

Big Finn Hill – Trails Planning Meeting – Thursday, August 23, 2012 at Bastyr University

June meeting highlights

- ❖ Ground truth & update trails map
- ❖ Perimeter trail & connect to St Edwards & O.O. Denny
- ❖ Safe crossing of Juanita Drive
- ❖ Skills park for bikes and trails for hiking
- ❖ Keep trails narrow
- ❖ Maintain natural features of the park
- ❖ More trail signage needed but not too much
- ❖ Signage at crossings for safety & Kiosks at trailheads
- ❖ Advisory group should include members who represent all users

Who uses the Big Finn Trails?

- Neighbors
- Hikers
- Walkers
- Dog walkers
- Mt bikers
- BMX'ers
- Naturalists
- Photographers
- Vandals
- Orienteerers
- Geocachers
- Cross country runners
- School kids
- 3 year olds on push pedals
- Berry pickers ad mushroomers
- Partyers
- Paintballers and air soft
- Picnicers
- Homeless
- Dirt bikers
- Equestrians???
- Disabled???

Goals and outcomes of the planning process?

- ✓ Protect the environment
- ✓ Improve mt bike trails – flow and fun
- ✓ Keep development out
- ✓ Keep as wild as possible
- ✓ Keep trails safe
- ✓ Biking/hiking connection to Juanita Beach
- ✓ Reduce the # of trails
- ✓ Develop a trail maintenance plan
- ✓ Plan should accommodate users

- ✓ Identify outside funding sources, such as from the state
- ✓ Completed trail inventory
- ✓ A planning document that is useable and useful
- ✓ A plan that is comparable to other trail plans
- ✓ Establish policies that determine appropriate use, identify projects and provide maintenance guidelines
- ✓ What is the relevance of the 1994 master plan? Does this trail plan become part of the master plan?
- ✓ Address parking and traffic
- ✓ What to do about the beavers?
- ✓ Improve communication on site with new kiosks
- ✓ Increase communication and connections to area schools and students
- ✓ What is the role of the City of Kirkland?
- ✓ Role of EMBA?
- ✓ Prioritize the list of recommendations
- ✓ Keep the positive flow of the group!