

# Iron Mountain Park Conceptual Plan

## Design Charrette Meeting #1 Summary

January 30, 2016

Gymnasium, Palisades Building, 1500 Greentree Road, City of Lake Oswego, OR

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Lake Oswego's Parks and Recreation Department held a Community Design Charrette on January 30<sup>th</sup> to inform the Iron Mountain Park Conceptual Plan. Around forty community members participated in this charrette facilitated by Ryan Mottau of MIG Inc., and Mike O'Brien of ESA. A list of attendees is included at the end of this memo.

This memo provides an overview of the various discussions that occurred during the design charrette organized into the following sections:

- Charrette Overview
- Charrette Results
  - What are the activities that you would like to see at Iron Mountain Park?
  - What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?
- Next Steps
- List of Attendees

### Charrette Overview

Ryan Stee from the Parks and Recreation Department introduced the project team and welcomed the community members to the charrette. Ryan Mottau from MIG Inc. gave a brief overview and the role of the Iron Mountain Park as a city-wide facility (larger than a local park) located in the center of the City of Lake Oswego. He also reminded the participants about the recommendations pertaining to the Iron Mountain Park from the *Parks Plan 2025*<sup>1</sup>. Recommendations from that planning process stated a need to develop a concept plan for the Iron Mountain Park properties and identified system gaps that could be accommodated within Iron Mountain. Mike O'Brien of ESA presented a slide show to illustrate the context and the park's existing conditions. The presentation illustrated the following about the site:

- Iron Mountain Park is a 51 acre natural park that is placed on a steep sloped area with a 9 acre lowland that includes wetlands and streams.
- The park is the historic location of iron mining industry in Lake Oswego.
- The park is located on Iron Mountain Boulevard adjacent to the Lake Oswego Hunt Club with a trailhead off of Brookside Road. The park amenities include a system of soft surface trails and wildlife viewing.

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<sup>1</sup> Parks Plan 2025 is the City of Lake Oswego's Parks, Recreation and Natural System Plan. It provides the Parks and Recreation Department system-wide direction and strategies for the next 15 years.

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- The park is predominately forested with steep slopes and is one of the more bio-diverse parks within Lake Oswego. It features two stream corridors and wetlands.
- Much of the natural resource features of the park are degraded and in need of stabilization, restoration and long term management.
- Around 3 acres of land is considered developable.



Mike O'Brien answering questions on existing conditions at the site



Ryan Mottau recording table-wide findings as a wall graphic



PAC member facilitating table discussions and map activities



Community members recording features at scales that may fit well in the park site

Following the presentation on existing conditions, participants at each table discussed their favorite thing about Iron Mountain Park. Following this brainstorming exercise and informed by a set of inspirational images provided by the project team, participants explored if and how these features could fit in the park. To provide the participants with scale references on the amenities/ features, the project team handed out scale comparisons that showed the size of this site in relationship to other Lake Oswego Parks. The PAC members assisted as facilitators at each table and helped with reporting-out group findings. Each group reported back the following:

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- What were the main things you placed in the park?
- What locations were the most important to your group?
- What activities/amenities wanted to be clustered, which wanted to be separated?
- What didn't fit (from your list of activities/amenities)

Discussion from this process was recorded graphically during the meeting and is summarized below. Emphasis is added where an idea was repeated multiple times.

## Charrette Results

***What is your favorite thing in Iron Mountain Park? What activities would you like to see at the site in the future?***

- Peace and Quiet
- Small gravel lot- shared parking with Hunt Club (10 to 15 car capacity and not very visually prominent)
- Picnic table/equipment: boulders and logs
- Nature Play
- Restroom (small, composting, shared with Hunt Club)
- Dogs away from Hunt Club
- View/ Access to pond
- Connect to Lower/ Upper Tryon Campbell Native Garden
- Horse riding
- Boardwalk loop (raised wood walkway)
- The unfilled wetland found in one part of the site can be used as a model for rest of the site and in other parks in the city (“Oswego Wetlands”)
- Offers a peek into old, existing mines in the site
- Hiking
- Walking with pets
- Accessible
- Bike
- Birds (suggestion to incorporated bird blinds when designing facilities in the site)
- Trail on Iron Mountain Boulevard (separated) and in the park

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Figure 1: Graphic recording of favorite things/activities in Iron Mountain Park

## What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?

The following elements were mentioned by multiple groups as a good fit within Iron Mountain Park:

- Nature Play:** Many participants emphasized retaining the wilderness and keeping the park natural. Nature play elements were mentioned by most of the groups as amenities that would fit with the existing character of the site. Some groups felt nature play elements can be interspersed throughout the site.
- Trails and trailhead:** Participants emphasized multimodal access to the park. Most groups mentioned developing interpretive trails and boardwalks that highlight the wetland features. Connecting the park site to the existing city-wide trail system was also stressed.
- Kiosk or interpretive signage:** Participants mentioned installing entry kiosks and other information kiosks throughout the site with interpretive signage. The entry kiosk could also integrate information about the location of different amenities/features in the park.
- Wetland, restored stream and natural buffers:** Most groups were interested in restoring the wetlands on the site. Participants suggested boardwalks and interpretive trails around the wetlands that would help visitors and users understand the historical and ecological significance of the site. Natural buffers (vegetation, wildlife corridors) were other suggestions that would protect streams and wetlands. Participants also suggested avoiding development within or disturbance of wildlife travel corridors and other ecologically sensitive areas.
- Picnic areas and pavilions:** Participants expressed interest in installing picnic tables and picnic shelters in the park. Many groups indicated these facilities should be

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designed to minimize physical and visual disturbance to the site and respect the ecological context.

- **Parking:** Most groups suggested limited parking should be available on the site. Participants suggested permeable parking treatments to help with minimizing stormwater runoff impacts. A desire for sharing parking with the LO Hunt Club, if feasible, were also voiced.
- **Restrooms:** Participants recommended installing restrooms that will be easy to maintain and also respect the ecological context of the park site.



Figure 2: Graphic recording of what activities/amenities fit in Iron Mountain Park

## Next Steps

The project team will post an online exercise as a follow-up opportunity (based on the input from the PAC and the Charrette participants) allowing additional community members a chance to provide their thoughts. The results of the online exercise will be appended to this summary at the next PAC meeting. For updates on the project, visit [www.ironmountainpark.org](http://www.ironmountainpark.org).

Inputs from this process along with technical expertise of the project team will inform the design alternatives that will be presented to the community members.

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Photos of various groups presenting results from the mapping exercise that explored if and how various features could fit in the park

## List of attendees

- Alexander Fulton
- Anna Dettmer
- Audrey Matteson
- Barbara Hanildi
- Barbara Wadman
- Bill Ward\*
- Bob Sack
- Brian McLaughlin
- Corinna Campbell-Sack
- Dan and Deb Work
- Doug McKean
- Ellen Ludwig

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- Greg McMurray
- Halli Peil
- Jan Wirtz\*
- Janice Weis\*
- Jerry Nierengarten
- John LaMotte\*
- Jon Van Hoomissen
- Jonathan Snell
- Joy Prideaux
- Kate Vance
- Kathryn Nichols
- Kristen Gottlieb
- Kristin Engstrom
- Lisa Adatto
- Mary Turnock
- Mike Buck\*
- Paul Lyons
- Paul Lyons
- Robin Halton
- Ron Gronowski
- Sharon Howley
- Susan Nierengarten
- Susanna Kuo\*
- Trina Lee\*
- Victor Nelson
- Ryan Stee, Lake Oswego Project Manager
- Ryan Mottau, MIG Inc.
- Mike O'Brien, ESA
- Mathangi Murthy, MIG Inc.

\* Denotes PAC members



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- Green space within the city. Biggest interest is to have more safe walking trails within city. Our lack of sidewalks make neighborhood walking hazardous.
- Have never been before.
- Haven't visited yet.
- Hiking on the trails with my dog and grandchildren. It is a great resource.
- Hiking trails, natural forest.
- I can walk to it from my home.
- I have never been there
- I hope that I can ride my mountain bike there
- I love running on the trails in the morning. Except for the face full of cobwebs. Any chance there is a plan to deal with that?
- I love the "natural" undeveloped environment of Iron Mountain Park in the middle of the City. Every time I walk along the pathway or drive along Iron Mountain Blvd I am so grateful that it remains unspoiled. My hope would be that it remain one of the last holdouts of Nature in the midst of the ever increasing push to develop every square inch of land.
- I love the hiking trails.
- "I love the peace and quiet of the Park. I live within easy walking distance and walk there fairly regularly. Currently the paths are a mess due to new gravel being spread which has made things muddy and for difficult footing, but I am hopeful things will be completed soon.
- The fact one can see wildlife in the Park is just a bonus"
- I run by there every week. I didn't know it was a park. There are usually construction trucks parked there. The water fountain near there is never turned on and my runner friends and I usually dart behind a bush to relieve ourselves. Maybe some restrooms would be nice and a working water fountain.
- Iron Mt. trail
- it is a forested buffer between the lake and the subdivisions to the north.
- It is home to a number of Madrone trees. *Arbutus menziesii*. There are several interesting things about these trees that are not well known one of which is that by my count we are losing a few each year from a small population in Lake Oswego and at one time they were more common and grew spontaneously where there are rock piles. But herbicides affect them more than other species and herbicides have been widely used in Lake Oswego for a number of years (for decades) without any concept of Integrated Pest Management until recently. The Western Garden Book puts it like this: "If you live in Madrone country and have a tree in your garden, treasure it."
- It is near the Springbrook park and it has a trail with a trail head.
- It is wild. I like the wide pathway. I like the lookout.
- "Its a wild-ness"! It is amazing to have a natural area in the city within walking distance of many neighborhoods that is like areas most people have to drive a long way out of the city to enjoy. Because it hasn't been developed, it still has some of the native plants & animals that lived here before houses built up around it. What a treasure! Woods, wildflowers, wetlands, deer, owls, etc.

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- We need more such places, where wildlife can survive and people can become healthy in body & spirit immersed in the harmony of the natural world.
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- It's close to where I live and I can walk up Fairway to get to the trail, which is where I walk my dog often. It's close to the Hunt Club and I enjoy seeing horses and riders there. I like the way it connects neighborhoods and brings people together.
- Its large size makes me feel like it's an escape from urban or suburban life, to be surrounded by the tall trees and away from development. Plus the trail that connects Lake Grove with downtown Lake Oswego allows passage along a natural setting, avoiding Iron Mountain Blvd.
- Its large size.
- It's location
- It's name and what it exemplifies: the history of the beginnings of what is now Lake Oswego. Also the fact that the designated Park area has not been developed and any development going forward should be done with extreme care so as not to ruin that which is precious and historic in that portion of the City.
- Its natural forest feel.
- its natural state and historic value
- I've been in LO for 25+ years, didn't know it existed
- Large sixes natural area with good trails
- Leaving it as natural as possible and not changing the habitat unless environmental concern.
- location
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- Long paths to walk my dog on - easy access, friendly people.
- love the views
- My favorite aspect of Iron Mt. Park is that I can walk on relatively quiet paths, remote from car traffic, surrounded by trees and greenery.

