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Comments: My family, who have lived in the Ketchikan area for over 40 years, have enjoyed the beauty and accessibility of the Ward Lake area. We've enjoyed many hikes, picnics and activities with other locals there. I find it imperative to continue the enjoyment of nature for our local population without the congestion that would occur if this area became a commercial tourist venue. Please keep this area free from overuse by banning tour companies from using it as a destination.

There are some improvements that could be made to enhance the enjoyment and education of all visitors.

Informational signs about the history of Ward Lake over the last century would be welcomed, including when it was used as an internment camp during WWII. The facilities, such as picnic tables, shelters, & bathrooms should be updated. Signage for the names & distances of the local trails would be helpful.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my suggestions