

RESULTS OF TAYLOR MOUNTAIN DAY - PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY

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POTENTIAL USES & ACTIVITIES

1. Do you generally agree with the presented list of uses and activities?

Yes: **84** (85.7%)

No: **9** (9.2%)

No Response: **5** (5.1%)

Comments / Suggestions: **See Exhibit A for all comments/suggestions received in the Potential Uses & Activities category**

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN - TRAILS

1. Does the proposed conceptual trail layout meet the needs of multiple trail users (e.g. pedestrians, bicyclists, equestrians)?

Yes: **79** (80.6%)

No: **5** (5.1%)

No Response: **14** (14.3%)

2. Does the proposed conceptual trail layout show:

The right amount of trails: **69** (70.4%)

Not enough trails: **8** (8.2%)

Too many trails: **3** (3.1%)

No Response: **18** (18.4%)

Comments / Suggestions: **See Exhibit B-1 for all comments/suggestions received in the Conceptual Site Plan - Trails category**

CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN - TRAILHEADS & PARKING AREAS

1. Are there enough access points to the property?

Yes: **71** (72.4%)

No: **14** (14.3%)

No Response: **13** (13.3%)

2. Do you agree with the locations of the access points?

Yes: **73** (74.5%)

No: **7** (7.1%)

No Response: **18** (18.4%)

Comments / Suggestions: **See Exhibit B-2 for all comments/suggestions received in the Conceptual Site Plan - Trailheads & Parking Areas category**

KAWANA SPRINGS AREA

1. Do you generally agree with the presented list of uses and activities?

Yes: **81 (82.7%)**

No: **6 (6.1%)**

No Response: **11 (11.2%)**

2. Check all the appropriate uses and improvements:

50 - Primary access point

16 - Access only for special events

36 - Restore bath house

51 - Visitor/Docent center

45 - Museum

33 - Classroom

29 - Regional Parks field office

26 - Café / Restaurant

15 - Private reservation space

36 - Rebuild the historic hotel

17 - Bed & Breakfast/Boutique Hotel

14 - Rebuild the garage

60 - Picnic shelters

11 - Vendor spaces

44 - Trail staging area

45 - Informational kiosk(s)

52 - Bike racks

48 - Hitching posts

52 - Educational exhibits

27 - Restore resort landscape

29 - Weddings

56 - Picnic tables

41 - Camping sites

34 - Horse rides

19 - Bike/stroller rentals

26 - Snack bar

Comments / Suggestions: **See Exhibit C for all comments/suggestions received in the Kawana Springs**

Area category

BARN AREA

1. Do you generally agree with the presented list of uses and activities?

Yes: **70 (71.4%)**

No: **4 (4.1%)**

No Response: **24 (24.5%)**

2. Check all the appropriate uses and improvements:

29 - Add windows

38 - Add septic system

48 - Add potable water

37 - Solar panels

20 - Bunk-room / cots

49 - Educational gatherings

42 - Environmental classroom

39 - Summer camps

16 - Private reservation space

19 - Hostel

18 - Maintenance equipment storage

29 - Overnight camping - individual

37 - Overnight camping - group

44 - Group picnic

Comments / Suggestions: **See Exhibit D for all comments/suggestions received in the Barn Area category**

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Exhibit A: Comments/Suggestions Received in the Potential Uses & Activities Category

