

FINGER LAKES STATE PARK

PREAMBLE & MISSION STATEMENT

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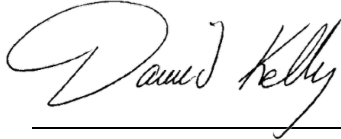
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Established: 1978
Size: 3,751.74 Acres

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SITE GOALS

- Preserve the natural and cultural resources located within the park's boundaries.
- Provide recreational opportunities and public use facilities compatible with the park's mission, resources, and public needs.
- Provide adequate orientation and interpretive facilities to enhance visitor experience.
- Provide administrative support facilities to ensure successful operation and maintenance of the park.

INTERPRETIVE THEMES

- Peabody Coal Co. and the Mark Twain Mine
- U.S. Department of the Interior and Land Reclamation Laws of 1972
 - 1,028 acre donation to the State of Missouri
 - Land reclamation efforts
- Current recreational opportunities offered at the park
- Off-road vehicle safety

SITE STRUCTURES

<u>Structure</u>	<u>Sqft</u>	<u>Const. Year</u>	<u>Historic</u>
Equipment Building (RTP)	4,800	2013	-
Watercraft Storage Shed	150	2014	-
Restroom - Track South	165	1991	-
Vault Toilet # 1 Youth Riding	165	2015	-
Service Building	1,890	1974	-
Ice/Beverage Shed	140	2009	-
Restroom - Track North	165	1989	-
Scoring Tower & Seating	1,200	1989	-
Pole Barn	2,772	2000	-
Wood Lot #1 (Office)	144	2012	-
Vault Toilet - Staging Area	194	1994	-
Wood Lot #2 (Campground)	104	2014	-
Concession Building	1,248	1989	-
Restroom - Day Use Area	165	2014	-
Showerhouse	1,332	2017	-
Change House	414	1979	-
Office / Contact Station	869	1995	-
Vault Toilet - Campground	112	1983	-
Residence	1,938	1978	-

USE AREAS & DEVELOPMENT

Finger Lakes State Park's development should emphasize access to recreational opportunities in accordance with land reclamation laws that enabled the park's establishment. Development objectives should support enhancing accessibility and relevance of the park's unique land and water recreational opportunities.

1. Special-Use Camping Area

Designate a Special-Use Camping Area south of the current Youth Riding Area.

2. Special Event Camping Area (Full Hook-Up)

Designate a Special Event Camping Area along the wood-line adjacent to the North Track Restroom – Motocross Track Staging Area. This full hook-up camping area will be developed to accommodate trucks, trailers and their accompanying ORVs.

3. Float-In Camping Area (Basic)

Designate a Float-In Camping Area and construct basic campsites on the main island within Peabody Lake (accessible by water-trail). This amenity will provide a unique and secluded overnight opportunity within the park.

4. North Shore Lake Day-Use Area

Designate a Day-Use Area at the North Shore Lake, which allows paddling, swimming and off-leash dog swimming. Dogs will only be allowed off-leash when in the water while maintaining general park rules once on land (pets must be kept on leashes no longer than 10 feet and under control at all times).

5. Parking Expansion at Park Office

Expand parking at the park's office to accommodate increased visitor traffic and team member needs.

6. Boat Launch Day-Use Area Improvements

Improvements to the Boat Launch Day-Use Area include parking lot expansion, the addition of a vault toilet and development of an ADA accessible fishing dock.

7. Swim Beach Day-Use Area Improvements

Improvements to the Swim Beach Day-Use Area include the addition of a picnic shelter, playground, flush restrooms and multipurpose activity space.

8. Bridge over North Loop Water Trail

Utilize RTP grant funds to construct a new bridge spanning the North Loop Water Trail, providing connectivity for single track riding areas across the northeast portion of the park.

TRAILS

- **Hiking & Biking Only Areas**
Designate Hiking and Biking Only Areas surrounding Kelley Branch Creek, within the confines of the ORV trail system, as well as the area between the park office and Peabody Lake.
- **ORV Trail Expansion**
Expand the ORV trail network in the western portion of the park.
- **Single Track Only Riding Areas**
Designate Single Track Only Riding Areas in the northeast portion of the park, between the Swim Beach Day-Use Area and campground.

NOTE

- Public Survey #2 proposed redesignating the motocross track for open riding (ATVs/single track only). After review and consideration of public input, this proposed development objective was withdrawn, leaving the track as-is.

PROJECT PHASING

- Phase 1
 - ORV trail expansion.
 - Float-in campsite construction (basic).
 - Hiking and biking only trail development.
 - Single track only trail development.
 - Bridge over North Loop Water Trail.
- Phase 2
 - Parking expansion at park office.
 - Swim Beach Day-Use Area Improvements.
 - Picnic shelter, playground and flush restrooms.
- Phase 3
 - Special Event Camping Area (full hook-up) construction.
 - Boat Launch Day-Use Area Improvements.
 - Parking expansion, vault toilet and ADA accessible fishing dock.

Cultural and natural resource clearances will be required before on-site modifications and development occur.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH GOALS

- Update and/or completion of the park's General Management Plan.
- In-depth ORV trail assessment and education (NOHVCC).

ACQUISITION UNITS

If offered, acquisition of adjacent property may be pursued only through willing sellers or donors. To be considered, units should enhance the mission of Missouri State Parks through one of the following categories:

- Resource preservation and protection.
- Recreational access and opportunity.
- Management facilitation.

CONTEXTUAL PLANNING INFORMATION

Public Input

Public input is an integral part of the CDP process. The following includes input opportunities throughout the planning process:

1. **Public Survey #1, July 27, 2022 – Aug. 31, 2022**
 - a. n = 151
2. **Public Meeting, March 4, 2022 – 1 p.m.**
 - a. Finger Lakes State Park, RTP Building
 - b. Public attendance: 14
3. **Public Survey #2, March 4, 2022 – April 3, 2022**
 - a. n = 684

Communication methodologies: Press release, legislative letters, social media posts, mostateparks.com/CDP, email bulletin, and QR business cards/flyer.

