

New Summary Report - March 1, 2016 - FINAL

1. How/where do you enter the park

	Car		Walking		Bicycle		Other		Total	
SE 84th Way (main entrance)	84	80.0%	49	46.7%	12	11.4%	2	1.9%	105	100%
129th Ave SE	23	32.9%	54	77.1%	12	17.1%	1	1.4%	70	100%
Coal Creek Parkway SE	33	42.9%	50	64.9%	11	14.3%	5	6.5%	77	100%
From Olympus	1	100.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100%
SE 84th Way	1	100.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100%
water line trail	1	100.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100%
Neighborhood trail	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100%
Trails	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100%
Varies, we come from all ways	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100%
Walking path via Coal Creek Parkway	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100%
Waterline Trail	0	0.0%	1	50.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	100%
waterline from SE MayCreek Parkway	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100%

2. When do you use the park?

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Responses
Weekday - AM	55 73.3%	73 97.3%	52 69.3%	36 48.0%	75
Weekday - PM	68 70.1%	93 95.9%	63 64.9%	33 34.0%	97
Weekend - AM	69 79.3%	86 98.9%	64 73.6%	39 44.8%	87
Weekend - PM	76 72.4%	101 96.2%	75 71.4%	37 35.2%	105

3. What do you like most about Lake Boren Park?

Count	Response
1	1 simple natural beauty. 2. ease of access
1	Accessibility, trails, pathways
1	Access to the lake and the trails that go through it
1	Amount of open space

Count Response

1	Clean and close
1	Cleanliness, feels safe, close to home
1	Close by, feels like the center of the community
1	Close to home. Good play equipment for kids.
1	Close to where I live, green space
1	Concerts
1	Concerts, playground
2	Events
1	Facilities are nice but not overdeveloped.
1	Family friendly, open space
1	Free Concerts
1	Good size park accomodates a variety of activities
1	Great playground, tables, both covered and uncovered, short walking trail.
1	Great walking paths.
1	I Like the layout of the park a lot.
1	I like most everything about it currently.
1	I love the events in the park, the playground and event shelters.
1	IT IS IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD
1	It has a community feel
1	It is a clean , safe place to enjoy with the family
1	It is clean and big and well kept and safe.
1	It sits back from the road and is quiet, nice walking path, great playground, good for events
1	It's close proximity and trails to walk/run/bike
2	It's peaceful and has a large open area for events, nice walking path
1	Lake
1	Lake access swimming myself, cooling off the dog on hot days
1	Large park with a variety of uses.
1	Location
1	Lots of unique spaces and varied landscapes
1	Nice place to take a power walk with my dog.
1	Nice playground and walking path. Love the grass area for summer concerts.

Count Response

1	Nice walking path with elevation and near pond
1	Open Fields
1	Open area
1	Open space for events, pickleball court
1	Open spaces
1	Open spaces, large play equipment for the kids
1	Park has a little of everything - nice balance on the whole
1	Pathways and number of activities available
1	Paved walking path
1	Play area and picnic tables
1	Play areas, walking paths, restrooms, the green spaces
1	Play ground & walking paths
1	Play structures
2	Playground
1	Playground and events
1	Playground, bathroo
1	Playground, bathrooms
1	Proximity to the library
1	Proximity to trails and my home.
1	Proximity to trails.
1	Proximity to where we live in Olympus
1	Quiet/not crowded
1	Relaxed paths and presence of lake
1	Safe, family oriented
1	Somewhat well maintained.
1	Sports courts, it's small and local
1	THE LAKE
1	Tennis courts, need more in the area, maybe partner with Renton for an indoor facility...
1	The Lake
1	The Lake & waterfront trail & pier
1	The SPACE - great place for the summer concerts, festivals, meet-ups with friends

Count Response

1	The lake, walkways, open space, playground, group areas, restrooms
1	The natural state and walking path
1	The playground and all the open space
1	The playground equipment
1	The space
1	The walking paths
1	The walking trails
1	Trail around park, bathrooms n
1	Variety of ways to walk around with and without dog, community events
1	Views, proximity
1	WELL MAINTAINED
1	Walking around the park
1	Walking distance from home
1	Walking path
1	Walking trail, tennis courts, open spaces
1	Walking trails/restrooms
1	accessibility
1	amenities
2	big grassy field area as a community area
1	courts
1	events and walking path
1	it is a community park
1	its quiet and not too busy
1	mixture of landscape, tennis courts, lake
1	natural beauty
1	natural open space with trails
1	nice place for families and events
1	nice walking path
1	open community gathering space
1	open space
1	openness, picturesque location

Count Response

1	play area, lake
1	play area, music in the park, fourth of july, proximity to home
1	playground and walkways
1	playground, walking path
1	size, proximity, play area, not over crowded
1	size, wide/open, many different uses
1	super nice playground equipment, shelters, concerts in park
1	the events offered there
1	the natural setting
1	the serene setting
1	very quiet and peaceful with lots of grass and not a lot of traffic or crowds and its a big park
1	walking out on the dock; playground when kids were little
1	walking trail, lake view
1	walking, restrooms and drinking fountain
1	walkways
1	so far I really enjoy the open grassy areas and hope they keep them especially these days where concrete is everywhere...its fun to fly kits, play sports and have dogs and kids and people have lots of roaming space..i hope they keep the grassy areas and also the trees and not cut down any more trees please:)
1	Playground for the kids, Concerts in the Park during the summer, large grass area, though it would be better if it was more flat to accommodate pickup games of soccer/football/frisbee/etc.
1	it looks clean but not overly "manicured" which i like and doesn't have a lot of concrete which i also like...tall trees and scattered bushes
1	the tranistion from active spaces (tennis, basketball, kids swings, etc.) to pastoral walkway to the lake.sd)d
1	The playground is great! I also like the proximity to the lake. It's a nice, BIG park so everyone can spread out and enjoy it. I really enjoy the concerts in the summer and any community events that are held there.
1	Special events like concerts in the park, 4th of July and Newcastle days; also think it is a very well maintained and beautiful park.
1	Large unstructured green spaces, interesting playground (especially large sandbox and high climbing structure), access to lake, loop path, wooded entrance over stream, trees and wildlife, wild blackberries
1	Great for families. Love to park there and run with stroller or bike with kids. Lots of nature and open space. Well maintained. Love the coverts in the park and all other events!
1	The figure 8 walk within the park. It is close to a Starbucks to extend the walk and have a break in between, to re-enter the park on the Coal Creek Parkway side again. It is well maintained, clean and friendly. Very nice open spaces, etc.
1	Trails, events (especially concerts and fireworks), access to "mutt mitts" in case of emergency.
1	lots of open grassy areas plus cute things like native flower preserve with small bench which we enjoyed...

