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This question related to what activities are participated in at LMP	This question asked what the single most important activity would be at LMP	This question related to satisfaction with various activities at LMP	This question related to satisfaction with operations and maintenance at LMP			
		We would love more hiking trails as we end up hiking the same trail repeatedly and we would love to have a more and better mountain biking (we go to Bellingham and Anacortes to mountain bike)	We park at the bottom of the mountain at the first spaces after you turn onto Little Mountain Rd. and walk on the road back to our car with our kids. It would be nice to either have a lower speed limit, speed bumps, or a shoulder/walking lane so it was safer for us.		I would love to have the trails at Little Mountain spread out more so we could go on hikes that lasted more than 30 minutes and that had more than one destination. I think it would be wonderful if the trails could connect to other surrounding trails that we could bike and hike longer distances.	We spend so much time outdoors with our kids and I think if we had more areas to hike and bike, more families would get outdoors more with their kids too. I think it would also draw people from other communities to spend recreation time here (potentially supporting local businesses) and it would be a more desirable place for people to want to settle down.
				Improved safety (paved bike lane or widened road) for safe road biking as traffic/population increases. This is an important and popular training route for many area road cyclists.	Would like to see a Clearwire internet repeater placed so that this resource can be used to improve internet access to the rural residents of South Skagit County/Conway area.	I like the fact that the gate does not open until 10am so that walkers and road cyclists have a time period to safely use the road without traffic.
			Not alot of people from out of the area know of the park.		More hiking and biking trails but overall it is an awesme place.	
			Would like parking in places other than the top and the two spots on Hickox.			
		I like to take my five yer old grandson to parks and he loves tohear about the park and what is there.				
						Little Mountain Park is the only large park with hiking trails very near or within the city. At this point it does not contain a good trail system. If it had a better trail system then more city residence would have a great nearby resourch to get outside for good excercise and general outdoor enjoyment. The updated trail plan should include walkers, runners, and bicyclists but not motorbikes.
		as an avid mtn biker amongst a large group of like-minded individuals, would be nice to have more trails, more stunts, etc. basically give skagitonians somewhere close to take advantage of the natural surroundings		more mountain biking offerings!!!	see above :)	closest mtn biking is galbraith south of bellingham. we have a unique and special opportunity right here in our backyard to keep people in skagit county to pursue their passion (as well as bringing tourism to the area for the same thing)
		Take a look at the Anacortes Community Forrest Lands, there are dozens of trails, all with signage telling you of allowable uses (bike, hike, motorcycle, etc) and they are all inter-connected. I believe this park offers even better mountain biking options should you be open to that use. I'd also like to see a skills park developed with some of the man-made obstacles you see at places like Whistler, Skilver Star and other parks/resorts. These fit well in the forrest environment, use very little in terms of man-made supplies and are a ton of fun for mountain bikers.		Skills park for Mountain Bikers. Ramps, elevated catwalks, jumps, etc..		Model it after the ACFL. Although I'd like to see man-made ramps and jumps allowable on the mountain bike trails.



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When living in the Valley 18 years I did most of the above on at least once every 2 months (fireworks great from there as well)	When living in the Valley 18 years I did most of the above on at least once every 2 months (fireworks great from there as well)					As mentioned, I lived near Edison for 18 years before moving to Orcas Island. I feel like Little Mountain is a GEM! It provided me with many special times, including hiking the trails in the moon light. We practice our rock climbing course there, would picnic and watch the fireworks, and had many sunset picnics there. It is a VERY SPECIAL place and oasis. I was so happy when it was declared officially a park! I still try to take a walk up there when I am on the mainland and in the area. I would hope to see it preserved for many generations to come. Thank you so much! Sincerely, Patty Pirnack
		trails that are clearly marked	Graffiti needs addressing	Telescope at the top	It would be nice to have a trailmap.	This is a great way to get our families input. We are too busy to go to meetings but love LM park!!!
		I find that the trails are not very well kept. A main concern that I have about the park is that there are no maps of the trail system available anywhere within the park or on the city's website. Even if there were decent trails, it's difficult to know about them or where they lead without a map. Some trails (or things that look like trails) just end in the middle of the woods and your only option is to bushwack or to turn right back around.	Parking: I am somewhat dissatisfied with the parking at the trailheads. Should the trails improve, more people will most likely be parking at places other than the main lot at the top of the hill. I don't want to turn the whole place into a parking lot, but some wider shoulders near those trailheads would help. Security: I don't think I have ever seen a patrol car on Little Mountain while I was there. I am aware that Little Mountain is a favorite place for drug deals, and I know that the police are also aware of that since the Drug Task Force conducts a number of controlled buys in that area. I would like to see a more consistent police presence at Little Mountain. As it is, I would use the park much more frequently but I refuse to do so by myself because of security concerns. I know of many other people who refuse to use the park because of these concerns (for example: every time I'm at the park I see people drive up and return just minutes later - less time than anyone would spend at the viewpoint or picnicking, but plenty of time to conduct a drug deal.) Park signage: I'm dissatisfied with the lack of trail maps (see above)	A bouldering area. I'm sure there are some decent areas within the park that could be cleared out so climbers could practice their skills.	Improved trails for hikers and bikers. Erect permanent trail maps at the main entrance, mid-point by trailheads and the main parking area. Widen shoulders near the mid-point trailhead for additional parking. Improve patrols in the area. Add a trail map of the park to the city website (a better one that's there - it's impossible to read and I'm an avid hiker). Clear a bouldering area as no climbing areas exist within Mt Vernon.	



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		More mountain bike trails.			A major expansion of the mountain bike trails will bring TONS of people to the area. There are currently very few mountain bike options close to Mount Vernon. We ride 25-30 weekends a year, and find ourselves driving 20-40 minutes away from Mount Vernon to find mountain bike friendly areas. Consider researching areas like Nelson, BC and Rossland, BC. These are great examples of communities that have harnessed the popularity of mountain biking to make their community a destination for consumers and to promote an active lifestyle. Most mountain bikers are great stewards of nature, and respectful other trail users.	If you build a meaningful trail system on little mountain, and provide bike lanes on the roads leading to the base, you will attract mountain bikers from all over the NW. Please don't waste this opportunity.
		There is just no easy way to say that; Mt. Vernon is way behind in park infrastructure. There is almost nowhere for an outdoor enthusiast to go in Mt. Vernon.	There are great examples in Bellingham, and Anacortes of how a well thought, and maintained park looks like.	An interurban type trail would be great. It might provide easy enough use, so that all people feel compelled to be outside more.	Parking, restrooms, and large amounts of trails. There are plenty of ball fields, and other smaller type parks around. Kids and parents need a place to go hiking and biking.	
						I would like to see mountain biking limited as I have seen trails deteriorated and areas near the trails deteriorated by irresponsible behavior of bikers who are not satisfied with staying on the designated trails. I know that not all bikers indulge in this behavior but on State supported trails in Washington this is evident. Some bikers do not respect the hikers and their behavior demonstrates this. (The few rotten apples spoil the lot). This is sad, but a reality that cannot be ignored. If you choose to ignore this suggestion, then I would suggest that some hiking only trails be set aside and some way of enforcing be instituted.
				nature guide and interactive education on why green space is important to community	outdoor sculpture interspersed throughout park	
Playing with my dog on the soccer field	Playing with my dog on the soccer field			Little Mountain Park should add an off leash area for dogs to play!	Add an off leash area for dogs the size of the soccer field.	If this location doesn't work for the parks department for an off leash dog park, then another one should be chosen... We have plenty of baseball fields that are hardly ever used... Any of those would be fine for an off leash dog park.
				None.	Keep it as it is, adding perhaps one or two more portapotties.	Little Mtn. is a great resource because it is minimally developed. Let's keep it as natural as possible so that people can enjoy some peace and quiet in the midst of nature.
				More interpretive information that would include landmarks that you are seeing from the viewpoints.	Create specific trails for only bikes and separate trails for walking.	I'm pleased to see this survey happening and hope that the public input will be utilized rather than ignored. More areas of Mount Vernon need to be protected from the continuing sprawl including the area directly opposite Little Mountain.



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		Trails for hiking and biking poorly planned. Many trails too steep for many people on bikes and hiking. A revision of the trails is in order-perhaps some only for hiking,some for biking and some combined-with varying degrees of difficulty. Examples of this system come to mind Anacortes Mt Eirie and Whistler Lost lake area- some wide common trails for hiking and biking with side trails that are more difficult.	Parking on top good, lower parking area very limited. Current signs and maps almost non-existent and not very helpful.	Perhaps interpretive signs kiosks on the natural history, geology, etc. of the Mountain	Tis is a great resource for the community. Preserve its natural beauty, improve the trail system both for biking and hiking. Add information signs.	
		There is only one trail available to mountain bikers and it doesn't offer any level for mountain bikers to improve past neophyte skill levels. More trails are needed from the top of the mountain that offer a challenge for a broader range of riders.		Additional picnic tables with a broader range of views.	I would love to see additional multi use trails that offer a wider range of destinations and challenges for a broader spectra of users.	I like the park a lot. I can make a loop from my house on blodgett up the road and down on the bike trails. It is an enjoyable way to get free exercise and a view and I know it improves my experience living in Mount Vernon. I would love to see the park expanded and use increased because it provides a wonderful escape for Mount Vernonites.
hiking with my dog	hiking with my dog			The growing community needs an off-leash dog park. Having to go all the way to Anacortes or Bellingham is hard.	With the increased acreage, there should be plenty of room to set aside some for a dog park. We have enough baseball and soccer fields.	A dog park is the one thing I really wish we had in the area.
		I'm not sure I've seen interpretive elements. It would be nice to have a sign at the viewpts. pointing out the important elements of the landscape.			More parking at the bottom to accomodate early users of the trail and road.	
		See #12 on trail connections. I am unaware of any interpretive elements in park. Such as signs to identify trees and plants or pictorial or directional markers in the viewpoints such as found at Mount Erie Park. The last three items I don't know where they are.	Sometimes I can't park where I want to hike. I like the trail near the entrance but a lot of the time there is no place to park. I prefer to walk uphill while I am fresh and rest at the top which is the north viewpoint. Next place I try to park is half way up at the bend. I have never had any trouble at the top parking lot. I wonder if going up the parking areas before and after the bend on the righthand side could be enlarged and utilized better. In the past I tried to find a way to hike from here to the trail that goes from the entrance to the north viewpoint with no luck. I also tried to find a trail from below the bend back to the trail at the entrance, but the trail didn't go all the way. This bend area on the northside seems to be a great place for trail connections for both hiking and mountain biking, better parking and some kind of restroom. I would also enjoy a more westerly view if there is anyway to walk in that direction from the top perhaps some kind of bench or log at the end to enjoy the westerly view. I once tried to get to the trails from Hickox Rd and found it a muddy mess.	I would like to see the Park stay focused on the natural enviroment. There are other terrific parks for other outdoor activities especially Hillcrest, Edgewater and Bakerview. I am not a mountain biker but if they would be used I would have no objection to more bike trails as long as they are separate from the pedestrian trails. I have never walked on the bike trail that is about half way up around the bend because I respect the use it is reserved for. If I was a mountain biker I would want a trail that went from the bend(that is halfway up) to the top(around the towers). It looks like there should be room between existing trails and the road going up for a bike trail. Also near the entrance where the hiking trail goes up maybe to the left along the road a bike path could be put in up to the bend where the 3 bikes paths would meet.	I don't know if Dr. Fred Darvill is still around but he would have the most knowledge and opinions on hiking in the Park.	I would like to see signs on top of Little Mountain around the viewpoints pointing out to people that their are hikers below and not to throw rocks. I have had this happen and it was quite alarming.
					Keep Little Mountain Park as natural as possible -especially for the preservation of peaceful hikes.	
		Basic trail maintenance and addition of nature signage.				



