“Probably no other city in this country has such a beautiful natural park. ...”

1911 Hare & Hare Master Plan

2015 Point Defiance Park Master Plan Update
Guiding Principles

1. Preserve the character of Point Defiance Park

2. Provide unified, safe pedestrian access to and throughout the Park and to the waterfront

3. Create year-round activities that encourage visitors to utilize the Park in all seasons.
Mission:
Achieve a balance of: Past, Present, and Future... Recreation, Leisure, Education, Conservation, Preservation, History, and Progress
2015 Outreach

• Public Meetings:
  • Nearly 200 people attended Jan. 29
• Steering Committee
• DestinationPointDefiance.org
  • Nearly 6,000 unique pageviews to May 15
• Online forum (MindMixer)
  • 2,000+ unique visitors
• Twitter
Proposed Circulation

LEGEND
- Circulation 1-Way
- Circulation 2-Way
- Close off or Modify
  - At overlooks reconstruct away from bluff
  - Interior circulation becomes pull-off parking
- Create Unshared Pedestrian / Bike Path
  - 12'-20' wide with as little crossover of vehicular traffic as possible
Overall Site Plan
PT. DEFIANCE PARK

FOREST
- Realign Road and Parking at Gig Harbor Overlook
- Viewpoint Upgrades for Safety and Bluff Protection

FT. NISQUALLY
- Upgrade Existing Parking
- New Native American Plank House
- Eliminate Parking Along Five Mile Drive (Bluff Side)
- Replace Restroom Facility / Restore WPA Shelter
- Implement Fort Nisqually Program Plan

CAMP 6
- Upgrade Parking
- New Multipurpose Education Facilities / Restroom
- New Program Support Building
- New Welcome Center

BAKER TRACT
- New Picnic Shelter
- New Parking
- New Restrooms
- Fenced Dog Park, 3-4 Acres with shelter
- Nature Adventure and Play Area
- Maintenance Facility

ZOO
- New Joint Education Building
- New Aquarium
- New/Improved Arctic Tundra Exhibit
- Improved Rocky Shores Exhibit
- Parking Deck over Existing Parking Lot

OWEN BEACH
- Add 2nd Picnic Shelter
- Replace Existing Concession and Restrooms
- With New Joint-Use Facility
- Improve Human-powered Boat Launch Ramp
- Restripe and Improve Existing Parking Lot
- Provide Area for Overflow Parking

WATERFRONT
MARINA
- Improved Access to Ferry and Waterfront
- Add 2nd Level to Boathouse

TRIANGLE
- New Boat Trailer Parking
- Amenity Facilities Totaling 150,000 sf
- Event Plaza
- Parking for 450 Vehicles
- Children’s Play Area

PENINSULA
- Restrooms
- Open Air Event Lawn
- Viewing Areas
- Parking for 100 Vehicles

LEGEND
One-way Road
Two-way Road
Existing Pedestrian Trail
Proposed Unshared Pedestrian Trail
Close-off or modify