



CIRCULATION, LAKE, NATURE + MORE

Circulation overlays every part of John Hendry Park, connecting destinations and providing leisure for a wide range of visitors. While all changes to the park need to carefully consider circulation, it's also important to think about the network as a whole to address existing conflicts and create an accessible, safe, and connected system for people to walk or ride through John Hendry Park.

Enhancements to Trout Lake to address water quality issues and improvements to the park's natural environment continue to be identified as priorities through the years. The master plan will carry forward recommendations that contribute to a healthy John Hendry Park.

What else? The master plan process is an opportunity to open the door to ideas and think about current and future needs of residents and if there are spaces in the park that could be better utilized. **Are there new ideas that warrant consideration for John Hendry Park?**



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARK TODAY?



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SPORTS & PLAY

-  BALL DIAMOND
-  MULTI-USE FIELD
-  TENNIS COURTS
-  SPORTS COURT
-  FITNESS CENTRE
-  COMMUNITY CENTRE
-  ICE RINK
-  PLAYGROUND

FOOD

-  FOOD / CONCESSION
-  FARMERS' MARKET



RELAXATION & AMENITIES

-  PICNIC SHELTER
-  SWIMMING AREA
-  BEACH AREA
-  OPEN SPACE
-  WASHROOM




OFF-LEASH AREA

-  DOG OFF-LEASH AREA

NATURE & ENVIRONMENT

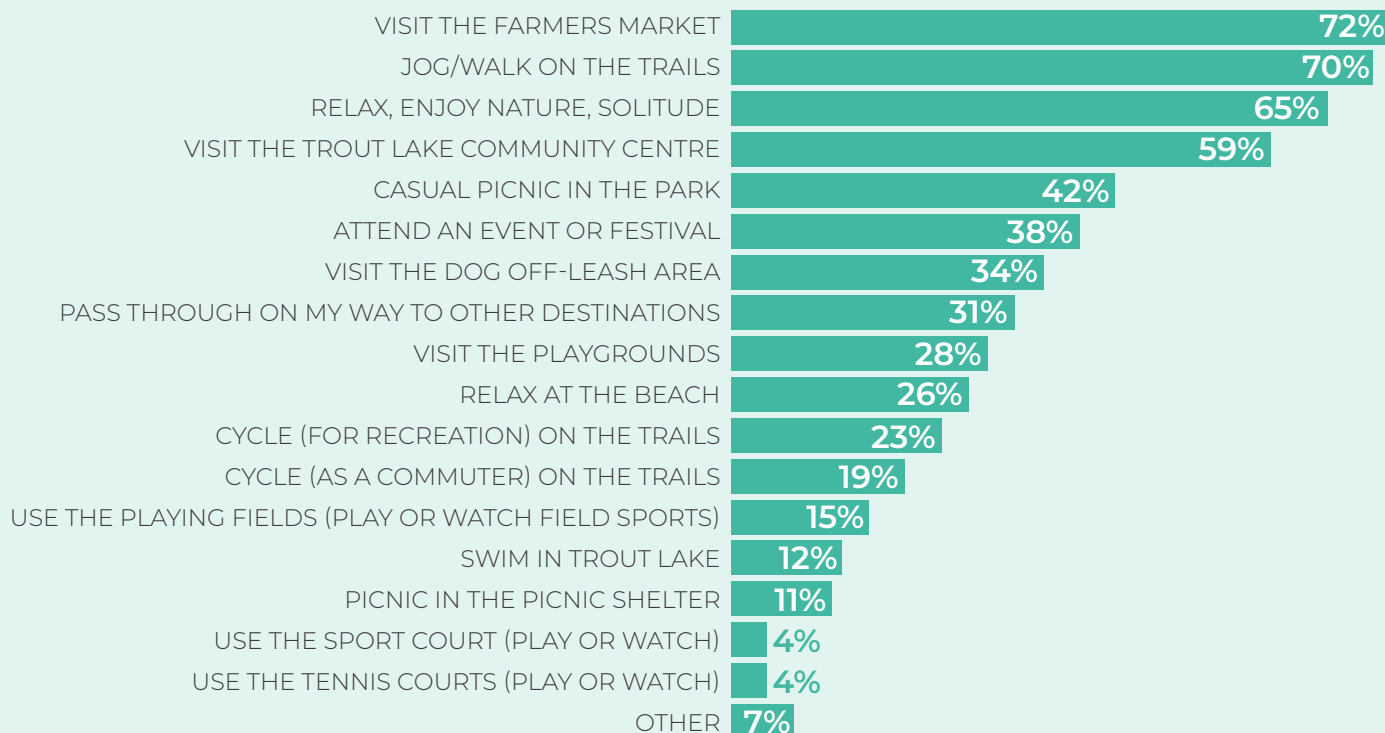
-  NATURAL AREA
-  BOG

CIRCULATION

-  WALKING TRAIL
-  CYCLING ROUTE
-  PARKING

WHAT ARE PEOPLE DOING AT JOHN HENDRY PARK?

Then online survey asked people how they're using John Hendry Park today. Of the 1,163 responses received, the following activities were recorded.





EARLY DIRECTIONS FOR NATURAL AREAS, WATER RESOURCES & USER EXPERIENCE

The 2015 draft Master Plan included a number of recommendations that received strong community support at that time. The online survey asked participants if these recommendations still remain valid today.