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		I sometimes fear getting lost when I go out with my youngest children (3&5). I would be nice if trails were more clearly marked with difficulty/danger level (we have found ourselves in some sticky situations that were anything but safe).	When hiking we have found evidence of parties and other "activities" in the woods, not too far from the parking area. I do not really feel safe when I go to far on any trail without another adult. There are bathrooms?	One really nice trail 1-2 miles in length that would be appropriate for jogging stroller with resting places along the way. This trail would be clearly marked and stay away from any "dangerous" places. Maybe a several labels on trees and shrubs identifying them would be nice for out of state visitors.	A map at the viewpoints explaining what you are seeing would be nice. I can't remember if there is one at the main viewpoint or not and I have been up there four times this year. My three year old loves coming up here and we all spotted a bunny on our last trip which we enjoyed very much.	Whenever we have family from Oregon or Florida come to visit, this is one of the first places we take them. It is perfect for sunsets and like that it is usually not crowded at all.
		build new trail system				
Photography	Photography			Mountain Biking trails would be nice!!	More mountain biking trails	
photography	photography			Maybe some built in binoculars, or more history about the area we're viewing.	see above	
all of the above	all of the above			none	grade and improve trails.	Thanks for making the effort to improve LMP.
		Better signage, maps of trails and other features to download needed.	Improved trailhead info (maps, level of skill, etc)	Organized hikes w/naritive staff/volunteers to lead them for all levels of hikers. Outdoor appreciation/interpititation classes for children along w/hikes.	Dog walking trails w/waste pick up pick up and disposal areas. Posted maps and skill ability of trails at each trailhead and on top parking lot. Bathrooms!!!!	What a treasure we have here in Mount Vernon at the Little Mountain Park. Just like any gem they need a little polish to really shine! Keep up the good work.
		Biking and or jogging loop trails that use more of the parks area would be helpful. Especially in the case of biking trails, ones that contoured around little mountain would no doubt be well used.	It would be helpful to have a designated bike lane from Blackburn to the little mountain turn off along little mountain road.	Is it still used for paragliding? I think that would be neat.	You guys are on the right road. Ask for input and the people that use it the most will respond. I think more trails, allowing more use of our greatest city park asset will benefit many. Thanks!	
		Trail Maps, signs, directions for trails, viewpoints.	Parking Lot at top is ample, but other parking seems unsafe and unsecure. Could use actual parking lot on lower side of little mt.			
Running, trails and road	Running, trails and road	It seems like there could be more trails to run on, and that they could be smoothed out a bit. It'd be nice to go to Little Mountain and find a way to do a long trail run. I have to get creative, and its pretty slow near the top. I'm not aware of interpretive elements.	Running from MV to LM is slightly dangerous. I think there's one restroom at the top. I'm not aware of any security, but that's pretty normal. It seems like there ought to be a better place to park at the bottom, with trails to walk around, and then a way to "summit".	B/c of all the trees and the views, Little Mountain should be MV's answer to a hike to Fragrance Lake on Chuckanut. Other parks should fulfill other needs. Little Mountain shouldn't be all things to all people. So...more trails.	More trails. Better access.	
		It is unclear the paths available, not many maps of where to go and how to connect.	It would be nice if the parking was related to various hike activities with good signage	A camping area might be nice.	Mainly just signage with level of difficulty for the hikes and a variety for all age and skill levels.	I love this park and would use it more if it was expanded and improved. We are impressed that the City offers this park to it's residents.
				develop park sites ie - picknicking & parking, on the way up to the viewpoints.	bike trails, improved trail system w/signage and map	
		More elaborate and panoramic viewing areas are highly needed. There is the original viewing area which is historical and then also the newest viewing area which is nice but too plain and too small. What we really need is a very large elaborate viewing area at the far west end that is above the tree tops or out far enough to allow for a minimum 180 degree view of the land. Additional to this, there would need to be a better access road with added parking near the location. I think this would create a large attraction to the park and the city could market this area to create a point of revenue.	Restrooms are not adequate. Signage needs to be more magnificent for having such a wonderful location.	Recreational information for the Mount Vernon area. You could have an information kiosk with Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation or Skagit County information. You could also sell Souvenirs to remember this location or the view you are looking at. You could create a giant map of the view with detailed things to see and do listed on it. I could go on and on...	I love Little Mountain Park and I fell in love with the view ever since I went there at a young age. It is so great! Now that I am now older my future wife and others have learned to do the same. I look forward to the future.	I hope great things happen to that area!
			There needs to be better restrooms.			



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would like to be able to ride four wheelers up there	would like to be able to ride four wheelers up there			Many different trails from easy riding to harder for different ages of riders on four wheelers and other motor bikes. This is a beautiful park and has alot of space for this type of thing like they have at Walker Valley.	Use more space for more activities such as trails for four wheelers and other motor bikes for many different ages and possibly more parking for trailers if they open this park up to four wheelers and motor bikes. Some trailers and toy haulers can be big and take up a little more space so more parking would work great too.	This is a beautiful park and would be great for multiple uses for all different age groups. Thank you for your time to hear from the public that is a wonderful idea to hear what everyone has to say about this big area. Walker Valley is a great place to ride but would just give people another option or place to ride four wheelers or other motor bikes.
		Did not know about Carpenter creek, so the access or signage could be improved.		I do not think that expanded use by bikes is a good idea. What it will bring is traffic and garbage. I would prefer to see it left as is than that.	Any vandals or graffiti artists could be shot on sight. Maybe a increase in patrols.	I love the park, it is a true gift. I would like to see some monument to the family who sold or gave it to the city. Otherwise it might look like Burlington hill, ravaged.
		There are essentially no "interpretive elements" and minimal signage. People would love a "map of the view" at the overlooks (identifying major landmarks, etc) and it would look more professional.	One bathroom often in disrepair and dirty. No bike rack at base of hill to encourage biking to (and then hiking in) park. As you have already heard, road traffic sometimes goes too fast. Traffic slowing devices are a must.	Nature walks/interpretive tours.	Traffic slowing devices. Longer "car free" hours in the mornings. It's a park, not a freeway! People and non motorized transport should have priority and will better maintain the quiet of the area.	
		I would like improvement in the areas of parking and trail heads on the lower slopes...this should eliminate some traffic on the road going up to the view points.	improve parking and access at base of park (couple of access points)...I prefer starting a walk at the bottom and hiking upslope...		I would like to see responsible logging in this park....to me it improves the views and gives the city some monies for improvements.	I like the idea of using volunteers for trail construction...
		Needs to be more mountain bike trail. Trails need to be regularly maintained including brushing out and some tread repair	I would think that more parking would be needed when trails or other activities are added.			
		I would like maintained (not necessarily paved) trails of varying difficulty, with links/loops that connect them. Flat bike trails would be very nice, too. I'm 67, and like to get out and walk, but the days of scaling the trail that goes right to the top are now a bit over my head.	I suppose the road is needed for people traveling to their homes, etc., but maybe a wide bike/walk trail alongside. I think it's usually best if bike and walk are really separated if possible---bikers get going very fast, and it's dangerous to have both together.	I would like to see it devoted to "natural" activities---not archery ranges, shooting ranges, outdoor concerts with speakers booming, etc. To me, it should be a watershed, natural area, with hiking and some biking. Please don't let the bikers take over---keep us walkers/hiking in mind, too. I'm all for biking, but the most avid bikers like to go very fast, are aggressive, and while they need a space, it needs to be shared with walkers (who probably aren't as politically active at this point). Keep the native plants as much as possible. Include woodland trails, interpretive signage of our native foliage, etc.		I'm delighted that we taking this on, as a city. I will continue to follow developments.



