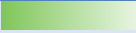







## Mt. Geoffrey Questionnaire Responses to September 30, 2014









**Question 1. How often do you use the Mount Geoffrey parks and the Crown lands? Please tick the appropriate box below.**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Once to twice a week		35%	46
Almost Daily		30%	39
Every few months		17%	22
Once to twice a month		14%	19
Once a year or less		5%	6
Never		0%	0
<b>Total Responses</b>			<b>132</b>

**Question 2. What activities do you enjoy in the Mount Geoffrey parks/on Crown lands? Please tick all that apply.**

	Hiking	Picnicking	Jogging	Mountain Biking	Horseback riding	Nature/Bird Watching	Dog Walking	Total Response
	111 (84.7%)	21 (16.0%)	29 (22.1%)	73 (55.7%)	12 (9.2%)	63 (48.1%)	57 (43.5%)	131

**Other (please specify)**

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Dirt biking		4%	1
Enjoying tranquility		23%	5
Fruit harvesting		14%	3
Herb harvesting		4%	1
Mushroom picking		42%	9
Photography		9%	2
Trail maintenance		9%	2
Transportation route		9%	2

#	Response
1	Regular walking (not hiking; without the dogs).
2	dirt biking
3	Enjoying silence
4	Enjoying the view from the bench trail
5	Geomancy
6	Travel across island, picking fruit at Ford Orchard, meditation/spiritual practice
7	Picking fruit at Ford Orchard and transit to other parts of the island
8	Chantrel picking
9	Mushroom Picking
10	Mushroom hunting
11	Picking mushrooms
12	mushroom hunting
13	mushroom hunting
14	mushrooming
15	Mushroom and Berry harvesting - principal use.
16	collecting firewood, wild mushrooms,herbs, and vegetables and having fullmoon dance parties.
17	Foraging, photography
18	photography
19	Mapping Trails
20	Trail Maintenance
21	Means of transportation across island

**Question 3. How would you describe your interactions with different types of trail users (e.g. mountain bikers, equestrians, hikers, dog walkers)?**

	Mostly Positive	A Few Conflicts	Many Conflicts	No Opinion	Total Responses
	122 (93.1%)	8 (6.1%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.8%)	131

**Please comment**

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Conflicts with dogs		9%	11
Conflicts with motorized vehicles		7%	9

Conflicts with mountain bikers	4%	5
Few conflicts	7%	9
No conflicts	48%	59

#	Response
3	Funny likert scale - seems to emphasize conflicts.
22	The tourist season is a bit trying watching the trails slowly erode away after the hard work we volunteers put in during the off season.
35	Dogs off leash chasing wildlife and humans.
36	Have had a few scary moments with dogs approaching alone until the owners are in sight and in control of the dog. Only one aggressive dog in many years.
37	Mostly positive however there are a few dog walkers that should have their dogs leashed as they pose a health risk to other dogs and people.
38	Off leash dogs cause occasional conflicts.
39	Problems with dogs.....both on leash and off
40	Some people don't have their dog's on a leash - I observed one dog chasing a deer.
41	The only problem was one aggressive dog, but the owner now walks him muzzled and leashed. Respectful users on the whole, and friendly too.
42	Traffic up the unpaved section of Mount Road can be a problem. Within the park boundaries I have only one problem - with an unleashed dog.
43	Visit mostly when tourists/visitors are not on the island - i.e. not in summer months. Conflicts, if any, usually involve off-leash and unsupervised dogs.
44	Only minor conflicts have been with people riding motorbikes, and people with unruly dogs.
45	Absolutely no motorized non-park or non-emergency vehicles should be allowed in any park on Hornby.
46	As there are limited signs in regards to "No Motorized Vehicles", I have come across many individuals with dirt bikes on many paths. Concern: Individuals driving up Summit to cut trees down for sale or personal use. Many trails have been destroyed due to trucks being driven off of Summit Trail.
47	Occasional motorcycles
48	The only conflict i've experienced is with people who ride motor bikes on trails they're not supposed to be on. They're very hard on the trails (rip them up) & do nothing to help maintain them. As bikers & hikers, we feel it's very important to keep Mt. Geoffrey free of motorized vehicles (motor bikes, atvs, etc.)
49	Usually really great but we had one awful experience on Jessie's trail when a helmeted young man came ripping along on an unlicensed motorbike. He had to stop for us and the dog, we told him he couldn't ride there and he got very angry, told us that the RCMP told him it was okay. Then when he went off the trail to pass his bike fell over and he then said we had pushed him and went to the RCMP. We had to go to court and it cost time and money. We felt he was volatile and potentially violent. People need to know that there is a license of occupation for the trails and they are non-motorized even when not in the park.
50	after 30 years of Mt. Biking on Mt Geoffrey I have had a total of three negative encounters. All of those have been in the past two years, and all with motorcyclists

- 51 occasional motorcycle conflicts.
- 52 A few rowdy/noisy bicyclists. A few unruly dogs, or uncooperative dog owners. Occasional motor cyclists.
- 53 Aggressive dogs towards my dog. Over zealous mountain bikers. Guys on motorized trail bikes.
- 54 Mostly positive, but I only use the 'hiking only' trails as I'm scared to encounter bikers whose bikes might crash into me on the multi-use or mountain biking trails. I'd hike different areas if they were free of mountain bikers.
- 55 in the busy season some cyclists don't care for sharing with pedestrians
- 56 Hikers and bikers are respectful of each other. Occasionally summer bikers ride too fast and expect hikers to get out of their way, but it doesn't happen too often.
- 57 Hornby is generally a positive place to ride. Only a few times this year have I come across walkers that were walking up trails that are generally used as fast descents by mountain bikers. It seems that some tourists that are uninformed are generally walking on the wrong trails and putting themselves and others in potentially dangerous situations, such as not being aware of what trails may have riders approaching at higher speeds and having dogs off leash on such trails. It should be encouraged for all pedestrians to read the map and be aware of the instructions as set forth by the text on the back of the map.
- 58 Mostly over enthusiastic "protectors" of what they think of as "their" space.
- 59 My personal interactions with others have been 99% good over a period of 14 years
- 60 Not much one can do when dealing with entitled people.
- 61 Very few conflicts.
- 62 We border on Mt Geoffrey Escarpment park- as long as others do not smoke in the park, all is well. Our dogs will bark at users coming along the trail that borders our property, but they can't see them.
- 63 over the years i have seen the crown land and parks be changed into un-useable land soley for the purpose of walking a dog or riding a bike. i built the trails, i made the maps, yet i am concerned that the useability of these areas is diminishing. as of late firewood for instance has sky rocketed in price by 220% because we are no longer able to collect it ourselves and demand has become to great. as a community we need to have space to do these things.
- 64 ALL positive!!
- 65 Always enjoyable sharing with others this piece of paradise.
- 66 Always very friendly and often stop to talk
- 67 Bikers are unfailingly polite
- 68 Everybody is courteous and the volume of people on the trails is not that great particularly from September to June.
- 69 Everyone has been considerate.
- 70 Everyone has been very friendly and nice when I have met people on the tails and stopped to chat.
- 71 Everyone is respectful of others activities and friendly.
- 72 Everyone on Mt. Geoffrey park is respectful and positive.
- 73 Everyone on the trails has been respectful and helpful in cases of broken bike etc.
- 74 Everyone seems friendly, though it`s rare to meet anyone.
- 75 Everyone seems respectful of fellow trail users
- 76 Excellent interactions

77 Fine.

78 Have never had a problem with dogs or bikes etc

79 I find everyone to be very respectful to me on the horse.

80 I greet other hikers, dog walkers, children, cyclers and joggers with the same respect with which they greet me and my dog. Interactions are happy and respectful of the surroundings. Absolutely no conflicts, ever!

81 I hardly ever see other people on my hikes.

82 I have been hiking with my dog here since 2009 and never had met anyone that did not have a friendly and positive attitude.

83 I have found all users of the park respectful of each other enjoyment and use of the paths.

84

I have found trail users get along better than in any park I've used in B.C. My dog loves being off-leash and gets much more exercise than if she was on-leash.

85 I have had no bad interactions with other users.

86 I have never encountered a problem with anyone else while using the park or the trails.

87 I have never had a bad experience with others

88 I have never had a conflict whether I have my dogs with me or not.

89 I have never had a negative interaction with any users of the trails.

90 I have never had an issue / I always share the trail

91 I have never had any issues, these trails are for sharing.

92 I have not had a negative interaction.

93 I have not had any issues

94 I rarely encounter hikers. My experience is probably a 5:1 ratio of Mountain Bikers to other users that I encounter. The mountain bikers are almost always very friendly. Other users may not be as friendly, but are rarely unfriendly.

95

I've been using the trails for 20 years - summer only for the first 11 and daily for the past 9. I walk with two dogs. Except for the summer, I never see anyone 9 times out of ten in a 1-2hr. walk. I think your "Mostly Positive" category is too negative. Over the years there has been one dog I try to avoid (which I haven't seen for about 2 yrs) and that's it. Bike use has increased dramatically and I am concerned about their speed on downhill trails so I am more careful to use steep, popular trails less in the summer and go up instead of down. For example, I never use No Horses in the summer. Though I have seen evidence of horses recently, I have only encountered them a few times in 20 yrs. I have only had positive contacts with fellow park users. I do worry about a dog-biker accident because of their speed on down hills, but since I have finally taught dogs to get off the trail and sit until bikes go by, this concern is less. Bikers tend not to be expecting to encounter anyone, but once we are spotted, they are very good. The first biker generally tells me how many more are coming which is helpful.

96 I've never had any issues with other trail users

97 It is seldom that I see other users on the trails

98 It's rare that we encounter other user. Any interactions have always been positive. People who use the trails in Geoffrey want to be there and are happy to share the trails.






99 Low usage at the times I am usually there (evening/sunset)

- 100 Mostly Positive
- 101 Mostly people talk of their love of riding the trails or want directions, or they just say 'hi'
- 102 Never a negative interaction yet.
- 103 Never had a problem in all the years I've used the various trails.
- 104 Never had any issues
- 105 No negative experiences.
- 106 No problems at all
- 107 The times I choose to walk in the park I do not often meet anyone else.
- 108 There appears to be a congenial atmosphere with others being as concerned about the environmental protection (not polluting, staying on the trails, attention to wildlife habitats) as i am. We seem to be all moving and thinking in the same direction - visitors and residents alike.
- 109 There is a strong knowledge of right-of-way shared amongst mountain-bikers and trail-users of all ages.
- 110 To date interaction been good, in last few years have seen more hikers in park so this may change just due to volume (in summer season)
- 111 Very friendly / cheerful.
- 112 Very friendly bunch.
- 113 Very positive, why the slant toward the negative?
- 114 Very positive. I look for stop, whether on foot or my be and talk to other hikers, bikers and dog walkers
- 115 We rarely meet anyone in the trails except on mid-summer weekends. Cyclists move to the side to allow passage and dog walkers hold their dogs
- 116 We rarely see people on horses and every person we meet is pleasant and excited to be there. Bikers are always cautious and careful around our dog.
- 117 When I am walking I find the bikers to be very respectful.
- 118 When you slow down, give lots of warning, and even have a passing chat, everyone I ever run into is very friendly!
- 119 always good
- 120 enjoy hiking and very positive interactions. Most people are happy to be up in such a beautiful environment.
- 121 hardly ever meet anyone, except in summer
- 122 no concerns

**Question 4. In the last 10 years, do you believe trail use in the Mount Geoffrey parks and Crown land has...**

	Decreased	Increased	Stayed About The Same	Don't Know	Total Responses
	4 (3.0%)	86 (64.7%)	24 (18.0%)	20 (15.0%)	133

**Comments:**

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Has stayed about the same		16%	8
Increase in general		12%	6
Increase in hikers		6%	3
Increase in mountain bikers		42%	21
Increase mostly in summer months		24%	12

#	Response
1	We are very lucky we have never had a fire from smoking or campers.
2	Build it and they will come.
3	I would be interested in knowing
4	My personal use in the park has increased, but I can't say about other user of the park.
5	Off-road motorbikes continues to be a problem.
6	Popularity with outdoor activities.
7	This area is right up there in popularity with the locals and our visitors. One of the highlights to visit along with Helliwell and the beaches.
8	Those who want to find this special place do
9	i can only comment on the last 4 years from personal experience and the historical information i obtain from those with longer experience times.
10	Always able to escape Hornby crowds in the summer.
11	But still it is rare to meet people up on the mountain, or the secondary trails especially. And everyone is friendly, lots of smiles and greetings.
12	Less bikers on trails which is okay with me.
13	Only slightly increased
14	Seems the same constant usage over the last 10 years.
15	Slight increased use but not substantial
16	Trail usage also is seasonal, and as such fluctuates but is consistent year round with users.
17	Definitely increased. There are many more bikers and lots more walkers, too.
18	Hornby Island is known for its trails and over time is getting more popular.
19	People are gradually congregating to Hornby Island. Slowly the trails are degrading and they need more and more trail days.
20	There is no doubt that there are more people on Mt. Geoffrey trail to the Spit from Ford Cove, and what needs attention is the fire load of fallen trees. All the people I encounter are quiet, respectful and happy to be there. Please don't over-regulate any part of Mt. Geoffrey except for smokers. They are a potential menace to the whole island.
21	Usage has increased, but not horrendously so. Often my dogs and I meet no one, especially going on the trails that go up to the trail that goes along the top.
22	Bike users have increased and the number of bike trails is greater than shown on the map.

- 23 Biking increased, other uses have stayed the same.
- 24 But I'm guessing it has increased with the rise in popularity of mountain biking and the reputation of the Hornby Island trail network within the mountain biking community.
- 25 Every summer it seems there are more and more mountain bikers, but it's a bit hard for me to tell since summer is when I'm so busy I have the least amount of time for using the trails.
- 26 Hornby has always been a popular place to ride mountain bikes and it seems that many people return each year to stay on the island and ride. I would say that there has been an increase in overall riding in the last 10 years, with the increase in popularity of the sport of mountain biking. With this in mind though, the trails do not seem overly busy and most routes are very sustainable due to the topography of the island.
- 27 I think that Mt. biking use has gone up considerably
- 28 It has become like a magnet, particularly for mountain bikers
- 29 Many more mountain bikers - I live on the road to the bench trail and it's a constant stream
- 30 More and more cyclists are seen on the trails
- 31 Mountain biking on Hornby has become well known and popular. It is a very family oriented place.
- 32 There has been a greater increase in bike use - but I tend to use the trails in Mt. Geoffrey park the most. (Link Parson land)
- 33 way more bikes
- 34 we used to have bike races, which had significantly increased trail usage.
- 35 I use the trails mainly in July and August and I haven't seen additional riders on the hill trails. The increased bike traffic seems concentrated on the trails along roadways - to beaches and co-op/ringside, etc.
- 36 Every year there are more users both running hiking and mountain biking. In my estimation, every second or third carload of tourists is loaded with bikes - it's a major draw to the island and more money needs to put into maintains the trails.
- 37 Biking has increased, I believe, as has dog walking.
- 38 I have been biking Mt. G for 25 plus years. More Mtn Bikers and this past summer have seen more hikers then ever seen before.
- 39 Especially in summer due to summer visitors.
- 40 For maybe one or two weekends in the summer there might be six cars in the parking lot on Central and we might meet 2 or three groups of people on our walks. The rest of the year we might meet one or two people.
- 41 Highest usage is of course during the summer months - July and August
- 42 I find in the summer months (when I use the trails frequently) some days are busy and some are very quiet. It really depends.
- 43 I walk a lot up there, especially in the summer, and meet very few people - usually about 10-20, mostly bikers and some walkers with dogs. Of course, there are many people on the trails I don't meet but it never seems crowded- it's a beautiful refuge and place to contemplate. I find it crazy that everyone goes to a hot crowded beach.
- 44 It has increased in the summer however the Hornby Island community is mostly inactive and the trails receive little use in the off season and especially in the winter months.
- 45 increase in summer , same level rest of year

46 vastly increased though there is very little action in the fall, winter, and spring

47 From October to May, I think it hasn't changed much - a few more cyclists. I don't think people know how wonderful it is in winter. I love the streams and waterfalls. I do see more hikers in the summer but still less than once a week. The dramatic increase is in cyclists. In summer I see at least a few every day. I have seen as many as 50 on one walk [that could include double counting] and generally see more than 10 every day. The striking change is in the make-up of cyclists. In my early days here, they were mostly young males and not too many. Now there are lots of couples and a huge increase in family groups. In winter, I don't see anyone probably 9 time out of ten and some of those are 'regular dog walkers'.



48 More mountain bikers in the summer months

49 Summer cyclists have seemed to rise

50 Particularly in the summer months with visitors. Every car that arrives on our island has at least two bikes with them. And there was a doggy boom five years which means a lot more people out walking their dogs.

