



**BC Parks
Kootenay Okanagan Region**

Kalamalka Lake Park Management Planning Process

Draft Management Plan

Compiled Public Comments

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Note: The entries contained herein are direct extracts from public submissions (hardcopy) and on-line submissions and have not been corrected for grammar, etc.

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What type of activities do you like to do in the park or in the general land area?

Bike, hike, run, fat bike, snowshoe, swimming, paddle boarding, geocaching

Mountain biking

Bike, hike, swim

Kayak, mtn bike, swimming, hiking

Hike, swim, dog walk, mountain bike

Trail running

MTB/hiking/walking

Mountain bike

Swim, kayak to beaches (3), hiking

Mountain biking

Hiking, birding, botanizing – generally appreciated what ✓ park has to offer in ✓ way of natural features.

Cycling, running, hunting, swimming, boating

Access property beyond park and hike – mtn bike

Hiking

Hiking, nature study, quiet enjoyment, swimming, viewing, canoeing, value the park even when I don't use it

Biking, hiking, swimming, kayaking, paddleboarding & dog walking

Hike, swim, bird watch

Hiking year round (some snowshoeing)

Hiking

Walking/hiking/birdwatching/swimming

Hiking, birding, botanizing, picnicking, kayaking

MTB, hike, walk, swim, paddleboard, canoe, snowshoe, XC ski

Hike & kayak & snowshoe & (rarely) Xski
mtn bike mostly

Mountain biking, hiking and swimming

Hiking, wildlife viewing and birding

Mountain biking, swimming/park use

Hike, bird watching, enjoying seasonal nature in progress, walking dogs (on leash)

Hike the trails. Swim at Juniper & Jade Bay – out to rattlesnake point

Mountain biking & ebiking (elder with bad knees). Walking dog, Cosens Bay swimming

Mountain bike several days a week in Kal Park. Hike/snowshoe in winter

Hike and mountain bike

Hiking (year around), swimming. I'm in the park at least 30X per year.

Mountain biking / dog walking / snowshoe

MTB, hiking, climbing, swimming

Mountain biking. Rock climbing. Dog walking. Swimming

Mountain biking as a family of 6

Mountain biking with our 4 kids.

Mountain bike with children

Hiking & enjoyment of nature & peace & quiet

Bike, swim, run

Hiking and outdoor photography

Hiking, snowshoeing, swimming, canoeing

Mountain bike, walks with my wife, hikes, volunteer for trail maintenance with NOCS

Hike, bike, relax, meditate, be in nature

Mtn biking & trail running

Mountain biking, swimming, climbing, walking

Hiking, biking, snowshoeing, swimming – along shore

Biking, hiking, trail running, showing park to visiting friends & family

Biking and hiking

Mountain biking, hiking, dog walking

Hiking, running, swimming, cycling

95% mountain biking, 5% hike/snowshoe

Primarily mountain biking. Also hike & run, beach use

Hiking, swimming (Cosen's bay & Jade/Juniper), mountain biking

Hike, swim, dogwalk

Biking, hiking, swimming, dog walking

Hike, meditate, swim

Hiking

Mtn biking & trail running/hiking only on the ** single track trails **

Hiking, trail running, swimming, stand-up paddleboarding, mountain biking, climbing (rock)

Hike, swim, mountain bike

Hiking, swimming

Walking, hiking, swimming, picnic, snowshoe

mountain biking
climbing/ bouldering
swimming
paddle boarding
kayaking

Everything offered from hiking, trail running to swimming to mountain biking.

Running, getting away from the city

Trail Running
Hiking
Photography
Picnics
Swimming

Horse back riding

My wife and i enjoy swimming and walking in the park. When were walking we have plenty of interaction with other people on the trails. When we go swimming we find the beaches are packed with old and young alike.

horse riding, swimming

Horse ride, hike, bike.

We do hiking, biking, fishing and photography in the park.

Hiking, wildlife viewing, photography.

Hiking, biking and swimming/paddleboarding

Walk, hike, swim, mountain bike, wildlife viewing.
Bring visitors.

What are your general thoughts about the management plan?

It's important to work together. We have seen an increase in use in the park over the years so considerations for parking is important. We bring kids into the park and it's also important to have trails CLOSE to them for access – BUNNY trails are so used by little ones!! Please consider children in big picture too!!

Another trail other than Stone Free to get to the top

Considering all stakeholders is key but proportionate feedback with the # of users seems to make sense

Generally looks good. Would like to see parks working with NOCS as they also have the parks best interest in mind.

Concern that there was a fundamental carrying limit of the park that isn't identified within the plan

→ attempting to be all things to everyone leads to not satisfying any objective

Good

Looks pretty good. The Cosens Bay parking lot needs to be reviewed and upgraded as it is unsafe @ peak times. More parking is req'd.