4. What do you like least about the park

Count	Response
1	Access to water
1	Aesthetics
1	Allowing use of amplified sound for private functions
1	Amenities
1	Bad sidewalks
1	Busted up walking trail
1	Could be bigger with trails, wetlands
1	Development next door, leash laws
1	Dock at the lake is very slippery when wet.
1	Dog without less
1	Dogs
1	Dogs loose in park with small children
1	Dogs running off-leash
1	Drainage, muddy in some places. No off-leash area.
1	GRASS AREA
1	I can't think of anything.
1	I wish it had a canoe/kayak facilities.
1	I wish it had better parking access.i
1	I wish there was a food/consession option like Marymoore park has.
1	If you are between the ages of 6 and 15, there isn't much to do there except get in trouble.
1	It could be more dog friendly , especially early in the morning
1	It isn't used as much as it could be
1	Lack of accessible canoe entry
2	Lack of parking
1	Lack of walkway along Lake Boren shoreline
1	Lake access.
1	Limited court facilities
1	Maintainance Facility
1	More amenities
1	NA

Count Response

1	NOTHING
1	Need benches with view of rainier. Not enough flowers
1	No Swimming Allowed at lake
1	No off leash area for the dog
1	No off leash dog area
1	No parking
1	No shade for play structure during sunny weather
1	Not a lot of areas for kids to explore.
1	Not enough benches to sit on
1	Not enough parking and not enough tennis courts
1	Nothing
1	Parking
1	Parking and bathrooms are far away from the smaller children play equipment.
1	Parking could be increased
1	Parking issues at times- summer
1	Parts of the park has some dead grass
1	Pesticide use, smoking
1	Playground could have more features like bridges and slides
1	Playground isn't shaded; bathrooms a long walk from playground for little legs
1	Restrooms not open when needed
1	Smell from wastewater treatment plant.
1	Sometimes very muddy!
1	The Playground
1	The Restrooms seem to always be really dirty.
1	The crowding on the weekends.
1	The fact that you can't walk around the Lake
1	The grass tends to turn into a mud bowl below the playground
1	The north area has lots of wasted and unused areas
1	The old bathrooms
1	The walking paths are broken and have trip hazards
1	There are no trails around the lake or swimming

Count Response

1	There's not enough parking
1	Unsure
1	Unused spaces, lack of enough picnic tables and limited access to lake
1	Use of grass space
1	Very little parking, grass area not flat.
1	Water drainage issues on paths, off leash area would be nice
1	Water fountains
1	You can't swim in the lake.
1	bad sidewalks, skateboards, dogs
1	better connections to trails
1	dogs in the water
1	dogs running loose
1	lack of parking
1	lack of parking during big events, it often prevents us from attending events at the park
1	lake access is only on the dock
1	large groups BBQ
1	litter, questionable water quality in lake
1	muddy shore at access to Lake
1	no access to the lake
1	no dog park
1	no lights on tennis courts
1	no off leash dog park
1	not enough coordinated activities, playfields field, etc
1	nothing
1	nothing comes to mind
2	parking
1	people drive to the park
1	poor drainage in field below playground
1	quite a bit of unusable park
1	road noise
1	running track

Count Response

1	too much grass
1	trash
1	unleashed dogs
1	walk trails too short
1	Dogs, dogs, dogs. Let's face it, dog owners care more about themselves and their dogs and do not care to follow the park rules. I often take a break from coming to the park because of my frustration over the dog owners and their disrespect to others. IF they can't handle the rules then I say ban the dogs altogether.
2	the area in the middle of the walking loop closer to the lake, doesn't feel as safe, not as broadly visible
1	No more boat ramp. The lake used to have access for small craft, float tubes car toppers. Now it is very hard to get a small vessel in and out of the lake.
1	"strangers" sitting in their parked cars and difficult access from water line trail - need steps and handrails
1	The small flower area needs some attention. Does not have a designated leash/off-leash area for dogs. The single house in the middle of the park, hopefully this can be purchased/annexed demolished and land added to the park
1	Needs a floating island and a decent sand area to come and go from. Perhaps a paddle board launch area on east side at the old dock or old boat ramp
1	The lower area near the lake is largely underused. I would love to be able to use the lake for swimming and kayaking

5. What is missing from the park or what would you change about the park?**Count Response**

1	I like it the way it is. No changes needed.
1	A food option. A small cafe on the water or bakery! PLEASE!
1	A frisbee golf course would be fun
1	A small floating dock for kayaking.
1	A swimming option would be awesome.
1	ADD A SKATE PARK BECAUSE MY FRIENDS AND I HAVE TO RIDE THE BUS ALL THE WAY TO DOWNTOWN RENTON
1	Add a splash park and a zip line
1	Add lights on the tennis courts
1	Add water recreation
1	An off leash area for small dogs
1	An off-leash, enclosed dog area would be fantastic!
1	Better access to the water
1	Better access to water
1	Better view and acces to the lake

