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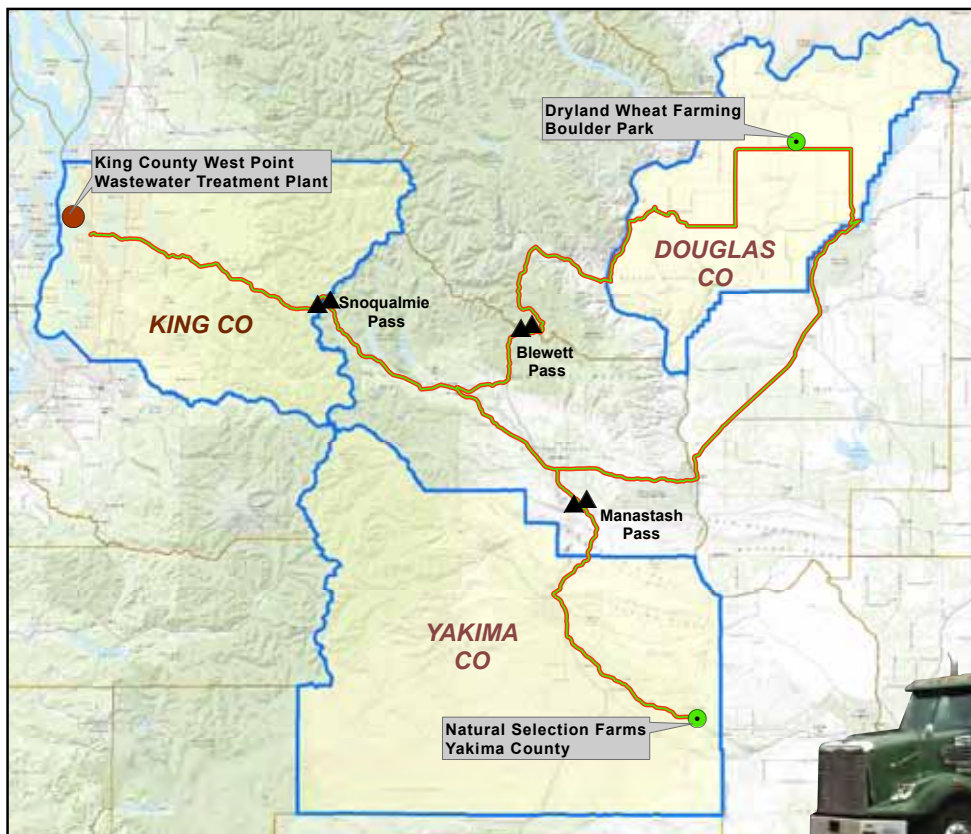
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King County proposes improved biosolids trucking hours

King County is proposing to expand biosolids trucking hours in the City of Seattle to meet current federal regulations that restrict maximum driving time, helping to protect public safety. Improved trucking hours would also reduce traffic impacts in the City of Seattle, along with reducing fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions from trucks idling in traffic.



A Loop truck driver putting on tire chains to cross Snoqualmie Pass during February snowstorms.



Every day, four trucks leave West Point Treatment Plant loaded with Loop®, the nutrient-rich organic product of wastewater treatment. The drivers face a long road ahead as they travel through city traffic to access Interstate 90 and travel to Eastern Washington over two mountain passes. Along the way, drivers may experience delays due to rush hour traffic, construction, and mountain weather. Field conditions where biosolids are delivered can also add time to the driver's day.

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Under a Project Level Council Conditional Use Permit, King County complies with trucking hours of 8:30 am until 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. This puts biosolids trucks on city streets during daytime congestion and afternoon rush hours, and can require intermediate staging in Georgetown in order to complete the trip within maximum driving time.

King County is proposing to expand trucking hours to mirror Metro bus service hours in the area. This would allow Loop trucks to limit intermediate staging and avoid rush hour traffic, reducing traffic impacts, fuel consumption by up to 3,700 gallons per year, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

This proposal requires approval by the Seattle City Council, with opportunities for the public to comment on this proposal as part of the process. In addition to City notifications, King County will post information about the process on the West Point Web page.

Loop truck unloading biosolids for spreading at Boulder Park site.



