

8. Park Amenities (continued on panel 9)

Proposed improvements

On the in-park and on-line questionnaires, park users listed the following possible improvements:

- a place to drop dog poop bags;
- get rid of dog bags, people hang them up;
- garbage cans at some entrances;
- improve drainage on water logged trails;
- remove tripping hazards (rocks and roots) or raise trail surface;
- get rid of the library box or repaint to blend in;
- drinking water fountain;
- interpretive sign on history of area;
- info where to report bear and cougar sightings;
- a toilet facility along the beach;
- more outhouses;
- wheelchairs and strollers access through gate on inland side of Bates Road;
- lower speed limit on Bates Road and a crosswalk;
- get horse riders to clean up after their horses;
- guard rails;
- better bike rack at Bates Road;
- parking area/pull-offs on Huband Road;
- educate people that it is natural habitat first, a park for people second;
- signage identifying invasive plants to help people recognize and remove them;
- interpretive signs of how to identify native trees and shrubs.

Garbage cans for dog poo bags



Park garbage cans sometimes get abused by residents dumping their household garbage. For this reason, the CVRD keeps garbage cans to a minimum.

There is one garbage can at Bates Road, close to the outhouse, that dog owners can use for dog poop bags.

Let us know what the key locations for garbage cans are.

Don't do signs

Park contractors have complained about dog poo on the trails and poo bags hung up in shrubs. Park users have complained about other users not respecting trail use designations. While no one likes to see too many regulatory "don't do" signs, some are needed to ensure the protection of park wildlife and to provide enjoyable experiences for all users.

Move trail away from property line

South of the Ftizell Road entrance, the Horse-Bike Trail runs right along the back property line of Langlois Road residents. The CVRD has received requests to move the trail further into the park. A possible route has been identified.



Outhouses

The CVRD recently removed the outhouse on the Swamp loop and one close to beach. They did not meet health and environmental standards. Any new outhouses need to be at park entrances or off a wide trail where they can be accessed to be serviced/pumped out. Currently, there are outhouses at the Hardy and Bates road entrances and on Seal Flipper Trail.

Possible locations for an additional outhouse within the park are:

- at a three way junction close to assembly point SB40
- along the Horse Bike loop at a four way junction close to the Mitchell Road entrance at assembly point SB50
- at the Mitchell Road entrance.

See Open House Survey question asking you to prioritize new park amenities over the next 10 - 15 years on panel 9.