Good overall

VG planning ahead

- need larger protected areas at beaches from annoying boats, etc.
- would like to see a protected corridor on east edge of lake for kayaks, boards, canoes to get to Jade, Juniper and Cosens Bays

I think it is great to maintain/restore ecosystems that are unique to the park. I hope there is potential for development of more mountain bike trails. Kal Park is being increasingly known as a mountain bike destination. Hopefully we can work together to build on this momentum.

I feel that given ✓ unlikely budget restrictions to enforce closures or violations. Really Kal Park has been pretty much devastated.
I doubt that even 5% of ✓ bikers have any knowledge of natural features!

A good balance. VERY grateful for the cooperation between Parks and NOCS. This is extremely valuable and appreciated. My children & myself have assisted in trail maintenance through NOCS and appreciate the opportunity to care of our own Park!

We need a reasonable outcome to the issues

- safe road – 2 lane with safe corners
- Parking and access for all users
- Secure use for mountain bikes. Certain groups want to restrict mtn bikes – maybe ban hiking in Park? More mountain bike users than hikers so hiking should be banned.

Keep in protecting nature as a priority.
Manage for a realistic carrying capacity.
Look for opportunities to expand park system in grassland areas.

Thank you for holding strong to protect conservation values (limiting trail growth, Cosen's Bay road expansion, limiting footprint of parking, etc.) The plan takes a practical approach to balancing uses, and I feel more confident that core park values will persevere.

It looks great to me.

Good. You need: more monitoring/ticketing. Trails are disgusting (near the Red Gate) smelling of dog urine and feces bags left on the trail. Dogs swim at all beaches. A uniformed ranger / policeperson should fine people.

Good for increasing Red Gate parking.

Nice climbing options

Timely review – am concerned about inordinate mountain bike usage to walkers & habitats & sensitive areas. I no longer hike on Silver Star – should not face same issues in a Provincial Park!!

I would like to see no cycling in the area of main park. Restrict it to walking. No issues with having cycling in the “newly” developed trails.

Some good points but maybe too many to absorb – condense your management strategies – choose priorities

I am disappointed that more of an effort has not been made to separate incompatible uses. As far as I am concerned mountain biking is generally incompatible with hiking and horse riding and I was hoping that mountain bikes would be restricted in the special natural feature zone to one or two trails to give them access to the vast network of trails in the nature recreation zone.

I notice on the map of the trail system (Figure 9 – page 31) the icon for hiking only – no cycling or horses appears only at turtle point. For me this is a problem. I would like to see cycling restricted to the fire road around the north side from the twin bays parking area, past the red gate entrance and around to the cozens bay around the west side of the ridge, with no access to any other trails in the special natural feature zone. I realize you are designating trails in the special natural feature zone as linear additions to the nature recreation zone, but I disagree with the vast majority of this, and as above only include the two trails I mentioned as linear additions to the nature recreation zone and leave all other trails fully contained in the special natural feature zone.

I am also actually shocked to learn that hunting is allowed in the park anywhere. Why is this? Seems incompatible with a protected, natural area.

I also consider power boating incompatible with swimmers, self powered water craft (stand up paddle boards, canoes, kayaks). I know it will never happen but I don't understand why Kalamalka Lake – a drinking water source, is allowed to have power boats. Power boats pollute the water. They are audibly disturbing and hazardous to swimmers & self powered water craft. I believe power boats should not be allowed on Kal Lake.

I did not find any mention of snowmobiles in the appropriate use table pp 54 – 55 so I am assuming they are not allowed in the aprk. I hope I am not wrong, but if I am you can put me down as being in favour of not allowing them in the park.

I would like to see increased effort to remove invasive species from the park.

Instead of increasing the size of parking areas who not a seasonal shuttle bus from a large parking area away from the park? Has this been evaluated?

Seems well thought out. Addresses many areas of concern, biking, hiking, wildlife conservation

Good to be pro-active
Build alternative bike routes prior to shut down

I would like to see continued cooperation with NOCS. We would like to see a trail that replaces Parabola with something that is sustainable and useable for climbing and descending.

What is the time range of the plan? 5 yrs?
Long range planning must look out & visualize 25 – 50 years in the future? What will greater Vernon population be then?

I echo the comments previously submitted by NOCS
Proposed hunting boundary changes make sense (I am a hunter)

It seems well thought out in attempts to address increasing population pressure with core values of conservation of fragile ecosystems. Educating and monitoring of users, and if damage occurs – trail closures might be necessary.

NOCS plan for fixing HRT sounds logical
Closing snakes & brakes – not happy, great scenic MTB trail

Would like the hunting exclusion zone expanded to at least the Rotten cabin trails elevation.
Would like a ride able trail built around High Rim Slide area.
We could use bigger parking @ Cousins Bay @ Cougar Canyon lots

It is good and its nice to see the request for public input. The ministry does need to seek and implement more public input.

