

# Report for Bainbridge Parks - programs

## Response Counts

Completion Rate:	100%		
	Complete		78

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Totals: 78

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### 1. What programs do you participate in?

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9	Discover Bainbridge walks Aqua exercise classes Tai chi chin class
10	Aquatic center swim lesson registration to earn swim licenses. Gymnastics (Rec Opt Team) Tennis @ BAC Summer camps (paddle camp, science, and forts) Adult Creative Writing with Margaret Nevinski
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12	n/a
14	Employee-Assistant MTB instructor
15	Avid mountainbiker and has done many mountain biking programs with park in the past
16	Volleyball Basketball Summer camps
19	Tennis, hiking, and mountain biking
20	Mountain Biking
21	We utilize our local parks, the pool, have rented various facilities and have utilized various park district programs especially for our daughter as she was growing up. Our most heavily utilized program is the gymnastic program which our daughter has been involved in since pre-school.
22	Our family participates in Hiking/Running/mountain biking on trails, tennis, basketball, softball, soccer, swimming in the Puget Sound off of the docks, beachcombing/hiking, and use of park boat ramps.
23	Youth Tennis
24	Tennis, swimming, sailing, golf, nature walks, biking.
25	Concerts in the park Adult education Youth education
26	pickle ball
27	Swim lessons, Family swim, open swim, lap swimming Gymnastics lessons Recreational soccer Kayaking Mountain biking Summer camps
28	Pickleball - almost daily and I am 69!!
29	Pickleball open play at Battle Point Park 6-10 hours/week

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30	Pickleball at Battle Point. Watch my granddaughter's soccer games.
31	Kids gymnastics, fairy camp, LEGO club at Blakely, swimming for kids
32	Weekly four mile group walks.
33	Aquatic center (boot camp, river fitness, weekday core), also lap swimming and masters swimming. Bainbridge 2 and 4 mile weekly hikes, social paddle, day hikes and weekend hiking/backpacking trips, dog training.
34	Kids' camps; pool lap swimming; sports practices; dog walking; trail running
35	Community programs, fitness classes, organized sports
36	Concerts in the park.
38	Watercolor painting currently. I have participated in Tai Chi classes and pottery classes in the past.
39	Kid Camps Swim
40	Masters Swimming at Pool
41	tennis
43	Bainbridge Aquatic Masters
44	Bainbridge Aquatics Masters Program - Three times a week/52 weeks a year (unless traveling). It is a wonderful program in so many ways and a new pool would just enhance and increase involvement in all aspects of the aquatics center.
45	Kids and adults classes, swim club
46	None at this time. My two experiences in attempting to participate in Parks & Recs programs since moving here 5 years ago unfortunately didn't go well. When we first moved here, I signed up myself, husband, adult son & his wife to do a large canoe tour of the perimeter of BI but it was cancelled due to not enough participants. My second attempt was a dog training program last summer which went VERY poorly; turns out my dog is highly anxious and couldn't tolerate the group format - would have asked for a refund but the trainer stated she would meet with me individually for a couple sessions to make up my investment in the class. Despite having several email exchanges with her over the course of 2-3 months, she never followed through, never did commit to a meeting time, so I did not receive the service I paid for and lost about \$200 - not at all satisfied with this outcome :/
47	walking on trails (and using them for my commute) particularly like the new Hawley Park boardwalk I now leave my car at home and walk to the ferry or to town (I live in old Wing Point)

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49 Master's swimming

50 Bisc Lap swim

51 Adult education, adult fitness and sports, youth education, youth camps, special events.

54 None

56 Bainbridge Island 4-mile walks (have been doing them for eight years)

57 I don't. Primarily because of the expense. I cannot afford the hiking, skiing or biking groups costs so I go one my own. I'd like to find people to do activities with as I am a single senior, but I just cannot afford the cost.

58 I have used the parks department classes/programs for 15 years--from drawing to pottery to concerts and performances at Battlepoint Park.

59 Sports Teams

60 My children have participated in swim lessons for years, and my son is currently playing club water polo. He has also taken gymnastics, basketball, and writing classes.

61 The aquatic center is the highest use our family has gotten and it is too busy

62 None

63 Zumba at Island Center; My husband does the Tuesday 4 mile walking group.

64 Dog classes most recently

66 ddd

67 None at present. Not living on BI right now. Plan to participate in water aerobics in the future.

68 4-mile walks, kayaking, hiking/snowshoeing, naturalist programs, birding outings, boating, etc...

