

Plan Features and Programming

Park Vision

The comprehensive plan and parks and recreation plan suggest visions for both of these park sites. This process has provided the opportunity to refine these visions based on an extensive community conversation. While the vision statements below reflect general community support, it's also important to note some of the community's hopes and concerns that underlie the vision statements shown here. These add nuance to the understanding of the community's expectations and guide the ways in which the master plans respond.

Lake Tye

Lake Tye is an active place, serving folks in the surrounding neighborhood, other community residents and people coming from further away. The lake and surrounding parklands support a wide range of family-oriented activities, with improvements that support Lake Tye's occasional use as a regional athletic, event, and entertainment venue. It is a quiet, reflective place along the lake's perimeter path. It is also a place serving as a lively, attractive, visible, and diverse western edge to the city, with connections to the Centennial Trail.

Hopes & Cautions

When considering the vision for Lake Tye, the community expressed several hopes and cautions for its future.

Hopes	Cautions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trail connections• Improved swimming• Simple• Accessible• Family friendly• Outdoor activities• Nature, solitude & peace• Easy highway access• Serving Monroe residents• Support future growth• Multiple uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parking• Activity types• Maintenance• Regional draw and crowding• Safety• Wake board cable park• Traffic• Gateway promise• Distraction from downtown• Other parks, too• Expense

Cadman

The Cadman site makes the most of its proximity to the Skykomish River. It spotlights the natural environment, including trails through the park's uplands and adjacent to its wetlands, visual and physical access to the pond and river, and educational and interpretive elements that build understanding of the river and local ecosystems. The park presents a mix of active and passive recreation, with paddlers on the pond, campers near the woods and people walking throughout the site. The nucleus of activity is on the pond's northern edge, with an increasing sense of wildness radiating from it. The park is part of the larger "Skykomish Greenway," an elemental part of the community and part of Monroe's identity. And it connects easily to the public spaces adjoining it on the north, encouraging pedestrian travel between it and Sky Valley Park, the Library and nearby neighborhoods.

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Hopes	Cautions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental stewardship/restoration• Education• Natural areas• Trails• Greenbelt• Swimming• Fishing• Biking• Shoreline access• Tiny homes• Site restoration• Business attraction• Broad access• Extreme sports and games• Proximity to downtown• Model boat racing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintenance• Security• Homeless encampments• Flooding• Compatibility with Cadman• Parking• Access• Regional demand for river access• Drug use• River health• Neighborhood image

Principles and features

Principles	Lake Tye	Cadman
Neighborhood connections	The park is a popular destination for nearby residents, mostly because of its trail connections and adjacency to the elementary school. Improvements to pedestrian crossings of Fryelands Boulevard will facilitate neighborhood use.	An important objective is to effectively erase the park's northern and riverfront boundaries as much as practical, encouraging connections to adjoining parkland and regional trail networks.
Ecology	Improvements to the plantings along the lake's edge contribute to the habitat function and overall water quality.	Respect for the site's ecosystem and its functions and values underpins the park's design.
Education	Education and interpretation is not a major component at Lake Tye.	In keeping with the ecology principle, education and interpretation is a key component in the park's design and use.
Expansion	The park could conceivably expand to the west if the land becomes available, but the master plan does not anticipate the park's enlargement.	There may be opportunity to expand into the remainder of the Cadman site if that business determines the land is available. By clustering development along the northern shore of Lake Awesome, park improvements will provide flexibility in connection opportunities.
Revenue potential		
Economic development	Lake Tye's popularity as a triathlon, wakeboarding and concert venue increases, with spillover impacts to local business increasing, as well.	If developed well, the Cadman park would provide an experience unique in the Skykomish River Valley, linking with the water trail and emerging as a popular destination for camping, hiking, and environmental education.
Trails connections	The Centennial Trail is an integral component of the park, and	Whether it's a segment of the Centennial Trail or not,

	connections to local trails in the Fryelands become even more prominent.	connection to regional trail networks (both on water and on land) will be an important element of this park.
Events	Public events, including concerts, movies, triathlons and wakeboard competitions are prominent and frequent at Lake Tye.	Any events occurring at Cadman will be relatively small and quiet, in keeping with the natural context.
Parking	A combination of expanded on-site parking and shared use of parking lots in the adjacent Fryelands industrial park accommodates peak crowds during large events. Investigate shared-use agreements with adjacent businesses as well as opportunities for street parking on the redesigned Fryelands Boulevard.	Parking at Cadman will be located on the north-shore activity area, sized to accommodate anticipated use. It is likely that higher activity levels may require parking spillover on Sky River Park.
Partnerships	The expanded profile of uses and events at the park similarly expands the opportunity to create and nurture community partnerships.	The breadth of environmental design and use will provide expanded opportunity for partnerships with federal, state and regional agencies, as well as with regional preservation and wildlife organizations.
Efficiency	Lake Tye is an intensely used park, and the cost of maintaining it is relatively high. But community partnerships and the City's commitment to accommodate multiple uses with the park's features provides opportunities to share costs and to achieve multiple objectives with individual investments.	By restoring natural elements and systems, much of the park will effectively be self-maintaining, particularly in wetlands and the 100-year floodplain. On site facilities will be designed and built to withstand flooding, minimizing potential damage and costs for repair.

