



NEWCASTLE BEACH PARK

BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

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This popular beach park was created on one of the last undeveloped stretches of Bellevue’s Lake Washington shoreline. An elegant and rhythmic design blends public recreation areas within preserved and restored natural shoreline and uplands.

Years of community opposition had prevented earlier attempts to develop this park.

Jones & Jones addressed the concerns of the park’s neighbors and critics in workshops, and gained their ownership of the project. The park includes picnic facilities, a swimming beach, nature trails, and a restored salmon-bearing stream.

The caretaker’s cottage, lifeguard station, and other park structures—award-winning designs—are sited with respect for the land and the lake. In form, materials, and climatic

response, they are related to the historic structures built in the Puget Sound area by early European settlers, fishermen, and coal miners.

FACTS

- Swimming beach and lifeguard station
- Nature trail
- 300-foot dock, colorful children’s play area, and convenient picnic facilities
- Beach change and restroom facility

BENEFITS

- Shoreline preservation and restoration
- Popular family destination

Honor Award

American Society of Landscape Architects 1991

Honor Award

Regional Design Awards
American Institute of Architects 1990

Winning Entry Recreational Buildings

“In the Public Interest” Competition
Architectural Record 1989

Merit Award

American Institute of Architects 1989

10 Best Architectural Designs of 1988

Time Magazine

“...Newcastle Beach Park...followed traditional, even old-fashioned principles of site planning that nevertheless produced convincing syntheses of building and landscape...totally at ease with what and where they are,” noted one juror.

—David Dillon, Landscape Architecture