds, etc.

Anonymous

11/02/2023 11:03 AM

Clearer trail maps, or a few signs. But love the park and is greatly enjoyable as it is!

Anonymous

11/02/2023 12:12 PM

I really enjoy walking around the lake and using the off leash trails on the east end. But I also enjoy watching other people recreate: picnicking, swimming, playing tennis, fishing, enjoying themselves. Keeping the current facilities in good repair, adding hot water to the bathrooms, and, upgrading the building at the swimming spot (lighten it up or something. Its dark and uninviting) and the large field at the east end to make it a multi-purpose field for baseball/softball, cricket and soccer.

Anonymous

Great golf course!

Anonymous

I am concerned this crown jewel of the Bellingham park system is being loved to death because so many people visit and recreate in the park. But I don't have any productive suggestions on how to minimize the adverse effects of over crowding.

Anonymous

Add Beach volleyball

Anonymous

Make it healthy and appealing to swim there.

Anonymous

Increase off leash dog trails

Anonymous

showers

Anonymous Goals for soccer. Security and clearing out cars at night. 11/02/2023 08:13 PM Make the docks a longer and larger T shape Anonymous 11/02/2023 10:14 PM Anonymous expand trail network Give more effort to keeping the water environmentally safe and clean. Anonymous 11/03/2023 09:37 AM Anonymous less scum on the water / swimmer's itch 11/03/2023 11:30 AM Anonymous parking 11/03/2023 12:34 PM Anonymous Better/more dark-sky lighting and safety measures (eg emergency call 11/03/2023 01:47 PM kiosks) in the parking areas. Anonymous Nothing 11/03/2023 03:49 PM Anonymous I like it here! Anonymous I would like a few more benches, especially along the trail on the far 11/03/2023 04:33 PM side of the lake. Better transit frequency to Lake Padden Park via WTA Route 533 or Anonymous 11/03/2023 05:49 PM other WTA network expansion via Fairhaven. Nothing, I like it the way it is! You guys are doing good work Anonymous 11/03/2023 05:53 PM More beach access Anonymous 11/03/2023 07:55 PM More benches on the back wooded side of lake trail. Anonymous

11/03/2023 08:32 PM

Anonymous

Some enforcement of pick up dog poop

11/04/2023 09:50 AM

Anonymous

No off-leash dog areas

11/04/2023 10:35 AM

Anonymous

11/04/2023 10:52 AM

I'd get rid of the off leash dog area. Many dog owners do not have good control of their dogs, and having the off leash area seems to give people the confidence to take their dogs off leash even in the on

leash parts of the park.

Anonymous

11/04/2023 11:01 AM

Add pickleball courts. Love everything about the park!

Anonymous

11/04/2023 12:41 PM

Private security in the parking lot.

Anonymous

11/04/2023 01:24 PM

Update basketball courts

Anonymous

11/04/2023 05:27 PM

Just to keep swimming access. It is our families favorite place to swim and have kids casually kayak. (Following mud snail protocols)

Anonymous

11/04/2023 05:37 PM

I would like to have the changing rooms open for swimmers!

Anonymous

11/04/2023 06:02 PM

A bit more parking at main beach. Open changing rooms (showers are nice, but really need a better place to change instead of restroom

stall is needed)

Anonymous

11/04/2023 06:01 PM

I can't think of one specific thing

Anonymous

11/05/2023 04:56 AM

Too many dogs. There needs to needs to be more patrols to make

sure dogs are on lease and under control.

Anonymous

11/05/2023 05:30 AM

Swimming beach

Anonymous

11/05/2023 05:53 AM

Add a coffee shop similar to the one at boulevard park which would make a great place to gather with friends.

Anonymous

11/05/2023 11:19 AM

I think Lake Padden Park is configured very well. I think any money the city has to spend should be spent maintaining what we already, have. We don't need more facilities we need better maintained facilities.

Anonymous

1/05/2023 11:59 AM

Fix what's already broken + and add better interoperative signage

Anonymous

11/05/2023 02:09 PM

Adding kayak rinse station near the main water access areas to reduce invasive contamination to and from lake padden.