**Question 5. Please describe the parks/Crown land entrance(s) that you use. If needed, refer to the trail map at [www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/mountgeoffrey](http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/mountgeoffrey).**

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Strachan Rd (To Northwind Trail)		9%	11
All Entrances		10%	13
Cemetery		19%	23
Central Road		15%	19
Central Road (To Coltsfoot Trail)		3%	4
Central Road (to Ford Cove)		14%	18
Central Road (To Sawyer Trail)		8%	10
Euston Road		16%	20
Ferry Landing		3%	4
Fire Hall Entrance		14%	18
French Road		0%	1
Lea Smith Road		14%	18
Mount Road		22%	27
Slade Road		33%	41
Strachan Road		19%	24
Strachan Road (To Beaver Slide Trail)		2%	3
Strachan Road (To Coltsfoot Trail)		0%	1

Strachan Road (To Coltsfoot Trail)		0%	1
Strachan Road (To Jessie's Trail)		1%	2
Strachan Road (To Summit Trail)		2%	3
Water Tower Entrance		4%	6

#	Response
	3 Slade Road; Cemetery and Fire Hall; Strachan; and Lea Smith.
	4 The only issue I have with entrances is the garbage left behind,
	5 testing this comments section
	6 All of them
	7 All of them
	8 All of them
	9 All of them
	10 All of them.
	11 I have used all park entrance without issues. It is nice to have all the choices to enter the park at different spots.
	12 I use all entrances with varying frequency: most regularly: Beaver Slide, Summit, Jessie's trail
	13 I use all of them
	14 I use all the entrances.
	15 I use every entrance
	16 Pretty much all entrances.
	17 all of them.
	18 Cemetery Entrance
	19 I generally use the entrance near the graveyard or the one near the Cardboard house bakery. They are well-maintained and I really like the trail map and doggie-poo bags near the graveyard entrance.
	20 The cemetery entrance.
	21 Usually the graveyard entrance
	22 Cemetery, no horses, slade road, north wind entrance
	23 Jessies trail at the water tank; northwind trail at Elderfield Farm, the bench trail at the top of Euston; coltsfoot and trails to the cliff top via the cemetery or firehall the cliff from the road off Central. Also the parking at Ford cove, near Leaf house - we walk down to the cove, get a coffee and then hike the dog along the trail to the ferry and back.
	24 I generally enter the park at the top of Mount Rd. and exit near the cemetery. Occasionally I will re-enter the park at the water tower at the base of the Sawyer trail and sometimes I will use Shingle Spit to Ford's Cove and then re-enter in at Strachan rd. at the bottom of Northwind Trail.
	25 Cemetery or fire hall

- 26 Fire hall/cemetery entrance
- 27 Slade road
- 28 cemeteryno, slade road
- 29 Top of Euston Road, Northwind Road, Slade Road and the cemetery.
- 30 Slade connector, Sawyer trail, cemetery
- 31 Fire Station / grave yard, Mount Road,
- 32 I usually enter from just behind the graveyard, or from the end of Strachan Valley Road, or another spot on Strachan.
- 33 It depends on which hike I'm doing. Mostly I use the small lot beside the cemetery, which is never too busy. I have also used Ford Cove and Strachan Road.
- 34 Mount Road, Summit Trail Entrance, Cemetery Entrance, Water Line Entrance, Central Road (South)
- 35 Central Rd
- 36 Central Rd
- 37 Central Rd
- 38 Central Rd
- 39 Central Road, Ferry Landing, Sawyer Road, Strachan Road
- 40 Central rd.
- 41 most of the time on Central, next to cemetery
- 42 Central RdSawyer Trail
- 43 Sawyer Rd
- 44 We use Sawyer Trail at the Water Tower on Central
- 45 Central Road (South)
- 46 Ford Cove (arrives by boat)
- 47 Ford Cove - entrance to Mt. Geoffrey Escarpment Park
- 48 The entrance off Central Road before Ford Cove to The Spit. I am too old, now, to navigate Crown Land trails when I wish to walk alone with my dog. Goodness sakes, don't put benches and other safety elements on this land. I'd rather kick the bucket up there than have the usual Park rubbish installed. Hands off as much as possible.
- 49 top of Euston, and by the water tank and by the firehall and ford cove
- 50 Fire Hall, Ford Cove
- 51 Mount Road, Central Road (South)
- 52 North end of bench trail or lower trail to Ford's cove
- 53 Mount road entrance, Shingle Spit Road entrance and Ford's Cove.
- 54 Top of Euston Rd
- 55 Top of Euston Rd.
- 56 Top of Euston road
- 57 euston rd

- 58 Top of Euston Road and the water tank entrance on Central between Sandpiper and Seawright avenue.
- 59 Ferry Landing, Central Road, Sawyer Trail
- 60 Fire Hall
- 61 Fire Hall entrance
- 62 Near fire hall
- 63 Usually the one near the fire hall
- 64 Lea Smith Rd., Central Rd., Strachan Rd. (Jessie's Trail & Beaver Slide Trail), Northwind Trail, Sawyer, Cemetery
- 65 Usually Slade Road, or the Cemetery - but also Lea Smith. Depends upon which trails we're going to.
- 66 slade@cemetery@lea smith
- 67 Top of Euston Rd, Lea Smith Rd, Top of Mount Rd, top of Slade Rd, by the cemetery, by the firehall
- 68 Euston Road, Mount Road, Shingle Spit ferry launch road, Slade Rd., Strachan Rd., Cemetery parking lot entrance, Firehall entrance, Lea Smith Rd.
- 69 Lea Smith, Slade road, graveyard and strachan valley.
- 70 Lee Smith Road, and occasionally Ford's Cove area
- 71 Mount rd., Lea Smith rd.
- 72 Lea Smith Rd, Mount Rd, Central Rd
- 73 Summit Trail / Strachan Rd, Central Road, Mount Road, Lea Smith Road, Northwind Trail, Slade Rd
- 74 Central Road, Slade Road, Lea Smith Road
- 75 Central Road, Slade Road, Lea Smith (when hiking), and the bike trail (Sawyer) from Ford's Cove Road.
- 76 Fire Hall, Lea Smith Road, French Road, Slade Road, End of Marlebone
- 77 Lea Smith Rd, Mount Rd, Sawyer trail, Slade Rd, Central Rd
- 78 Slade Road entrance & Central Road entrance (off of Sandpiper by the water tank) through Crownland trails (Slade Connector, Washing Machine, Coltsfoot, Beulah Creek, Sawyer & Jessie's), Strachan Valley Road (Washing Machine, Northwind Express), Central Road (at the cemetery & fire department) through Crownland trails (Coltsfoot & Walton), Lea Smith Road (hot rims, rain forest loop - hiking only), Fords Cove Shingle Spit trail, Beaver Slide to Bench Connector
- 79 Top of Euston Road. Slade Road. Lea Smith. end of Strachan. Mount Road. Pretty much all of them.
- 80 Slade Road, By the Fire Hall, Lea Smith Road, Mount Road and Stachan Road.
- 81 Lea Smith rd., Strachan rd., Mount rd.
- 82 End of Mount road... Bakery, by Yeoman's old place. Spit to cove trail...
- 83 Mount Rd
- 84 Mount Road
- 85 Mount rd.
- 86 The top of Mount Road access
- 87 Euston Rd, Mount Rd

- 88 Bench trail, Grassy Point, Hidden Beach, Tralee Point, Sandpiper Beach, Euston Rd. & Mout. Rd entrances to Mount Geoffrey, Fire-hall entrance to the trails, Sandy Island (off Denman)
- 89 1. From the Spit (by the Thatch pub) 2. From the top of Mount Road
- 90 Slade Road
- 91 Slade road
- 92 Slade road mostly
- 93 slade rd
- 94 Strachan rd. (Northwind entrance) Slade rd. Central rd. Mount rd.
- 95 Slade Rd
- 96 Slade road, Central Road and Fords Cove
- 97 Central Road, Slade Road, Central Road at Ford Cove
- 98 Most of the time I enter where Coltsfoot and Washing Machine connect with Strachan Road. Next most frequent is Slade Road. On good view days, I frequently start at Euston Road.
- 99 Slade Road, Fire Hall
- 100 Slade road and firehall
- 101 Fire Hall, Slade, Water tank
- 102 Central Road (North), Slade Road, Euston Road, Mount Road
- 103 I access from either the end of Slade Rd or Strachan Rd. It depends on where I want to finish my ride.
- 104 I use the entrance at the top of Slade road and also the entrance on Strachan road near the exit of no horses trail
- 105 Slade Rd entrance or Strachan rd.
- 106 Slade Rd entrance or Strachan rd.
- 107 I predominantly use: Northwind, Slade, and Cemetery.
- 108 Central Road, Slade Road, Strachan Road, Northwind Trail
- 109 Fire Hall, Slade Road, Strachan Road
- 110 Slade Road, Strachan Road, Mount Road
- 111 Slade Road, Strachan Road, Summit Entrance, Euston Road, Beaver Slide Entrance
- 112 Central Rd Slade Rd Euston Rd Mount Rd Strachan Rd (Beaver slide and Coltsfoot entrances)
- 113 Euston Rd., Central Rd.(South), Strachan Rd.
- 114 Strachan road at Water Line trail
- 115 Strachen rd
- 116 Strachan Road, Northwind Trail
- 117 Northwind Road, Strachan Rd, Central Rd.
- 118 Strachan Road trail entrances, Central road
- 119 strachan road primarily; then ford cover area entrance

120 Firehall, euston road, strachan rd, mt road  
 121 Sandpiper water tank

**Is parking an issue at any of those entrances? If so, please specify where.**

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Cemetery Entrance		0%	1
Fords Cove		4%	5
I bike or walk to the parks		11%	12
In some locations		6%	7
Lack of signage displaying private and public land boundaries		0%	1
Lea Smith Road		0%	1
Limited space		11%	12
Mount Road		1%	2
No		71%	74
Parking lot is full		3%	4
Sawyers Trail Head		1%	2
Slade Road		0%	1
Strachan Road		0%	1
Water tower entrance		0%	1
Yes		0%	0

#	Response
1	N/A
2	No, not really. Usually the Cemetery one is quite busy in summer months with five or six cars. If there is one car I'll go somewhere else!
3	testing this comments section
4	Hasn't been in my experience, though I tend to ride from where I'm staying to access the trails
5	I always park on Denman Island and do not bring a vehicle to Hornby Island.
6	I bike from our property so don't need to park but for the most part seems to accommodate parking needs at this time.
7	I walk to the entrances and don't drive so my comments are not super relevant, but there always seems to be a free spot or two when I notice.

- 8 No but I usually start on the trails from home.
- 9 Not for me, I'm on a bike.
- 10 Not for us as we have a place on Sandpiper Road.
- 11 not that I have seen (I typically ride to the park)
- 12 we can walk anywhere on the island in under an hour, if you have to park, then you have relied too much on your vehicle.
- 13 Yes, many people park in the school bus turnaround that we had built. We adjoin the park at 3405 Euston rd.
- 14 I have been thinking about how much needless traffic goes up Strachan Road because people just don't think about riding to one of the many the trailheads around the island (and how short a ride that usually is) I would like to see the parks system encourage people to leave their cars at the cabin and ride.
- 15 specially in summer with numerous bikers and walkers on the road heading for the trail entrance (and cars).  
Both ends of lower trail from ferry to Ford Cove (priority)  
Public parking is needed badly at old lodge entrance of Tribune Bay. The PUP for School District use does not exclude public use of Tennis Courts, the beach
- 16 More parking in heavy use areas.
- 17 Provide more parking at Lea Smith Rd entrance.
- 18 Sawyer Rd could use a little larger parking area. <personal info deleted>
- 19 On very rare occasions, there's a bit of a jam at the top of Mount Rd.
- 20 More signage so people are not parking on private land.
- 21 Fords cove - not enough space
- 22 Strachan - limited availability
- 23 I have found it tough to find parking near Ford's Cove if I'm doing the Shingle Spit trail.
- 24 YES! at Ford Cove end.
- 25 Need parking at Sawyer Trail head
- 26 Parking issue at Water line entrance.
- 27 More parking means more people. Traffic up Mount Road can be a problem in the summer...cars going too fast, kicking up gravel and dust as cyclists try to navigate the steep hill.
- 28 Good parking.
- 29 I have never had a parking problem.
- 30 I have never had a problem with parking at any of the locations
- 31 I walk here from where I live but I seldom see parking at the Slade road entrance being any problem.
- 32 I've never encountered a parking problem at any of these places. Strachan Road seems the most popular entrance for cyclists [inferred by the bike racks on the back] and there is sometimes someone in "My Parking Spot", but there is always room along the road. The record is about 12 cars.
- 33 Never
- 34 Never had an issue
- 35 Never, does the world really need another parking lot, there is always biking or walking to get there. Nothing is too far away here.

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- 71 No , never had a problem. The park that really needs a parking lot off road is Tribune Bay, at the St Johns Pt Rd entrance- there's plenty of room to make a space just inside the entrance, off the road and move the gate back a bit. But that's not your issue.
- 72 No issue
- 73 No issue for me as I bike in
- 74 No issue.
- 75 No issues. Don't overbuild for only 2 mostly in summer.
- 76 No parking issues
- 77 No there are no issues.
- 78 No.
- 79 No.
- 80 No.
- 81 No. There are rarely enough users to make it a problem.
- 82 No. There are rarely enough users to make it a problem.
- 83 No. We can all accommodate each other or come back another time. Don't tell me you are thinking of paving something!
- 84 None at those entrances but the bottom of "No Horses" parking sometimes sucks.
- 85 None. Even in high-volume, summer traffic there is reasonable parking options. Often we bike to the entrance locations.
- 86 Not an issue for me.
- 87 Not that I've noticed
- 88 Parking at various sites has never been a problem at any time of the year. I visit all sites all year.
- 89 Parking is busy but not an issue.
- 90 Parking is limited, but generally not an issue
- 91 Parking not an issue for us. People park up at the cul de sac, but we rarely see more than two or three cars there.
- 92 Seems fine.
- 93 no
- 94 no
- 95 no
- 96 no
- 97 no issues with parking
- 98 nope
- 99 Not for me, I bike as do most people, or so it seems to me. Can't recall seeing the lot full, and if it is, that's probably one or two days a year.
- 100 Not really an issue, per se, but sometimes it's tricky at Slade Road on the curved road - still, everyone seems considerate.
- 101 Since I am parking most often from Sept. - June, it's not really an issue for me, but I could certainly see how entering anywhere off of Strachan Road it certainly could be in the summer.

























102 Sometimes cemetery is full in the summer, but can easily park at Joe King.

103 no problem- in summer the Ford Cove orchard parking lot is full.

104 We still find the parking near the orchard very crowded

**Please list your favourite trails or places in the parks or on the Crown land.**

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
All of them		29%	32
Beaver Slide		3%	4
Beulah Creek Trail		13%	15
Bill & Christa's Trail		1%	2
Bitchin' Camero		5%	6
Chris & Brad's Trail		8%	9
Cliff Trail		24%	27
Cold Deck Trail		7%	8
Coltsfoot		23%	26
Devil's Kitchen		1%	2
Far Side Trail		0%	1
Ford Cove to Shingle Spit Trail		20%	23
Four Dead Aliens		17%	19
Free Fall		1%	2
Free Fall Trail		0%	1
Furry Freak		0%	1
Furry Freak		0%	0
Genuine Draft		0%	0
Hot Rims		10%	11
Inner Ridge		7%	8
Jessie's Trail		9%	10
Katimavic Trail		0%	1
Logging Railroad		6%	7
Lox's Bagel Trail		2%	3
Middle Bench Trail		27%	30
Milo's Meadow		6%	7

Mister Toad's Wild Ride		11%	13
Mountain Biking Trails		7%	8
No Horses		15%	17
Northwind Trail		18%	20
Outer Ridge		14%	16
Ozzmosis		4%	5
Parson's Link		0%	0
Purgatory Trail		4%	5
Sawyer Trail		2%	3
Slade Connector		0%	0
Slalom Trail		1%	2
Slick Rock Trail		2%	3
Slick Rock Trail		3%	4
Spasm Chasm		8%	9
Summit Trail		19%	21
Tadpole Trail		3%	4
Test Tube		5%	6
The Way		2%	3
Walton Trail		4%	5
Washing Machine		10%	11
Water Line		0%	1
Westwind Trail		0%	1
Yeoman's Trail		3%	4
Your Mom		7%	8

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Response

- 1 Leaf House, Orchard
- 2 Logging Railway Trail; Lower Bench Trail
- 3 i dono the trails
- 4 All of it
- 5 All of it. There are just enough trails to keep the network interesting and varied.
- 6 All of them
- 7 All of them

- 8 All of them
- 9 All of them
- 10 All of them
- 11 All of them
- 12 All of them
- 13 All of them
- 14 All of them
- 15 All of them
- 16 All of them - I try to vary my routes
- 17 All trails really
- 18 All trails!
- 19 Every part of both
- 20 I like them all
- 21 I'm a frequent user of all trails
- 22 My husband & i are active mountain bikers & make use of all the trails the Hornby Mt. Biking Association has worked on & up keeps year after year. And we are introducing our daughter to the joys of Mt. Geoffrey & to mountain biking. We also frequent the trails for walks & hikes often with our extended family & friends.
- 23 Too many to list
- 24 Too many to list!
- 25 We make a habit of visiting ALL the trails. It's fun for us to keep a map and highlight the trails once we've travelled on them, then begin all over again.
- 26 all of them
- 27 Cliff trail
- 28 All of the trails on Hornby are very good, although many of the trails are used more than others. The trails on the south side of the island from Hot Rims south are generally the most used and enjoyed by riders.
- 29 All
- 30 Shingle spit trail, middle bench trail, cliff trail, Walton trail, all the trails on the mountain are great.
- 31 Lea smith, Bench trail, lox bagel, spasm chasm. 4 dead aliens, old logging railroad ... Okay all of them.
- 32 Heavy user of all trails by foot and mountain bike
- 33 I love all the trails, and the entire area....it's like entering a different world there...some particular favorites are yer mom, walton, no horses, westwind, beulah.....oh, and the middle bench trail, lower bench, and cliff trails....beaver slide...
- 34 no horses, four dead aliens, all of them
- 35 Coltsfoot, Northwind, Summit, Cliff, Beulah, Jessie's, Bench, ALL of them!
- 36 Inner Ridge, 4 Dead Aliens, Northwind, Washing Machine, Coltsfoot, Jessie's Trail, Beaver Slide, Buelah Creek
- 37 Coltsfoot, Water Line, Beaver Slide, Sawyer, Jessie's

- 38 Coltsfoot, Beulah Creek Trail, Cliff Trail, many others I don't know the names of.
- 39 Cliff Trail, Inner Ridge, 4 Dead Aliens, Washing Machine, Coltsfoot, Jessie's Trail, Sawyer Trail, Buelah Creek, Logging Rail Road, Walton, Yeoman, Spasm Chasm, Milos Meadow, Slick Rock.
- 40 Four Dead Aliens; Toad's Ride, Cliff Trail; Beulah Creek; Colt's Foot; Ridge Trail; Furry Freak; The Way (between Toad's Ride and Northwind); Spasm Chasm.
- 41 Toads Ride Trail, Cold Deck Trail, Slick Rock Trail, Coltsfoot Trail, Buelah Creek, Ozzmosis Trail, Hot Rims, Bill & Christa's Trail, Yeomans Trail, Logging Rail Road, Walton Trail.
- 42 "The new ones" - Logging Rail Road - Coltsfoot - Buelah Creek
- 43 views from the cliff trail at sunset are outstanding
- 44 Cliff Trail, Outer Ridge, Coltsfoot, Northwind, Milo's Meadows, North Spasm Chasm
- 45 Spasm Chasm, Ozzmosis, Cliff Trail, Test Tube, Outer Ridge, Washing Machine, Coltsfoot
- 46 All the bike trails - riding@Cliff Trail - hiking@
- 47 Along the bluff. Outer Ridge. Cliff Trail.
- 48 Cliff Trail, Outer Ridge Trail
- 49 Colts Foot, Mr. Toad's 4 Dead Aliens,
- 50 Coltsfoot, 4 Dead Aliens, Washing Machine, Upper Bluff, Heliwell Trail, Big Trib Beach
- 51 Northwind Trail, Coltsfoot Trail, Logging Rail Road, Cold Deck Trail. And mostly all connecting trails located within the area specified above.
- 52 Colts Foot and Northwind
- 53 Northwind washing machine coltsfoot loop, walk this daily from the Slade road access. Northwind up to outlook, every weekend.
- 54 For years before the Mt. Geoffrey Park was designated as a provincial park I walked through the orchards and along the old trail between Ford Cove and The Spit. I still do and was instrumental, with many others, in raising the funds to purchase the Link/Parsons property. Crown land is too difficult, now for me to navigate safely, so I leave that to the enjoyment, respect and care of following generations.
- 55 The trail from the top of Mount Road to Ford Cove
- 56 particularly interested in the watershed areas, small pond/lake area and the escarpment pathways from Ford Cove to Shingle spit.
- 57 logging Railway, Spasm Chasm
- 58 Euston Rd to Mount Rd
- 59 Middle Bench Trail
- 60 Middle Bench Trail
- 61 Middle Bench Trail
- 62 lower bench , coltsfoot , beulah
- 63 Jessie's Trail, Coltsfoot, Cliff Trail, Bench Trail
- 64 Spit to Cove trail, Upper bench trail, from Mount Road, Chris & Brad's trail from Strachan Valley, Network behind the firehall, Slade Road to Northwind, Cliff view trail accessed from Lea Smith Road.
- 65 Walk from home in Sandpiper area, up Jessie's trail and across the the Bakery - have a treat and then walk up the cliff to top, then down Northwind or other trail back home- a nice long loop.