Count Response

1 Bike racks near playground

1 Boat ramp

1 Canoes, paddleboats, other lake access amenities.

1 Covered areas.

1 Covered play equipment.

1 Do not change the park. Leave the park the way it is now.

1 Dog Park

1 Don't know.

1 Enforcement of leash requirements Include more walking paths into new areas

1 Expand the playground area to include more equipment

1 Fenced Off leash dog area similar in size to robbinswood

1 Fix and update the dock

1 I think we need an off-leash area, however small. A swimming beach would be nice too.

1 I would like to see a private community pool.

1 I would like to see some natural areas with native plants, to encourage birds and other wildlife.

1 I would prefer that we keep the natural setting and not add a lot of "development".

1 I would turn the stage area into more of an amphitheater setting with tiered seating.

1 Indoor tennis courts

1 It could use canoe/kayak facilities.

1 Lights, even if closed

1 Make the basketball area covered for year round use. Enforcement of leash law.

1 More Level Parking Area

1 More covered areas Keep the grass looking healthy Bigger play ground

1 More family activities (kids concerts, sports leagues, etc). Bigger play structure for kids.

1 More jogging/walking paths maybe along perimeter of park

1 More parking space

1 More play structures and play areas

1 More walking trails with connection to other parks, city/businesses/bus transportation

1 My kids would love to swim in the lake

1 NA

Count Response

1	Not sure. It's fairly natural and that's nice.
1	Nothing
1	Nothing other controls on what goes in the lake from the new construction
1	Off Leash dog area
1	Off leash dog park
1	Off leash dog park
1	Picnic tables and benches in the sun View of the lake Paddleboats on the lake Better parking
1	Skateboard park, more for tweens to do.
1	Soccer field More areas for organized sports, fields It would attract families and keep it safe
1	Splash park, summer movies, ball field
1	Sports fields
1	Swimming/beach area
1	Theatre! It would be great to have a playhouse/theatre
1	Water fountain by the playground, workout areas.
1	Water toys for kids, no stage for performances, historic signs and interpretation signs
1	Waterfowl, which may be a good thing
1	We love the park as is!
1	activities for older kids
1	mayb a few more benches or sitting areas in the quiet areas of the park.
1	need more parking
1	newer bathrooms
1	permanent stage / amphitheater, another covered picnic area, more bathrooms,
1	swimming area, amphitheater
1	walking track, kid bike riding area
1	wifi connection
1	so far I really enjoy the open grassy areas and h ope they keep them especially these days where concrete is everywhere...its fun to fly kits, play sports and have dogs and kids and people have lots of roaming space..i hope they keep the grassy areas and also the trees and not cut down any more trees please:)
1	Incorporate more mining history especially in the play ground with play structures that are trains, coal cars, and tunnels.
1	Flat, central play field. The current center area below the playground is uneven. A baseball/softball field.

Count Response

1	It would be so fun to have a seasonal pool (private) with a club membership available to people living in the area. I grew up and had access to Sheridan Beach and it shaped my childhood in a profound way. You could have swim lessons, swim meets and just a place for neighbors to come together and build community.
1	Maybe a few more lights on the north end of the park but overall park is fine the way it is, don't feel it needs any improvements
1	1. Upper parking area (?overflow during well attended events). As you know, both sides of the grassy roadway, especially the more western side, have deep "ditches", that are a real hazard for parking. We've witnessed cars dragging their rear bumpers or fenders, trying to back out, even at an angle, after accidentally driving too far down into the ditch. Any chance there could be some improvement to the whole area, or at very least, fill dirt to level out the ditches? 2. The lake dock is getting a little "tired". It could use some renovation. 3. Beach: Such a big draw for little ones! Enlargement and cleaning up of the area, with a load or two of sand, to make it more user (kid) friendly and more inviting for all.
1	It would be great if the property between Coal Creek and the park could be purchased. I think there's a home or two down there, off of a single drive.
1	I haven't actually been to the park yet, but I saw a teenage boy doing skate tricks in the library's parking garage one night so I thought "what if there was a skate park at Lake Boren park?"
1	Something for older children. Everyone wants to appeal to toddlers and very young children but they grow up and then there isn't much for them in Newcastle.
1	There is a lot of open space. You could put up more activities like sports net, horse shoe etc, a off leash dog area would be amazing!!!
1	More trails, maybe some features that other parks have that we haven't thought of. I wish it could extend over toward School Woods to help preserve what's left.
1	I would like to see the park expanded by buying out the properties at the south end of Lake Boren.
1	Need map of all connecting Newcastle trails. Open to the public message board. Need a covered stage for programs.
1	Need more carved area this area raining a lot And summer at noon too sunny to play outside to have damage with the sun
1	One thing I would like to see at Lake Boren is a dog park for small dogs (20 pounds or less, or the accepted standard for small dogs). I see many small dogs around Newcastle while walking my own, and there are few places in the Seattle area where small dogs can romp leash-free without being intimidated by larger dogs.
1	Demonstration gardens, maybe a community pea patch might be nice. I've often thought that a public pool or other "big use" might be nice, but it would probably diminish other uses and cause access issues for those trying to enjoy the more passive spaces.
1	I'd extend the trail around the south end of the lake on boardwalks, and expand the park to include a true esplanade on the east side, tree-shaded & shielded from traffic noise. Also a waterside gazebo with benches.
1	Maybe make an entry point for canoes and kayaks next to the current pier. Maybe summertime rentals for kayaks and canoes.
1	It would be nice if there was a dog park included in the park. Raise the path to access the lake dock, it is often under water
1	Add parking closer to the playground so little children don't have to hike up the hill to get there. Also, leveling the main grass area between the main parking lot and the playground and making it drain better would be ideal. Lastly, creating a beach area near the main dock for accessing the lake on foot would be HUGE!

