

Cama Beach Public Comments

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cama beach cabins are a huge asset to the community and by community i mean all of washington state! I am sure it is complicated (although the cultural and historical issues i am sure are not any different from those of any other state parks) but to close them permanently is beyond ridiculous. I hope you will come to your senses and reconsider! ¹

Cama Beach was owned and operated as a popular resort by the Risk family starting in the 1930s. The family wanted the property to remain intact and open to the public after the decades that they had managed it for the enjoyment of all. To that end, it was specially recognized on the National Register of Historic Places as the only resort of its kind remaining in the U.S., and sold/donated under special conditions to the State of WA to continue to be a resort open to the public.

I seriously doubt if the sisters would have gifted half and sold the other half so inexpensively to the state if they had had any inkling that their legacy would be closed down after little more than a decade. WA state parks owe them much more than an apology and owe the public much more than lame excuses for closing the best park around.

Technology can take care of waste on a small space station for years but not be able to fix cabin septic???

Along with so many heartbroken and disappointed citizens I am eager to hear word from the Parks that work might be underway regarding the future of this precious gem of natural space at Cama Beach. The vote to close the cabins was conspicuously done as far from Camano as you could possibly get and no public comments have been made regarding this tragic decision. Obviously, you leave the public with no choice but to assume the worst - corruption, secret agendas, downright laziness and incompetence? The "staff recommendation" to close the cabins is the only recommendation to the commissioners that did not identify the authors of the document. Did anyone even TRY to maintain the beach cabins or research what is needed to improve the septic and obtain permits for the beach wall? In the absence of information, one must assume nefarious acts are in work. You state the public will have opportunity for involvement, but have ignored the plea of THOUSANDS of park visitors and supporters. The State of Washington was graciously trusted to steward this sacred place along the shores of our beloved Salish Sea and you have let all of us down. As a lifetime Washingtonian, conscientious tax payer and supporter of our Parks, I am disgusted and embarrassed by this breach of trust. ³

What is planned with the existing Cabins. If they are removed can the public take / purchase some? ⁴

Don whatever it takes to fix the park and keep it open. ⁵

Hi,

I wanted to inquire about the plan for the Cama Beach Cabins now that they are closed to the public. Will they be sold off? If so I'm interested in potentially purchasing some. Thanks, ⁶

To whom it may concern: My family had the opportunity in the summer of 2023 to spend time in one of the beach cabins. This after our reservations were bumped in 2022 for a large wedding