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- My favorite thing about Iron Mountain Park is the dramatic landscape – the steep wooded mountainside with the wetland at its base. I love walking through the forest and observing the wildlife. It is also a very interesting park because it was the site of the earliest iron mine on the Pacific Coast. The combination of natural beauty and historical interest makes it a special place.
- n/a
- Natural elements of the park. I usually run by the park and it is a very pleasant space to run by/in.
- Natural pathway. Views, shade
- Natural space, wildlife, quiet
- Nature
- nature in the city
- Nature, wetlands, escape from suburbia.
- Never been. Where are the access points? Perhaps you should start by giving people basic information that would allow participation on site.
- Never knew it was there.
- No rusting vehicles, boats or trailers allowed on people's property. Love the Rec Center and all of the trails.
- Opportunity to design a new park. I hope this means the construction equipment will be gone soon! I love on Hwy 43 and am eager for the pipe construction to end.
- peaceful trails, that it is natural.
- Please create a play park with SWINGS and activities for very little kids!
- Potential for cycling
- proximity and accessibility
- proximity to my home
- Proximity, wooded canopy
- Quick opportunity to walk the woods and feel a bit removed from traffic. The wetlands are a good educational tool for kids as they are accessible.
- Quiet walking/jogging trails without lots of bicycles.
- Remoteness. Few people.
- Right now my favorite is Iron Mt Trail with its beauty and unspoiled state which makes you feel like you are in the deep forest, miles from home. However, the wetlands area has the potential to become the favorite if it can be restored back to something resembling its original state. This park has fantastic potential.
- rugged natural beauty. wildlife.
- Running trails
- Steep hiking trail, great walkable local access.
- The biodiversity
- That it is a city owned piece of land.
- That it is a large natural area where I can walk.

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- That members of the local community can walk into the park and hike existing trails quietly and without crowds. This limitation on access creates a natural cap on use of the park, which allows the natural environment and habitat to thrive and be experienced with a very light human footprint. I would like this aspect to be maintained.
- That the park could restore a wetlands.
- The ability to walk or jog through the canopied forest on a reasonably maintained trail.
- The beauty and solitude of the trail.
- The feeling that I am in a natural environment - that it is real.
- The forested trails and its mining history
- the hiking trails
- The hiking trails.
- The large tree canopy - the fact that it remains a natural area
- The long, quiet trail provides a great hike through nature.
- The natural character of the park. On the trail, you can see animals and plants and feel like you are in the forest.
- The natural setting and the "wildness" of the Park for habitat and visitation.
- The quiet and safe environment for riding horses!
- The quiet and safe environment it provides horse riders.
- The relatively underdeveloped nature where salamanders and snakes feel somewhat able to still live there. No pavement, less man-made esthetic.
- The seclusion and privacy. It feels like a nature reserve.
- The serenity.
- The size of it and the paths through the woods.
- "The steep grade.
- I like the workout I get when taking a brisk walk from the Hunt Club to to the top of trail."
- The steep hills for exercise – connects the Uplands neighborhood with Iron Mountain Blvd
- The summit overlook and overall quiet-forested feel to the trails
- The trail system
- The trail system that leads to the stables.
- The trail that gives me access to the changing seasons of nature as well as species of wildlife, rare species of flowers, varieties of trees and simply a peaceful place to escape at least once a day. The quiet and beauty that we all need amid the busy world in which we live is here, in Iron Mountain Park.
- The trails and potential mountain bike singletrack.
- The trails provide easy access between neighborhoods and a nice bike commute route.
- The trails, which are walkable year round, and natural beauty of the forested area.
- The trails.
- The trails.
- The Trees.
- The uncrowded trails into the forest.
- The view from the trail. The quiet. It's untapped. It's perfect.

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- The views
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- The views.
- the walking trails and the pond with blue herons
- The wild, nature like feel
- The wildness of it. I think that it is essential to have a place in the city that is unpaved, not pruned, not full of kiosks and signage. A place to focus on nature, rather than man-made constructs.
- To have a local park in this area so I don't have to travel an hour to ride.
- Trails
- Trails through the trees where I can ride my horse.
- Trails, even though they are limited and open space
- trees
- Trees!
- "Two things....the trail on the side of the mt. is a great up and downhill exercise forested soft trail. (no concrete or asphalt)
- Also the interpretive signs at the top of the side trail provide historical interest, particularly to outside visitors."
- Until now I didn't know it existed. I use as many parks as I knew we have. I prefer areas for off leash dogs but we do all. The major area @ Luscher farms is well conceived and poorly constructed. Drainage was not well considered and even after. I offered engineering assistance was ignored so. So what we have now is Soup. There are some very verbal but poorly informed individuals asking the parks people to modify things. It doesn't work. So trails need to be responsibly laid out and then constructed. Take a look b a Wilsonville memorial park and even Potso Tigard park. Not pretty but functional.
- Views, close to home.
- Views, seclusion, length.
- walking the iron mt trails—3-4 times per week
- Walking trails. Private. Shade from sun
- walking/hiking trails in a "wilderness" setting
- Walking/hiking trails, natural beauty, and history!
- We enjoy walking our dogs on the trail behind the Hunt Club and the wetlands in the middle of the park. It is not over used which is another plus.
- We love that it is a rugged and natural walk way, great hiking area and its a great place to walk our dog.
- When walking through it, it is hard to tell you are right in the middle of the city.
- Wildlife habitat potential.
- Wonderful views, exercise and connectivity to neighborhoods.
- Woods, trail, connection from Lake Grove to downtown. Habitat for many animals and plants.
- Woodsy and natural

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## Nature Play: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like it!	90	59.2%
I am not sure	41	27.0%
No, I don't think this fits	15	9.9%
No answer	6	4.0%

### Any other thoughts?

- A fenced in dog park for those people who insist on having their dogs off leash at all times would be nice.
- a trend is nature area play -see the children's museum latest outdoor exploration area. super natural setting
- Best of all.
- Certainly I do not think we should have the typical play areas with swings, slides, etc.
- Defining a space would be very good, but then keep that space as natural as possible. May have to restore from time to time.
- Given time with people scrambling all over this scene it would be ruined. What would this teach children about nature conservation?
- Hard to mow around the rocks, and some mowed walking spaces would be nice.
- I do like the idea of more access as opposed to trail only, or inaccessibility due to overgrown areas.
- I don't know what the purpose of this is supposed to be.

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- I like that I can bring a picnic lunch and eat with my family in this setting.
- I like the natural look, but these logs and rocks don't offer much enticement to children to climb, explore, and hide.
- I see accidents happening here..
- I think this use could be good if it were limited in areal extent.
- If possible, include large forest wood that has interesting branching as in Susanna Kuo's photo illustrates. Also, it might be good to have some large columnar basalt boulders on their sides for sitting to view the creek.
- If there was a walking trail, this might work.
- I'm not sure what I'm seeing here. Are the logs and rocks placed intentionally?
- I'm not sure where this is so I cannot make an informed comment
- Iron Mt Park is not an open area park. Its appeal is its peaceful surroundings and ability to see natural processes happening during the seasons.
- Is this a restoration area or a "nature play" area? I think that we can "play" in nature by just being in nature, without constructing anything. We can use our imagination for play. I do like that all of these materials are natural.
- It doesn't look like a planned site! More like a place that naturally has rocks, tree trunks, etc
- It would be great if there were biking trails wondering through the trees.
- It's a weird statement
- Keep it as natural as possible.
- keep the area as natural as possible
- LO has plenty of playgrounds
- Maybe a bench.
- Maybe less grass surface, as this would be too soggy to use most of the year. More logs, textures, and surfaces to explore in addition to large rocks.
- Mountain bike accessible trails!
- My 11 year old plays in this park.
- Naturescape!!!
- No image came through
- Not sure it would be used.
- Not sure where this would happen since it is so steep sided for the most part.
- Oregonians can handle the weather and Mother Nature in general. A rustic park to me is more appealing and will save the city a ton on both creation and maintenance.
- Please create a play park with SWINGS and activities for very little kids!
- Preserves natural elements, but invites exploration.
- Seems like the steep slopes would make this difficult. Hard to visualize.

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- Stepping stones, a high path, logs to rocks to logs, etc. Chaos is not advisable.
- This concept would need to be limited to one area which is relatively level and secure and could be used in inclement weather.
- This looks man-made (faux nature)
- This must be at the lower flat area? Can it be accessible from the upper trail along the Mt.?
- Too minimal.
- Use natural items (rocks and tree trunks, but have an artist create interactive art. More aesthetically pleasing (see Seattle parks for multiple examples)
- What the heck is it?
- What would encourage kids to play with this? It could be fun if presented well
- Why do that?
- Wouldn't interest me, and seems like it would require a lot of mowing/maintenance.
- Yes, nature play for children is a kind of use that seems appropriate for this park. Special attention should be paid to where it is located- such as not too far from the restroom, but not really close to the wetlands (discourage kid & dog splashing into wildlife areas.) Also giving some thought into how far into the wild areas of the woods do we want children to explore? I'm okay with kids building forts etc, but in the past the city has dismantled one that was built, and had to deal with a homeless person living deeper in the woods there.

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## Nature Play: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	53	34.9%
I am not sure	52	34.2%
No, I don't think this fits	35	23.0%
No answer	12	7.9%

### ***Any other thoughts?***

- A better designed sign would be nice.
- a combination of open areas and natural (unopen) areas is a nice mix
- A MORE NATURAL LOOKING SIGN WOULD BE BETTER
- Again, how is it presented?
- Being able to play in the woods versus walk on edge of woods is important. Right now tryon restricts traffic to path only which feels like being a voyeur instead of participant in nature
- Can't tell what this is...just a sign explaining the types of trees in that spot?
- Does the sign indicate direction, "hands off area" for people?
- doesn't look like a play area
- Doesn't look like you could get into it, but nice for trail border.
- Don't love the blue - it's alarming
- Habitat!
- Hmmm . . .

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- I don't know what that picture means? Kids play in the forest? Seems good, but great opportunity to make nature play that is more creative. (again refer to Seattle nature play parks... each one is unique)
- I don't see how this invites nature play.
- I love the mix of wild plants. Limited signage would be my preference. Someone telling me where I can play in nature is like someone telling me where I can think on my own. It is going to happen wherever I am, I don't need a sign to tell me what to do.
- I would feel that I am intruding on the natural plants. I would not know what to step or not step on. I would probably avoid it.
- I would prefer a sign that better blends with the natural setting.
- I'm not a fan of a lot of signs.
- I'm not sure I understand this photo. Is this sign inviting me to go behind it and play in the underbrush? The thick understory isn't very inviting.
- Impenetrable barrier.
- Is this inviting people to explore into the woods without designated trails? Perhaps not appropriate in a wetlands.
- let's keep the wild and play areas defined; so we don't invade, step on; wipe out the natural space
- Looks a little too formidable.
- Looks like there isn't a trail for walking through forest?
- Looks relatively unspoiled by humans
- make sure resources are protected
- no image came through
- Not sure about play in such a densely natural growth area.
- Overgrown and not accessible
- Parents might get worried about smaller children going out of sight. Also, wouldn't kids soon trample an area like this? It looks like it should remain undisturbed.
- Please include trails for hiking and mountain biking, directional to reduce conflict
- Remove post and is perfect !!
- Some simple trails, bark chips, gravel, may be needed focus the areas you want kids to play in. A good example might be the Audubon bird sanctuary trails in northwest Portland
- The dense undergrowth in this example doesn't look very accessible and doesn't have any particularly interesting features for children to explore.
- Think wooden posts like those in Tryon park.
- This photo makes this use look quite inaccessible. This could be good for wildlife, but not for human use.

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- This picture does not look inviting.
- This picture fits best with my idea of a natural area.
- Too Jungley.
- too primitive.
- Too wild for children. This "nature" would soon be ruined if people could scramble through it. Allowing children to destroy nature is the exact opposite of what we should be teaching them about it.
- What are you getting at here? Are you asking whether this type of signage should be employed? Are you encouraging people to go bushwhacking through natural areas?
- What does that mean? Am I expected to charge through the thicket

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Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	78	51.3%
I am not sure	31	20.4%
No, I don't think this fits	32	21.1%
No answer	11	7.2%

### ***Any other thoughts?***

- Better for kids
- I am not sure this is possible in Iron Mt Park
- Good for kids to play on.
- Great for kids!
- Great for kids.
- Here is a good combination of nature (the logs) in it's natural state, with an educational/man-helped feature - the sawed off ends to show the rings inside. love it!
- I like this kind of play area, but I like the less-structured natural play area better.
- I think if it is possible to hide a little play area away in the trees, that would be good. Making it a highlight could material change the park.
- I think it's important to have climbable places for children, and the design of these places needs to be integrated somewhat with the natural habitat.