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APPENDIX

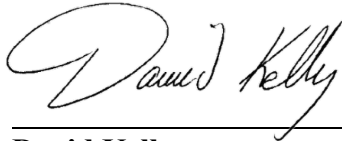
- CDP Map
- Public Meeting #1 Survey Results
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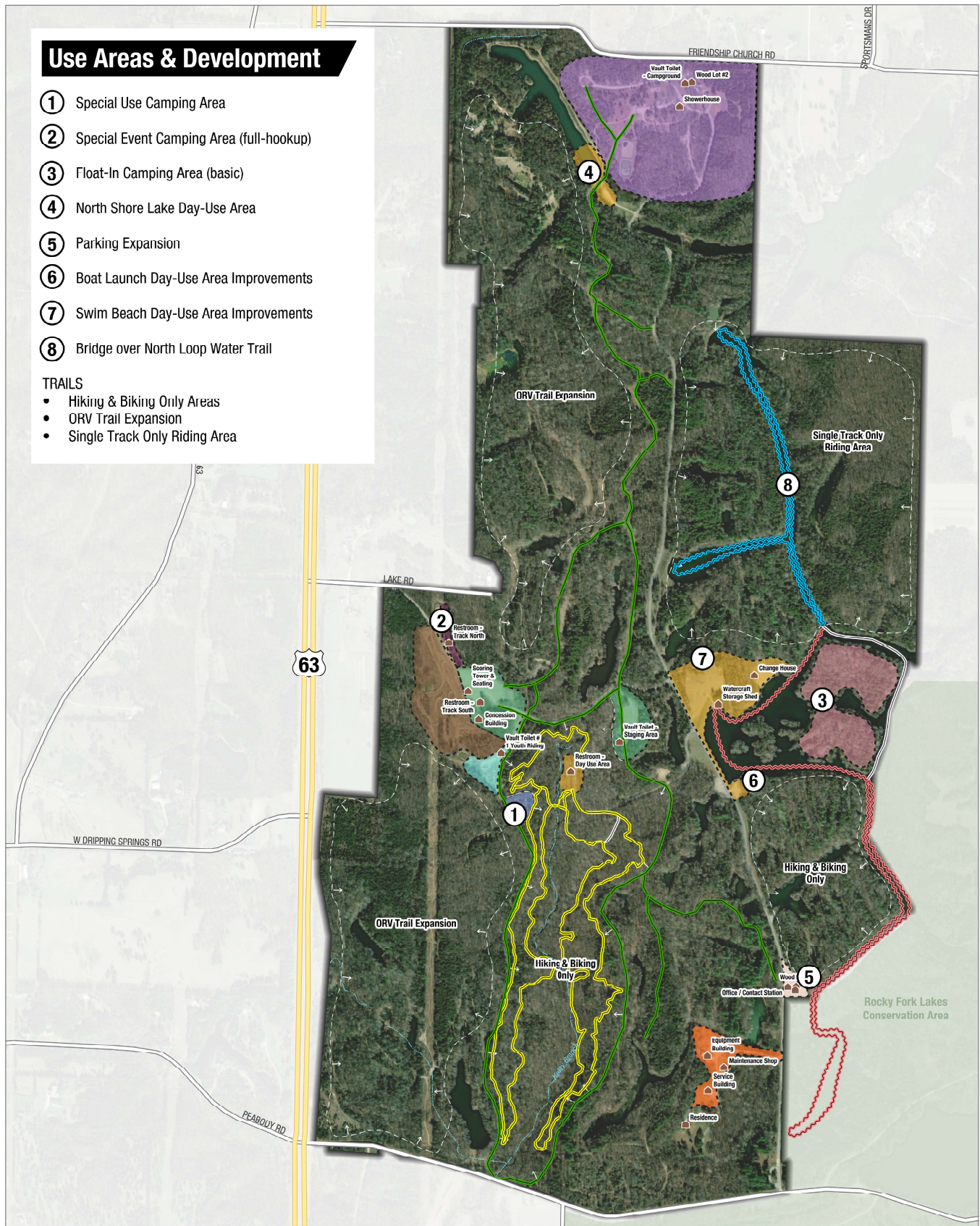
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Use Areas & Development

- ① Special Use Camping Area
- ② Special Event Camping Area (full-hookup)
- ③ Float-In Camping Area (basic)
- ④ North Shore Lake Day-Use Area
- ⑤ Parking Expansion
- ⑥ Boat Launch Day-Use Area Improvements
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- ⑧ Bridge over North Loop Water Trail

TRAILS

- Hiking & Biking Only Areas
- ORV Trail Expansion
- Single Track Only Riding Area



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Projected Coordinate System:
NAD 1983, UTM Zone 15N
Absolute Scale: 1:4,900



0 0.02 0.04 0.09 0.14 0.18 0.22 0.27 0.31 Miles

Legend

Trails

- ORV Trail System
- Kelley Branch Mountain Bike Trail
- North Loop
- South Loop
- White Connector 1
- White Connector 2

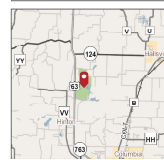
Features

- Stream
- Structure
- Highway
- Road

Use Areas

- Motocross Area
- Youth Riding Area
- Staging Area

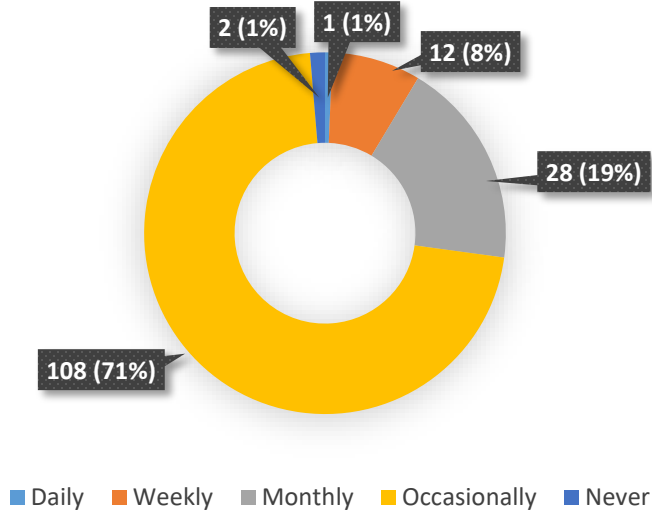
- Day Use Area
- Visitor Center Area
- Camping Area
- Service Area
- Special-Use Camping Area
- Service Event Camping Area
- Float-In Camping Area



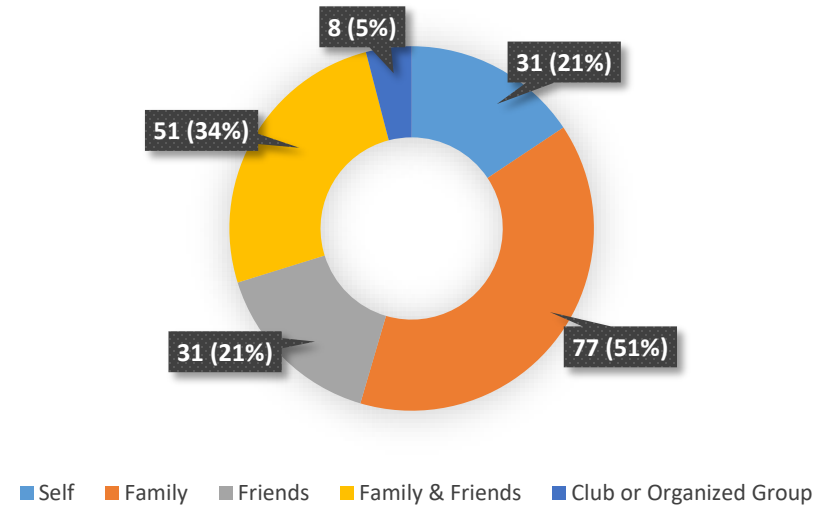
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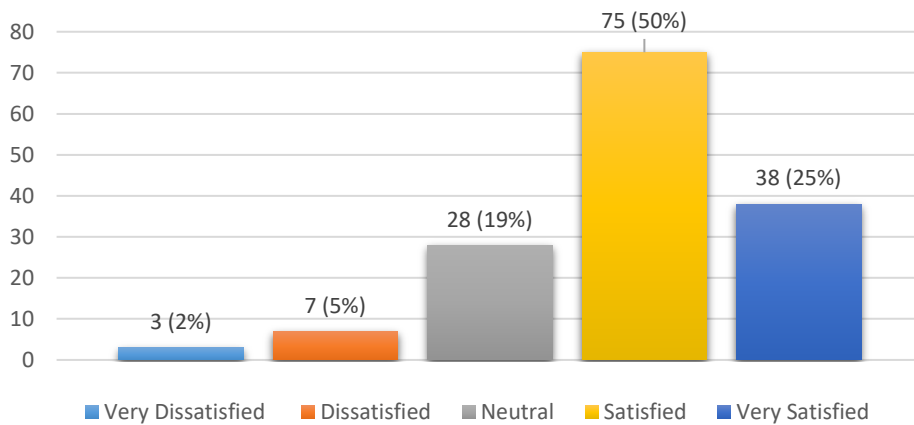
How often do you visit the park?



