

Dallas White Park Boat Ramp

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Summary Of Responses

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As of January 5, 2026, 10:29 AM, this forum had:		Topic Start	Topic End
Attendees:	198	December 11, 2025, 2:55 PM	January 5, 2026, 10:29 AM
Responses:	170		
Hours of Public Comment:	8.5		

QUESTION 1

How important is having a public boat ramp at Dallas White Park (for access to the Cocoplum waterway)? (pick one)

		%	Count
Very important	<div></div>	57.6%	98
Somewhat important	<div></div>	17.6%	30
Neutral / No opinion	<div></div>	6.5%	11
Somewhat unimportant	<div></div>	5.9%	10
Not important at all	<div></div>	9.4%	16
Don't know / Prefer not to say	<div></div>	2.9%	5

QUESTION 2

Do you ever use the boat ramp at Dallas White Park? (pick one)

		%	Count
Yes	<div></div>	62.9%	107

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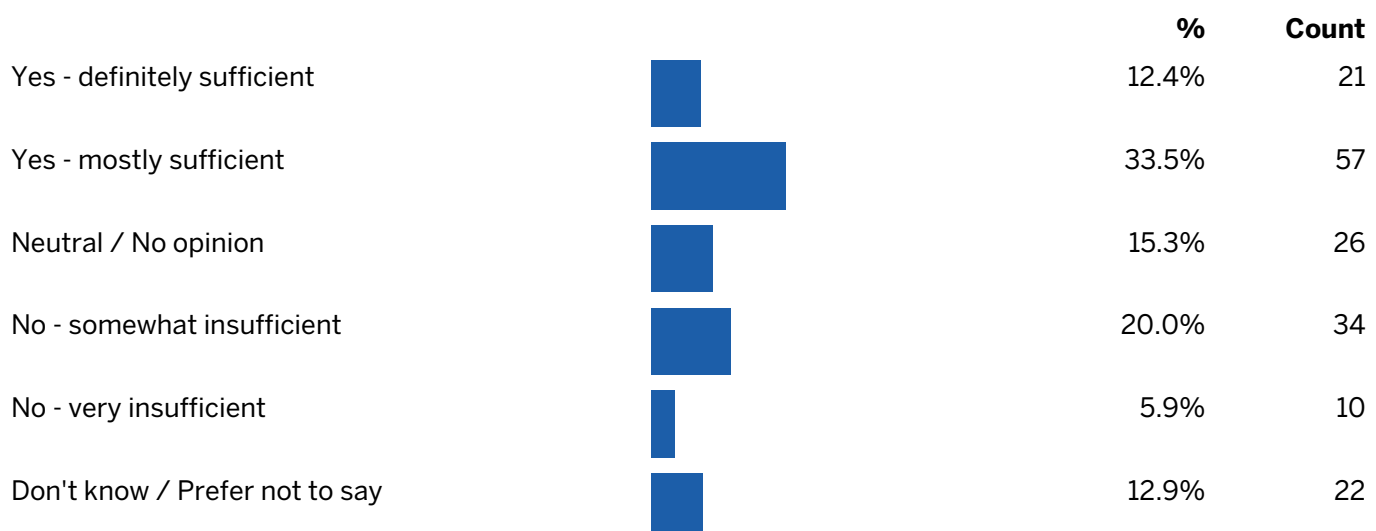
QUESTION 3

If yes: How often do you visit? (pick one)



QUESTION 4

Do you think the parking at Dallas White Park is sufficient to accommodate vehicles with trailers? (pick one)



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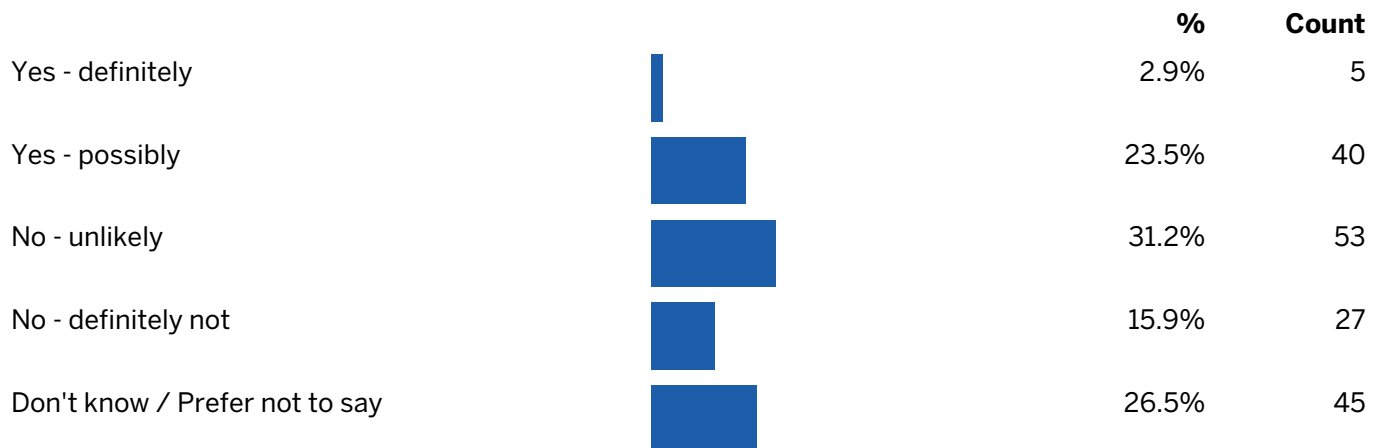
QUESTION 5

