

BIKE PARKS **IN** ANCHORAGE

**Bike Park Development
2016-17
PUBLIC MEETING
Jan. 6th, 2016**



ANCHORAGE BIKE PARKS COMING SOON !



PUBLIC MEETING: JANUARY 6 AT 6:00 P.M.
SPEEDWAY CYCLES 1231 WEST NORTHERN LIGHTS BLVD
LEARN ABOUT BIKE PARKS AND UPCOMING PARK PROJECTS



**_ PROVIDE RECREATIONAL BIKING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN ANCHORAGE
ENERGIZE COMMUNITY & ESTABLISH BIKE PARK ADVOCATES
_ QUESTIONS: CONTACT MAEVE NEVINS, PARK PLANNER 343-4135/E: NEVINSMV@MUNI.ORG**

Agenda

6:00 – 6:15pm Welcome

6:15 – 7:00pm Bike Park Intro

7:00 – 7:30pm SASP

7:45 – 8:00pm Next Steps

Tonight's Goals

To **educate** bike community about Bike Parks and collect **feedback** on what vision is for South Anchorage Sports Park, with respect to future plans for multiple new bike parks.

What is a Bike Park?

Valmont



Why build a Bike Park?

- ★ BMX Biking is an Olympic Sport since 2008
- ★ Mountain Biking is an Olympic Sport since 1996
- ★ Kids AND adults need safe places to learn/practice bike skills
- ★ Alaskan bikers have been asking for this amenity
- ★ *Anchorage* NEEDS bike parks
- ★ Bike Parks = FUN FOR ENTIRE FAMILY

Future of Bike Parks in ANC

- ★ Singletrack Trails are heavily used, demand for more bike facilities is high
- ★ Recognized by Parks Dept. as a valuable asset
- ★ Development of new bike facilities is happening
- ★ Bike Parks are now included in Park Master Plans



How?

- ★ Singletrack Advocates as example of advocacy
- ★ Fundraised, Built, Maintained
- ★ Participated in Public Planning Processes
- ★ Anchorage Park Foundation (APF) as a mechanism for getting projects completed in parks



What's next for Parks Dept.?

- ★ Self-educate through hiring a Professional Bike Park Design Company
 - ★ Risk Management
 - ★ Feasibility to build AND maintain
- ★ Pilot Project Development: SASP
- ★ Utilize existing resources: YEP, Ptarmigan Trails, Parks Maintenance Department, Anchorage Park Foundation, Volunteers
- ★ Create a Safe, Family Friendly Bike Park

How Can Advocates Help?

- ★ Provide FEEDBACK on park projects
- ★ Speak to your Community Councils, Leg. Reps., neighbors - show support and request for bike parks to be funded
 - ★ Bond, Capital Improvement Lists, Grants
- ★ Work with the Anchorage Park Foundation
- ★ When future park master plan projects come out, participate at EVERY step of process
- ★ ORGANIZE into a sustainable user group

Parks Radar?

- ★ South Anchorage Sports Park – STARTING DESIGN NOW! Surcharge site ('16) – Build ('17)
 - ★ Muldoon Town Square Park Master Plan – PLANNING NOW
 - ★ Davis Park – PLANNING
 - ★ Future master plans: Tikishla Park, Taku Lake Park,, OTHERS...???
- <http://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/Projects.aspx>
- ★ Do YOU have a park in mind for the next bike park?.....