- Leave as “open space” with access after orientations.
- Emphasis on interpretive education and community use suggested.
- Keep it simple and low key.
- Not sure if I agree with the presented list of uses and activities.
- Put elevation on the permit program trail signs – and Master Plan trail signs
- I like barn use for outdoor ed, hostel, weddings, corporate retreats. Not in favor of horse rentals and snack bars and equipment rental. I’d like the grazing to continue.
- Don’t build costly visitor center building, just use bulletin boards to post information on park.
- It will be nice if it is kept natural.
- This park is well-located open space near lots of commercial areas. Park visitors should come to Taylor Mountain to enjoy nature and go to town for B&B lodging, restaurant, snacks, bike rentals, etc.
- Severely limit bikes, don’t allow horses.
- Keep drive-in camping limited, especially RV’s – not too large an area, or too many sites.
- I think the main three goals are just right.
- Just don’t make switchbacks that impact the viewshed. Preserve wild flower areas.
- I think making the lake a lake again would be great (Mt. Burdell is covered with cows and has a fenced off lake).
- I would like to see an area set aside for a paintball field.
- Any thought to putting in BBQ/picnic areas? Places where children can play? A playground?
- Multi-purpose is key to success.
- I would eliminate the camping options as too potentially hazardous to the park as well as neighboring properties.
- Wilderness areas only – spots left for no bikes/horses/dogs.
- Disc golf baskets in non-environmentally sensitive areas.
- Would limit development of property.
- Thank you for including dogs on leash!
- Should focus on day use.
- Radical idea: Keep Mt. Taylor open by permit only. Sorry, there should not be dogs allowed in the park. All it takes is a few “off leash” dogs to dramatically disrupt wildlife habitat. People do not universally observe leash laws. Please, do not permit dogs. Conscientious people will understand. There are plenty of ‘dog parks’ – or, create a small one off Farmer’s Lane extension.
- Generally GREAT!

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- No horse facility/rental/rides. No to snack bar at resort. Interesting idea to enhance/rebuild area for historical reasons and as revenue generator (lodging).
- Keep the dog use option in the plan.
- No drive-in camping. No dogs.
- Again, bike use should not be permitted. Dogs – leashed should be permitted.
- No big groups. No big camping. Maybe individual camping.
- It is going to be more fun.
- There should be places for families to stop and eat – not the whole giant family, just immediate family. There should be resting spots along the trails with activities or educational materials so that stops have educational or entertainment value for everybody including children so they can learn and explore.
- We support the idea of having stroller-accessible trails so we can take our babies on hikes.
- I would like for people to be able to bring their pets. I have a dog and I like to take him out.
- A park close to home allows us to walk and ride bikes in the mountains.
- It is ample and varied. I feel it is missing a thematic ecological path dedicated to native plants with their names, and to an equal extent dedicated to local fauna (birds, deer, etc.).

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Exhibit B-1: Comments/Suggestions Received in the Conceptual Site Plan – Trails Category

- Limited trail use for horses. What about trail maintenance after horse and bike use? Fire protection is a must.
- Reduce trail bike use. Don't eliminate but restrict cow grazing.
- Pedestrians need more vistas – views of distances – on the western trail – if trails could loop out around the trees and see the other side with a bench to sit on when we get there.
- 1-Add hiking only (ADA?) trail near trailhead with a destination/view point (about 1 mile) with interpretive exhibits/nature trail. 2-Need a BMX/bike park area (perhaps north of Farmers Lane extension). 3-Need multi-use (service road) double track loop through park (for equestrians walking side by side).
- Some of the trails along the hill contours would be easier to walk if they were flatter (see drawing on hard copy of Andy Howard's survey) – but not a big deal.
- I think that some single use trails for walkers/runners only – no bikes – would be a relaxing and less stressful way to hike Taylor Mountain.
- Keeping people on trails can be a challenge. If too few trails are provided more people will make their own.
- Trails look good; prefer pedestrian use. Please limit bikes and horses so that hikers have at least one route with no others.
- Would really like to see some single-track, hiking only trails; especially in more remote and/or ecologically sensitive areas.
- Need more time to see (provided no response to question 2).
- Awesome.
- Just keep one trail for hiking only. Almost too many trails – please ensure that impacts from bicycles do not damage features. Adobe soil is tricky.
- Concept is great.
- When you allow mountain bikes, the needs of pedestrians are always at risk! Get so sick of having to scoot to the right constantly (“on you left!”)
- Proposed conceptual trail layout did not include “kids” nature walk. There are not enough trails – children – young.
- Just on bike/horse trail wide enough not to crowd hikers. All other trails narrow and intimate.
- Single track for bike and pedestrians - should be predominant trails developed.
- This proposed trail layout has the right amount of trails as best as I know “now” – 10/16/10.
- The proposed conceptual trail layout meets the needs of multiple trail users – at least to begin with. The conceptual trail layout shows the right amount of trails at this time.
- Maybe some “single track” trails for pedestrians with bikes excluded.
- The conceptual trail layout shows the right amount of trails as best as I can see at this time.

