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## **Kayak Point Regional Park to Reopen for Summer 2024**

*This popular park will reopen July to October before closing again for Phase 2 construction.*

**STANWOOD, Wash., February 5, 2024** – Snohomish County Parks plans to reopen the day-use area at Kayak Point Regional Park on July 1, 2024, after most of Phase 1 construction is complete and plan to close the day-use area again October 15, 2024, for the beginning of Phase 2 construction. Things will look different than what visitors are used to, as the park is still in an interim stage during construction that will continue during the summer.

The pier (usually used for fishing and crabbing) will remain closed the entire summer. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife requires in-water construction for the new pier during the summer months, when work is least likely to impact aquatic life. Most of the park will be open, including the new boat launch and parking areas, as well as parts of the park that have not yet been updated such as the restrooms and picnic shelters. [Online reservations](#) for the picnic shelters will open March 1 at 9:00 a.m. All dates are subject to change.

### **What will be open?**

- Beach, trails, parking, restrooms
- Picnic shelters (reservations open March 1)
- New boat launch
- Playground
- Campground
- Overflow parking

### **What will be closed?**

- Pier (no access)
- No fishing/crabbing from pier
- Not all ADA amenities are constructed yet in the interim phase

### **What will be different?**

- Be aware of new traffic patterns – pay attention to all signs
- The picnic shelters will be available (online reservations open March 1)
- New boat launch lane, queuing lane, boarding float, trailer parking, tie-down areas

- Pier construction may impact noise and traffic

“From its 3,300-foot shoreline to its evergreen forest and yurt village, Kayak Point Regional Park provides a rich setting for a variety of outdoor activities that both residents and visitors enjoy, including camping, fishing, picnicking, and hiking,” said Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers. “Kayak Point is a well-loved park, and I’m glad we are able to make design improvements that will increase accessibility, safety, and sustainability.”

“Families and visitors from across Snohomish County will have the opportunity to use Kayak Point Park this summer as we continue the improvements to the day-use area,” said Snohomish County Councilmember Nate Nehring ([District 1](#)). “The County is making significant investments for the long-term future of the park. I am looking forward to the temporary opening this summer and the completion of these improvements next year.”

“We heard from the community how important this park is to so many families and visitors,” said Sharon Swan, Snohomish County Parks Director. “Even though things will look different, we are excited we can temporarily reopen Kayak Point for the summer. People will be able to enjoy their favorite saltwater park and also see the hard work that is going on during construction.”

Phase 1 began in July 2023 and included a single-lane, elevated boat launch, a boarding float, debris deflectors, queuing lanes, vehicle and truck/trailer parking, underground utilities, and part of the new soft backshore berm to provide park resiliency during storms and sea level rise.

Parks staff have applied for grants for Phase 2 construction which would include updates to the rest of the day use area recreation, habitat, and infrastructure improvements located to the north and south of the Phase 1 improvements.

For more information about the project, annual pass information, frequently asked questions, diagrams and more, [visit our project page here](#).

### **About Snohomish County Parks & Recreation**

The Snohomish County Parks system is incredibly diverse and boasts over 11,000 acres of parks and open space; over 100 park properties; 100s of miles of trails and access to fresh and saltwater shorelines. Major regional park assets such as the Evergreen State Fair Park, Kayak Point Regional Park, Lord Hill Regional Park, and the Centennial and Interurban Trail systems host local, regional and national events that draw millions of visitors each year to Snohomish County.

### **About Snohomish County Conservation and Natural Resources**

The Snohomish County Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) includes the Division of Surface Water Management; the Division of Parks and Recreation; the Office of Energy and Sustainability and the Office of Agriculture. DCNR works in support of thriving communities; a clean and healthy environment to foster environmental stewardship; ensuring food security; supporting a green economy and strengthening communities by providing regional parks and infrastructure; protecting the region's water, air, land and natural habitats; enhancing agriculture and recreation; and reducing flooding. <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/5758>.

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