

"KAISER WOODS PARK" NAME SUGGESTIONS (2024)

Number	Name	Description	Likes
1	Kaiser Trails Park		0
2	Westside Woods	Come on. Kaiser Forest? That sounds scary. How about Westside Woods? It just works.	2
3	Sub Black Hills	It's what has been called for probably the last 30 years	2
4	Rachel Corrie Park	Rachel Corrie is an important historical figure from Olympia who represents our values	4
5	Kaiser Forest Park	Short and simple with focus on "forested" park.	0
6	Kaiser Woods Park	Been using this name for a while. Great name. Name recognition.	4
7	Tracy Reddick Woods		0
8	Tracy Reddick Woodland Park		0
9	Steh-chass Stewardship Park	"Steh-chass" refers to one of the original villages of the Squaxin Island Tribe, located near the southernmost point of Puget Sound, where Olympia now stands. Using this name connects the park to the region's Indigenous heritage. Stewardship conveys the idea of protecting and caring for the environment, a principle that is deeply ingrained in the values of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Nisqually and Squaxin Island Tribes. This name honors both the historical presence of Native American tribes in the Olympia area and their commitment to environmental stewardship, aligning with the park's natural beauty and conservation goals.	5
10	Black Hills Mountain Bike Park		0
11	Basalt Rock Park	The land has a shallow layer of basalt rock.	0
12	Leschi Forest Park	Named after Chief Leschi of the Nisqually Indian Tribe who was a leader for the southern Puget Sound Indigenous tribes. He was unjustly hung and in 2004 the Washington Senate passed a resolution proclaiming Leschi's conviction and execution as an injustice, declaring him a "great and noble man". His conviction was overturned by the Supreme Court.	2
13	Iralena Beckman Woods	Iralena was a longtime Olympia Parks employee who shared her love of the outdoors with many. She was an exceptional arborist stewarding Olympia's 1400 acres of parkland and 2,400 street trees. She was the "tree canopy greeter" for kids learning to climb trees and experience the forest canopy and she mentored youth at risk, providing them with valuable job skills. In her personal life, she rescued and cared for several animals, enjoyed the local music scene, and soaked up the warm summer days while riding her motorbike (probably listening to The Cure or Pink). She was proud of her Hispanic heritage and fostered a culture of belonging before we even had terms for it.	3
14	Parky McParkface		2
15	Whispering Trees Park		0
16	Elk Ridge Multi-Use Trails	Let's acknowledge and honor the Delphi Herd living next door! ☐	1
17	Jolene Unsoeld Woods Park	Jolene Unsoeld was Olympia's local, state and national environmental leader advocating outdoor and mountaineering skills for all ages. She was our Congressional rep and advocated for open government and environmental protection. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jolene_Unsoeld	7
18	Black Hills Forest Trails	Or the common name already being used: Sub Black Hills (SBH).	0
19	Jolene Unsoeld Park	From her days in Nepal to her work as a Washington State Legislator, Member of Congress, and community activist, the trees and the environment were always something Jolene loved and fought to preserve. We need to preserve and recognize her leadership.	5
20	Exploration Hills Park	With the focus on hiking and biking trails, the name "Exploration Hills Park" captures the intent of the new park and encourages people to explore Olympia's newest biking/hiking-focused park while preserving a historical naming component of the recognizable "Black Hills" where the beautiful park is accessed.	1
21	Marj Yung Community Park	Marj Yung, the first woman Thurston County commissioner, modernized county government. Marj loved nature and advocated for parks. A community activist and environmentalist, she wrote about the plants of Ken Lake, where she lived, and the McLane Creek Nature Trail.	5
22	I suggest either "West Olympia Bike Park" or "Black Lake Bike Park".	These suggestions tell what the park is (mainly for mountain biking) and where it is. I believe this is an excellent approach to naming because it is clear to the public.	1
23	West Olympia Mountain Bike Park	Straightforward, easy for visitors that want to ride the park to search online for, and acknowledges the primary use of mountain biking.	0
24	Black River Bike Park or Black River Trails	Acknowledges primary use of the area (what Ryan said), Geographically relevant to the area--Black Hills (and Sub Black Hills), Black Lake, Black River. And it sounds nice.	0
25	Ask a local tribe to name it	Can we have the Squaxin Island Tribe or another group to supply an appropriate name for the land? I want to see more Lushootseed placenames when I'm out and about.	0
