

Lord Hill Stakeholder Meeting 8/19/16

1996 Supplemental Master Plan Recommendations:

MP Update Evaluations

- Secondary Trail Expansions
- Sensitive Area Degradation
- Trail Degradation
- Misuse of Trails
- Mountain Bike Trial – evaluate specifically for trail degradation resulting from mountain bike use

Land Use

- In depth Critical Area study
- Re-zoning
- Mountain Bikes trial period
- New trails to only specifically serve:
 - Destinations
 - Trail Connections
- Minimize Trails to and around wetlands
 - End trails at observation platforms
 - No Horses in wetlands
- Boardwalks in and around wetlands if necessary OR
 - Hiker Only wetland trails

Goals not met

- ADA / Interpretive paved loop trail
- Community Center / Meeting Room
- 4 Fixture Restroom building
- Directional Signage
- Additional Informational Kiosks
- Interpretive Signage
- Day-Use with picnic facilities

ELEMENTS OF THE MASTER PLAN AND DESIGN GUIDELINES

DESIGN OBJECTIVES

The development objectives for Lord Hill Regional Park remain as stated in the 1988 Master Plan:

1. Preserve the natural, undeveloped character of Lord Hill and protect wildlife and their associated habitats. Discourage development in the interior of the site; develop areas such as the park headquarters near the property line at the park entrance.
2. Create a series of circulation routes throughout the park to provide opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, and other non-motorized trail uses. Provide for handicapped accessibility.
3. Provide observation opportunities at the wetlands and ponds, but restrict the number of access points. Protect the wetlands' edges by constructing viewing platforms. Discourage off-trail use and prohibit horses in the wetlands areas.
4. Create educational experiences for all ages.
5. Develop the park to be a year-round recreational facility, open only during daylight hours.
6. Provide for an on-site ranger residence near the park entrance.

Additional objectives have been defined and are being implemented.

7. Provide a directional trail signage system for park users.
8. Allow mountain bikes on trails on a trial-basis. Evaluate conflicts between user groups and any degradation to sensitive areas/natural resources attributed to mountain bike use to determine if the park should remain open for mountain bike use.
9. Evaluate degradation to sensitive areas and/or trails and adjacent land due to over-use or misuse. Determine if a trail should be temporarily closed for restoration or if a trail should be realigned to preclude further degradation.

These objectives were then translated into elements of the overall master plan and into design guidelines. The following discussion updates the guidelines in the 1988 Master Plan.

RECOMMENDED TRAIL USE
ALL USERS
HIKERS ONLY TRAIL
MILES TO PARK ENTRANCE
VIEWPOINTS
RANGER'S RESIDENCE
CAUTION: WATCH FOR AUTHORIZED VEHICLES ON MAIN TRAILS