Reasonable. Very pleased that no improvements to Cosens Bay Rd are contemplated. I'm in favour of zone separation for mtn bikers (that is, E. side of Cosens Valley only) I would like to see more parking & a outhouse at Red Gate entrance.

I am hoping that the parking lot within the park @ Cousins Bay does not go through. It would be an eyesore.

- Minimize horse access and have designated horse trails, as they cause MAX damage to trails!! I have seen MTB trails (Cross town, Serendipity, south park etc) severely damaged by horses.
- Enforce "dogs on leash policy"
- NO GROOMING for fat bikes – winter use – the land needs to rest

Generally good. – Things need to be balanced.

Don't close the Bunnies – one of the few single track trails that little kids can ride – much of the trails are harder

Sounds like BC Parks says Kal is maxed out with MTB trails. OK then. Close down a few that are too far gone and create some new trails. Trails that are built to be sustainable.

I would like to see more properly constructed bike trails. There are some older bike trails that need significant repairs and/or re-routes. Perhaps these could be de-commissioned in exchange for new trail routes being permitted.

I agree with Natural Feature Zone but we need to maintain or increase the ability to ride with children. A single track from the intersection of Gingerly & Dew Drops back to Cosens Bay parking.

I think it fails to prioritize conservation goals & maintenance of existing trails. Increasing access and parking without increasing trail maintenance & ranger patrols is a sure fire recipe for further environmental damage to the park.

- Road access through park need to be maintained and improved including winter access.
- Additional summer ranger presence is required
- I would like to see no additional parking added within the interior of the parkland.

Still reviewing the proposed plan

Its good but there needs to be enough money put into the park to properly maintain the trails. Not supportive of a parking lot in the park @ Cosens Bay. Why not move horse trailers to the main lot (Jade Bay) ???

Trail closures for mt biking temporary or permanent. Looking at future population growth and park use, the managers do need to monitor how this affects the park as it effects the natural environment.

Want to minimize impacts on the natural beauty of the park. No camping.

Good – love that it’s remote & natural with limited vehicles.

- x I don’t want to see more horses in the park. Less would be better.
- x Please do not expand parking at the climbing trail head. Bikers should be discouraged from driving through the park.
- x Please forget about grooming snow for fat bikes = no machines in park!!

It looks comprehensive, thoughtful, consideration being given to needs of plants, animals, community, Indigenous culture, access, different uses, intensity of use.

- o Agree with limiting use to trails in Special Natural Feature Zone
- o Would like inclusion of bunnies

Wishy washy, not a lot of facts

I would like to see horses on separate trails. They are heavy & destroy single track trails and leave awful messes. I don't see a need for groomed trails in the Park, not Kal Park. I'd like to see a designated area to bike with dogs off leash – not entire Park, perhaps area not well used for hiking.

It seems reasonable & well thought out. Good to see the proposed rationalization of hunting boundaries – we have had some awkward encounters with hunters in core area – changes will help people by reducing confusion.

Overall in agreement with the plan within prov mandate – while my primary use is mtb I appreciate the conservation value. I would like to see continued value put on parks outside of human use, mainly wildlife & critical habitat areas.

Overall looks good.

1. Would appreciate consideration for a single track multi-use trail to replace the washed out HRT. This would keep access to Twista and 36.
2. If the bunnies are closed, I suggest exploring the possibility of also closing the Parabola and replacing it with a single track, 2 way, multi-use trail.

I agree on the proposed trail closures except for the Bunny Trails. I have a young daughter (she is 10) that likes to ride her bike on that trail. I also coach Sprock Kids & Trail Ningas (mountain bike coaching for kids) and the Bunny Trails are a go to trail for our groups.

Appreciate the measures that will be taken for erosion control and species habitat protection but without enforcement can't see how these will be effective. It is great to see approved off leash area for dogs. Would be nice to see a greater restriction on biking speed within the park.

Working to better maintain & improve trails in the core area in the park is a great idea. Consider youth and beginner trail development in the park where possible & appropriate. Obtaining private land to create additional parking at Cosens Bay would be optimal.

Appears good. Would prefer loud boats and their music to be banned.

Generally pleased with context. Pleased with plans for parking improvement at Red Gate and attempts to acquire private land to expand Cosens Bay parking lot (but do not want to see parking moved inside park here)

Generally it seems appropriate although I am in favour of anything that protects the park from car traffic as possible. Road access & current parking allows for day use and keeps limits to vehicles in protected areas to a reasonable amount.

We need to pay less attention to “car”-motivated requests, comments and proposals, and mostly to human-powered (eg. By food and bike). Cars on the road was a big mistake but that’s a legal issue, and now lost (see mid-90’s). Horses – ok. Bikes – yield to pedestrians. Cars – have only led to widening of road, via grading side of road erosion.