Anonymous

11/05/2023 02:25 PM

Nothing! But if I had to choose, equipment rental

Anonymous

11/05/2023 04:27 PM

More lights at the dog park, more clear rules at the dog park like no leashes because they create aggression, no small children in the big dog area, more benches and seating in the big dog area, and No young small puppies in the big dog area. The off leash area after the dog park should start at the back side of the dog park not after the bridge. A drinking area inside the dog park. Maybe a draining system under the big bush that all the water runs down to during rainy season. Rec activities such as biking shouldn't be on the off leash dog trails, Or there should be a better warning for bicyclists to bike those trails at their own risk.

Anonymous

11/05/2023 05:19 PM

Bikes yield to pedestrians

Anonymous

11/06/2023 12:16 AM

Public outreach for more invasive species information/awareness.

Thank you.

Anonymous

11/06/2023 04:16 AM

Parking

Anonymous

11/06/2023 05:48 AM

repurpose the golf course area for things that everyone could enjoy.

Dog behavior. Leash rules. Anonymous Anonymous I think it's just about perfect the way it is. 11/06/2023 06:43 AM Anonymous add updated working showers Anonymous Bring back the swimming beca, lifeguards and snack bar in the 11/06/2023 06:41 AM summer More signage/way finding at trail intersections Cheeseonrye 11/06/2023 06:53 AM A few more dog poop trash cans Anonymous Anonymous nicer bathrooms Better access by public transportation Anonymous Longer unsaved trail system with more elevation gain Anonymous 11/06/2023 07:51 AM Enforce leash rules Anonymous Add trail signage to the outer trail system. Anonymous 11/06/2023 08:25 AM The water and grounds surrounding the heavily used picnic areas and Anonymous water access areas need to be cleaner. The park suffers from uncontrolled over-use. Accommodate the heavy use areas and leave the rest natural. Expand the children's play area and put a beach on that side. Install erosion control at the other beach and on the East shore line. Cluster the use and preserve the remainder of the shore.

Anonymous

More trails and good signage.

11/06/2023 08:47 AM

Anonymous

Nothing!

Anonymous

More trails

11/06/2023 10:47 AM

Anonymous

Keep off-leash dogs in the dog park. Too many people thieir THEIR

dog is not a problem.

Anonymous

wonderful spot!!

11/06/2023 11:28 AM

Theotilus

I wish people with dogs would observe the leash rules especially on

the main trail around the lake

Anonymous

Several more public use fishing docks/observation docks.

11/06/2023 11:57 AM

11/06/2023 01:46 PM

Anonymous

have never swam there...would like to...never sure about water

quality

Anonymous

Better marking of trails

11/06/2023 02:07 PM

Anonymous 11/06/2023 02:37 PM Environmental enhancement

Anonymous

1/06/2023 02:43 PM

Add crushed rock mix at muddy sections of all trails.

Anonymous

11/06/2023 02:57 PM

more trail connections with signs especially in upper trails

Anonymous

1/06/2023 03·26 PM

I would make it really clear where dogs must be on-leash.

Anonymous

11/06/2023 05:13 PM

Lake Padden doesn't need much - it's already a gem. But, the water quality at the lake is becoming an issue. A few thoughts: 1. Formalize

the shoreline at the main swim bank so people can access the water without cutting away at the bank and discourage lake access in areas that are not intended for access (large granite stone steps would work well). 2. Ensure all surface water runoff from parking lots, golf greens, and any stormwater systems are filtered through biofiltration swales/systems. 3. Consider constructing wetlands in underused areas to potentially add more water to the lake. Allow more prominence of outdoor showers and encourage folks to shower before and after they use the lake when swimming. Better ADA access to the main swim beach.

Anonymous

11/06/2023 05:51 PM

Add more walking/hiking trails

Anonymous

11/06/2023 07:12 PM

Move it to Skagit County, closer to me.

Anonymous

11/06/2023 08:57 PM

easier to access by bus

Anonymous

11/06/2023 11:11 PM

Fix and extend some trails and close a few. Some trails are near

others .