Count Response

1	Lake Boren Park is almost perfect the way it is --- probably the biggest reason we moved to Newcastle. I would say that additional city resources would be better invested in keeping the library open on Sundays or in limiting high-density development. However, I would urge Newcastle to follow the lead of other Northwest cities and NCAP in making Lake Boren park pesticide-free. (I find it somewhat baffling that the most visible environmental organization in Newcastle, the "Weed Warriors," is a group dedicated to killing things.)
1	I WOULD LIKE THE AREA IN THE BACK TO BECOME AN OFF LEASH DOG PARK. EVEN IF YOU ONLY DEDICATE SOME OF THE AREA I KNOW THAT IT WOULD MAKE A LOT OF PEOPLE HAPPY.
1	I think Lake Boren should become the Green Lake of the Eastside. This would bring so many people through commerce area on Coal Creek and businesses would benefit. Having an amazing park like that would boost home values across Newcastle.
1	Off leash dog area in the center area toward the lake--slope between the trees--should be fenced off with multiple gates around for access with running water for dog drinks. The original proposed area off 84th was too close to the homes above the water pipeline--too noisy for residents. This area is never used by anyone--festivals, games etc.
1	We would like to be able to catch fish and swim in the lake. We love concerts in the park! It would be nice to have more evening concerts.
1	Remove the play structure that goes around and around..hazard/safety issue when big kids spin it too fast for the younger kids.
1	Indoor Facilities/Community Center for winter, bike rentals in summer, more trails, and better lake access
1	Better kayak/canoe access. A climbing wall. Disc golf. Interactive water features for summertime.
1	More drainage for the grassy area across from the bathrooms. Also, additional climbing toys and repaint the stage (my kids have gotten splinters on it a number of times).
1	The new construction nearby has removed a ton of trees, would be nice to see some replaced so it has a cozy park feel, instead of being so open to the street
1	Lack of access to the water for swimming, boating (human powered). A community garden would be nice.
1	Baseball Field, Kayaks/Canoes for the Lake, Better Playground that is also accessible for toddlers, Picnic Shelter with a lake view
1	A Dog park would be a GREAT addition! I would love to be able to bring my dog to a (leash free) enclosed area just for dogs where my dog can run free while my kids play.
1	Add walkway along Lake Boren shoreline. Add Frisbee Golf. Add dog park (east of lake?), with access to lake. Connect main park with east side of Lake Boren for walkers.
1	Paddle board launch, swim island/dock. Also buy properties on north shore and open a swim in brew pub in one of the houses.
1	More landscape screening from Coal Creek Parkway, maintaining the privacy from car traffic that we used to have before the parkway was widened. More shade trees, possibly lining the walkways. The climbing tree is missing.
1	Better signage about the dog rules. Make the rules large and obvious. The other thing missing is enforcement for folks who run afoul of the park rules.
1	I would like to see a dog park for small dogs. There are quite a number of small dogs in Newcastle and few free areas in Seattle devoted to their play.
1	There used to be a small boat ramp before Coal Creek Pkwy was widened. It would be nice to have a non-muddy place to launch a small row boat or canoe. My son and his friends used to love canoeing on the lake.

Count Response

1 An leash/off-leash dog area. Hopefully it would be placed adjacent to the Coal Creek Parkway area, and some of the trees are left standing, so the possible barking noise of the dogs will be absorbed / projected towards the Coal Creek Parkway, where it will be absorbed by the road noise.

1 Off leash area for dogs. With all the new housing (100+) units being built, I would anticipate an increase in dog ownership. Currently, residents have to drive to other off leash locations. Has this been considered? If not, I would like to request that the City pursue looking into the feasibility of this happening.