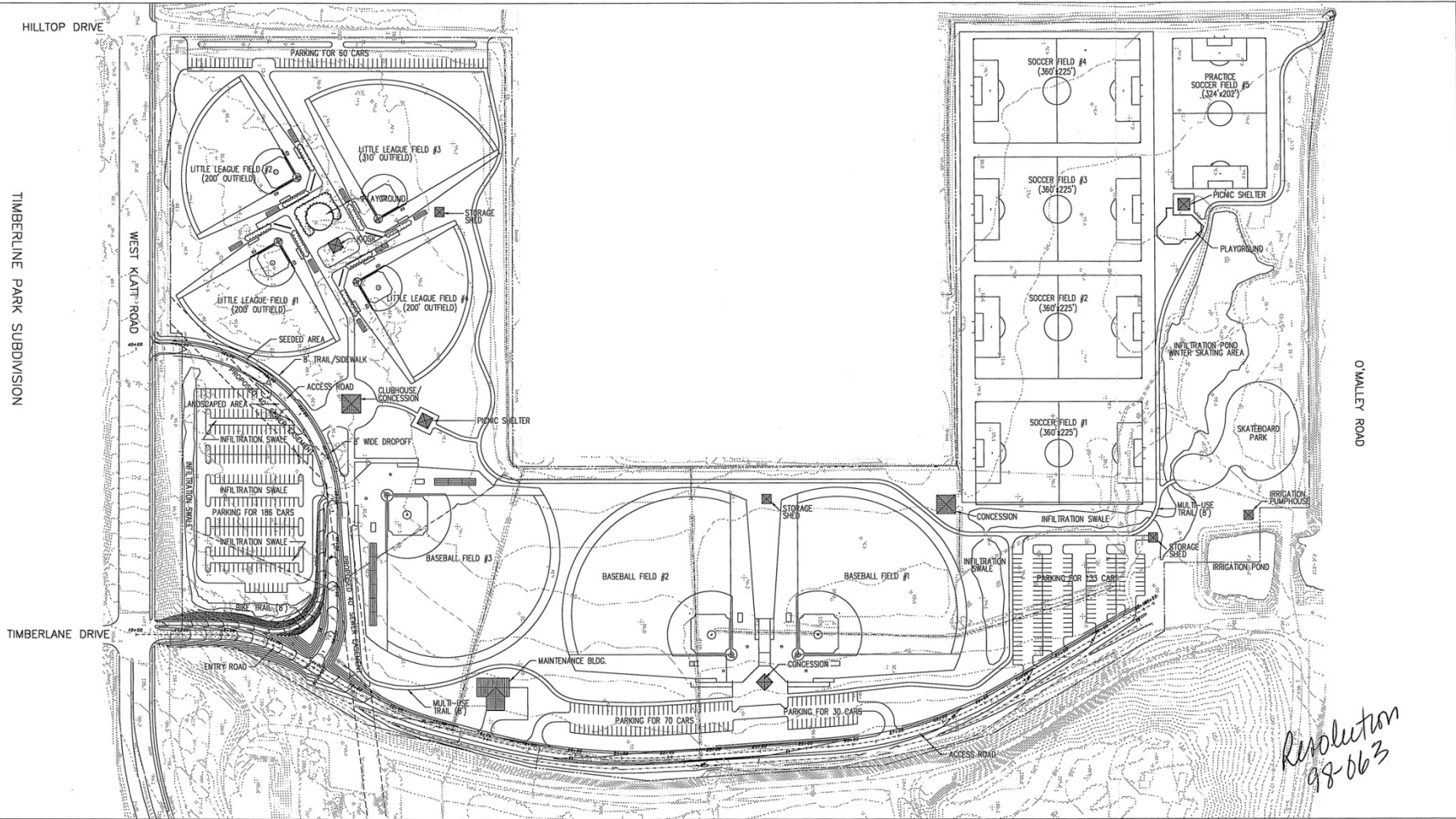
SOUTH ANCHORAGE SPORTS PARK

**Bike Park Development
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1998 Site Plan

NORTH →



98-077 Revised

Existing Conditions



Goals of the Master Plan

- ★ Identify the current and future recreational needs
- ★ Provide a park that encourages positive use
- ★ Recognize existing uses in the park
- ★ Develop the park in a manner that recognizes the limitations and physical constraints of the site

Issues and Concerns

- Few amenities to attract casual park users
- Poor soils and drainage limit development
- Security - vandalism, theft and dumping
- Few “eyes on the park” to discourage negative activity
- Perception that the park is neglected



Identified Improvements

- Facilities and amenities to attract casual park users and families
- Expanded trail network
- Landscaping and beautification
- Upgraded facilities with access to utilities
- Enhanced security and maintenance



Unimproved social trail in the park



Irrigation standpipe at Little League fields

Common Themes

1. SASP is a Valued Community Asset
2. The Right Mix of Uses
3. Make it Active
4. Make it Attractive
5. Provide a Realistic Framework
6. Enhance Security and Traffic
7. A Park for Everyone
8. Anticipate Site Limitations
9. Appreciate Natural Features