69 Pottery and racket sports mostly.

70 none

71 Help lead a program under the BIMPRD umbrella.

72 Love the park'kour classes, especially those geared towards young professionals.

73 soccer fields, we need more lighted fields for fall and winter usage.

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74 Throughout the year we participate in youth soccer, youth dance and gymnastics, yoga and swimming lessons. We also enjoy summer camps and the opportunity to try out new sports.

75 summer camps, aquatic camps, paddle camps, coed softball (until they got rid of it), walking group once or twice, pottery camp once, sports at various times, etc.

76 Swim/diving lessons, pottery, outdoor concerts, egg hunt, hayride, winter festival, trail running, pickleball, gymnastics, childrens' paddling camp, release your inner child, sewing...(there's so many more that I always eye!!!)

77 I don[t currently take any classes because of my work schedule. I do enjoy hearing about others experiences and look forward to someday being able to participate. The programming done by the park department is what makes this island a great place to live. There seems to be something for everyone.

79 I do not formally participate in any BI Park Rec program. But I am a heavy user of the assets. What I do use: \* parks like Grand Forest, Gazzam, Battle Point where I run and take walks \* Battle Point park where I play pickup soccer \* members of my family participate in youth athletics that practice and play at Battle Point

80 Tennis for kids

81 Swimming, tennis

82 Dog walking, friend walking.

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86 Master's, self supported. Occasional classes but difficult to attend as I still work and many are offered during the day. Would love more weekend, beginner activity in things like hiking, skiing, kayaking etc.

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2. Please provide specific feedback on each program you mentioned above:

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9	I'm impressed by the range and variety of activities offered. Both the Discover Bainbridge walks and the aqua exercise classes have become an important part of my life and my personal fitness program.
10	We've been pleased with all the programs we participated in and found staff to be responsive. Our programming needs change as the kids get older and now that I have teens - we don't use it as much. It was fantastic until they were each about 11 or 12.
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14	Very fun activity, people have fun doing it, brings people into the outdoors.
15	Good. Should make more advanced mountain bike camps
16	Basketball: Schedule should be set in advance if the season-not weekly Adequate facilities should be available so kids aren't practicing so late. Scoreboards should be visible to all. Volleyball: Schedule should be set before season. Games shouldn't start so late Scoreboards should be visible to all Uniforms should be ordered and available before games begin. Honestly, the scheduling is the biggest sticking point. Why is this a problem? It's laughable. Camps are not well run. My son suffered a serious injury at mountain bike camp and the teenagers running the camp put a bandaid on it and told me it was ok. It wasn't. He fractured his finger as well as it was almost severed. Incompetent. The person in charge also brushed it off. You can contact me on this if you'd like. My name is Martine Domenick. I would NEVER trust my kids on an overnight camp or adventure camp with BI again bc of this. Ninja camp was a joke. Basketball camp got cancelled due to poor attendance-the week before it was supposed to start.
19	I would like to see more tennis courts on the island as well as improved care of the current facilities. A lighted court would be very popular especially in the winter when it is dark at 4pm, long before many people get home from work. In addition I would like to see mountain bike specific trails on the island.
20	Need mountain bike specific trails
21	Parks - they're great - we regularly use Fay Bainbridge and the Grand Forest trails. We also used Battlepoint Park regularly especially when our daughter was young. The pool - great swim programs and its crowded - definitely an issue with the growth on the island Facilities - (like Island Center Hall) - these are great to have access to for large gatherings and a great asset to the island Park District Programs - wonderful, diverse options for the community - we relied heavily on the summer programs for our daughter and loved it. Gymnastic Program - has been a great place for our daughter to grow up. It is currently out grown it's space and is inadequate for community needs. Seeing how crowded the space is and how much of the day/evenings it is utilized, it is definitely one of the programs that could use improvements.

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22 Trails have seen some nice improvements with signage and good maintenance after storms. Tennis has been less available noticeably so and there aren't many public options to play on the island even at the BHS courts because they are reserved for specific use by paying lesson-subscribers or the high school team. Basketball nets aren't well kept at BPP, so we often go to the elementary schools covered play grounds instead. Softball fields are poorly constructed with regard to moisture management and need better drainage overall if they can be counted on for practice/games when we have heavy spring rains. Soccer fields are excellent. For tennis, basketball, softball and soccer, it would be ideal to have lights available for all these sports in order to maximize number of hours of use. Could use more options for open water swimming. We have many beautiful beaches, but not enough parking at beach access points.