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		<p>I would like to see the number and in particular the quality of hiking trails improved. The hiking trails at the top running between the north and south facing viewpoints are examples of well-maintained and well-placed trails. However the remaining trails, such as the one that starts at the parking area near the lower gate that runs almost straight up slope and ends below the north facing viewpoint, could use better placement on the slope and could be better constructed, maintained, and mapped. Providing the public with a rough map of the existing trails would make it easier to provide more specific feedback on the quality of each trail. I am dissatisfied with the interpretive elements because there are no maps of hiking trails (i.e., map stand in the parking area below and one above) posted. A real bonus would be to post even more elaborate interpretive elements, such as descriptions of the local ecology, plant identification, history of the park, etc.</p>	<p>My family enjoys the park a lot. However, walking to the park would not be feasible given there are no sidewalks leading to the park entrance. We have biked to the park and it seems relatively feasible now, although with growing traffic it may not be feasible sooner rather than later. Once in the park, the main road creates such a dangerous situation, because while the road is well-built for vehicle traffic, there is no room for pedestrians or bicycles. I've walked up that road with my baby and seen other families with their young children and it can be extremely dangerous. Especially when people drive up and down faster than they should. The reason we continue to walk the road is because there are no clear trails leading to the viewpoints at the top. And that walk can be very enjoyable when there is no traffic. Signs - see comments above. Restrooms - There aren't any, but I'm not sure if that matters to me as much as the better planning for trails. However, looking to the future with the increase of users, I think the park will need to prioritize restroom facilities to provide an alternative to people using and mis-using the woods as a restroom.</p>	<p>I am a hiker, however I can see horseback riding, mountain biking, etc. I would not like to see ORVs, however.</p>	<p>Better trail location, maintenance and mapping so that users can enjoy the entire park area, not only the viewpoints.</p>	
				<p>Consider an equestrian area.</p>	<p>We are a neighboring property owner (5.1 acres just to the north of the Silver Arrow Bowman clubhouse). We would like to see trail system coordination between our developable property and the Parks.</p>	<p>We believe the Parks & Recreation properties to be a tremendous asset to Skagit County residents.</p>
			<p>Where are the bathrooms?</p>	<p>I like it the way it is.</p>	<p>Keep the forestry.</p>	
			<p>I would prefer no cars going up the mountain, plenty of parks for cars and people who need cars in the area.</p>			
<p>geocaching</p>	<p>geocaching</p>	<p>Trail upkeep is necessary and an important environmental component to keep people on the trail and off the "beaten path."</p>	<p>Lower parking is at best atrocious, the restrooms are flat out horrible, with all the towers up there how hard is it to put up a few cameras, the only reason traffic works is the courtesy of others</p>	<p>Connection to the new Bonnie Rae Park</p>	<p>Aggressive trail maintenance</p>	<p>Clean up the road area on the west side of Hillcrest Park, it is morbidly overgrown with weeds. Seems closing the Haunted Forrest was hardly a great financial decision, how did the replacement events work out!?</p>
			<p>could use trail connectors to Little Mountain, restrooms at top</p>	<p>none other</p>	<p>preserve as is</p>	
		<p>No strong dissatisfaction, but there could be more diverse access to the park. The margins of Carpenter Creek have been studied by Tetra Tech for the Nature Conservancy and have cautions for the streamside geology and associated wetlands. I suggest that the Lower Skagit Water Quality Study by Montgomery Engineers also be found and used to evaluate the water quality issues. Generally there is an opportunity and a danger in the reclamation plan for the rock quarry. If large amounts of soil are moved there will be water quality impacts. On the other hand, leaving the mined quarry as is makes a poor recreational site.</p>	<p>The Park has neighboring landowners who plan to develop their property. It would be appropriate to do a direct survey of the adjoining landowners, in addition to the website and community involvement which has been initiated.</p>	<p>Some horse trail use would be possible and desirable, if it does not interfere with the people hiking and biking in the park. An amphitheatre for moderately large public gatherings and performance seems likely as a reclamation project in the Meridian Quarry. That part of the park could accommodate parking for multipurposes, including access to the main body of the park.</p>	<p>A no firearms rule would seem like an important public safety measure, and would limit the risk of eliminating wildlife for public enjoyment-photography or viewing.</p>	<p>planning for connections to the adjoining land in a manner which avoids conflicting and incompatible uses is desirable. Dealing with the tendency of deadend roads to be places where people dump garbage and engage in illegal activity such as underage drinking should be part of any plan. Having vigilant property owners who are respected on the margins can be a big plus. Look at what Dr Fred Darvill has done over the years to add to the public pleasure in the Little Mountain Park.</p>



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			<p>Parking location: I'd love to see some parking at the south entrance (unless it's been put in and I haven't checked it). Restrooms: I only know of the old hilltop pit toilet and it's been pretty unpleasant when I've been there.</p>	<p>Personally, I do not need any other uses other than benefitting from the energy of nature, mostly in solitude. It's one of the few natural accessible locations near home, so I'd like to see any other uses be pretty mellow or separated by distance.</p>	<p>1) A few more seats along trails or views. 2) Hopefully keeping any loud, motorized bikes out of the park as the park develops because it seems to me that they would end the best assets of this particular park.</p>	<p>This is a beautiful and well-loved park. I hope the natural beauty can be protected as we go along. I particularly love to be in the park early in the morning when it is quiet and the sun is sifting through the trees. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to respond with this survey. Carol Huntley</p>
		<p>What I would like to see is simply an increase in the number of trails in the area. The quality of the trails is just fine, but after a while, when you know all the trails, some new ones would be a nice change. Thank you for your time.</p>				
		<p>there is great potential for more organized, better defined trails. trails with vistas. interpretive nature trails. map of points of interest (challenge course, archery course), and of trails. defined and signed hiking and biking trails (which path for hiking and which for biking?). going up for the first time with a friend as a tourist, we were very confused on where the trails were and where they started. so we walked into the woods and rambled around. i can imagine many more tourists would be interested if trails were defined, easy to follow and mileage of trail given (.5 vs. 2 mile). i love the viewpoints that are there. maybe some trails on the west side of the mountain with small vista points and a tree trunk bench. keep it rustic, yet accomodating. also, our tourist book indicated that there was a trail from the bottom of the mountain up to the top. we were expecting to park in a parking area at the bottom and take a clearly defined trail to the top, then hike back down. never saw anything like this and drove to the top still wondering where this trail was?</p>	<p>As stated above, a nice parking area (10 cars) next to a trail head at the bottom would be nice for those of us wanting a brisk few miles hike up and down. Some of us like to put in effort for our views. were there restrooms? can't remember. port o pot at a lower lot would be a good idea. and maybe one halfway up. and indicate this on the sign. i don't think security is necessary except for an hour at closing time.</p>	<p>a gate at the bottom of the road that closes at (8pm in winter, 10pm in summer) to encourage people to leave by a certain hour. when we left the park, it wasn't quite dark yet, but a big truck was pulled off to the right side at the bottom of the road getting ready to party. maybe allow bonfires at the top of the hill up until 9pm, by permit (\$5) only or something. so people can hang out, but also understand that there are some rules and boundaries. like they do on the beaches along the west coast. take out the dirt pullout and add an official parking lot for day use only.</p>	<p>be sure the signage is positive. what can people do as opposed to what they can't do. helpful signs. maps at the bottom and top. some mid point on the hiking trail with a port o pot and another map, and a turnaround for lost cars. lock a gate at the bottom and all port o pots at closing time to discourage hanging out. also, have a docent or someone to answer questions about skagit valley on weekends, summers and tourist holidays. this way there is someone there for folks to actually talk to, and learn about the local area, nature and history.</p>	<p>i have visited and camped at many state and national parks in the west and southwest (new mexico, california, oregon, wa), and i can see great potential for little mountain. i don't envision it being ultra touristy like yosemite or the redwoods parks, but rustic, natural, yet accomodating to a nice hike with a view, a friendly place to visit, and a must-see destination point.</p>



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picking mushrooms	picking mushrooms		<p>Much of the mountains use starts a the bottom more parking there would be nice. Two more restrooms at least one at the bottom and another mid-way up. There is currently a sign that says mountain bikes only. Trail use should be for all. Depending on type and condition of the trail, its use should be moderated to the lowest slowest denominator. That would be a hiker. If a biker has to slow down or stop for a hiker, so be it, they are on public land. I beleave security will increase with greater interest and use of the park by "good" people. That having been said I have watched drug dealers and their customers drive up right after the gate had been open in the morning. And recently a memorial had been smashed by a vandal. So a bit more attention could be paid sooner.</p>	<p>An interpretive study area for school children. Perhaps something that could be put on by the school district and parks department for seasonal educational tours by local biologists botanists and naturalists. Many programs like this are state funded.</p>	<p>A pedestrian handicapped usable walk way that parallels the main road on the right side. For much of the way there is easily workable space for this. And from the big curve to the top there is remnnts of an older road that could be used.</p>	<p>One thing I think we need to avoid doing is focusing on Little Mountain as Mount Vernon's only forested recreation area. Three well established areas are the Anacortes forest lands the Chuckanut Mountains including Blanchard Mt. and then there is Walker Valley, all within reasonable distance for say a mountain biker. I will say it again Little Mountain is Little! I think it can be developed responsibly into a nice town, neighborhood, family retreat with a bit for every one and still keep some wild green. But lets not give too much to any one interest. Mountain bikers are wonderful at trail building and maintenance. Well, they have to be. The bikes really tear up the trails. Mountain bikers become bored quickly with an area and continually expand trail areas as well as add features such as jumps and crossings. Giving mountain bikers even an assumed license of use to an area is a bad ideal. In a short time an areal photo of the trails will look like an ant farm. I think they should have access just like a hiker and maybe a place hear and there for a special feature. There use should be considered no more than anyone else's. If they want more then there is the other places I mentioned</p>
		<p>Lack of signage on trails and park areas so I don't know what is a 'real' trail (or where it goes) vs. what is a rogue trail. Better signage, maps, trail-tread improvement and interpretive signs would do wonders.</p>	<p>Plenty of parking up top, but need some at main entrance. Grafitti on the signs and structures makes me feel a lot less safe and insecure. Is there a bathroom? Must be the creepy building at the top... yikes! Trails aren't signed - maybe they aren't trails at all but I don't know since there isn't adequate signage to let me know.</p>	<p>Outdoor education and local park-dept hosted nature hikes would be excellent!</p>	<p>Keep it simple... nature & history oriented. Don't try to be everything for everyone. This place can be special, please plan responsibly.</p>	<p>Thank you to the volunteers and committee members taking the time to manage this project!</p>
Catching salamanders and preserving habitat	Catching salamanders and preserving habitat		<p>Traffic goes way too fast on road. The attempt to put a sign up stating to not leave valuables in your vehicle was useless, the sign was backwards so no one could read it when the gate was open.</p>	<p>An overnight camping area. Could be a primitive tent site with room for maybe two tents somewhere on the southeast side. There used to be many good camping areas across Blackburn from the park. These have all been developed. Kids could use a close place to tent camp again. You could do a permit system for the campsites?</p>	<p>Speed bumps on the road. Keep the gate shut till 11:00am every day of the week and weekends. Keep Mountain Bikes off the hiking trails near the top of the mountain. They are dragging their brakes and tearing up the trails. I have no problem with bikers if they use the trails provided to them. I would like to ride trails myself, but the trails are too rough for me. Maybe you could have a smoother trail for novice bikers on the southeast side of the mountain?</p>	<p>I am worried that Little Mountain will be overdeveloped, and overran. Ten years ago I would find countless salamanders and newts crossing the road in the spring and again in the fall. I have only seen one this year, and zero the last two years. They get smashed by cars, and with the increased traffic not many of them make it across the road. With Mount Vernon being overrun with housing developments and urban sprawl, Little Mountain will soon be the last of the forest lands . It is crucial that we take action to save this valuable asset to our city. Please do not destroy Little Mountain.</p>
use of outlook to introduce out-towners to the community	use of outlook to introduce out-towners to the community	<p>the rock quarry violates the original purpose of the donors of the park</p>	<p>I walk, with a group, generally before (8am) the park is opened to traffic</p>	<p>emphatically: none</p>	<p>Errasure of the visual blight of the quarry</p>	<p>I look forward to seeing the mitigation plan for the quarry, in hopes that it can restore visual and environmental quality to the area</p>