Features	Lake Tye	Cadman
Swimming	Swimming is encouraged and facilitated on the lake's southern shore, where access to picnic facilities, concessions and parking is easy and convenient. Showers are available near the restrooms for rinsing off.	Swimming will be discouraged in Lake Awesome, but it will be available in the Skykomish for those who feel comfortable swimming in the river.
Water use	Lake Tye has an active water dimension, with paddlers and hand-carried sailboats a regular part of the afternoon. There are also occasional wakeboard events, with limited use by motorized watercraft.	Both paddling and pedaling are part of water activity, with canoes, kayaks, and peddle-boats plying the waters of Lake Awesome and, as accessible the backwaters of the Skykomish. There are also model sailboats, with regatta events on occasion.
Fishing	Whether it's the annual fishing derby or the occasional use by shore or boat-based fishermen, Lake Tye has a substantial fishing component.	There's some fishing, but Lake Awesome can't be stocked to make it a reliably productive effort.
Natural trails	While part of the Lake Tye experience is based on a quiet walk along the lake edge, there are no natural trails on this site.	Natural trails are an important component of this site, with unpaved trails accessing the river's edge, campsites and the edges of wetlands.
Paved trails	All trails at Lake Tye are paved.	Paved trails at Cadman encircle Lake Awesome and connect the main parking area with the water's edge, reinforcing the sense of centrality on the pond's northern shore.
Boardwalks	There are some boardwalk features at Lake Tye, predominantly to provide occasional overwater viewing and places for fishing access.	Boardwalks are frequent, facilitating the interpretive and educational experience provided by on-site wetlands and providing vistas to the river.
Playgrounds	Lake Tye provides a busy and fully-improved playground facility.	Playground facilities here are present, but they're rugged,

		featuring rocks and logs. There's a flavor of adventure and roughness, consistent with the park's overall character.
Interpretive areas	There are occasional interpretive opportunities here, generally focusing on the area's history and personalities.	Interpretive areas at the Cadman site focus on education of the region's ecosystems, identifying examples on site.
Picnic areas	Shelters, open benches and grassy fields provide opportunities for picnics, accommodating groups of up to 30 in the shelters.	There are improved, formal picnic areas near the northern shore and informal picnic areas intermingled with campsites and located along the promenade circling Lake Awesome.
Event center	There is no large-scale event center at Lake Tye.	There is no large-scale event center at Cadman.
Boat rentals	There is a paddling boat and stand-up paddleboard rental concession on the south shore, near the boat launch and swimming beach.	Visitors can rent canoes, kayaks and peddlecraft for use on Lake Awesome and the adjoining water channel. The concession is located on the north shore, with watercraft launched from a small pier or water's edge.
Food concessions	Food sales are offered at the southern park site, adjacent to the ballfield and catering primarily to that field and the other facilities nearby.	The north shore would be the location for small footprint food sales, likely incorporated with the boat rental concessions.
Sports fields	Lake Tye has two ballfields, one of which is intended for year-round use. The site is also immediately adjacent to the County's Fairfield Park soccer complex, with soccer participants also benefitting from Lake Tye facilities. The year-round ballfield is lighted for evening use.	There are no sports fields at Cadman.
Dog park	Dogs at Lake Tye are not permitted to run at large.	Dogs at Cadman are not permitted to run at large, but the facility is immediately adjacent to Wiggly Field.

Skateboard park	Lake Tye's skateboard park is active and popular, attracting users from Monroe and beyond.	There is no skate park facility at Cadman.
Zipline/climbing wall	There is no zipline or climbing wall at Lake Tye.	There is no zipline or climbing wall at Cadman.
Camping/RV	There is no camping or RV spaces at Lake Tye.	Cadman features short-term tent and car camping opportunities west of the north-shore activity node. There will also be a restroom constructed to accommodate campers, either by placing one in the campground or expanding one planned for the north shore.
Outdoor stage/events	Lake Tye will conduct outdoor concerts, movies and speaker series events throughout the spring, summer and fall.	There will be no large-scale outdoor events at Cadman, but there may be opportunities for educational and interpretive lectures on site on occasion.

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