SUPPORTING NATURAL AREAS

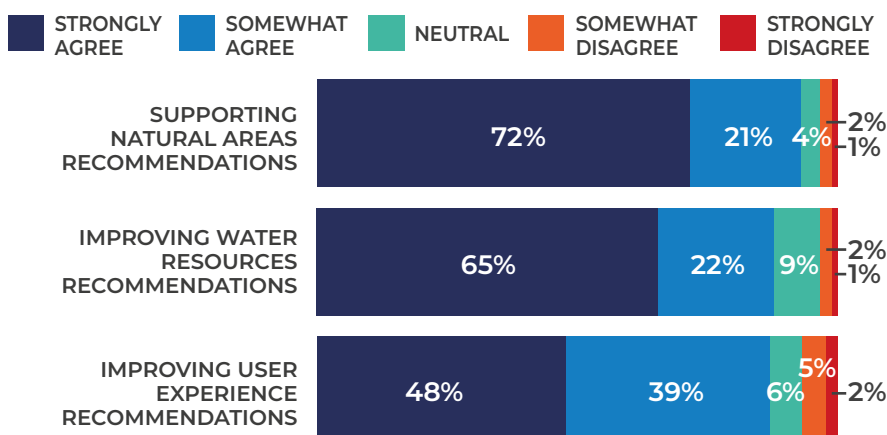
- » **Improve Existing Natural Habitat.** Increase biodiversity and habitat by improving and expanding natural areas.
- » **Create New Natural Areas.** Add natural areas such as pollinator gardens, demonstration gardens that provide education, woodlands, and more.
- » **Support Restoration of Trout Lake Bog.** Support efforts to restore and expand the existing bog, a rare habitat in Vancouver.
- » **Increase Trees & Include Interpretive Elements.** Continue to add trees in strategic locations and consider tree ID signs.

IMPROVING WATER RESOURCES

- » **Direct Internal Park Run-off to Trout Lake.** Reduce rainwater going to the City's storm sewers by cleaning and directing park run-off to Trout Lake.
- » **Integrate Neighbourhood Stormwater Daylighting & Management.** Reconnect John Hendry Park to the water system by diverting and cleaning a portion of neighbourhood stormwater in the park.
- » **Trout Lake Water Quality Treatment & Monitoring.** Take steps to improve water quality in Trout Lake to support recreational swimming and reduce closures.

IMPROVING USER EXPERIENCE

- » **Develop Additional Picnic Shelters.** Keep the existing and add one to two more.
- » **Provide Public Washrooms at the North End.** Work with stakeholders to develop a facility with public washrooms and potential to integrate changerooms for field users.
- » **Increase Park Amenities.** Add benches, picnic tables, seating features, and drinking fountains.
- » **Install Boardwalks & Lake Lookouts in Key Locations.** Provide access to lake views while minimizing natural area impacts by replacing or improving lookouts.
- » **Improve Wayfinding, Signage & Features.** Update signage including entry signs, maps, wayfinding, distance markers, code-of-conduct, and interpretive elements.
- » **Improve Services for Events.** Provide power and drinkable water connections to support events.



