

Wimberley Blue Hole Regional Park Design Charrette
DESIGN WORKSHOP, INC.
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29 Surveys collected

Please let us know your thoughts before leaving today by completing the following questions.

Thank you for taking the time to help shape the future of this park site.

1. We have developed two alternative concepts. Please tell us what you like or dislike about the major distinctions between them.

	Concept A	Concept B	Your Comments
Orientation of recreation activity spaces	NE/SW. Fits into topography, less grading impact 12 votes / 41%	N/S – maximizes ideal orientation 9 votes / 31%	No answer: 4 / 14% Other/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit to topography • Compromise • Must be North + South / tennis courts (2x) • Much better playing conditions for tennis. • B, less disturbance, fields have best orientation. • B, but with additional lawn space
Old septic field	Additional lawn space for informal play 11 votes / 37%	Restores with native oak/juniper forest and savannah 11 votes / 37%	No answer: 7 / 24% Other/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restore with sauna • Combine concepts • B, but w/o juniper (2x) • Long term popularity will mandate more use of space. • Need to eliminate as much juniper as possible.
Bluff overlooking swim area	Additional picnic area 15 votes / 52%	No picnic area 7 votes / 24%	No answer: 5 / 17% Other/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A: as long as low impact • Take advantage of primary scenic overlook
Trails	+/- 5 miles 15 votes / 52%	+/- 3 miles 5 votes / 17%	No answer: 8 / 28% Other/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4? • If subtle • Need a place for leisure family bike rides • Looking for variety • The more trails , the better • 3 miles is plenty
Roadways	Uses 80% of existing 11 votes / 37%	Uses 67% of existing 7 votes / 24%	No answer: 7 / 24% Other/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make room for cars if needed. • Use as much as possible, but do it right, ie tennis courts n/s

Primitive camping	35 spaces 3 votes / 10%	20 spaces 19 votes / 66%	No answer: 5 / 17% Other/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 spaces • Trial period and to only open it to groups such as scouts • B, can expand later and don't want it too crowded. • Should be small and for organized groups only. • Start with 20 and reevaluate after 5 yrs.
	Provides trail access 19 votes / 66%	No trail access 7 votes / 24%	
SW access along Creek			No answer: 7 / 24% Other/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big NO to allowing access through privately owned areas • Some creekside or not all • This is an extremely sensitive ecological area. • Use a single controlled entry point. • Trail access along creekside is very special and needs to be well thought out. • A, but prefer entrance corridor on B.

2. How important is the access to the park through the nature trail along Cypress Creek at the southwest side of the park site?

15 votes / 52% --Very important 9 votes / 31% -- I'm neutral 4 votes / 14% --Not important

Comments:

- VP, uses downtown parking
- Security issue

3. Should the swimming hole be open year round?

12 votes / 41% --yes 14 votes / 48% --no 5 votes / 17% --no opinion, not sure

Comments:

- No for swimming, yes for other than swimming
- Depends upon rain. Access, definitely yes.
- Should be open May 1st – Sept 30th.
- Yes, but without fee during off season.

4. Should evening access, requiring lighting, be allowed for the pavilions, the amphitheater and tennis?

17 votes / 52% -- yes 5 votes / 31% --no 3 votes / 14% --no opinion, not sure

Comments:

- Not at beginning
- At least for Tennis (3x) – if tennis association pays for lights (1x)
- No, everything should be self sustainable.
- Until 10p

- Yes, but with restrictions.
- Wait and see if demands are sufficient for expense.

5. Under what circumstances should primitive camping be allowed?

- A) 6 votes / 21% anytime 10 votes / 34% weekends only (comment + holidays) 3 votes / 10% no opinion, not sure
- B) 5 votes / 17% any users 13 votes / 45% organized groups only 3 votes / 10% no opinion, not sure

Comments:

- Depends upon cost of supervision
- Organized groups until they can hire a Park Ranger.

C) Do you support a pilot approach to test camping use patterns?

- 20 votes / 69% yes 2 votes / 7% no 3 votes / 10% no opinion, not sure

6. Please place your dots on the fee continuum on the wall to let us know how much you are willing to pay to have the quality of facilities and operations that you desire.

Please provide any additional comment on the back of this sheet.

- Keep it simple. Start using local products.
- Well done. Congratulations.
- Thanks! It's exciting. Hope I can see it all.
- Disturbance/Construction must be kept to a minimum. Once an area is changed, it is inevitably both difficult and costly to repair or restore it. We are at the beginning of a very large and significant venture for the City of Wimberley and for the community as a whole. We have the time to gain experience, accumulate data and observations, and change as needs indicate. Starting with a small footprint in all areas, using high quality design and construction materials to minimize long-term costs, and keeping it all sensitive to the Wimberley environment, has to be the right way to go. Thanks everyone who made this process happen.
- Regarding the current trail, Conservation easement language seems to be an issue. Please recognize the intent of the language. Connecting the existing trail to a park is well within the boundaries of original intent.