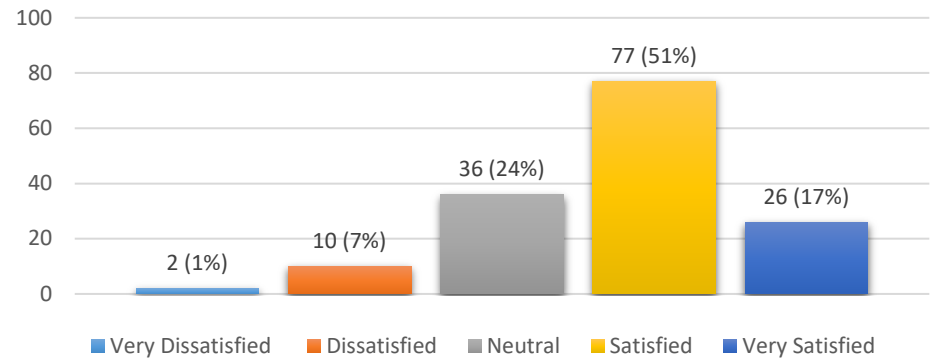
When you visit, who usually joins you?



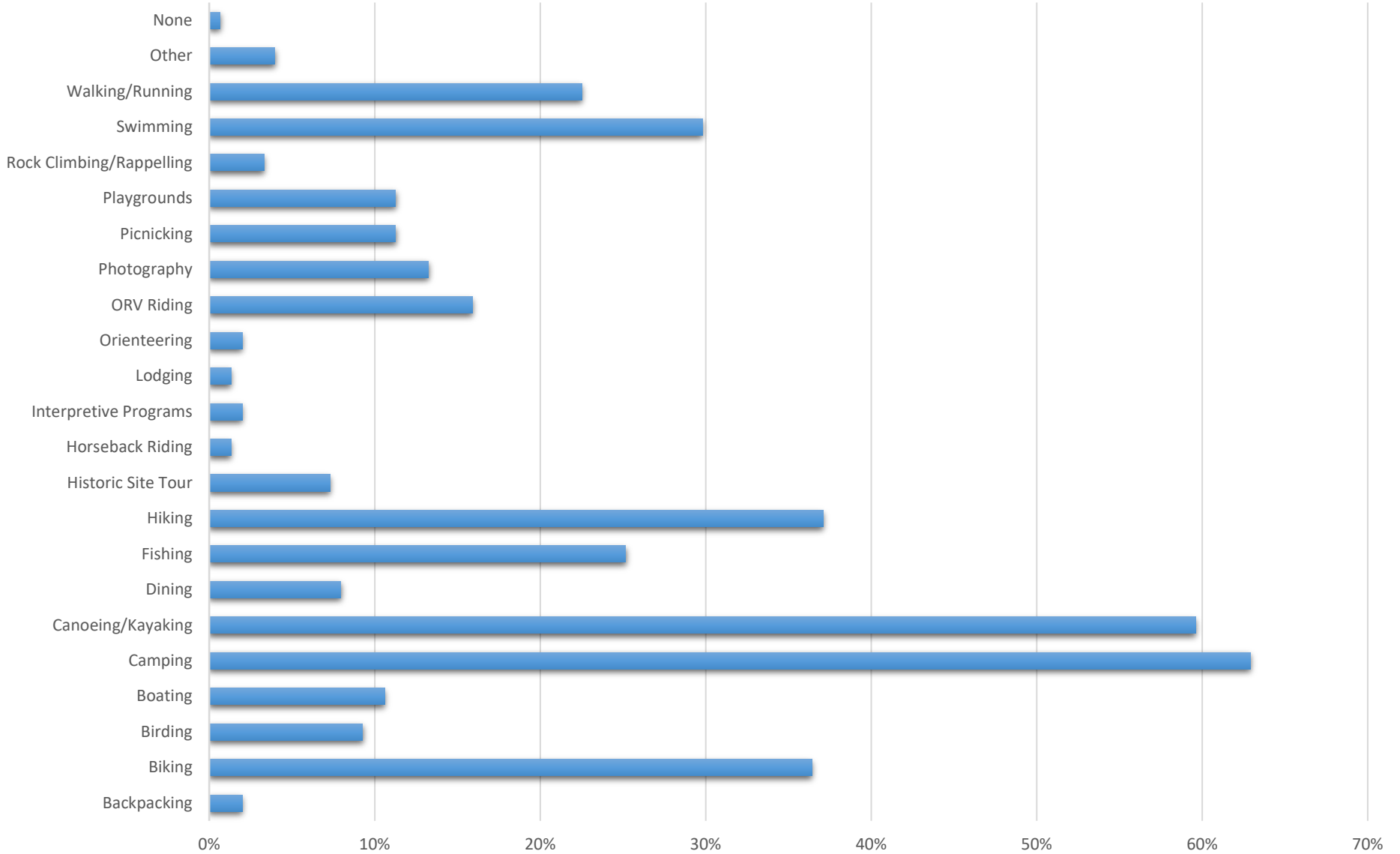
How satisfied are you with the recreational activities this park offers?



How satisfied are you with the infrastructure and amenities this park offers?



Which recreational activities are you engaging in during your visit(s)?



What recreational activity, if any, do you feel is missing and should be added to this park or historic site to enhance the visitor experience?

1. More mountain bike trails would be great.
2. Disc Golf Course and expand the mountain bike trails.
The Water Trail is great.
3. Upgrade boat launch by the kayak rental area.
4. more mtb trails, makes the drive out there more worth it I would visit more if the park had more miles of mountain bike trails
5. Need to return to the 2 hour equipment rentals, as that's really close to the amount of time people want to use the equipment. Do appreciate that you have rentals, even though I only use it for paddleboards.
6. More mountain bike and hiking trails
7. Additional mountain bike trails that could also be hiking trails
8. More mountain bike trails.
9. More mtb trails
10. More mountain biking
11. Camping with full hook ups
12. More "beach" areas scattered throughout the lake
13. This park has potential to rival other local mountain bike trails. I would love to see it expand on the current trail system (I was part of the volunteer group that added the extension last winter).
14. I think it's great the way it is.
15. Not sure at this time
16. Off leash dog area
More hiking and mountain bike trails
More campsites
17. Horse trails would be awesome, but with the ATV activity, perhaps not feasible.
18. Frisbee Golf
19. Play area for kids who are camping
20. a "old lady" mountain bike course -- easier than a regular course.
21. The canoe rentals are aluminum and cannot be safely or comfortably used in the summer sun. The swimming area is insect infested stagnant water. Stand up paddle boats are not ideal for summer heat or leisure.
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23. There is such a wide range of activities here while camping at the park
24. More hiking trails through the woods
25. Better ORV trails that don't get washed out by the rains
26. Add trails to backwater fishing areas. Tree sign noting the species type
27. plenty to do
28. None - there are enough recreational options already at this particular park.
29. Better children's playground! More things for children that don't ride ATV to do!
30. More wild areas
31. Stock some fish in the lakes
32. Disc Golf course would be fantastic
33. you do not need to add anything you need to work on what you already have, fill in some of the paths especially the main one it really has some deep ruts..
34. Better walking trails would be nice. The playground needs some work as well.
35. Additional picnic areas around the lakes and swimming area
36. Could use even more kayaks. They are often all rented on holidays and nice weekends.
37. Nothing to add to the park. We never went back b/c the ATVs were ridden