How far do you typically drive to use this boat ramp (one-way)? (pick one)



QUESTION 6

If the ramp were removed at Dallas White Park, would you use the boat ramp at Marina Park instead? (pick one)



QUESTION 7

Would you prefer a fishing pier instead of a boat ramp at Dallas White Park? (pick one)



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		%	Count
I have no preference	<div></div>	16.5%	28
Don't know / Prefer not to say	<div></div>	5.9%	10

QUESTION 8

If you have comments, concerns or suggestions about the boat access or parking at Dallas White Park, please share below:

Answered	71
Skipped	99

- access also area been boat boats canal cocoplum dallas do don fish fishing freshwater from great kayak launch like marina more need north park parking people pier please port ramp s see t use used was water waterway white

If you have comments, concerns or suggestions about the boat access or parking at Dallas White Park, please share below:

Having the boat ramp is a great way for people with John boats or other motorized boats to be able to put in and fish the canals with there kids or grandkids.

The boat ramp at Dallas White is a necessity for homeowners and boat owners.

Having some kind of boardwalk along the canal where people could go to walk would also be nice!

Incorporate a launch and fishing pier most access for land based fishing has been eliminated since our storms took out most of our piers

I live on a freshwater canal. The ramp is the only access to the freshwater canals for fishermen with boats too large to launch in the backyard. Marina Park ramp does not access the same waters. How will the township launch boats to treat the crested water heart weeds which choke out the canals? I would like to see the ramp repaired and reopened, it is a nice option for fishermen

I use the tennis courts a lot... and observed the boat ramp was used frequently when it was functional... didn't see a parking issue... should be opened up again.

Boat ramp was nice for fresh water fishing. It's very convenient.

This boat ramp allows residents to enjoy freshwater fishing and experiencing the scenery of the Cocoplum. The fresh water is also beneficial to engines versus salt water.

My wife and I live about one mile from Dallas White Park but have never visited the site. We do take our granddaughter to McKibben Park frequently.

Hardley any boat ramp in this city. Also need more fishing piers. All these waterway hate/dams should also have walk ways for fisherman instead they have no trespassing signs up. This city has great potential for fishing tournaments, fun fishing day events etc. lots of water ways with no access. How about walking paths down major waterways/bike paths with outlook/pier docks and let citizens enjoy the out doors more. Really sick of not trespassing signs up instead of inviting/promoting family outdoors fun. Our citizens pay taxes for this land now give them access. Parks are on the upkick in a positive way let's keep going and make it great. Look how great wellen park is, lakes fishing walking bike paths etc. fishing tournaments. Help kids have a great outlook and outlet.

A kayak/canoe launch point would be better

City is over spending we gong need the boat ramp or toe pier

North Port has some of the best fresh water fishing (Bass) in the U.S. but only one public ramp. Marina Park is brackish, good for saltwater fishing. In the past I fished local Bass clubs and we had a tournament in the Cocoplum. The fishing back then was great. I don't fish there anymore because the majority of waterway is only about three feet deep, difficult to navigate, and the fishing is not that great due to how shallow it is. If you are not going to dredge the waterway, I would not waste the money on a pier or ramp.

I'd prefer a kayak launch/ fishing dock

See dock at Deer Prairie creek South for example

I would like to continue to see this park being used for all sorts of sports . It is a real treasure to our community.

I believe the ramp is important to motored boats for fishing and such, also, to those who do kayaking. As for usage... I believe it could be used for more than recreational purposes. I believe marketing could be done via dragon racing, as was done in the past there. It was a great turn out. It could be an event that P&R could put on. I believe the ramp area should house a rowing crew, too. The canal is a gold mine for rowers and crews. That could be a partnership such as what the County does at the Osprey rowing park. That could bring a lot of attention and economic resources to our city. - Jill Luke

Along with the boat ramp I would like to see some benches and shade trees . A fishing pier would be fine. The park is a nice place to sit quietly and watch the wildlife. That is what a neighborhood park should provide as well as family/sport activities.

