



Map 7: Existing Trails

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Park & Neighborhood Trails

During the public outreach, 80% of the community clearly identified that walking or running was a top reason for visiting Camas' parks. Park pathways are popular recreational amenities and significant contributors for promoting physical activity. This recreational trend is notable in state and national recreation surveys. Running, jogging and trail running are the most popular outdoor activities across the nation, based on levels of participation. Also, the need for more walking and biking trail connections that link parks together has been reinforced in the community survey and other public feedback. The online open house polled opinions about potential trail links and which were the highest priority. The Mill Ditch connection and safe crossings along Lake Road were also noted as important.

With the array of existing park trails and pathways within homeowner association lands, the City should prioritize a couple other connections to close existing gaps and improve options for loop trail routes, to include:

- Ostensen Canyon gap to link Dorothy Fox Park to Benton Park
- Prune Hill Sports Complex to Forest Home Park via Forest Home Open Space (will require on-street connections in coordination with transportation system planning)

Regional Trails

A regional trail system helps knit communities within Clark County together. Public feedback deemed longer trails segments, such as the Lewis and Clark Regional Trail along the Columbia River and a North Shore Lacamas Lake connection important for Camas. The ongoing development of the North Shore Subarea Plan and conceptual trail planning outlined in the North Shores Lacamas lake - A Vision for Conservation and Recreation will guide more specific planning of trails through the North Shore Lacamas Lake area, including completing the loop to Heritage Trail. Future trail connections should link Round Lake to Camp Currie to Green Mountain, in addition to neighborhood and commercial area connections, trailheads, parking and signage.

Transportation Planning

The City is currently in the process of preparing an updated Transportation System Plan, and a review of existing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and discussion of future needs will be included in that plan. The existing conditions memo for the plan noted that paved, shared-use paths exist along portions of NW Parker Street, NW 18th Avenue, Lacamas Lake, Washougal River, and are also scattered throughout the residential neighborhoods. Regarding pedestrian routes and sidewalk coverage, a few areas do not have complete sidewalks, and gaps are most significant in southwest, southeast and northeast Camas.

Additionally, the City of Camas has a number of targeted improvement projects that will help further the alternative transportation options for residents. The City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) from 2022 to 2027 lists planned road, intersection, sidewalk and bikeway projects. Funding and project partners are identified for each planned improvement project. The TIP includes 15 road projects that include bike lanes that will improve connectivity and rider safety along Camas streets.



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I just love the natural spaces, so if they're there and accessible (and safe), I'll be so grateful to walk for miles and miles. Thank you!

- Online Open House participant