- late past dark, very loud vehicles, loud drivers yelling & cursing.... NOT family-friendly.
38. We do road biking. Would be nice to have more paved paths
 39. Can't think of anything at this time.
 40. Expanding the ORV section, particularly to include 4x4/Jeep tracks
 41. Paved bike trail
 42. Permit wider SXS on the trails
 43. I've been coming to the park from spring to fall since 2014 monthly and ride orv's. In the past few years the trails have become super over grown with what I believe to be Bradford pears. It tears you up to ride 80% of the trails. Maybe set up a trail cleaning weekend or hire some summer help to clean trails??? I personally know a bunch of people that won't come to the park because of this issue. And I'm not far behind then. I love finger lakes and hate to see all those trails be lost.
 44. Stayed there while attending a festival. Will stay there again this year
 45. Mountain bike specific trails
 46. Add more camp and RV sites along with more bathrooms.
 47. Swimming, walking trails separate from motor cross trails.
 48. It has many activities. The lake is small but for most kayakers is large enough.
 49. Cleaner swimming area. Many netted off like St. Joe's
 50. Maintenance of the motocross track at Finger Lakes State Park is poor, if not non-existent. We have been camping at this park a couple times each year over the last 3 years and the track riding conditions have degraded, to instances that cause unsafe riding due to extreme storm water rutting of the track.
 51. Add an area for Drones and remote control air craft
 52. More hiking/biking focused trails
 53. The trails should be wider to accommodate side by sides. There's a large demand for more park systems with this compatibility, and not enough Missouri state parks available. This would increase usage and keep people local supporting the areas around it.
 54. This park was not as described. The "lake". Was more like a big pond with so much vegetation we could not fish.
 55. My only complaint would be the dirt bike trails that are adjacent to the campsites. They're a mess! I'd suggest only one entrance to campsite for dirt bikes. They're also loud and obnoxious!
 56. Maybe a safe archery site?
 57. RV Park could use sewer at each site
 58. Frisbee Golf
 59. More boat access areas
 60. Bigger swim area
 61. More camp sites
 62. Not enough good hiking trails. Camping sites could be better developed.
 63. Can't think of any activity that is not already there for us.
 64. More things for the kids to do like additional playgrounds/areas, splash pad
 65. More bike trails
 66. A trail leading from the campground to the Kelley Branch Mountain bike trail is needed.
 67. There are no walker specified trails. Motocross trails are not walker friendly. They are filled with ruts and one must always be fearful of motorcyclists who may not see the walker. There is plenty of land. I would love to see walking paths and

also bike paths that connect the lakes.

- 68. Dog swimming beach, dog agility course
- 69. More areas for only mountain biking. The focus is on ATVs, but not everyone can afford or has access to the proper equipment. Mountain biking is a cheaper alternative.
- 70. more hiking trails, more water access
- 71. More dedicated mountain bike/hiking trails would be amazing!

What infrastructure or amenity, if any, do you feel is missing and should be added to this park or historic site to enhance the visitor experience?

- 1. The parking area at the boat launch can get crowded and dangerous on busy days. Or provide additional areas for boat launching.
- 2. Easy access for kayaks to the other lakes in the park
- 3. Better and cleaner restrooms facilities would be nice.
- 4. For the canoe trail, a few easily accessible (by boat) picnic areas would be very nice.
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- 6. More full service hookups for RV
- 7. St. Joe State Park in Park Hills, MO is a good example of amenities that could be offered.
- 8. Adding more campsites
- 9. Bathroom near the boat launches instead of a portable pot
- 10. More camp sites
- 11. More camp sites
- 12. Appreciate the upgrades that have been attempted for the bank over by the kayaks. Would be fun to have some sort of kayak launch though (not just getting in, but an actual launch so I could go airborne...haha!)
- 13. More mountain bike and hiking trails. Playground areas
- 14. Better drainage of existing mountain bike trail. Or bridge / walkways After rain the trail stays muddy for a long time and is unusable (especially the new addition to the trail.
- 15. More hiking and mountain bike trails.
- 16. More mtb trails
- 17. Improve the swimming beach , more mountain biking trails
- 18. Improved restrooms. Toiles by Kelley Branch trail don't flush. We love the newest addition to the mountain bike Trail. We would love to have more trails to ride.
- 19. Additional mountain bike trails would be nice.
- 20. Camping with full hook ups
- 21. More restrooms
- 22. More parking for trailers at the boat ramp
- 23. Full hookup camping Picnic shelter RC off road area
- 24. Since you're asking, a swimming pool would be fabulous! Swimming in the lake isn't always advisable and the swimming areas seem are unsupervised, meaning they attract people who are "enjoying the park a bit too much". We've had to leave with our kids because of lewd, drunken behavior. A swimming pool would provide a safer option for young families.
- 25. A large lodge building that could be rented out for events
- 26. Shade structures around beaches and parking lots.
- 27. Add some boat landings along the waters edge so we can get out and walk. Multiple places.
- 28. Many of the Missouri state parks have old playground equipment that could use updating.

29. More sites on the upper level with electric, add water to the sites
30. Would be nice to have water available at the sites, as opposed to having to fill your camper's tank up when you arrive.
31. Internet
Newer bathrooms with ventilation
32. Full 50a hookups for camping
33. store
34. More camp sites.
35. Wifi
36. Water and sewer hook ups at each camping slot
37. A kayak and canoe dock is missing from the park (that or signs need to inform kayakers and canoers to use the dock by the beach instead of the boat dock). I think the boat dock should be strictly for boats. Kayaks and canoes should have an entirely separate dock to use.
38. More electric camping sites
39. Work on the riding paths some of them are dangerous to ride on fill in the deep ruts
40. None at this time
41. We visit with an RV. It would be great to have water and sewer available at electric campsites.
42. Can't think of anything at this time.
43. More full hookup campsites
44. In my experience everything infrastructure is usually great!
45. full hook up camp sites
46. repair the wifi
47. Update camping sites
48. Clearly marked trails
49. need a bigger, more well stocked camp store/ outfitter store.
50. More bathrooms and Wi-Fi.
51. Water in the camp ground. You have to drive to the entrance and fill jugs. It would also be nice to have a shower.
52. more electric sites
53. Easier entry to ORV from RV sites.
54. More launch points or maybe a boat rinse station.
55. While the campground amenities are fair, the visitor experience could be enhanced by offering electrical and water service at additional camp sites. Camping pads (pavement / gravel areas) are showing environmental deterioration due to age and will soon require improvements.
56. Docks to fish on
57. More campgrounds and especially more electric sites
58. Dedicated women's shower room rather than both being unisex!!
59. More electrical sites
60. We could have used more information.
61. More 30/50 amp electricity camping spots are needed.
62. More sites with water and or sewer.
63. Just needs to be updated plus add wash stations for orv riders
64. A picnic Shelter. Full Hook up and Pull through RV sites are needed.
65. Not enough good hiking trails. Camping sites could be better developed. Kayaking only on one small area in relation to lakes available. Might be nice to have a quiet section of camping area where non-OTV campers could stay.
66. Hiking trails
67. More mountain biking trails
68. Put in more 50 amp camping spots or restructure what is there so more can be added.
69. Playgrounds for kids
70. More full hook-up sites.
71. A park shelter
72. The camper/rv pad I stayed on seemed a bit in disrepair and very unlevel
73. Signage is lacking - can be hard to navigate. Couldn't find the beach. Campsites hard to navigate at first try.
74. Campground rv sites need to be updated.
75. Full campground hook ups would be nice
76. A trail leading from the campground to the Kelley Branch Mountain bike trail is needed.
77. Fishing access is quite limited. The north lake can only be fished on the east side.

Make a path on the opposite side with bank fishing. There are multiple lakes but relatively little space to fish from the bank. Many lakes along the park road have no place to park and bank fishing is impossible with no path. I would like to see more parking areas with walking paths to designated bank fishing areas on the smaller lakes. Handicap accessibility must also be considered.