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- Loop trails are preferred.
- The proposed conceptual trail layout meets the needs of multiple trail users – except dogs. The proposed conceptual trail layout shows too many trails – a tough balancing act, but better to open with fewer trails, rotate usable trails (hard to convey to the public, but necessary) – otherwise we end up with over used land and no habitat!
- Some additional single use (hiking only) trails near trailhead. Bike park/trails north of Farmers Lane extension should be planned for MND.
- Please no horses.
- Too many trails on conceptual site plan. No bicycles on single track!
- Create a “dog park” area.
- On top of hill like to see the view point w/ 360 degree map of explanations.
- No bikes!
- The plan looks good to me, allowing access to points of interest while preserving nature.
- The map doesn’t show the access points for people who use wheel chairs.

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Exhibit B-2: Comments/Suggestions Received in the Conceptual Site Plan – Trailheads & Parking Areas Category

- I would like there to be an access point closer to the Kawana Terrace neighborhood.
- I suggest a Bennett Valley Road entrance.
- Is there going to be an access point on the east side? Don't make it easy to drive right up for parties and hiking, etc., because you'd have vandalism and overuse.
- I don't want to see the trails criss-crossing when I look up at the mountain.
- The banks of Colgan Creek next to Kawana Terrace are steep and undercut. Kawana Terrace is likely not a reliable long-term route to access park. I would like to see more emphasis on the Petaluma Hill Road access. It's easy to get to and on a road that people know and travel a lot.
- More on east side if possible.
- There are enough access points to the property without Farmers Lane. Make the access off Petaluma Road a priority.
- No need for new locations.
- Include the Petaluma Hill Road access.
- Would love to see access points from Bennett Valley Road.
- Seems like a very good beginning – good luck!
- Need access point off Petaluma Hill Road.
- Need access from east side of park.
- Need access points off of Bennett Valley Road.
- So far so good.
- No to Petaluma Hill Road access – although Kawana Springs and other neighborhoods might appreciate more publicly located access such as Petaluma Hill Road rather than suffering the impact of access on their roads. I appreciate that concern.
- Keep the Farmers Lane option – plan for Farmers Lane and identify ways to benefit from the new road providing more access to the park. Need to work on gaining access from the south in the future.
- I'd like to see the public access and parking from Petaluma Road.
- Need access point for students walking from Taylor Mountain School.
- There should be limited vehicle parking. We would want to encourage people to use alternative transportation to get there, i.e. put in lots of bike parking! "If you build it they will come."
- More signs to indicate park entrances from the road; so that people know that there is an entrance or even a park there.
- We would like some access points closer to our homes.

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Exhibit C: Comments/Suggestions Received in the Kawana Springs Area Category

- Leave as “open space” with limited access for educational use.
- Open to all – (and pave some wheel chair accessible trail with view).
- Keep it natural and restore for very limited use or have it in an “arrested decay” state. Don’t make it high traffic.
- No big groups. No big camping.
- Rebuild the historic hotel and a bed & breakfast/boutique hotel only if affordable.
- Do not erase what’s left of the vintage/old-fashioned style when rebuilding bath house, etc.
- No bed & breakfast.
- Restore the historic hotel and make it a museum. I don’t agree with the picnic tables and camping sites – it will only bring garbage to the park.
- I’m not in favor of allocating finances for hotel, bed & breakfast, etc. I’d rather see it stay environmentally protected – keep it more natural, wilderness environment.
- Provide good connection to future Farmers Lane extension. Keep highly developed and commercial uses out of the park.
- No horses please. They spread invasive plants and tear up trails for hikers. Also, please limit bikes.
- I would keep vending/concessions very limited; also, limits on private reservations for use of facilities – should be limited to maybe 10-12 weekends per year, otherwise facilities should be free and open to public – not for sale to highest bidder.
- Café if money would benefit park.
- After hike and seeing the gazebo area I am in favor of holding exhibits there. Preserve gazebo (cut down oak). Please! Please! – do not bring commercial development into this tiny park. Wineries Bob’s already exist nearby. We don’t want trash producing businesses in park. Pack it in, pack it out. No corporate retreats. However area by gazebo perfect for visitor center. No to: café/restaurant, bed & breakfast/boutique hotel, rebuild the garage, restore resort landscape, weddings, camping sites, horse rides, bike/stroller rentals, snack bar.
- Not keen on bikes, vendors, snack bars.
- I feel that this should be a central primary access area. That doesn’t have a huge amount of vendor spaces or additional buildings except bathrooms and additional park areas for children. Kids play area (kids/nature walk) in the historic compound area or Petaluma Hill Road tree house?
- Paintball field.
- Beats a whore house all to smithereens.
- Picnic tables throughout. Restrooms throughout the park not just at trail heads. Information kiosks throughout. Visitor center with “informed” docents. Water available. Trail signs please include miles to different areas and bulb to “head.”
- Please keep the cows – they really add to the whole feeling. I like the idea of a café along the trail, not at the parking lot – the barn would be a good place. Not too interested in resort restoration.

