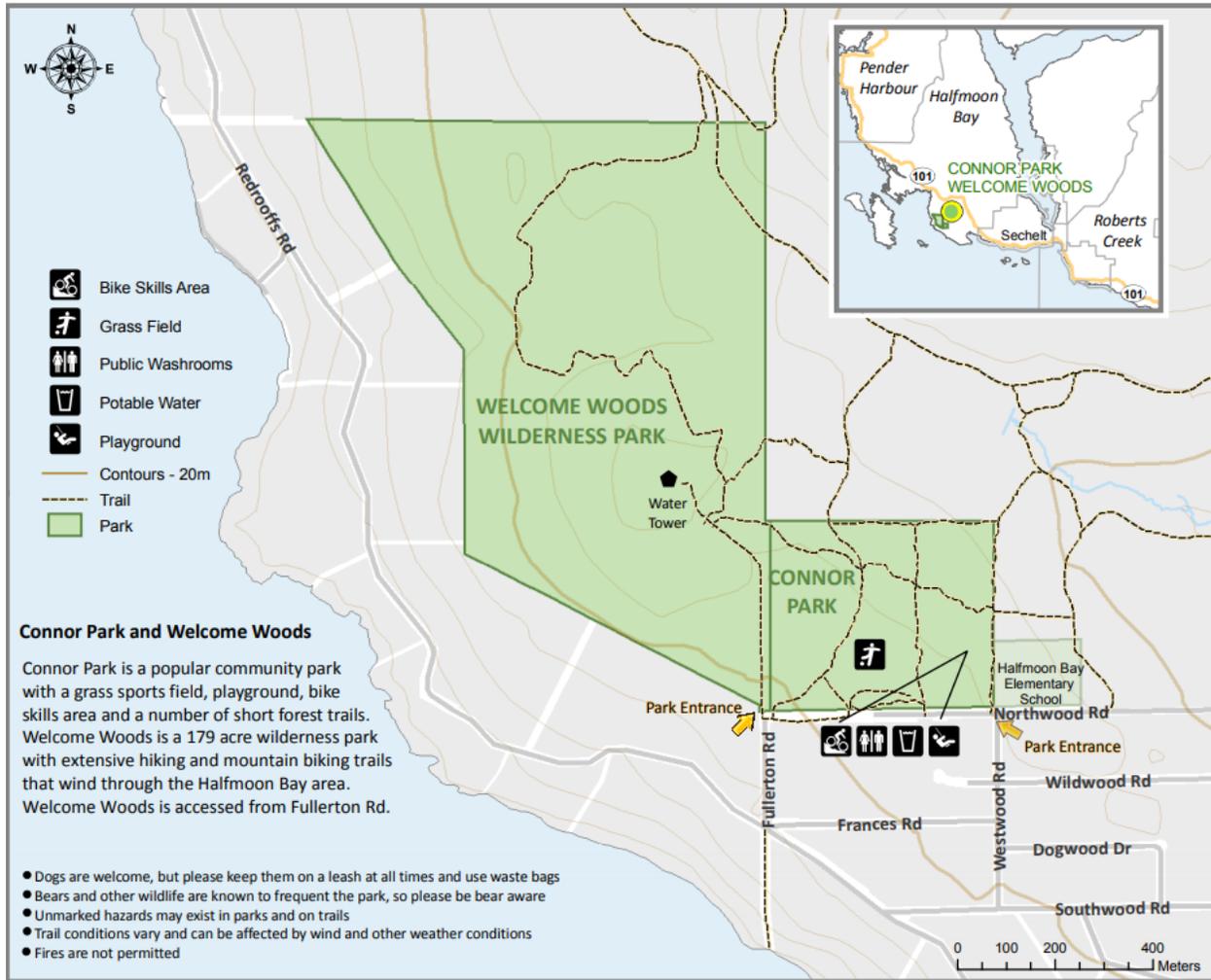




Share your views on Welcome Woods and Connor Parks!

The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is seeking input from the community regarding Welcome Woods and Connor Parks in Halfmoon Bay.



Connor Park and Welcome Woods

Connor Park is a popular community park with a grass sports field, playground, bike skills area and a number of short forest trails. Welcome Woods is a 179 acre wilderness park with extensive hiking and mountain biking trails that wind through the Halfmoon Bay area. Welcome Woods is accessed from Fullerton Rd.

- Dogs are welcome, but please keep them on a leash at all times and use waste bags
- Bears and other wildlife are known to frequent the park, so please be bear aware
- Unmarked hazards may exist in parks and on trails
- Trail conditions vary and can be affected by wind and other weather conditions
- Fires are not permitted

Why is this project taking place?

The SCRD wants to ensure that community parks are safe, accessible, and relevant; and that the ecological potential of parks is protected.

A group recently approached the SCRD about partnering to develop a disc golf course at Welcome Woods and Connor Parks, and the Regional District is interested in community perspectives on this idea. Hearing about other ideas, interests, questions and concerns related to these parks will be important to understanding how disc golf could be suitable for these parks.

People use Welcome Woods and Connor Parks for many different purposes, and the area has a special natural character. Hearing all perspectives can help SCRD plan for the parks.

What is Disc Golf?

Disc golf is played much like traditional golf. Instead of a ball and clubs, however, players use a flying disc. Also, instead of playing on an open grass course, disc golf can be adapted to various terrains, and can be well suited to a forest environment. There is currently a disc golf course at one SCRD Park - Shirley Macey.

What is planned for the parks?

At this time, no changes in the parks are planned. SCRD is gathering information to understand how the parks can best service community needs and interests. Using information gathered, SCRD staff will prepare recommendations on possible future changes, including a potential disc golf course. These recommendations will be considered by the SCRD Board.

What input is being sought?

SCRD is seeking input regarding 3 main categories: 1) Disc Golf: perspectives regarding the potential for disc golf in the parks, 2) Trails: perspectives regarding the current trail network within the parks, 3) Park Values: overall values of the parks and future vision for the parks.

How can you provide input?

In person: A public consultation event will take place on Tuesday, December 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Halfmoon Bay Elementary School (Library), 8086 Northwood Road, Halfmoon Bay. A presentation and facilitated dialogue will begin at 6:30 p.m. SCRD staff will be available to answer questions and listen to what you have to say about what is most important to you.

Online: Community members have an opportunity to provide feedback through a short online questionnaire by visiting www.scrd.ca/Connor. The questionnaire will be open until January 10, 2020.

What are the next steps?

Feedback gathered at the public consultation event and through the online questionnaire will be presented at a future SCRD Planning and Community Development Committee meeting, likely early in 2020. A technical report with recommendations will also be prepared. Reports will be available on www.scrd.ca and a notification will be provided to those who request it.

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