I do not (strongly) favour using existing parkland for new parking!!! I think encouraging park users to carpool or park away from the lots during busy times would go a long way. I am thinking in particular working with NOCS in this regard.

The general theoretical plan sounds fair, accommodating the Great Mother Earth. I read a lot of empty spaces left out, that could be potentially a negative to the Earth, water, trees & flora fauna & animals. What about all the logging that is being stripped clean in Kal Park, nothing was said about that?

Fairly comprehensive but does not address keeping areas for Ecological/natural purposes only. If some of the southern section along Cougar Canyon was designated “SNF zone” it would stop future expansion of trails, bikes, horses, etc. at the expense of wildlife & natural environment. Maybe reconsider protecting some of this area for “Special Natural” or NO Admittance zone?

Generally good. Seems to be biased towards horse users.

Good to address concerns from all user groups.

I did not realize I was biking next to hunting areas. A 50m backset is meaningless, as a bullet can

travel that distance in a fraction of a second. Bikers move through the forest quickly, and hunters are trained to spot movement in the woods. Bikers also don't often wear safety orange clothing.

That there is no point in wasting time to respond. I and many others spent quality time to be thoughtful and respond to the first round, however, it was clear in conversations with several BC Parks staff at the open house that Parks had a clear plan for the park regardless of input. There was no room for discussion on any number of topics unless you were interested in reducing the footprint and restricting access. A quote from the meeting (and this is a paraphrase as I can no longer remember the exact words) "Our job (BC Parks) is to protect the park and the lands, not promote access and increased usage which will degrade the park." Good thing all that range tenure land is so easy on the park but heaven forbid if you add a trail or try to improve them to make them more sustainable where needed, instead you find it easier to shut them down. Yes, protect sensitive areas such as the snake den area and the grasslands but utilize less quality areas to increase recreational opportunities. I could go on but I left the open house very disappointed that I wasted my time going and taking my time to respond the first time around.

DO NOT GIVE IN TO THE COTTAGE OWNERS WHO BOUGHT WHEN THE COSENS BAY ROAD WAS AS IS NOW IS. You will destroy the park if the road is widened and parking is made more prevalent. It must remain as wild as possible.

I agree hunting should be prohibited in the proposed area

Easy parking access

In general we think the plan is sound with a few exceptions.

Horse trailer parking needs to be kept a priority in the management plan

Doesn't focus on community recreation, only focuses on "Recreation Zones" without community considerations of the City of Vernon's push for biking networks. Obviously identifies the lack of suitable parking for horse trailers and connective trails to the horse allowable trails.

We are avid campers and would like to see more opportunities in particular in the undeveloped areas. We don't camp at the park along the highway as it lacks that camping ambiance we are looking for and Ellison is too far from the shore. We would love to see a campground developed at shore level and be able to accommodate trailers as well as tents. Most people don't have boats and therefore are unable to explore the far reaches of the lake, including our family. More Provincial Park quality camping is needed in our province as it has become a major 3 season attraction. My hope is that Parks focuses less on expanding current Park campgrounds and more on creating new ones all together.

Overall good, I am particularly interested in the reptile and amphibian populations that exist within the park. More action to protect the dwindling rattlesnake populations and reduce human interaction would be good.

The management plan is good overall, keeping the majority of the park in its natural state is a good idea. Maintaining many of the areas as footpath access only makes sense. Providing safe vehicle access to two parking lots on the east side of the park would be preferable. Most other parks have paved access and then users access the park through a trail system. Good examples of this are on the Oregon coast where there is significant users in parks, paved access is provided from which the users access the parks by foot. The roads should have speed bumps, or other means of keeping the speed down to ensure safety, but by paving the road dust would be kept down. This would improve the air quality for all users. The road definitely has to be improved on the east side, it is not suitable for the number of users and is not up to standards compared to most other BC Parks. It is a significant safety risk.

The park should be non-smoking, with the exception of designated areas where infrastructure for proper disposal of butts is provided, dogs should be on leashes. There should only be fires allowed in designated areas, unauthorized fires should be penalized firmly. Forest fires are a significant concern. The number of users in summer would warrant increased presence of park staff to ensure that park rules are enforced.

All horse access should initiate from the edge of the park, having trailers in the park is a challenge.

Generally good on management intent. Could be more specific and provide timelines for certain management objectives. The fuel reduction management objectives need to become a fuel reduction plan which is implemented in the near future. The area of the park that is adjacent to Kidston road between the Red Gate and the Twin Beaches entrance needs an aggressive fuel reduction treatment with the end result mimicking tree cover levels similar to that shown on the 1938 photo in your draft report. In the event of a fire, the current forest encroachment would result in a severe fire that would cut off access to all Long Lake Estate residents and potentially result in loss of life and property.