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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT CIRCULATION IN JOHN HENDRY PARK

The circulation network touches every part of John Hendry Park and is where park users intersect and connect. Reviewing and improving circulation is an objective for the master plan.

MISSING LINKS

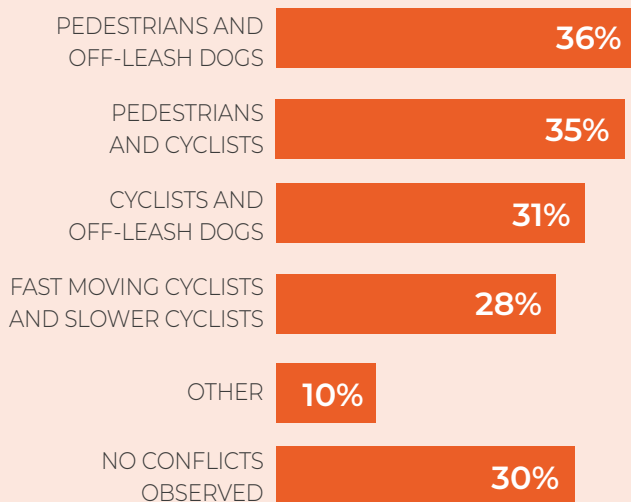
In the survey, participants were asked if there are places where connections to key destinations are missing. While most felt connectivity is acceptable, some places where linkages could be improved included:

- » BC Parkway Trail
- » Picnic Shelter
- » South Beach Area
- » Dog Off-Leash Area
- » Trout Lake Community Centre
- » Tennis / Basketball / Sport Court
- » Playgrounds



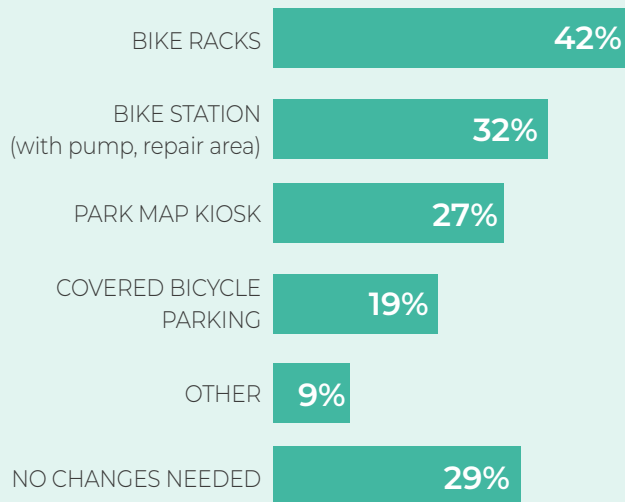
CONFLICT AREAS

In the survey, participants were asked if they'd observed conflicts between different trail users in John Hendry Park:



CIRCULATION AMENITIES

In the survey, participants were asked the types of circulation amenities they felt are most needed for John Hendry Park:





CIRCULATION ISSUES, GAPS, AND IDEAS

At the October 5th Open House, participants were asked to help map potential circulation issues by placing pins to identify their concern. The map on the next page provides a graphic summary of the input.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION:

(cycling, in-line skating, etc.)



IMPROVED CONNECTIONS

Locations where new cycling connections are needed



CYCLING AMENITIES

Areas where more bicycle amenities are needed (e.g. bike racks, covered bike parking, bike service stands)



CONFLICT AREAS (CYCLISTS)

Spots where safety concerns exist for cyclists

PEDESTRIAN TRAILS:

(walking, running etc.)



IMPROVED CONNECTIONS

Locations where new pedestrian connections are needed



PEDESTRIAN AMENITIES

Areas where more pedestrian amenities are needed (e.g. benches, water fountains, etc.)