Please keep the boat ramp I personally do not own a boat but other people do and it's great access for them to fish. I do walk along there as I live on Greenwood ave. You have spent money doing the field over you need to redo the boat ramp!

I use it for Waterfowl photography.

Add a pier and boat ramp please. It's an open enough area.

I like the freshwater fishing at Dallas white park,also the rock pile about 200yards down needs to be marked again .Thankyou

Why not have both a fishing stand and ramp .

I prefer fishing with my grandsons when they visit on the cocoplum waterway. Less small boat traffic in comparison to the myaka and other bay connected rivers

Do not remove the ramp. repair it. many people use it to fish by boat. you can not access Cocoplum Waterway from Marina Park so "that" idea is useless.

I do not own a boat - but might do so in the future (it would be a small boat with a small outboard motor - for tooling around bay area).

I want to encourage a boat culture - here in North Port. It gives me a good feeling - when I see boats parked in the driveways of homes - a boat in every driveway would be just fine with me. And it might encourage more tourism - because a thriving boat culture

might give them a good feeling too - like they are on vacation - which, of course are. And I like tourism dollars.

We need more access to waterways in north port marina park doesn't always have sufficient parking.

The dallas white park ramp is freshwater fishing vs the marina is brackish waters so you don't seem to find very many bass there.

20 yrs living in North port
Never used it

How about a nature viewing focus ? Cocoplum waterway was the first place we viewed wood storks, which is a "threatened" species. Helping wildlife and habitat with education and projects that feature them helps everyone. It is something we all can be proud of.

Create a kayak club with kayak rentals that are affordable.

I would love to see the ramp repaired so I can start fishing local again.

I have never used the boat ramp but have been to the park. I would like to kayak from there but not sure what can be accessed, like how much canal is available to explore from there. If there is a good bit of milage to kayak I say replace the ramp. If its limited, don't.

Also, both kayak launches must be repaired. I consider that more of a priority than the boat ramp.

The nice thing about this area is that it's easy to access off 41 (more so than Marina Park). I don't ever see any boats in this canal and I don't get the sense that this is used very often. I think the parking lot would be able to accommodate one or two vehicles with trailers but it's a tight area and sometimes there are a lot of other cars there depending on what's happening at the park. A fishing pier is a nice idea. I do see people fishing. And it might also be a nice overlook for people visiting the park.

You don't seem to understand that some people prefer to fish in fresh water, and that kayak fishing has grown in popularity exponentially. We need places to put in kayaks for freshwater fishing. Please fix all the launches!

A fishing pier with kayak launch would be nice. A large ramp for motorized boats is not necessary.

The boat ramp is a very active site. I've been there many times and have to wait for someone to either launch or load their boat. People already use the existing docks to fish from. There is no need for a fishing pier, just get the launch concrete pads reinstalled.... not a big deal!

The parking that was made for kayaks earlier was the most unfriendly use of the land as you could have done. Obviously the engineers dont fish or use boat trailers.

After 5 years of living within 1 mile of the park/boat ramp, I cannot remember seeing anyone launching a boat/kayak in that area. Any money spent would be a waste just like the disk golf course. Of course anything would be better than another fenced warehouse/parking lot!!

Combo fishing pier and boat ramp would be great.

As a fisherman, the area for fishing is better near Marina Park.. the existing "boat ramp" at DWP is for kayaks realistically... don't want to pay taxes to make it bigger for fresh water boating.. if it connected to salt water in some way, maybe... leave it alone (and our money) please..

Thanking you in advance for your consideration

I love kayaking from there and catching an AA meeting in the part.

Keep the ramp...by the way Marina Park has nothing to do with the ramp at Dallas White. you can't get there from there.

It has been so long that I haven't been able to use this ramp.
Very inconvenient that it's not been fixed yet. I don't know what the problem is to simply fix just get it fixed.

I prefer a Fishing Pier and a Kayak/Boat Launch at Dallas White

Lifelong resident, please don't get rid of it

Fix the boat ramp

This boat ramp is very important to families across the city. My family and I have enjoyed bass fishing this stretch of water for years. Keep our families in mind and know how important this ramp is to keep. Thank you

Don't remove it.

Please don't close for all of our local fishing people.

This boat ramp is vital for boating access to the Coco Plum waterway. Please repair it and open it up. It's been closed way too long.