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		No Biking Trails, just hiking.	No extra parking just level parking. Extra areas with restrooms. We were parked and talking in car on time and there were teenagers smoking drugs next to us. Another time there where teenage or college age disrupting a easter egg hunt. Security is a must. Not enough signs for different locations in park.			
		Hiking trails are few and in very poor shape. Some parts of the trails are very dangerous due to lack of up keep. "Social trails" are all over and make hiking confusing and easy to get turned around. Vandalism is all over the beginning of the trails due to lack of police presence. It could be improved by establishing a maintained trail system, blocking off all social trails to encourage hikers to use established trails, getting rid of the graffiti and keeping a crew or someone with trail experience to regularly hike and maintain trails.	Parking at the gate is poor. Restroom is outdated and in poor shape (vandalism). Road to the park is dangerous to walk or bike to, there is not enough room along the side of the road and no sidewalks. You need to also develop an under story on some parts of the damaged natural areas and get rid of the invasive plants before they do too much damage to the native plants. The signs are difficult to read due to vandalism. There is little to no police presence in the park. People abuse drugs and alcohol and throw their trash off the viewpoints or in the bushes or off the bank at the pull offs. Vandalism is out of control at the look outs and on the trails. Cars are not safe to be left while you go hiking due to car prowlings. ALL of this could be reduced or resolved by police presence.	compass courses, interpretive signs, environmental education activities	More police presence! Improve security to keep the nice things from being ruined. Cameras (like used in other M.V. parks and trails., regular policing, etc. More trail maintenance.	
			Road to and road in is not defined. Dusk hours are dangerous to pedestrians			
			keep trails clear of dangerous trees that are leaning over trails after storms.	none lrts just enjoy the trails and nature	better security from gang activity graffiti.	I love the trails and hike almost every day. I think it would be a great resource to teach are community about woodlands of the Northwest lets preserve what we have.
		more bike trails some easy with nature viewing suetable for cruser type bikes with 0to 6 gears and some intese mountain bikeing trails	bike trails or lanes on roads leadig to park			Love the park I am 66 years old and try mto ride to it on my bike
used to ride horses up the road until it was paved	used to ride horses up the road until it was paved			horse access with trails	Horse access	Less change is better
		I wish there were more trails = perhaps some that connect with the west side of Little Mountain, where I live.	wish there were a few more parking spots	hiking, hiking, hiking	more hiking trails please	
exercising dogs	exercising dogs	Some of the trails need to be rerouted because they are too steep and are prone to erosion. Would be nice if there were a few more trail connections so we wouldn't have to use the road to connect.	I am aware that people have had their cars broken into while using the park. Also, I wish there were speed bumps on the road to keep people from going too fast. But if you put in speed bumps, be sure to leave a couple feet on either end so that bicyclists can use the road safely.	None.	Better trails, better security, trail connections, slower traffic, clean up trash left behind by archery course users.	Little Mountain is a gem. Please keep it as natural as possible while improving trail access & quality. Please do not expand intensive uses -- there are other parks and locations for activities that are either hard on the land or require extensive infrastructure.



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					What are the plans for the Fir Trees that will be growing above the southside viewpoint? It won't be long until the view is obscured. Ref. question 8. "some responsible development (read tree topping or felling) will have to occur. Mt. Erie has lost a lot of it's viewpoint value because of tree overgrowth.	
		Biking trails need to be circular rather than just down the hill and then up again. They also need to wrap around the mountain so that you get some flat areas. Also, more access points and parking toward the bottom of the hill would be good.			I'm not sure how to do this, but I would like the biking and hiking trails to feel more like the Anacortes forest lands.	Mount Vernon needs to create more trails and connect the ones that we already have started. I think that the Little Mountain project will move us closer to being a city that promotes health and outdoor involvement. It will also attract young families and improve housing prices if we have a good network of trails. My friends and I would really like to see the dike trails get developed...this would seriously add to the quality of life. We feel as though we have no water access...we should be able to enjoy the beautiful Skagit River while running or biking. This would also draw more people downtown. Additional biking and hiking trails will further the outdoor outfitting businesses in town as well...just look at Redmond, Bellingham, Woodinville etc. There are more people that support a strong trail system than you all even know. We need to do this now before anymore development limits what we can do as a city. Thanks to all of you for all of your work!
			The public road to the park and the park roadway are very narrow and have no area to ride a bike safely. It is one of my main concerns in making this a possible biking area.		The county and those concerned about maintaining the beauty of Little Mountain park should do what they can do acquire all the property still privately held. I anticipate that the 10 acre Private Property on Northwest side of the mountain just above Crosby Drive may be developed for housing. This would detract considerably from the beauty of the mountain and the park.	
						I have know Little Mountain for all my years it has mostly been an unplanned place which I love. But better parking, clearer trails and trail heads and good maitainance would greatly assist things now. Thank you
		I think that the trails could be improved and increased.	I think there should be a trail for walkers only. I have almost been hit on the paved road.	Continue to build it as a recreational resource for the community.	More trails for walkers only, better parking, more picnic spots.	Thanks for asking for input
trail running, jogging	trail running, jogging					
		I would like to see more Mountain Biking Trails available that are more leasurely (less technical).	More biking trails made available. Parking on South side of Mt. for hiking & biking from the south.			
painting/photography	painting/photography			The resources for outdoor school.	I think that if the restroom area was improved that more familys would enjoy the area.	



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		A map when entering the park of various points it has to offer would be very helpful. I've been there with my grandson, we didn't even know there was a carpenter creek nor a beaver pond! The viewpoints, trails and picnic area were what we thought was the only thing thw park had to offer. Please keep it natural. Can't archery be set up at a dirrent area other than the park? And hunting? Hunting for what? All weapons of any type should be banned from a public park for the obvious reasons. Rosalie Dick, Big Lake.	Please see answer given above.	More secluded picnic areas if this isn't a safety issue.	More natural benches to enjoy the view or solitude throughout the park on the trails where there are no rocks to sit on.	Thank you for giving the general public a chance to input their views on usage of this magnificent park so close to populated areas.
		Increase the number and quality of hiking and biking trails	Connector trails and bike lanes on roads need to be developed to provide bike/ped access to the park	Host event at the park, ie nature walks, guided hikes, clean-up days, trail building	Additional restrooms, maps made available (signage, electronic and paper)	There are additional parcels of land that need to be acquired (or development rights) that lie between existing development and the park - development could occur much higher up on Little Mountain if this land is not protected
			a bicycle path on both sides of the road, takes up too much room.			
		I eas not aware of an option to accesss carpenter creek perhaps a map with all trails and options would be helpful	there needs to be more parking at the entrance to park as a lot of people walk the road to top.Too much speeding traffic on road perhaps speed bumps?as far as I know there are only porta pootys at eagle rock. More please.More patrolling of road to curtail gang tagging illegal activities etc. Once again a sign with all trails listed would be nice.	I know it would be hard to do but a passenger lane on street going up.	We need to crack down on illegal dumping, gang tagging,and rowdy illegal behavior. Maybe a water fountain on top. More garbage cans .	This park is a jewel of mount vernon and its sad to see it abused and taken for granted. To have more hiking trails would be nice.And on another note the city needs a dog park. I find such an addition to this community would be heavily used. Thanks
trail running	trail running	The north side trail- starting at gate and ending near new viewpoint- has undergone significant human-caused erosion over the last 5 years. I would like to see some improvements made only in the very steepest areas, particularly where it has become a free-for-all (widening by the year). My family and I use this trail very frequently and appreciate its rustic nature.	I often park along the road, just up the hill from the concrete sign on the north side. This is fine. If new trails are put in on the north side, a bit more parking in this area would be a good addition.		The gang graffiti sometimes goes for months before being dealt with. Especially troubling has been the tagging of trees near the communications tower. Maybe there is a bark-colored paint available that could cover those marks. I would also like to see some new loop trails that use the new properties.	This is a very special park. One of the things that makes it special is that it has not been overdeveloped. Any future development, whether trails or other facilities, should be done in only the most thoughtful, unintrusive ways.
		The view to the west is extensive, and it would be helpful to have a map that identifies the islands, waterways, etc.	Although I haven't experienced congestion in the parking areas, it doesn't take too much imagination to see the time when increased population pressure will create such a circumstance. It can be difficult for the elderly to walk from the parking area to the lower viewpoint. Restroom: should be improved if the intent is to create a viable picnic spot. Signage: see my comment above.	Very minimal expansion of uses, and none that would create a 'blot' in the landscape (e.g., that could be seen from I-5). It is a gem of minimal use and wild country. For example, I don't think there should be a children's playground.	See comments above. Also, more turnouts	
				i like the peace and quietness, so i am not a big fan of more activities.	don't develop it to the point where it is loud, crowded, the animals have no where to go, and litter is blowing everywhere.	
walking our dogs and running.	walking our dogs and running.					



