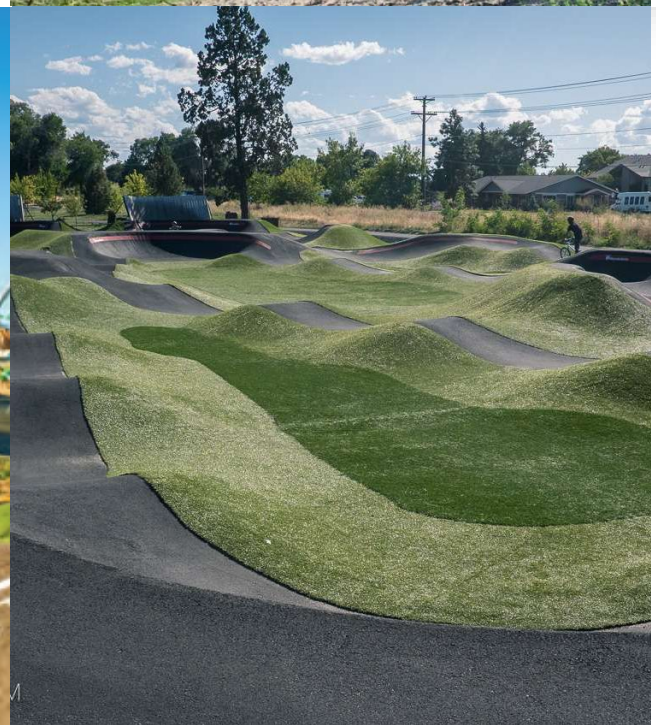
Phased Development Recommendations

- Based on feedback from FOLS regarding MORCA's initial Laguna Seca Bike Park Overview, which outlined pros & cons for various bike park features and possible locations within LSRA, the following slides provide final recommendations for the most suitable bike park features and locations within LSRA.

Laguna Seca Bike Park Signature Feature: Paved Laguna Seca Track Replica for Bikes



Within paddock, develop a kids' activity area featuring a paved, built-to-scale replica of Laguna Seca Raceway designed for bikes with available bikes & helmets for use.

This signature feature would remain open during motorsport events to addresses a stated FOLS need. It will also symbolize the pairing of Laguna Seca’s cycling and motorsport heritages in memorable way.

Phased Development Recommendations

Phase 1
- Beginner/Intermediate Skills Zone
- Dual Slalom Course

Phase 2
- Pump Track
- Intermediate/Advanced Skills Zone

Phase 2
- Paved Laguna Seca Track Replica for Bikes: Couples Laguna Seca's motorsport & cycling heritages; provides exciting, new kids activity for motorsport events; promotes bike park to motorsports fans.

Phase 3
- Perimeter lap course designed for Cyclocross and MTB Short-Track Cross Country racing that doubles as improved walking paths for motorsport event attendees and campers.
  **Primarily utilizes existing trails and walkways, does not impede event parking or hillside aesthetic.*

Phase 4
- Three purpose-built MTB trails for beginner, intermediate, advanced riders branching off existing Trail #47.
  **Advanced trail to be designed as new Sea Otter Classic Downhill course.*

Phase 1: Dual Slalom & Beginner/Intermediate Progressive Skills Zone

Creating a dedicated space for bikes which caters to all ages and ability levels is at the core of the Laguna Seca Bike Park initiative and strongly aligns with FOLS stated goals for the Laguna Seca Recreation Area.

Developing a small pump track with adjacent wooden obstacles for beginner and intermediate riders will be the fastest route to opening the bike park for use while one of the main attractions, the dual slalom course, is being built.

Opening the Beginner/Intermediate Progressive Skills Zone will accelerate the delivery of community benefits while raising visibility and awareness for fundraising and future event opportunities.

Phase 1: Dual Slalom & Beginner/Intermediate Progressive Skills Zone

On the northeastern end of LSRA and distal to the heart of motorsport operations sits one of the only level, undeveloped dirt areas within LSRA – perfect for developing a skills area.

Separated by a paved road with parking sits a mildly sloped hillside that would be ideal for a dual slalom course. This hillside also has an existing paved path that could safely bring riders from parking back to the top of the course.

In addition to ideal terrain, this area has key infrastructure in place – restrooms and parking – and the option of routing bike park visitors around LSRA main entrance via South Boundary Road > Barloy Canyon Road > North Perimeter > Perimeter Road.

In addition to restrooms and parking, this area has an unutilized building and shade structure that could serve as concessions or rental operations for the bike park, as well as a storage container that could house tools and equipment.

Phase 2: Pump Track & Advanced Skills Zone; Paved Laguna Seca Track Replica for Bikes

With Phase 1 serving as the springboard for additional funding, signing major sponsors, and Phase 3 & 4 refinement, Phase 2 represents the Laguna Seca Bike Park coming into its own. If existing or new buildings might be converted into concessions for food, bike, or equipment rentals this would be the optimal phase.