- 66 Bench trail and lower escarpment trail to Ford's cove
- 67 Ford Cove Middle Bench Trail Ford Cove to Shingle Spit Trail
- 68 Ford Cove trail. Bench trail.
- 69 Middle Bench Trail, Ford Cove to Shingle Spit Trail
- 70 Middle Bench Trail, Ford Cove to Shingle Spit Trail.
- 71 Trail at bottom edge of escarpment and bench trail.
- 72 Middle Bench Trail, Ford Cove to Shingle Spit Trail, Outer Ridge Trail
- 73 Outer Ridge, Middle Bench, Ford Cove to Shingle Spit
- 74 Ridge trail.... bench trail... lower/beach trail
- 75 All the various mountain bike trails
- 76 We love the mountain bike trails!
- 77 For running, it's coltsfoot, north wind, Beulah's, washing machine. For biking it's all the rest, especially the way and from the slalom down toads to no horses.
- 78 No horses, Chris and brads, 4 dead aliens, cliff trail
- 79 4 Dead Aliens, Chris & Brad's, No Horses, Cliff Trail, Mister Toads Wild ride, Slalom, Devils Kitchen, Hot Rims, Purgatory, Bitchin Camaro, Test Tube, Slick Rock.
- 80 The way Your mom Yeoman's Four dead aliens Toads ride No horses Chris and brads Etc. Every mountain bike trail, + cliff trail
- 81 Coltsfoot / Northwind / Washing Machine (Dry Line) / Cold Deck / Toads Ride / Tad Pole / Chris & Brads/ No Horses / 4 dead Aliens / Hot Rims
- 82 The dual slalom course, four dead aliens, no horses, etc..
- 83 hot rims, four dead, no horses, outer ridge
- 84 Toad's Wild Ride, No Horses, Northwind, Inner Ridge, Outer Ridge Yeomans, 4 dead, Cold Deck, Spasm Chasm, Milow's Meadow, Tadpole, Lox's Bagel. Also the bench on the Ridge Trail is just about the best place on Earth.
- 85 No Horses, Slick Rock the Waterfall, any of the lookouts
- 86 3 dead aliens, purgatory, bitchin camaro, slickrock, hottrims, toad's, Chris & Brads, No Horses, test tube, tadpole, Your Mom, Cliff Trail.
- 87 3 dead aliens, purgatory, bitchin camaro, slickrock, hottrims, toad's, Chris & Brads, No Horses, test tube, tadpole, Your Mom, Cliff Trail.
- 88 Mister Toad's Wild Ride, No Horses, Hot Rims, Your Mom, Colt's Foot, Washing Machine, Slickrock, Freefall, The Way
- 89 Outer Ridge is my favorite trail
- 90 Top of Mount Geoffrey.
- 91 Beulah Creek, Jessies Trail, Sawyer Trail, Summit Trail, Ford Cove to Shingle Spit Trail, Cliff Trail, Cold Deck Trail, Northwind Trail, Coltsfoot Trail.
- 92 slummit Beulah Coltsfoot
- 93 Cliff Trail/Summit
- 94 Summit Trail, Cliff Trail
- 95 Summit=-cliff trail, inner ridge
- 96 Ford Cove Shingle Spit Trails Summit Trail Beulah's Trail Coltsfoot Trail Dzzmosis Trail

- 97 Summit, Shingle Spit, Coltsfoot and Northwest Trail are my favourites.
- 98 Far beaver lake pond, Fords Creek valley, ridge trails at the top of the mountain.
- 99 Fordcove, Summit Trail, Northwind Trail, Logging Railroad Trail, Walton, Cold Deck, Milo's Meadow
- 100 Cold Deck, Northwind, Dead Aliens, Toads Ride, Summit Ridge, Osmosis and Lox Bagel
- 101 Summit trail; Northwind (especially north-western section); Hot Rims, Bill & Christal; Spasm Chasm, Purgatory/Bitchin Camaro/Milo's Meadow
- 102 Middle bench, summit trail, cliff trail, north wind trail
- 103 have not memorized the trail names...all 3 bench trails
- 104 Rain Forest, Summit Trail, Outer Ridge Trail, Bench Trail, Ford Cove to Shingle Spit Trail
- 105 Bench trail, trails up the mountain from the Bench trail, trail along top of mountain- love th lookouts and the cedar grove. Swamp is important to our water system
- 106 Northwind trail and summit trail and bench trail.
- 107 Jessie's Trail, Free Fall, Yur Mama, Chris and Brad's, Spasm Chasm, Hot Rim's, No Horses, Northwind, Four Dead Aliens, Bever Slide, Middle Bench Trail, Bitchin' Camero, Milo's Meadow, Far Side, Ozzmosis, Katimavik, Buelah Creek, Furry Freeak, Ford Cove to Shingle Spit Trail, Outer Ridge Trail, Summit Trail, Colt's Foot,
- 108 Beulah Creek, Northwind, Washing Machine, 4 Dead Aliens, Cliff, Your Mom, No Horses, Test Tube, Chris & Brads, cold deck, Coltsfoot, Jesses Trail, Hot Rims, Bench, Summit Ridge
- 109 Bench Trail, Tribune Bay Provincial Park, Helliwell Park, Grassy Point, Beulah Creek, Hidden Beach, No Horses, Devil's Kitchen, Test Tube, Washing Machine, Summit Trail...
- 110 Free fall trail, Purgatory, Bitchin' Camaro, Your Mom

**Question 6. Rate the priority of improvements needed at park entrances, in the parks, or on the Crown lands.**

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	Total Responses
Outhouses	16 (13.4%)	24 (20.2%)	60 (50.4%)	19 (16.0%)	119
Trail and park information at entrance:	38 (31.7%)	48 (40.0%)	27 (22.5%)	7 (5.8%)	120
Interpretive signs	11 (9.4%)	39 (33.3%)	46 (39.3%)	21 (17.9%)	117
Trail directional signs	50 (41.0%)	45 (36.9%)	19 (15.6%)	8 (6.6%)	122
Picnic tables	4 (3.4%)	12 (10.3%)	51 (43.6%)	50 (42.7%)	117

**Other**

There are 31 response(s) to this question.












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- 1 I think picnic tables could be added to "point A" and trail signs at "point B"
- 2 Even though I am not a regular Mountain Biker, I believe investment in trail maintenance and continual improvements is critical. Hornby Island is recognized as a top destination for Mountain Biking, but our infrastructure does not reflect that. Annual budgets should be enhanced to ensure a world class trail experience.
- 3 Have interpretive information at Buckley Bay, the Thatch Pub, The Co-op, I would leave the rest of the mountain natural, with the exception of clearing fire load from beside trails and installing No Smoking signs at all entrances.. trails.
- 4 A trail is needed that would run from the top of Slade Rd at the Beulah Creek Trail down to join the trail along Central Rd. It is private land and would need an agreement with a landowner (maybe the ISLA group?) but it would create a great woodland route from the crown lands to the Co-op corner without having a long dusty walk up or down Slade Road and along Central
- 5 The gravel road from central road is often in terrible shape, especially in the summer. This causes terrible problems for all users of that entrance. The road cannot handle the volume of park users and is very dangerous. Fixing the road should be a high priority
- 6 With interpretive signs, perhaps some environmental issues, wildlife information and WATER conservation information.
- 7 There is a lot of potential, forest fire fuel in the park and crown land. In the form of wind falls and dead standing trees. More energy needs to be directed at keeping any potential forest fires to a minimum.
- 8 Hiking & mountain biking are a big part of recreation on Hornby. And one that is free & right here at home. Many of us are happy & grateful to have these trails for ourselves & our kids as a way to stay active & get outdoors.
- 9 I'd like to see more trail improvements, specifically smoothing out roots.
- 10 less is more. its a shame to see nature littered with directional signs. please pick up a book.
- 11 I use the park to be in nature: No "improvements" needed for an enjoyable time on Mount Geoffrey.
- 12 Trail maintenance, construction of additional trails
- 13 I think things as they are now are just about perfect....I would actually hate to see picnic tables and outhouses in the park itself...perhaps at some of the entrances, but that's about it!
- 14 When I first started using the parks, I got lost regularly; there were few trail signs and no good maps. Fortunately, it's a relatively small park on an island so getting really lost is hard to do. Now most of the trails are signed and good maps are available. The trail head signs are useful. I see people using phones for maps.
- 15 The most important thing is to accurately update the trail maps. Many trails are mis-described or missing.
- 16 Benches at good locations - rest and view points, or trail junctions
- 17 Maps improved - High Priority
- 18 Maps - High priority
- 19 Improved maps - High priority
- 20 Signage/reminders to mountain bikers about damage caused by skidding, riding aggressively & walking off trail; possible gates/obstacles at major intersections & key locations to slow down bike speeds
- 21 The maps that are provided are very useful.
- 22 Clear-no motor bikes- signage, as they do enter the park regularly, and destroy trails and peace

- 23 I am part of the Hornby Water Stewardship Project of Heron Rocks Friendship Society. We have been made aware of water rushing down trails and cutting deep swaths. We need water to stay on the island longer...not rushing straight to the sea. The solution is to divert water off the trails to the sides, thereby preventing deep ditches and keeping the rain water available to plants and people longer. This is an "erosion" problem."
- 24 Let's not attract more people please.
- 25 garbage? like outhouses, garbage cans need maintenance!
- 26 Picnic tables only cause more litter, A bench at mid points would be nice to rest at
- 27 Improved parking at water line entrance - High priority
- 28 Resting benches at high view points - low priority. Radio/cell phone towers - not needed, remove and do not allow them.
- 29 Parking. Portable water.
- 30 Benches - High priority
- 31 Parking

**Where would you like to see the above improvements? Please specify locations, especially for your high priorities.**

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Benches along trails		4%	3
Better trail directional signs - at entrances		13%	8
Better trail directional signs - Fords Cove		1%	1
Better trail directional signs - throughout		29%	18
Clear fire load - throughout		1%	1
Improve mountain biking trails		1%	1
Interpretive signs - along trails		4%	3
Interpretive signs - at Cliff Trail		1%	1
Interpretive signs - at entrances		11%	7
Leave it the way it is		13%	8
Maps at trail heads		9%	6
More directional signage - at Summit Trail		1%	1
More trail directional signs - throughout		16%	10

Outhouse - at bottom of Northwind Trail.		1%	1
Outhouse - at Slade Rd.		1%	1
Outhouse at Central Rd.		1%	1
Outhouse at Lea Smith Rd.		1%	1
Outhouses at entrances		13%	8
Outhouses within the park		4%	3
Picnic tables at viewpoints		1%	1
Trail maintenance & repairs - throughout		9%	6
Trail maintenance & repairs - washout areas		3%	2
Trail maintenance - Sawyer to Coltsfoot		1%	1
Warning signs along dangerous sections		1%	1

#	Response
1	Everywhere
2	Throughout Park area.
3	Top of Euson Road, Top of Mount Road
4	all entrances
5	crowd land open to firewood collection.
6	Benches placed on Ridge Trail and Ford Cove to Spit Trail.
7	The Ford Cove trail attracts tourists on their bicycles. Their children can end up tears because it's significantly more difficult than I think they're led to believe. On the CVRD map, for example, it's labelled as "easy" when, in fact, there are very steep sections and a risk to go over the bank. The parents end up trying to push both their own bicycle as well as those of their children up the hills.
8	for someone who gets lost easily, perhaps at the strachan road entrance where one parks..point in general direction to upper bench trail
9	I frequently find lost/turned around park users. Better signage would help.
10	I think that better signage would go a long way towards helping people new to Hornby Island stop getting lost and would encourage more people to see this unique part of Hornby Island.
11	Just updated signage for the trails and the rest is good.
12	Trail directional signs throughout the park could be improved.
13	Trails better marked up the mountain.

- 14 it's so easy for people to get lost and when you're walking that can mean hours in such a big park. A few trail routes marked with colours or symbols would be nice for visitors.
- 15 Maybe an outhouse at the bottom of Northwind or at Slade Rd.
- 16 Entrances and trail crossings
- 17 New maps should be at all trail entrances and at major trail intersections.
- 18 Outhouse at Central Rd. Improved and updated kiosk at Central, Slade, Strachan. Directional Signs need to match map (eg: The Way = Purgatory / Camero)  
Rustic Benches at summits work well.
- 19 I like it the way it is. But can see the value of more signage for people that use the mountain less.
- 20 Prominent trail junctions could use better way finding signs
- 21 Clearer signage at trail junctions
- 22 intersections of trails need destination signage - I've met a lot of people walking who ask for direction and are a bit turned around.
- 23 Summit Trail - There should be a larger updated map of the trails with "You Are Here" clearly marked. It would be nice to add the kilometers for each trail so people can better judge the distance and time it will take to walk or bike a trail. I have found many people lost and exhausted on the mountain.  
Trail signs should have directional arrows to ensure one is choosing the right path. Sign lettering should be in red or yellow for visibility, not green.
- 24 Signs on EVERY trail - well marked. Outhouses (porta potties best) at all entrances and maybe at the top?
- 25 An outhouse near the summit would be amazing. Signs that point out North/ South attached to existing signs would be AMAZING too, because that would help people orient themselves while on the mountain.
- 26 Yer mom's trail needs warning signs that it is for experienced bikers, and that hikers should not use it (in busy season). Not every one knows what a black diamond means
- 27 Clear fire load from wherever it is accessible. It is a menace to the island as a whole. Keep the rest of the 'improvements' out. I'm getting on for eighty and if I can't sit on a stump for a rest, perhaps I need to stay home.
- 28 Interpretive signs along the cliff trail describing things visible from the cliffs (eg birds, islands, hornby fauna)
- 29 Entrance areas and along the trail (interpretive signs).
- 30 Because there are no interpretive signs, I don't know where they would go and what they would contribute. It would be nice if interesting nature points and sensitive areas would be identified. A picnic table might be useful at the view point on the Bench Trail at the Mount Road end. Spectacular view and close
- 31 Outhouses - Honestly there is lots of bush to use and no people around. Not like Sandpiper!
- 32 Maybe have outhouses at the Cemetery and Slade entrances. Already have enough trail maps at entrances. Interpretive signs at entrances like the one at Helliwell could be OK if done in a rustic manner.
- 33 I think adding a picnic table is not needed and would take away from the beauty of the park as would an outhouse
- 34 I'm not a frequent user of these trails, but I've always found enough wayfinding info at parking areas and within the park area to avoid getting lost
- 35 Love it the way it is
- 36 Most of Park information is on the trail maps that are purchased and the funds go back into trail maintenance crew.
- 37 Please, let's leave it be.
- 38 the park is still a place that surprises, like Hornby itself, the more you 'park-ify' it, the more you lose its unique character.

- 39 Just the trail maps at the trailheads.
- 40 Trail markers at all entrances and on the mountain
- 41 Trail and park info and main entrances.
- 42 Outhouses - Entrance to Summit Trail Trail and park info at entrances - \*and on main roads like Central Road
- 43 Outhouses - located at entrances
- 44 Trail directional signs located within the parks / Crown land
- 45 Trail directional signs put in any intersection without signs
- 46 I gave high priority to maps because they are critical to visitors' enjoyment of the parks/trails. However, I find that the maps and directional signs that exist are quite adequate. Perhaps it would be useful to have maps posted at some of the lesser used entrances such as: Sawyer, Beaver Slide, Gravel Pit, and Jessie's.
- 47 Outhouses at the Lea Smith Rd entrance.
- 48 Main Entry points would be great places for an outhouse, tough to ride/hike too far with little boys without having access to a toilet.
- 49 These types of "improvements" would detract from a precious local "wilderness" experience. If outhouses are an issue for people, I would suggest keeping them at trail heads, for start and finish relief...
- 50 Outhouses - possibly at cemetery entrance Trail directional signs - at main intersections
- 51 Ideally toilets should be located along trail routes so less road traffic will stop to use the toilets.
- 52 I think there should be an outhouse at the busiest entrances or somewhere central in the park, like there is at Helliwell. It would be better to have more outhouses if possible.
- 53 Fix the road first.
- 54 Save your/our money for trail maintenance on all lands in the public domain.
- 55 Some trail work to reduce the impact of erosion, or eliminate build up of gravel, or build up earth over increasing obstacles (roots rocks) such that trail remains relatively smooth
- 56 Additional trails that are little kid friendly (ages 3-10) similar to Beulah in difficulty. They should be near the bottom of mount Geoffrey. Also I think there should be a small jump trail along washing machine. Not big gap jumps but rather rollers that less experienced people can roll over but more experienced riders can
- 57 Along Northwind - at Cold Deck & Washing Machine intersections. Also, possible barriers (chicane type obstacles) along steeper sections of Cold Deck & North Wind. Signs in downhill locations reminding riders to "Ride-Don't Slide" and occasional educational information explaining how this erodes the trail. There is already comments on the maps & literature to this effect, but I don't believe this is read by all.
- 58 I would like to see the parks remain in it nature state. With the exiting trails maintain.
- 59 All steep hiking, biking trails at the "top" of the park are a priority. This is where the rain water rushes fastest..
- 60 In the summer a lot of trail corners are washed due to skidding and can become dangerous. Any trails sections where higher speeds are reached should be focused on to maximize the experience and minimize risks.
- 61 Sawyer/Jessie's on the way to Colts foot.

**Question 7. It is illegal to build unsanctioned trails in the two Mount Geoffrey parks and on the Crown lands. Nonetheless, unsanctioned trail building is happening both in Mount Geoffrey Regional Park and on Crown lands (less so in the provincial park). The unsanctioned trails may not be safe, in some cases may contribute to erosion problems and fragmentation of wildlife habitat, and/or may negatively impact environmentally sensitive areas. What do you believe should be done about unsanctioned trails?**

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Decommission unsanctioned trails		16%	19
Educate the public		23%	28
Give enforcement		6%	8
Keep some and decommission some		17%	21
Leave them alone		27%	32
Organize a group to plan trails		11%	14
Sanction them		4%	5

#	Response
1	Build cool sanctioned trails and there is no need for someone else to build the us sanctioned ones.
2	Evaluate like needs of users (dog walkers, walkers, ect) most of the trails are old logging roads, very different than what a wilderness experience should be. The focus tends to be on view overlooks as a destination, but to serve the local (young and old) population, more focus on short loops near access points, that focus on interesting topography, (creeks, hills, ridges) and fauna (plants and trees).
3	I don't have answer for that. I have not seen problems
4	I don't know anything about unsanctioned trails.
5	I really don't know what should be done about it, but I do know that as a legitimate trail builder, I am concerned that the building of unsanctioned trails is undermining our chances of getting new sanctioned trails approved.
6	Most of your "unsanctioned" trails are deer trails to begin with.
7	N/A
8	No opinion.
9	Not sure
10	Not sure how I feel about this.
11	The majority of trails that I see that lead off of the main trails are deer trails. Some of these are more worn as they are used by the deer quite heavily from the amount of droppings I have seen on them.