26	I support Jolene Unsoeld Woods. Jolene was State Representative, Member of Congress, hiker, mountain climber.	She led the campaign for Initiative 276 which required open government meetings and records, open lobbyist records. She led the fight for toxic cleanup and other environmental needs. She fought for retirees. And much more.	1

27	William McLane Nature Park	<p>William McLane Nature park would be a salute to our pioneer and all he did to develop this area. He was an Early Thurston County Pioneer that; helped the Bush family back to health after he found them sick with small pox. In 1852 "Black Lake" Thompson took him to Eld's Inlet (Mud Bay) where he took up his donation claim for the land. He was the only settler west of Olympia. He helped provide the timber for many roads and the first Westside bridge. McLane was President of the Territorial Assembly and stopped the capital from being moved to Vancouver. McLane's philanthropic endeavors included building one of the first schools, donating land for future schools, a fire dept and the McLane Grange. His success as a businessman, caring for others, and his political and philanthropic contribution's have allowed the McLane name to enduree to this day. He still has many descendants living in this area. An Honorable name for such a beautiful park.</p>	0
28	Jolene Unsoeld	<p>Jolene played a pivotal role in shaping transparency and accountability in government through her work on Initiative 276, which led to the Open Public Meetings Act. This groundbreaking legislation empowered citizens by providing greater access to information about campaign finance, and she further cemented its importance by authoring the booklet "Who Gave, Who Got, How Much." This publication helped the public understand how candidates' campaign funds were raised and spent.</p> <p>Jolene's dedication to public service extended beyond her work as a citizen activist. She became a state legislator and later a member of Congress, where she championed environmental causes, securing the passage of key legislation to improve water quality, manage toxic waste, and ensure sustainable forestry practices for national forests. Her deep commitment to environmental protection, coupled with her passion for mountain climbing, underscores her love and respect for nature. Naming a park in her honor would celebrate her legacy as a trailblazer for environmental sustainability and transparency in government, and as an inspiring figure who devoted her life to the betterment of the community.</p>	Submitted via email 10.12.24
29	Jolene Unsoeld Woods Park	<p>I've lived in Olympia 45 years and served on the Olympia City Council in 1990-94. Jolene Unsoeld was my mentor and environmental guide when I worked hard to save Grass Lake City Park from development. Jolene inspired me and so many other Olympians to advocate for conservation of our wild areas...even in our cities. Jolene and her husband Willy Unsoeld were tireless environmental and social advocates in Olympia starting in the 1980s. She went onto to be our Washington State Representative and our Congressional Representative where she successfully passed legislation to create Washington State's laws on open public records and public disclosure procedures. Now, I'm working hard to honor Jolene's many accomplishments for Olympia and SW Washington. She was one of the founding Mother's of our Washington State environmental movement and Jolene is featured on the front cover of Extraordinary Women Conservationists of Washington: Mothers of Nature by Dee Arntz. https://www.amazon.com/Extraordinary-Women-Conservationists-Washington-Mothers/dp/1540212165/ref=sr_1_1?crd=3EEB691CD5N1&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.1PQQLwJMnR-hqO-06I522A.VZE0Zlv5N-mEgxmGESn9_GXhD6n5oAyyqg5AdDOAvues&dib_tag=se&keywords=dee+arntz+environmental+women+washington+state&qid=1728973282&sprefix=dee+arntz+environmental+wom en+washington+state%2Cans%2C140&sr=8-1</p>	Submitted via email 10.15.24
