

NLSRS Unit (Recreational Development Zone)

Unit Description

The Nancy Lake State Recreation Site (NLSRS) lies adjacent to the George Parks Highway on the northeast shore of Nancy Lake. The unit is approximately 30 acres in size and is composed of all land and water within the Nancy Lake State Recreation Site. Access to NLSRS is provided at mile 66.5 of the George Parks Highway via Buckingham Palace Road. Buckingham Palace Road continues through this unit and provides access to a number of private residences on the eastern shore of Nancy Lake. See Map 10 on page 7 - 27 for a depiction of the unit.

The majority of the unit is comprised of uplands; however, wetlands and a portion of one stream are present. Uplands are mostly level but do slope rather steeply to Nancy Lake on the western boarder of the site. Wetlands are found along the shore of Nancy Lake, contiguous with Lilly Creek, and in one depression in the northeastern portion of the unit. Lilly Creek enters from the northeast and terminates at Nancy Lake just north of the boat launch. Vegetation ranges from paper birch and white spruce in the uplands to black spruce, alder, willow, shrubs, sedges, and grasses in the wetlands.

Current Uses

The most readily accessible unit, NLSRS contains a high level of development in a compact area. It contains a campground, a picnic area and shelter, and a boat launch. The campground provides 30 sites for vehicle camping and has one spot reserved for a campground host. Originally designed for car and truck camping, the campground now receives increased RV camping. The campground receives high levels of use during the summer season and is at or near capacity on most sunny weekends during the summer and fall. The picnic area and shelter are popular for local residents and the traveling public. Views of Nancy Lake are available from the picnic area, although the views are somewhat obstructed by vegetation. The boat launch provides the only highly developed state maintained access on Nancy Lake. It is used by campground occupants, day users, and local property owners accessing property on Nancy Lake. Similar to the campground, the boat launch parking area is at or over capacity on sunny days during the summer season and most summer holidays. While fishing and wildlife observation does occur at the boat launch, developed facilities specific to this type of recreational opportunity do not currently exist. Overflow boat launch parking does occur on roads within the recreation site. A few social trails⁶ access the waterfront from the picnic area and several campsites. One short trail provides access for fish viewing on Lilly Creek just north of the boat launch. These trails are not developed or maintained by DPOR.

⁶ "Social trail" means a trail that has been developed by repeated use by people, not sited and designed by agency staff as part of a decision process.

Existing Facilities and Trails

The following table identifies facilities and trails that are currently located in this unit. Trails are listed here to provide a comprehensive overview of unit recommendations and allow the reader to see how the proposals tie together. A fire pit and a pit privy are amenities at all campsites. A wood stove and pit privy are amenities at public use cabins. See the Trail Plan in Appendix C for detailed information on trails.

Facility/Trail	Amenities
Boat launch	Two launch ramps Vehicle parking Vaulted privy
Picnic area	Picnic shelter Picnic sites Parking Vaulted privy
NLSRS Campground	Campground host RV site 30 road accessible campsites Potable water Vaulted privy
Trails	Social trails developed by recreational users

Management Intent

This unit will remain intensively developed and will continue to facilitate high density public recreation. Providing recreational opportunity and access to Nancy Lake and adjacent private land will remain the focus of this unit. Facilities should be re-designed or re-developed to facilitate high levels of use. New facilities should be developed where they will enhance current use or provide new recreational opportunities. The natural and cultural resources of this unit and the adjacent NLSRA should be interpreted at this readily accessible area.

Management Guidelines

- The NLSRS campground will be re-developed to provide enhanced road accessible camping opportunities, enhanced lake access and recreational use, enhanced boat launching capabilities, and increased vehicle parking.
- Facilities will be constructed or redeveloped to afford moderate to high density uses and moderate to high levels of use.
- Boat launch facilities will continue to provide access to recreation opportunities on Nancy Lake and to provide access to adjacent private land.
- Overflow parking should be developed to address high use days during the summer.

- 1 • An on-site agency presence should be maintained and facilitated through the
- 2 development of a host cabin. This cabin will be made available for use by the public
- 3 when not needed by DPOR.
- 4 • Provide ADA accessibility on all existing and proposed facilities.

Facility and Trail Recommendations:

7 The following table identifies new facilities as well as existing facilities that need to be
 8 rehabilitated, improved, or redeveloped to a higher standard. Although trails are not
 9 facilities, they are listed here to provide a comprehensive overview of unit recommendations
 10 and allow the reader to see how the proposals tie together. See the Trail Plan in Appendix C
 11 for detailed information on trails.

Table 7: NLSRS Unit Facility and Trail Recommendations

Ref. No.	Facilities/Trails	Desired Outcome
30	Redevelop existing NLSRS campground.	Provide a high quality campground that focuses on providing opportunities for recreational vehicles and other highway vehicles.
31	Design and develop an ADA accessible public use cabin. This cabin will have running potable water and electrical service.	Provide an ADA accessible public use cabin in a highly accessible area. The siting and design of this cabin should be considered in the redesign of the Nancy Lake State Recreational Site campground.
32	Design and develop an ADA accessible cabin. This cabin will be used as a DPOR campground host cabin while the campground is open, and will be available for rent as a public use cabin during all other times of the year.	Enhance ability to recruit campground host volunteers by providing a cabin as temporary housing. Provide a new ADA accessible and barriers free public use cabin opportunity that does not currently exist.
33	Design and develop an ADA accessible elevated walkway and fish viewing platform at the outlet of Lilly Creek.	Provide an ADA accessible elevated walkway and platform to enhance opportunities to view salmon spawning in Lilly Creek. It will replace the existing social trail that is currently in existence but not managed by DPOR.
34	Design and develop an ADA accessible elevated walkway and fishing platforms immediately adjacent to Nancy Lake at the boat launch.	Provide an ADA accessible elevated walkway and fishing platforms to enhance access to the shoreline of Nancy Lake and opportunity for shoreline fishing and wildlife observation.
35	Improve the existing boat launch to facilitate launch and retrieval of boats and parking of vehicles.	Enhance launch and retrieval of boats and parking of vehicles and trailers at this existing facility.

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No. Facilities/Trails Desired Outcome

36	Improve existing campground roads to accommodate overflow parking associated with the boat launch.	Provide overflow parking on the shoulder of roads to address parking demand on high use days during the summer. Should be considered in the redesign of the Nancy Lake State Recreational Area.
37	Design and develop ADA accessible Class 4 or 5 terra trails to connect the redeveloped campground and picnic areas to the shoreline of Nancy Lake.	Enhance sustainable access to the shoreline of Nancy Lake where new facilities will expand recreational opportunity.

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Map 10: Nancy Lake State Recreation Site Management Unit