Anonymous

11/07/2023 12:07 AM

Reduce car parking to encourage more alternative transportation

choices to Park. Add or increase WTA stops

Anonymous

11/07/2023 05:59 AM

enforce leashed dog rules

Anonymous

1/07/2023 06:02 AM

enforce dogs on leashes

Anonymous

11/07/2023 06:11 AM

Keep all bathrooms open year round

Anonymous

11/07/2023 06:16 AM

Reduce mountain bike use of the trails and the devastation that

activity causes

Anonymous

11/07/2023 06:27 AM

Develop the beach area

Anonymous 11/07/2023 06:47 AM	The 'backside' horse & Deff-leash dog trails need to be maintained better to avoid erosion & Deff mud-holes. I hate to say it, but if we don't plan for durable places where dogs can wallow (and close others) they will continue to create too many mud wallows.
Anonymous 11/07/2023 06:55 AM	Monitor the water quality *and not just a couple times a year and only in one spot). Clean up the water
Anonymous 11/07/2023 07:17 AM	Safety from car break ins
Anonymous 11/07/2023 07:24 AM	I'm a senior citizen who likes things just the way they are!
Anonymous 11/07/2023 07:24 AM	Provide additional parks to relieve pressure on the park
Anonymous 11/07/2023 07:31 AM	Improve the security in the parking areas. There's been a lot of car break ins.
Anonymous 11/07/2023 07:32 AM	Decrease risk of car vandalism
Anonymous 11/07/2023 08:02 AM	Keep it publicly safe and less development, keep it natural and consider the habitat of the animals and aquatic life so it doesn't get overused. More people recreating and development means more impact on the environment and its natural beauty.
Anonymous 11/07/2023 08:07 AM	I think Padden Park is great. The biggest improvement I would like is to have the Padden Creek trail continue under the freeway- (along the creek) and then connect with the interurban.
Anonymous 11/07/2023 08:24 AM	Minimize the presence of dogs on the trails.
Anonymous 11/07/2023 08:22 AM	Overall I like it the way it is
Anonymous 11/07/2023 08:32 AM	open rest rooms at main beach

Anonymous

11/07/2023 08:46 AM

Add more hiking trails.

Anonymous

11/07/2023 08·53 AM

I can't think of anything. I love it

Anonymous

1/07/2023 09:00 AM

Dogs pooping on grassy lawn areas is offensive even if it is picked up

Anonymous

11/07/2023 09:07 AM

Clean lake water

Anonymous

11/07/2023 09:10 AM

More places to launch a kayak or paddle board

Anonymous

11/07/2023 09:10 AM

Manage invasive vegetation.

Anonymous

11/07/2023 09:24 AM

None

Anonymous

11/07/2023 10:27 AM

More official trails and less off trail trample effect on vegetation.

Anonymous

11/07/2023 12:00 PM

Access to running water during winter months.

Anonymous

11/07/2023 12:11 PM

Lake access on the southern (forested) side, such as a viewpoint or $% \left\{ 1,2,...,n\right\}$

pier.

Anonymous

11/07/2023 12:18 PM

Limit additional access for bicycle use. Bicyclists already dominate Galbraith and the parking there, and some of the back Padden loop. They are expanding access into the Y road system of trails. Please

ensure that hikers and walkers continue to be able to enjoy the trails

and nature.

Anonymous

11/07/2023 01:03 PM

More trails

Anonymous

clean up the lake

11/07/2023 01:09 PM

Anonymous

11/07/2023 02:31 PM

More native flowering shrubs throughout the woods as part of carbon

sequestration optimization

Anonymous

11/07/2023 02:44 PM

Really encouraging folks to only let their beloved pets off leash in the

designated off leash areas.

Anonymous

11/07/2023 02:53 PM

Better trail markers with approximate distances especially upper trails and those connecting new bike parking lot on samish with padden

trails

Anonymous

11/07/2023 03:13 PM

more benches for swimming

Anonymous

1/07/2023 05:02 PM

Add more trails.

Anonymous

11/07/2023 07:08 PM

Clean up the lake.

Anonymous

11/07/2023 09:09 PM

Padden creek! We need to tear out the cement and pipes in order to restore it back to it's natural state. It just looks horrible along side

such a nice trail.

Anonymous

11/08/2023 07:10 AM

Allow use of the golf course when there is snow on the ground, such

as sledding, snowshoeing or nordic skiing

Anonymous

11/08/2023 08:03 AM

The dog park. During the rain months, it is soggy and there is a potential for runoff to the creek then into the lake. While this is a great

location with a nice parking area, moving it away from the water onto drier ground would be a vast improvement. Fine people for not

picking up their poop and bags along the trail system. It is disgusting.

Anonymous

11/08/2023 08:26 AM

more up to date/bigger facilities for socialization

Anonymous

11/08/2023 10·20 AM

Adding a second playground in an alternate location.