- 12 They should be marked on map unsanctioned trails
- 13 i guess my question would be who is building the unsanctioned trails and for what purpose...is it a major problem
- 14 testing this comments section
- 15 there is no room for new trails, however,, allow them to be built. perhaps applications could be made locally.
- 16 Block off in an esthetically / natural manner. E.G. Large rocks, logs, not metal painted gates. If it keeps recurring, then a small sign about erosion.
- 17 Bury them in debris.
- 18 Close them off
- 19 Controlled and brought back to original.
- 20 Eliminated
- 21 Gently block off / discourage use. Social liason with bike users
- 22 It should not be ignored - action should be taken.
- 23 Large rock to close each end.
- 24 Plant and mark the seedlings... Leave wood debris (branches, wind-fall trees) piled on/along the trail...
- 25 Remove.
- 26 They should be de-constructed.
- 27 Education and removal...
- 28 From experience in Pacific Spirit Park, Vancouver; where trails existed before park boundaries were made by mountain bikers, blocking off with both natural and fencing materials has been effective. Signs which speak of salmon protection have been very effective around stream crossings; more could be said regarding harming trees by traffic erosion over root areas.
- 29 I think they should be blocked and signed as a recovery area. The trail brochures should be used as a tool for educational purposes regarding the unsanctioned trails, explaining why they are not to be used and info regarding keeping to trails at entrances and why.
- 30 Stop them from being built once they're discovered. High fines. Public education sessions on Hornby Isle and presentation at Rate Payers meeting. Perhaps "Islands Trust" can help spread this message with an article in it's newspaper.
- 31 I believe they should be physically decommissioned by felling trees, creating dirt barriers, and other means I can't think of at the moment rather than by enforcement.
- 32 Surely the building of unauthorized trails constitutes and "vandalism" and is therefore a criminal offence. Why is this not being made clear to those involved? There are already more than enough trails. Unauthorized trails should be restored to their natural state, as far as this is feasible.
- 33 Shut them down. All trail building to go through local mountain biking committee. Evaluate and approve before building.
- 34 Unfortunate that this is the case. I believe that there is less "building" of such trails when the Bike Club can work together with the park governing bodies to create trails for specific bike usage (single track, down hill only, etc). Hot Rims parallel to the Cliff Trail is a great example of this working! Illegal trails should be blocked / dismantled without making things less safe.
- 35 A public relations campaign directed towards local people on the reasons why trail development is restricted. I do not condone a "police" type enforcement. The best way to get people to cooperate is to help them understand. And perhaps engage some peer pressure. Overall, it doesn't seem to be a big problem anyway.

- 36 Create a forum for individuals to propose new trails they would like to see built. Perhaps add signage at some of the main entrances, to educate people on why unsanctioned trail building is a negative thing.
- 37 Discourage their construction through information and education outreach, accept, name and maintain any that become established trails... Whether created by humans or deer!
- 38 Discuss with HIRRA parks committee and come to an agreed upon solution.
- 39 I have no idea how it can be addressed. Consulting with the local population is the best option. Speak to the owners of the bike shop, leaves notices there and at the entrances.
- 40 If unsanctioned trail building is already happening, it will continue to happen. It's important to educate trail builders on the importance of how to build trails so that they don't contribute to erosion, disrupt wildlife, or negatively impact the environment. Trail building should not be discouraged as it promotes healthy life choices as well as, the more trails there are, the more people are drawn to the Island which helps the local economy. It also creates awareness of the forest and often leads to a greater amount of respect for our environment. A trail crew should be from from locals to Hornby Island.
- 41 Little can be done. Put very clear signing on the official trails to show which are safe and on the map etc.
- 42 Shortcuts and wild cycling through the forest has not developed that much yet but I have seen it elsewhere. Education, slowing down bike traffic would help. I know the mountain bike people built and maintained the trails but with youtube and biking events held here it adds to the attraction for speed and tricks. Mushroom pickers and birdwatchers probably follow the deer trails.
- 43 This is definitely a problem and in several places, erosion is really evident following heavy rain. I'm sure the "trail builders" believe they are being helpful but it could show a lack of understanding/education of park use and perhaps there needs to be a process for individuals who are keen and energetic to follow?
- 44 Wasn't aware of this. Perhaps it would be good to understand why these trails are being built...only by getting to the root of the purpose can we understand how to mitigate?
- 45
1. The bicycle locals would likely know who was building them - they should be informed BEFORE-HAND that they must be planned and approved in advance - ultimately a fine should be laid.
  2. Other unsanctioned illegal actions (eg: camping, cutting and removing of trees, building of fires, ect.) the use of ticketing when possible should be increased. Including hunting with firearms or bow and arrow.
  3. Specially destructive are motorized vehicles specially 4 wheel drive - they should seriously be sought after and fined.
- 46 More information given to the non-locals. Fines given.
- 47 Information nights for the residents regarding the concerns; public information gathering and potential closure or modifications along with public support and environmental safety obtained; environmental protection should be the main priority with public input secondary; consideration of 'historical' pathways created illegally, there may be transport/access reasons behind this OR mountain biking trails for recreational use with the former bearing more significance for consideration.
- 48 Work to identify where unsanctioned trails are a problem and where they are not - some may be a nice addition. Where this is a problem, work with community to inform reasons for issues and explain where trail development will be left.

- 49 Discuss with the community and members involved to come to a mutual decision / plan of action, ie group made up of reps from related groups including the trail builders.  
Preservation of nature should be paramount, but no one on Hornby would disagree with that - education may be needed.  
But our young men need somewhere to put their energy and do some risk taking and we need to allow them that opportunity, (eg your mom trail) could there be an agreed upon local committee that ok's new ideas for trails?
- 50 1) Determine which user group built the trail (ie, MTBers, hikers, etc).  
2) Communicate with the user group about the concerns over the trail (ie, specific elements that may be unsafe or unsustainable).  
3) Work with the user group to develop a plan to make the trail conform to the standards required for the area.  
The worst thing that can be done is for the trail to simply be dismantled. This will only cause the original builders to move to a new location, and become disenfranchised with the system of legitimate trail building. It's far better if the trail builders are approached and coached on how to create and maintain trails. At the same time, Land Managers need to understand that sports such as mountain biking is progressive in nature, and that over time trails and their features need to be dynamic in order to keep up with the progress of the sport (ie, mountain biking isn't the same now as it was 20 years ago, and the trails needs to reflect this). Denying this will only lead to renegade building.
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- 52 Create a process with the bike enthusiasts that will facilitate the construction of new trails - as long as they participate in a planning process that does address those issues - Don't just say no- but do some grassroots community education to explain those concerns - woodland stewardship should go hand-in-hand with the trails experiences - make it cool to be a well-informed conservation minded trail builder. Identify the most sensitive areas for protection - and some others that could handle few banked corners in some area and get some good leadership on agreeing to self-monitor.
- 53 Engage the people who are building them, educate and include them in the overall maintenance and vision for the park.
- 54 Hornby Island is a very small community and the local riding and building population is certainly a small percentage of this. All issues with rogue trail building should be handled in cooperation with HIMBA to ensure that the situation is brought to light correctly. Providing an opportunity to maintain existing trails within the network and educating builders about negative impacts would be a positive step.
- 55 Partner with the people building them - plan trail development in collaboration! If rationale is sound, they will assist to recommend certain trail work together with the community!
- 56 Don't see what can be done without more enforcement.










- 57 If the rule is not enforced or not enforceable then don't make it illegal.. Not sure who is spending effort to build trails. May be for some specific access to their home?
- 58 More enforcement! It should not be hard to find out who is building unsanctioned trails. These people could be "recruited" to help with the erosion problem described above.
- 59 They should be outlawed and people fined. The lands are there for everyone's enjoyment...not just a select few. Trail building requires planning and sanctioning and constant monitoring. This needs to be communicated clearly and loudly!
- 60 Decommission if causing issues
- 61 Decommission or Maintain
- 62 Discourage / prohibit the making of new trails. In our opinion, there are plenty of wonderful trails in both parks and crown lands where unauthorized trails have been built, signs could be placed to inform the public it's a restoration area.
- 63 I don't really have an opinion beyond saying that if there's a problem, the trails should be blocked off and a sign posted about why they're blocked.
- 64 If there are no safety issues, leave them be. If they are a problem, block the entrances?
- 65 If they are unsalvageable, close them. But improving them into useable trails could also be effective.
- 66 Inspect for safety and detrimental ecological issues. Block with large trees and bush if necessary.
- 67 Keep them unless they contribute to erosion.
- 68 Leave the ones that are there. Define an approval plan. Inactivate any new ones.
- 69 Most unsanctioned trails are likely built by locals who have to get from a to b. If a trail is not sanctioned but is not causing harm, leave it or add it to the trail system. If it is doing harm, put up a sign explaining why it should not be used? Most locals are sensitive to the environment and respectful of it.
- 70 Need to know which trails to give an informed answer. Discourage further action and "leave her be where Jesus flang her" as they say.
- 71 Should be discouraged if these trails contribute to erosion; but bikers are the main users of large parts of the parks, bikers should be included in the process.
- 72 The concern for erosion is an important issue and the trails should be restricted due to future problems with water runoff.
- 73 There should be trails created for those that need the "extra" experience, somewhere that will not hurt the environment and is safe.
- 74 They should be formalized into proper trails as they will be used anyways... unless they present a "real" danger to users or causes "real" environmental damage.
- 75 Unless the trails are extremely threatening to safety or the environment, I think unsanctioned trails should be made into real trails because people will most likely continue to use them regardless.
- 76 a few of them do serve a purposed creating a short loop, - like the one from Walton trail to Colt's foot. The ones coming of Washing Machine should be closed. The one from Beulah creek to Coltsfoot is really nice as it follows the creek bed , but ...?
- 77 Close or re-route if a problem.
- 78 All the trails except for the original logging roads were unsanctioned. Mountain Bikers were the only users of Mount Geoffrey until the last 5-10 years. The mountain bike community needs to be recognized for the contribution they have made and for the amenities they have created. Hornby Island is a destination

- 79 Depending on which "Unsanctioned trails" we are talking about I know some are feasible and done well.... mostly following deer trails. But I agree there have been a few built poorly and used once and left to rot and have become dangerous. I have been trying to dismantle some old ones.
- 80 Erosion has always been a problem on that side of the island, but I think we should turn a blind eye to illegal trails because they will happen anyway
- 81 I do not believe unsanctioned trails are a serious issue at this time.
- 82 I don't see any dangerous spots, nor any threat to wildlife or the environment. People stay on the trails, dogs may wander but don't damage anything more than the deer. The only wildlife are deer and mice who are quite safe, and birds are happy being birds and not bothered by trails.
- 83 I feel that there should be mechanisms to allow trail building in the parks. Mountain biking has been an important activity in the area for many years, and is embraced by the community.
- 84 I have no problems with the "unsanctioned" trails. I have walked every trail and I have never observed any problems with any of them based on interference with wildlife. Some of the trails are challenging and should be designated accordingly. There is some erosion, but generally the trails are well maintained. There is a need to remove downed trees and branches that are in the woods off the trails, which are a fire hazard.
- 85 I like them
- 86 I think there is already a good network of trails and no more need to be built unless a proposal for some other form of mountain biking etc. is proposed and presented to the Park (CVRD and BC Parks)
- 87 In the beginning, many of the trails we now all enjoy were unsanctioned. They were built by the mountain biking community & have become an integral part of our island life & lifestyle. As someone who spends a lot of time on the mountain, the number of unsanctioned trails is very limited. And most certainly, people need to use the trails & park at their own risk. We need to foster an environment of personal responsibility when using our Park lands as well as one of taking care of it for the benefit of generations to come.
- 88 It is not a rampant problem. I must admit my favorite trails are non-sanctioned because they are in spots where they provide excellent alternatives for round-circular routes.
- 89 Just leave them, impact is fairly low most of the year.
- 90 Leave them alone. Nothing should be done.
- 91 Leave them alone...harmony with residents is key...trails are loved by all
- 92 Maintain them! They were ALL unsanctioned when they were originally built.
- 93 Nothing! I walk the park every day of the year and have never seen a problem or danger with sanctioned or unsanctioned trails. Leave the park and Crown land as is!
- 94 Nothing, without these unsanctioned trails we wouldn't have what we have. I love what is happening and it doesn't cost us as taxpayers
- 95 Nothing. I don't think there is a problem, why invent one?
- 96 Nothing. This is where many of the wonderful trails originally came from. The efforts of these people should be applauded.
- 97 Some of the best trails on the entire mountain started off as unsanctioned trails. Give the guys building trails now an actual official job and title and give them a budget to work with.
- 98 Talk with the mountain bikers- usually they are the ones who build the trails. There have been two existing trails that have been improved recently and that is nice- easier and safer to walk on.

- 99 The trail system has always grown organically - I.E. users decide where they think trails should be - its worked well.
- 100 The trails are important to the bikers and walkers both for safety and convenience. The trails need to stay.👍
- 101 The trails that we have were built by users. The "sanctioners" have built too. What makes a trail exist is USE not sanction. If a trail is not used it very quickly disappears. Regarding trails being "safe" sanctioned trails often no guarantee of safety. The sanctioners are not that foolish. Re: erosion the worst problems are some old road beds (sanctioned - see Summit Trail) without water bars they became stream beds. Also motor bikes on the "non-motorized trails". The network of trails is the best tool firefighters have to contain wildfires. Trails exist because users want to go there.
- 102 The unsanctioned trail network up the mountain had made it what it is today. So hikers and bikers have a plethora of routes to enjoy. All the trails have been well maintained and are constantly improving. I support "unsanctioned " trail building. I admire and appreciate the hard work many individuals over the years.
- 103 Was not aware of the issues surrounding unsanctioned trails. Trails do provide access to areas that may not otherwise - so I think it is a positive, not a negative.
- 104 Who's building them and why? It's my understanding that in the past all of the trails were built by volunteers, mostly cyclists. It's worked so far.
- 105 let them be. they were created by local people long before parks became involved. honestly, i find the word "sanctioned" quite offensive. i was using those trails 30 years ago, who has the right to say what is sanctioned and what isn't?
- 106 not sure how many you are talking about. We have a worker that looks after trail maintenance and I would think he would look after this. Bike trail work is welcome.
- 107 the park is still a place that surprises , like Hornby itself , the more you 'park -ify' it , the more you lose it's unique character , it's a place where we can share instead of making it just good for certain parties . the rules are something we have to live with year round , so let it be .
- 108 I use four unsanctioned trails regularly and they are among my favorites. I don't see any problems these trails create. Because these trails are not identified on maps, they seem to get very little use. On two of these trails I have once met another person - a local. On the other two, I have never met anyone. If problems were pointed out, I would feel differently. I can understand that too many trails could be a problem. I don't see how you can undo these trails so people will continue to use them unless information is posted why these trails should not be used. Because they are not named, I can see how this would be a problem for rescue people in case of an accident.
- 109 Form a trail governance and improvement committee and involve all stakeholders including those building the trails. Be open to new trails and assist to make sure they are environmentally thoughtful, particularly regarding erosion.
- 110 Should not be allowed. Work with various organizations to plan, build, and maintain trails (eg: mountain biking society, hiking groups, ect.)
- 111 Try and work with the builders to find appropriate location for the trails.
- 112 Work closer with the local community to establish new trail building protocols. Collaboration works better than enforcement/hard handed approaches
- 113 Most of the fun trails were built by mountain bikers and likely unsanctioned. The new ones add more variety for bikers and hikers. I think the park officials should work with those who build the trails to sanction them.
- 114 Sanction them.
- 115 They should be legalized and brought up to imba trail standards for sustainable trails.
- 116 sanction them

117 Training and education about impacts of unsanctioned trail building & potential future training about proper trail-building, if there is a way for future trail-building by the cycling community to be sanctioned.

**Question 8. CVRD parks and BC Parks have a dual mandate to provide recreational opportunities and to protect the natural environment including plant and wildlife communities. What environmental values on Mount Geoffrey are important to you?**

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Control invasive species		3%	4
Control threat of fire		1%	2
Prevention of erosion		8%	10
Protection of ecosystem		32%	36
Protection of forest		18%	21
Protection of plant life		21%	24
Protection of watersheds		14%	16
Protection of wildlife		20%	23
View scapes		1%	2

#	Response
1	All of them.
2	All stewardship issues are more important than recreation. Education on those issues happens largely through contact with the involved land, so access is
3	Both
4	I
5	I haven't seen any real problems. I appreciate the redirection of water off of the trails.
6	In my experience, people are generally respectful of the environment if educated about the impact their activities can have. Summer use could get too high if efforts are not made to ensure locals and visitors are aware of their impact and if there is insufficient stewardship.
7	Keep it primitive
8	Keeping all motorized vehicles out of the park & off Mount Geoffrey will hugely benefit protecting the natural environment. The mountain bikers i know here, & those who come here to enjoy our park for riding, have the best interest of the environment in mind. They don't want to tear up the trails, they ride them with respect, for the benefit of the environment, other riders & those walking & hiking the trails.
9	Keeping the government out! This park must remain as pristine as possible, without the government coming in to dig around and take what they want.

- 10 Leave no trace. Respecting the ecosystems. Trail and windfall maintenance.
- 11 Leave only your footprint, don't take anything.
- 13 No fires. No motorized vehicles.
- 14 Not too much clearing and placing of picnic areas etc. I think it is fine as it is with some signage improvement only.
- 15 Quiet
- 16 Recreational
- 17 The park is pristine and very natural. I find users are very respectful - I've never seen garbage left anywhere and people stick to the trails.
- 18 This is a poor question. It makes little sense to me. What is an "environmental value"?
- 19 Trying to hold the status quo
- 20 Wild deer harvesting
- 21 diversity
- 22 no garbage. allow garbage collection at the trail heads. local jobs are important as well.
- 23 Control of invasive species
- 24 Continuing to maintain the original and natural biodiversity of the region is important to me. This means putting money towards slashing blackberries and brush and other intrusive species if need be.
- 25 Environmental values are what nature has put there and it will change with time. They are all valuable to me. Why would anyone need recreational
- 26 The parks on Mt. Geoffrey are in pretty good shape. My main concern would be over-regulation where none is required. The fire hazard of downed trees and brush should be dealt with.
- 27 Erosion: prevent as much as possible. Is there real indications that the natural environment is threatened?
- 28 Manage erosion from wind, water and fallen trees
- 29 Micromanaging has resulted in more erosion when trying to discourage people from straying off the footpaths. These lands have done fine without a bunch of pencil-pushing bureaucrats interfering and making up a bunch of nonsensical rules that will never be upheld. Just stay away from Hornby. The locals have stewarded these lands beautifully for many decades (4 that I witnessed personally).
- 30 No erosion, no motorized traffic
- 31 There is a number of trails "Test Tube" Bitchin Camero" for example that have eroded terribly each year.
- 32 encourage people, bike riders, horseback riders to stick to the built trail systems such that major portion of the parks do not become degraded
- 33 Protect all nature. Prevent alien vegetation. Build trails to prevent erosion. Educate users on impact of the trails, especially horse riders and bikers.
- 34 I'd like to see as little interference with the natural state of the park as possible. I think that at a certain point the number of trails should be limited...if erosion becomes an issue perhaps some trails should be walking only trails.
- 35 All
- 36 All of it, keep it wild.
- 37 All of the special natural features that have already been identified in all the previous studies and reports are important and should be respected into the distant future.
- 38 Cliff ecosystem

39 Conservation is an important and key priority of all parks - please!

40 I first visited Hornby Island 20 years ago for a mountain bike race. It had then been many years between that visit and my next. However, the trails and the forest were the same as they were all those years before. My point is, I've been lucky enough to use Mt Geoffrey for years and years, so environmentally, everything is equally important so that the park can be used by generations to come.