Mountain bike trail building should be to a standard that provides for basic drainage of the trails. Currently there are many areas of trails that get eroded during snow melt and significant rain

events due to the lack of basic drainage design. This is a easy fix IMO.
There should be more trails built to the green ability level in consideration of young children and the older demographic.

Parking at Red Gate needs to be expanded or physical barriers placed in existing parking so that the area does not get overcrowded creating traffic hazards.

Please don't allow mountain biking to wreck this park, as they have done to countless other parks and open spaces. Please restrict bicycles to paved roads.

Bicycles should not be allowed in any natural area. They are inanimate objects and have no rights. There is also no right to mountain bike. That was settled in federal court in 1996:

. It's dishonest of mountain bikers to say that they don't have access to trails closed to bikes. They have EXACTLY the same access as everyone else -- ON FOOT! Why isn't that good enough for mountain bikers? They are all capable of walking....

A favorite myth of mountain bikers is that mountain biking is no more harmful to wildlife, people, and the environment than hiking, and that science supports that view. Of course, it's not true. To settle the matter once and for all, I read all of the research they cited, and wrote a review of the research on mountain biking impacts . I found that of the seven studies they cited, (1) all were written by mountain bikers, and (2) in every case, the authors misinterpreted their own data, in order to come to the conclusion that they favored. They also studiously avoided mentioning another scientific study (Wisdom et al) which did not favor mountain biking, and came to the opposite conclusions.

Mountain bikers also love to build new trails - legally or illegally.

Of course, trail-building destroys wildlife habitat - not just in the trail bed, but in a wide swath to both sides of the trail! E.g.

grizzlies can hear a human from one mile away, and smell us from 5 miles away. Thus, a 10-mile trail represents 100 square miles of destroyed or degraded habitat, that animals are inhibited from using.

Mountain biking, trail building, and trail maintenance all increase the number of people in the park, thereby preventing the animals' full use of their habitat.

Mountain biking accelerates erosion, creates V-shaped ruts, kills small animals and plants on and next to the trail, drives wildlife and other trail users out of the area, and, worst of all, teaches kids that the rough treatment of nature is okay (it's NOT!). What's good about THAT?

To see exactly what harm mountain biking does to the land, watch this 5-minute video: <http://vimeo.com/48784297>.

In addition to all of this, it is extremely dangerous:

The common thread among those who want more recreation in our parks is total ignorance about and disinterest in the wildlife whose homes these parks are. Yes, if humans are the only beings

that matter, it is simply a conflict among humans (but even then, allowing bikes on trails harms the MAJORITY of park users -- hikers and equestrians -- who can no longer safely and peacefully enjoy their parks).

The parks aren't gymnasiums or racetracks or even human playgrounds. They are WILDLIFE HABITAT, which is precisely why they are attractive to humans. Activities such as mountain biking, that destroy habitat, violate the charter of the parks.

Even kayaking and rafting, which give humans access to the entirety of a water body, prevent the wildlife that live there from making full use of their habitat, and should not be allowed. Of course those who think that only humans matter won't understand what I am talking about -- an indication of the sad state of our culture and educational system.

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I am working on creating wildlife habitat that is off-limits to humans ("pure habitat"). Want to help?
(I spent the previous 8 years fighting auto dependence and road construction.)

Wildlife must be given top priority, because they can't protect themselves from us.

Please don't put a cell phone next to any part of your body that you are fond of!

Have the draft objectives/strategies addresses your key management issues in the park?

Parking ✓ yes
Fire protection needs to be addressed!

Consultation with NOCS on development of usable trails makes sense.

I would love to see motor boats restricted. Gas fumes, noise, benzene and other chemicals do not belong on the lake.

Probably – haven't reviewed it all.

Yes, but there will be more pressure placed on the Park due to more people using the park. Better signage for the various uses would be great.

Yes

- parking Red Gate
- off leash dogs! – please enforce rules

As much collaboration with NOCS as possible

Yes

Partially

Looks good – an innovative approach to restricting trail growth/expansion.
Need more \$ for park operations.

I will take a more detailed look at plan online and provide any further comments, but at quick look, looks good!

My two main concerns are the invasive plant species taking over the grasslands and trail erosion due to bike use. I can see you have plans to limit bike use in muddy areas but am unclear about how IP will be addressed.

No more cycling trails – good idea
No smoking in the park – good idea – if enforced

There should be specified language re: trail usage. I do not see delineated mountain bike trails – I have had to jump at a bell(s) & move off the path. Smell of dog urine – walking dogs okay but is Kal Park a dog park? “Enforcement” & signage re dogs in beach areas needs to be maintained for a long time.

Yes

It has addressed everything but this is impractical – condense it

No – see general thoughts

Largely. Would like to see fuel management addressed more specifically on the north side interface area.

