

3. Park Values and Proposed Vision



Park values

The word cloud above captures the most common words that survey respondents used to describe Seal Bay Park. Survey responses suggest Seal Bay Park is valued most for:

- The diverse natural ecosystems, including mature second growth Douglas-fir forests, mixed forests, wetlands and the pebble beach.
- The wildlife.
- The peaceful and secluded feeling of the forest.
- A well-maintained multi-use trail system for hiking, horseback riding or running.
- Dog off-leash trails.
- On-leash trails to hike without worrying about encountering dogs that might be out of control.



Proposed vision for Seal Bay Park

The Seal Bay Park Master Plan will include a vision statement that speaks to the long term desired future condition of the park.

The vision statement is proposed to include the following, drawn from the 1998 park master plan and the values expressed by the public:

- Healthy, functioning ecosystems – including a large contiguous stand of mature second growth Douglas-fir forest, mixed forests, hardhack wetlands and pebble beach.
- Recognition of First Nation cultural values and history.
- Respect for sensitive ecosystems and wildlife habitat.
- Adaptive management to protect or restore functioning and resilient natural ecosystems.
- A well maintained trail network for low impact walking, dog walking, running, horseback riding and biking in a natural setting
- Park improvements are unobtrusive and blend in with the natural environment.
- A variety of trails: wide and inviting, narrow and windy, sloping or stepped, accessible and natural.



Open House Survey Questions:

3.1 Do you agree with the key values identified for Seal Bay Park?
If not, what values are missing?

3.2 Do you agree with the components of the proposed vision to be drafted?
If not, what would you change?