

"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	<p>"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.</p> <p>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.</p>	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 P!nk). 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	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 endure to this day. He still has many descendants living in this area. An Honorable name for such a beautiful park.	0