I know the kids kayak team is important, but they have taken over the Anonymous lake at certain times of the day, making it impossible for swimming. Anonymous Overflow parking and more beach access. Anonymous Fix the access to the main beach. Meaning the big drop to a rocky 11/08/2023 10:52 AM beach Anonymous Take away recreational fishing. The garbage, fishing lines/lures stuck in the trees, and overcrowding from people that otherwise wouldn't access the lake is a burden. I walk this lake 5 times/week and the incoming crowd from the fishing season is uneeded. Anonymous Pickle Ball Courts (covered would be ideal) Anonymous Water quality issues... I'm scared of the mud snails and algae and worried about cross contamination between lakes so I don't get in or on the water at Lake Padden anymore. So sad. Anonymous More restroom facilities Anonymous I worry about my safety. Maybe more patrols. can't think of anything Anonymous 11/08/2023 11:12 AM Anonymous people having their dogs on leashes 11/08/2023 11:17 AM Permanent Disc Golf Anonymous 11/08/2023 11:18 AM Anonymous Expanded beach areas. These are why people come to the lake and 11/08/2023 11:33 AM they are very constrained in size compared to other lakes like this and that causes potential conflicts.

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Anonymous 11/08/2023 11:34 AM	Safety for open water swimmers from boaters
Anonymous 11/08/2023 11:41 AM	My main request would be keeping bathroom and locker room/shower open year round so off summer season paddlers and swimmers have a restroom to use and a shower to rinse off.
Anonymous 11/08/2023 11:55 AM	Put EQUESTRIAN PARKING signs up at our bridle trailhead and enforce it. Thank you
Anonymous 11/08/2023 12:51 PM	Water quality!
Anonymous 11/08/2023 12:10 PM	Parking is an issue but resolution is tricky. I don't want more space devoted to parking. But parking limits my trips in the summer.
Anonymous 11/08/2023 12:50 PM	Improve the main beach/swimming area by removing the abrupt embankment and creating a gentle slope to the water as well removing the rocks in the shallow area. Create a more inviting beach/swim area using sand along the main beach and into the water.
Anonymous 11/08/2023 12:35 PM	Improve hand rails for getting in and out of the lake in kayaks. I belong to the Kayak Queens and we kayak weekly at Lake Padden in the summer. We're definitely an older bunch and need all the help we can get to getting in and out. I have to tell you that I credit Lake Padden with my moving to Bellingham nearly 13 years ago. One of my daughters fell in love with Lake Padden and moved here. Then a second daughter moved here. And finally me. Thanks for a really wonderful facility.
Anonymous 11/08/2023 12:34 PM	Lake gets gross. Not enough inflow/outflow to take care of the dog and goose droppings.
Anonymous 11/08/2023 12:41 PM	Trail connection over/under I-5 to connect to Chuckanut Mountain Trails
Anonymous 11/08/2023 12:51 PM	More trails

Better dog park

Anonymous

11/08/2023 12:50 PM

Anonymous

11/08/2023 01:02 PM

Add boat washing station.

Anonymous

11/08/2023 12:57 PM

Keep up water quality so water fowl stuck around!

Anonymous

11/08/2023 12:54 PM

Parking and the toxic Alge- I would love it to be a safe place to swim

again and to be able to find a place to park.

Anonymous

11/08/2023 02:07 PM

More terrain for cyclocross practice and/or race events.

Anonymous

11/08/2023 01:08 PM

More bathrooms

Anonymous

11/08/2023 01:04 PM

Not sure

Anonymous

11/08/2023 01:13 PM

Reopening the changing room at the main swim beach (even if the showers/bathrooms aren't working!). It's awful having to change in

and out of a wet swimsuit in the bathroom stalls.

Anonymous

11/08/2023 01:18 PM

expand trail network

Anonymous

11/08/2023 01:30 PM

I wish the bathrooms were open longer hours, earlier and a little later. It's the only issue I've had, showing up to recreate and the bathrooms

were closed.

Anonymous

11/08/2023 01·29 PM

Improve the golf course

Anonymous

11/08/2023 01:37 PM

more off leash dog access

Anonymous

11/08/2023 01:40 PM

Open the showers in the summer.

