

Cougar/Squak Corridor Park Frequently Asked Questions

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Q. What is Cougar/Squak Corridor Park, and where is it?

A. Cougar/Squak Corridor Park is an open space park between Cougar and Squak mountains south of Issaquah off State Route 900. King County has owned portions of this site since the 1990s. King County recently purchased 226 acres in the valley between Cougar and Squak mountains in 2014, with the help of The Trust for Public Land. The new land brought the acreage of Cougar/Squak Corridor Park up to 730 acres. The park protects the headwaters of a salmon-bearing stream, and features deep forests, wetlands, hiking trails and more. The park is located at 10610 Renton Issaquah Rd. SE, Issaquah.

Q. Is Cougar/Squak Corridor Park open to the public? What can I do there?

A. The park opens to the public on June 6 as part of King County's National Trails Day celebration. The park will be open to hiking, with dogs allowed on leash.

Q. Are there trails at Cougar/Squak Corridor Park?

A. Yes. Volunteers from Washington Trails Association, Americorps NCCC and Student Conservation Association recently completed a 2.5-mile hiking trail that starts at the parking area near the lodge and connects to several miles of existing hiking trails at Cougar-Squak Corridor and Squak Mountain State Park.

Q. How can I give feedback about what I want to see at Cougar/Squak Corridor Park?

A. King County is working with a steering group and will host two community meetings to gather ideas from the public about future uses and amenities at the park. The first community meeting is May 27, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at the Issaquah Middle School commons, 400 2nd Ave. SE, Issaquah. The second community meeting is June 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Eagle Room at Issaquah City Hall.

King County wants to hear from the community about uses and amenities for Cougar/Squak Corridor Park. With that input King County will develop site management guidelines that will guide recreation and public use at the park.

Q. How can I receive updates about Cougar/Squak Corridor Park and the planning process?

A. Sign up for updates at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/recreation/parks/trails/backcountry/cougarsquak.aspx>

Q. Who can I contact for further questions?

A. If you have questions about the planning process please contact Kelly Heintz at kelly.heintz@kingcounty.gov or at 206-477-6478. If you have questions about on-the-ground conditions at the site, please contact Duane Evans at duane-jay.evans@kingcounty.gov or 206-391-1932.