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dog walking	dog walking		I would like parking and pedestrian/bike access at the bottom so I can hike up from there. Also, I wasn't aware there was a bathroom so it would be nice if there was a sign.	Off-leash dog area	I like the idea of interpretive signs. I would like them to have historical reference to the mountain's past.	I know there are plans to put an offleash park somewhere else in Mount Vernon, but I have noticed that they have several in Bellingham, making it more accessible and if there is just a small area at Little Mtn dedicated to this, it could cut down on conflicts with dogs in the rest of the park.
		The one time I hiked the trail from the bottom of the hill to the summit, I was disappointed by the lack of trail care and the unsteady footing. The trail was quite unsafe for hikers of all skill levels.	There needs to be better parking at the bottom of the hill.			
photography	photography		A little more mid-level parking for trail access would be helpful; are there any restrooms currently? Need at least one set (M/F) or porta-potty.	Overall, pretty nicely done now by the city (see above suggestions). Glad that the city has interest in maintaining this wonderful site.	The addition of second viewpoint was nice, but wouldn't want to see any more forest removed for more viewpoints -- prefer it be preserved as is as much as possible.	Would be very nice to have trail connections to Little Mountain from surrounding neighborhoods -- right now, none exist.
		I think Little Mountain could be improved adding a couple more hiking and biking trails. I would not want to see it turn into a Hillcrest type park though. Excessive development will cause it to lose it's natural beauty and habitats. Access to the creek should be limited to avoid pollution. I don't want to be able to see or hear people walking on a different trail because it is too close by. Please don't expand picnic or parking area.	Pavement is forever. The forest maintains itself if we don't mess with it.	People use Little Mountain as a near by escape. If it gets crowded it will lose its appeal. I think the city should be careful to not over-develop Little Mountain	I was a Boy Scout and have participated in several Eagle projects that improved the Little Mountain area. Contact BSA Troop 100, they will likely have Scouts needing a project to do.	Is there a way we could get Burlington's money to pay for the improvements. Thanks for letting me have to chance to give my opinion on this topic. Justin Dahl Age 20
		More, or better mountain biking trails.	Will need more parking with more residents in surrounding areas.			
				Could improvements/maintenance be performed as part of a senior high school student's 'senior project'? Young people of today are quite aware of the need for natural spaces to be preserved. why can't the academic community partner this w/city employees?	It would be nice to have interpretive maps & signage in park.....also maps printable from website.	We love the park and the beauty & serenity it provides our city.
					Turn to the East from park Entrance on Little mountain Road.	Please keep this as a Natural park. I think a walking trail around the Beaver Ponds would be special. Please don't let any one kill the Beavers.Let them live in the park unharrassed.
			Only one parking spot at north entrance. A friend was raped in the park years ago.		A trailhead at north entrance and more parking.	
		Need more mt. biking trails that aren't muddy.				
		not enough biking trails w/ no connectivity	should be more parking at entrance to park		interconnected trail system throughout park	
		we need more			more trails	



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		<p>I am 49 years old and hike the park every day for exercise. I park at the entrance (below gate). I hike the lower part of the road, the mountain bike trail (surfer way), and the pedestrian trail to the top. I walk the road all the way down. I would prefer not to walk the road because it is dangerous!! Way too many speeding cars going up and down. The posted 15 mph is rarely observed and I've had to hit the ditch more than once to avoid getting hit. There is a trail from the lower view point to the gate that I could walk down if it wasn't so steep. This trail is more for mountain goats. So my ideal hike would be a loop starting at the park entrance and follow a trail (new) below the road that mimics the mountain bike trail. It would come out at the horseshoe turn where I would jump on the upper trail (existing) to the top. I would return on a new trail (or modified existing trail) from the lower viewpoint to the gate.</p>	<p>There needs to be more parking at the park entrance. The signage needs to clearly state that the road is used by pedestrians too! The traffic needs to be slowed on the road. Since I walk it every day I report to the parks department any vandalism, suspicious activity, or items that need to be addressed. The forest is beautiful and I would hate to lose any of it.</p>	<p>none. No horses or motorcycles.</p>	<p>A separate entrance that would be a trail head. The trail would be a loop which takes the forest hiker to the top and back (described above). It would have limited parking. This would separate the forest hikers from the mountain bikers and most importantly the cars.</p>	
			<p>Two things: There should be some type of restroom facility on top, and cars travelling up or down the mountain must SLOW DOWN. This could be accomplished with increased speed signage or even speed bumps.</p>	<p>I greatly enjoy the rugged nature of the park.</p>	<p>I am so pleased that Mount Vernon has preserved this park up until this point in time, and I hope it continues to be a rugged place of serenity for years to come. It would be nice to have a few more hiking trails, but not too many. Also, as I use this park multiple times each week, it would be nice to see a few more patrol cars just checking things out. Thank you.</p>	
		<p>Some more mountain bike trails</p>			<p>A few more mountain bike trails designed for beginners or less experienced riders</p>	
		<p>I'd like to see more trails</p>	<p>Expanded parking at lower trail heads</p>			
		<p>Add interpretive signage at viewing points to help people understand what they're seeing. Signs and dog pot reminding people to leash and clean up after their dogs.</p>	<p>please see response to # 10.</p>	<p>I would not like more uses.</p>	<p>Maintain as much natural area, nature viewing and quiet as possible. There are plenty of areas to bike and run around, but there are far too few natural areas remaining and more are needed as the population grows.</p>	
				<p>If possible, maybe a place in the park where one could ride a dirtbike or go four-wheeling.</p>	<p>I have seen some vandalism in the park. Maybe find ways to deter it. If the park service has the time, make sure that the park equipment is well maintained. If there is graffiti or broken fences, make sure they are repaired.</p>	<p>Overall, I am satisfied with Little Mountain Park. It is a good place to unwind oneself. Despite some signs of vandalism in the park, my experience is a good one. Please keep the park well maintained.</p>



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		Trails & trail connections should be better marked and minor trail development to expand "loop" routes would be welcomed. I also have some concern about the potential for erosion/degradation associated with some of the trails and their current construction and maintenance levels. The interpretive and nature viewing aspects of the park are "missed opportunities" for connecting the public with this wonderful park. Some suggestions include signage about what you are seeing from overlooks, natural history/plant identification, etc...	To the extent that more and better parking can be developed at trailheads" such as the main gate and also off Hickox Rd., it would be welcomed. See comments under Question 10 regarding dissatisfaction with signage.	Rock Climbing (see below)	I would like to encourage/support the committee and the city to evaluate the feasibility for developing a rock climbing area at the old quarry site. If mountain bike trails are to be developed, this might be a better location than within the forested park area. Many of the existing trails (in their current state)would be severely impacted by mountain bikes. Increased trails within the forested area of the park would decrease the natural features and quality for hikers.	I greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide input. Little Mountain, along with Hillcrest, are the two best parks in Mt. Vernon. This is largely because of the fairly well preserved natural features. While some minor improvements will improve the user's experiences at the park, I am not supportive of extensive development to the detriment of the natural features of the park.
frisbee	frisbee	It would be great to have more riding trails. Our area needs more trail riding. We go all the way to Anacortes or Bellingham to go riding. It would nice to stay in the Valley for riding.	Clean restrooms are very important.		Set trails or Hiking and Mountain biking, and more of them. The allowance of trail building with the go ahead by a committee. Trails for both hikers and mountain bikers which offer more variety and difficulty levels.	
			As a single woman I would never hike or walk at Little Mountain Park by myself as the park has a reputation for vehicle break ins and as not being a safe place to go alone.	Expanded picnic areas	Expanded picnic areas and expand hiking	I think that the park has improved over all especially with the paving of the road to the top. I would feel safer if the area was regularly patrolled and perhaps there was better lighting at the entrance for parking.
		Not aware of access to Carpenter Creek. If there is, it isn't very apparent.	Should be restrooms at the top. Security of remote locations are a problem. Cameras at the top and other remote locations can be linked into police system for observation.		A few more trails added, and any salmon enhancement of Carpenter Creek.	
		would like to see interpretive signs describing geology, animals, plants etc.	it would be nice to have the road to the top closed to cars for 2 hours on a Sat or Sun so walkers could enjoy without the noise and safety issues of cars. The park is frequented by young people who drive too fast up a down.	keep park in the most natural state you can.	interperative signs marked trails with trail maps	
			There is a lack of understory planting along with invasives that are starting to take over in certain areas. We need to protect our natural areas.	Interpitive hikes.	improve the signage for the trails.	
Wedding	Wedding	More markings of trails.	What Security? I have acually heard of near abductions from the park.	Some shelters for cookouts & gatherings.	Make it Bigger.	I think the new lookout is great. Keep adding attractions to enlarge the park. Clear some of the trees up there and plant grass for playing games like frisbee football etc. Also widen the road with a designated bike path.
			I have seen some questionable activities..	No other uses.	Please maintain this park as a different experience. I would hate to see it turn into another heavily used weekend disaster. People appreciate what is there now, don't try to cater to the entire population with this beautiful area.	
Haunted House	Haunted House				More picnic tables on site at Eagle Rock Challenge Course	The Eagle Rock Challenge Course is a gem. Thank you for supporting it. Local children and adults of all ages are fortunate to have that resource. I am impressed at the level of professionalism of the staff and manager and the great condition of the natural area surrounding the course.