78. Improved campsites for tent campers. Currently sites are mostly for RVs and trailers with lots of pad and little or no grass or flat area to put tents on. Some sites with space for tents have open water drainage pipes going through the area to put a tent. Don't cater just to the motor sports and non-tent campers, please.
79. Better bathroom facilities in the off season.
80. longer hiking trails, more water access, swimming beach-type area
81. The road infrastructure is long, but obviously unavoidable due to preservation of the lakes and the land. With more trails, it may be possible to improve the parking access within the infrastructure. A similar example is Binder. If Finger Lakes can make Kelly's Branch a central hub to trails, and not string parking across the park, it would be keen!

Do you have additional comments or suggestions regarding this park or historic site?

1. Not a fan of the constant gunfire from the shooting range, but I understand it's a multiple use property.
2. This park is always clean and I really enjoy paddling there.
3. The ORV portion of the park is poorly maintained and motorcycles and side by side vehicles should have separate areas. Concerning the lake, the last time I rented a group of kayaks (6) every one of the kayaks had holes that caused them to take on water and begin to sink. Essentially, this is a poorly maintained park, but it is 5 minutes from my home. When attempting to volunteer to keep trails cut back the efforts were destroyed by 65"+ vehicles so I quit trying.
4. Keeping the lake algae cleaner
5. What is your position on kayaking the lake? It just seems like no one, including me, ever thinks to do that. Appreciate the intro level kayaking class, maybe go to the lake and do some advanced skills like water entry. Also, how about atlatls?
6. I love this park. It's very nice while still feeling rustic. The mountain biking trail is great too! Such a pretty area!
7. It's great that one can rent kayaks. But the mountain bike trail is discouraging to most riders. There is no easy loop. And the one bridge at the beginning has always been bad (unless it has been replaced).
8. Need more camping and full hookup campsites
More mountain bike trails
Somewhere where you can swim with your dog
9. Love this park! I'm not a huge ATV fan, but I respect that they need a place. For the most part, the park manages to host the ATV users while also providing a pleasant outdoor experience for others.
10. I would like to see the gate open earlier, maybe 5 am particularly in the summer when dawn is earlier.
11. Camping is hard with all the dirt bikes so close. Maybe put a new modern campsite on the opposite end of the park for families that would like peace and quiet.
12. The beach is super gross to swim in.
13. Excessive herbicide use around every tree and post in campground, along beaches and gravel roadways. Wide bands of dead grass not only look uninviting and lazy, but I'm worried it may be harmful to the ecosystem when

sprayed right up next to the shoreline.

I saw Lake of the Ozarks SP using a string trimmer in their campground. Although more noise, it seems like a much more appealing option for weed control.

14. Get the aquatic grass under control.
15. Love the geocaches though one is extremely hard to get to
16. My child contracted massive amounts of warts from the shower stall floors.
17. My child contracted massive amounts of warts from the shower stall floors.
18. Very clean dump and water fill up area for camping
19. All in all, it's a nice park. Might be nice to incorporate a smaller play area nearer to the South most camping section. It's a bit of a walk to the playground for folks in that area.
20. It might be nice to eliminate some of the weeds in the lake to improve fishing
21. full hook ups
22. I wish four wheelers weren't allowed in the park. they ruin the experience for me.
23. Stock it with bass that you can actually keep or change the size regulations on bass.
24. Park Ranger Jacob was THE BEST!
25. Keeping the showers and bathrooms clean there are hug bugs and spiders in the building
26. Would be cool to have info about the history of the lake/mines
27. Not appropriate camping for families and non-ATV folks.
28. Can't think of anything at this time.
29. The campground streets get muddy from atv's. The ride in the streets even though they are not supposed to. It makes for a big mess.
30. Love this park!
31. More non-motorized bike trails
32. Lovely park
33. Need to enforce the rules about not riding ORVs in the camp ground (with little kids running around) so many

people were speeding around the campground (faster than the posted 10mph), going up one-ways the wrong way. driving recklessly in the campground (wheelies, stunts, etc.)

34. Nice quiet park. I like it.
35. More RV 50amp spots.
36. It would be nice if the orv trails has a small dozer ran on trails . Even if just on the main loops around the park .
37. Add a dedicated ORV wash station away from the campground area
38. The orv trail system should be upgraded or at the least, marked with signage and a better trail map should be provided so that it is clearer where orv riding is allowed.
39. Great parks but wish the trails were wider.
40. We love to camp, but will take this one off our list. What a waste of \$ money.
41. Just limit the dirt bikes destruction of the campsites!
42. The kayak rental system is a mess. Kayaks in the wrong the wrong lockers.
43. More camping sites would be nice since it's booked 6+ months in advance
44. Very clean park.
45. If a camper does not have a 50 amp hook-up camper they should not be allowed to park in/reserve the 50 amp spots. There are not enough of them and when someone who does not need them park there, there is nowhere for a 50 amp to go. Not enough spots.
46. I wouldn't change a thing. We really like this park.
47. We have only camped here during the off season as we have heard it's super crowded and noisy with motor bikes and four wheelers during the regular season.
48. Lots of activities
49. The swimming beach is black sticky tar feeling instead of pebble or sand.
50. Debbie and her staff are amazing and do a terrific job.
51. Hire PEOPLE to run the boat rental. Supply a store for rentals, tackle, snacks,

camping needs, ice, propane, etc. Make the beach a destination. One trip back there makes many not want to return. Suggestions include new shelters, bath house, clean up the swimming area, clean up the trash regularly.

52. Swimming area used to be great. Last many years it is invaded by scratchy lake plants like sea weed conifer. It sort of attacks you while swimming. Ruins whole area.

Kayaking lake needs areas where you can get out of boat and rest on shore or use a restroom.

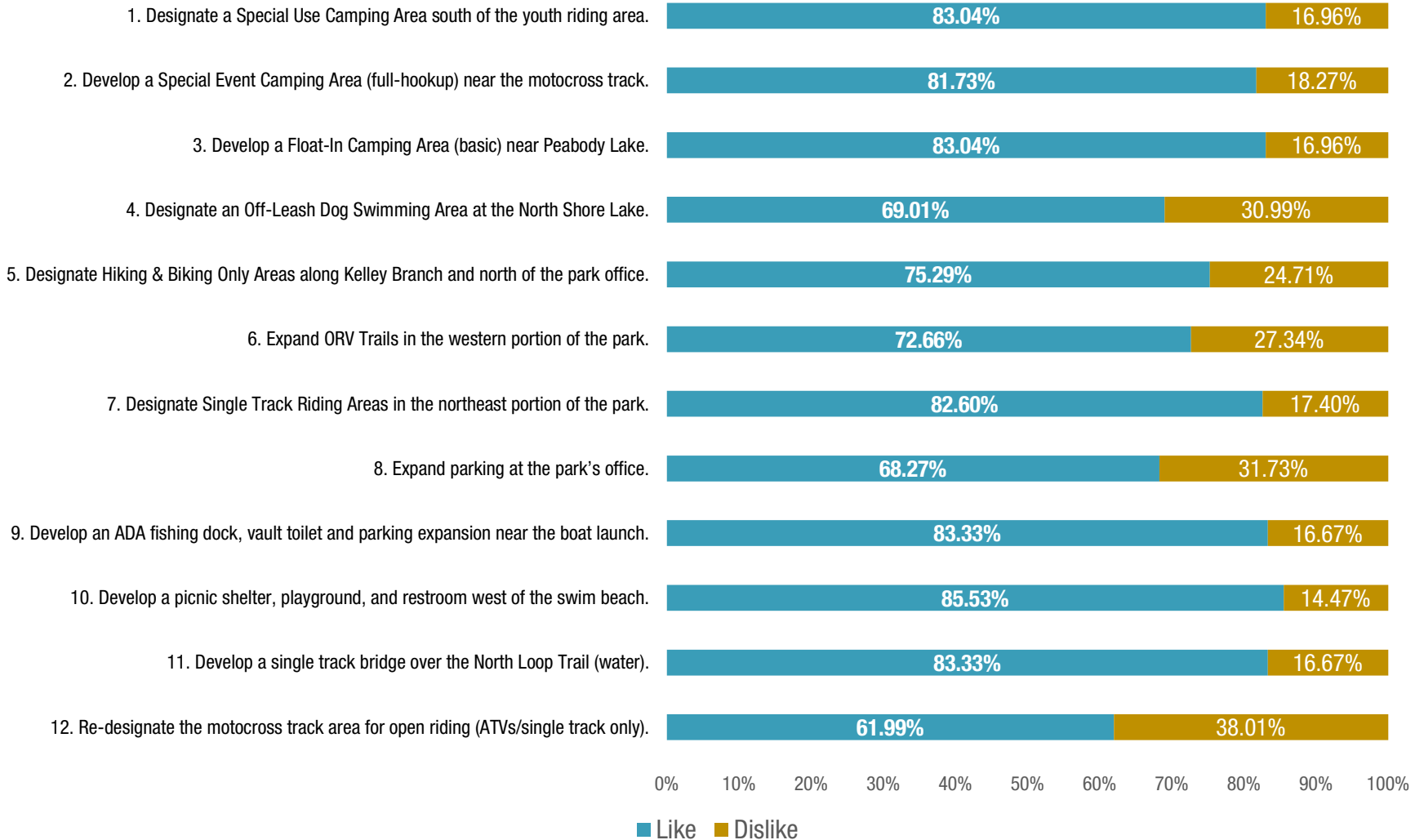
53. Richard Hudson rocks! The park looks great because of his hard work.
54. Restrict horse and OTV access on some hiking trails.