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- I'd prefer something more natural, but if there is a lot of interest in having a playground for kids, this looks like a reasonable option.
- If a constructed playground is necessary, then I prefer this to traditional playground equipment. I like the use of natural materials.
- if one of the purposes of the park is to provide a children's play area this is good. I really like the new "natural park" in Sellwood.
- It doesn't look safe.
- Kids love things to climb on
- Kids love to climb. Some signage to advising parents that they are responsible for their children may be necessary to avoid lawsuits. However, getting along and avoiding cracked skulls negotiating nature are important skills to learn and should be learned Asa kid.
- kids will definitely play on
- Looks dangerous shifting logs
- Looks like a mess to me. Sorry
- Looks like a timber camp! Nice.
- Looks like it's trying to be natural, but is actually kind of forced. Good for older elementary aged kids, but not very young nature explorers. This is going in the right direction, but little too structured/proscribed/contained.
- Looks very fun!!
- Love this! Great for kids, which is a category we are sorely lacking
- Much better. Natural yet controlled/delineated space for play. Logs and rocks good as they are not destructible.
- My 5 year old would bring blankets and build forts here.
- no image came through
- No metal swings or bars. Stick with natural materials.
- Not sure if "structured" play areas are appropriate.
- One good feature here though is a bench (or nice sitting log?) for parents to sit while they watch their children play.
- Only if Family friendly trails for hiking and biking are included.
- Perhaps too big
- Playing in the outdoors is very important, of course, but we need more really natural areas for kids to explore.
- Reminds me of logs on the beach which we know are dangerous. don't want to encourage my kids to play on logs.
- Safety (railings)? Or something to hold onto when balancing on logs?
- Structured rocks and logs for climbing.
- There are not a lot of flat areas in the park.

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- These logs, cut in neat lengths and stripped of bark, roots, and limbs, don't look very natural or interesting. I'd rather see a fallen tree with its root system exposed which would be more interesting to climb and explore. I'd also like to see the giant granite boulders on the site incorporated into a nature play area.
- TOO MAN MADE
- Too obviously constructed. Not much different from other play parks.
- Too steep for a log structure.
- Totally artificial, where can the snakes and salamanders live?
- Very natural!!! they all fell so perfectly
- Where could it go?
- Wondering if teens would use it at night to drink/smoke.
- yes! Awesome! please build this nature play area!!
- Yes, that would be a great place to stop with your family to play/eat a picnic.

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## Nature Play: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Answer	Count	Percentage
I think this would be a good feature for Iron Mountain Park	65	42.8%
I don't think this is appropriate for Iron Mountain Park	48	31.6%
I am not sure	27	17.8%
No answer	12	7.9%

### Any other thoughts?

- Actually, with a stream corridor in the developable area, it would be even better if the kids could walk (safely) across a real stream.
- Again, this might be a great addition to other developed parks in the area, but let's take advantage of the natural aspect of Iron Mt Park.
- All of these examples are on flat landscapes - hard to visualize on the steep slopes of Iron Mountain Park.
- already completed this part. got interrupted while completing survey
- as a water run-off area, this makes sense. as a walking path, this can be a hazard for weak ankles.

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- DEPENDS ON THE CONTEXT, AND AS LONG AS ITS AS NATURAL LOOKING AS POSSIBLE
- Does this have any connection or relationship to anything within the Park boundary? Is a dry creek bed relevant to the Park?
- Don't like rocks
- I hope there would be some water in the streambed.
- I like the idea of an area for interacting with rocky terrain (especially for kids); this doesn't really look like the best execution of that concept, though. Maybe more larger fixed rocks?
- I like this kind of play area, but I like it less than a less-structured type of natural play area.
- I would like to see trees involved with the area
- I wouldn't like to see the Park over developed with "cute" features.
- If such a thing, a fake creek, were to be built, we hope it would go where some water run-off would stream down in high water times.
- If there is a need for a stream drainage, then this looks great. I am strongly against the sidewalk, manicured grass, lighting, etc.
- Interpretive signs to explain that various habitats.
- Iron Mountain Park, other than the viewing area, should probably not be a draw for families or a recreation area because of the amount of wildlife that lives there. Both for the wildlife and the people it is better for the wildlife to have some place to be without people scaring it into the neighborhood.
- It would be good to have places where people can interact with the water and also have places that encourage study and close observation
- It would be great to have some offroad cycling access.
- Looks like California it New York... Which is it.. Especially like the fence effect
- Looks too built up for a natural area.
- Love the concept. Where?
- Love the idea of a clean water/creek area for kids to play in
- Natural looking & probably good water run off area - which we need more of
- no image came through
- Place for kids to have an adventure and explore
- Same as previous.
- The final photo includes fencing, pavement and light standards I do not think appropriate to the park. The foreground is somewhat acceptable.
- The rock area would be great for kids, but not the paved spaces and lawn.
- the rocks feel like an empty stream. could be better with the wood and stone combination

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- This does not fit in to my concept of Iron Mountain Park.
- This looks fine. Again, the most important issue to me is what the balance is of different types of uses.
- This will probably be a mess in a rainy, shady environment. It looks cool though.
- Too extensive a work effort
- too many opportunities for twisted ankles!
- Too many people
- Too planned
- Way too many people, and way too few salamanders and snakes
- Where are people going to park? In the pedestrian path?
- While these look natural, as a mother, I see lots of opportunities for falls and injuries...
- Why create a dry streambed when there is a real stream in the park? I'd like to see the stream that is presently confined to a ditch, allowed to meander over the site as a shallow stream that children could wade in. I'd also love to see an area of sand beside the stream where wild animals could leave their footprints.
- worthless
- yes! please build this nature play area!

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## Trailhead: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	110	72.4%
I am not sure	22	14.5%
No, I don't think this fits	11	7.2%
No answer	9	5.9%

### Any other thoughts?

- A Kiosk (small) give information about the area might be appropriate but the key words are "small" and "unobtrusive".
- An area that tells the history of the park property and allows picnicking.
- centralized information center, gathering place and history of the area
- Developing a recognizable entry creates more user friendly confidence the trail is meant to be used.
- Especially to introduce the visitor to the historic aspects and natural diversity
- hiker friendly. I like the information boards.
- I like maps and educational stuff.
- I like the natural materials and small roof to protect the signs, but five large panels, as shown here, seem like too much. However, I think a map of the trail(s) and information about the park is nice at the trailhead.
- I like the signs, the path and the bench.
- I prefer the wildness. I can look up the history of a location on my own. I prefer the adventure of self discovery, rather than having information fed to me. I find that

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I remember the details when I look them up for myself. Now that everyone is walking around with a computer in their pocket, I don't see the need for all of the signage and the hardscaping that goes with it.

- I think signage and park information is needed, but I'm not sure that picnicing areas are appropriate.
- I think this strikes the right balance between natural and man-made elements.
- Interesting sign boards and tables are never bad, imho.
- Interpretive signs are good. Not sure I would want a picnic table.
- Iron Mtn Park has history – what is it? What did it contribute to the area? How does it link in with the Furnace? Etc.
- It blends in well.
- Keep as low profile as possible
- Keep it wild
- Kiosks yes, picnic tables maybe not. Boulders or logs for people to picnic and play would fit better. There would have to be trash receptacles and also maintenance needed.
- Like campsites. Low maintenance and provide the necessary info and usefulness
- Looks like it belongs in a much bigger, more heavily visited park with many miles of trails.
- Maybe, but I would probably like to see fewer structures than shown here.
- Minimal "upgrades"
- nice rustic oversized elements that fit scale of park
- Nice to have a sign so you get an overview of the area, what plants, wildlife, pathways surround you
- Nice to have sturdy explanation area of what's available. We can use our phones to take a map picture.
- Perhaps too big, but something similar. Picnic tables close to road and not farther into the woods.
- Signage and interpretive material is fine, but why a picnic table right at the entrance to a trail? Bad idea.
- There is already a decent entrance to the Park with Kiosks.
- This already exists in the viewing area at the top of the park, and looks like it has been recently worked on.
- This looks both functional and natural.
- Way too overdeveloped, too much man-made junk
- welcoming and safe
- When we first visited the area to walk the trail, we found only \*one\* sign indicating we were near the start of a trail. That sign was truly lovely, being made of bronze,

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but was at a no-paring inside corner of a very upscale neighborhood near the OLCC. We chose not to park there, and found parking near the west end of the Hunt Club. So, yes, some entrance features and good signage would be very nice.

- When we were kids we could play now we must treat forest like zoos... Now Go to view the man made paths
- yep, just a but of signage, and a picnic table or two

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## Trailhead: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	125	82.2%
I am not sure	15	9.9%
No, I don't think this fits	4	2.6%
No answer	8	5.3%

### ***Any other thoughts?***

- ... So long as that is not the entrance to an old one shaft
- A maintained porta potty or other restroom is essential for the trail.
- I like more natural trails. A paved kid's bike trail is good too.
- I like the simplicity of this sign, but it might be too simple. It's nice to provide more information for visitors who aren't familiar with the park.
- Identification of the multiple trails is helpful - even distance markers could be used so hikers can choose their destination & hiking time.
- if it is open to bikes, then i like it.
- If there must be signage, then the size and scale of this one fits. I would prefer signage no bigger than this one. The overgrown and closed in feel of the trail is inviting me to explore.
- Iron Mt. needs path ways.
- Leave the park natural.
- looks like a great place to ride a bike
- marking things specifically is very helpful in tandem with the big descriptive boards.

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- Minimally developed nature trails fit well. I'm not sure what the dark feature toward the back is. A stump? Stumps are great interpretive pieces.
- More rustic than the first, but preserves the natural feel nicely.
- Mountain bike trails?
- Natural trails through the wood which are in open to bikes
- No gravel, snakes and salamanders could live here
- Not a fan of a lot of signs. I think it would get vandalized.
- Not very inviting.
- Perfect!
- Please make trails accessible to mountain biking for families and adults
- Simple.
- spooky
- The trail is great
- This could be ok for some parts, however, I like the incorporation of interpretive signs for the main entrances.
- This is fine if people STAY on the trail!
- This is perfect for walks and hikes. Keep it as natural as possible.
- This look inviting, like a secret (nature) garden.
- too cheap.
- Where you can't have a full blown kiosk at least mark the trail name so you know where you are.

