



# Grand Forest North

New Trails Proposed by  
Bainbridge Island Mountain Biking Club

# WHAT WE DO

**BI Mountain Biking Club is a nonprofit.**

- We promote mountain biking
- We support middle school and high school mountain bike teams (Gear Grinders)
- We maintain & help build island trails
- **We encourage island youth to step away from their screens and appreciate nature**



The mission of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District is to build a healthy community through effective, **sustainable stewardship** of the District's parks and open space, and through the development and delivery of **innovative cultural and recreation opportunities.**

**BI Parks and Recreation Mission Statement**



# GROWING SPORT

- 10% of WA residents ride the trails and there are not enough trails\*
- Gear Grinders teams and Park programs growing steadily
- Promotes a safe & healthy lifestyle  
“The sport encourages strength, confidence... in our youth\*”
- Develops the next generation of public land stewards  
Volunteers of all ages help maintain our Bainbridge’s parks & trails



\*Figures from the Washington State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

# TRAIL FACTS

- Expanded existing multi-use outer loop
- Designed for mountain biking
- **Not exclusively** for mountain bikers
- Designed to accommodate bikers and hikers
- Not designed for speed or advanced riding
- Consistent with the purposes of the Grand Forest to stay undeveloped and available to the public for passive uses like trails . . .



# Why Grand Forest North?

- **Suitability:** Gentle slope ideal for beginner and intermediate trails and large enough to provide a good trail riding experience
- **Location:** Centrally located, convenient to Parks mountain bike program and mtn bike teams and convenient to bike to
- **Environment:** No significant wetland or wildlife concerns  
Not a heavily used park.
- **Nature:** Compatible use of a beautiful forest for kids and families

# KEEPING IT LOCAL

- Proposed trails relatively short compared to other mountain bike areas in Puget Sound – Port Gamble has 60 miles of trails!
- Will not draw off-island riders



# COST

## No cost to the taxpayer

- Volunteers will reduce costs
- BI Mountain Biking Club will raise the funds needed
- Potential grant from Parks Foundation Jay Fund
- Maintained by mountain bikers and other volunteers

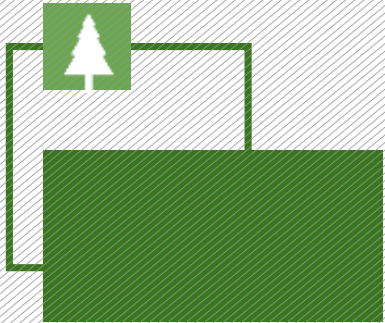


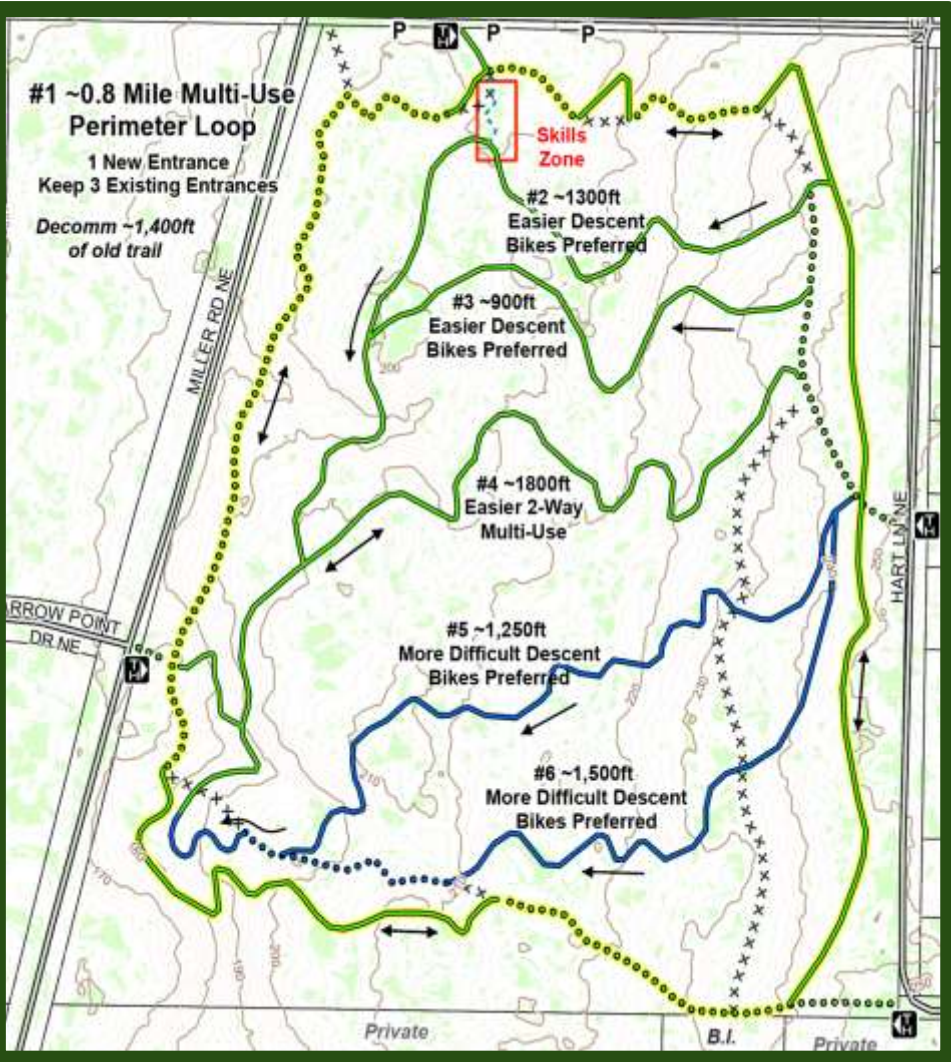




# WE HEAR YOU

- Mountain bike families live and recreate on Bainbridge
- We're also dog-owners, runners, walkers, moms, dads, and grandparents
- We love the outdoors and seek to protect it
- We promote responsible & safe trail etiquette
- **And, we listen to the community...**





# ORIGINAL PROPOSAL

(February 18, 2021 version with modified labels)

**2.3 Miles** (1.7 new and .6 miles existing) .8 Mile Perimeter Loop

Includes a small “skill zone” with features like a balance beam and small drops to help riders improve skills

Five trails total, four “bikes preferred” trails

## Concept Proposal

Skill zone removed

Interior trails reduced  
from five to three

Trail density comparable with  
other areas in the parks



## REVISED PROPOSAL

**Multi-use outer loop .8 mile**

**The 3 new trails would total  
approximately .9 mile in an overall  
Bainbridge Parks District of 40 miles.**

Skill zone removed

Reduces the amount of new trails to  
3, similar in trail density to other  
areas of the Grand Forest

Interior trails designed for  
mountain biking and useable by  
bikers and hikers

# SUMMING UP . . .

- Multi-use trails not exclusive to one user group
- Consistent with the established uses of the Grand Forest & Park District trail vision plan
- Designed for kids and families - builds skills
- Fun for mountain bikers of all ages and abilities
- Close by - people can ride there
- Not for high speed or advanced mountain biking skills
- Sustainably built and maintained to the same level as existing trails

**Thank you for considering  
this proposal.**

**We are happy to address any questions  
from the Commissioners**