41 I live in North Vancouver & my family visits Hornby every year specifically to spend time (daily) on Mount Geoffrey. We mostly mountain bike. Having ridden the "North Shore" in North Vancouver for many years, it is absolutely amazing to go to Mt. Geoffrey & enjoy the natural state of the trails - meaning they are not eroded, 'paved/armoured' with human-placed rocks (to combat wear), banked for speed, and they still have lush moss & vegetation around them. The North Shore was once like this, but their success & popularity have greatly diminished the beauty of them. This is the down side of the success story of getting people into nature - it is difficult to maintain the natural setting even with good riding habits. However, I feel the old-school culture of mastering technical riding skills is quickly being replaced by bike-park style riding - which is much faster & enabled by newer bike technology (which opens difficult terrain to less experienced riders). It also is driven by big mountain riding (like Whistler) where you pay to use the park & thus have less vested interest in it.... meaning it is ok to skid & otherwise be hard on the trail as it is constantly maintained. We do not ride much on the North Shore anymore as it is not a pleasant environment & there is a wide swath of trampled/dead vegetation around the trails that is ugly. However, we come as a family specifically to ride on Hornby every year. The nature of the trails (and topography) makes them much friendlier for kids & less experienced riders.

42 Intact ecosystems.

43 Keep it wild

44 Keeping pristine.

45 Kept as natural as possible

46 Leaving nature alone to regenerate itself. Peace and quiet. Visual from Bench and Cliff trails (thank you for no "safety" barriers) beauty of the forest. Frog song in the spring.

47 Low impact trails to natural ecosystem.

48 Maintain existing

49 Mount Geoffrey is a special place and the trail network is quite nice. Efforts should be made to ensure that the environment is protected, as that is why people choose to recreate in these areas.

50 Natural beauty, serenity and incredible views along the bluff edges.

51 Peace and solitude, undisturbed environment.

52 Protect natural environment.

53 Protect this wonderful area and keep it in it's natural environment.

54 Protection of the natural ecosystems

55 The natural beauty and solitude of the place is what attracts me - this is lost if there is a lot of people and dog traffic and litter, trees destroyed.

56 The natural, untouched real world

57 The pristine atmosphere and the sense that one really is in a park that everyone enjoys and most respect.

58 unspoiled - personally don't like picnic tables, outhouses, ect.

- 59 variety of ecosystems, and the peaceful atmosphere within the forest
- 60 Arbutus and Doug firs on the ridge top
- 61 I love the untouched space. Dead trees left to support new undergrowth. Love the meadows.
- 62 I think the forest should be used for recreation.
- 63 Just general healthy wood lands.
- 64 Keep the forest wild
- 65 Much of the forested area seems to be replanted logged areas with little diversity and the trails don't impact them. The cliff areas are more beautiful and interesting and trails use in these areas should be more thoughtful.
- 66 Non-timber forest products. We need a healthy forest if we are going to continue to benefit from its bounty.
- 67 Saved from logging - good. Habitat
- 68 That no logging or other resource extraction (apart from mushrooms) is allowed.
- 69 The Douglas Fir forest.
- 70 Keeping it as natural as possible. Making sure the timber and brush is managed with a view to helping the community i.e. woodlot
- 71 beautiful trees. Natural environment
- 72 The forest cover. The watersheds.
- 73 Allowing the natural plants to grow and prosper in their normal conditions.
- 74 Native plant species - natural management (i.e. rotting, fallen trees left to decay naturally)
- 75 The rock formations (particularly conglomerate) and some plant life. There are even cacti on certain parts of Hornby where more arid conditions prevail.
- 76 Plants are slowly being trampled out of existence on the ridge trails along the cliffs, making erosion more likely. Educate people about the world beneath their feet. Plants walks/ talks... Ways of showcasing wildflower and habitat involving locals, children, visitors...
- 77 hiking trails that don't erode the terrain. undisturbed plants, only tree cutting for keeping the trails clear or for safety reasons. I am not adverse to some selected firewood harvesting of downed trees.
- 78 It is beautiful in it's natural state with incredible trees and shrubs. Please don't change it!
- 79 The wonderful trees and undergrowth of moss, salal and ferns.
- 80 native plants should not be disturbed, but invasives like Holly should be removed. - many holly popping up . Main thing is to protect the watershed and allow the water to permeate the ground and not run off on the trails directly into creeks and ocean.
- 81 Riparian Zones, CDF Zones
- 82 Watershed = number one. Natural woods, mostly untouched. Mushroom picking
- 83 Watershed and protection from any negative health effects for example from EMF's due to the placement of any future communication towers.
- 84 ground water
- 85 guard the swamp area and the cedar grove in the Escarpment park. Euston road should be graded and oiled more in the summer.
- 86 watershed.
- 87 Maintaining the park as a groundwater recharging area, very important for island sustainability. Habitat protection! Trail networks should keep large areas free from human traffic. Perhaps "Environmentally Sensitive Areas" can be identified by signage and purpose?

88 Public green space and aquifer recharge

89 Eagle protection

90 Recreational is not a good word here, It can be enjoyed in the other parks on this island and everywhere else. In the off season we see snakes, frogs, salamanders, butterflies that you do not see anywhere else.

91 Wildlife protection.

92 keep wildlife protected

93 Protecting animal habitat, re-growing green space.

94 Trees! Water recharge for the island. Ecosystem for wildlife.

95 Preservation and integrity of environment to support native plant and wildlife communities. Education for users of Mt. Geoffery trails.

96 I think protecting wildlife and plant life is very important. Because there is no identification of sensitive areas, I don't see any threats. I see very little wildlife besides birds. I get a glimpse of a deer a few times a year [They seem to prefer my yard to the parks.]. I occasionally encounter a snake or a possum. I once saw a mink. There was a beaver many years ago. Cyclists seem to be the most disruptive. Hikers [with or without dogs] are rare. BC Ferries seem to be doing their best to discourage use of the parks. As to the locals, most are over 50 and don't seem to use the park all that often. I think I use the parks more than anyone else, and I seldom meet anyone except in summer. I think hikers and dog walkers must have a minimum impact. I could live without cyclists but if I were younger I would LOVE this place. My children and grandchildren love to cycle in the parks whenever they visit.

97 I think that you can provide both opportunities. Riders/walkers must be respectful of plant and wildlife, riders and walkers should stay on the trails and keep their pets on the trails.

98 Protect what we got is foremost. In the winter, the trails are mostly empty so the forest largely belongs to the fauna.i think that the trails make beautiful flora more accessible in the best of ways.

99 Vegetation and animal habitat and the preservation of wilderness

100 Vegetation and bird life

101 We need to preserve the natural environment and all plants and wildlife as well as sensibly provide recreational use. But not to import rocks and unnatural gravel to the pathways.

102 plants, wildlife, quietness

103 the air, land and sea environments; plants including food source plants and rare species; wildlife (birds mostly) but including all creatures; creatures of the sea, including food sources and all other marine life.

104 Intact forest cover. Native plants and birds.

105 Trees,flora and fauna,bird life

106 Tree cover. Eagle, falcon, vulture, owl, nighthawk and other bird nests. Rare and endangered plant communities. Native plant communities, wildflowers. Cliff-edge ecosystems.

107 Wetlands, streams, viewsapes, rare vegetation, red listed species habitat, old growth.

- 108 Mostly environmental values - wildlife habitat, water recharge, native plants - and low-impact recreation. There are lots of other places in CV for "recreational opportunities". - Of course, most people going to lookout spots etc spend about 15 minutes and don't go more than 100 feet from their cars, So there are lots of places to keep relatively untouched. I like the variety of ecosystems. Some are open, mossy undergrowth- some are very dense, dark - lots of nice wet areas. There are a few places usually dry, with lots of dead wood and eroded soils. There's an interesting swath of nettles from the very peak down across the bench to the shore- must be a spring there. I always find it amazing how quiet it is there- we really need quiet places.
- 109 Plant and wildlife protection first; historical information; water/hydrogeological information sharing. Similar to what is given to tourists in Banff National Park or other federal/provincial parks regarding bears and wildlife, our visitors to Hornby should be given a pamphlet about water conservation and maintaining water health while on Hornby; currently a resident geologist (John Cox PhD) is beginning some work on the community driven water projects which examine the water issues, in terms of quantity, quality, sustainability and supply, on Hornby.
- 110 Watershed recharge source; animal habitat; flora and fauna habitat - Hornby NEEDS to retain its natural habitats and green space.
- 111 The watershed, wildlife habitat
- 112 View scapes.

### Do you have concerns regarding impacts on those environmental values?

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Deer hunting		1%	1
Erosion		7%	7
Fire fuel loads		8%	8
Invasive species		3%	3
Litter		3%	3
Motorized vehicles		5%	5
Mountain bikers causing damage		7%	7
No		37%	36
Over-development of park		10%	10
Over-harvesting		1%	1
Plant life diminishing		1%	1
Too much use		4%	4
Trail maintenance		6%	6
Tree cutting		1%	1
Unsanctioned trails		3%	3
Watershed pollution		1%	1
Yes		7%	7

#	Response
	1 Encourage people to use the parks but value the environmental diversity.
	2 Ensure they are maintained
	3 No interpretive signs inside of trailheads
	4 Of course the foot print we are leaving is changing everything around us.
	5 See above.
	6 Yes! We are loosing our parks, water, and wildlife to gross misconduct from government and corporate thuggery.
	7 i would be supportive of directions that include educational initiatives that highlight the environmental issues noted above.
	8 Erosion from off trail bikes
	9 Erosion is always an issue. Trails need to be built or upgraded to IMBA standards.
	10 Erosion on Summit Trail - due to poorly constructed logging road - not recreational use
	11 There is erosion from heavy rains in the winter.
	12 erosion
	13 Invasive species, especially English Holly, Ivy, Daphne. Soil loss by erosion (washing out of trails), damage to cliff-edges, forest fire damage.
	14 Biking is highly erosive.
	15 Fire risk and dogs
	16 Fuel loading along the trails
	17 I am concerned (as someone who does survey research in my professional life) that your questionnaire is now becoming biased with leading questions that seek to reach a specific conclusion (that recreational use of the park is generating conflict with environmental values and therefore needs to be restricted) I am not sure we should be in favour of supporting unrestricted natural succession in this park with the goal of getting the area back to an undisturbed state
	18 I have a major concern with fuel loads and forest fire danger.
	19 There is a lot of Holly spread throughout. I pull them when and where I can.
	20 Litter and smoking and abusing trail usage.
	21 On my morning hike with my family on the Bench trail we found some garbage on the ground.
	22 Yes, litter and smoking (risk of fire) from visitors.
	23 ATV's, drones!
	24 I certainly wouldn't want to see motorized [trail bikes] using the parks
	25 Motor bikes tearing up trails
	26 motorized vehicles (thankfully rare). Dogs off chasing deer away from their owners.
	27 Mountain bikers need to ride with care (no sliding). *Need educational signs?
	28 Mountain biking is too extensive in the park.
	29 Yes - increased mountain biking on non-sanctioned trails impacting micro-ecosystems.










- 30 Yes. Per notes above, Mt. Geoffrey needs a pro-active management plan to sustain the trails as they are now and prevent the kind of damage that will come from the new breed of park-style riders. We were on Hornby in August this year, and the trails are still spectacular, but from riding the same trails daily, I could see that just a few riders a day being careless & in many cases obviously deliberately skidding through corners or along long downhill stretches could cause quite a bit of damage. We saw some riders skidding & asked them to be more careful, and they were responsive. However, if there were signs up advising of the same, I think it would help parents & infrequent riders be aware of this issue.
- 31 The amount of bicyclists now on both traditional lands and park lands is staggering. Motorized vehicles should be completely banned and charged (citizen's arrest with photo of offender). Designate a place like the gravel pit next to the ball park and let the motorcyclists have their fun.
- 32 I do believe that the Hornby network has a minimal impact and does not pose a significant environmental threat.
- 33 I think it is a well respected park.
- 34 No
- 35 No
- 36 No
- 37 No
- 38 No
- 39 No
- 40 No
- 41 No
- 42 No
- 43 No, I believe it is being managed effectively at this time.
- 44 No, people are respectful and the park . Is looking better than ever
- 45 No, things seem okay.
- 46 No.
- 47 No.
- 48 None
- 49 None whatsoever. There is seldom any garbage found on trails, people respect the beau Ty we have.
- 50 Not at present
- 51 Not here
- 52 Not much concern as long as land not sold for development.
- 53 Not really
- 54 Not really... the environment seems fine on Mt. Geoffrey.
- 55 Not unless the entire mountain is shut down forever and I can no longer go for beautiful walks on the mountain.
- 56 Not yet
- 57 Right now, I like the way things are and feel very privileged to have access to this wonderful area.
- 58 There is not enough use to make and environmental impact on the park. The trails receive sparse use in the summer and are mostly unused in the winter.

- 59 We use the parks and crown land a lot. So far we do not see much human impact.
- 60 impact seems low most of the year.
- 61 no
- 62 not at this time
- 63 not if maintained
- 64 not yet.
- 65 there are stresses for 2 months of the year , then it recovers and heals again.
- 66 no, the forest looks way better than it did 20 yrs ago, however there is more ladder fuel available to burn down our island. also note that environmental changes have been made by current environmental status such as ; global warming, toxins... etc. example, arbutus trees are showing signs of disease, a sudden raise in bark beetle populations in alder..etc. must all be taken into account.
- 67 No concerns with the current situation. I am apprehensive that as a result of this process we will get a lot of useless regulation.
- 68 All above - people who need these facilities may not appreciate the natural environment.
- 69 I am concerned about seeing picnic tables on cement pads and I am concerned about seeing outhouses where there shouldn't be anything but the mountain.
- 70 I have concerns over clipboard people from elsewhere coming here to "straighten us out". Piss off!!
- 71 Not from park users. Concern is erosion of park principles e.g.: commercial use, permitting commercial activities - bike rentals, horse rentals.
- 72 Only from Parks and CVRD 'improving' it into something unreconizable.
- 73 Only that the total property (regional, crown and Provincial) remain an untouched watershed and hiking/biking venue.
- 74 Over regulations, everything in our world.
- 75 At the current level of use, not so much - if there was a major campaign to increase use and make it all accessible to people with strollers, or to put a cafe at the top, then yes- lots. Its very dry most summers- wouldn't take a lot of traffic- but it's still better than at Helliwell, which I avoid in summer during days- feels like it's hurting.
- 76 For the most part no. People who harvest NTFPs on the mountain are very careful and do not over-harvest - it is still recreational. However it is a good point that I don't even know if BC Parks officially prohibits NTFP harvesting. If so, the policy should be changed. If it is allowed, educational materials could be made available for people to understand best practices.
- 77 My concerns are more pronounced in the summer months with a large tourist influx.
- 78 Too much use.
- 79 Yes - too much traffic. Let's not do anything that attracts more traffic.
- 80 Only with possibility of high use in the summer months...and the off-island fall hunters who come over in their trucks and four-wheel drive vehicles to shoot deer from their moving vehicles on Mount Road! There are too many deer but shooting over my house is a concern :) !
- 81 The majority of people who use the park share the same values which is fortunate. Sometime some of the trails look a bit chewed up particularly following heavy rains, but the trail "crews" seem to respond pretty quickly.
- 82 Use of trails should be made compatible with conservation of the natural values and features. Few, if any new trails need to be built, but none should be closed unless enforcement is available.

- 83 yes, too many trails act as creeks during heavy rains
- 84 Absolutely! Wood fires contribute to air pollution; over-use and hard use of trails; creation of new trails; off-leash dogs not staying on trails; concerns about pollution of streams and the sea from old style outhouses and untreated sewage from humans and animals; extreme overloading of the island during the two months of the summer. Population increase with continuous development involves cutting of trees that can change the patterns of water run-off, and can put pressure on groundwater resources.
- 85 Some of the bikers have chewed up the trails a bit but it's minimal.
- 86 Trail development - wider spread of mountain bike use, especially off season.
- 87 My concern is creeping trail building. Each new one
- 88 Neutral except for your reported construction of unauthorized trails
- 89 Yes, I am concerned about any new bike trails that are unsanctioned (illegal) bike trails that fracture the wilder more natural parts of both parks.
- 90 Any changes that would affect the above 2 concerns especially from Cell and/or communication towers.
- 91 Yes
- 92 Yes
- 93 Yes
- 94 Yes
- 95 Yes but I believe there is a way to have both.
- 96 Yes, of course, do you?