Climate change (fire mitigation!) will require though regarding additional stresses on current species

Currently have no issue, other than the decision not to allow snow grooming in the park for fat biking and trail running

Yes – more resources are needed to enforce these strategies.

Use of park area will increase as population increases. Important to work with various user groups (i.e. NOCS) to manage use appropriately.

I feel as public pressure with increased use by hikers, bikers, horses, further encroaches on fragile grasslands, more monitoring of trail users will be necessary. Hikers often feel intimidated by mountain bikers. Maybe separate trails for each.

Would love a no boat zone from Juniper out to Rattlesnake Point and around the point. Too much noise from boats and radios.

In general, yes.

They are missing the need to repair the HR9 and develop more trails.

Pretty much

Mostly, I'm disappointed at some trail closures but support others.

- Expand swimming areas at all beaches, BAN motor boats at Cosens Bay!!
- NO E-BIKES (→it is a motorized vehicle!)
- NO HUNTING IN ANY PART OF A PROVINCIAL PARK
- Barriers along Cosens Bay Road to prevent vehicles from parking along the road

Please remember that Kal Park mountain biking has become a major tourist draw for Vernon. (“5th best area in BC to mountain bike” – as per Trailforks – ahead of Revelstoke, Golden,)

I think BC Parks under estimates the positive economic impact that mountain biking brings to Vernon. Mountain bikers spend significantly more \$ locally than all other park users combined!

Not really. I don't like the idea of seeing more land lost to parking and the idea of increasing maintenance & ranger patrols in proportion to increased usage is also missing.

Soliciting plan input from larger community before adoption is to be commended! Plan must address long term needs as best as we can identify them.

Not sure. Need to see what activities are generated as a result. Maybe its time to limit access to more areas of the park to protect the flora & fauna or limit types of activities like horses & biking. Cosens Bay is used extensively for swimming, canoeing & kayaking. There is nothing in the plan to reduce the speed of power boats in this area – why???

Horse manure, trail damage in wet areas/seasons and trailer parking may not have been looked at too thoroughly. Dog manure close to walking trails.

A major use is biking and biking is all about flow and fun. I'm concerned about the HRT rebuild not being a grade that is bikeable or sustainable – if it's steep – won't it have the same fate? Flow of linking up trails is important and right now Stoned Free is too high to access 3600 and Twista. A linked up trail or additional trails to Twisted Sister would be a huge addition to the fun factor.

Fun single track trails should not be closed, specifically “the bunnies” “baselift”. – The bunnies should extend to the wall trail. – Baselift could extend down to Sidewinder.

Concern regarding the ongoing prescribed burning to remove excessive fuel → is enough being done to take into consideration the hotter, dryer climate change that is occurring?

? fire management? Plan to re-establish grassland?

Parking is always an issue and I believe you are addressing the issue. Horse trailers cause me concern.

I think so if restrictions/closures enforced. We particularly are concerned with bikes eroding/braiding trails in the spring. Need to keep riders out until the ground dries or properly design & culvert obvious soft spots. This also applies to horses in wet areas in the spring.

Ebikes – I am not in favour of ebikes within BC Parks. I would like to see BC Parks take guidance from the USGS & ride areas with established no ebike policies & rationale why.

Yes

I honestly don't see the rationale in closing the bunnies because they are redundant. These trails offer an entirely different experience than the main coming around the mountain trail without having to travel far into the park.

Key issues for me would be the control of erosion caused by the mountain bike use and cut trails they are creating throughout the park. Would love for there to be increased park staff initially to curtail misuse of the trail system.

Attaining private land to address parking issues at Cosens Bay is an excellent idea. Thank-you for not considering a lower parking lot at Cosens.

Fairly well

Yes for most part. My concerns are: address damage to hiking trails; parking; protection of grasslands (support control of invasives and use of burns to control in-growth by trees); enforcement of dogs on leash; no further growth in mountain biking trails; protection of rattlesnake habitat.

Parking areas existing being enlarged makes most sense with the minimal overtaking of park land by the proposed new parking area still near Cousins Bay existing lot. I mountain bike and trail run and love how respectful these activities have been developed by Parks and NOCS.

Again, it's a park. Attention off cars on road. No parking above CBG. Parking expansion – ok. But it's only at peak of summer that Twin Bays lots are crowded – fullshort wait for a space. Buy land adjacent to C.B.G. = great idea! R.G. – would not expand there. Keep the park a park not a parking lot.

As far as the Cosens Bay Road it appears that the road allowance either side of Cosens Bay (20 metres) will be widened not taking into consideration the Public Protest from 2016 that there was 5000 people who protected expanding the road for the 5 cabin owners at the lake?