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## Kiosk: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	58	38.2%
I am not sure	43	28.3%
No, I don't think this fits	42	27.6%
No answer	9	5.9%

### *Any other thoughts?*

- Again very useful, easy to build and maintain
- But signs are way over engineered. They do not need to be so elaborate.
- Covered kiosks and interpretive material are necessary, but this particular example is just plain UGLY!
- feel pretty large scale for our little trails
- I don't know what this is-a community message board?
- I think a few maps would be good
- I think it's okay, but also think it's unnecessary and could lead to litter issues.
- I think this is close to what is already there.
- Information and trail maps. Bathrooms
- Is that a restroom in the background? Would it be possible NOT to have one?
- Minimal upgrades - only enough that people don't get lost in the Park.
- no image appeared. Is it supposed to be a kiosk? If so, yes, I really like that
- Not sure what this is; info kiosk?
- Overbearing

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- Seems a bit intrusive.
- Signage and park information kiosks are appropriate. And a restroom would be appropriate, if it were located in an area that did not attract vandalism, and if the city committed to keeping it clean.
- Silly. No need in our town for something to be two-sided. And it's always better to orient any maps properly, which is easier to do when facing the start of a trail.
- simple and low key is good
- Simple, less abstrusive
- Simpler kiosk is better
- Smaller scale.
- This looks fine.
- This seems like a duplication of the trailhead signs. The design of this kiosk is nice, except its a bit chunky-looking.
- Ticket sales next
- Too big
- Too big
- Too big and clunky looking
- too big, and not well designed - top heavy!
- Too big, too much, is it really necessary?
- Too big. Less roof extension
- **TOO HEAVY AND CLUMSY IN APPEARANCE/NOT WELL DETAILED**
- Too massive (the signage), but the graveled surface with rock border is appealing.
- Too Wildernessey.
- Way too big. Please minimize kiosk signage and keep in parking/access zones.
- yes, if trail maps are posted on this

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## Kiosk: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	74	48.7%
I am not sure	34	22.4%
No, I don't think this fits	32	21.1%
No answer	12	7.9%

### Any other thoughts?

- a bit better
- A good design, but too big. Too many sections.
- A little over the top, don't you think?
- Again, Minimal upgrades - only enough that people don't get lost in the Park.
- Again, some interpretation, well done, is good!
- Already have one at the top of the trail
- As with my previous answer, everyone is carrying a computer in their pocket, is the need for all of this signage really necessary?
- BETTER THAN THE FIRST EXAMPLE
- Better than the previous one -- i.e., less massive -- but it still looks like a lot of signage. Maybe just one of the panel would suit the park better than this "trptych".
- Definitely too big. Looks more like a building
- feels kind of imposing
- Great sign but too big?
- I don't think there is a need for that much information at the park entrance.

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- I like the idea of signs with maps, identification of wild life in the area and general rules of use of area.
- I like the other info area better. This looks like an emergency shelter.
- I think this could be used as there are many things to explain
- I would love to provide lots of information for people who are interested - this can do that.
- If the financial resources allow for a full educational kiosk that is great, but not a requirement.
- Its way too big for this small park
- Maybe one or two boards instead of three in the kiosk. There are already several along the trail. Don't overdo it.
- More information kiosks? This appears to be the 3rd example of this feature -- why the duplication?
- more informative
- Much better design. The design must be reflective of the particular park. How can IRON MOUNTAIN be reflected in the Park's kiosks?
- no image appeared??
- Not enough material to build out something like that.
- not well designed
- Perhaps one informational kiosk is sufficient - either at trailhead near the country club or one near hunt club.
- Seems like too much pedagogy for a small park.
- Seems too large & wordy. Keep it simple.
- Smaller version appreciated.
- Something similar to this already exists at the viewing area.
- The kiosk(s) are an important feature for this park because there is so much history, 5 ecosystems unusual, great plant & animal information, etc. So 3 boards rather than 1. Though don't need such fancy roofs etc. Also where they are positioned makes a difference. For example, the other kiosks at this park are not handy to see as you walk by, so don't get read as often as the one at Springbrook Park that you can't miss.
- The one above was better as it was too small for groups to congregate under. We don't want a spot for late night teen gatherings
- The options on the previous page, first photo are better than these two options!
- This is okay too, as long as it doesn't take away too much of the wilderness feel of the park.
- This kiosk seems unnecessarily large for just three panels. Overbuilt.
- Too big

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- Too big and obtrusive.
- Too fancy.
- Way too big
- way too obtrusive

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## Wetland: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	87	57.2%
I am not sure	38	25.0%
No, I don't think this fits	19	12.5%
No answer	8	5.3%

### Any other thoughts?

- Again, doesn't look like a planned area. Spending money on fallen logs seems a waste
- Already have a wet land area. Why encourage more?
- An area where kids can safely play that would include creatures natural to the setting - assuming creatures could be kept safe also.
- Absolutely NOT. We do not need any more mosquitos or ponds.
- Are the wetlands not supposed to be touched?
- But it needs to be more natural - not obviously cut logs

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- Can kids play there.
- confused? Are the logs meant to draw people into the wetland? This looks like it would invite kids to get into the wetland, potentially damaging the area. Perhaps a viewing platform would be better or a bridge or elevated walkway
- Do you have more examples? Because of the large scope of damaged area and extensive restoration required (removing tainted soil etc.) a fair amount of planning should be done for design & implementation of the wetlands area. It should be designed to encourage wildlife, with the people aspect to observe & learn about the wildlife. (So things like birdwatching blinds, and bushes near the water to keep dogs from jumping in, etc.)
- Good for birds and animals, and also kids to play.
- I agree with enhancing and protecting existing wetlands and stream corridors, just not sure about what action this image is suggesting.
- I cannot picture where this would go, but perhaps an area of the park I haven't seen? I have not explored all 50 acres.
- I like this, but there is no flat area in the park. It too steep of a slope.
- If a pond exists, fine, but let us not make a water feature. How do sawn logs make one think of nature?
- if it is naturally there, it's fine...
- Looks like a marginally accessible mosquito pond.
- Looks like what is there now - no trail, no place to interact for the humans. Could there be a better way to view and use the areas?
- Mosquito breeding potential needs to be considered
- Natural looking water features are a plus.
- Natural or man made...
- Need to keep traffic away from the water, so birds can thrive. And people can be safe.
- Nice for habitat variety.
- Nice, but again, what will keep people from destroying the naturalness? Such a scene only tempts children, especially, to walk right in the explore. Check out the devices in place at The Oregon Garden in Silverton for keeping people OUT of natural areas. Good viewing is essential but some means of denying access is also essential.
- Not loving the random logs but like the looks of the water area
- not people friendly
- Not sure what ideas are represented by the pictures.
- Please engage elevated trails to pass over wetland
- Restoring the wetland is essential to this plan.

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- Screen the dwellings so they don't intrude on the wetland.
- Something like this would be lovely.
- This could be cool if done right but could be a muddy swamp if not done correctly.
- This looks like a restoration area. As long as it is allowed to grow without being pruned, mowed, and blown, it will be a lovely space.
- This looks ok. It would be more helpful to have another option. Again, not sure what you're trying to exemplify.
- This pond looks very manmade. The log sections don't look natural. I hope the natural character of the pond and wetland in Iron Mountain Park will be preserved with its native vegetation that provides cover for wildlife.
- This wetland does not look natural,,,way too much man-made
- Visual barriers (trees and veg.) between neighboring homes and the park give the feeling of being in nature and not in a neighborhood.
- Water and logs, seems appropriate
- We would need walkways and perhaps observation areas. We want visitors to appreciate the flora and fauna in a sensitive area with damaging it or scaring off the birds and animals
- Wetlands with boardwalks through them would be the ideal
- WOULD BE FINE IF THE LOGS WERENT SO OBVIOUSLY PLACED
- would like more trees to block out the houses
- You can't approach this area. Just view from a distance.

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## Boardwalk: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	96	63.2%
I am not sure	25	16.5%
No, I don't think this fits	24	15.8%
No answer	7	4.6%

### Any other thoughts?

- \$\$\$
- A boardwalk is ideal for this wetland landscape. Allows access without disturbing the natural environment.
- A boardwalk would probably better protect the habitat than a surface trail, but it would also likely be much more expensive.
- A raised trail gives access through wet and sensitive areas. Needs to be open to hikers and bikers
- A short boardwalk with platform is fine, but not extensive as it is invasive into the wetlands. Was not allowed at West Waluga park.
- An elevated trail does not need to be accessed by an ATV. Please keep them hiking / biking trail style
- Assume this isn't necessary unless you're building over wetlands area.
- Boardwalk seems higher maintenance and less desirable than a trail, although good for wheelchair access. If boardwalk included, should be minimal like one at Camassia in West Linn.
- Boardwalks would be appropriate in areas where a trail crossed a creek or was adjacent to the wetlands or pond. Otherwise, I would prefer natural, soft trails.
- Don't do this.
- especially in the wetland areas.
- expensive to build, maintain and fix with wood downfall, rot and foundation settling. etc. Put the trail where it is sustainable.

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- great for many reasons: safety for humans and safety for nature, and the clear designation for where people should walk will be beneficial in the long-run health of the park.
- I believe boardwalks provide access for exploring with minimal disruption to the natural area
- I don't think this is needed in the Iron Mountain area.
- I like the idea of boardwalks, but this is a pretty small space in reality of usage area. I'd suggest boardwalks only to cross standing water/mud areas and possibly along the North edge of the Hunt Club to connect the existing construction prep area (which will become the park) to the existing trailhead on Brookside Road
- I love this boardwalk because the low rail gives a sense of security, but doesn't obscure views.
- I want to maintain the park for wildlife and worry that a board walk might mitigate that goal.
- If there is a sensitive wetland area where you anticipate a lot of traffic, then I can see where this would work. For this park, I will always prefer the majority of it be wild space, without man-made structures.
- if this is going over a swampy area like over at Luscher Farm, I think it's fine but otherwise, I prefer natural trail.
- If this raised walkway can accommodate bikes to connect the current Iron Mountain bikeway to the Lake Grove area behind the Hunt Club, this would make it easier for recreational bikers to connect between downtown and Lake Grove.
- If wetlands allow for it, boardwalks are great, but it is a high maintenance item.
- It looks fake.
- It would be nice around the wetlands. Not as a trail.
- Make sure it is handicapped accessible on both ends
- No more natural trails?!?!? I like the gravel trails
- Not safe for horses
- Now we're talking! Good viewing but NOT walking into.
- only if needed to protect wetlands below
- Simple works. Some simple seating is important.
- The walkways would preserve the wetlands.
- There are no swamp areas in the park. The recent gravel project should help keep feet dry.
- These paths keep humans off the delicate wetland properties, but allow us to enjoy our surroundings

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- This boardwalk looks like it for getting from point A to point B. I'd rather see something more modest and just enough to all people to get a little closer to the water without falling in.
- This could work to provide non-intrusive access to wetland and stream corridors.
- This look awesome! Maybe with some wetlands educational signage.
- This might be appropriate for areas that become extremely muddy, but again I am not sure because I would hope that construction of it and use of it wouldn't interfere with the wildlife.
- this would be good for crossing the streams, but not for the whole trail.
- This would be wonderful.
- To me this is too developed; think of upkeep. In our rainy climate think of the need to power wash the boardwalk at regular intervals. I have platforms and a wooden bridge my property that need cared for on a regular basis otherwise the surface develops mold that makes the surface slippery.
- Too big, looks like a deck. lots of work to care for.
- Use tired or other material suitable for wetlands
- walkway increases the audience for a nature walk - not everyone can do unpaved trails
- Well, boardwalks are nice for year round access to boggy areas. But isn't Iron Mtn primarily situated on a well drained hillside? This seems like something that would eat up your entire budget.
- Why build a walkway when humans (and salamanders and snakes) can walk on the earth? Then you have to maintain it..??
- would be used a lot more

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## Boardwalk: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	90	59.2%
I am not sure	38	25.0%
No, I don't think this fits	15	9.9%
No answer	9	5.9%

### Any other thoughts?

- A traversing boardwalk would be nicer.
- Educational opportunity
- Good educational opportunity with minimal impact.
- I don't think a gathering circle is appropriate on a wetland boardwalk. The whole idea is to be quiet so as not to frighten wildlife.
- I like it, but there is already a space like this near the top of the park. Its a deck that was rebuilt as part of an Eagle Scout project. I don't think there is a need for another one.
- I like the idea of providing for school kids to interact with the area. Just not sure this is how I envision it. I think it would be something near the mining adits.
- I prefer keep people out.. Stsnd up for the wildlife
- Is that off of the boardwalk, or by itself?
- is this in a wetland? I'm not sure what the point of this is.
- It's fine, but I think sitting on a log or boulder in a clearing would achieve the same goal without spending money on lumber and labor and/or disrupting that natural area.
- Kudos to the design team if they include a place to teach the children!