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding Missouri state parks and historic sites?

1. Enforce restrictions or develop trail infrastructure to allow for larger vehicles. Open up unused portions of the park to single track riders making it a safer environment for everyone.
2. In general, appreciate all of them. A few are heavily used/abused, not sure what the answer there is. Maybe more volunteer opportunities that don't involve chainsaws - I'd love to help the women in nature program.
3. I love the parks! Wish people would pack out what they pack in.
4. We have a great state park system
5. Loved all the MO state parks I've been to so far! Moving from MN next month largely due to the awesome access to the natural beauty of the area. The Katy Trail is another incredible asset to the state!
6. Keep up the great work
7. more full hook ups
8. We had a wonderful experience at the park and the camp host is excellent.
9. Can't think of anything at this time.
10. Full hook up camp sites. Paved bike trails.
11. Appreciate how well maintained state parks have been. Campground restrooms are immaculate.
12. Love them. We're trying to visit/camp at all the MO State Parks. Need to make park stickers available for EVERY park.
13. I tried to register for a camp site at Mark Twain camp ground and was told I had to drive 7 miles for wifi to do it on line. However there was a camp host who could do it on site. Your employees needs to be better trained.
14. Lower camping rates.
15. Our Missouri state parks need help! Infrastructure is crumbling, especially at Edmond Babler State Park. So sad!
16. Infrastructure rebuilding is needed in all parks, most building are 40+ years old.
17. We love Graham Cave state park and look forward to the leveling of camper sites. We loved the trails and area but the site for our R-pod was hard to back in to and I level.
18. We travel extensively and Missouri State Parks are great. Lets keep them that way. There are several parks that need to keep up on maintenance.
19. Fund them so you can maintain them. You have cut back on staffing them by outsourcing every aspect of operation. Pride of ownership is gone! You see it in everything from temporary camp hosts, trash service, grass cutting, cleaning crews, maintenance, to no one in the office or gate shack. No one in the park works for the state park system. They all work for another company who only cares about making a quick profit, not providing a beautiful recreation space that happens to be owned by the people of Missouri. The people of Missouri bought it and desire for the parks to be maintained by people whose job is to passionately for property for the people.
20. Fix the new online reservation system. Doesn't work!

- 21.** Keep up the good work on the MX track!
Thank you!
- 22.** I would like to see more land stewardship activities (e.g., invasive species removal, controlled burns, glade protection, etc.) on state park lands. Rock Bridge Memorial SP is an example of a park with a good stewardship program.
- 23.** Doing a great job! Thanks!

Proposed Development Survey Results:



Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding Finger Lakes State Park?

1. Keep the kayak trail, I love it.
2. The ORV facility already detracts from the value of the park due to the terrible noise pollution created. Don't expand motorized bike/ATV/ORV facilities.
3. We need more single track trails for motorcycles only. Also the new area should be a ONE way only trail. For safety! It is the least expensive and least evasive of all motosports. We also need signs for one way direction on the motocross track for newcomers! Multiple signs!
4. Food/Camp Closet for Emergencies
5. Keep adding and expanding hiking/biking trails
6. Clean the showers better and add more shelving. There's nowhere clean to put everything.
7. No
8. More primitive camping (or at least non-generator camping), more MTB opportunities
9. Kelly branch bike trail. Reverse direction 3-4 days per week. This is standard on many bike trails; with few entrances would require minimum signage. Encourage bicycle use of ATV trails.
10. Would love more mountain bike trails, perhaps in a different area of the park.
11. I like all the suggested ideas for Finger Lakes State Park. However, what are your plans to prioritize ideas? Perhaps a likert scale or rating system of the proposed projects.
12. Absolutely love the Kelley Branch Mountain bike trail and the new trail addition. Would love to see a new hiking/biking trail around the goldfish pond near the park office.
13. I want to make sure that the noise from other areas of the park don't infect the camping area.
14. We need to keep the mx track open. It's the only track in mid mo you can practice at any day and for a reasonable fee
15. More we can do to help dirt bikes the better. Finger Lakes is the only area we have to ride in central Missouri.
16. N/A
17. Keep width limits on side by sides please
18. Do not get rid of the motocross track!
19. I appreciate your hard work and effort to support and maintain this public park!
20. More riding areas
21. I ride motorcycles and mountain bikes. So single track is the preference. ATV'S and side by side tear everything up. Preference is nothing disturbed.
22. Please expand OHV areas at every opportunity.
23. Larger atv/dirtbike riding area would be great
24. Maintain the motorcross track
25. Orv or sxs need to have their own area in the park
26. I feel it is very limited for non-recreational vehicles. Love the ability to rent kayaks. Like the mountain bike training course. First part of mountain biking is by far the toughest section. Ticks seem worse than anywhere else.
27. Love the facility and always have. Someone should tame the track down for safety sake but ensure it remains available for families to enjoy.
28. Would like to see more trail maintenance, maps & signage.
29. Find someone to reopen and hold races at the mx track
30. The more single track the better. ATV/UTVs have taken over most trail systems in The US, leaving the dirt bike riders in a rutted out mess of double track. Any single track that is marked tends to be overrun eventually by someone with a UTV sending it down the trail. Bollards to block the path would be sweet!
31. Please. Don't take the moto x track away it is the best track we have for people from Hannibal, New London plus you guy was part of her moto x series too valuable to destroy