6. What do you find most challenging about the park?**Count Response**

1 Nothing

1 0

1 Access to the lake

1 Affording the cost of reserving a shelter

1 Balancing demands of growth and traffic noise with the aesthetics of the park.

1 Central grass area is often muddy.

1 Climbing the hill!

1 Dogs loose in park.

1 Don't know

1 Getting time on the tennis courts

1 Hills

1 It is a great park now--no challenges.

1 Its an OK park. It could just be so much better.

1 Limited Parking

1 Limited lake access

1 Limited parking

1 Maintain grass during summer when dry

1 My walk there will not be nearly as pleasant once the School Woods is wrecked.

1 N/A

1 NA

1 NOTHING

1 NOTHTING

1 Need to open up the parking along the power line.

1 Needs more swing sets.

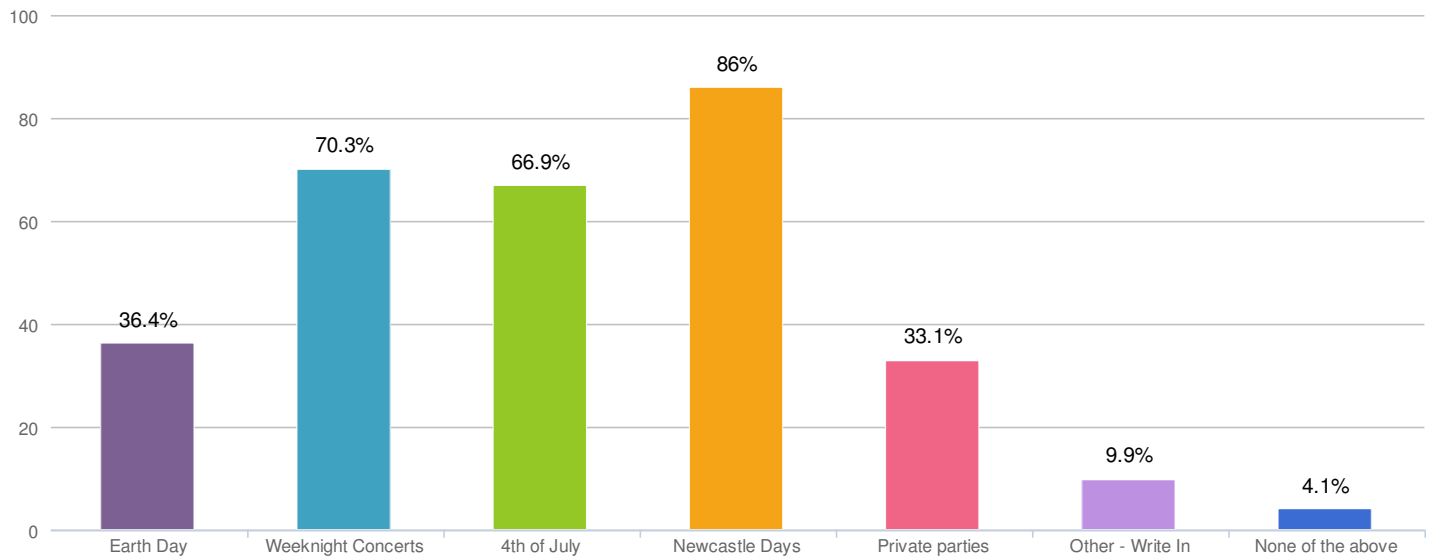
Count Response

1	No challenges I can think of at this moment.
1	No complaints.
1	Not much.
2	Nothing
1	Nothing Not sure what this question means or how different from prior questions
1	Nothing challenging.
1	Nothing really.
1	Off leash dogs
7	Parking
1	Parking Lack of seating
1	Parking
1	Parking at events, especially 4th of july
1	Parking availability; play area gets really hot on sunny days
1	Parking on busy days during the summer.
1	Parking.
1	Parking. Sometimes the hills of the paved trails.
1	Parking...but in the grand scheme of things, it's not that bad.
1	People not picking up their dogs' feces
1	Security car broke in or car driving in the park At night the gate need to lock at nighttime.
1	The Playground
1	The grass gets really wet in the winter. Sometimes the bathrooms get trashed after the weekend.
1	The parking on the weekends. No parking
1	There's no place to grab a drink or a snack. Parking is also a challenge at peak times.
1	Uneven ground because I'm getting older. My problem though - not the city's.
1	Use of the lake. It would be nice to have a small sandy beach area next to the dock.
1	Very little. Perhaps a true flat area for sports play on grass
1	Walking across the grassy areas without rain boots.
1	Water fountains Seating areas
1	finding parking
1	nothing
1	off leash dogs

Count Response

5	parking
1	space
1	the area between the walking loop isn't that appealing. parking is sometimes a challenge.
1	unleashed dogs
1	Nothing - other than the dog owners. I know, sorry, but this is the one thing I cant stand about the park.
1	My child is afraid of noisy hand-driers so paper towels would be amazing but I know why they're not offered. I'm struggling to come up with problems. :-)
1	There have been some drainage issues in the past that make the fields very muddy, which can be trouble for small children, but I think recent efforts have largely addressed this concern to the extent that is reasonable.
1	parking (except during summer events with access to the water line) dog poop vandalism with car tracks and tree hacking limited access to lake
1	Tirane - it is sometimes challenging with small children to access the play equipment from the lower parking area. And if the bathroom is needed during our park this can also be challenging.
1	Too many people attending the 4th of July. I think the numbers are unmanageable and possibly a hazard to the attending public and neighborhood. Lack of lighting to access the water line trail parking during functions at night. Need steps and access to trail.
1	Having the restrooms and parking lot so far away from the playground. The field is often very soggy and wet and not good for running around on.
1	Nothing, it is an excellent park. I wish they would maintain the swings better, they seek so bad and it is so loud. Love that there are large swings though.
1	That the city wants to add things to the park when we go to a park for the nature and greenery. Parks should be nice, free open spaces.
1	it doesn't drain very well and the space between the playground and the tennis court is offer very "boggy" (wet0.
1	It would be great to link the water more to the park itself. There are some wonderful tree groves that could maybe be utilized more as reflection spots or something.
1	It will likely end up causing more congestion/traffic with all the new developments adjacent to it and roads in and out not able to accommodate. The park as it is doesn't have enough parking for large summer time events but with the new homes/condos there will definitely not be enough space
1	There isn't a view of the lake from the park area. Parking can be challenging but we moved within walking distance so solved that problem!

7. What events do you attend at the park?



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
Earth Day	36.4%	44	Sum 324.0
Weeknight Concerts	70.3%	85	Average 2.7
4th of July	66.9%	81	Max 4.0
Newcastle Days	86.0%	104	
Private parties	33.1%	40	
Other - Write In	9.9%	12	
None of the above	4.1%	5	
Total		121	

Responses "Other - Write In"	Count
Left Blank	123
Dog walking	1
Easter Egg Hunt	1
Pickleball games in the evening.	1
Playing	1
Walking	1
annual church service at park	1
church services	1
family events	1
family outings	1
fireworks	1

