Park history

In 1935, members of the Vinland Community Club selected this site for the location of a community recreation area. With donations from private citizens, local clubs and businesses, they purchased the property in 1936 and began making necessary improvements. When the project became too costly in 1937, the site was deeded to Kitsap County. In November of 1949, the park was deeded to the state and became Kitsap Memorial State Park. The name reflects the wishes and efforts of the original members who sought to establish a “North Kitsap Memorial Park.”

Things to remember

- Park hours – 8 a.m. to dusk.
- Winter schedule – Although most parks are open year round, some parks or portions of parks are closed during the winter. For a winter schedule and information about seasonal closures, visit www.parks.state.wa.us or call the information center at (360) 902-8844.
- Wildlife, plants and all park buildings, signs, tables and other structures are protected; removal or damage of any kind is prohibited.
- Hunting, feeding of wildlife and gathering firewood on state park property is prohibited.
- One camping party is allowed per site.
- Pets must be on leash and under physical control at all times. This includes trail areas and campsites. Pet owners must clean up after pets on all state park lands.
- Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.
- Picnicking, shellfish harvesting and bird watching opportunities also are available at nearby Shine Tidelands, Point Hannon and Wolfe Property. Visitors may want to take in Port Gamble - the still-active Pope and Talbot mill town is listed on the National Historic Register - or visit Poulsbo, a “little Norway” nestled on Liberty Bay.

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Kitsap Memorial State Park is a 58-acre camping park with 1,797 feet of saltwater shoreline and facilities for group and individual recreation, weddings and overnight stays. The park offers beautiful natural surroundings and sweeping views of Hood Canal.

The park is in Kitsap County, 6 miles north of Poulsbo and offers many recreational activities, including fishing, boating, hiking, scuba diving and shellfish harvesting. Grassy playfields, children’s play equipment and a saltwater beach with tide pools are highlights of the park.

Visitors are encouraged to take care when exploring the marine life exposed at low tide. Starfish, crabs, barnacles, chitons, lipets, oyster and clams are found in this fragile tidal zone. Many varieties of bird such as goldfinch, flicker, crow, kingfish, great blue heron, seagull and bald eagle can be seen.

Park amenities and facilities

Three original Washington Progress Administration (WPA) buildings - caterer’s kitchen, log hall and Hospitality House (vacation cabin) - are available for rent to park visitors. The caterer’s kitchen and log hall provide a perfect setting for weddings, receptions and family reunions, as well as company picnics, business meetings and other public forums. These facilities are available for rent year round and are equipped with modern amenities.

The park also has 20 standard campsites, 18 water/electrical utility sites, three primitive hiker/biker campsites, comfort stations with showers and a trailer dump station. The reservable group camping area will accommodate 56 people and includes two Adirondack shelters and five primitive campsites.

The day-use area has barbecue braziers, a kitchen shelter and a volleyball area. There are two moorage buoys in the park and a public boat launch 4 miles from the park at Salsbury Point County Park.

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