32. Your state has beautiful state parks and when we visit we especially appreciate single track motorcycle trails.
33. Would be a great place for a disc golf course. Would be awesome to see another championship style course like harmony bends in Boone County!
34. The Midwest motocross community would love to re build the home of the HOTDOG SHOOTOUT.
35. Please do not let the motocross track go. Love to see prepped riding days and racing like before. Wonderful times there.
36. Keep the motocross track. Call Frank Craven who owns two Missouri motocross series to get races back. He's interested
37. Would like to see more motorcycle/mountain bike only designated trails. The quads and side by sides have really destroyed the terrain and created erosion and mud holes.
38. Keep the mx track it is one of the nicer around
39. No
40. Clean up the lakes
41. Why was underpass on 63 closed?
42. No
43. I am happy to see you are going to upgrade this park.
44. Would like to see more land purchased so this type of recreation has a place to occur in the park system
45. The motocross track is usually hard pack or muddy it seems. I think the atvs contribute a lot to the hardpack. The mud would be more mother nature. We rode the east side years ago before the road and campground development and loved it. This was before side by sides and not so many atvs. I hope new trail can be kept as designated. Side by sides and atvs quickly make a good mc trail undesirable imo
46. Add disc golf stations near the campgrounds.
47. Make more singletrack trails for dirt bikes and do more w/ the MX track upkeep/prep.
48. Stock the lakes with fish.
49. Keep the focus on riding. There are plenty of areas for camping around the state. Very few for riders.
50. It's been needed for years
51. Always need more mountain bike trails.
52. I think single track would be awesome because the atvs tear everything up so bad.
53. Take better care of the track and have more dirtbike only trails
54. Please restore/maintain single track for bicycles and dirt bikes. ATV and sxs usage is tearing up everything across America and giving off road a bad reputation. I am reluctant to use Finger Lakes as is because of it being destroyed by this careless off reading. I did frequent finger lakes many years ago before the destruction
55. Single track areas are nice.
56. Haven't been there in years because the trails were so beat up from 4 wheelers. I'm a single track m/c rider. New trail would be good.
57. Keep up moto cross atv track better
58. Make all single track marked and all openings to the single track riding area just wide enough for a dirtbike to fit.
59. I wish there were more full hook up camping sites for larger campers.
60. Make it open to full size vehicles and utv. The revenue this could create for the park is unreal.
61. Less infrastructure and resources and more land for off road use.
62. No, you all better never shut the ORV trails down!!
63. Do not do away with the motocross track it's been a staple for this area as long as I can remember
64. It's been many years since I've ridden there, but I remember the trails were not very well marked.
65. Re groom the moto track

- 66.** I'm 70 years old I rode there since I was about 20. I'd like to be able to see side-by-side riding there I rode motorcycles, ATVs and now I would really like to see side besides even with this part of the park
- 67.** Muddy No maintenance on track
- 68.** Motorcycles would come back if single track was added.
- 69.** It was a fun place to ride in the 80s and early 90s till the introduced 4x4 four wheelers. Four wheelers have ruined that place.
- 70.** No
- 71.** Have a youth camping area
- 72.** The current trail system is so damaged from large atv's and ITV's I don't go to finger lakes as much most trails are mud bogs
- 73.** Clearly designate areas for motorcycle / single track use only. New Side by side orv are extremely powerful, heavy and dangerous to motorcycle users.
- 74.** I live in Iowa and a group of us came down once on to ride dirt bikes. We were disappointed because there wasn't any and all the quad trail was nothing but face slapping tree branches. The more single track the better and it'll draw us out of starters in more.
- 75.** I'm on board with just about anything in terms of expansion or improvement. The park is definitely in need of some additional single track.
- 76.** No
- 77.** More single track
- 78.** Cut back 4wheeler and SxS trails Add single track area
- 79.** ORV operation has been dangerous in the park. My family is single track riders. I haven't visited the park in three years because I'm afraid my children will be ran over by ORV riders ridiculous attitude, behavior and unsafe operations. During my last visit my children were riding the Motorcross track and a number of ORV basically ran them off the track due to their unsafe operation. ORV running all different directions in the trails without a thought of what's ahead terribly unsafe. One way operation would curb this. I understand most idiots don't have common sense or care about others using the park and won't follow regulations.
- 80.** track maintenance for dirt bikes and ATV be better so it's not as dangerous
- 81.** Keep the motocross track
- 82.** Single track!
- 83.** If you end through passes sold at Chadwick you would see how much dirt bikes pay. Please expand single track.
- 84.** My family enjoys mountain biking, dirtbikes, and sport atvs. Definitely have areas utvs are not allowed to make highways out of good trails. Maybe add a mud pit/mud drag area to keep the 4x4 atvs from ruining good trails also.
- 85.** It would be really nice if the motocross track would be freshened up every once in a while.
- 86.** Open it back up so that Mo state motocross can run a race there and bring in more money like it used to be and accommodate people to be able to run generators in the campground since the electrical sites aren't enough.
- 87.** Not sure what "special use" means. What we need is more primitive tent camping with trails, showers and toilets.
- 88.** No
- 89.** Single track for dirt bikes
- 90.** Keep Motocross track.
- 91.** I encourage more maintenance being done to the motocross track

- 92.** We are often there to ride up keep on trails good and restrooms with a sink would be great
- 93.** Regular track maintenance and trail maintenance
- 94.** More track up keep
- 95.** I would like to see more single track trails for motorcycles.
- 96.** Really would like single track areas for dirt bikes.
- 97.** Less side by sides
- 98.** Would love to have more single track riding areas for dirt bikes
- 99.** Needs better maintenance
- 100.** Is there any way to reduce the mud?
- 101.** Keep ATV/SxS AWAY from dirtbikes! They do NOT mix well together!!
- 102.** Make more single track trails for dirtbikes only and also make other trails wide enough to accommodate new sxs machines
- 103.** More single track for dirtbike only
- 104.** Trails are always overgrown so much that on a dirtbike it's no fun to ride, no trail markings to know where you're located.
- 105.** Don't expand ORV area. We need more areas to ride single track free from the dangers and Destruction of the ORVs. Back in the 80s St. Joes banned Jeep's and buggies from the woods and the place was awesome until the ORVs came out and now they cater to them. I can't tell you how many people I know "myself included" how have come head to head with them on trails and ended up hurt or bike damaged from them hitting them. I ride mostly private property now but do come up there and to Chadwick a couple times a year. I really hope you guys don't ruin it like St. Joes
- 106.** Make the mx track better
- 107.** Greatly appreciate the single track option. I don't dislike 4 wheelers or sxs but they destroy trail systems.
- 108.** You need to leave all the dirtbike trails alone. We don't have many riding areas anymore
- 109.** Any park expansion is a good idea in my opinion. Parks are heavily used around these areas.
- 110.** Reopen motocross track
- 111.** More single track trails like there used to be in the 1970's and 1980's.
- 112.** Maintain the mx/atv track better. People will gladly pay \$30-\$40 to ride a track that isn't rock hard and isn't rain rutted. If you announce regular prepped practice days you will have big turnouts there is no other tracks in mid-mo to ride.
- 113.** More camp site
- 114.** Camping is to expensive
- 115.** I used to frequent Finger Lakes Park often for dirt bike rides but the trails became well used. I am back to riding my new dirt bike often. I live only thirty minutes away and am very, very excited about the park increasing and maintenance of its dirt trails!!
- 116.** The motocross track has tons of history. I would like to see it return to what it once was. Tracks seem to be disappearing and that's a sad trend.
- 117.** Finger Lakes State Park has been a favorite place for me to ride in Missouri since I was 13. Primarily my draw was the MX track. While at MU, I did more single track and trail riding, but over the last couple of years I have been hitting the track. I would love to see extended single track trails for trail bikes. I do not have an opinion on 4 wheeled OHVs because I do not own any of those.
- 118.** Nice 🍷 nice 🍷 nice 🍷 nice 🍷 I 65349
- 119.** Love it!
- 120.** No
- 121.** Great to have a spot for suv riding... need a dirt bike out section for safe biking (ITV's cut big ruts and create huge mud bogs not safe for motorcycles to navigate)
- 122.** Such a great park that accommodates many users. Please keep the motocross track.

