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**Construction projects start this month at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park**

*Projects upgrade north water walk and replace north trestle bridge; areas of the park will close*



***One of the projects at Coulon Park will install a clear-span steel bridge, replacing the north trestle bridge.***

**RENTON, WA** – Construction will start in October on [two major renovation projects](#) at [Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park](#).

The first project starts on Monday, Oct. 17, and will make critical repairs and upgrades to the north water walk, including:

- Replacing the existing concrete deck panels with 60% light penetrating fiberglass grating and concrete panels to improve fish habitat and match the newer deck at Ivar's.
- Wrapping the existing support piles to increase longevity.
- Installing steel framing.
- Replacing all timber components with plastic timber.

- Repainting existing light poles and guardrails.
- Repainting the existing Pilot House.
- Installing fiberglass picnic float grating.
- Refurbishing picnic float benches and tables.

The work will require closing the north water walk structure, day moorage/finger piers, and picnic floats. Completion of the project is scheduled for September 2023.

All work will comply with the city's Department of Natural Resources Aquatic lease.

The second project starts on Monday, Oct. 31. It replaces the trestle bridge, a critical component of the park's much-loved pedestrian walkway. The bridge is just north of the restrooms and Sailing Center.

A clear-span steel bridge will provide a viewpoint along the pedestrian trail and include interpretive signage. The project will also remove all 58 existing in-water piles and include new light penetrating decking to enhance fish habitat.

Replacing the trestle bridge will require the closure of the park's north end, from the north turn around to the north pedestrian gate. The closure is required because emergency vehicles cannot access this area during construction. Completion is scheduled for March 2023.

The city's [Parks Planning and Development division](#) is overseeing the projects. Current project information is on their [parks project](#) page and on the [Coulon Park](#) page.

### **About the City of Renton**

*The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 107,500 (2022), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace, and favorable business climate have attracted nationally recognized companies wishing to provide employees and their families with an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, Super Bowl Champion (2014) Seattle Seahawks, two-time (2016 & 2019) MLS champion and CONCACAF Champion (2022) Seattle Sounders FC (in 2024), and the eternal resting place of rock icon Jimi Hendrix. You can find more information on our [website](#), [news releases](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Nextdoor](#) pages.*

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