### Do you have suggestions how to protect environmental values?

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Clear out fire fuel loads		6%	6
Community involvement for decision making		1%	1
Control invasive species		3%	3
Control water run-off from trails		4%	4
Decommission some trails		1%	1
Do not over-develop (Outhouses, Picnic tables)		2%	2
Educate the public		30%	27
Enforcement		2%	2
Informational signage		16%	15
Install garbage cans		1%	1

Keep motorized vehicles out		8%	8
Keep trails maintained		10%	9
Leave it as is		4%	4
Modify trails		6%	6
Modify watersheds		1%	1
More park staff		6%	6
No		8%	8
Prevent erosion		1%	1
Sustainably harvest forest		1%	1

#	Response
1	I am neutral to the question below if there are truly sensitive systems that are truly negatively impacted. I remain a sceptic.
2	N/A
3	On what scientific basis is the judgement being made regarding sensitive ecosystems (below). I would suggest that closing trails would require significant evidence that they are disrupting sensitive ecosystems or that closing the trail would improve
4	Yes, per notes above.
5	You didn't ask for comments re the closing or relocating existing trails below. It's hard to respond to that without knowing which trails and why there are problems. From my experience, only Coltsfoot, Northwind, Beulah Creek, and Ford's Cove are "heavily" used year round. In the summer, Toad's Ride, No Horses, The Way, Chris and Brad's and Four Dead Aliens are "heavily" used by cyclists as well as the main trails.
6	don't encourage people who don't respect the environmental values
7	testing this comments section
8	As above - control fire load.
9	As above. An assessment of fire risk in the park should also be completed, if it hasn't been done, along with suggested fire protection measures that could be implemented over the years. I don't believe that the notion of "let nature do its thing" is the wisest approach for second growth Mt Geoffrey.
10	Prevent forest fires by reducing ladder fuels and standing dead trees alongside trails. Control dogs.
11	Selective removal of heavy fuel loads would go a long way towards protecting the park
12	Stop forest fires
13	Prevent crowning wildfire by reducing fuel load alongside trails. Removal of invasive plants. Directing trails around sensitive areas. Monitoring water erosion, correcting trail wash-outs.
14	Do not allow any changes to the park without full community involvement. A vote on any towers to be constructed or any changes not specifically asked about in this survey.
15	A walk up Summit Trail will show anyone that the water course have been changed to flow down the old ruts in the road.
16	Continue with bridge projects to reduce impact to creeks in fall / winter seasons

- 17 Modify the trails so that the water runs off sideways into the areas where it can soak into the water table
- 18 Discouraging trail building will help and reintroducing beavers at beaver lake pond would also help. Bring in some top-level predators like bears and all of the other critters that round out a douglas fir ecosystem. I realize the bears are a bit of a conflict issue ;)
- 19 Leave the park and Crown land as is. DO NOT develop more parking facilities.
- 20 Ask the communities to vote on what is best for the area - open dialogue.
- 21 Educate and inform.
- 22 Educating people is a good first step. If people want to party and "have a good time" there are better places to do that on the island. Use of the park should require people respect the living communities already there. They are the primary purpose of the park, people's use of the park is secondary to a thriving ecosystem.
- 23 Education
- 24 Education
- 25 Education - posting notices if there are issues.
- 26 Education and obvious signs of the environment's value, the government protecting it is a huge indicator.
- 27 Education for everyone using the park to be respectful of mother Nature. For example no writing on trees or sandstone .
- 28 Education, education, education!!!
- 29 Informing the public on the environmentally-sensitive areas.
- 30 It might be good for B.C. Parks to publish the Mt. Geoffrey park in their publications, with it's unique characteristics and pictures of the views, as a way for the people of B.C. to clearly see the value of preserving, and valuing, it. Keeping parks a secret is not a good way to maintain the public appetite for preservation. When people see the beauty, they understand more clearly the need to keep it as it is.
- 31 More information about the parks on Hornby as most visitors don't seem to realize the protected nature of the landscape/parks (including the other parks on the island) and are not informed about the water concerns. Wondering as well, how the water in Tribune Bay is monitored for the numerous pleasure boats that harbour there in summer and seem to, at least potentially, dump their sewage into the bay area. How can we better monitor this?
- 32 Public awareness
- 33 Public awareness and education to seasonal visitors.
- 34 We really need to know more on the ground what's sensitive, what's at risk, what's been degraded and needs some remediation. I'd like to see conservation education activity going on at the orchard and using Leaf House somehow- it's a gem. People could learn a lot about the environment and the need to protect it. Visitors could also experience a nice woodland visit, with interpretive info from a few short loops from the access off central- visitors to hall, market, ballpark etc- cross over and short, level loop off Colts Foot- not for cycling- pedestrian visitors - kids and old folks. But keep access to the "back country" harder to get to. Of course, walking up Northwind from Elderfield is a super easy route- doesn't need any improvements to get people to the lookout- that's all that's needed. Figure out how to keep the yahoo trucks out.
- 35 educating people about the environmental values.
- 36 i suppose one must rely on word of mouth if any serious infractions are taking place...
- 37 Educate people on the damage done by invasive species. The invasive plant committee of HIRRA works hard on this.

- 38 slow and clean streams by planting and creating weirs; mandate and/or provide incentives for rain water collection and grey water usage systems; perhaps provide incentives for replacing outhouses with composting toilets; replace outhouses in park with composting toilets; student educators in park during the summer; regular education of students at the elementary/community school
- 39 Education and in the summer/fall, perhaps a park ranger onsite from time to time?
- 40 enforcement
- 41 Few signs. Few trails.
- 42 Lots of easily digested information provided on graphics at the trail entrances. Signage in the park where needed
- 43 Provide signage with facts about the importance of the plants and wildlife.
- 44 Signage stating why that area is protected, mostly things are damaged out of ignorance
- 45 Educational signs, arrange hack groups to remove alien vegetation if necessary.
- 46 Better and regular Education sessions for kids, residents, and tourists. -Better signage on why a certain area is being protected, (i.e. rare species, ect.)
- 47 A few interpretive signs at the entrance ways may at least bring to mind the delicate nature of the parks and to respect them.
- 48 Conservation values (named) will help the users understand why the "tread lightly" rules must be respected (just as the interpretations ropes and note them to be working in Helliwell.)
- 49 Discrete interpretive sign-age outlining the types of habitat found, and what to look for in order to educate the public in Natural History and encourage their help in conservation would be useful.
- 50 Have interpretive sign to mark and educate people of sensitive ecosystems.
- 51 Information/education outreach. Guided natural history walks?
- 52 We often wonder if just more messages of caring for our parks would help. A phrase, logo, or something that can be a quick reminder; could it be handed out with ferry tickets at the time of purchase? A short "campaign" in July and August in the weeks with a long weekend?
- 53 Everyone seems to be doing well so far. We haven't noticed any undue behaviour. Maybe a sign at the top of Euston forbidding motor vehicles( ie motorcycles) would be nice, but really haven't seen or heard any.
- 54 good signage for no motorized vehicles and "dogs under control or on leash".
- 55 install more park managers, with jobs that include trail maintenance, safety issues (cliff edges), foresting protocols. diversify education and park interpretation programs. the main issue is that any healthy forest has fires, conifers are dependant on this. which should and could be avoided.
- 56 We could install garbage cans along the trails
- 57 Keeping all motorized vehicles out of the park & off Mount Geoffrey will hugely benefit protecting the natural environment.
- 58 The most important thing is to continue with the banning of any motorized vehicles and to extend that ban to the Crown Lands outside the park areas.
- 59 keep the mortorbikes out.
- 60 I think there should be a notice at Buckley Bay and Gravelly Bay that there are no trails on Hornby where motorized vehicles are allowed, and that there is a fine.
- 61 It is important to keep up good trail maintenance like the bridges on Beulah and the culverts on Coltsfoot. Make sure no motorbikes are legal on any of the trails, they do a lot of damage especially when it is wet.
- 62 Designated trails are important and park users should be encouraged to stick to the trails.

- 63 Get the community for involved in the trail crews and maintenance of the Mt Geoffrey trails. A good trail network requires many resources the most important of which are people and man hours. People can show they care by getting off of their asses
- 64 I'll leave that up to you. But one thing for certain is that people must learn and be trained to stay on the trails (just like in Helliwell Park) some spots should be out of bounds
- 65 Plan and create safe, careful and clear pathways within the natural environment.
- 66 Trail maintenance, reduce off trail use.
- 67 Users need to stay on trails.
- 68 keeping people on the sanctioned trails would be a good start...
- 69 It seems obvious that environmental values erode in some ratio to the number of people enjoying the place. So in order to maintain a status quo you need investment in enforcement, clean-up / restoration.
- 70 Keep it wild
- 71 Leave Mount Geoffrey pretty much as it is. It's great
- 72 Lets let the parks develop themselves in a natural way. Not rush into something you cannot reverse. Sometimes people just have to slow down and save it for the children to discover nature without maps, signs, and tourist centres.
- 73 With the passage of time, nature itself is progressively restoring a once logged area.
- 74 Get rid of Devils Kitchen. That fall line abomination is an erosion nightmare.
- 75 Make the trailhead entrances small enough to discourage atv and motor vehicle use.
- 76 Route trails more away from cliffs
- 77 Don't put picnic tables or outhouses in the park. If necessary, designate some trails for walkers only.
- 78 gate access to prevent tree cutting and vehicle entrance
- 79 More monitoring by parks staff and volunteers.
- 80 Ranger activity and do not sell off land.
- 81 Tough to resource, but park rangers.
- 82 It's not broken - doesn't need to be fixed.
- 83 Maintain the status quo.
- 84 No
- 85 No
- 86 No
- 87 No
- 88 No
- 89 No
- 90 Given that large parts of the park are dense third growth stands, I support sustainable harvest of firewood to improve the health of the forests and economic activity on the island

## What is your level of support for closing or relocating some existing trails that go through sensitive ecosystems?

Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No opinion	Total Responses
24 (19.2%)	39 (31.2%)	22 (17.6%)	24 (19.2%)	11 (8.8%)	5 (4.0%)	125

**Question 9. Dogs are currently permitted off-leash in Mount Geoffrey Regional Park and on the Crown lands. In Mount Geoffrey Escarpment Provincial Park, dogs are required to be leashed. For greater consistency, trails that cross from the regional park and the Crown lands into the provincial park could require that dogs be leashed. This would include the Summit Trail, the Inner Ridge Trail and the Bench Connector Trail. Please indicate your level of support for making the entire length of those three trails for dogs on-leash only.**

Strongly Support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly Oppose	No opinion	Total Responses
27 (20.8%)	14 (10.8%)	18 (13.8%)	24 (18.5%)	45 (34.6%)	2 (1.5%)	130

## Comments

There are 75 response(s) to this question.

#	Response
1	testing this comments section
2	Good luck enforcing this. I don't have a dog, but I have a hard time seeing people respect such a rule.
3	I do not have a dog and have had no issues with dogs in the 20 years I have been riding here.
4	How about making the whole area off leash "for greater consistency" Give us a break! it's unenforceable and unnecessary, Hornby's wildside is an awesome place to walk dogs and I bet you will find that the majority of people walking the mountain year round are dog walkers!
5	And I don't even have a dog. Never noticed a problem.
6	Not enough dogs are in the parks to cause any problems,. There should be some area where dogs can run free.
7	The only regulations about dogs should be: 1. Pick up dog droppings. This is a water shed. 2. Bad-mannered dogs, like bad-mannered people, should be reported to RCMP.
8	I must admit I would continue to walk my well-behaved dog off leash up there- but on leash if it were busy or at particular spots, encountering people/dogs etc. As I do now. One of the reasons I go there instead of Helliwell
9	I own two dogs that we rarely take on the trails and see no reason they shouldn't always be leashed for safety of all concerned.
10	lets share the freedom of the mountain instead of black listing certain groups

- 11 We keep our dogs on-leash and it can be disturbing when others don't have theirs on-leash. The dogs can run up and create a scene, including potential dog fights.
- 12 I would hope that people could determine whether or not their dog is well behaved and obedient enough to be off-leash without being a danger to others.
- 13 This is a
- 14 Most people will just ignore this rule but such is life.
- 15 dogs should be leashed if the owner is aware of misbehaviour. as well, there should be leashed dog areas, so if your dog does misbehave then there are conflict free zones, however those zones should not include more than 30% of the total park land .. again education is better.
- 16 Mt Geoffrey Escarpment park is our back yard- I have walked my dogs off leash there for the last 40 years and do not intend to stop now. My dogs are trained and under my control at all times- our current dogs are service dogs. There has never been any problem. The same goes for Whaling Station Bay Beach, where dogs are off leash all the time. I was unaware of the requirement for leashing my dogs-except in Helliwell; they are on an invisible leash, thank you. Aggressive or untrained dogs should be leashed- most dog owners are aware of this and do it themselves. One thing we love about Hornby is that our dogs do not need to be on a leash. Maybe a little stand with dog bags at each entrance would be good, but we always bring our own.
- 17 Never had a problem with a dog so far. Owners usually call their animals back when I have approached.
- 18 These areas are perfect spots for walking a dog off leash. Roads are dangerous, but in the park, dogs are at their best and happiest. I have walked dogs in there for years and only on a couple of occasions ran into a problem with other dogs.
- 19 Even in summer it is rare for me to meet anyone else on these trails, and if I do, they're cyclists....don't see how keeping my dog on the leash is going to make a difference to anyone.
- 20 These are trails I don't use frequently, but I only once encountered someone on Inner Ridge and I have never encountered anyone on the Bench Connector or the Summit Trail so I don't see this as a problem.
- 21 Few areas are left to walk a dog off leash and there are few problems as far as we are aware of.
- 22 I seldom meet people on these trails, so what would be the point of imposing leashes? Summer and winter hikers and bikers who have dog companions are respectful.
- 23 I have a large dog and specifically go to Mt. Geoffrey so the dog can be exercised off-leash. Dogs need areas where they can run on trails without impacting others and I have always found Mt. Geoffrey to be such a place. I have never had problems with anyone on the trail. There is really no other public place on Hornby where dogs can be off-leash, so I think it's essential to preserve this quality about Mt. Geoffrey as much as possible. Even big cities have places for dogs to exercise off-leash. Make it consistent by allowing dogs to be off-leash throughout the various park jurisdictions.
- 24 I have not seen any problems with dogs.
- 25 I think this is much less of an important issue than preservation and public education are.
- 26 Too much regulation, I like to walk with by dog and think most dog owners that I have come across are responsible.
- 27 Dog owners are responsible these days. Generally keep their dogs under control and pick up after them.
- 28 I do not like dogs rushing up to me when I am biking or walking.
- 29 Supportive of trail closure and relocating unless important access for the community is affected. Some trails (you are not specific) are very relevant to the local population, and provide a nice forest experience but don't work them, the quiet is nice.

- 30 I am in the park with my dog many times a week. I can see having a seasonal use of leash requirements on the trails you mention, but I do not quite see the need. If you focus on the "Big Tribune Bay" being dog free during the summer months, that is valuable and understandable. Us dog people are the bigger users of the trails. It is pretty useless to walk a dog on leash, we need Mt. Geoffrey.
- 31 Don't know dogs impact. As an equestrian in Pacific Spirit Park, experienced some negative interactions with dogs. Rules around leashing had some impact but others still let dogs be out of their control.
- 32 Dog owners should be in control of their dogs. If not, they should leash them.
- 34 Too confusing I think. And will be largely ignored as the leash rule in the provincial park is now.
- 35 Please, please don't do this - there are so few places available to bike/run with my very well behaved dog off leash. We would no longer use these trails if not off leash.
- 36 Dogs don't seem to be making a large impact.
- 37 This really disturbs me you are even considering this!
- 38 Live and let live. Dogs need to run too. Train your dogs to behave! If the dog bites people have it put down.
- 39 It is up to the dog owner to be responsible for their dog. They should know how to control or monitor their dog. If there are issues then there are consequences. Loving tolerance for all. Those that don't like dogs should go on trails aware that there is wildlife, and those with dogs should not terrorize the wildlife.
- 41 I think it's very important to keep the younger dogs, that don't know any better, safe from falling.
- 45 I think there is a strong dog community inhabiting the trails and it should not be restricted.
- 47 Seriously? Let dogs and owners enjoy the off-leash experience. Imposing such regulations (ie on-leash requirement) will simply be ignored and everyone will know there is no enforcement. Enabling this rule will actually create 'conflict' between users of the park where they currently do not exist.
- 48 Dogs should be under good control. but not necessarily on leash. Under no circumstances should dogs interact / interfere with any wildlife. Possibly more supervision required (eg: warden) or phone numbers posted where people can report offenders?
- 49 30 years and I have yet to have a negative encounter with an off-leash dog
- 50 I would like to see the mapping of proposed closed trails first to be able to judge. It is very hard to enforce trail desires. Small detours and rerouting has to be done before and on explanation would help... Parks should all be on-leash area in my view
- 51 Reroute, not close trails, or erect barriers to keep users on trails. Limit Horse/bike use, peds only in sensitive areas.
- 52 I don't think there is that high a volume of dogs in the park and have not seen that this poses a problem.  
Re: comments to question above about closing/relocating trails through sensitive ecosystems - I wrote 'opposed' because the question is too open ended. I don't know which trails are involved, and I don't mind localized relocating as long as families can still experience the beauty of these systems, but that is different than closing them altogether and making beautiful areas inaccessible.
- 53 I have not experienced any problems with the dogs on the mountain trails. It is a large area which can be shared. But tribute beach and Helliwell have on leash but hard to enforce. The is always dog owner that cannot read.

- 54 Dogs generally stick pretty close to their owners, but occasionally they can chase deer, dig in sensitive areas or poop on the trail and their owners don't clean up after them. On the other side of the argument though: dogs need to have somewhere to run and be allowed to be happy free dogs. A mountain is a perfect place for dogs get to run and be dogs.
- 55 I guess my support for leashes relate to the possibility of dogs chasing deer. Not being a mountain bike rider, I can't answer one way or the other if unleashed dogs are a problem. There are people/children who are nervous with dogs, especially large ones...
- 56 As a dog owner myself, I really like being able to have my dog off leash while I'm out in the forest.
- 57 Dog owners can feign confusion when there is not just one on-leash policy. I wish that this was the case all over the island - on-leash whenever not fenced on owners' personal property.
- 58 As I said earlier I did observe a dog chasing a young deer.
- 59 Dogs tend to chase the deer - sometimes packs of dogs take a deer down. Not really a natural death for a deer and likely to cause accidental if near roads leading into trail entrances. Also, given the terrain, dogs not under the owner's full control could cause accidents.
- 60 Works fine with dogs and people now
- 61 At present there are a lot of local residents donating their time and in some cases gravel to maintain the trails and removing fallen trees and branches after
- 62 Do not allow any Communications towers / cell towers in the Park. This is not a recreational or environmentally safe use. No changes to the plan in this area without a community referendum and full participation of the community.
- 63 There should be off leash areas for dog owners. These areas should be clearly marked with signage and indicated on maps.
- 64 Dogs on leash everywhere
- 65 The people who pay taxes on Hornby and use these lands daily, enjoyed off leash dog walking for years with little conflict. Who are you proposing would benefit by these new rules? Mountain bikers?
- 66 The mountain is perhaps the best dog park in the province. Leave it alone. Dog owners are very cooperative and need no more rules.
- 67 Dogs no doubt enjoy being free to run. However, some trail users, especially small children, are frightened by meeting dogs. Dogs also threaten/injure/kill wildlife and domestic animals in adjacent farms. I support leash law on ALL trails.
- 68 Never been threatened by off leash dogs, although theoretically possible.
- 69 Been bit, been charged, been scared. Hate dogs.
- 70 Dog meetings are dangerous on the edges of cliffs and from help if needed for health issues.
- 71 It is very difficult to know when you have passed from provincial park to crown land. Dogs do chase and kill or injure deer.
- 72 There are so many trails where dogs can be off leash, it would be nice to walk/hike in one section of the park without having dogs, lovely as they are, dashing up behind you or something roaring along toward you!!
- 73 I don't have a dog, but have never run into problems. I find that fewer rules are better, most owners are very responsible.
- 74 We ride the trails and rarely see dogs. I do not see it as a problem.
- 75 Owners must pick up after their dogs as well, thus there should be garbage containers at the entrances to the major trails. The concentration of users is just getting higher and higher!