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		development trails that can be maintained and that are safe to walk or climb. The existing trails are slippery and can be dangerous when wet. Steps or leveling the grade would help. A coordinated volunteer program could help in the maintenance and improvements of the trails. Connecting the trails would be nice.	Excess speed is a huge and dangerous problem with a disaster inevitable in the future. Speed bumps are a must.	1 Veivs of the valley 2 Nature experience 3 Exercise	As above. No more clear cutting.	
		Interpretive elements could be more educational, specifically what is visible in viewpoints and tree, shrub, and plant ID. More trails or better trail maps of all ready existing walking trails would be appreciated. Judicious expansion of viewpoints by trail could be an option.	What restrooms?	Preservation of its present status. It is a jewel in our midst. Don't overdevelop it with too much multiuse. We need other parks instead.	Spend more tax dollars to protect and preserve and maintain it.	
			Could use more frequent visits by police		Don't need to remove any more trees for creating scenic overlooks. Need to consider fire prevention with the possible affects of increased use or new uses.	
		I have never seen any interpretive elements at Little Mountain.			I like it as it is now. I fear increased development around the park and further cutting of trees.	As unchecked development continues to plague our open spaces, I prefer Little Mountain Park to remain as unmanaged as possible for the feel of walking through natural forests. I was surprised by the clear cut for the view to the north and would have preferred that not have been done. Having said that, I like the park as it is now and can only hope increased population pressures do not change the feel of the park.
					could do a little work to improve the hiking trails	My dog and I hike the trails 2-3 times a week. we enjoy the peace and quiet. it is a beautiful park right in the city!
			People do drive fast up and down. In the mornings some of the contractors fly up and down and leave the gate open.	None.		Little mountain is a beautiful park. My family and friends really enjoy walking up the road and trails in the morning before the gate opens. Please keep the gate closed until 10 am. We can not lose the archery range. Look at the problems trying to put a shooting range in.
		Interpretative signs especially at viewpoints to help visitors appreciate what they are seeing...also interpretive signs that may lead people to take better care of the park, for example dogs off leash are a major problem everywhere I go in Mount Vernon, the park should not be a place I go to and have the living daylight scared out of me on a trail because a loose dog barrels down the trail. This is one reason I stay off of the trails and walk the road.		No other uses. This is the only place in the city a person can go to to get nearer to nature, and to get some peace and quiet. As the city grows these things will be in demand. There are enough places for sports, one place to go to to bird watch, enjoys magnificent views, to take visitors to where they can be impressed with the valley's beauty and the expansiveness of the area. Please keep Little Mountain a "wild" and natural area where people can hike and bike.	Try not to turn it into a multiple use disneyland, and please try to educate people about keeping their dogs on a leash.	When I moved to Mount Vernon a year ago I was thrilled that this Park existed. It is my favorite place to go with visitors to walk and picnic and to explore the native plants in the area. The views are awesome and I just want to thank the members of the city for having the vision to set this beautiful place aside for recreation. As automobile gas prices go up, more and more people will be looking closer to home for parks like Little Mountain to go to. Maybe a clear bike trail to the Park would be good to have, as well as a few more picnic tables. If there are other places to consider creating new parks in the city this would be good too. Thanks to all Park and Rec folks for the work they do.



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		I enjoy the hiking trails on Little Mountain and would like to see them continue to be maintained and expanded if possible.				Please continue to maintain & expand the trails. I don't favor mountain bikes on the same trails though.
					Possibly another view point, and a bike only lane along the main road. Keep it a park setting!	
						I live near the rock quarry and as operations end, I don't want it converted into an amphitheater for rock concerts etc. We have lived with the noise of the quarry for years, and would not like to have loud events held there. Thanks for doing the survey.
					Outdoor Education site	
		I would prefer a much more defined and maintained trail network; something similar to the Anacortes Forest Lands trails. Also, some shared trail loops for multi users would be nice. Further parking areas for those who do drive to trailheads would be appreciated also. I didn't even know there were interperative elements.	Restrooms? Traffic can get a bit tight when encountering an on coming car. Seems some park users consider it a challenge to get to the top of the hill as quickly as possible. Not bad on a bike, sucks when they are driving a car.		A viewing area that allows more of the Skagit Valley. Trail maintenance and definition. A distinguished and mapped network.	
		The trails are good, but we would like to see more mountain biking trails added. It is a great area and close to where we live, so we would like to use it even more. Thanks.			There is quite a bit of graffiti up on the top of the mountain. I don't really feel comfortable going up there by myself. I know it isn't easy to have someone patrol all the time, but maybe show a little more of a presence up there.	Thanks for asking our opinion, and I'm looking forward to being able to use the park more.
		We would like to see all of Mt. Vernon's parks connected by a walking/biking trail. (perhaps this is already on track)				Will have to make more use of the park to be able to evaluate needs
Enjoyment of a rare piece of the natural world not yet disturbed by parking lots, ball fields, paved trails, and hundreds of people.	Enjoyment of a rare piece of the natural world not yet disturbed by parking lots, ball fields, paved trails, and hundreds of people.	Access to the Eagle Rock Challenge course is an issue for us. Originally advertised by the MV Parks Department (via a hand delivered letter to nearby residents), access to the rope course was to be through the Silver Arrow archery course. As is stands now, challenge course users are delivered to the site via what was to be the "service road" (as it was called in the original letter). To provide some buffering of the archery course and open up access to the challenge course, I encourage MV Parks to look into purchasing the 5 acre parcel of land directly north of the Silver Bowman indoor archery range. This would allow the archery course better access to all of the course and a way to access the challenge course directly off of Hickox Road.	There needs to be better parking at the Hickox Road Darvill trail head.		As much as possible, leave it as it is. Let's follow Anacortes' example and call the park a "City Forest". In my experience, land developed by landscape architects takes on the appearance of "developed land" -- meaning--that at least in the eyes of the planners, the land has been "improved". As the population of the Mount Vernon area increase, the rarity of "undeveloped" land becomes a giant issue. People should not have to drive for 30 minutes in order to experience the natural world. We have a gem right here already in Little Mountain Park. Please leave it as unimproved as possible--provide access for those who would like to explore the forest and creek, but don't try to "interpret" the forest or add view points or other human made structures. Let's let the forest speak for itself.	
		Hiking trails and nature elements need better marking.	See 11 above.			



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		More trails would be nice. A well graded trail from the north gate that follows the road up would be great (would take people off the road) and a parking area at the north gate would be useful (cars park on the road now) A parks department trail crew to clear trees and brush out sections of the trail system a couple times a year is needed (my son and I currently do this)	There is no parking at any trailhead. More police presence would help to curb many of the undesired uses of the park (drug use / drinking, drug dealing, graffiti and prostitution). Some sort of speed control measures on the road would be helpful - large speed bumps (hills) and possibly even and police radar at times (I bet you could see speeds upwards of 45-50MPH at times!		More (any) parking at trailheads. More and better maintained trails. Keep road closed (as it is now) until 10:00AM. Increased police presence.	Please do not over develop this park.
		consider adding additional hiking trails and improving quality and controlling erosion on existing trails	need more parking at the base of the mountain		more parking at base, additional trails and access points, interconnectivity with regional/city trail systems and the quarry, improved quality of hiking trails.	
		need "Cleaner" viewpoints. Whack down the brush and encroaching trees. The idea that LMP is a wilderness is preposterous. There are paved roads, picnic tables and mowed grass. Not a wilderness. The views are breathtaking and worthy of being shown off to best advantage.	Open the gate at dawn, not 1000. some people would like to have the road all to themselves in the a.m., but this knocks out those who would like to get up on top to enjoy the sunrise from the viewpoint. Really, how many speeders are awake before 1000? Were any studies done or did you just cave in to a few loud voices? I hike all the trails. My dog and I have found trails that haven't been used in years. I don't enjoy parking at the bottom and walking on the road to get to my "trailheads"before the gate opens. Asphalt is boring and hard on the knees. Too many car break-ins. I've never seen a cop car on patrol up there. I'm sure they show up sometimes, but not when I've seen them. I've put off my hikes until 1000 to find the gate still not open. Put up a sign to post open and close times and stick to it.	1) enhance the views 2) open the gate at dawn or never close it at all 3)keep everything else pretty much the way it is	FIRST OF ALL NEVER CHARGE ADMISSION TO THE PARK. Improvements to be paid for out of tax collection and volunteer work or don't do them at all. If possible I'd like to see some of the lesser used trails weed whacked.	There is an overgrown trail that goes up to the top of the clearcut area on the South side. I cleared it out a few years ago but right now the blackberries will eat you alive to get there. Once up there it would be nice to have a sitting area (downed log?) from which to enjoy the view.
		Its simple go to Anacortes. Their forest land is phenomenal and I have been waiting for Little Mountain to do the same for so long. There are so many wonderful miles of trails that could be added to that mountain just like Anacortes did with Whistle and Cranberry Lakes. More loop trails, more technical, more miles, more trailheads from the roads (Hickox or Little Mountain Rds.) Trails that hikers and bikers can share together. In a nutshell Anacortes has provided us with a blueprint all we have to do is copy it.	A path between Section and Blackburn would be great for bikers and hikers that want to access the Mountain from something other than their car. Something like the Kulshan Trail.	Rock climbing if the Quarry is going to close soon	More well designed trails for both mountain bikes and hikers. To me the look outs and sitting areas are just fine.	
Walking dogs, trail running (hill training)	Walking dogs, trail running (hill training)	There are currently only a few trails, and they are divided- (pedestrians only, and mt. biking only) I would like to see many more trails built, and classified as "multi-use" instead, as well as CONNECTIONS TO PILCHUCK PLEASE. I am also dissatisfied because there are simple not enough miles of trails or connection options; I use the Little Mountain trails about once a week, year round, and need some variety.	There are not enough parking spaces at the trailheads- could we add some more? - not only on the main access road, but also on the South side at the gravel pit area and Fred Darvill's access site.	I am not a horse rider, but I think it would be beneficial to allow horses on the trails as well (especially connecting to Pilchuck)	I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO HELP BUILD AND MAINTAIN NEW TRAILS. Please contact me (360) 708-7965. I would like to suggest to the planners to take a look at great examples like the Anacortes trail system (ACFL), Bellingham (Galbraith), and Pilchuck (300th st. exit). These areas have wonderful trail systems and are maintained regularly by a variety of the users.	I would like to help build and maintain these trails- I am also very interested in helping with the reclamation project of the quarry, specifically in researching and re-planting that area with native plants. I will be contacting you again, but here is my information for now: . . . Avid mountain biker and trail runner, Leizel Yaeger (360) 708-7965 leizelyaegerart@hotmail.com