23 lessons for youth , beginners and pre teens

24 Why are you phasing away tennis?

25 Concerts in the park - great! Keep doing them. Keep them free. Adult education - classes fill up fast and are starting to get really expensive. And keep offering evening opportunities for those that work. Youth education - can never have enough

26 A thank-you to the Parks for pursuing dedicated pickle ball courts at Battlepoint

27 I wish there were Saturday morning swim lessons in the summer. The summer lesson times make it really hard for working families. I would also love more open swim times. Recreational soccer is extremely disorganized and overpriced. Charging \$100 for 4 weeks of soccer and no staff support seems ridiculous when Poulsbo charges \$35. If the program didn't depend on volunteer coaches, then the price tag might be justified, but it does. If it's the turf fields that create the huge price disparity, then can we move rec soccer to grass fields?

28 Thank you for the new courts to go in at Battle Point Park! It is a great sport and a great community.

29 Pickleball players need dedicated courts for our rapidly growing sport. Pickleball courts encourage residents from surrounding communities to come to Bainbridge Island and spend money within the Bainbridge community. A big thank you to the Parks and Rec board for moving forward on plans for dedicated courts at Battle Point Park.

31 My only feedback is that instructors need more training in how to handle discipline of children who are acting out. Instructors seem afraid to address problem behavior and that ruins the class for all The other children who are there to learn. I have felt that courses seem more like babysitting than opportunities to really learn skills. This was most apparent in the gymnastics classes.

32 Enjoy very much.

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33	Being new to Bainbridge, the parks and rec opportunities have become our primary way to meet people in the community while participating in activities we enjoy. We love how much parks and rec has to offer.
34	Bainbridge Aquatic Masters is one of the treasures of BIParks - an outstanding program for adults that is one of the best in the entire country.
36	They're great.
38	I really enjoy the watercolor classes. The instructor, John Adams, is a good asset to the program.
39	A few of the camps are really solid, full of take-homes, we'll organi, etc but more are not and feel flimsy on comparison. If the latter, the price of the camp feels difficult to swallow. If the former the price feels less dear. More recreational swim times, bigger facility, outdoor pool
40	Outstanding vital Masters swim program for health, water safety, fitness, and competition, with increasing membership every year under the management of USMS/Speedo National Coach of the Year.
41	I might be more inclined if they were't so expensive and were offered closer to home.
43	BAM currently has the nation's top US Masters coach (April Cheadle) and BAM-- like other aquatic programs-- is growing fast.
44	It is a wonderful program in so many ways and a new pool would just enhance and increase involvement in all aspects of the aquatics center.
45	Fantastic - couldn't be happier
46	See comments above.
47	I also take my dog to the beach by Hawley Park. Please cut a pathway in the logs - I am 68 and it is hard for me to step over the logs, particularly when my dog is on leash. This needs to be done once or twice a year.
49	April is amazing and the program is great.
50	Bisc is a strong program but has space issues and can't move kids to more advanced groups. Lap swim: it's a struggle to find time with lap swim time available in evening.
51	Excellent selection of quality programs offered, especially for our youth. Can be expensive.
55	Some more benches or chairs in the dog park at Strawberry Hill . Maybe even a tarp set up for some shelter on drizzly days.



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56 The program has deteriorated greatly in the past few years. We sometimes have no leader for the walks (this is unacceptable). The maps for the walks are inadequate, with not enough detail. New walks are not being developed; the walks are the same old ones that we have been doing for years, despite the fact that new trails are being developed. I don't expect every walk to be a new experience, but no attention is being paid to creating new walks that use the trails. The Sunday program is so bad that I have dropped out of it; the leader does not even know the walks (not his fault; he probably does not get paid for becoming familiar with the walk beforehand, and, as I have said, the maps are inadequate). Please--you have a large and loyal walking group that is being neglected.

58 The figure drawing class is unique and important to the artistic development of artists on the island. The pottery class, too, provides a great resource to skilled and new potters. Love the Battlepoint concerts in the summer--great family treat.

59 We do not need anymore fields or buildings/structures for all of the sports and activities we participate in.

60 The water polo club experience has been great. We love the coaches and have see him progress as an athlete while loving it. We don't love that he isn't practicing in an all deep water pool and that practices end so late.

61 My sons waterpolo team practices until 930 some nights as they can't get pool hours before 700

63 My favorite exercise class ever! Pam is thoroughly prepared, warm-hearted, enthusiastic. The group has a sense of community that I appreciate. He enjoys the variety of trails, the friendliness of the group and the fact that it is "doable."