Responses "Other - Write In"**Count**

movies -like to see more

1

weed control workparties

1

8. If you attend events, what improvements could be made to the park to enhance your experience?

Count Response

1 Nothing

1 slightly Bigger stage with cover

1 A central gathering area such as a concrete stage with pergola

1 A nicer stage area, more parking

1 At the very least improve the walking paths so they aren't cracking and uneven.

1 Availability of water at the picnic shelters.

1 Beer garden at concerts

1 Better Parking

1 Better food options.

1 Better music more vendors

1 Better parking and traffic flow.

1 Better parking experience.

1 Better parking management

1 Better parking. A snack/food option.

1 Better stage area

1 Better stage, covered.

1 Better stage. An amphitheatre.

1 Better well known performers

1 For a small town park, I can't think of anything. It's pretty cool.

1 I think they do an amazing job with the events!

1 IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE MORE FOOD VENDORS.

1 ITS GREAT NO NEED FOR IMPROVING

1 It would be fun to have the beer garden at the 4th of July festivities!

1 Keep the grass as nice as possible.

1 More bathrooms brought in for events especially concerts at the park

1 More concerts

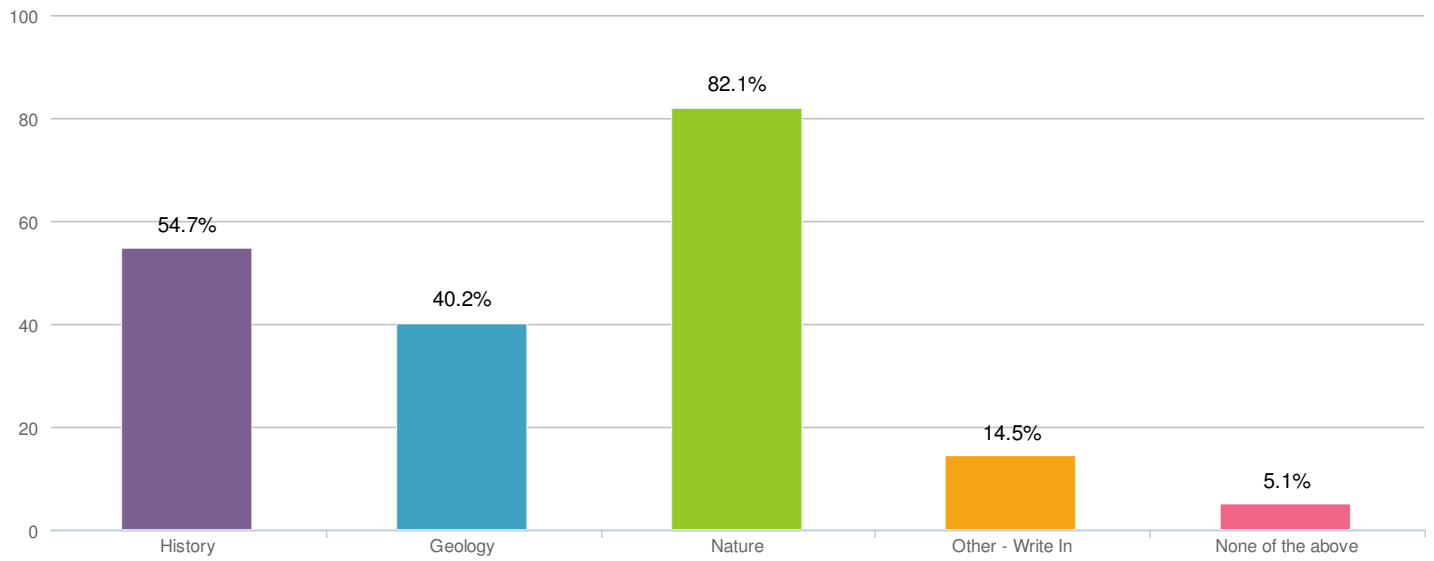
Count Response

1	More diverse food trucks
1	More examples of native plants
1	More food trucks
1	More involvement of local businesses, food trucks etc
1	More other culture activity and art far this area is more other minority's moving in .
1	More picnic tables would be nice.
1	More real bathrooms.
1	More shaded areas
1	NA
1	Need two dedicated pickleball courts, preferably covered.
1	None. Most events are well run.
2	Parking
1	Provide port-a-potties
1	Sell beer and wine at the concerts. Better food at the concerts.
1	The playground could use more varieties of toys and more space for the kids to play
1	better stage - covered
1	better weather
1	early start times
1	more hours for the beer garden, more food options for events
1	more parking
1	more picnic tables, seating areas
1	more vendor booths
1	newer bathrooms
1	none
1	none at this moment
1	permanent stage / amphitheater,
1	permanent stage structure needed more to do
1	See above about parking access to water line trail. Cleaner restrooms... floors are dirty and smell. Better provisions for recycling, food scrap waste and garbage collection. Vendors should be required to provide universal types paper plates, napkins, cups, flatware - all compostable. Waste Management does this for fair in Monroe. Better stage & lighting for evening events. Sound is sometimes too loud; volume should not be controlled by musicians.
1	The lines for the bathroom are extremely long for the 4th of July. More vendors would be appreciated.

Count Response

1	I would like more performances and more variety at the summer concerts. I have attended less and less often in recent years because it seemed like it was the same flavor of classic rock cover bands playing every week. I just don't get that excited about hearing middle aged rocker dudes play hits from the 80s every week. Maybe, I'm unusual, but I would love to hear a string quartet or other chamber music, jazz, big band, original singer songwriters, world music. More diversity!
1	For us no improvements needed since we always walk to the park but seems there may be an issue with not enough parking
1	More food trucks...lines were so long for the limited food sellers. Healthier food options should be added.
1	Again, I think the park works very well as it is --- the topography even provides natural stadium seating :-). In particular, I would discourage any further development of the stage structure, since this is a favorite spot to play with kids during the vast majority of the time when no events are being held. In general, events are rare enough that I don't think they justify special investments in improvements to the park.
1	Pre-announce food vendors--better food-- so you can come prepared to purchase and bring money with you.
1	It would be fun to have a little theatre there--like The Bathhouse on Greenlake. Then, the park could be used year-round and it would bring vibrancy to the park in the off-season.
1	Better sound and seating options Landscaping for adult appreciation (not just playground for kids)
1	Increase the food vendors during weekend evening concerts. It is hard to come home from work and get dinner ready before heading off to the concert.
1	Two permanent grills at the pavilion by the tennis courts. Most folks grill and have to bring their own.
1	The stage could be aligned with the natural fall line of the grassy area to create a more natural "amphitheater" feel. The current stage location makes some weird slopes for viewing the band comfortably from your couch or lawn chair.
1	I avoid music events whenever possible because they are too loud, and I've always tried to protect my hearing.
1	The Easter Egg Hunt should be staggered. Dismiss the different age groups in waves and use a megaphone so we can ALL hear. However, we love that this is available to us!
1	Don't overdo things. It seems like there's a nice balance now. If it gets too developed it will lose the small town feel.
1	Grade the center area flat for concerts and events. Maintain the grass. This past year someone tore up the lawn and it wasn't in good shape.
1	Many of the concerts are too loud in my opinion, I can't believe parents let their kids dance in front of the stage, can't be good for their ears. Would be nice if more recycling bins available.
1	Amphitheater type setting in the stage area to improve sound. Add a walkway or trail that circles the lake and the park. Find a way to incorporate restaurants into the setting.
1	More parking...and not just expanding the existing lot. Allow for entering off Coal Creek or the power line road above the Park.
1	The music at the concerts could be a little quieter so it is possible to have conversations with friends, neighbors, family without having to yell. I really appreciate the FREE kid experiences at Newcastle Days- I'm a single mom on a tight budget and it's really great that my kids can participate.