For more information, visit:

West Point Treatment Plant Web page- more information about biosolids truck routes and updates on the County's proposal: www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wtd/About/System/West

Learn about Loop, a natural soil amendment made from biosolids: www.loopforyoursoil.com

King County Wastewater Treatment Division's Resource Recovery efforts: www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wastewater/ResourceRecovery

Federal Department of Transportation Hours of Service regulations: www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/topics/hos/index.htm

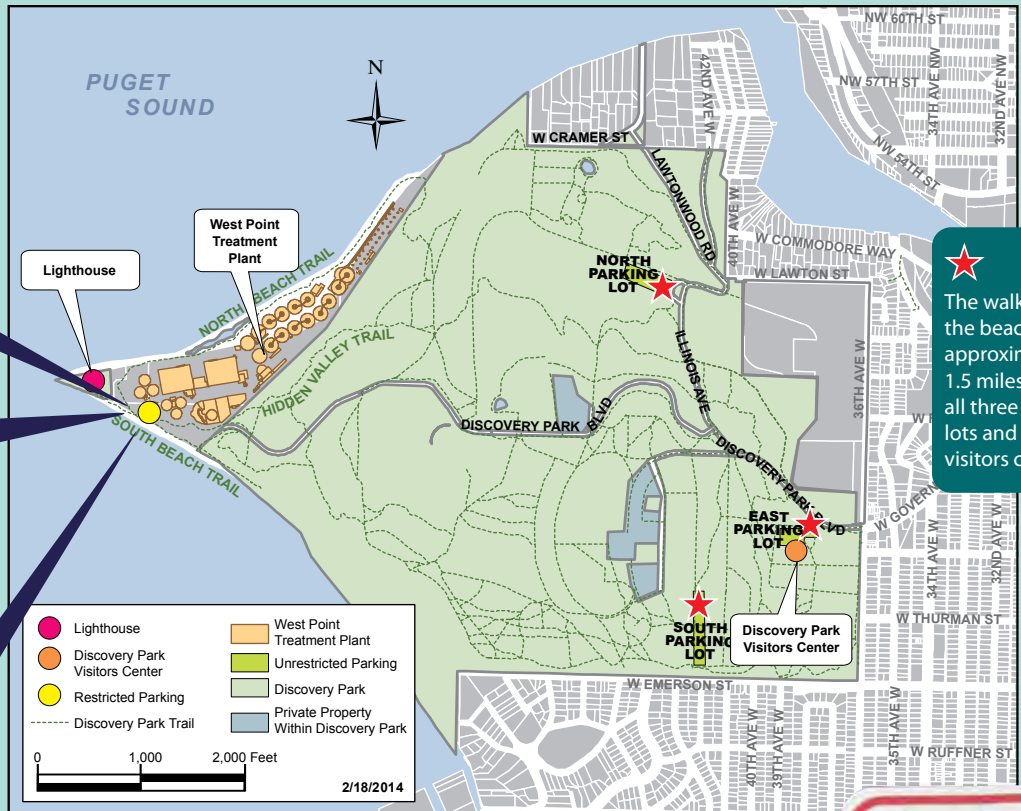
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Current Park Rules

Permits for beach parking allowed for families with children under 8, people over 62, and others with some physical condition that does not allow them to walk long distances

Parking permits available at the Discovery Park Visitors Center on a first-come basis Tuesday – Sunday from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

If you do not have a permit and are parked at the beach, you may receive a ticket from the Seattle Police Department



★ The walk to the beach is approximately 1.5 miles from all three parking lots and the visitors center.

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West Point Security Gate Project update

King County and Seattle Parks have conducted a range of public involvement activities to evaluate a proposal for a security gate to address safety and security objectives for the West Point Treatment Plant and adjacent beach areas. The gate is being considered as a solution to safety concerns associated with unauthorized access and illegally parked private vehicles in the vicinity of the plant entrance and the beach.

What's next?

We will share plans for increased enforcement with the community in late spring.

In response to community input, King County and Seattle Parks have decided to do a more in-depth alternatives analysis process. As part of the broader alternatives analysis, King County and Seattle Parks will conduct a trial period this summer of improved signage in Discovery Park and increased enforcement of existing park rules to determine if this alleviates the problems.



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