**Question 10. Some community members have indicated that the Leaf House, a whimsical cabin designed by island builder, Lloyd House, has an important cultural value within Mount Geoffrey Escarpment Provincial Park. Do you think the Leaf House has important heritage and cultural value, and if so, why? What would you like to see done with the Leaf House in the future?**

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Insert interpretive signs about the Leaf House		8%	10
Keep it open to the public		4%	5
Leave it as is		11%	13
Maintain it		45%	52
Not alot of cultural value		6%	8
Relocate it		3%	4
Rent it out		9%	11
Residence for caretaker		4%	5
Turn into a community centre		0%	1
Turn it into an interpretive centre		20%	24

#	Response
1	it only will have a value when it's used
2	I am unfamiliar with Leaf House.
3	I am unfamiliar with leaf house
4	I don't have an opinion on this.
5	I don't know of this leaf house, as least by its name.
6	I have never been there but there is enough useless junk around Hornby that if other locals have said it holds cultural importance I'd believe them to know the distinction.
7	I have never heard of it.
8	I have never heard of the Leaf House.
9	I have no opinion.
10	If it can generate revenue in some way to maintain the rest of the park then sell tickets. I don't know of this house.
11	N/A
12	Never heard of it

- 13 No Comment
- 14 No aware of Leaf House
- 15 No comment
- 16 No issues
- 17 No opinion
- 18 No opinion
- 19 No opinion.
- 20 Not familiar
- 21 Not familiar with this structure
- 22 Not sure. I like the Leaf House, but isn't it more of a cultural heritage element, and less a parks issue?
- 23 testing this comments section
- 24 I like the the leaf house. The historical information which is offered is interesting. More facts about the past is valuable. ☒
- 25 I agree that the Leaf House has a historic value as it was for many years the summer home of Jim Parson and Arthur Link. But my understanding is that it would be impossible to move. But if it could be moved, it should be used as a public building.
- 26 Documented as a beautiful artsy structure, and held up as an example of poor building practices. Let it rot.
- 27 Just leave it the way it is!.
- 28 Leave as is.
- 29 Let it be.
- 30 Most people on Hornby would probably like the Leaf House left alone.
- 31 Neutral. The Leaf House is an interesting building. I personally feel, however, that man made construction, of whatever kind, should be minimal within the parks and trails area.
- 32 Yes! Leave alone!
- 33 Yes, I do. It is unique and creative, looks like it grew there.
- 34 I like it as is and would like to see it occasionally open for tours
- 35 Leave it
- 36 Absolutely the Leaf House should be preserved. It should be designated as a historical building. Hornby culture indeed!
- 37 Absolutely, Leaf House should be better maintained. All of the current signage (history, plant info, ect.) should be removed (put somewhere else?) to permit true beauty of the Leaf House to shine through.
- 38 Get the posters off the windows for one thing. Perhaps have some simple furnishings.
- 39 I LOVE Leaf House. If it were moved to a different location where more people could enjoy it, I would have no problem with that. It's a terrific example of the "Hornby Style" of building. I would like to see it preserved.
- 40 I believe it is important to maintain and keep Leaf House as it is part of our history and shows part of what makes Hornby so unique and original.
- 41 I believe that it does have important cultural value and I would like to see it better used.
- 42 I do love the sight of that cabin. It does represent a lost but important time on hornby. ☒What to do with it???

- 43 If there is volunteer energy to maintain it, sure. If parks dollars are invested it would be good to see a clear rationale and long-term plan for the house.
- 44 It has great value and should be preserved.
- 45 It is an important example of creating house designs based on nature. It has historical value as well. It was nice to see inside the house when the park was first opened - staffing it to open may not work, but it should be maintained with information in the windows.
- 46 Keep it with minimum interference!
- 47 Leaf House is important. It needs to be repaired and kept in good order as an example of brilliant architectural design.
- 48 Maintain as art gallery
- 49 Maintain it
- 50 Not sure. I would like to see it preserved though.
- 51 Preserve it
- 52 Preserve it. It's a beautiful example of the creative building spirit on Hornby Island. Please never add a video display. That would be so NOT in the spirit of the island :)
- 53 Restored
- 54 Save it, USE it.
- 55 The Leaf House is a magical lace and, yes, it is cultural and has a beautiful story attached to it. It really is a gem. We would love to see it cared for, is it possible to come under the local Parks committee with a "friends of the Leaf House" focus? We're sure there would be a good many people who would help/contribute.
- 56 The Leaf House should be maintained. It has historical value.
- 57 The values within this area include the Leaf House, Ford Cove Orchard, cemetery, a maple tree grove and other non native trees planted by the ford family in the late 1800's. The Leaf House should remain intact where located.
- 58 This property shows the architecture and the use of natural materials that residents strive for here.
- 59 Yes - think it is a neat 'Hornby' style attraction that shouldn't be removed unless there is a specific ecological reason to do so.
- 60 Yes, it is really representative to the evolution of Hornby in recent times.
- 61 Yes. Classic gulf island architecture. Needs a mgt plan in itself. Complicated issue...
- 62 Yes...maintained and protected.
- 63 I think we should preserve it and preserve Hornby's history. We should add an interpretative sign as well.
- 64 It is historical for Hornby Island which has a unique sociocultural history as well as a vibrant and dynamic artistic community today. It is very much a valued part of Hornby's ethos and current atmosphere that attracts visitors to the island. It should be preserved, updated and protected. Perhaps interpretive signage would support these efforts.
- 65 Keep the Leaf House and create some signage to prevent its destruction and describe its social and cultural importance.
- 66 Preserve heritage - add an interpretation sign to qualify its value and history of Hornby.
- 67 Regular maintenance to keep it safe. A story in the house to explain its history.
- 68 The Leaf House definitely has important cultural value as it shows a unique part of Hornby Islands history and a beautiful design that used materials available in the area at the time.

- 69 Yes, Lloyds work as been written about in architectural and other periodicals. Cabin needs maintenance - best provided by an on-site caretaker and a "friends of Leaf House" volunteer group. Could be location for interpretive signs regarding Ford family; old Ford house (now gone); Leaf House; Professors Link 2 Parsons; conservancy and islanders 30-year efforts to preserve escarpment from development.
- 70 Yes, involve the community in preservation and signage to tell the story of the Leaf House.
- 71 Yes, i strongly believer the Leaf House has an important cultural value within Mount Geoffrey Escarpment Provincial Park. I would like to see it open for people to enjoy & explore for some hours each week. And have some money towards maintaining it.
- 72 It's nice to see it maintained as the beautiful whimsical cabin it is. Leave as-is with maintenance.
- 73 It has value and should be maintained if that's possible without huge expenditure. Take all documentation and pictures to the Hornby archive, maybe move the whole house to the archive site.
- 74 Can't comment on cultural value, but would like to see it maintained and possibly used for youth groups.
- 75 Cultural asset. Preserved, used, rental for special events.
- 76 Yes! Maintain. Offer as an artist's retreat to generate income? Rent to a responsible island resident.
- 77 I believe the Leaf House and Orchard are a unit that has a major cultural value and should be maintained. A live-in care taker is essential to maintain the Leaf House.
- 78 It should be maintained. The best way to do this is to have a long term resident actually living in it. Someone chosen by our community who has an attachment to Leaf and who loves it.
- 79 It sits on the site of one of the first home-steads of the island. It also exemplifies the "back to nature / hand-built Hornby houses" period of the late 60's and 70's (also the beginning of the strong "recycling" period of Hornby!) It should be preserved and maintained. Perhaps used for a nature centre or park warden residence, or along with heritage orchard / trees.
- 80 Yes I think it's special and lovely and fun- I hate to see it neglected- so part of an interpretive centre or home for a writer or naturalist in residence.
- 81 I agree that it is of cultural importance. It could be maintained and used as a centre for educating on the parks and natural ecosystems of the island. It can become an interpretive centre, and a place for disseminating important natural history or parks information, trail, guides, etc.
- 82 The Leaf House does have important cultural value. I would like to see it maintained and maybe opened for school groups.
- 83 Very important to keep and maintain - for both architectural and historical reasons. What is now the park was purchased in early 70's by two men who wanted to preserve it in its natural state. Their summer cabin is part of the lay of the land / country culture building style of that unique time period. Cabin could be an interpretive / historical Centre for the park.
- 84 Yes, I would like to see it preserved, and open for public viewing. Maybe this would be a place for picnic tables and an interpretive center.
- 85 Yes, I think it does. There are few such historical structures remaining on Hornby. I think it should be maintained, ie protected and kept in original condition as much as possible.
- 86 I think it has important cultural value because it embodies a rare building aesthetic that used to be common on Hornby but is fast fading. Preserving this building gives visitors to the park a glimpse of Hornby's unique past that is worth preserving.
- 87 I think that Leaf house should be preserved. Perhaps Leaf house could be used as a nature interpretive centre during the summer months in partnership with the Hornby Island Natural History Exhibit. Or made available for rent for a some what primitive, hike in camping experience.

- 88 Don't care
- 89 I question the value of the Leaf House and don't see why money should be spent for its upkeep when finances for parks are limited.
- 90 Not a lot of cultural value.
- 91 Not important, clean up.
- 92 Not valuable
- 93 Over the past several years Leaf House could easily be replaced with a notice board. The structure never did function well and is in no way precious.
- 94 Just preserve it. At least relocate it.
- 95 Not really. The heritage is the Ford homestead and not Lloyd Houses' leaf house. I would move the house somewhere else as a retail outlet. Get a grant that
- 96 Perhaps it could be a seasonal (summer only) artist in residence space.
- 97 Yes - value. Very interesting architecture by a local builder. I stayed there briefly in 1975, beautifully set in the old orchard. Make available as a reserve-able, rentable shelter; like shelters in Europe and the U.S.? (Remembering free 3-wall shelters in National Forest sites in the U.S., as well, 'huts' on Mt.Hood which are rentable.)
- 98 Yes it has important cultural value; it is displayed in the westcoast builders book and is a fine display of Japanese style feng shui and custom carpentry involving log house building and other styles...
- 99 I've never seen it but people seem to speak highly of it. It might be nice to see two or three suggestions on how it could be used rather than sitting locked and empty. Artist space? Performance space? Sabbatical home for visiting artist as won through a competition?
- 100 it is unique; could be used as an information centre, or as a residence for a caretaker for the orchard
- 101 Yes, used by a worthy community group
- 102 I believe it could be used as a interpretive location with posters in the windows explaining the flora found in the park.
- 103 Interpretative Centre - educational - local input in building or renovating.
- 104 Interpretive nature house (like at Goldstream Park?)
- 105 It would be a good site for the above mentioned educational activities, a place to rendez-vous and learn about the animal/bird/ plant communities in the park.
- 106 Leaf House is historical and has cultural value for its design and for its location. It is ideal for an interpretive centre. It would be valuable to do guided botanical walks in Spring and Fall, starting at the Leaf House. I guarantee these would be immensely popular, well attended; everything from mosses to ferns to mushrooms. Use this place as a teaching tool about biodiversity, inter-relatedness of ecosystem, interface, etc. etc. Education engenders respect.
- 107 Yes I believe it has important heritage and cultural value, the creativity possible in managing local resources and functional but beautiful shelter. Turn it into an interpretive center for guided walks for the Natural history museum.
- 108 Yes! The little building is a gem! Educational interpretive centre.
- 109 Yes, it has cultural value. Make it an interpretive centre
- 110 Yes.demonstrates what can be built with imagination. Park information?
- 111 not sure if it has cultural significance. Depends on how expensive it would be to keep it up. It is a good centre for information









112 turn it into a nature guide area manned in the summer, managed locally, and include park interpreters. the leaf house is part of our culture , so is the orchard, moves have to be made to prune it responsibly as it supplies a great deal of food and revenue for locals. access is also important to our local culture.

113 Minimum upkeep so it does not become a safety hazard. Use the windows for historical and ecological information.

114 No particular heritage value, though it is a unique building. It could be either an interpretive center or left to naturally decay.

115 Keep it as a cultural point. Have gatherings, community tours, utilize the space.

**Question 11. Some community members have indicated that the orchard of the old Ford family farm has important cultural value within Mount Geoffrey Escarpment Provincial Park. Do you think the orchard has important heritage and cultural value, and if so, why? What would you like to see done with the orchard in the future?**

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Harvest for community		15%	18
Insert interpretive signs		6%	7
Leave it as is		23%	27
Maintain		53%	61
Not an important cultural value		2%	3
Restrict access		0%	1
Turn into public information centre		0%	1
Turn into recreation / picnic area		6%	7

#	Response
1	I like that is common to the island. It's a lovely largely unused space I my opinion.
2	Likewise, I don't really have a strong opinion on this.
3	N/A
4	No opinion
5	No opinion
6	No opinion
7	No opinion on this one
8	No opinion.

- 9 No opinion.
- 10 Not sure as don't go through that area very often.
- 11 Trees are over 100 years old and still producing.example of sustainable farming!
- 12 Yes
- 13 Yes
- 14 Yes, I do. Lovely peaceful spot and the apples and pears are delicious.
- 15 testing this comments section
- 16 Community Orchard, sell fruit / produce / processed produce for funds for general improvements to parks.
- 17 Community garden?
- 18 I do think the orchard is of cultural signifigance. Leave it for the community to prune and pick. Organize days through Hornby Parks commitee
- 19 People who use fruit from the trees should be allowed to continue...
- 20 The fruit on the apple trees are so good. It would be helpful to have them pruned every few years and work out a way to use the fruit - by community picking or giving to needy families?
- 21 community orchard please.
- 22 Again, the orchard within the Mt.Geoffrey escarpment Provincial park has been given so little attention over the years that I feel money spent for its upkeep could be better used elsewhere.
- 23 As currently used.
- 24 Do we have to do anything?
- 25 I think the orchard should be left alone
- 26 I would like for the orchard to stay as it is
- 27 It is a publicly owned source of food. Managed by volunteers and simply wonderful. Paws off pencilpushers!!
- 28 Leave as is.
- 29 Leave it
- 30 Leave it as is.
- 31 Leave it be.
- 32 Leave it the way it is!.
- 33 Let it go
- 34 Let it go wild.
- 35 Love the orchard. Manage it similarly to the way it is now.
- 36 The orchard as it is; is dying. It would be unpopular to cut it down but unless there is a concentrated effort to prune and care for the trees then I see no future for them. I know it is an emotional issue but really, are they worth keeping?
- 37 The orchard was established near the turn of the century. It offers free food to some. Why do anything?
- 38 Yes - heritage value - leave as is.

- 39 Yes - historical remnants have important community value. No maintenance should be undertaken of the orchard, just leave the trees to grow as they will.
- 40 Yes, i strongly believe the orchard of the old Ford family farm has an important cultural value within Mount Geoffrey Escarpment Provincial Park. I would like to see the orchard remain wild as it is.
- 41 Yes, leave as is. Why do we need more management? We don't!
- 42 Yes. Leave it alone.
- 43 Yes...beautiful area, must be left alone and kept away from developers.
- 44 the orchard is a lovely contrasting space within the park , don't mess it up
- 45 It has importance as a landmark but also as a free access resource for locals with low or no income. I think it should be left in place. I doubt there are many community orchards left in the world...Hornby Island is one of the few places left where it's possible to have a life with a minimal income.
- 46 Leave as is. Let people pick fruit (pickers are most often island residents) would be nice to have some of the fruit go to people in need (volunteer pickers?)
- 47 It is a beautiful old area. I don't think you need to do anything. Just leave it be - perhaps better signage explaining what it is.
- 48 Absolutely the orchard is such a beautiful area of the island. It should be maintained for public use.
- 49 Absolutely. It's a beautifully preserved orchard that is historically important as well as a beautiful area for small concerts, has been an area for weddings etc.
- 50 Again, this whole area is a gem and a real "step back in time". We have watched it deteriorate which is very sad. This needs a big focus by parks and the community. Can anything be done to save any of the fruit / regular trees? Who will mow the field? Parking continues to be an issue in this area.
- 51 Definitely these trees have important cultural value. This orchard contains species of trees planted in the late 1800s which probably no longer exist in other orchard areas where only four or five economically desirable special are farmed. Scions for grafting were taken, in the past, by the Summerland Experimental Station in the Okanagan. Track those down. If those no longer exist, this should be repeated to maintain biodiversity. These trees have immense importance for the future and should have some basic care to sustain their health.
- 52 Heritage apples, beauty, food for all. It should be pruned annually by someone here on the island. Some person every year for conservatory, as it'll take 5 years to get it back in shape. Long term contract with fair wage.
- 53 I agree that it has significant cultural value as the story of the Ford Family and the orchard is very interesting. I hope that a local interest group could maintain the orchard and perhaps use the fruit to raise money for the continual management of the orchard, farm lands and perhaps the Leaf House as well.
- 54 I agree that it should be saved and not encroached upon by pathways, small children climbing can do damage and any changes might cause drought conditions on the grounds, watering is not possible.
- 55 I do, orchards are part of the pioneer history of the Island (notably the Fords). Maintain Orchard as rustic but don't remove.
- 56 I have not lived on the island long enough to really be aware of its heritage value, although personally I think its a wonderful addition to the park system and should be kept

- 57 I love the orchard. I pick blackberries and plums there, or just pause and enjoy it from the trail alone. The trees are heritage variety apples. Good to maintain (prune) them and take cuttings to propagate new trees of rare varieties. This is part of the story of the Ford family, just white settler and his first nations wife.
- 58 I think the Orchard is an important heritage site and should be given a heritage title and be protected.
- 59 If this is the orchard at the south end of the lower bench trail near Ford's cove then it serves as a community orchard and greatly support it;s maintenace.
- 60 Indeed, the historical cultural value is, as noted above, an important element for residents and visitors alike.
- 61 It should be maintained / preserved as well (perhaps under guidance of Community Hornby Island, funded by public funds from BC parks budget. Suitable maintenance would be provided most economically if hired locally under direction of CHI and BC Parks. A similar model is that of the Mt Geoff regional nature park the CVRD and HIRRA
- 62 Keep the orchard for its cultural and heritage value, and also continue to improve its value as a loved source for local residents.
- 63 Leave it as an orchard and have it cared for by volunteers.
- 64 Maintain the health of the trees - allow use of the fruit
- 65 Maintained
- 66 Maintained, with people enjoying the park literally being able to enjoy the "fruits" of the park, in a responsible manner, and with consideration for those coming after them.
- 67 Our family enjoys the Ford Cove Community Orchard. We appreciate harvesting fruit there and our kids love to play amongst the old trees. They often meet friends there to play hide and seek. I would like to see the orchard mowed thoroughly at least once a year. There are several dangerous holes, left by old trees that have completely rotted away, some are at least 12 - 18 inches deep and wide enough for ones foot to fall in to. These holes are near impossible to see amongst the long grass, that eventually becomes a tangled flattened mat. The ancient fruit trees could do with pruning and a community volunteer work party could make significant improvements on these trees.
- 68 Preserve for historical value.
- 69 Preserve the orchard as we have so few.
- 70 Provide general maintenance, but to a minimal extent.
- 71 Should be preserved as a food source for future generations
- 72 Sure, it's got lots of fruit available to whomever wants to pick... and it's a testament to Hornby's historic tale.
- 73 The orchard has historic value as it is one of the first orchards developed on the island. The grass needs an annual mow.
- 74 The orchard is an indication of how people lived on Hornby in the past.▯reserve the orchard.
- 75 The orchard is awesome. I would like to see it kept up in a least invasive manner possible. No fences/ no signs/ no no signs.
- 76 The trees are too old to be maintained as fruit bearing trees, but a bit of maintenance would be good. The grass should be mowed each year - twice- to prevent grass fire, and enable people to enjoy the area as a picnic , etc area.
- 77 There are wonderful trees in this orchard that need some careful pruning and tending in order to have old apples available to the community. We need a major work party with many experienced pruners and clean up the area so the trees can flourish.
- 78 Trees maintained, and the fruit picking done by bid i.e. a financial contribution towards maintenance.....to either private individuals or non-profit groups.