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- Primary access point and east access. At visitor/docent center, include info regarding history of the mountain.
- Include hostel/camping.
- I am very excited that this open space provides so many opportunities for our community!
- Campsites do not seem to be needed at this time.
- Minimal development...maybe trim brush to expose historic building. Hate to spend money on building renovation, but maybe buildings used for education/park maintenance.
- Not my primary interest, but have no problem with these ideas.
- No to: café/restaurant, private reservation space, vendor spaces, camping sites, bike/stroller rentals/snack bar. Picnic shelters okay near parking. Horse rides for owners only. Need benches. Would like to learn/read about history of property: resort area, barn, land acquisition to Son. Co.
- Coordinate with the city park on Kawana Terrace to provide additional visitor services.
- Bikes should not be allowed. Keep it open. Bicycle use should be prohibited. Bikes destroy trails and habitat and not compatible with land preservation. Strongly support educational center and uses for local students.
- When there is money for it, I think the following uses/improvements are appropriate: Rebuild the historic hotel, bed & breakfast/boutique hotel, rebuild the garage.
- Add a viewing room to the site where people can see how the area was before (including photos). The gazebo can serve as a meeting spot and resting spot for people (not from Magdalena/LandPaths: This is a traditional thing in Mexico – that gazebos serve as a meeting/hanging out places.) There should be security measures – we want to avoid graffiti!
- I think it would be nice to have a small area in these rooms for first aid.
- We would like the plans to be carried forward quickly so that we can enjoy this place and these activities soon with our families and friends.
- Create an area for reforestation with exotic plants, and another area for native plants.

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Exhibit D: Comments/Suggestions Received in the Barn Area Category

- Seems like restrooms would be important.
- Include outdoor educational programs in overnight camping – group option.
- No bikes on dirt trails where walkers go.
- I don't know enough to answer questions – need more info.
- Minimal construction – keep it natural.
- Keep this area focused on youth.
- Camping by reservation – as Mt. Tam and Fort Ross.
- There are many possibilities for uses and activities in this area. Add windows somewhere. Solar panels could be an option. Bunk rooms/cots should be on second level. Barn Area is perfect for outdoor education close to schools and park.
- I think it sounds great. I just would like to...(did not finish comment)
- Use primarily as a group classroom (interior); otherwise closed but with water available for day use, even all-weather outdoor exhibits on the concrete pads. Benches and sheltered as well.
- Cool.
- Haven't been to it yet.
- Great spot for a sit-down – great café location.
- The hostel is an interesting idea.
- Awesome to use for “environmental camp” – didn't know kids did that!
- Not my primary interest, but have no problem with these ideas.
- No to overnight camping (individual or group) and group picnic.
- Do not use historic building for storage. No to private reservation space option.
- No to private reservation space, hostel, overnight camping – group, and group picnic. Use for summer camps should be educational.
- I agree with all of the activities in the barn area.
- Build eating areas but use the trunks of trees. (Note from Magdalena/LandPaths: I am pretty sure in my conversation with her, she was referring to the Kawana Springs area – I guess there are lots of fallen trees there?)
- Add a security station for emergencies.