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- Needs to be a bit bigger for visits by classes, scout troops etc.
- Nice to have a place like this for outreach, as shown in the photo.
- No where to put that. And Iron Mtn Road is noisy.
- Possibly in future if more teaching happens at the park
- Possibly. A controlled group such as this might be okay in the middle of a natural area. General public access to this spot should be denied.
- Teaching kids about the wilderness is essential. I prefer the smaller scale of this deck, than the one below.
- There is already a viewing area, and another one would draw more people and interfere with the wildlife.
- This platform looks too small and not very functional.
- Too small
- too small
- Way too many people there and where are the trees?
- We can never educate too much..about our planet
- Yes, use our parks as educational opportunities.

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## Boardwalk: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Answer	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	82	54.0%
I am not sure	27	17.8%
No, I don't think this fits	38	25.0%
No answer	5	3.3%

### Any other thoughts?

- A bit too intrusive.
- A well-developed feature like this would probably get a lot of use, contributing to a greater sense of ownership by the residents, which would be positive.
- again, too much will need to be spent on upkeep to say nothing of the fact I don't think it belongs in an area we are trying to keep a "nature park".
- Any access to the pond for learning would be great!
- dangerous?
- Doesn't look natural enough. Expensive.
- excellent use of pond in the park
- For me, gathering in large groups on a boardwalk defeats the whole purpose of observing wildlife quietly.
- I haven't seen any features for offload cyclists.
- I like that this one is curved & has the low railing to indicate to stay inside. But the 2nd example is the least invasive. And the wetlands isn't big enough to have a boardwalk actually out into the water. It would certainly scare off wildlife. Maybe just coming up to the edge with a blind to look through and hide behind. And a way to keep dogs away.

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- I like the ability for people with disabilities. limited mobility to have access to the natural areas in the park
- I think a board walk (with a viewing area) near the edge of the wetland or pond would be appropriate. I don't think a boardwalk into the pond is needed, and it might interfere with the wildlife in the pond.
- I'm not familiar enough with the wetland character at Iron Mt. Keep access minimally invasive, while providing opportunity for learning and exploration.
- Just how much wetlands area is in Iron Mountain park area? We saw nothing.
- Looks a little too large and overly constructed. The general idea is good.
- Love the access to the wetlands in all the ideas on this page.
- Lovely and controlled.
- May be a bit much for this park property.
- Not so intrusive into the wetlands. Stay to the side.
- not sure why we would build out into a natural area like this. why not stay along the sides rather than intruding into the middle?
- The walkways would preserve the wetlands.
- There are no ponds in the park.
- this one does not blend in well. Looks too civilized and not rustic enough.
- This one looks like a boat dock. I think that the salamanders, frogs and other creatures can be seen from a smaller platform, closer to the shore - like the one in the previous photo.
- This would be great near the pond so kids and walkers can see the birds.
- too large
- Too much like a boat dock, to me. Looks like it belongs in a heavily visited national park.
- too obtrusive, large of scale for our little space
- Very concerned about intrusion into habitat areas.
- Very nice ... But needs Alitalia distance from bird nesting areas
- Water great With supervision
- Way too many people and structures destroying nature
- wetland restoration is a great idea
- While the final photo is human friendly, it would discourage many kind of wildlife.
- Your guided tour of how land used to look

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## Gathering Circle: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	63	41.5%
I am not sure	33	21.7%
No, I don't think this fits	48	31.6%
No answer	8	5.3%

### Any other thoughts?

- Again, attractive and controlled. I DON'T like the hard surface material chosen here. Our Park should use much more natural-shaped and darker-colored material. Basalt's our thing!
- At first I wasn't too crazy about this -- a bit massive -- but as I looked at this I began to like it okay.
- but not this large
- How does this help the salamanders, snakes and birds? They can't live on man-made structures..
- I like a more natural look.
- I like stone/rocks but this doesn't look indigenous.
- I think a play area would be a better use of space
- Is this in keeping with a natural nature park?
- It does not to be this large. The new design at Tryon Creek Park is a better scale.
- It's okay, but looks a bit massive (and potentially expensive). Again, depends on the overall mix.
- Keep it minimalistic.

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- Lake Oswego has enough hardscaping everywhere. Please allow Iron Mountain to be wild and unpaved.
- Looks so big. Are you planning on having lectures or events? Would this be for people walking through or are you going to have a parking lot there?
- Love the use of hardscape. Low maintenance but very attractive and useful.
- Maybe near the mining adits
- Maybe something on a smaller scale. Might be interesting to carve some rocks for seating from the mountain side.
- More natural with big boulders.
- My kids would have loved that, would have created a stage out of it
- only good in the summer. Too cold to use in the winter.
- Other LO Parks have features similar to this. I'd like to see Iron Mt. kept simpler and with meeting areas better integrated into natural landscape.
- places to sit are great
- Seems too formal.
- Since the developable area of the park is so small (~ 2 acres?) and due to the wooded nature of the park, I'm not sure a hardscape gathering circle like this fits.
- Stone adds to cost. Use wood
- The stone is very pretty, but not in character with this woods/wetlands area.
- This is a beautiful stone circle, but it looks too formal for the Iron Mountain Park site.
- Too built up.
- Too civilized an area may invite late night use by teens
- Too formal for this park.
- too large, too man made; keep things simple, wild, raw
- too much concrete and unnatural. very forced.
- Too much hardscape.
- View destinations draw people into the park
- Where did all these people come from?

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## Gathering Circle: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	83	54.6%
I am not sure	33	21.7%
No, I don't think this fits	27	17.8%
No answer	9	5.9%

### Any other thoughts?

- A ice gathering space where you gan get muddy feet
- Better than the previous example or a circle.
- Biodegradable. Low cost.
- feels like it will rot out and not hold up well
- Great for a drum circle.
- I like its natural state, but I like some polish too. can't we have both?
- I like this better.
- I like this, as long as it wouldn't be too difficult to maintain (i.e., how well made are the benches?)
- I think it fits, but may be too light to stand up to people knocking it over. Unfortunately, vandalism does happen
- I would rather not encourage group usage. Space should be for active exploration
- If a gathering circle is included in the park, I like this style better than the hardscape style.
- If there must be a gathering space, then this "campfire" type circle definitely fits better than the stone circle. It reminds me of wilderness camps as a kid.

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- if there was a fire pit in the middle of it.
- Is this going to be the new park for all the teenagers to sit and have a smoke? That is what this picture look like.
- It fits with the natural roughness of the park
- Like the first one better. Over time wood will get mossy and possibly rot
- Not excited about creating a party place for local kids. I do like the openness of the woods with a bike trail winding its way through the woods.
- Not permanent enough
- Same as above. We can we not just have a park that brings us closer to being a "nature park" with out a lot of intrusion by man.
- Simple
- some type of meeting circle would be nice. only one of these needs to be built, but both are good versions
- The park has a couple benches from a Eagle Scout project. Very nice, but they are starting to show their age. Eagle Scout Spencer Raymond, and current OPB Contributor did a fine job on them.
- The rustic look of this circle is more appropriate than the formal circle above, but I wonder if a gathering circle is necessary. Most people at the charrette said what they valued most was walking the trails and quietly experiencing nature.
- This is better. Less intrusive.
- This is relatively biodegradable but still needs maintenance.. Leave it untouched!
- This works as a casual resting or gathering place.
- This would be nice for children (or adult) classes about science in the park (like Tryon Creek Park educational groups). This is a better option than the Outdoor Features because it is a small park.
- too rustic
- Two thumbs up!
- Very natural

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## Outdoor Classroom: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	50	32.9%
I am not sure	41	27.0%
No, I don't think this fits	53	34.9%
No answer	8	5.3%

### Any other thoughts?

- Anything to get the kids learning how to treat the earth.
- Before man invaded the land... Animals roamed
- Doesn't Tryon Creek State Park have this sort of area for group gatherings? We see Iron Mt. Park as being more for individuals and families, not large groups.
- Flor outdoor education...perfect!
- Good, but on the periphery of the Park, not in the interior.
- Head to Tryon Creek to do this
- I don't see having room for this. Too high maintenance.
- I think a play area would be a better use of space. Tryon is maybe a better teaching environment.
- I think the image below with just the logs (sans blackboard) achieves the same goal.
- If you want to teach people how to step lightly on the earth, show them by not building areas that kill salamanders and snakes
- I'm in favor of nature play where children discover nature on their own. I'm not in favor of large group activities like this outdoor classroom.
- It would not be used that often and takes too much space in a natural area.
- Nature class room for focused learning

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- The more that is built at Iron Mountain, the more someone in the future will want to improve upon it. They will want to redo it in hardscaping, add signage, etc. I say no, if an instructor needs visual materials, they can bring them for the day. The open air classroom idea is great, the wood chip floor is great.
- The simple bench arrangement of the prior slide or the logs in the next slide is better
- This feels cleaner on which to sit versus the option below.
- This is like the ranger talk areas at campsites. I think it would work but I would like it more rustic
- This one looks less comfortable for the kids than the second one, but I defer to outdoor educators who know more about such things.
- Too formal and regimented.
- Too formal. There are many opportunities elsewhere for organized outdoor learning. Don't need lectures, need space to explore.
- Too much for this property - this park needs to be kept quite natural and casual.
- Will there be wildlife field trips or education? If yes good, if no it's a waste of space and money.

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## Outdoor Classroom: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	94	61.8%
I am not sure	32	21.1%
No, I don't think this fits	19	12.5%
No answer	7	4.6%

### Any other thoughts?

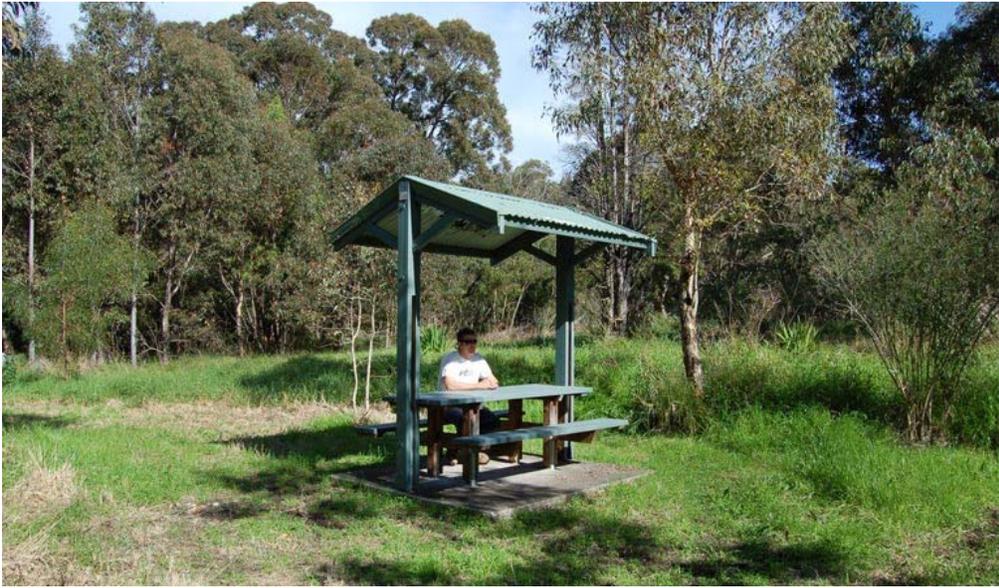
- As long as its proportionally sized for Iron Mt. Park
- Could also be nature play area
- For multiple ages, I think it's easier to sit on a stump individually than on a log. This option allows folks to sit closer together - a benefit sometimes.
- How will the salamanders and snakes travel through this messof processed forest?
- I think a play area would be a better use of space. Tryon is maybe a better teaching environment.
- If an outdoor classroom feature were included, this type (rough logs) would be my choice.
- Looks good to me.
- need separation in space fore children
- Not a place for kids to be bussed in. Better to use their own neighborhoods and grounds. I would much rather see families exploring rather than whole classes, here.