64 Good classes

66 ddd

68 All are very good. Please keep them coming!

69 I would like to see sculpture offered in the evening or on Sundays at Eagledale. Also, an intermediate class.

71 It's been an excellent partnership.

73 we could use more indoor facilities, multi purpose for sports use, indoor soccer, futsal, batting cages, sports courts both outdoors and indoors

74 We've especially enjoyed the soccer programs and swimming lessons.

75 They were all great!

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76 Have always loved the swim/dive lessons. Great quality, great price. Pottery--AMAZING experiences provided. Outdoor concerts--lots of fun, great way to see friends and enjoy the spectacular summers. Egg hunt--lots of fun! Hayride--very unique experience, love it. Winter festival--keeps getting bigger and bigger, thank you for offering so many activities at this event, great thing to do while the days are short and rainy. Trail running--really enjoyed it, great group of nice ladies, Robin is so helpful and knowledgeable Pickleball--intro course, LOVED it, learned a lot, love the open pickleball sessions as well, we are hooked Gymnastics--child LOVED the classes Paddling camp--nothing but good things to say about this, the leaders made this so accessible for the kids Release inner child--husband really enjoyed this, Jason is so much fun...unfortunately, his body couldn't keep up, so he has not been able to continue Sewing--what a useful skill! Lindsey made it easy for us to learn and came up with some great projects for us to cut and sew, really enjoyed it

79 I would like more connector trails. Forest to Sky trail is fabulous and my family uses it often. This is aspirational, but I would like to be able to get from Battle Point to Gazzam Lake park with a heavy use of connector trails and parks.

80 8-12 tennis instruction

82 Off leash park on Rose is wonderful. However, the gates for the mower doesn't always close, unless someone brings wire or such. I have used logs to block it. The loss of the road up to the circle impacted me as I am disabled and when it was chained closed it severely limits when I can go. They used to leave it closed and those of us with legs or heart etcetera problems are cut off. Why is this? Thanks wendy smith

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3. What other parks and recreation programs would you like to see us pursue? At any particular location?

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9	I would love to have the option of aquatic exercise classes in the late afternoon, at say 5 pm or so. 7:30 is too late.
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10	Maybe partner with Ovation to offer theatre classes. More job opportunities for teens with more accessible information about the hiring process.
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12	We would like parks to stay out of kayaking in eagle harbor. Stop trying to be everything to everybody. Us the facilities you have and do a better job. We need a sanican at Rockaway beach. Its a heavily used beach park and we've asked for a sanican with negative responses. When groups come in , they literally have their own sanican delivered. Its crazy that such a popular park for divers around the puget sound, islanders, and island visitors have to pee in the bushes at a public park, which is what happens now. Also please do a better job of maintaining pritchard park and rockaway . Blackberry bushes are overgrowing the parking areas on the east side of prithard park parking and rockaway.
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13	A small fenced dog area on Ferncliff as part of the new park land next to the new construction apartment building adjacent to Harbor Square. Possibly with artificial turf which would require less maintenance.
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14	I would like to see more mtb specific trails on the island.
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15	Mountain bike specific trails, especially downhill
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16	Try and get the basics right before you add anything. Properly train your staff. Figure out your facilities and scheduling before adding other things. I'm really disappointed in the offerings as a whole.
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17	Mountain biking specific trails. For 11 years I have ridden flattened walking trails very polite to walkers slowing down moving over, making polite warnings and greetings. Always the same thing the walkers give dirty looks, make comments to not ride on "walking" trails. Even the trails put in by the gear grinders have been converted to walking trails using large machine hauling in unnatural amounts of pea gravel instead of putting in actual drainage that works. I see the parks workers working harder at destroying bike features than actually building and maintaining trails. It has been a disappointment of a life
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19 There should be some mountain bike flow trails put in at Gazzam and fort ward. The walkers don't like sharing the trails with bikers and the bikers need trails where we can recreate in a fun and safe manner.

20 Mountain Bike specific trails

21 The multi-use rec facility on the Sakai Property should be a high priority for future development. This would be the best broad range addition to existing facilities

22 Sakai property seems like an ideal place to include more tennis, pickleball and basketball courts. It is very important to maintain and/or improve current facilities so that people continue to use them over time.

24 What happened to the tennis courts at Battle Point? What are all the lines for? I was also told that I can't play at the high school. I know of a court out past Eagledale. Any others?

25 Wish the pottery classes at Eagledale wouldn't fill up so quickly or that more evening slots were offered. For 13 years I have been trying to get in!

26 ping pong, although the senior center supports a program

27 After school programming that lasts more than a few weeks a session, like from September to December. With the idea of helping working parents plan consistent after school care for children.

28 The least disturbance as possible with the "development" of the Sakai property. Wonderful owls and eagles now live there!

