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# Survey Results: Parks

Survey Info - This survey was sent on behalf of the City of University Place to the FlashVote community for University Place, WA.

**These FlashVote results are shared with local officials**

229

Total Participants

226 of 292 initially invited (77%)  
3 others  
Margin of error: ± 6%

Applied Filter:  
**Locals only**

Participants for filter:  
**195**

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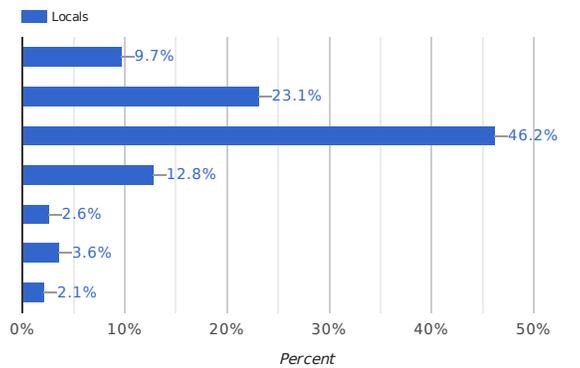
Started:  
**Aug 28, 2019 11:07am**

Ended:  
**Aug 30, 2019 11:07am**

Target Participants:  
**All University Place**

**Q1** In the last 12 months, about how many University Place parks have you visited?  
(195 responses by locals)

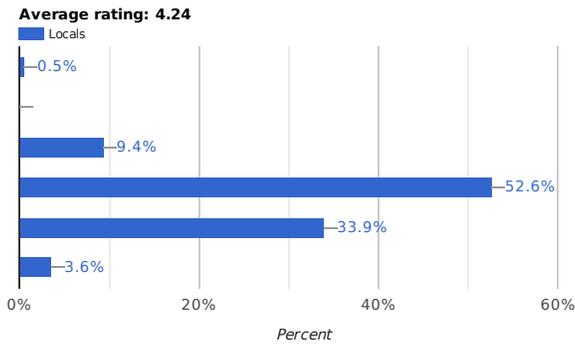
Options	Locals (195)
None	9.7% (19)
One	23.1% (45)
Two or three	46.2% (90)
Four to Six	12.8% (25)
Seven to ten	2.6% (5)
Eleven or more	3.6% (7)
Not Sure	2.1% (4)



**Q2** How would you rate the overall appearance and maintenance of University Place parks?  
(192 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (192)
Terrible (1)	0.5% (1)
Bad (2)	0% (0)
OK (3)	9.4% (18)
Good (4)	52.6% (101)

Options	Locals (192)
Excellent (5)	33.9% (65)
Not Sure	3.6% (7)



**Q3** Any other comments or suggestions about University Place parks?

(64 responses by locals)



I love the parks in UP.

We need more. The dog park needs to be relocated to more than bare, dusty land that is difficult to get to.

Some trash at kobeyashi, towards the end where people skim board. See a lot of people go in there to the low area and leave garbage

I have had other things to do, but I will make it a point to stop by some of the parks rather than drive by as I have been doing.

I am continually disappointed in the City of University Place as I see money invested in parks but no kids playing their because the city does not support the use of parks for community/kid sports. The City Council should be embarrassed by their lack of support for kids and families who are the largest users of our park spaces.

Because of my age and assorted health problems, I hardly ever visit parks anymore, but I place high value on them, and on their contributions to a healthy and vital community — especially for families. Children of all ages need some time outdoors every day, with exposure to nature and opportunities for exercise, whether hiking, wall-climbing, boating, or team sports. I know that park maintenance costs money, and am willing to pay my share of taxes to support a good parks program in U.P.

The new Sunset park is fantastic and such a great addition to the north end of UP. We absolutely LOVE the Playground at the Sound but it is in dire need of maintenance.

More Police, Less Parks.

Greater patrolling of parks would be great to ensure laws and are being followed, ie no underage drinking, smoking, drug dealing, and camping/sleeping in parks.

Please adjust the sprinklers at Sunset Terrace park. They over spray onto much of the park equipment, which wastes water and also forces parents to dry it off themselves. Other than that, it is a very nice and well maintained park!

Bring back our Parks & Rec! We need their programs in our community.

Trees sometimes need pruning, with low hanging branches over walkways.

The support for UP youth sports is deplorable.

The bathroom at the ballpark (corner of Bridgeport & Cirque), was a mess...and the door would not stay shut. Other than that, I feel you're doing a great job with the parks!

My physical limitations prevent me from visiting parks. From what I observe from the street, the parks appear to be well maintained.

Wish list: tennis courts with backboards, Cirque Park's undeveloped sections be finished out instead of remaining as ugly gravel, Paradise Pond's trail connections be completed through or with loops instead of disjointed out-and-backs, Colgate Park trails be improved for safety & aesthetics and to discourage illicit use.

Parks are crucial to community life. They are not frills.

By reading this I realize how much I have missed by not going to more parks that are nearby! Must change that!

Don't sell any of the park land to private interests. You've already lost Chambers park to elite golfers and high end condo owners. We'll never get that back. Very short-sighted just for a quick buck.

Chambers is great but the rest of them are regularly full of people using drugs, teens swearing/drinking/smoking and I do not feel safe taking my children there. Police patrols/citations would be nice.