30	Marj Yuan	<p>I am writing to support the suggestion the Kaiser Woods Community Park be named for Marj Yuan.</p> <p>I met Marj when I was a young member of the Thurston League of Women Voters (LWV) working on a study of County government. I remember Marj, the first woman elected County Commissioner, as a visionary County Commissioner who did much to modernize County government. She recognized Thurston County sorely needed professional management and persuaded the Commission to fund and establish the position of county administrator to oversee the County's budgeting process and the work of County departments. She promoted the establishment of the 911 system.</p> <p>It is important to remember the County provides services, including parks, to all citizens of Thurston County, as well as Olympians.</p> <p>Marj was a resident of Ken Lake, adjacent to Kaiser Woods. Marj was an environmentalist and a passionate advocate for parks. When Marj was an active member of LWV she headed up a study of the areas parks. From that study, the LWV developed a position which they still use to advocate for parks. She also wrote and illustrated a pamphlet about the plants of Ken Lake.</p> <p>It is most appropriate to rename Kaiser Woods Community Park for a longtime resident of the Kaiser Woods area, who cared and observed much about the area, and whose contributions to modernizing Thurston County government have benefited all citizens of Thurston County long after she left office.</p>	Submitted via email 10.16.24
31	Jolene Unsoeld	<p>I write in support of naming Kaiser Woods Park for Jolene Unsoeld. She represented our area in the Legislature and Congress as part of a long and distinguished lifetime of citizen activism that lead to our state open government law, environmental protection and clean water act, and preservation of parks and the outdoors. She and her husband Willi were hikers and mountaineers. As a longtime journalist for The Associated Press, I watched her careers as citizen watchdog, lawmaker and dozens of community projects, including preservation of the Nisqually Delta.</p>	Submitted via email 10.16.24
32	Jolene Unsoeld	<p>Please include this as a citizen vote for the Kaiser Woods Park to be named the Jolene Unsoeld park.</p>	Submitted via email 10.17.24

33	Jolene Unsoeld	<p>Congresswoman Unsoeld loved this community and was a major advocate for fresh air, the majesty of our wooded areas, and the imperative of citizens' being able to thrive in our great Northwest outdoors. Please consider honoring her legacy in this way.</p>
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Submitted via email 10.12.24

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Number	Name	Description	Likes
1	Kaiser Hill Park		13
2	Sub Black Hills Bike Park		5
3	Emperor Park	Der Kaiser is German for The Emperor.	0
4	Capital City MTB Park		6
5	Olyride Bike Park		2
6	Kaiser Hills MTB Park	Variation of other name...	15
7	West Side Woods		5
8	Yet-Si-Blue Park	In honor of Janet McCloud, (the Rosa Parks of the American Indian Movement)	5
9	Andy McMillan Memorial Park	In recognition of Andy McMillan who passed away in 2014. His expertise, commitment and leadership were essential to the prevention of the huge Park/Kaiser Heights development projects that would have negatively altered the natural environment and safety of the surrounding Westbrook Park and Ken Lake neighborhoods through construction, changes in water run off, increased traffic and noise. While simultaneously fighting his battle with cancer, he remained steadfast in his efforts to win this uphill battle to save our neighborhood wetlands and forest . While there were many people involved to protect their homes and neighborhoods and prevent this development, no one had Andy's scientific knowledge, passion and dedication to take the necessary action to stop it. His specialized expertise in Hydrology and housing development negative impact on Wetlands provided formidable opposition to the Kaiser Heights Development Project and its demise. His key arguments helped stopped the process each time it seemed development projects would continue. Naming this Park in his memory is just a small way to thank Andy for all his hard work protecting our unique neighborhood and love for Olympia.	25
10	Savidge Bike Park	Named after first Olympia City Marshal George Savidge (1889) http://olympiawa.gov/~media/Images/Police/old%20mc%20cop%20jpg.jpg?w=180&h=129&as=1&a=en	3
11	(Pacific or Oly) Yew Park	Yew- is a word to accentuate an excited state of mind. Term used by action sport enthusiast, that shows happiness when landing a trick. In addition: Quoted from a Kitsap Sun article. "The Pacific Yew Tree is known by the Native Americans as "Chief of the Forest." Historically, the Pacific Yew was used as a medicine for multiple Native American health problems. Native Americans also used Pacific Yew wood for bows, fish hooks, paddles, combs and clubs. Most recently the bark, which contains taxol, was used as an anti-cancer drug." https://products.kitsapsun.com/archive/2005/08-18/63575_kitsap_heritage_trees.html	1
12	Parky-Mc-Bike-Face	Why not	3
13	Cheaper Than Therapy		2
14	Kaiser Woods Park		2
15	The Sub Sub Black Hills		2