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		I WOULD LIKE MORE TRAIL LOOPS, AND MORE TRAILS. I AM UNAWARE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT INTERPRETIVE ELEMENTS. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE SOME.		MORE PLACES TO SIT DOWN. MORE PICNIC AREAS.	SIGNAGE WITH MAPS OF THE TRAILS. BETTER SIGNAGE IDENTIFYING THE TRAILS; GUIDING RATHER THAN REGULATING. PERHAPS ADD MILEAGE SIGNS GIVING DISTANCE TO VARIOUS TRAIL DESTINATIONS.	I STRONGLY PREFER THAT THE PERIMETER OF THE PARK WHICH ABUTS PRIVATE LAND MOSTLY REMAIN NATURAL AND UNDEVELOPED.
		There are few short hiking trails in MV as far as I know. The park is one of the few areas available to establish them. A lot of work needs to be done in planning and building them there because of all the inclines created by the face of the "mountain." But if it was accomplished, it would be a great asset to the city, especially if there were places where one could get a clear view of the valley.	I'm not sure if there is enough room for too much more parking but some expansion is needed. I would like to see a roadside right-of-way or trail established from Blackburn all the way to and into the park. Cameras and some lighting would be needed along with strict enforcement for hours to create reasonable security. This will all cost a lot of money. I don't think it is possible to have a quality city park without putting something into it. This will require building consensus among the city residents before any formal decisions are made by the city council to use tax money. Perhaps a combination package of taxes, grants, municipal bonds, etc.would have to be offered to the voters. It might take several attempts to get it passed.			
		It has been several years, but the trail seemed poorly designed, resulting in erosion. I would like to see more mapping of trail routes so I know the various trail options.				I haven't gone there enough to answer most questions, but I am not a user of the playfield park facilities, so this is exactly the type of park that I am interested in using more. I'm glad to see expansion along with consideration of future use and protection.
		The hiking and biking trails need to be well-marked. It is very difficult to find them. Maps on signs throughout the park would be great! Also, it would be so nice to have them identified as easy, moderate, or difficult.	Again, having signs identifying where the trails begin and end would be very helpful. I have been to the park several times, and I don't even know where the bike trails are. It would be nice to have the main road lined so that it takes the guessing work out of going around the corners near the top of the hill.	I would love to have more park benches, and it would be great to have some swings (playground and adult swinging benches) at the top of the hill.	More communication in the community about the trails and access to the park. Locating the trails is difficult, especially at the bottom.	It is wonderful for the Parks and Rec. dept. to have this survey available. Thank you for seeking input.
						I think the most important issue is setting aside space for parks before development limits the amount of space available. Thanks for being proactive.
		Have trail maps available to the public. Two of the trails I've hiked with my kids, I've had to pull them up (and myself) on steep grades. Trails are not maintained.	I don't go to park with my kids anymore, because we've come across teenagers smoking pot in the woods. And teenagers having sex in their car on the main road. I've never seen any park employees on Little Mountain and have never seen the MV police drive through. So now we only go to the look outs and that is it.	Haunted forest at Halloween. Free activities for all residents not just people with money like the rope course if for.	More visible security so I can feel safe in taking my kids into the park. Copy Anacortes in their use of forest land. I use Anacortes's parks more than Mount Vernon's parks because of the well mapped, maintained parks.	I think city parks should stay with the city. I don't like to see private companies/organizations building structures on public property. Little Mountain could be a very nice and useful park. Maybe connect the North end with the quarry on the south end?
		I believe we need a better multi-use trail system.		Better mountain biking trails.	Working with MBNA to improve the mountain biking trails.	



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		There are not very many hiking trails, There is only one true mountain biking trail, although it is a great and challenging trail as I get older it may become to hard to ride. Road bike riding is becoming dangerous and it would be nice to have another option of a more moderate mountain biking trail. With more trails they would intersect for more options. Although I am not in the city limits now I still own alot of property in Mount Vernon and I did live in the city limits for 20 years	My car was vandilized once and have known others who have been vandalized. I realize it is hard to maintain the trails but it takes months for the trees to be removed after a big storm and they don't get done unless we useres do it ourselves		Just more trails either mountain bike or Hikeing	When you compare this to the Anacortes community land it would be nice to have more trails
		I am an avid mountain biker who lives in Mount Vernon. Little Mount's small mountain bike trail is a start but hardly compares with Bellingham's trail system. More trails of higher quality with interconnections are very desired. I would gladly donate my time in helping build these trails. Mount Vernon has a large mtb community, that should not have to travel to Bellingham for a quality ride. Thank you Brad Kerstiens (360) 420 3094		More multi-use trails interconnected into a well maintained trail system	Working with MBNA to build excellent multi-use trails. In Bellingham, Galbraith Mountain has adopted this strategy and build one of the nations best mountain bike trail systems. People travel from all over the reign to ride those trails. I have very high hopes for Little Mountain and know our community will help in maintaining and building our trails.	
		I really am against biking trails. With that in mind, I couldn't possibly give suggestions for improvement. I can't think of anything worse for the serenity of a park than bikers.	I don't have a real answer for the parking because, with any park, as it becomes more popular there will always be a need for more parking.		Because I haven't been to the park recently, I would have to see it with the question in mind. Sorry!	
				Current uses are OK/sufficient so see no need to increase the variety	Have some sort of fire protection infrastruture to put out a fire before it decimates a large part of the park. Get public service groups to help patrol the park and keep the litter down in the future if needed.	
		it would be nice if we had more bike trails.	make more parking at the entrance to the park			



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		<p>I am in favor of adding land to the park (and adding more city/county and regional parks to our park system) so that more trails can be added without impacting the feelings of solitude. What about somehow connecting public lands and some sort of trail-road system all the way to the Pilchuck Tree Farm? On Little Mountain, some of the trails that exist are very poorly laid out and, as a result, are in bad shape - i.e. trail from gate to new viewpoint, trail from summit to hairpin turn and continuing down toward Darvill's trail, and trail from Darvill's turnout to the summit up the face are all WAY too steep - need to add some switchbacks and improve tread. Better trail layout/design and access to more loop trails would be highly desirable. I haven't biked on Little Mountain, but the trails between the challenge course and the road (hairpin and below to the gate) seem like great biking trails. I also think there are numerous opportunities to develop some interpretive displays to do with the small- and large-scale natural world visible from Little Mountain - everything from the ecology of the site (plants and animals there, Carpenter Creek, etc.) to the ecology of the landscape (river meanders,</p>	<p>Parking for access to trailheads is minimal except at summit. Would love to see more public walking/biking access points to the park, especially a more direct connection from Hillcrest Park. I have hiked up from the gate to the newer lookout and come upon young males drinking and throwing bottles into the clearcut below - its the only time I've ever felt unsafe. Hope you're keeping an eye on the English Ivy and are making plans to eradicate, or at least control, it. Will eventually kill trees if left untreated. Non-native holly is also present on site. Otherwise I'd just say no more cuts. Thanks for considering all my comments!</p>	<p>None - like the passive, non-motorized recreation that Little Mountain provides!</p>	<p>See above.</p>	<p>Snohomish County has a wonderful pet waste campaign and they have developed some wonderful outreach/education materials. I appreciate the poop bag stations at Hillcrest - could use educational materials in conjunction with these - ? Contact Dave Ward at Snohomish County Surface Water Management for materials that are funny and cute AND educational! Buy more land for parks!!!! They add to quality of life and keep property values up. Thanks for considering all these comments.</p>
					<p>I really enjoy walking trails and would like to see more trails for use in Mt. Vernon, possibly attaching to the tree farm</p>	
		<p>More hiking trails with connectors for varied loop possibilities. Should provide some interpretive signage for areas used most by folks who might be coming to the park for the first time or infrequently.</p>	<p>Need more locational signs and, once there are more connecting trails, will need directional signs with approximate distances. Invasive species should be removed as a high priority as they will only get worse. Areas which have become too dense to maintain health should be thinned.</p>			
		<p>Eliminate the course from the park.</p>	<p>Use portapotties. Need more police presence. Need speed bumps to control speed of cars. It is dangerous to walkers now.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Speed bumps. Protect wetland areas.</p>	
		<p>More trails would be great. Whistle lake in Anacortes is a good example of how more trails can make an area a better place to hike.</p>			<p>More trails and look out points. I'm not saying that there has not been some great work already done in these areas.</p>	
			<p>The last time I went up there.... there were people with blaring stereos and loitering gang bangers. I am not comfortable going there when these unsavory characters are there. Its to bad, they ruin the experience.</p>	<p>Dog Park</p>	<p>Security cameras? Not sure, its pretty secluded, so security, or keeping it vandalism free would be really hard.</p>	
			<p>parking is limited and the size and accessibility of the spots make them less desirable.</p>	<p>More education and marking of trails so that people are aware of just how many recreational oportunities there are.</p>	<p>Accessibility and parking are two good areas to start in.</p>	
<p>run road and trails</p>	<p>run road and trails</p>	<p>It is good to see that we are going to develop this exception property for the public.</p>	<p>currently limited</p>		<p>try and keep it similar to the Anacortes trail system</p>	
						<p>Don't spoil the beauty of one of the few parks like Burlington mountain was spoiled - Burlington's mountain has become an eyesore.</p>



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		The mountain bike trail down to Eagle Rock course is the only one I know of within reasonable cycling distance of my home in Burlington. I am extremely grateful to those who built it and to MV Parks for allowing its use. I wish there were additional technical trails available for biking.			Improve access from the South with parking and signage. Please keep some of the trails primitive and challenging.	
		difficult to access trails from our house and they are close.	bad access from south side. security is a problem for leaving a car unattended too go for a walk or run.		better access. keep it concentrated, not sprawled out.	
		Quality of hiking trails, particularly the south side, has improved since bike use has decreased on hiker only route, but maintenance of trails is not good on park property.	On the south side there is a lot of English Ivy and holly thickets. Both plants are considered noxious weeds. Ivy is particularly damaging to the natural flora if left unchecked. My property, which adjoins the park on the south side, is partially in Skagit Land Trust easement. They have periodic work parties to remove ivy on my land.		Better trail maintenance.	
		Hiking trails need better surfaces; some places they are too steep to maintain any footing. There are too few connectors of trails and no trail guides or maps.	There is very little informative park signage.		Improve the hiking trails and the system of networking the trails.	Little Mountain is a diamond in the rough. This is a local resource that should be enhanced and preserved. thank you.
		The biking trails need to connect and be longer				
					More Multi-use trails specifically towards mountain biking and Trail running and hiking. You have such a valuable recreational resource that could be used as part of the overall attraction to the Mt.vernon area for those of us who live in Seattle to use a recreational destination. The amount of people that just keep passing on through your town to go to other locations such as bellingham or anacortes is astounding. I work in the bicycle industry and use the areas previously mentioned on a weekly basis for my weekend recreation. Sure would be nice to get to know Mt vernon better but do not feel that what is available to me as a user is worth stopping for. Open the park to local groups to start more trailbuilding and access. Incorporate youth oriented groups to help with the process. (give them something to do besides graffitti the area and drink)	
		More and better conditioned trails.	Could use parking at the bottom of the paved road with a pedestrian path to walk up			
		The trails should be maintained in a more regular fashion. Also, it would be helpful if there were more detailed maps available at least on the city website. No good trail exists from the Eagle Rock area to the top of the Mt.	Our car was broken into when parked in the lot for 10 minutes. Signs should be posted that this is a HIGH PROWL area. If you have a lot of money, security cameras could protect the area. Also, I have heard that prowling is a common experience in the park.	Signage indicating the type of plants and trees. Also, arrows pointing to Cameno Island, Skagit River, Mt. Erie, etc.	Signage about the history of the park.	