9. What defining characteristics of Newcastle should be represented in the park?



Value	Percent	Count
History	54.7%	64
Geology	40.2%	47
Nature	82.1%	96
Other - Write In	14.5%	17
None of the above	5.1%	6
Total		117

Responses "Other - Write In"	Count
Left Blank	119
Access to other trails	1
Community	1
Don't remove anymore trees.	1
Fitness	1
Friendly neighborhood park	1
Native Plants/wetland protection	1
Trail System	1
connection to cemetery; explanation of wetland function of Lake Boren	1
culture	1
group project opportunities	1
it's fine as is	1
musical culture	1

Responses "Other - Write In"	Count
partial of the above	1
sense of community	1
Comment to the above: I would be happy to have information about History and Geology in, for instance, displays on the restroom buildings, but I don't feel these are the main focus of the park. (Perhaps City Hall.)	1
Fun, relaxing, family, dog friendly. It's a place to play. Put the history in the cemetery and library or buy Lee's property (old Newcastle) for an historical park	1

10. What is your interest in the following aspects of Lake Boren Park?

	Average	Max	StdDev	Responses
Natural drainage system	6.74	10	3.24	69
Native plants	7.10	10	2.64	78
Ecology	7.28	10	2.65	68
				Total 85

11. Is there anything about the park you have not already shared on the previous questions but want to share?

Count	Response
1	Anything to improve bicycle access or bike trails would be awesome.
1	Bring back movie night at the park!
1	Consider adding a fitness walk with suggested exercises along the path.
1	Cute maintenance workers. :)
1	Good luck trying to make something as nice as this park even better!
1	Good signage is important, including an updated trail map.
1	How clean is the water in lake boren?
1	I WANT A SKATEPARK
1	I would like to see a map of the connecting walking trails and information on the cemetery
1	I would like to see some facilities that would attract teens for group play.
1	I'd love to see more community events.
1	I'm so glad we have this park in our little city.
1	Improved signage and history/geo markers
1	It's one of my favorites in Newcastle. A comfortable place to be around neighbors.
1	Look at ways to utilize the park in the cooler months (November-March)
1	NA