CONFLICT AREAS (PEDESTRIANS)

Spots where safety concerns exist for pedestrians

KEY OBSERVATIONS & COMMENTS ABOUT CIRCULATION

- » **Most conflicts occur where multiple user groups cross** or are in close contact, including:
 - » **The Lakewood Dr Entry** where the BC Parkway cycle route, pedestrian access, off-leash area, farmers market, and laneway converge.
 - » **Near the south parking lot** where the BC Parkway cycle route and pedestrian trails cross.
 - » **Along the BC Parkway cycle route** and adjacent lakeside pedestrian trail where pedestrians use the cycling path because it is paved and has better drainage.
 - » **Where pedestrian trails cross the off-leash area** with no alternate route to avoid it.
- » **Ideas for improving connections throughout the park** with the objectives of accessibility and safety. A key concern was that conditions on unpaved trails can make them unusable at times (e.g., flooding).
- » **Desire for improved linkages to / from the Trout Lake Community Centre.**
- » **Desire for a stronger north-south route** between the northwest corner of the park to E 19th Ave.
- » **Suggestions for improved, multilingual signage.**
- » **Desire for pedestrian amenities** including reinstatement of boardwalk lookouts, more pedestrian seating, lighting on key routes, and a drinking fountain at the north end of the park.
- » **Desire for cycling amenities** including bike lock-up at the playground, ball fields, courts, and north end and consideration for another bike-share station near the BC Parkway cycle route.
- » **Concerns about pedestrian and cycling transitions** between the park and E 19th Ave.
- » **Concerns about the speed of cycling through the park**, especially with use of electric bikes.
- » **Concerns about vehicles shortcutting through lanes** around the park to access parking and parking illegally in alleyways.

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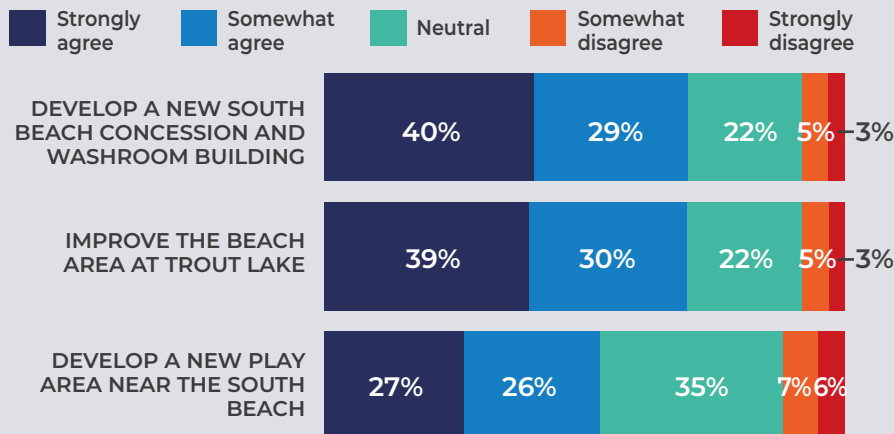


SOUTH BEACH AREA

At the October 5th Open House and in the survey, feedback indicated strong support for prioritizing improvements to the South Beach Area to create a more cohesive and attractive destination that aligns with the goal of creating a swimmable Trout Lake.

EARLY RECOMMENDATIONS FOCUSED ON IMPROVING THE SOUTH BEACH AREA

- » **Develop a New South Beach Concession and Washroom Building.** Prepare to replace the existing building (now reaching the end of its life) with a new, upgraded building.
- » **Develop a New Play Area near the South Beach.** Create a new integrated play area to replace the existing aging playground.
- » **Improve the Beach Area at Trout Lake.** Make enhancements to improve the quality of the beach (together with water quality improvements in Trout Lake to improve swimming).



CONCESSION & WASHROOM BUILDING PRIORITIES

- 1 Larger washroom / changeroom facilities with improved accessibility
- 2 Patio / seating area with views to the lake
- 3 Showers to rinse before / after visiting the lake
- 4 Outdoor kitchen space including water taps and counter space for people having picnics
- 5 Concession / vending for food purchases

BEACH AREA PRIORITIES

- 1 Improved beach sand quality and possible expansion
- 2 Adding trees to provide shade
- 3 More seating options
- 4 Improved accessibility
- 5 Removal of logs

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OTHER IDEAS

Below are a sample of ideas and suggestions recorded at the October 5th Open House and in the online survey that contain suggestions for other types of improvements in John Hendry Park. While not everything can be accommodated in the park, viable ideas and suggestions will continue to be explored as the master plan is developed. Do you have ideas to add?

Public art, please! It could be nature-based / natural. East Van is such a powerful creative & progressive community, there is room to showcase this here. Get creative with new buildings and playgrounds too.

Zip line for kids!