Keep up the good work

I hate the proposal of a stage in Chambers Bay Park and building "villas" at Chambers Bay is going to be a disaster.

I have visited 4 to 6 parks but probably from June to now 80 times at one place or another and often twice a day. I love the new playground at Sunset Terrace, all the equipment plus the foam pad rather than chips on the ground.

Need more. Especially hiking trails.

UP is doing a disservice to our youth by not having a PARKS and Rec.

Shady characters do shady things "hang out" at/around the skate park on 56th and Bridgeport and in other various UP parks, i.e. Homestead and Kobayashi, maybe others, making it unsafe and/or unsavory and/or unenjoyable for young kids to play, women to walk, etc. Otherwise I do know the city tries to maintain them so that they can be used by all, but the aforementioned is definitely an issue, even in our awesome little city.

I wish it were up for a vote again to have our own parks and recreation department back, and that people would support it!

We need to get a handle on the drug use, and poor behavior at many of our parks. They certainly are no place for kids to enjoy themselves. I usually am on guard if we do go, avoid if occupied by these folks, or leave quickly when they arrive.

More playground areas that are aimed at toddlers 3 and under

would like to see a sprayground for kids at Cirque Park

Should be patrolled more since homeless transients are starting to come into the area with all the new sidewalks put into the city

Keep the parks maintained and family friendly. Have them patrolled so kids/ adults aren't smoking or dealing drugs.

Keep funding them - I see them being used all the time. Great work!

The parks always look good and are well taken care of.

Certainly would appreciate better enforcement of keeping dogs on a leash, especially at Titlow Park...I have been accosted several times by loose dogs..owners always say "he's friendly" but I don't care! Keep control of your damn dog s no d keep h away from me and my dog who is always leashed!

Put more focus on preserving our million dollar views of Puget Sound, especially at Chamber's Bay. Consider what kind of trees are selected. Make sure there is space between the trees as they mature. Make sure chain link fencing is not too high for an adult to look over. There is a section along the top where the views are through the chain fence, seriously detracting from the magnificent view.

Cirque Park is the only park available for youth sports, and the fields are not in great playing shape. Going to other towns to watch the kids play games, many have turf fields . UP grass fields are too smooth, too many "pot holes" and poorly paced causing overlaps between sports.

Keep up the good work.

I would like to see youth recreation programs reinstated to make better use of our parks. It is a barrier for families who lack transportation to participate in Lakewood or Tacoma. Without youth programs, they might turn to less productive activities or crime. We need to show that UP cares about all citizens.

I love the Curren Orchard and all the activities in the summer.

We need turf access for our youth.

I walk to/from/around Cirque Park daily, sometimes multiple times a day. Daily, usually in the morning between 0730-0900, there are large dogs, off leash, with their owners tossing balls and other toys for them. Today I witnessed, as opposed to stumbling over, one of the large dogs pooping in the middle of the field. The owner did not scoop that poop! Leash laws need to be enforced!

Need more parks/open spaces.

My family really only visit 2 or 3 of the same parks. I know there are more, but we have little kids and only a few parks or the school playgrounds feel like they're perfect for us.

UP Parks needs a youth program. The city needs to fund the parks department as it was in the past. It is shameful that we have no programming in our parks.

Good job

Cuts to maintenance staffing shows. We have great parks but they need consistent care.

I think that we as a town need to bring back our parks and recreation division. I also think that we should make a park out of the empty lot on Soundview Dr. W. across the street from that blue house, 4025. I think it would be a nice addition. I always walk by there and notice lots of people enjoying the view.

Lots of good areas with green space and recreation. For the size of the city there is a proportionate amount of parks and have not seen any overcrowding.

Keep them simple. Don't overly develop the parks with structures. Let people explore and discover ways they can use the space. Skip the buildings that druggies and pervs hang out in, like restrooms and shelters and keep the open space. People feel safer that way.

The skate park needs better patrolling and/or other means of monitoring to better control illegal activity and/or bullying behavior. Finally, parks without organized, youth centered and supervised programs are financially inefficient, underused and sad.

Appreciate having our green spaces, useful for all ages.

I really wish that we had a community pool like Fircrest does. I know that we have the Curtis Pool, but swimming indoors during the summer is not pleasant. An outdoor pool would be great. As I stand in line every summer with other non-residents to sign up for swim lessons at the Fircrest Pool, it is obvious that many UP residents choose to go there during the summer.

Keep up the great work!!

Parks are adequately maintained and provide a place for citizens to recreate

Add more amenities such as pickleball courts, a basketball court, splashground, an all weather soccer/lacrosse field and additional picnic shelters. Open up Creekside with trails and connect Adriana Hess and Paradise Pond with a new trail.

Plases add rec classes for kids

I love living here and hope I never have to move away!

I would love to see some outdoor pickle ball courts developed in the city.

Some of the best I've been to

I hear questionable comments re skateboard park on Cirque. Might be worth keeping an eye on it.

Please consider building pickleball courts. Cirque park would be great location.

People with dogs feel it's a free for all. Dog's should not be allowed to relieve themselves on the grass where kids play and people like to sit on. Can we have a dog free park for people who want to enjoy the park without the mess of dogs?

I'm not sure where they all are. Wish there were splash pads for my kids