More parking Anonymous Anonymous Have working showers. 11/08/2023 02:13 PM Anonymous Get the water cleaner. Anonymous eliminate invasive aquatics. Anonymous Cleaner swimming water. I kayak with a group of ladies once a week. We launch at the main Anonymous boat dock. We would love to have porta potties at that location and 11/08/2023 02:41 PM more handicap parking. Provide more open-use covered shelters for gatherings and games. It Anonymous 11/08/2023 02:55 PM rains here. Think about small covered areas just a bench or two for shade or protection from rain. Josephine Hegeberg Make the shoreline at the main swimming beach less steep. Anonymous Enhance the area for recreational swimming. Anonymous Expand disc golf Rocks in swim areas Anonymous 11/08/2023 03:17 PM Kayak launch at main beach Anonymous 11/08/2023 03:48 PM It's great. Don't change it. It is an amazing resource for the large Anonymous 11/08/2023 04:14 PM paddling community in Bellingham.

Anonymous

Move it to my side of town.

Anonymous

Better swimming access and showers reopened.

Anonymous

Nothing

Anonymous

Add a shower so I can clean off after swimming in the lake.

11/08/2023 04:59 PM

Anonymous More quiet space for wildlife without interference. Dogs on leash.

11/08/2023 05:14 PM

Anonymous

Be able to better separate bikers and walkers. It's really unerving and 11/08/2023 05:49 PM

unsafe as senior to have a fast bike come from behind without

warning.

Anonymous

11/08/2023 05:47 PM

I would like to see no motor boats on my drinking water.

Anonymous

Maybe create washing stations if it's recommended to wash boards and boats because of snails. More and up to date signage about algae blooms that are dangerous and where. And if there are safe

areas.

Anonymous

Open the locker rooms again please!

Anonymous

11/08/2023 06:38 PM

Improve showers and install hooks in bathroom area.

Anonymous

11/08/2023 06:46 PM

Make the park bigger by acquiring neighboring parcels.

Anonymous

Regarding above question: I would not like to see any expansion occuring at the lake. I would like to have given all of the options a 7 except for restoration. If more recreation opportunities are created you will need to expand parking which will mean cutting down trees

which will decrease the water quality.

Anonymous

Replace the rocks in the swim area beach with sand would be

11/08/2023 07:32 PM

awesome

Anonymous

Eradicate Mud snails.

Anonymous

Remove the invasive species in the water if possible

11/08/2023 07:20 PM

Keep the bathrooms open & amp; continue to allow cyclocross Anonymous

11/08/2023 07:19 PM

practice

Anonymous

What a jewel to have so close! Cross Country meets, solitary hiking, 11/08/2023 07:33 PM

school groups using the park as a classroom, hiking with my cohort.

My, oh my! One thing to improve ... I am at a loss.

Anonymous

Showers and all bathrooms open and working again

Anonymous

11/08/2023 08:05 PM

More Disc Golf

Anonymous

Cleaner water for swimming

Anonymous

People need to pick up litter and fishing gear

Anonymous

11/08/2023 08:34 PM

More guidance for dog owners so that pedestrians feel safe.

Anonymous

11/08/2023 09:00 PM

An easier way to let dogs access the lake and not be an issue.

Anonymous

11/08/2023 09:15 PM

Better hiking trails when it comes to the non+paved trails

Anonymous

11/08/2023 09:16 PM

I am alarmed by the number of dogs who are off-leash in areas that are clearly marked as on leash. Specifically walking on the trail that

goes around the Lake. I would love to bring my dog, but he does not react well to dogs running up to him. I wish there was a way to enforce and inform people that there are plenty of off leash areas at Lake Padden.

Anonymous

11/08/2023 09:26 PM

Keep people off the docks used for launching boats. Also, educate the park employees. I had one come up to us and scold us for using a gas powered motor on the lake. We obviously were using an electric motor but the employee couldn't tell the difference from an electric vs a gas motor. Then they told us that we couldn't use an electric motor either. What? Please assist your employees by giving them basic training.

Anonymous

11/08/2023 09:32 PM

More parking spaces

Anonymous

11/08/2023 09:42 PM

More beach spots along the shore

Anonymous

11/08/2023 09:42 PM

Fewer Karen's on the trails

Anonymous

11/08/2023 10:12 PM

Nice sandy swimming area with safe water

Optional question (391 response(s), 139 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question