1. Still concerned regarding Bike Trail expansion and erosion of existing trails. Monitoring of bike trails is essential and should be done annually to prevent emergence of 'new' unapproved trails as well as erosion & spread of invasives. "Cap" the number of trails. Use connection with 'biking society' to disseminate trail closures & concerns & reminders of rules.
2. Open communication with horseback societies for purpose of education, trail concerns or closures, for reiteration of Park Guidelines and regulations, etc.
3. Hunting & Trapping – closure for entire park should be considered
4. Invasive plant species – has controlled grazing by goats or sheep been considered? Subcontract out to a farmer?
5. First Nations – more interpretive signage could be considered. Geological, geographical & historical interpretive signage could be of interest as well. Place in areas of most use, such as Juniper Day use beach area.
6. Increase areas that would be off limits to human use – such as the region by Cougar Canyon – for greater ecosystem protection (other than just protection of the open forest/grassland regions)
7. Monitoring of trails, bike trails, etc. needs to be done by Parks staff. Reliance should NOT be 100% on the actual "user groups" as conflict of interest and education, experience would be inconsistent. Volunteers play a crucial role but should not be relied upon for 100%.
8. Are all biking trails open to hiking use? How to monitor this?

I think so.

Under 3.1.2 "General ", it is stated, "Explore opportunities to broaden visitor experiences to include facilities which support those with physical challenges." Please understand that electric pedal assist mountain bikes are not the same as electric bikes, mopeds, scooters, or motorcycles. They impact the trails only as much as regular mountain bikes do, and far less than horses. For people with mobility challenges, an e-mountain bike can be life changing, allowing them to return to trails they used to enjoy as their age, frailty, or illness progresses. They allow people with physical challenges to get out and enjoy the park. Even for those less fit citizens, e-mountain bikes encourage physical activity, and get people off their couches and outside exercising. E-bikes allow people to bike to the park from home, rather than driving, and ease parking concerns. They are eco-friendly, and low impact. BC Provincial Parks is looking at high use areas like the Sea to Sky corridor, and coming up with plans regarding e-bikes that will affect every park in the province, based on the needs of coastal areas only. This is short-sighted, Vancouver-centric, and doesn't allow for the individual needs of communities across the province. I urge you to reconsider banning e-mountain bikes from all BC Parks across the board, and use a more individual approach based on the needs assessments of communities, including Kal Park.

Acquiring as much private land as possible that is adjacent to the park is a good idea to protect and enlarge the park for the future, and to limit housing development next to the park.

I object to the Special Natural Features Zone as it limits trail development in that area. New trails are vital to prevent overuse and damage of existing trails, and user conflicts and accidents.

No. This is "check box" planning at its worst. You go through the steps because you are required (i.e. public consultations, open house, etc.) but there is nothing that says you actually need to consider what the public is interested in.

I see too much discussion of the Cosens Bay road. It should not be improved to avoid increasing the numbers of visitors to the backcountry.

Yes

No

No. To us and also a lot of people that we meet in the park the access to cousins bay is way to restricting for anybody young families or older people included. It is the opinion of more than a few residents that there needs to be a proper gravel road witch could follow the existing horse trail down to cousins bay/ lagoon stopping approx. 100 yards short of the beach. A small parking lot maybe 50 to 75 cars wood be needed. By doing this it wood give public access to the drassticly unused beach that is cousins bay. Presently we have to walk over 3 kilometers to get to the beach from the existing parking lot. This parking area is gennerly full of horse trailers and leaves little or no parking for cars. The idea of walking such a long distance to the beach with kids and coolers and beach bags is redicklous. The community of Coldstream and Vernon is growing. Kal beach is way over exposed in the summer.

Yes.

Somewhat. I see a lot of focus on trails for biking and hiking in intensive recreation zones, while excluding horse use. While there may be a safety consideration in place for blue/black trail interaction, green uptrack and green downhill trails are an opportunity to expand on more equestrian use.

I would like to see a "Watch for Snakes" sign along Cousins Bay rd, as I've seen in other BC parks. I have personally witnessed many deceased rattlesnakes and gopher snakes on this road, and have on a few occasions stopped traffic to let a snake pass.

Yes overall, but the Plan Highlights should include a concrete statement about improving the road system. This has to be addressed, it is the greatest need for park improvement. As new users to the park, it is hard to believe a plan is not in place for this.

yes

Is BC Parks missing any information that would assist this management planning process?

Children use bunny trails and safer than in main access trails. Would like to see consideration for perhaps leaving trails along this side open.

Sign improvement

I get quite concerned about the amount of fuel in the park. Dealing with this fuel is long overdue. I have fought wildfire and would hate to see it hit the park and Coldstream.

Could step-up thinning and prescribed burning. Recently returned from California and was impressed by the scale of fire abatement work.

Like to identify use limit and then what/where is the next Kal Park. North Okanagan population is 3X what it was in 1975.