Phase 2 development also includes a unique, built-to-scale replica of the iconic Laguna Seca Raceway – but this one is built for kids on bikes. This feature will promote the bike park (and sponsors) to motorsport attendees and celebrate Laguna Seca's cycling and motorsport racing heritages.

Increasing visitor attraction, notoriety, and improving the riding experience and overall amenities of Laguna Seca would be achieved through Phase 2. This phase is intended to grow the overall footprint of the bike park without impeding motorsports operations; while adding a needed kid's element to motorsports events. Phase 2 will solidify Laguna Seca as a destination bike park.

Phase 2: Pump Track & Advanced Skills Zone; Paved Laguna Seca Track Replica for Bikes

The recommended site for Phase 2 Pump Track & Advanced Skills Zone was once the site of Laguna Seca's motocross track. This opportunity to establish similar terrain for bicycles provides yet another opportunity to leverage and celebrate Laguna Seca's two-wheeled racing legacy.

This phase will broaden the footprint of the bike park while maintaining focused growth in the northeast corner and adjacent to key infrastructure.

Phase 2 will also bring the unique pairing of Laguna Seca's motorsport and cycling heritages through a built-to-scale Laguna Seca Raceway replica within the paddock area next to the marsh and pond. If there is a desire to develop a dedicated space for kids or a park-like setting for all ages within the paddock, this would be a prime opportunity to build off.

Phase 3: Short-Track Cross Country and Cyclocross Loop

For more than 30 years the Sea Otter Classic has proven the potential for Laguna Seca Recreation Area to host world-class bike events designed for any cycling discipline. Historically, most of these courses have led riders further away from spectators and racetrack infield and infrastructure.

Designing a short loop near racetrack infrastructure with entertaining, manmade features for lap racing would attract racers, spectators, and events while leveraging concessions and amenities. Within the international UCI Mountain Bike World Series and U.S. National series, the short-track cross country (XC) format has proven to be a major driver for participation, spectators, sponsors, and media coverage.

Cylocross is a unique cycling discipline growing in popularity but lacking in west coast venues, with no National Series events west of Colorado. Cyclocross is also on the list of candidates for new Olympic sports.

With the right design, a cyclocross course could be integrated into a short-track XC course. Cyclocross is a popular, off-season spectator-friendly discipline within cycling that lacks a permanent venue on the west coast. Most cyclocross events feature temporary courses in park settings. A dual-focus XC/cyclocross course would increase its potential and return.

Phase 3: Short-Track Cross Country and Cyclocross Loop

Initial discussions with FOLS identified Fox Hill as an important location for preserving event parking and overflow camping during major motorsports events. Additionally, concerns over aesthetic impacts to Corkscrew Hill was shared.

Based on this feedback, this proposal recommends a reimagined Corkscrew Hill/Hawk Hill perimeter loop course that relies primarily on existing trails without impeding the natural aesthetic, parking, nor overflow camping. Bike park development in this area could also bring resources and funding for improvements to existing walkways and trails utilized during motorsport events.

Establishing a centrally located loop for lap racing designed for cyclocross and short-track cross country will attract event promoters and racers. These two spectator-friendly disciplines are in high demand with limited venues available. Next to opening a dual slalom course for competition, this XC/cyclocross loop will be the strongest attractor for event promotors.

Phase 4: New, Purpose-Built Beginner, Intermediate, Expert MTB Trails

Developing purpose-built trails east of A Road with popular features like berms, jumps, “flow” sections, and drops would further solidify Laguna Seca as a destination bike park. Building MTB trails within County Parks land would also work around BLM’s multi-use protocol which prevents constructing bike features in greater Fort Ord.

These new trails would integrate into existing Trail #47 which currently connects directly to the Grand Prix Campground at the upper elevation and continues northward along the eastern border of LSRA with additional connection points at the corkscrew bridge and proposed dual slalom course.

To the south, with the proposed new Laguna Seca entry point at Laureles Grade/Highway 68, these new trails could eventually anchor a new trailhead at the lower elevation adjacent to this entry. This trailhead could also open the door for a permanent Laguna Seca Recreation Area bus stop.

Note: this phase would require close collaboration with Monterey County Parks.

Next Steps

FOLS
LETTER OF INTENT

MORCA APPLICATION & $30K MATCH FOR TRAIL ACCELERATOR GRANT

ANNOUNCE BIKE PARK INITIATIVE (AND GRANT AWARD?) AT SOC 2026

SITE ASSESSMENT AND DESIGN CONSULTATION

ACQUIRE DETAILED PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES

INITIATE FUNDRAISING

REFINE PLANS AND INTEGRATE INTO LSRA FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

BREAK GROUND ON PHASE 1 & 2 OF 4 DEVELOPMENT PHASES