- 79 Very important. We used to pick fruit there on Oct 15th. If the trees are not too old can't they be looked after?
- 80 Wildlife and people love this orchard. Mainly protection would be to keep encroaching trees back.
- 81 Yes - nothing much more beautiful, man-made than an old orchard. Direct link to the first settlers and their link to the land. Plus the ideas of preserving biodiversity through old species and varieties of fruit.
- 82 Yes I absolutely agree. The orchard should be maintained into the future by a volunteer association.
- 83 Yes! Another gem! Let's be sure to properly maintain it.
- 84 Yes, it has important cultural value. I would like to see it maintained.
- 85 Yes, protected and maintained
- 86 Yes, prune and maintain. Let the public enjoy the apples as we do now.
- 87 great to help yourself to apples. Maintain the trees by annual pruning and rough mow the grass
- 88 keep it. is is memories for us all.
- 89 upkeep of the orchard is imperative, yes it is part of our heritage, it has many trees in it that have sentimental value and history with the people that have live and died here.
- 90 Free fruit. Maintain / improve
- 91 I think the orchard has cultural value in that it is part of the culture of the island, as we actually harvest fruit from it each fall. It also has uncommon heritage apple varieties that are intrinsically valuable from a food security perspective. It also has cultural value by being one of the founding families homestead that would be lost by letting it revert to douglas fir forest of which there's already plenty of on the island.
- 92 Just maintain it, let it be with some maintenance and let people continue to harvest.
- 93 Pruned and left alone as free food to the community.
- 94 The orchard should be maintained and continued to be used for hay and for people to harvest the fruit that is growing there. It is part of our island history and culture.
- 95 With funds provided by government. Maintain orchard for community harvesting.
- 96 Yes and goes with my above answer. Parks should pay for pruning the trees. Volunteers could pick the apples. The apples could be juiced and sold with proceeds to some community organization in need.
- 97 Yes! Needs a "Friends of Ford Orchard" volunteer group to clear out dead wood, prune, keep blackberries from encroaching on fruit trees, keep grass mowed. Heritage trees and historic sites are valuable. Fruit harvesting should be permitted (no vehicles - only wheelbarrows or had hauling of fruit to prevent over-use by any one harvester.) Keep memorial to Link 2 Parsons fenced.
- 98 YES! The orchard is an important community resource that needs to be maintained and improved for community harvesting. Label heritage trees! Plant more heritage varieties! More!
- 99 Yes I do indeed - continue to have the orchard tended - information about apple heritage, harvest for the community food programs,
- 100 I think we should preserve it and preserve Hornby's history. We should add an interpretative sign as well.
- 101 Preserve heritage - add an interpretation sign to qualify its value and history of Hornby.

- 102 The Orchard has been a Hornby Island tradition for as long as we have lived here- since 1975 and before- so I think it should be kept. There used to be a sign from Dr Parson's that said apple picking only after Oct. 15- maybe that should be put up again.
- 103 The orchard should be maintained. The fruit trees should be identified by location and type.
- 104 Volunteer to possibly prune but otherwise leave it.
- 105 I think it's great to keep it - perhaps to have a community group to prune and manage the fruit.  
If there were picnic tables in there and a place to park, it could be a lovely community park for those who are not so keen on the hiking.
- 106 The orchard and family cemetery are important remnants of culture and history. I think that the orchard should be maintained - pruning and re-creating the tree and fruit species to ensure their survival over time. Fruit trees last a long time, but eventually need to be replaced.
- 107 Trees pruned and properly maintained. Grass mowed for picnic use.
- 108 I agree that the orchard is of cultural importance due to the early farming history of Hornby, Like the leaf house, the orchard could be 'adopted' by the public as a learning and conservation space. Picnic tables could be placed in select areas of the orchard encouraging family outings to enjoy and appreciate the space. A long-term pruning-restoration of the trees could be undertaken, with the fruit being available to gleaners, and or to be picked for juicing to support the refurbishment of the trees.
- 109 I do not think the orchard has important heritage or cultural value.
- 110 No
- 111 No I don't think that orchard by itself has heritage or cultural value
- 112 I think you should formalize a "use" access/lease to it, which would allow individuals to invest some time and benefit from the crop. As far as I know there is currently no framework in place for maintenance of the orchard. Use Heron Rocks as a model - and perhaps talk with their orchard group to see if they would like to take over management of the Old Ford orchard.
- 113 Picnic site with toilets.
- 114 Turn it into a picnic area.
- 115 Yes I think it is important part of the community. The orchard could have some tables for picnic.

### Question 12. (optional) Are you?

Year-round Hornby Resident	Seasonal/Part-time Resident	Visitor	Total Responses
74 (56.5%)	38 (29.0%)	19 (14.5%)	131

### Question 13. (optional) Please indicate your age group.

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
51 - 65 Years		32%	42
36 - 50 Years		27%	35
66 Years and Older		26%	34
21- 35 Years		11%	14
13 - 20 Years		3%	4
12 years Or Younger		1%	1
<b>Total Responses</b>			<b>130</b>

### Question 14. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about Mount Geoffrey parks and the Crown land trails?

There are 92 response(s) to this question.

#	Response
1	testing this comments section
2	In the long-term, the Crown Lands should have a timber harvest management program, be it for firewood, etc. It is a shame that the Community Forest/Woodlot effort of the 90s failed. There would be two principal values to re-ignite this:
3	The last 3 years the trail maintenance crew have moved on with their lives and the support numbers hasn't been there like previous years. Days of rebuilding a trail in a day now takes many weekends.
4	it's a wonderful wild jewel of Hornby, leave it that way.
5	It is a fabulous place and has been that way with minimal control as far as I can tell. The local parks and train committee hand the contractor that maintains the trails are wonderful.
6	The whole area is a water recharge area and the utmost should be done to keep the water there and not let it run down into the creeks and ocean via badly built trails. Some trails are really worn, mainly due to water erosion; the roots are showing, and even bedrock. Maybe they should be closed, or somehow altered.
7	There is a wonderful silence in the southern aspect of Mount Geoffrey, with only wind, rain and birds heard - no vehicles except boats. The snatches of view onto Ford Cove and Denman Island are beautiful. To protect this, motorized off-road vehicles should never be allowed, nor electronically amplified sound. It's the silence we all need. Keep it simple. Keep it simple. A few stumps to sit on are perfectly adequate.
8	I'm starting to consider downsizing from the house we raised a family in to a smaller cabin that will be a base for old-age - because i don't want to spend my time cleaning or fighting blackberries- my favourite thing to do on Hornby, every day if possible, is go for a walk on Mt Geoffrey - there's a different route and something new to discover every time.

- 9 Please consider road improvements. Otherwise this park will not be able to be utilized in any meaningful way
- 10 I think that it would be proactive, timely and forward-thinking to include information on interpretive signs, pamphlets and information areas on water conservations, sustainable use,
- 11 keep it free from park like features
- 12 I like it the way it is. Generally, I don't believe more trails are needed, nor any other improvements done. My observation is that the status quo works nicely. The current park maintenance is very good, and the park is meeting the needs for both recreational opportunities and environmental protection. A job well done, mostly by local volunteers. Thank you!
- 13 No.
- 14 I appreciate their existence every day. The parks & crown land trails are a vital link to family health, recreation, and appreciation of nature and natural systems. They are an integral link to the land, and our inter-generational learning/teaching & conservation.
- 15 I'd like to express my interest in using some of the crown land in Strachan valley to facilitate affordable housing and permaculture agriculture.
- 16 it has a diverse range of users, and should do its best to be all inclusive. as well in the "back 40" there should be a amputheatre for a wide range of usage , as well as a wetlands project to help keep water on the island ie, ponds that collect winter rain and ground water to allow for a slower discharge in the summer
- 17 Based on the number of mountain bikes I see on the ferry when I visit Hornby Island, I think they are a significant amenity to the tourist demographic on Hornby.
- 18 Some small scale firewood removal of fallen dead trees should be permitted to decrease the fuel load for potential forest fires.
- 19 i would like to see a space for dirt biking
- 20 Strongly oppose any restrictions on bikes, dogs, and horses. It is so nice to have free, unfettered use of the land, and almost all people respect it. Those that don't probably wouldn't respect any signs anyway- but it has been my experience that almost everyone who uses it appreciates and cares for Nature.
- 21 Is there a way that some of the trees that have fallen down could be used for fire wood. Either to elderly people or people who cannot afford expensive cords of wood?
- 22 wonderful to have these areas protected and the trails maintained
- 23 They rock.
- 24 These areas are what makes Hornby interesting and a destination. Let's keep the area safe and natural.
- 25 The existence of this park and these trails enriches my life, and I would hate to see anything change how things currently are in the park. Protection if necessary, otherwise leave it be.
- 26 I want to express my appreciation to whoever looks after the parks for changes over the years. Signs, much improved. I REALLY appreciate the bridges on Beulah Creek and Coltsfoot. They have greatly enhanced walking and cycling in winter! Cleaning up after storms has improved dramatically. I was amazed at how quickly the trails were cleared after this spring's snow storm. I would appreciate a bridge over Waterfall Creek where it crosses Washing Machine. It is sometimes impossible to cross in winter. I love these parks and trails as they are now!
- 27 We love the trails as they are and the ability to go mountain biking with our dog. Would love that all to basically stay the same.

- 28 The main thing is that the trails are pretty good and we should not be wasting tax money on them. The only real concern is the fire hazard of downed trees and brush.
- 29 Mt. G is one of the 3 top reasons why we love Hornby and we use it rain or shine.
- 30 1. If there were better directional signage, I'd use the trail system more extensively. 2. Don't let the bikers keep taking over the park space.
- 31 Please don't have so many rules about things. It's a pain to walk in Helliwell without being accosted by the eco-nazis even if you are not doing anything wrong.
- 32 This area is one of my favorite areas. We are very lucky to have these trails and enjoy them. Keep it simple.
- 33 The Ford Cove area be turned over to the community to maintain and look after (by permit).
- 34 More relevance to local use. E. short loops near access points that are interesting topography.
- 35 I love roaming the parks with my dog, as do many others. I would support some seasonal restriction of dogs on some parks - really have a blanket rule when there is no demonstrated need.  
In the winter, a few of us are the only ones there on the mountain. The deer normally avoid it as there is next to nothing to eat.
- 36 Enforcement if reasonable rules.
- 37 I don't know if they're still existent, but a couple of mountain-top trails which were road-wide, grass covered, and arched over with trees, which I rode on horseback 20 years ago are unique in my experience.
- 38 I hope my son enjoys it on his bike as much as I have.
- 39 Approve an area for disc golf
- 40 It is a beautiful part of our province and a huge part of what makes Hornby Island special. People need to be able to enjoy it so that they also are motivated to protect it!
- 41 I would like to see the Crown Land added to the park system so that it too is more protected from ideas the government may have for it in the future. Good job on Lea Smith entrance stairway and new entrance.
- 42 You are doing a great job.
- 43 It is a special place!
- 44 For the most part, would like to see it left as is, with better signage and a circle route designated - Coltsfoot, Beulah, Coltsfoot, Jessie's, Bench Connector, Cliff, Bill & Christa, Yeomans, Logging Railroad, Walton - Start and finish at graveyard.
- 45 Mostly I would like to see the timber managed in a constructive way that would benefit the community, also that the brush be cleaned so that it is less a fire hazard.
- 46 Bridges that have been built with split cedar should be replaced to be planks with guard rails on one or both sides. Don't like the expanded steel as it is lifting. Would love it to be horse safe and other users would be willing to help with this.
- 47 Over crowding is going to be a problem in years to come as Hornby becomes more and more popular. Roads and infrastructure for garbage and garbage removal should be set in place.
- 48 Love the mountain biking trails!!
- 49 Appreciate if the bench trail was not on the edge of the cliff. Dangerous with children.

50 I love the parks. I feel fortunate that I can walk there. Thanks!

51 The parks and trails are part of what makes Hornby Island a treasure.

52 Mt. Geoffrey is an extremely valuable source and feature on Hornby and people should have public awareness of the required respect that is expected to be practiced there.

53 Concerned about over-development of wilderness area. Work together to honor our beautiful wilderness.

54 It is one of Hornby's most valuable features for recreation and nature. All efforts should be made to retain it for generations to come. Hornby is more than beaches - it's natural areas make the island beautiful.

55 I'm primarily a mountain bike park user. Support the efforts to nurture this amazing park! Thanks!

56 I would like to see at least part of our public land used as a community woodlot.

57 If you would like to know more about the acquisition, planning, and administration or any of these parks, including Helliwell and Tribune Bay (which badly needs

58 The bike trails are some of the best in the world. This place is to be cherished by all

59 Mt. Geoffrey & the Crown Lands trails are truly unique & a big part of why we travel 5 to 6 hours yearly to visit Hornby (and hopefully support the regional economy a little in the process). Please keep the trail system as it is now, but to do that I believe you need to introduce some level of pro-active management for mountain bikers who will over time degrade the trails. I am advocating to keep these unique trails open to riders, but keep them geared towards cross-country & moderate speed downhill vs very fast, banked aggressive & damaging mountain bike park-like riding as we are seeing in other areas of BC. Make sure you do not consider providing any form of 'shuttle' opportunity where bikes can be driven to a higher elevation & ridden down. Currently the park is very family friendly & incredibly pristine due to the dry summers (less water erosion), low volume of visitors, and requirement that you ride your bike up before you can ride it down. This park is a true gem and needs special attention to keep it that way.

60 It is a very special spot. I spent a great deal of my time making the trail. The water flow from the mountain has to be first priority. Protection of the park nature environment is the most important concern.

61 I visit Hornby 4-5 times per year specifically to mountain bike on Mt Geoffrey, and have many friends that do the same. I don't come for any other reason than this. While I'm on Hornby, I typically spend money at the local businesses, and occasionally spend a night or 2 on the island. Most of my trips are in the offseason (Oct-May). I have been riding the trails on Hornby for more than 20 years. Please don't change them. They contribute significantly to the mountain bike community both on Hornby and the Comox Valley as a whole, and as a result, create revenue for local businesses throughout the Comox Valley.

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63 I love Mount Geoffrey, and hope that its beauty and accessibility continue to exist.

64 Please do something about the motor bikes

65 Along with Helliwell, Mount Geoffrey parks and Crown Land trails define Hornby!

- 66 Mt Geoffrey is the only reason I go to Hornby. Mountain biking is a huge economic driver to the Comox Valley and Hornby Island. Many locals and visitors to Vancouver Island specifically seek out Hornby for the mountain biking. I would be extremely upset if the mountain biking accessibility on Hornby were to ever change.
- 67 Great draw and destination for visitors who bring money into the local economy and could become potential new property owners.
- 68 <personal info deleted> Hornby is a great place to ride and both parks are very well managed and maintained. The local bike club has been active for many years and it should be noted that those who originally built the trails and have maintained them over the years should be respected and their input should be respected when decisions are being made. Culture and environment should certainly be preserved as it is so important and interesting for all park users. The network is very sustainable and it's trail design has been and should continue to be an example for other communities who wish to have such a recreation, environmental and cultural asset. I also appreciate being contacted as a recreation tenure holder in the area. It is nice to know that the opinions of users is respected and will be used. Please keep up the good work!
- 69 I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this planning process. I appreciate the wisdom and forward thinking of Hornby residents in the creation and on-going care of these parks and trails for the use and enjoyment of current and future visitors.
- 70 Thanks for the opportunity to put my 2 cents in ...
- 71 I live on Mount Road - so I am a close neighbour of the park.
- 72 I bought my house on Hornby 9 years ago largely because of Mount Geoffrey. Please don't change it. I LOVE that place
- 73 These trails are a valuable community asset, drawing visitors year after year and providing endless enjoyment and exercise for residents (and dogs). The trails are also well used to commute across the island. The forest is part of a critically endangered Coastal Douglas Fir ecosystem as well as being a groundwater recharge area.
- 74 We live on Hornby about and half of the year, driving back and forth from Victoria. We chose this island to be removed from the structured development seen elsewhere. This is a very special place that is time removed because of the time, cost and commitment to travel on two or three (Vancouver) ferries to get here. To fully appreciate the parks you must take the time to reach a peaceful relationship with nature. Its not picnic tables, more trail development, more parking lots or trashcans.
- 75 They are for the community on many levels and values. A health retreat for exercise and recreation. Do not allow any towers that would affect people's health.
- 76 Hornby Island residence and visitors are very lucky to have such beautiful park lands for public use. I hope to see both Crown land and Provincial Park land remain as is for generations to come. We are blessed.
- 77 This questionnaire is nitpicking trail use "rearranging the dock chairs on the Titanic" while the important issues are ignored!
- 78 This map needs correction: Road to Northwind Trail. Entrances to Shingle Spit Trail.
- 79 Please leave park as is
- 80 Fire roads need maintenance ie: water bars maintained, pull-outs and turn-arounds need to be kept clean. Without them it is a traffic jam for fire trucks.
- 81 Avoid over-development and urbanization. Keep it wild. Management plan needed for escarpment park! (Still not done after 10 years.) Hire local people for maintenance of parks, eg:mowing, trail maintenance. Not Van Isle contractors who have to come two ferry crossings to mow a strip of grass in escarpment park. Harvesting of mushrooms should not be prohibited in any area. Likewise, wild berries and non-native "Himalaya" blackberries.

82 Don't mess with success! This is not a city, but a wonderful rural area and Mount Geoffrey serves a very valuable purpose.

83 More maintenance. Sign on first bridge on spit trail (from cove entrance)

84 As far as Link-Parson land is concerned regarding management the only thing that needs doing is to leave it exactly as it is.

85 We have lived on Hornby for over 40 years and we love the varied, wild, beautiful middle of the island.

86 The orchard area would be a very good place for community events, but only if it is maintained and has enough parking. I have performed several weddings there and it was great. The main issue for me is parking. The second issue is that the treads on the wooden bridges are a tripping hazard and should be removed or mended. They are dangerous.

87 Thank you so much for this opportunity! We know the majority of our community really values the opportunity to discuss our parks.

88 Keep it simple and natural. No big signs, not too many rules.

89 We feel very fortunate to have these trails that can be used by all ages and cyclists of all abilities. Our grandchildren are just starting to ride them and we have thoroughly enjoyed hiking there with them. It is good to have the Cliff Trail for walking only with cyclists using Hot Rims. Getting grants for trail maintenance and repairs in the spring would help maintain the trails for summer use.

90 \*More signage please\* My family would never have found the entrance to Summit Trail (off Strachan Road) without my help. The entrance should be more evident than that.

91 Use of Hornby Island trails is minimal, even during the busy summer tourist season. More trail usage would not create any real environmental problems, in my opinion. The trails may well constitute a modest potential for the Hornby Island economy.

92 I think the trails are becoming too bicycle-centric. Some of us like to hike and walk these trails that are getting unnecessarily worn down and awkward to walk on. How about a bike trail section only especially in the summer? Not that it would be practised....