

Sakai Bike Area Proposal



Bainbridge Island Mountain Biking Club

The Bainbridge Island Mountain Club proposes the building of a mountain bike training and learning area on the Sakai property.

- A mountain bike area of less than one acre can include a variety of features that build skills and provide a challenge for cyclist of all ages and abilities.
- The area would have a pump track which is a series of rollers, smooth bumps and berms that can be ridden without pedaling. The track could be on flat or gently sloping terrain. Other features can include drops designed to develop bike handling skill and short boardwalks for balance drills.
- We could also include examples of a flow trails designed for new mountain bikers that could use sloped areas.
- Some of the proposed features would be similar to the skills area at Duthie Hill which is operated by King County Parks.

- The proposed mountain bike area can be built in a relatively short period of time at low cost while maximizing community benefit. It will be great for anyone to learn mountain biking and will be a place for kids on bikes to spend time outdoors after school.
- It is built almost entirely of dirt, does not include impervious surfaces and would blend into the existing terrain.
- We propose to partner with Evergreen West Sound.
- The cost of construction will be from community fund raising and grants.
- We also support the building of trails at Sakai that could be used by mountain bikers.

- As bike parks are built all around the nation, communities are discovering the value of such facilities.
- Youth mountain biking is growing rapidly throughout the State and Nation.
- The number of middle school riders in the Washington Student Cycling League doubled in 2015 from the prior year and the number of girls tripled.
- The Gear Grinders, Bainbridge Island's two mountain bike teams have grown steadily over the last four years. This year, the middle school team has 21 riders and the high school team had 14.
- The national cycling league continues to grow rapidly with 522 teams in leagues in 13 states across the country.