16	Sasquatch Park	A mythical creature known to roam the Pacific Northwest highlands and watch over mountain bikers. It's a creative a unique name consistent with the local mountain biking culture.	3
17	Kaiser forest MTB project	Keep it simple	0
18	Gus		0
19	THE QUARRY	Gus is a outstanding adventure basset hound who needs something named after his legacy.	2
20	Kaiser Woods Bike Park	its a bike park y'all, call it a bike park	12
21	Kaiser Woods Bike Park		2
22	Pinnacle Park	by definition "pinnacle" means the highest point. need i say more? the only city parks parcel that is actually on a little mountain and is at the highest elevation point of any other park in our town.	14
23	Bob Bammert Bike Park	DNR/Oly outdoors advocate	0
24	Duthie Hill Mountain Bike Park		0
25	Black Basalt Bike Park	With respect to the Black Hills, the quarry and the geology of the site, and with the hope some of the stuff will go into the construction.	1
26	Sharrow Heights	I hope this would emphasize the willingness and fun of potentially disparate groups of people (strolling walkers, joggers, and daring cyclists) cheerfully sharing this recreational resource.	0
27	Black Hills Bike Park	I like Ahwood's Idea, just a little shorter	3
28	pinnacle bike park		6
29	John Muir's Wild Woods		1
30	Kaiser Hill	Simple	0
31	Oly Off-road Bike Park		0
32	Mt. Olympus Bike Park		0
33	Black Hills MTB Ranch		0
34	Pinnacle/Cedar Stump/Black Hills/Sub-Black Hills Park.	I would prefer a historical or geologic place name. Pinnacle and Cedar Stump are the names of trails which have dropped through this area for over a decade. Sub-Blacks and Black Hills have been the place names used for this area.	2
35	Dirt Stump Bike Park	For lack of better ideas a kinda catchy name	1
36	Kaiser Bike Park		0
37	Olympia Bike Park	The name should be clear, place-based, and - frankly - what people will be googling for to get the address.	0
38	Kaiser Black, Oly	The park is between Kaiser & Black lake in Oly. Let's address all parties involved along with our beloved city, Washington States' Capital.	0
39	Kelly Woods Bike Park	It's either that, or Kelly gets renamed as Kaiser.	1
40	Jwebbs badass bike park	Who wouldn't come to a bike park with this name ?	0
41	Kaiser BiModal Park	Bi-Modal: A twist on meanings. Bi: two (two legs/hiking, two wheels/biking), and also two methods of travel (hiking and biking). Let's make this a park that shares space between hikers and bikers, and let's have that built into the name. Let's not name it after any one person, so it clearly belongs to all of us.	0

42	McMillan Trails or McMillan Park	Andy McMillan was instrumental in fighting to prevent the park property from becoming a housing development.	3
43	McMillan Trails or McMillan Park	Andy McMillan was instrumental in fighting to prevent the park property from becoming a housing development.	4
44	McMillan Trails or McMillan Park		2
45	Andy Mcmillan Memorial Park		4
46	Andy McMillan Memorial Park	Need to honor the local man who was instrumental in preserving our woods and community neighborhood over the years.	2
47	Andy McMillan Memorial Park	This man did a lot to support the environment and the neighborhood surrounding the newly designated park area. This should be memorialized for the future people who come here in an effort to recognize the hard work accomplished to preserve the area we must now share publicly.	3
48	Pinnacle Park	Pinnacle Park has been the name for many years as named by the original pioneers and builders of these trails.	1
49	Andy McMillan Memorial Park	Named after a wonderful man who spent his life protecting the environment. in commemoration of John Mueller for his love of riding, building/maintaining trails for everyone (not just mountain bikers, but for hikers and equestrian people as well) Who knows Mueller? Well This guy loves dirt! He enjoys building trails more than anyone I know, also John is a valued asset to the FOCF with his hard work and determination to build trails for novice to expert racers that will fail to destroy the burns with whatever schralping technique you decide to go with. Built to last and to impress any rider, just like the image provided in announcing the bike park coming to Oly! There are plenty of ideas to take from the public.. there will be good ones no doubt but my opinion, the ones that started this opportunity to present itself as a bike park should go to a rider/ builder that deserves more than just being known for creating happiness for thousands of people, like families with two and four legged children! Young adults to elderly getting out for nature therapy that bring unforgettable memories and stories to tell for ages. Thank you for reading this possible consideration for naming the bike park, Pinnacle park!!!	1
50	Pinnacle park!!!		0