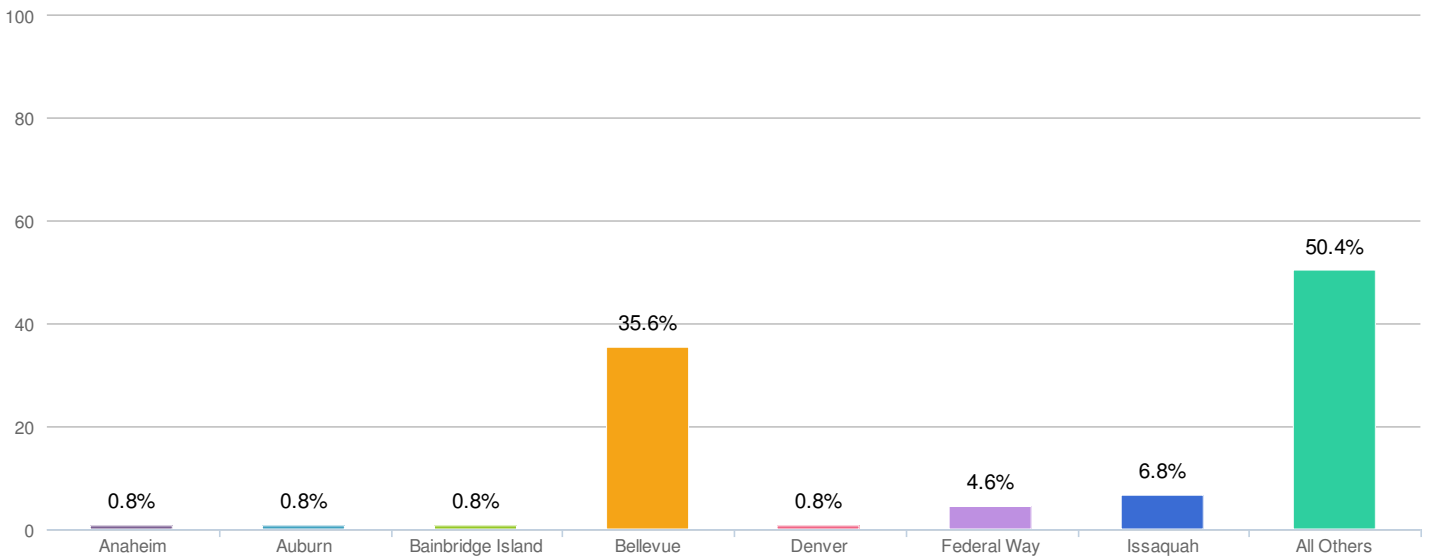
Count Response

1	NO
1	No
1	No, but thank you for seeking the public' ideas!
1	Paint the maintenance building roof as it is an eyesore from above.
1	Please do not overdevelop the park-i.e create more parking. Its a park-leave it that way!!!
1	Police presence during events should be increased. More people not from our town attend events.
1	Poor survey
1	The city staff if see some damage in the park need to taking care right away .
1	We are lucky to have the park. I like that it is a pretty simple park, pleasant and safe.
1	We do NOT want to see an off leash dog park added to the current park.
1	no
1	Don't turn it into a Seattle Greenlake type park. Don't push out the current lakefront homeowners by imminent domain for a trail along the lake (and I am not a lakefront homeowner). DON'T make 129thSE a through street through the park.
1	No--I think the park is nice the way it is. If you improve it too much --you will attract non-residents and we end up paying for it--
1	Play facilities are adequate for most ages. Access to the park from surrounding neighborhoods could be improved to take burden off of 84th Street access. More people should know they can access the park from a trail on Coal Creek, from 129th - walking (car access from 129th should be discouraged). Access from the west should be provided through Olympus - an easement should be found.
1	Always a great park to take the kids to play on the playground and the fields as well as checking out the wildlife closer to the lake. Good for walking too!
1	Is there a way to actually utilize the lake more for the people of Newcastle - kayaks, canoes? The events should also help foster community a bit more -- do that through meet/greets, etc.
1	Again, I feel the park is really a jewel of Newcastle, and not in need of major changes. The greatest threat to enjoyment of the park is probably the tremendous housing growth in the surrounding area, so I'd prefer to see attention and funding devoted to mitigating these concerns. If Newcastle wishes to invest more in its public resources, the best improvement I can think of would be to have the library open on Sundays.
1	The city council and city administration's interest in altering and landscaping the park appears to be a great waste of money as well potentially damaging to the natural beauty and use of the park. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."
1	Early in the AM , prior to 9 , dogs should be allowed to run off leash . The park on weekends is just not that crowded at that time of the day.
1	I just enjoy the fact that its not overcrowded and has a lot of open space and benches in quiet areas for meditating, etc with lots of natural trees winding through the paths around the lake
1	My property looks over the park at the north end. The maintenance shed is an eye sore. The shed should be painted, including the roof, green to blend in with the surrounding trees. It currently is bright in the sunshine and very noticeable. it should blend in like the bathroom building and be consistent style as the other structures in the park. Also, the entry sign is hideous. if the old wooden one is still available, reinstall it or replace. The original signage was way more esthetically pleasing.
1	Keep some of the natural shore and swamp where that nasty old house is, put a trail around the lake. Add docks. Buy lake front and expand. Add a pub.

Count Response

1	I don't want to see a lot of money spent by the city on fluff - the park is fine right now. All a park should be is what Lake Boren Park is. We don't need any fancy stuff added that will just be vandalized and broken eventually anyway. Save the money for more maintenance and repaving the paths when they need it, stuff like that.
1	We haven't lived here long, but are so glad to have such a well-cared for park within walking distance of our apartment.
1	Make an up front investment in making the park amazing and you will get paid back ten fold over through Real Estate tax revenue. THINK BIG and be a part of this city's history.
1	Love the park, just would like it to be a little more "comfortable" for spending more time there. No place to really sit and enjoy when on a walk, without bringing our own chairs, because the ground is so often wet.
1	What about a Japanese garden or a wild flower garden? Art work and statues needed to enhance the park.
1	Disappointed that the dog owners views were ignored when the issue of a dog leash area came up a couple of years ago. Also, I am annoyed that huge group functions consisting largely of non-Newcastle residents are allowed. On weekends they often take up all of the space and parking making it impossible for Newcastle residents to enjoy the park.
1	Excellent park, also our dog a "Westie" loves it, it is his most favorite park. An off-leash area, which is not just an open field, but has trees, etc, would be most welcomed, as described above. And finally, hopefully the house in the middle of the park on Coal Creek Parkway side can be purchased/annexed and its land added to the park.
1	No major improvements needed. SAVE the money to solve TRAFFIC congestion problems that WILL arise when the 300+ new housing units immediately surrounding the park will be completed. No skate park please!!
1	Overall, it's a great asset for our community. The most important thing is to make sure it is well protected from vandalism to keep the park and playground clean and safe for residents.
1	Please fully consider the impact that changes to the park will have on the surrounding neighborhoods
1	Love the shade garden with its collection of hardy fushias and ferns. Would be interested in helping weed/maintain shade garden.
1	Park overall is perfect the way it is, no need to make any improvements. Good idea to use the funds to continue to keep the park well-maintained. Very much appreciated that the doggy poop bags are always filled
1	We love this park, I hope Newcastle does NOT market the park to areas outside of Newcastle. I like that it is local, I would hate for it to become like Newcastle Beach or even worse Coulon.
1	There are plenty of plants and wildlife, lets do something for the residents and provide more parking and food options!
1	Lake Boren Park Development was funded with Recreation Conservation Grants (RCO) (formerly known as IAC) and there are requirements that features funded with those dollars remain or a conversion will happen and the City will be on the hook. Want to make sure that aspect is considered and consulted with the State before making any decisions that could impact the City. I believe there were also King County Conservation Futures dollars used to acquire property on the south and east side of that Lake. There are requirements that must be complied with associated with those specific parcels that were funded with those grant dollars.
1	For 15 years, we lived one block away from Greenlake inot Seattle. We moved to the Trails community about 9 months ago and have been pleasantly surprised about the amenities and activities available to us at Lake Boren Park. We like the community feel of the events at the park. We attended each of the concerts this past summer and we loved the fireworks. We walk over to the park most days for a walk with our dog.
1	Any chance we could have a Bocce court put in? Lake Forest Park Civic Club has one and it's a lot of fun!

Source Cities



Value	Percent	Count
Anaheim	0.8%	1
Auburn	0.8%	1
Bainbridge Island	0.8%	1
Bellevue	35.6%	47
Denver	0.8%	1
Federal Way	4.6%	6
Issaquah	6.8%	9
Kent	6.1%	8
Kirkland	0.8%	1
Klamath Falls	0.8%	1
Lynnwood	0.8%	1
North Hollywood	0.8%	1
Renton	9.1%	12
Sammamish	11.4%	15
Seattle	15.2%	20
South Gate	0.8%	1
Tacoma	3.8%	5
Yakima	0.8%	1
Total		132