

AGENDA

Eagle Rock Park Design Workshop

Sept 22nd 2023

Optional Site Tour at 2 PM on the afternoon of Thu, Sept 21st. If you are interested in attending, please let Ed Alverson know.

10am **Welcome, Introductions & About the Day/Overview** – work in an icebreaker
(Brett)

10:20am **Background & Slideshow of Site including historical photos**
(Ed)

10:45am **Design Criteria/Sideboards for Site Design**
(Dan)

11am **Appropriate Uses for the Site**
(Dan)

11:20am **Issues & Opportunities at Eagle Rock Landing**
(Dan & Kerry)

11:40am **Design Elements – including Access Road & Parking**
(Dan & Kerry)

12:30pm **Lunch – provided**

1pm **Design Elements of Site including Trails, Restrooms & Other Structures**
(Dan & Kerry)

2:40pm **Wrap-up & Where the Design Goes From Here**
(Ed & Brett)

3pm **End of Design Workshop**

Eagle Rock Design Workshop

Draft Notes 9/22/23

Upper Entrance

- Work with ODOT to construct a new entrance road that “T”s up with Eagle Rock Drive.
 - If this proposed entrance is not able to be constructed, the alternate entrance would be to utilize the beginning of the existing access road for the first 40-60 feet and then have an entrance that spurs off of the existing access road
- Parking = 1 ADA spot and 5 vehicle spots
- Access road should be porous – crushed gravel
- Put a dog bag dispenser and pack it in/out sign down the trail just a short distance from the parking lot
- Entrance sign should be low key and only say “Eagle Rock” with no mention of “Park”
- Screen the parking area with native vegetation
- Construct an ADA compliant trail including proper grade that connects the parking area to the river flat area.
- Install 1-2 benches along this trail

River Flat Area

- 3-4 moveable picnic tables
- Viewing platform – locate on flat above riverbank with views of the rapid and Eagle Rock
- Covered area with built-in table approximately 12’x12’ to 12’x20’
- Place a water spigot by covered area
- Remove apples and other non-native trees – plant Big Leaf Maples or similar.
- Plant native grasses and meadow species in the two areas designated for meadows
- Install a firepit in the second meadow (upstream meadow)
- Have space for 2 vehicles to park
- Develop a bus and trailer turn-around spot at the end of the administrative/service road (existing access road).
- Install a flush or pit vault toilet near the lower parking area
- Place a garbage can near the bathroom and a dog bag dispenser near the garbage can or restroom
- Develop a volunteer host site that is on the edge of the river flat area
- Maintain one of the meadows as a helicopter landing zone (aim for 30’x30’)

“Bin” of Items Discussed

- Develop an invasive species/noxious weeds plan
- Create a native species planting plan
- Wildfire management/Firewise

- Interpretation at Eagle Rock – develop an interp. plan. Opportunities for artistic interpretation. Some themes could include:
 - Fire Ecology
 - History of the site
 - Native American habitation of the site/area
 - Flora & Fauna of the site
- Explore the idea of a Eagle Rock friends of the “park” group
- Redo the shoreline steps & analyze the stairs for ADA options
- Upgrade/redo the horseshoe pit
- Study septic system
- Screen adjacent neighbors with trees and other native plants
- Constructed amenities such as benches, tables, covered area, restroom & viewing platform should all have a “rustic” aesthetic.

Eagle Rock Park – Program and Design Parameters

September 2023

1) Intended Types of Use

- day use only
- lunch stop of river rafters, need facilities to take out of river and get to uplands
- river access for bank fishing
- quiet enjoyment of river and scenic location
- intention as recorded in deed is to provide a place for elderly and disabled to view the river
- not intended to be a Hwy 126 rest area (other parks are)

2) Possible Visitor Facilities Needed

- provide limited parking for people accessing the park from Hwy 126
- provide parking and paths for activity busses for elderly/disabled programs to access the park
- covered shelter
- small number of picnic tables (determine number needed)
- toilet facilities – could be flush bathrooms if existing water and septic can be repurposed
- construct an accessible deck along the river that would allow visitors with limited mobility to get close to the river

3) Possible Strategies for Enhancing Visitor Experience

- Locate parking away from the river; park visitors would have to walk a short distance to reach facilities close to the river
- Install interpretive displays to interpret Eagle Rock geology and fire ecology
- Use natural materials for visible parts of all park facilities – “National Park Service rustic style”

4) Possible Strategies for Minimizing Impacts to Neighbors

- Construct park-only entrance road off Hwy 126
- Have on site park host, would require facilities for an RV for the host to live in
- Install gate near park entrance that would be closed at night
- Do not construct a trail system that would bring park visitors close to property lines
- Use native plants to create screening along park boundary
- Install a relatively small park sign at the park entrance

5) Possible Strategies for minimizing environmental impact

- Remove non-native plant species, invasive or not
- All plantings should be species that are native to the park
- Minimize constructed features within floodplain to those necessary for pedestrian access to the river
- Promote appropriate riparian vegetation along river bank, with an emphasis on shorter statured woody plants that will not obscure views.
- Limit use of mowed turf to small areas where people will gathering

EAGLE ROCK DRAFT CONCEPTUAL MAP

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Work with ODOT to
plan a new entrance @
Eagle Rock Dr.

Install low-key sign that says "Eagle Rock"
but not "Park"

Screen parking
lot w/ native veg.

Develop road access & parking
for 1 ADA and 5 regular
vehicles - keep close to road.

Alternate parking
entrance if new entrance
is not approved.

Develop ADA trail with
appropriate grade & width.

Close existing access road
to general public unless
specific permission is
obtained from Lane County

Add 1-2 benches along
trail.

Benches, tables, restrooms, covered area
& viewpoint will be constructed with
"rustic" materials/feel.

Remove invasive plant species
throughout the site.

Plant natives to act as screening
for adjacent neighbors on both
sides of the park.

Install ADA bathroom,
potable water spigot &
garbage can

Create Volunteer Host Site

Remove non-native trees
(apples, plums, etc.)

Parking for 2 vehicles

Ensure space for bus turn-around.

Maintain existing meadow -
plant native grass and other
meadow species.

Construct covered area
approx. 12x18'

Enhance second
meadow and add
fire pit

Enhance main trail & steps

Create ADA viewing platform with
views of rapid and Eagle Rock.

If possible, maintain one of the
meadows as a helicopter
landing zone = 30'x30'

Eagle Rock
View

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Eagle Rock

CRIMINAL
PENALTY

RAPID
VIEW