A tall birdwatching platform on the east side of the lake.

Small disc golf course amongst the trees in the northeast corner of the park. This section of the park is seriously underused as it is.

Stay as natural as possible. Oasis in the urban fabric. Add more wild areas and don't enhance the already sizable sports areas.

Improvement will mostly be achieved by maintaining all of the current green space and natural space that there is. No new amenity should consume even one square metre of space. There should be no new playing fields. This is a park that is a quasi-natural space that people visit.

A bicycle 'pump track' for bike skill development would be an excellent addition to the park. The plan currently does not offer anything for youth outside of organized team sports. There are several excellent pump tracks being developed but all are on the city's west side (Vanier) or on the North Shore. This is a growing activity which supports easily transferable skill sets. It is also a low barrier to entry activity that youth from any economic demographic can access. Please explore this option!

More social space! Space for art and music.

It seems like there are a lot of new functions that people are hoping the park will serve, and ways in which they would like to see amenities expanded. I'm concerned that with all these new projects, there will be a loss of open, green space, and it will become a more highly structured and regulated space that I am not interested in attending. That would be a huge loss for the city.

I would like to see space where the community can gather, especially in the early evenings, to have a community feast and dancing. In France, I experienced "Marche Gourmands" where food trucks served food and people enjoyed it at long communal picnic tables. Bands played.

Allow kayaking and canoeing in the lake.

A multi use pavilion north of the Trout Lake Community Centre with water and power hook up for events and Farmers Market.

Please add information about the history of Trout Lake and the original Indigenous caretakers of that land.

Permanent barbecue pits / units.



DESIGN GROUND RULES

Setting ground rules helps to provide a framework for considering improvements so that they are grounded in reality and responsive to the overall vision for John Hendry Park. At the October 5th Open House and in the online survey, participants indicated support for the following overall park objectives. Please use these as ground rules when imagining improvements for John Hendry Park.



PROTECT NATURAL SPACES

Protect habitat and natural areas that exist today including Trout Lake, natural shoreline areas, the bog, and trees so these remain key contributors to the park's natural character.



ENSURE ECOLOGICAL GAINS

Plan changes to protect, add, and enhance healthy ecosystems so the results lead to an overall increase in the park's ecological value.



SUPPORT THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO A GREEN VANCOUVER

Follow the City of Vancouver's current policies and guidelines towards a greener city.



SUPPORT SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

Create a park that's inviting and works well for all residents, regardless of age, ability, or interests.



PROVIDE DIVERSE RECREATIONAL OPTIONS

Recognize John Hendry Park as a recreational destination for East Vancouver and strive to accommodate options that appeal to a broad range of the population – from active sports to quiet relaxation .



CREATE COHERENT PARK DESIGN

Redevelop the circulation network to connects park users, facilities, and natural areas in a manner that makes sense and reduces potential for conflict.



MANAGE COSTS

Make changes with capital, operational, and maintenance considerations in mind.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions will be used to help guide discussions. Consider your responses and listen to others to understand their values.

1. What's your top priority for improvements / changes at John Hendry Park that you think need to be included in the master plan?
2. What are the most important things that the Park Board needs to consider when planning for the future of John Hendry Park?
3. The survey results indicate that improving water quality of Trout Lake and improving natural habitat in the park are high priorities for the community and these elements will form an important part of the master plan. Do you have any specific ideas or suggestions you'd like to contribute for creating a healthy, high-quality lake and natural environment in John Hendry Park?
4. Open house and survey feedback indicate there are conflicts on the active transportation route (BC Parkway), notably where trails intersect and where park users choose the paved active transportation route over non-paved park trails. What changes could be made to reduce conflicts between active transportation and other park uses and how can we find an appropriate balance for a shared park space?

OPTIONAL QUESTIONS AS TIME ALLOWS:

5. The area on the west side of the Community Centre and arena (adjacent to Victoria Dr) has been identified as potentially underutilized. Do you have any ideas or suggestions for making this space more active and functional?
6. Are there other locations in John Hendry Park that you feel are underutilized? Do you have ideas for improving these locations?
7. Are there any amenities or facilities that aren't in the park now that you believe warrant consideration for the future?
8. What could be done to improve linkages from the active transportation route within John Hendry Park to the broader cycling network?



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