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- Not sure where this would fit in the park.
- Prefer this one because it allows people to sit together.
- Properly informal and comfortable for this park.
- Remember this kids as tomorrow will be a freeway
- Same as previous.
- Seems like kids are paying attention on the stumps rather than logs
- simple but effective. Not so intrusive in the natural habitat.
- Smaller scale.
- These both would be very cool for a larger park, as outdoor classrooms. Not here though. Larger groups would be too much for this small area. The previous Gathering Circle option is enough.
- This is a better alternative to the outdoor classroom. I like that it is in the trees, the wood chip floor, sharing logs. I like that the instructor has brought her own materials - nothing permanent needs to be built here. That means that it gets my yes vote.
- This is also okay, on the periphery.
- This is better
- This looks better.
- Tryon Creek State Park has more room and more staff to provide outdoor classrooms. I don't think we should try to do this in the limited space of Iron Mountain Park.
- would not be useful at all

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## Picnic Area: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	61	40.1%
I am not sure	43	28.3%
No, I don't think this fits	38	25.0%
No answer	10	6.6%

### Any other thoughts?

- Again, there are many other places to have a picnic outdoors. Share a snack on a log!
- but no rain cover is needed, it's Oregon, we love the Rain
- Certainly the above table and roof are on the smaller size--on the other hand LO has many parks with picnic tables and shelters that are lightly used. Do we really need another "picnic" area?
- Could be ok but may overly encourage late night use
- Could be okay, depending on the overall mix.
- Don't like the cement and metal. I like a covered eating space.
- I don't care for this style/design/materials/color for picnic tables. IF our Park has picnic tables, they must BLEND well into the natural surroundings and be placed where vegetation will not be easily trampled.
- I don't think the picnic tables need to be covered
- I like that its covered (rain!), but it's not very attractive.
- I like the covering. I like that the picnic table is a modest size and not gargantuan.
- I think a few picnic tables would be good but I do not like the samples presented here.

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- I would rather not see picnic tables in this park. I'm concerned they would invite litter, noise, and vandalism.
- If a picnic area is included, it should be located near the bike/hiking trail along Iron Mt. Road, where it might be used by those users. If a picnic area is located deeper into the park, I fear it would be misused and trashed.
- If picnicking is encouraged, then trash disposal must be provided for, and a plan for cleaning up litter.
- If you want to picnic you can sit on the ground so the earth doesn't have to be paved over
- I'm not crazy about picnic tables in general. With the canopy/cover, I dislike them even more.
- It's ok. Why not put it under the trees if you want shade? That tiny awning is insufficient protection from sun or rain.
- Keep it next to the parking area.
- Maybe a bigger covered area.
- Maybe just one such thing, and the signage, at each entrance.
- Nice to have a shelter from the rain, but those that hike in the rain usually are already prepared to that. Same for sun.
- Not necessary in such a forested park setting.
- Not sure about the covering, if it's raining a visitor would still get wet. I like the idea of providing some picnic tables.
- not sure that a roofed picnic area is needed
- One or two simple [wood?] picnic tables is enough. Without roofs. There is a beautiful old willow tree there that a picnic table underneath would be wonderful, if it's not too close to the stream that needs to be restored. But it would be okay to leave out a picnic area altogether.
- Only close to the road
- Perhaps at one or two places but not very many.
- Rain protection is important.
- Seem like more natural materials should be used.
- The table looks out of place. I like the wild, tall grass behind the table.
- The viewing area already has a picnic bench. The only time it is in use is at the 4th of July. No need for more of it when it is barely in use, better for the wildlife.
- Would prefer natural shade.

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## Picnic Area: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	61	40.1%
I am not sure	43	28.3%
No, I don't think this fits	38	25.0%
No answer	10	6.6%

### Any other thoughts?

- A more natural setting is better, like the view above.
- A table on a concrete slab in the middle of a lawn does not fit this site. If we must have picnic tables, I hope there would only be a couple and that they be rustic and without any shelter or roof.
- Barbecuing doesn't fit Iron Mt. Park
- BBQ? The cement and trash containers are horrible.
- Cover would be good so it could be used rain or shine
- Definitely NOT at Iron Mountain! Please resist the urge to pave, manicure (with sprinklers, mowing, blowing, fertilizers, pesticides, etc.), plant ornamental trees, and put up signs with stone - like the park is an entrance to a subdivision. I cherish all of the places in Lake Oswego that are wild.
- Definitely not!!
- Don't care for the groomed park, but like the idea of having tables and BBQ area for family outings
- Good for non-rainy days. Need both types of picnic table

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- good for summer use. maybe put a removable shelter on it in the winter time.
- Heck, no.
- I like a combination of covered and uncovered tables
- I think incorporating picnic tables would be great but I'd prefer more rustic "heartier" tables.
- Ick! Looks like a golf course. And with high fire danger in this park, we should NOT have fire pits of any kind.
- Is that a barbeque? Will you have parking for people to bring all this in? I guess I'm still thinking of it as a walking type park but maybe the goal is more of a destination for drivers, down by Iron Mt. Blvd.
- looks too. developed
- Needs to stay a natural park.
- no concrete
- No open-fire grills.
- not natural looking
- Not natural. Too commercial.
- Our of place in this park.
- rain?
- Really bad!
- Reminds me of a rest stop on the freeway. Also, I definitely would not want to see a BBQ or firepit at Iron Mtn.
- some type of picnic table area should be included, but does not need to be fancy
- The concrete slab seems very large. Something less intrusive for picnic areas would be my first choice.
- This feels really open and exposed, not always a good feeling, but great in the 10 days of sunshine.
- This is like an ordinary city park not a nature play area. Visitors need to know that this is a special park.
- This is much too barren and sterile. Lawns are definitely not appropriate!
- This lloks like Bakersfield CA. Nothing natural, totally artificial
- This would only work if the area toward town from the Hunt Club would be all cleared out and then need to be maintained.
- Too built.
- too developed
- Too developed. Taking natural look away from it
- Too formal - let's keep it casual and rustic.
- Too industrial.
- Too open for this site, in my opinion.

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- Totally inappropriate!
- Way too much development
- We are have recreational parks similar to this. We do not need more

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## Shelter: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	37	24.3%
I am not sure	33	21.7%
No, I don't think this fits	72	47.4%
No answer	10	6.6%

### Any other thoughts?

- A shelter defeats the purpose of exploring and enjoying a natural area. Let the elements in.
- Again, in a nature park? Totally incorrect.
- An unnecessary expense that doesn't fit in this park.
- Any place where no humans can go
- Covered areas are ideal for wet places like Portland/Lake O
- dont need roofed picnic shelters for individual tables
- Haha! Who the heck chose these options? We're almost 100 miles from salt water, and the only palm trees are ornamental ones. And the choice of a picnic table was already shown, at least twice.
- I like that it is gravel rather than concrete and that there are several small shelters.
- I like the individual nature of this set-up as well as the size of the awning.
- I like the more natural look, but it does not look indigenous.
- I love the natural materials and the design feature of the covering - it's very creative. dislike common designs.
- In general I like some shelter from the rain.
- incorporate this with the next larger pavillion

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- Keep the site natural with small play area. Not for large picnics.
- More attractive
- Scarry. We are trying to get away from man-made shelter for a second.
- Shelter from rain is more important than shelter from sun.
- Smaller scale
- The ocean looks nice, although I don't think that there's room for it in that canyon..... I say no to a large man made picnic structure.
- This plays to larger groups coming to picnic not to be active in a nature area
- This small park cannot accommodate a large shelter.
- Too Big.
- Too large.
- too much
- Too much structure - use the natural canopy of trees.
- Totally inappropriate! This is not Florida!
- Way too much and too modern-looking.

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## Shelter: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	74	48.7%
I am not sure	23	15.1%
No, I don't think this fits	45	29.6%
No answer	10	6.6%

### **Any other thoughts?**

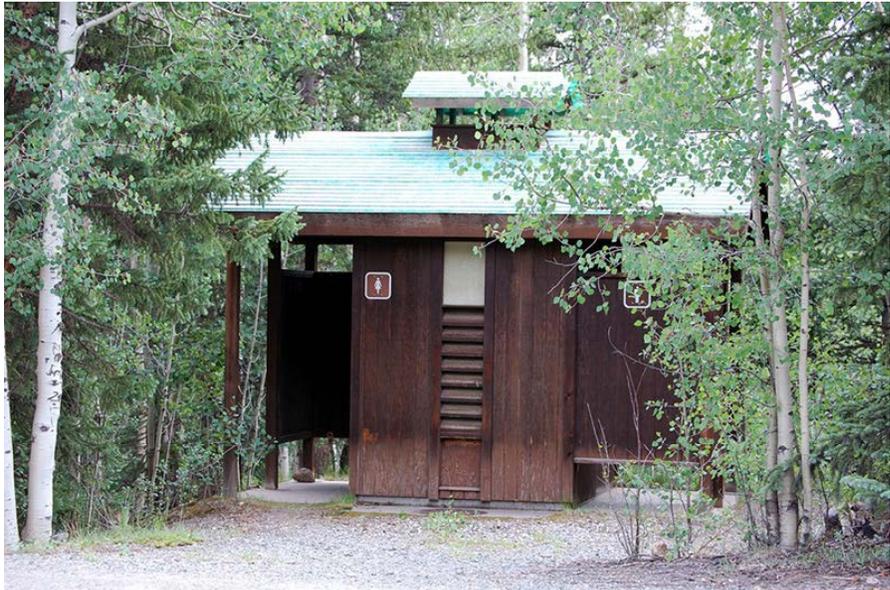
- Again, do we really want to encourage picnicing? This is NOT George Rogers Park!
- best protection from the rain. Could be used year round. need a bar b que installed.
- Better
- don't need a shelter--its supposed to be a natural area and rain is natural!
- for large parties this would be okay. i would think that mostly small parties would frequent the space so this would feel uncomfortable.
- I am not sure a covered table shelter was ever discussed at the charrette.
- I like the cement in the larger party type shelter and no cement at the singles. The cover looks good and appropriate for the rain.
- I like the Pacific NW look of this one and that it has room for a group. Some single and some group picnic areas would be very nice!
- I think this is too big for the space unless it can be used as an outdoor classroom.
- just right
- Like the simple covered gathering place for groups

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- Love that
- More of a rustic look. Big.
- More structure than necessary - do we need all this shelter?
- Much too large. An unnecessary expense to build and maintain.
- Neither of these designs seem "natural" to our area.
- No picnic tables, no shelter. I envision this space to be as natural as possible.
- No to concrete and large man made structures at Iron Mountain.
- Nope. This might be nice in a big city park (like Laurelhurst in Portland for example) but large group picnic shelters is really a bad idea here. It's more appropriate for a family, not a large group destination.
- OMG i can just see the masses assembling here and destroying the salamanders and snakes.
- Please do not crowd in picnic tables, sitting areas and places for people and garbage, Trails and paths are desired to continue moving, not stay stationary
- Prefer the larger scale and presence for balance.
- Same comment as prior
- the available space is too small to accomidate a large picnic area.
- There are large shelters such as this at Waluga Park and I rarely see them in use. Waluga is what? 3/4 mile away?
- There is no need for shelters in a small park like this. Keep the space simple, let nature be enjoyed with not so much man-made development.
- This looks like it would offer good protection, even in a solid rainstorm.
- This seems a little too big and only provides one covered area . I prefer the multiple small ones without the concrete and massive structure
- This small park cannot accommodate a large shelter.
- Too big in scale
- Too big.
- Too large.
- Way, way too big, structured, un natural

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## Restroom: What features fit at Iron Mountain Park?



Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	61	40.1%
I am not sure	49	32.2%
No, I don't think this fits	32	21.1%
No answer	10	6.6%

### Any other thoughts?

- A modest toilet facility may be desirable - do safety issues, maintenance requirements warrant this investment?
- A small restroom is needed, for children using the park and so the Hunt Club doesn't have people using theirs. But the simpler the better. Just 1 or 2 small rooms. Even something like the portapotties at the Luscher Farms community gardens might work well. They are surprisingly roomy and clean. The bigger and more substantial the restrooms are, the more they will invite inappropriate users [homeless, drug use, vandalism.] And from experience at the Brookside trailhead area, the location is important. It might be good to be located along Iron Mt Blvd and in view of cars going by.
- A small rustic restroom seems right for this site. A standing seam metal roof would be nicer than fiberglass.
- Composting toilet would be my first choice
- everybody has to go sometime, the park should have bathrooms of some sort.
- For the type and amount of use don't need a restroom
- I like the image below better because it could potentially be safer to have a safely visible entry into an enclosed space with a full door/lock.

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- I suppose every park needs a restroom, but it needs to be minimal.
- I would not mind public rest stop.
- I would recommend a co-ed one-holer w/o plumbing or electricity, if any restroom facility is installed.
- If a restroom is included, it should be a style that matches the natural feel of the park. It should be near the road and bike trail, where it could be easily serviced and where it might not attract vandalism.
- If it must be, then smaller is better.
- If restrooms are necessary, this better approximates what would fit in a mostly natural area. I'm ambivalent about any restrooms.
- If this would be offered, then any and all maps of the park need to show at which entrance or entrances there are toilets, not just "the park has a toilet".
- If we must have a restroom, it would be nice to keep it minimal, and unobtrusive, even.
- it probably fits, I just question the sanitation of a structure like that.
- It would be nice to have a rest room.
- Keep it next to parking area. Easier for clean up.
- Looks kinda old school.
- Maybe not even this fancy, what about composting toilets?
- No funny business
- NO!
- Park does not need bathrooms, too isolated will just lead to "crime"
- Pee in the woods if you have to go. How does this help the salamanders and snakes?
- Pretty cute, and small is good.
- Restroom is important....but less intrusive. Just one uni-sex.
- Seniors In particular are going to want flush toilets
- simple and primitive
- This looks pretty rustic. I think it depends on what the estimates are for usage, and the available budget.
- This might be okay – not too plush. People would use it out of necessity, not as a place to hang out.
- too rustic
- Unless it was in a highly visible area, I think it would get 'trashed'.
- We will need a bathroom as so many people ...
- will eventually stink.

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Responses	Count	Percentage
Yes, I really like that!	69	45.4%
I am not sure	21	13.8%
No, I don't think this fits	52	34.2%
No answer	10	6.6%

***Any other thoughts?***

- Again, perhaps too big for the size of the park.
- any type of discreet, not too big bathroom is a good idea
- Are we living at the Mall?
- Definitely not!!
- everybody has to go sometime, the park should have bathrooms of some sort.
- I like to more natural design
- If we HAVE to add restrooms, I'd say solid like this makes sense
- Looks kind of industrial and massive.
- Looks more modern than first option
- love, love, love the touch-less restrooms at Foothills Park! I feel like I'm in a cleaner facility and among civilization.
- Make them very organic and simple to match the surroundings.
- Nice, but best is low maintenance of materials & what will fit in with other details.
- No to lots of paving and a large bathroom. The path up behind the bathroom looks inviting.
- Not at all good material choices for our Park.

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- Not natural enough. Will there be plumbing?
- Restrooms should be nice enough to serve the people using the park, but not to attract people who want a secluded place for drugs or other illegal activity. If a bathroom is included, please make it out in the open, visible from Iron Mtn. Blvd., and very small.
- restrooms should feel rustic like the park, less finished stone work. This park is more natural than foothills park.
- see above
- This is an attractive restroom, but it seems a bit large for this site.
- This looks more upscale than the first one. It would probably be appreciated more by the visitors, but its feasibility depends on the available budget.
- This needs to be in easy view from the street to minimize vandalism
- this restroom facility is way too big
- Though at the charrette, more inclusion of nice port-a-potties was mentioned but not illustrated here.
- Too big.
- too fancy
- Too large and elaborate for this small park. Would require utility hookups, etc.
- Too much structure for this park - keep it simple - keep costs down.
- too sophisticated for this park
- Very pretty but much fancier than necessary. Reminds me of the nice restrooms at Foothills Park that unfortunately attract homeless people.

### **Other ideas: Do you have any other thoughts, ideas or concerns you would like to share?**

- "A small amount of parking would be important.
- Also, personally, I'd like to see the City purchase the land where the ""wetlands"" are so it can be a true feature of Iron Mountain Park and the little developed area."
- Anyway to incorporate the Campbell native garden as an accessible feature of the park? An underground tunnel?
- Bike trails! My teenage boys would love a place to ride in Lake Oswego!
- Getting the watershed so that it drains properly without silting and cannot backup and flood with adequate and hopefully open culvert under the road and pedestrian crossing.
- Given its location along the Iron Mountain bikeway, there should be a trail through this park that offers a less strenuous path for cyclists and walkers to finish the journey from downtown to Lake Grove. This would avoid the relatively steep uphill

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after the roundabout where Iron Mountain and Upper meet. It would also make the travel more rustic and encourage more use of the park, and cut down on the need for car parking if walkers and cyclists could get to the park without a car.

- Has anyone checked the effect on the animals, frogs, bees, birds etc? Oh they are all gone...
- Hope maintenance cost - personnel & structures - is being factored in. We can create some nice park amenities without making it so elaborate that it takes a lot of money to maintain. Also vandalism is important to consider in any of the areas that are not easily overseen by community.
- I enjoy the solitude there so I wouldn't want to attract too many people with big shelters and bathrooms. It's a hidden gem. I'd like to see it kept natural like Tryon Creek. And focus on native plants and wildlife.
- I favor restoration of the park's natural features, without significant development in the small area near the road. Any development should be natural in character and provide amenities to the park's primary users (hikers and bikers).
- I have lived at the trail head for 25 years and have seen a dramatic decline in salamanders, birds, and snakes since the city developed the trail and the constant human activity has increased. How can this be good for the environment in the long run? I used to walk the trail when the grasses were over my head and the wildlife was prolific. Now it depresses me to see how it is graveled (the salamanders and snakes are gone because they can't cross the trail). It doesn't feel natural anymore, it's so wide and overly processed. I don't walk the trail anymore.
- I think it should be kept in its natural state as much as possible.
- I think LO really needs a full off-leash park, and the Iron Mountain property, much of which is steep, would be ideal. We have plenty of parks for families, strollers, joggers. Keep this one area wild and let dogs run free.
- I think there is a great opportunity to create a more accessible pedestrian and bicycle path from Iron Mountain Boulevard to Brookside and Twin Fir as part of this project.
- I think this park should be more natural and features should not be of a very refined character; but high quality design of the features should be a priority.
- I think you need to include mountain biking, kid friendly trails and places for exercise
- I want it to remain as close to a nature park as possible. Limit the vehicle traffic and keep it pedestrian/pet friendly. Kids love trails and exploring too. Keep the native birds and plants happy. Do not remove too much of what is there now except the awful construction vehicles. I live at Village on the Lake and walk to Iron Mountain weekly

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- I would definitely like to see some mountain bike trails added.
- I would hope that it stays as "natural" as possible...especially in the look of the amenities and access areas.
- I would like money and energy to go into restoration of the natural area including removal of invasives and re-establishing natives.
- I would like to be able to ride my mountain bike there
- I would like to see the park relatively unimproved other than minimalistic pathways and meeting places.
- I would like to signage. Pointing out describing the flora and fauna, plus the history of the mine and other important info
- I would love to be able to visit and walk trails at Iron Mt. I drive thru it all the time. As far as I have been able to tell, there is no trail or way into the park at this time. I have been a L.O. resident for 29 years.
- I would love to see a DOG park on this side of the lake. The "FARM" is too far for the north side of lake Oswego. Even an area like MARY S YOUNG park in West Linn is better than our parks. It has all the the things you are trying to incorporate. Picnic, trails, nature area, play area, and dog park. It is a great park.
- I would love to see mountain bike trails developed in the area with wash facilities much like Stubb Stewart.
- "I would love to see the mining history celebrated in the park. My vision would be to have an adit (maybe more over time) opened to the public periodically with tours and side events that explain that history to the community. The East Bay Parks, Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve provides an excellent example of how the history can be incorporated. See link
- [http://www.ebparks.org/parks/black\\_diamond](http://www.ebparks.org/parks/black_diamond)"
- I'd like to see mountain bike trails in the park, nothing too technical just some cross country trails that could be shared with other uses that would allow people to get some exercise.
- I'd love to find a way to allow kids (mine are 11 and 5) free range play. My 11 year old already does this.
- I'd love to see the new 2 acre area have 6 parking spots, with gravel or wood chip paths, a few picnic table. small restroom (if really needed) and a closed at dusk policy. In addition, a wood board walk crossing the wet areas only, and a connector path along the bottom Iron Mountain, along the North edge of the Hunt Club, thus connecting the Iron Mountain "new access" point to the existing Brookside Road trail entrance. Over all, keep it natural, wild but maintained. A place for talking a short walk, having a picnic; more of a neighborhood green space, than a recreational park. Thanks Daniel Work, 2855 Brookside Road

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- I'm excited to see the continuation of the process and the final product. This will be another feather in LO's cap! Please keep up the great work!
- Iron Mtn. Park is nearly unusable as a normal park. It's narrow steep features limit its usefulness. What's really needed is a means to LINK all of the open spaces in LO. The Country Club is an elitist exclusion area that bans access or egress. A formal system of paths should be designed and implemented such that extensive walks and runs can be performed across the city. Right now it's a hodgepodge of islands of recreation disconnected by private property and no trespassing zones. Ugly.
- It would be great to have an area set aside for birders!
- It would be great to see some off leash dog areas there.
- It would be nice if the Iron Mt area were managed with major attention to its value as a resource for plant and animal life. Native plants and wild animals have so few places of refuge in the metro area that each one is extremely important. Even the newts, shrews and mice need somewhere to live.
- It would be nice to have some off-leash area(s) for dogs. Or a designated trail which is off-leash.
- Just make sure there will be enough parking. In the summer, during hot days, that's a great place to go and I imagine others will too.
- Keep as much of the natural feel as possible
- Keep it safe for the horses and riders.
- Keep it simple and natural.
- KEEP THE PARK AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE
- Most of my comments indicate my desire to see this site retain as much of its natural character as possible, while also allowing visitors to gain access, mainly through trails on the hillside, and perhaps other features on the flatter areas near Iron Mountain Road.
- Mountain Bike trail! There are no legal trails in the area outside of a 45 minute drive. The terrain in the park is well suited to hiking/ cycling loop.
- Mountain bike trails would be a great fit.
- "PARKING- [category not on the survey]
- I think parking should be relatively small and natural- such as gravel, not asphalt or cement, and no fence/barrier around it. The current parking area on Iron Mt Blvd is probably the best location. It's important that it be visible from the highway, not back in the staging area, to discourage inappropriate behavior. The more secluded parking area at the Brookside trailhead sometimes has evidence of nighttime activity (empty liquor bottles, used condoms, drug items.) A chain closing the parking area at night might also be helpful. [See previous comments under Restrooms.]