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		I'd like to see the trails that lead down to Eagle Rock better connected with the more northerly trail network. There is an overgrown path through the clearcut area, but it doesn't seem to be maintained. A trail that circles the north side and links with the trail on the west might be fun, too.	I run trails at little mountain 1-3 days each week in the mornings before the gate opens. Parking on the road can be a little tricky (turning a vehicle around at the gate is difficult when folks are parked in the 2 spaces there) As for security: I've seen suspicious vehicles/individuls hanging around in the mornings more often that I'd like. It would be a good idea to make sure that the park sees police patrols.		I've never once encountered a mountain biker on the trails. I'd suggest relaxing the restrictions on them, as they are not a problem.	Thanks!
		I would love to see more trails, especially on the front side. There are existing trails hat we use, and they could be upgraded to help with the erosion problems. The trails are generally VERY steep and not properly cut into the hillside, so they get really roly in wet or very dry conditions. This problem is exaserbated by mountain bikes. I have not problem with bikes in teh park, in fact, I helped build the one decent trail we have, from the hsrpin down to the rope course road. But, people ride down the Darvil trail off the front, and even doen the steep trail from the north lookout to the gate, and that's really chewing up the hillside. This is a fabulous resource that we have in our backyard, and I use the trails at least 3 times a week, year round, to stay in hiking and climbing condition. The potential for loops and variations is great. I'd be totally up for being on any trail building parties that may form. Have Polaski, Will Travel (just not too far) Shannon Good 336-9700	The rip off factor is a problem. I've been broken into once at the sign on Little Mountain Road. If we get more users, we'll have to have some better parking. Restrooms might stop the idiots who defecate on the rails from doing that. Litter is a problem, probably from the same idiots. At least I haven't seen any dryers or couches over the edge lately. We could use a better access for bikes - a trail from town would be great! big speed bumps might slow down the speeders.	We used to hang glide from the launch on top, but I haven't seen any users for years. The trees are getting a bit tall down in front of the launch. I'd like to keep the park as natural and low key as possible. It keeps the creep factor low, I think.	Speed bumps on the road. An outhouse at gate. Maybe a few more parking places at the gate. A trail crew to fix the trails - add some switchbacks, level out the trail surface, add some drainage. Make a connection around the front side, accessing the area between the mid-point skid road from the gate trail to the arroyo on the Darvil trail. Garbage can at the sign, maybe.	I'm here to help! Call me. I've got a big stake in this place.
		Add to the quantity, and improve the quality, of the mountain bike trails. So much more is possible.				
		Mountain biking seems way too limited	There are no signs warning of road cyclists or asking drivers to "share the road." I've never seen law enforcement up there.			
			Should have a park ranger in the park.			
			Please limit parking within the park itself. If more parking is needed, increase it near the lower edges of the park. It would be GREAT if there were hours when the road was CLOSED to auto traffic (Washington Park). At times the road is too narrow or walkers and auto traffic. Please consider designated and signed bike lanes on Blackburn and Little Mtn Road so cyclists and walkers can SAFELY use this access to the park. THANK YOU for this survey.	Keep the park as it is as a way to bring children and adults back to nature. It is the ONLY forested park in the MV-Burlington area. It is a lovely place.	Litter and trash is a problem. People are slob. Again we need citizens or montly clean ups to help the city out. Add acreage to this lovely place..	There are enough trails for such a relatively small park. No need to develop more. Please keep it for those that want a quiet, reflective place to go...I can't think of another place that matches those needs within the city.
		Trails need to be part of comprehensive network, connecting to trails outside of the park as well. Facility needs to be walkable, in addition to hikeable.	Needs to be park of larger citywide system. Connected.			



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			Have a real bathroom with running water and to be clean.(I understand how hard it would be to get up at the top but just something to maybe take another look at.)	Emergency call boxes for police or fire.		
		I would like to see some interpretive information along the trails. This would be an excellent opportunity to educate on the beautiful natural environment. I also would like to the trails have better overall maintenance and erosion control.	I would like to see a built bathroom structure at Eagle Rock challenge Course.		I would like to see Eagle Rock and the trails expanded.	
		Connector trails or loops would make the number of trails more satisfying.		Mountain bike skills park - obstacles, pump track, etc.	Mountain bike trails that can be used to access additional trails in the area.	
		Open hiking trails to biking More trails are needed for biking	More trailheads are needed to increase access to the park for biking		More biking trails	
		I would like to see more levels of difficulty and more connections.	Parking is very limited at trail head we use. No restrooms until top. I've heard that there have been rapes there, so I never go alone. Do people live in those woods? It would be nice if I could go alone. No way around traffic, I think.	I'm glad it's there. It's the closest hiking.	Security.	Scheduled group hikes.
		the bike trail needs work, it would be nice to expand the trail network a little bit	there needs to be more parking especially considering the population inflation			
		I look forward to seeing the number of multi-use trails increased significantly. Sustainable trails are possible by employing proven techniques like those practiced by IMBA (the International Mountain Bicycling Association).	If multi-use trails are added to Little Mountain, more people will use the park. Additional parking will be essential, and driven by the layout of the "future" trails. Hopefully trails linking other potential parking opportunities will be considered. The ACFL model links local communities to their parks. We'd prefer to run and ride to the park, not drive.	I really like everything that I know about the ACFL model, it is a great model to emulate.	Utilize volunteers, again -- like ACFL ...	Thank you for accomodating public input in such an impressive fashion ... I look forward to helping build trails.
			Parking area hard to navigate in larger vehicles. Very limited parking on south entrance from Hickox, also main entrance at bottom of hill. No video recording or cameras for security of vehicles. Hardly ever patrolled by MVPD or sherrifs office.		More police presents. Video monitoring of parking area, and view points to prevent vandals.	
		Improve upon these areas by expanding or increasing the number of sites	Biking lanes and sidewalks to and from the park should be a top priority of the City	A child wading pool similar to the south Tacoma wading pool --- 6" to 12" water level	Circle the road system so that elderly and handycap can see more of the park.	Securing the screws on the revetment boardwalk should be a priority. Many people are stumbling on the screws that stick up as much as 1" above the boards. This hazard will eventually cost the City big \$\$\$\$. The Parks Department, overall, is doing a great job!
jogging up the road	jogging up the road		Wider paved drive would be nice for pedestrian/vehicle traffic. Some parking at the bottom of park also. People use the paved portion of the access road for stability and more visibility. I do not use the trails by myself or with my kids anymore because the last time I did, there were homeless camps. I also know that there have been crimes against women up there. :(Not sure how you could resolve those issues reasonably.		See above.	I would love to use the park more, but just do not feel safe. I think the vision is great and the parks department is doing a wonderful job of utilizing the property to get the maximum use and enjoyment of property with some unique inter-urban activities (hiking, challenge course, vistas, etc.)



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		I usually walk on the paved road, because the trail looks steep and difficult. There's practically no signage, maybe I'm missing other trail options?	I wish there was parking supplied at the bottom of the road. If we go in the morning before the road opens people just park along the shoulder, which makes it hard to get in and out.		More picnic areas at the top might be nice, everything seems very close together right now. And perhaps more well-maintained forest trails.	
Dog walking	Dog walking	Mountain bike trails could be added to eliminate bikers from riding on the hiking trails.			Additional garbage cans and mountain bike trails. Additional bathroom facilities near mid mountain and lower Little mountain would improve park hygiene as well.	Thank you for allowing the community comments.
				Open to occasional nighttime use for stargazing. Probably only during certain celestial events.	I'd like to see one more viewing are.. possibly to the east or a more open westerly view	
		Need to have a mountain bike area and hiking trails as separate as possible.	Parking for the park is going to have to be looked at for the long term without disrupting the top of the mountain. Possibly a tram from the lower area to the top for bikes and hikers.			
			limited parking - especially in close proximity to the new view area - hard for some people to walk to the view area from parking lot			
		Public areas are often littered & dirty.	Often very dirty.			
		More trails that are looped and connected; maps of trail system readily available; interpretive signs along trails; increase educational uses for nearby schools	there is no parking for trails at the bottom of the park; there are few trails to access the park; restroom facilities are terrible; there are very few signs indicating trail locations as well as other features of the park; no educational interpretive signs; the park seems to be unmanaged - frequently see grafitti, broken bottles, and trash.	more trails; playground located near the top viewpoints; better picnic facilities		
						I really like the park to view the tulip fields in the spring and a nice place to take out of town friends.
						ThankS
						Good job on The survey
		Please develop more family friendly trails	I wish there was better connection to the park for pedestrians, I wish there were nicer interpretive signs, I think there is opportunity for selective and sustainalbe logging and establishmnet of native understory.	interactive exhibits for kids. Native plant hunt?		Thanks for asking!

