



Tennant Trailhead Park FAQs

History of the site

The 32 acres had been slated for a large-scale housing development that would have included single and multifamily homes with associated infrastructure. A partnership was formed between the City of North Bend, Si View Metropolitan Park District, and King County Parks, to help preserve this property. With the help of Conservation Futures Grant money, the acquisition became a reality with special thanks to the Tennant family that previously owned the property, the Mountains to Sound Greenway, North Bend City Council, Si View Park Commissioners, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, and many others.

Where is it located and what is on site?

Tennant Trailhead Park is located south of Exit 31, on either side of Ribary Rd, immediately after the Rock Creek Apartments. This beautiful piece of land contains a healthy ecosystem comprised of mature forests, wetlands, creeks, steep topography, and glacial erratic rock features.

Where does the name come from?

A naming selection committee was put together to name the park. Representatives were chosen from each group that made this park possible. After much discussion, the committee landed on Tennant Trailhead Park.

- 'Tennant' comes from the Tennant family who were early North Bend residents, and past owners of the land. The family has been a resident from the mid-1800s and helped make this park a reality.
- 'Trailhead' was chosen to show that there will be a regional trailhead on site with access to thousands of acres of public land and connection to a vast trail system.
- 'Park' was chosen to signify that in addition to being a trailhead, this is also a community park.

Why are we proposing trails on site?

The City of North Bend & Si View MPD strive to enhance the quality of life through the facilitation of recreation programs and parks in the community. Trails that link parks and greenspaces, and acquisition of parkland for passive recreation were ranked as two of the three top development priorities identified by the park district residents in a community survey



conducted in May 2016 by Si View MPD and have continued to be top ranked during public outreach.

This park acquisition on Rattlesnake Mountain is supported by goals set forth in both the City and Si View MPD's comprehensive plans. These goals include development of new parks to meet the current and future needs of residents, and actively working to address gaps in trail systems and connect public lands, for a more connected trail system.

What can we do on the site?

This site was purchased in part by Conservation Futures Grant money with the expressed intent of preserving the healthy forest ecosystem. Because of this, there are some parameters with what can be done on site. Use of the property is restricted to low impact, passive-use recreation. This means that development of facilities to support organized/structured athletic activities such as ballfields, courts, and gyms is not allowed. Examples of allowable passive-use recreation include activities such as walking, biking and wildlife observation, all of which have a minimal impact on the ecosystem. Future use is limited to non-motorized use, except as necessary for maintenance or parking. A maximum of 15% of the total area may be developed with impervious surfaces (i.e., parking lot, bathroom, picnic gazebo, etc.). Trail surfaces are not included in this calculation.

How is it going to be funded?

It is anticipated that funding will come from grants, general funds from Si View MPD, City of North Bend, King County Parks , and potential bonds that would be put out to the voters. In addition, we also hope to have volunteers groups help build some of the trails. Be sure to get involved to help make this a reality.

What happens next? How can I help?

This is the first phase in the master planning process. Once we have gathered public input we will create a DRAFT Master Plan. The DRAFT Master Plan will be available for public comment. Once the plan is finalized, we can begin organizing grants, construction, and volunteer work parties.

Please leave your name and email on our sign in sheet. We will send out notices as to next steps and volunteer opportunities.