

BLUE LAKE REGIONAL PARK

The final design concept for Blue Lake Park aims to transform it into more of what is already is: a park where people come to play, gather, celebrate and interact with each other and their surroundings.

In an effort to enhance Blue Lake Park's perennial experiences while introducing new activities and destinations along the water, this plan provides a series of lakeside sites for more concentrated activity, including a central community gathering area with water play and an outdoor stage, natural play areas, a climbing wall, a massive net climber, new boat house, and the Lake House Gardens and event facilities. Along the water and throughout the park there are play and outdoor learning areas for visitors of all ages, including an outdoor skills zone, a wetland open-air shelter and overlook, a music garden, a discovery garden, and a bike skills area. Other park features focus on gatherings and places to eat. A variety of outdoor barbecues

and roasting ovens complement new larger-group picnic facilities, and a seasonal food cart pod activates the concession area. On the water, the lake and renovated docks welcome expanded picnicking, boating, and fishing opportunities.

In terms of circulation and access, the new design establishes two major east-west pedestrian channels with looped routes while retaining flexible visitor parking at the north end of the park. Numerous tree-lined pedestrian paths run north to south leading visitors from the drop-off and parking areas to the park's major destinations. The new "back channel" path provides opportunities for cyclists to diverge from the 40-Mile Loop Trail and stop over at Blue Lake, with connections back to the trail via Blue Lake Road in either direction. New site amenities such as signage, restrooms, bike parking, picnic tables, benches, and recycling/waste receptacles are located throughout the park, wherever appropriate.

THINGS TO DO

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| Paddle | Picnic | View Wildlife |
| Fish | Gather | Explore |
| Bike | Celebrate | Observe |
| Skate/Scoot | Cook | Listen |
| Climb | Play Music | Watch |
| Swing | Eat | Reflect |
| Splash | Learn | Stay Warm |
| Wade | Camp | Practice |
| Play Games | Throw | Compete |
| Walk/Jog/Stroll | Eat/Drink | Enjoy |

PLACES TO BE

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| Waterfront Promenade | Wetland Trails/Overlooks |
| Strolling Gardens | Wildlife Viewing Areas |
| Rentable Event Venue | Outdoor Skills Area |
| Central Gathering Area | Meadow |
| Flexible Field | Boathouse |
| Activity Hub | Docks and Piers |
| Picnic Areas | Picnic Shelter |
| Warming Huts | Multi-Cultural Cooking Areas |
| Play Areas | Walking Paths |
| Nature Play Areas | Multi-Use Trails |
| Water Play Areas | 40-Mile Loop Trail |
| Wetland Play Areas | Demonstration Garden |
| Bike Skills Area | Disc Golf Area |



BLUE LAKE PARK MASTER PLAN / FINAL CONCEPT





① On the water, the lake and renovated docks would welcome expanded picnicking, boating and fishing opportunities.



② An open-air shelter at the west wetland would provide opportunities to view Mount Hood, birds, beavers and the Nichaqwli monument.



- ③ The Lake House would be replaced with a new open-air/enclosed structure and gardens, available as a community and celebration space that could be rented.



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⑤ Water quality is an ongoing concern at Blue Lake. The final plan would not allow swimming in the lake. Because water is a focus of the park, the plan calls for a new destination water feature that can be maintained for cleanliness and safety. The signature water feature would act as a flexible gathering space. When the water play is turned off, the space would transition into an outdoor stage/plaza.