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- GENERAL COMMENTS: Thank you for asking for public input. The photos on this survey are very helpful and the categories are useful.
- Yes, it is time to finally return the area along Iron Mt Blvd back to the animals & people after so many years of being trashed by trucks & machinery. The junk dumped there during the city projects [including broken asphalt & other possibly toxic material] needs to be removed and the wetlands & stream there restored to a natural condition healthy for the animals to return.
- What might be added there for neighbors to use should be in keeping with that natural character. It has educational potential for nature play for children, bird watching, informative plaques about the fascinating history, ecosystems, & wildlife of the park. Facilities built in that area should be simple, natural and few. Features such as skateparks, large picnic areas & shelters, dirt bike or asphalt jogging paths, etc. should be available in some LO parks but are not appropriate in this small area and in this natural park setting.
- [Also, putting a thoroughfare bikepath from Iron Mt Blvd along the back of the wetlands & Hunt Club to Brookside & Douglas Circle would create a number of serious safety issues for pedestrians, bikers, dogs, horses & wildlife and is unnecessary, as the current pathway on Iron Mt Blvd to Upper & Boones Ferry is quite good.]
- LO has a wonderful variety of parks which residents can use for exercise & entertainment. We would be wise and forward-thinking to recognize and preserve the unique character and value this park has as a wildlife sanctuary and place for people of all ages to experience the beauty of nature."
- Parking lot should be small; overflow parking arrangement needs to be worked out with the hunt club. The bike path could be separated from the road along the park, but not pass through the park. A blind for bird viewing needs to be near the pond. A trail to the iron mine could include a "peek" into the mine (or a pseudo-mine). The name of the park could emphasize its function; e.g., "Lake Oswego Wetland Park," rather than Iron Mountain Park. Cooperation with the hunt club is important in order to try to save it. Connections to the existing nearby trails should be emphasized.
- Parking should be right sized to meet other goals for limited access and habitat preservation. Parking should be located as far east and away from the core wetland area for habitat and wildlife preservation.
- "Please consider some area for mountain biking. Just a few trails. That would be perfect. Thanks"
- Please create a play park with SWINGS and activities for very little kids!

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- Please include a loop trail that is open to hiking and biking. There are virtually NO dirt surface trails open to biking in the Portland Metro area. Please keep the surfaces natural. It promotes a better nature experience
- Please keep allowing bicycle access to the natural surface trails.
- Please make it safe for dogs and children to be in attendance - so taking into account the wetlands/water swamp issue.
- "Please make sure that trails are open to Mountain Biking so that kids in the neighboring areas can have a place to explore on their bike in a place far from cars.
- Bike riding promotes an active life style and a healthy life style"
- please, please, please build the nature play area! also would like hiking trails
- Put a covered indoor sports arena for soccer, rugby, lacrosse, etc. and an indoor Olympic size pool (replaces LOSD pool) on the two developable acres.
- seems like we have a lot of parks already.
- Since it is a large space, my family would love a soccer field incorporated into plans, along with space for nature exploration.
- Some have talked about putting a bike path through the park. I think this would disrupt the quiet of the place and make it less hospitable for animals, small children, hikers, and people who are there to watch the wildlife. Also, it would be more expensive to maintain.
- Some of the seating areas here have been quite large. Bringing kids closer to nature is a wonderful idea. Maybe some talks, using the wetlands to teach kids? Also for them to learn a little about horses? For that the larger seating areas would be great. Combine learning with playing.
- Some signage on the history of the mining operations a hundred years ago.
- "STREAM RESTORATION & WATER PLAY – I hope the stream presently confined to a ditch will be restored to a shallow meandering waterway with a gravel bed where children can wade and explore. It would also be wonderful if there were a sand area along one bank where wild animals that visit the stream at night will leave their footprints for children to find.
- WILDLIFE VIEWING BLIND – Instead of a picnic shelter, I would rather see a wildlife viewing blind overlooking the pond.
- NATURE PLAY – Some features that weren't offered in this survey: 1. large granite boulders, 2. fallen logs with roots attached, 3. an above-ground platform surrounding one of the large trees like the giant weeping willow so children could feel they are up in the tree.
- PARKING – Our group at the charrette preferred a small parking lot next to Iron Mountain Blvd. (NOT in the middle of the park). They also preferred a permeable parking surface."

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- Thank you for investing in this park. I enjoy living in uplands and hiking the trails and park. I look forward to bringing my kids more in the future. Keeping it natural and community like is important.
- "The format of the survey does not seem to fit for Iron Mountain Park which is on a steep slope.
- This survey format assumes a flat park."
- The less commercial development (i.e., involving concrete/asphalt or large structures) the better. Maintain trails (as we do) and let the forest remain.
- The property is really worthy of a city park due to its natural beauty, peaceful setting away from traffic and houses and convenience. Let's keep it rustic with minimal structures.
- The trails need to be open to bikes.
- The walking path on Iron Mountain Road must be addressed. It is rather scary to use due to the speed of traffic. It should be nice quiet pathway in the forest to the extent possible.
- There are a number of parks in LO in which to picnic, play sports, take children to play on swings and slides. The fact that Iron Mountain is so treed, has a good deal of wildlife, is relatively quiet, where you can get away and just be solitary in the middle of a busy town, is of such value to me. Our mantra in America seems to be develop, develop, develop. Can we not keep a place where one can enjoy some solitude?
- There are already several very structured parks, but rather few playgrounds for young children in Lake Oswego. This is a great opportunity to do something different, innovative, and exciting in the city.
- Trails need some drainage and more gravel to remove some of the mud.
- Try to keep the area as natural as possible.
- Very excited about the new park. I think it will be a great addition to the park, trails, and pedestrian lane on Iron Mountain Boulevard.
- We need more trails!!! Consider creating at least one trail as a loop
- "We have an opportunity to provide families with a place to walk to (so maybe a restroom is a good idea). Parking has not been addressed? Some places to explore and walk give parents an opportunity to share nature with kids and let kids share with parents. Rachel Carson's Sense of Wonder comes to mind. Even more importantly, not every natural area has to be for human activities, of course. Let us keep wildlife habitat first and foremost in our plans.
- My response to this survey is in 2 parts. I tried to hit the back arrow to return to a previous page and whoopsie! Hope they can be combined somehow."

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- We live a few houses away from the west entrance to Iron Mountain Park with my mom, who has Alzheimer's. My kids, myself, and my mom frequent the park. The biggest concern in the park is the ivy, which is killing many trees. The community does its best to pull/clear ivy, but if money is to be spent, can't it be spent on saving the park itself? There are only a few Madronas, a beautiful native tree, which are being drowned in ivy. This park is a natural place for beautiful varieties of birds, deer, and coyotes to live, and they travel between Iron Mountain park and Spring Brook park. I have even seen Flickers, but not nearly as many as I saw in King County and no Pileated Wood Peckers, which are supposedly there but very shy. People travel through too, on foot, not stopping for much because it's more of a travel through park than a destination. Making it a destination would force the animals out into the community even more, and they occasionally roam the streets even during daylight. The deer spook easily and aren't very smart, so if something scares them from the park they crash up into the street and that brings the coyotes out too. If the deer are spooked, it also makes it a lot more difficult to avoid hitting them even if you drive very slowly. I once followed one all the way up the hill while it zigged and zagged back and forth up Glen Eagles Road until it finally found the park entrance again. Many yards are highly landscaped and opened up, not many places for deer and coyotes to hide, and even dangerous since they also crash out upon walkers. I have heard them crashing around in hedges at dusk or dark especially in summer, when they get stuck outside the park, and have been glad I didn't have headphones on like a lot of the kids walking around, so I could watch for them and make sure not to get trampled by a deer. Once I was walking my dog at dusk and looked down to see a coyote walking on my other side, gliding along, until we walked by the park entrance and it ran off down the trail. The coyotes do come out in summer and have swarmed my fenced in yard, even using a decoy dog/coyote (a smaller friendlier looking one) to lure my dog to the fence (a 30 lb excitable indoor mutt, who is only outside with us). These animals need a space to call their own and only come out if the park cannot sustain them. There are plenty of rabbits and rodents in the park they can live off of if the park itself is healthy. None of the structures indicate the park health or plant/tree life, which is the only park of the park that isn't working right now. We, the residents, and the animals, need the park itself to be healthy! I see lots of people, families walking and cycling, using the park every day, especially weekends, to exercise and go through. Please don't make it just like any other old park in a city, it is special! Please use the money wisely, look at studies on urban wildlife, and please help us take care of it! Also, many people let their dogs off leash, which is hard on those of us with kids or dogs who get aggressive on-leash when "sniffed" and greeted by a friendly well-intentioned off-leash pet. Do studies show anything about whether or not increasing

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structures around parks makes it more of an off leash dog area? It would be awful if Iron Mountain park became an area where people sit down and talk on their cell phones and let their dogs off leash while they romp and poop, like the folks do over at the playground by the closed elementary school next to LOJH. They pull up, park, and let their dogs out and sometimes don't even seem aware of what their dogs are doing because they are so involved in what is happening with someone on their phones.

- We really need more off-road cycling opportunities and bike paths in general.
- We ride a lot of bikes and would more areas to ride trails in the LO area. There are opportunities to expand this area and create a local riding venue for people of all ages.
- We would love a nature playscape at Iron Mountain. There is so much beauty along there that we could enjoy as a family.
- What about a bike path coming off of Iron Mountain Rd through the park behind the Hunt Club and onto Brookside Rd. It would act as a bypass of the Round-about providing another way to access Upper Dr.
- "What makes Iron Mountain park a special place is the fact that it is minimally touched by man. It is a place where I can go, close to home, and feel as if were out in the woods. I have seen deer, coyote, owls, red tailed hawks, numerous songbirds and a Cooper's hawk that crossed the trail right in front of me, maybe two feet off of the ground, expertly weaving it's way through the trees, at full speed. I have discovered wild white larkspur on this trail. When I went home to look it up, I found that it is a rare and endangered plant - right here, in town!"
- In my opinion, wild places are where discovery happens. A park is where a planner has decided and is telling you where to sit, where to play, what to see, what to do. It is controlled and maintained and restricted like every other public space: schools, roads. I think that it is important to have a place where we can just be. Iron Mountain is already that place, it would be a shame to pave paradise (and then put up a sign telling us how wonderful it is)."
- Wildlife protection and ecology of area should override the public's desire for build-outs like playgrounds, picnic areas, restrooms, or trail development.
- YES - I want to be able to mountain bike there. You need to allow riders again.
- Yes! We need an off leash dog park north of the lake. There is one south of the lake and it is a dusty dirty mess. A recent visit to Colorado revealed an amazing dog park with swim feature and it was pristine. The park system should support the needs of the community it serves. There is no place for dogs to run and they need off leash time. Right now I drive to 1000 acres or west linn. They are serving the needs of our community which isn't right.

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- "You need to find out the long range plans of the hunt club. I love the hunt club, but I don't know how well they are doing financially? They seem to be letting their barns deteriorate. If we get the chance, Lake Oswego should buy it and put in another community garden. I like all your ideas for Iron Mtn. Park. You are moving in the right direction. Just make sure you make the most use of the pond and clean up that ugly creek. Put a nice path behind the hunt club property. Encourage the hunt club members to welcome visitors. It is about time this property is put to good use. Maybe put in a little science area and show how rocks are turned into iron and then steel. Make everything wheelchair friendly. Install solar panels. Have bike racks. Install Wifi.
- There is a ton of flat area in the woods to the east of the clearing. Maybe not now, but eventually I would like to see more of this area landscaped and be more accessible for hiking or just hanging out. You could put in a loop trail all the way down to where the curve is on Iron Mtn. Rd."

**Please tell us a bit about yourself.**

Responses	Count	Percentage
I live in Lake Oswego	135	88.8%
I don't know where Iron Mountain Park is	9	5.9%
I have visited Iron Mountain Park	88	57.9%
I visit Iron Mountain Park regularly	71	46.7%
I live in one of the surrounding neighborhoods (Lake View/Summit, Lake Grove, Country Club)	85	55.9%
I have youth/children under the age of 18 living in my household	58	38.2%

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