Extent of trail running in SNF zone. Kal rats have weekly evening run and single track trails in south part of the park aer a bit far away to access and footing is not as good for night running when it's dark. We will miss the bunnies. Bunnies are also part of our race course that we use for the Kal Park X-C race in October.

Beautiful park. Thanks much.

A knowledge of the ecosystems found in the park. Distribution of the "Guide to Kal Park" would go a long way to make people aware of the flora & fauna.

No

Great job!

I have seen horses from Coldstream Ranch in the park. One was very distraught & out of control. They were difficult to reach – perhaps better fencing along the ranchland?

Maybe specified dog trails.

Seems good

Yes – it should be emphasized that Kal Pk is a CLASS A prov park and was formed not for pure recreation (class B & C pks are for that) but because of its natural features to preserve. It is a representative flora & fauna area to be conserved from development. You can recreate in a Class A park but it is not the main reason the park was formed.

Not that I am aware of

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No

What is the historic park use in visitor event? What is the projected use in 25 – 50 years?

Remember that it is our responsibility to leave a small foot-print so that future generations will have access. We seem to be failing here if you consider predicted species loss (60%) over-all.

NOCS is a solid organization. These volunteers are tireless and dedicated to all things good, concerning stewardship.

There is nothing wrong with Cosens Bay Rd that driving the speed limit wouldn't solve.

Somehow mtn bikers need to be stopped from going off trail (creating new adhoc trails)

I'd still love to see a trail that I could ride to Twin Bays for a swim. I understand I can walk but it would be nice to ride. Cousins Bay is undesirable due to boats blaring music.

- no parking expansion within the park
- restore (washout) high rim trail section as it is the most sensible route
- designation of trails – who has right away – primary use is:
 - hiking
 - mtb
 - horse riding

Seek further info from climbing groups about other crags.

It would seem that BC Parks is missing something. Closing the bunnies limits available terrain for kids. Kids are important! Their interests need to be considered.

Not sure?

IF NOCS has neglected green trail loops from the parking lots.

You don't consider making access easier for low income users such as providing a weekend shuttle. Everything is centred around car access. How does this relate to the province's climate change strategy.

Removal of traveled path of roadway from parkland and managed by MOT would be the preferred path forward.

Not sure I saw on going interaction with educational community and schools addressed.

Bikers don't like double track.

I am not aware of missing information.

Less broad statements, more facts about specific trails and features

Re ebikes: I would welcome parks to check out and ride the different types of ebikes so the decision regarding e-bikes is as informed as possible. Either way, education will be key.

Regarding e-bikes, they actually cause less damage, especially on climbs. When a trail is too steep to pedal up, you typically push your bike up the trail, walking to the side, feet slipping and eroding the side of the trail.

Using descretion and allowing e-biking only where ecologically appropriate sounds reasonable.

Looks good

* Please do not replace HRT trail by skidder as it is too steep a grade to be used by bikes or hiking. Thank you for keeping the jewel of a park – as much of a protected day use area as possible with non-motorized activities. ** NO CAMPING***

Trying to appease all groups is admirable and democratic, but don't cower to cabin colony owners who drive at excessive speeds along their "road". Hugh dust clouds in summer, and snakes – watch out!

Informing park users in various ways could go a long way to help protect park and avoid user conflict. In particular, again, focusing on mountain biking. Signage for example to limit speeds in ??? spots. Warnings to stay on trails and to not ride on muddy trails.

It's not clear where the hunting area will be permitted. 50 meters from a trail head seems a pretty short distance from someone shooting a gun to that direction.

What is duration of the Plan? When is next scheduled review?

The high number of motorized boats and jet skis on the lake and at beach areas is dangerous, polluting, noisy, and disruptive. Boaters should not be permitted to drop buoys at beaches in Kal Park and leave them there for the whole season. BC Parks should work together with DFO and the cities of Vernon and Coldstream on management issues (like motorized watercraft) that impact the beaches inside Kal Park.

You could work with the city to install and maintain bike lanes on city streets leading to the park, and add bike only access gates that would encourage users to bike to the park instead of drive, easing the burden on parking areas.

Yes, having staff that actually is interested in listening to the community.

None

Widening the road....

Not sure. I know the area I think you refer to as cousins valley was used by the military for mortar shell training at one time. So that area was blasted to bits. The natural habitat that was there is long gone. Please give us we the people better access to the beach and swimming so everybody can enjoy the area and not just horse riders or boaters.

Not that I can recall at this time

It appears the bouldering climbing area is outside of the park. Is there interest in acquiring that crown land for inclusion of Kal Park? If so, why? Versus passing this onto the crown Recreation Division? Also doesn't caption the intensive recreation of the King Eddie bike network southeast of park.

Rattlesnakes and gopher snakes are frequently seen dead on the road. Road mortality is a big issue for many wildlife populations.

Looks like all aspects have been highlighted.