29 I would love to see developed safe biking trails. As an active senior I would love to ride my bike but do not feel safe sharing the roads with cars.

34 Need a new and bigger pool!! More space for off leash dog exercise - and not the junky, dirty tiny spaces we have now where people and dogs are unhealthily crowded together.

35 Table tennis, naturalist tours, dog-free areas

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36	What if Parks began a voluntary bike licence program to fund bike trails? Island bikers to put their money towards projects they have been so diligently working for. Starting a petition for it could be a way, (the City could administer it), no enforcement necessary, just issuance of renewals (voluntary) each year, set a minimum licence fee. Kinda like an ongoing donation, but targeted to defray the costs for building new trails and repairs. Strictly voluntary, but you could issue a participation report quarterly, and compare the licences with the # of bicycles riders (based upon existing club memberships - several on the island). Perhaps you'd see how really serious folks are in committing their own money, instead of ALL property owners; maybe that might inspire others to fund in the future (with tab fees or other funding mechanism other than property taxes/lid lift)
37	Intuitive art = painting, more tennis, more language classes, more art classes for adults
38	We're having a new grandchild soon. How about offering "baby and me" programs!
39	Outdoor swimming Gear rental - cross country skis, kayaks, paddle boards, snow shoes, etc Foreign language
41	Yoga and ???
43	I would like to see even more collaboration with the Bainbridge Island Land Trust with the aim of protecting more usable parkland and trail corridors. Our parks are one of the top 2-3 things that make Bainbridge unique. In the face of rampant growth we need to protect more land.
46	I would LOVE to take some of the drawing & painting classes that have been offered but I'm younger than retirement age, still work full time (off island, so I have a significant commute) and therefore am not available during week days when most of these classes seem to take place. I would love to see weekday evening courses in fine art, specifically basic drawing, nature drawing, watercolor, pastels, or possibly other types of painting offered after 6 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays or Saturday mornings. Also, please keep offering begining and basic small watercraft courses especially kayaking, canoeing, & stand up paddling - I have yet to try these but hope to some day...
48	Off leash opportunities is of extreme importance to me now and in the future.
50	Create more space at pool for swimming of laps by teams or individuals
51	Would like to see more one-day and evening class opportunities, for those who are working/commuting. Would be interested in seeing shared resources and joint advertising, between parks & rec and other educational groups on the island (like the history museum educational walks, IslandWood, library talks).

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52 I'd like to see a nicer off-leash area for small dogs. The current one at Strawberry Hill is inadequately small, has no shade, and no features or obstacles for playing like the area for big dogs has. It's rather pathetic. I wouldn't even mind if the park just moved the fence and carved out some of the area from the big dogs and added it to the current small dog area, but I'd rather see a more purposeful area specifically designed for smaller dogs and their owners.

58 Evening options for T'a Chi--not just for seniors...

59 None.

61 Pool, Pool and more pool

62 None

63 Keep your eyes open for trails as the island grows.

64 stretching and strengthening classes for seniors - evening class I have thought about swimming but have not found time or motivation to pursue

65 There isn't really space for this comment but as more people are dog owners there should be more attention paid to dog park areas. The Strawberry Hill Park is overcrowded, dusty and boring. In many other places activities are made available for active dogs like doggie hurdles and jumps. These are not expensive to add. These would be great to have in Eagle Dale. an off leash hiking area would also be appreciated as many dog owners simply let their dogs off leash to allow them to run.

66 ddd

68 ??

70 Pickleball and tennis

71 I think you're doing great and the staff has consistently added new and interesting programs, many that I'd like to try but just haven't yet.

73 more lighted fields for playing and practicing, Lights on Battle Point which could stay on until 9pm.

74 Outdoor meditation classes for all ages. Tween and youth yoga.

75 Bring coed softball back please!

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76 You guys are doing such a great job in offering so many diverse things. There's so many things I'd like to register for, but just haven't had the time yet! I personally would love to see hula classes. Do you think there could be demand for kids' running? I'm thinking the All-comers meets in the summer are popular. There's a running group for 4-6 grade girls in the spring that is really popular. Ordway has had after-school running clubs for the past few years, usually 4th grade. I think this year, it expanded to 2 & 3 grades. Seemed really popular. I wonder if Parks/Rec could sponsor something. Not necessarily the track day camp in the summer, but just pure running? 3rd grade and up?

78 More tennis courts in Bainbridge public parks. There are many tennis players. During the school year it is hard to use the courts at the high school. The courts at Waterfront Park are gone - unfortunately.

81 Additional tennis courts at sekai park and battle point park.

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