My husband and I often used the boat ramp for his john boat for fishing. Also, my husband and his friends, too, used the boat ramp for fishing with the john boat. We have missed not being able to use and enjoy the Dulles- White park boat ramp that our tax dollars go to pay for... The Marina Park boat ramp has not been used by my husband and I and we would not use it. The Marina Park boat ramp gives access to a different body of water. We so enjoy and miss the Coco Plum canals and the beautiful scenery around the canals. Please repair and make this boat dock available and accessible for john boats. It's a wonderful gift to those of us who live in North Port the whole year round...please do not take this gift away from us....not just from me, my husband and our friends but from our whole community. Thank you!

I am a resident/homeowner and had utilized the boat ramp for ten years before its closing. It has taken way too long to repair this recreational amenity. The city needs more boat ramps, not fewer.

Me and my dad really enjoy going fishing in the canal at Dallas White Park, I hope that it will be redone and back in use for all those who enjoy it. Thank you.

The ramp below water level needs repair, other than that it's a good local ramp.

I have lived in the city of Northport 58 years I am a long time resident and have been using that boat ramp since I was a child please don't take away my memories it is getting harder and harder to find a place freshwater boating

I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts. However, after reading the questions I realized how little I know about the options available. I recently built a house on the Cocoplum waterway but currently do not have a boat. I intend to have a dock built so the contractor needs to be able to launch into the canal and I will eventually use the launch. Again, being unaware of the options available I will be looking into Marina Park. I suppose there is no need to have multiple boat launches into Cocoplum canal. Thank you again for your thoughtful approach to designing necessary services for our community.

Merry Christmas!
Matt Streiff

The boat ramp is an essential part of the outdoor experience here in North Port. I used it often. Perfect place to launch my small aluminum john boat for freshwater fishing on Cocoplum waterway. Please rebuild it.

My main concern is the over use of herbicides and pesticides. Anything the city sprays in the water to "manage" anything just kills it. What's the purpose of a boat ramp or fishing pier when there's no fish to catch anyways?

There is really good fishing in Cocoplum....It gives local a place to fish on windy days or somewhere close when we don't want to travel to bigger lakes.

It will be good for younger guys that can't afford to go to salt water that would like to fish or float. Also buy clear lake land and make a park.

Keep the ramp doesn't need major upgrades

This is a great spot to get in the waterway and fish. The location is great please fix the ramp!

Can't get on the water from Marine park, dam at North port blvd blocks the way. have a plastic 10' jon boat with trolling motors, on a small trailer. Have to launch from a ramp. Was doing 75% to 80% of my fishing on cocplum. Would like to see more access ramps to more canals.

Get it open

This is a no brainer. The ramp is necessary to allow for jon boats and other craft larger than kayaks to be easily launched to fish the Cocoplum. There is sufficient parking for a number of trailers, even during peak season, to accommodate fisherman. This is one of the very few waters with good bass fishing available to the North Port community. The damage to the ramp is easily repaired and should be accomplished immediately. Other repairs to the dock area, if needed, can be undertaken as time permits. I strongly urge you to open this ramp area up as fast as possible so we can use it for fishing from our small jon boats. Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

A kayak/canoe launch or small boat ramp would be preferred, with a fishing pier. the cocoplum waterway lends itself more for easy and relaxing water enjoyment. larger boats prefer marina park because its closer to the myakka. however, with new residential development in the dallas white park area, the need for the ramp may increase in the coming 5 years. parking needs to be better laid out and identifiable.

In case you are not aware of this, Marina Park's ramp allows access to brackish/salt water, not freshwater, like the Dallas Park ramp. It is the only ramp in all of North Port where an angler can use a trailered boat to freshwater fish, especially for largemouth bass. Why would the town even consider closing the sole freshwater boat ramp? If closed to trailered boats, the town would effectively be forcing anglers to use a kayak or a canoe (neither of which is safe around alligators) to fish the Cocoplum. Fix the ramp, upgrade the decking, and keep this little canal open for those of us who use small jon or v boats. It really is the proper thing to do.

The canal waterway also needs to be maintained along with having a multi dock ramp.

There are no other fresh water access points to put a bass / Jon boat in for the Cocoplum Waterway.

Side note: Has anyone considered creating a park on Town Ter., between Colfax and Velvet Ln . ? There is a large, city owned piece of property along the canal that would be perfect for another park like Blueridge Park. Might also keep the ATV's and kids out of there. There's been numerous fires on that tract over the last 20 yrs..

Parking. With the new utility building now up & operational parking a boat & trailer is going to become a problem. Which is why a fishing pier seems like the best option. Thanks.