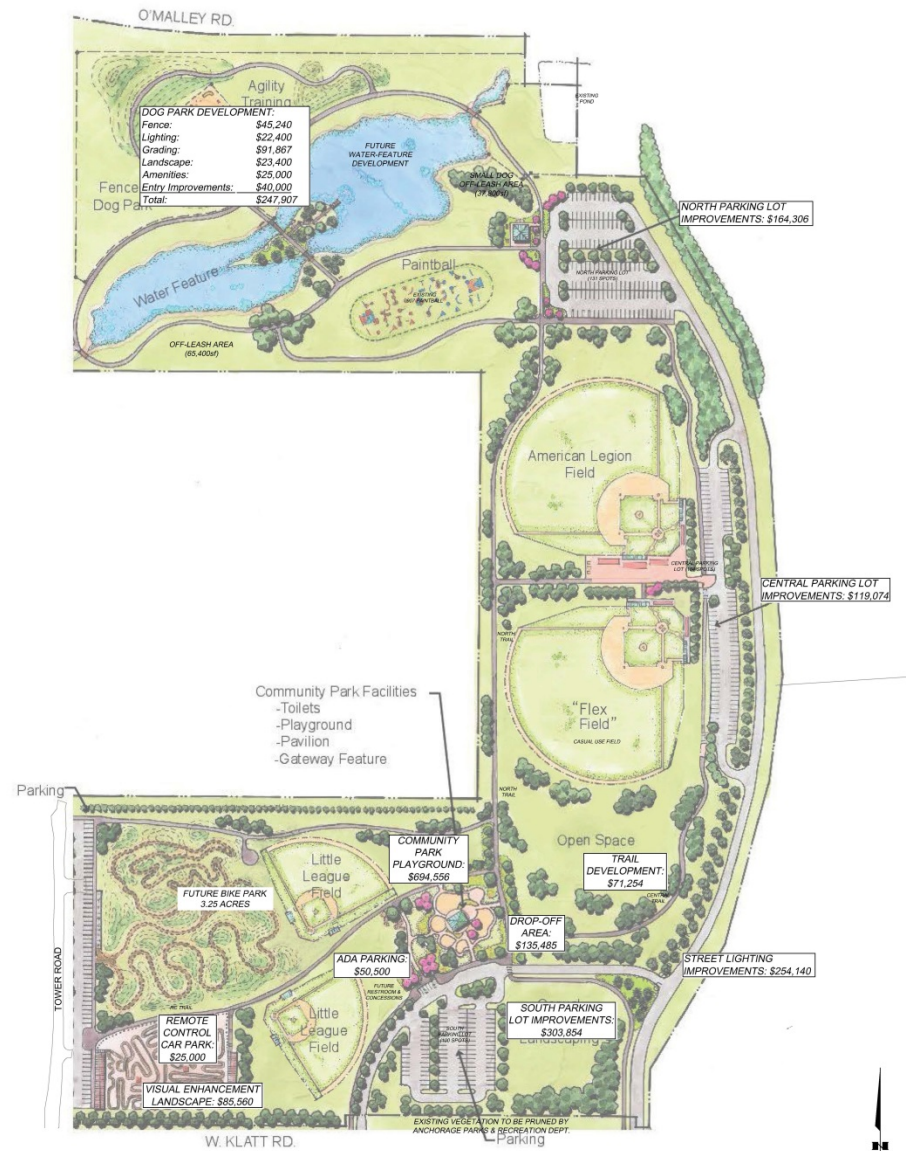
Concept Alternatives



Master Plan



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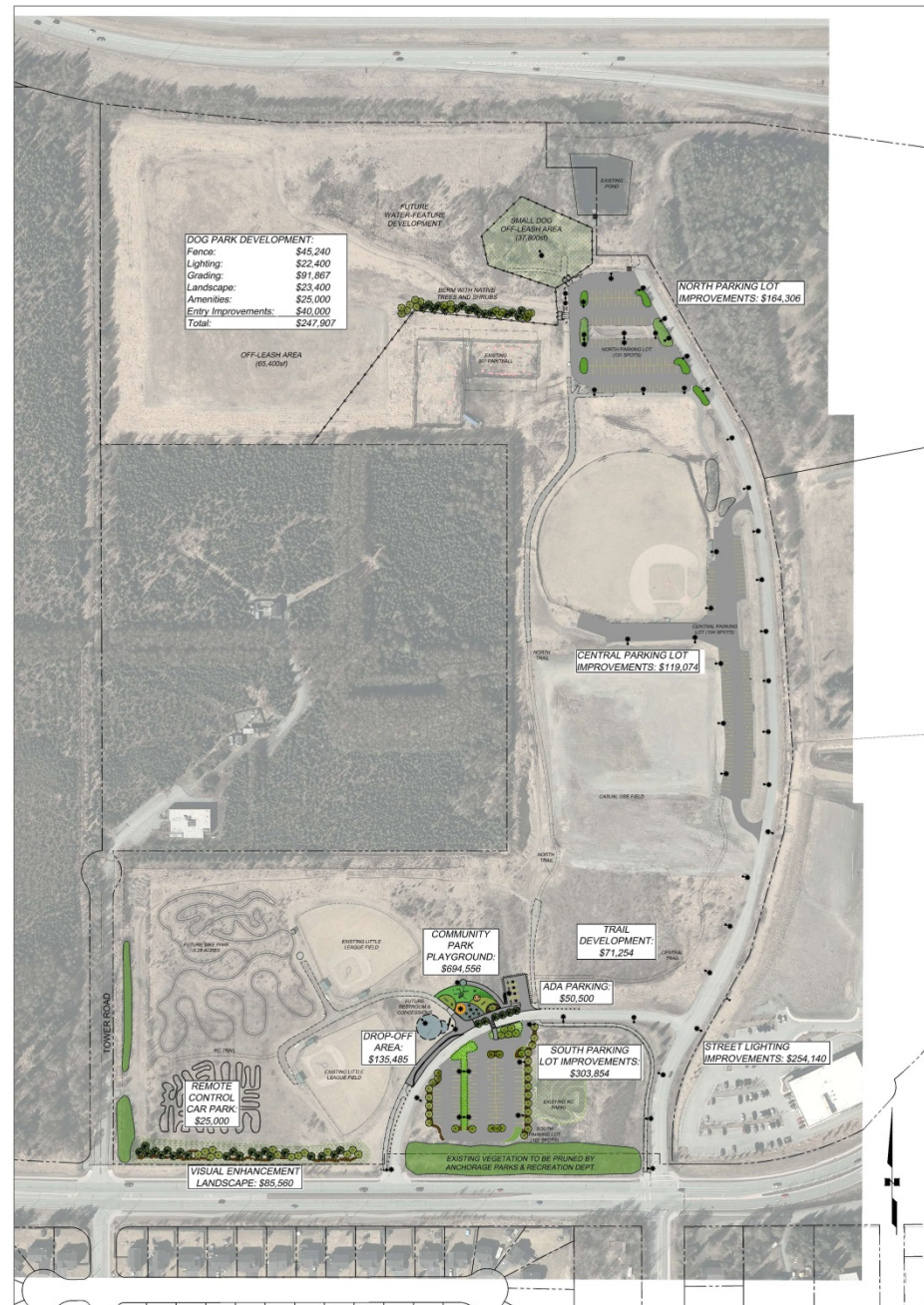


South Anchorage Sports Park
Master Plan - Implementation



January 5, 2016

Work Plan 2016-17



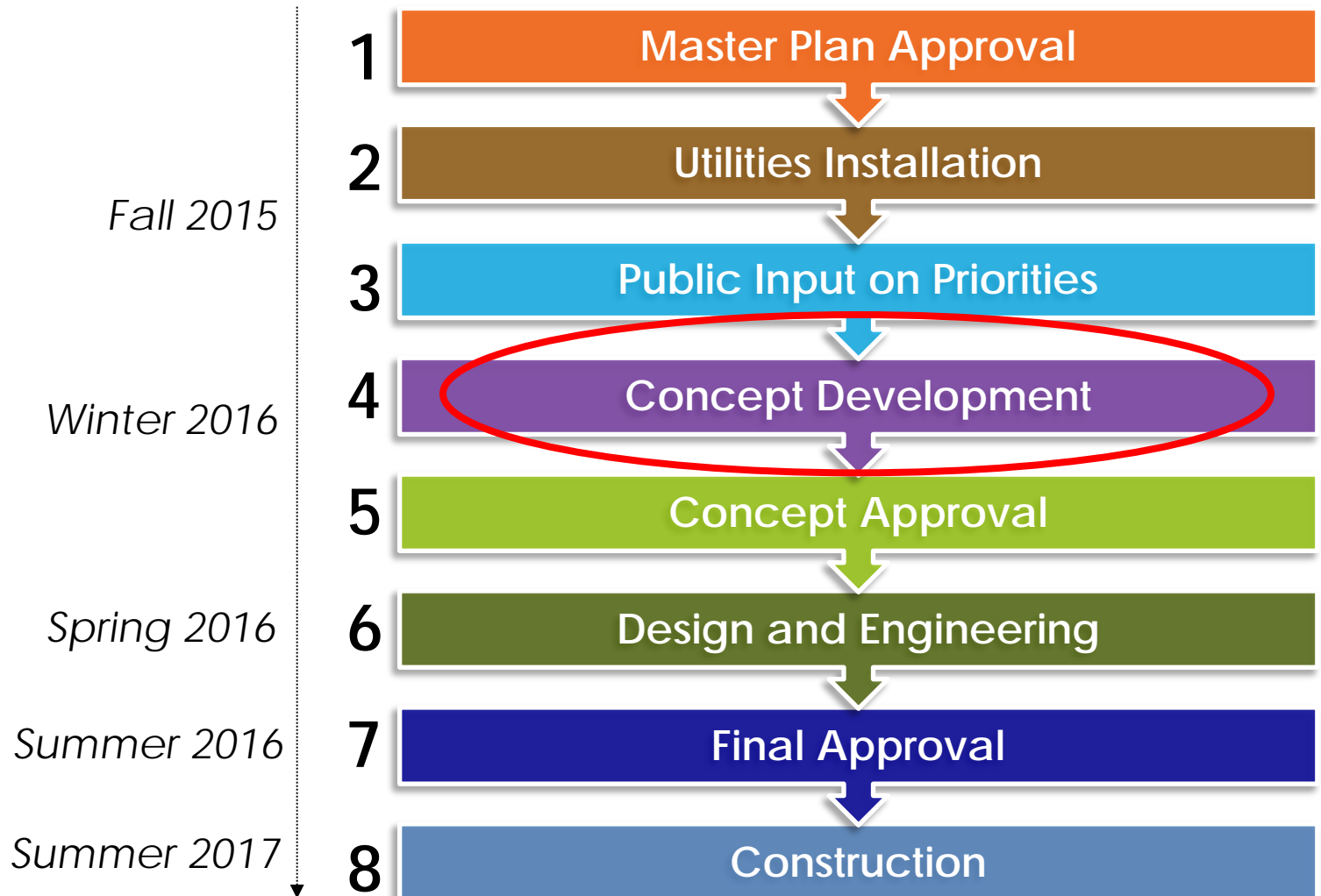
South Anchorage Sports Park

2016 Work Plan

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BIKE PARK

Design, Engineering & Construction



South Section



Examples and Precedence



Terrain features at Valmont Bike Park; Boulder, CO



Youth biking events at Valmont Bike Park; Boulder, CO



Terrain features at Powell River , BC, Canada



*Kiosks with trail information at Valmont Bike Park;
Boulder, CO*

Bike Park

Examples of Common Bike Park Features



Bike Park

Skills Development for Younger Riders



Bike Park

Challenging Terrain for
Advanced Riders



Bike Park

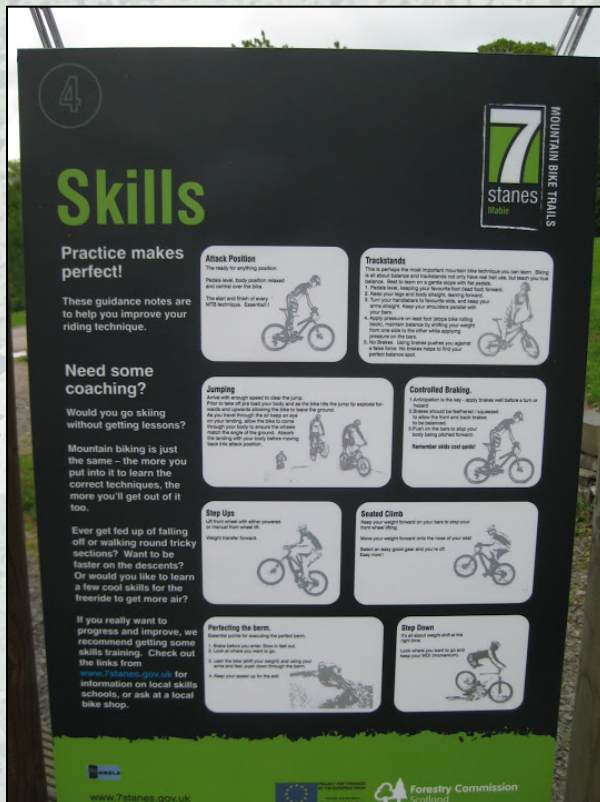
Maintenance by MOA
Park Staff



Gage Bike Park, Hamilton, ON – Alpine Bike Parks

Bike Park

Signage



Thank You!

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