- 123.** Please keep the motocross track area open strictly for motocross bikes only. Track maintenance is a must, but should be open to volunteers who are willing to aid in the upkeep, reducing MSP manning needs.
- 124.** Park should remain OHV park
- 125.** Keep motocross track
- 126.** Keep the motocross track! It would be awesome if there could be some upkeep to the track and some more rules about the types of vehicles that are on the track. If the track was kept up to a safer standard more people would use it. Given it is one of the only tracks open year round in the state.
- 127.** N/A
- 128.** Please keep expanding this is a great use for families bonding together and getting to learn new things together i wish Missouri had more ORV parks.
- 129.** It should be made/kept as one of the best places for riding, fishing or just relaxing to take in the beautiful views of nature
- 130.** I wish they would ban side by sides they tear up the trails
- 131.** Peabody gave this land for orv use. It has been reduced and reduced over the years. There is a very large segment of conservation land next door that I believe was also given. That should have been used for equipment parking, beach access, bicycle use, non orv use. The state of Missouri has very little public orv areas and this one is overused because of that. If a tenth of the state conservation land was allowed access to ORVs it would greatly help overuse problems and likely bring in more tourism dollars. New UTV and modern utility quads are so large it ruins single track options. These groups do not interact well with one another manly because of safety reasons. Motorcycles as a hole have very little options at this point and it's a shame because they are the ones that got all the this started and have been pushed out because of safety and boredom of highway type trails.
- 132.** Keep the mx track and find ways to maintain. Need more camping sites for big toyhaulers.
- 133.** Motorcross track has way too much potential to let it go. Keep it a motocross track!!!!!!
- 134.** We need an area for singletrack dirt bike use only. ATVs and sxs will destroy it if allowed use.
- 135.** The single track only area would be an awesome addition to the park!!
- 136.** I like the idea of expanding the single track, dirt bikes don't hurt the trail near as much as 4-wheelers and side by sides so it's nice to have a designated area that isn't all tore up. Side by sides are really hard on the trails and tear them up pretty bad. Would like to see a 54" restriction on most of the trails.
- 137.** Single track
- 138.** More dirt bike single track. Better use of motor cross facility for local and national level races.
- 139.** Remove atvs from motocross track. For the most part, they destroy the jumps and block the track.
- 140.** No
- 141.** Side by sides have made finger lakes more and more dangerous for atvs and motorcycles there needs to be areas side by sides are not allowed.
- 142.** Nope
- 143.** I stopped coming to finger lake for to safety concerns by allowing side-by-side vehicles on the trails
- 144.** Time to let others get out on the motocross track with machines and shape up the jumps and berms etc get it back to racing
- 145.** Bring motocross races back and bring the track back to life. Don't mind the track having opening riding but needs maintained & a separate track for ATVs would be better
- 146.** Please continue to expand single track riding options. It has much less impact on the land and should be promoted at the better option to atv/utv trails
- 147.** Make the whole park single track for dirtbikes. ATV and UTV's ruining park and making it impossible to maintain.

- 148.** Add some obstacles for Enduro practice like logs and tire obstacles. Work on maintenance and marking trails.
- 149.** Please add more single track for dirt bikes, it draws in visitors from all around including myself.
- 150.** We stopped going to Finger Lakes because the trails are not dirt bike friendly. It would be really great to be able to enjoy that park again. We really liked the campground.
- 151.** Hopefully, you guys got a new park ranger by now. I'm sure you know what I'm talking about. Last time we were there, about four years ago, he seem too aggressive to me.
- 152.** This land was donated for the purpose off off road motorcycles and most of it has been taken away. Politicians are crooks.
- 153.** Does MX parents still exist? If so, keep them on the motocross track for open practice/racing events.
- 154.** I had stopped going to finger lakes many years ago due to no singletrack trails
- 155.** Make designated trails for dirtbikes only. Really sucks how the side by sides and atvs destroy everything creating bottomless mudpits.
- 156.** Keep the side by sides out before they ruin the trails for dirtbikes. If side by sides are allowed there needs to be single track only added
- 157.** The motocross track just needs simple grooming regularly to be good. Great amenities there already but grooming is very poor. Regular grooming would attract way more people, even if the fee tripled. The reason the motocross track is unusable is due to lack of grooming.
- 158.** I hope the improvements cater to dirt bike and atv enthusiasts since there are limited opportunities in our state. Also, keep the motocross track intact for users. Last, keep the allowed atv width at 50 inches.
- 159.** Please keep the sxs in one area they destroy the trails and wildlife
- 160.** NO
- 161.** More single track dirt bike only trails please.
- 162.** More dirt bike single track
- 163.** Na
- 164.** More dirtbike single track , less atvs and sxs
- 165.** Do away with the very prejudice "park ranger". The man (██████████) had an ego trip and an obvious attitude toward my dad, me, and my brother. On our first visit of this park, before we could even drive up to the pay gate he singled us out, tried to look through our stuff and wrote my dad a bogus speeding ticket. I say bogus because my dad took it to court after months of trying to get details on the charges and in court it was immediately dismissed. This guy didn't like to see a ██████████ family of dirtbike owners out enjoying a Saturday while he had to work and he tried to stick it to us. While the riding for the day and the park was very fun, the whole experience was so bad we have never returned to the park due to that one individual. We would really like to come back and check it out, especially if it has a dedicated single-track area.
- 166.** Expand single track motorcycle trails, less ATV
- 167.** Everywhere I've been that allows utv/sxs have just been destroyed. Growing up I've always been taught to tread lightly with dirtbikes, but the property damage created by these large machines makes it almost impossible to ride a dirtbike or smaller atv. Also riding dirtbikes around utv/sxs is the safety factor. They are extremely heavy similar to a car or small truck. A collision between the two could be fatal for the motorcycle rider. There are a lot of counties and small communities that allow utv/sxs to use their roads but not unlicensed motorbikes. Finger Lakes is one of the few remaining places in Missouri that dirtbike enthusiasts can enjoy without the threat and damage of utv/sxs. They already allow these larger machines at St Joe State Park and look at all the trail maintenance needed to make the trails big enough and to repair all the damage. I travel over two hours just to ride there just avoid riding around these behemoths.

- 168.** We love to travel for dirt bike friendly areas to ride. Would love to see more areas added here so we can visit more!
- 169.** I've camped and ridden at FL for over 30 years. The ATV's have ruined it. They destroy the land and just dig huge mud holes which never dry. We NEED more single track with means to keep them off it. Also more camp sites.
- 170.** Single track only areas would be really nice.
- 171.** I would really like to see dirt bike only trail section at the park. No ATVs or SxS just dirt bikes only trails.
- 172.** Keeping side x side's away from the single track trails would be awesome!
- 173.** I grew up riding dirt bikes at Finger Lakes. It's where I learned to ride single track with my dad and brother. It has been sad to see this state park dwindled to the state that it's at today. It's not an option when most are deciding where to ride. Most will drive 2-3 hours to ride at Chadwick even tho they live 30 minutes from Finger Lakes. It would be great to see single track only opened up and maintained. This may entice hare scrambles and enduros to return racing series to the state parks.
- 174.** Be able to maintain the trails for better, safer riding
- 175.** More dirt bike trails, less razors and other uses. It's changed so much that many dirt bikers no longer ride here. I like rzrs but they tear everything up for bikes
- 176.** Please bring back motocross and off road racing events.
- 177.** No side by sides. They tear up everything. Nothing wider than 50". Make newer areas with single track only. Preserves trails for a much longer time period without getting chewed up.
- 178.** I would like to see more single track loops for motorcycles, with less access for side by sides.
- 179.** Thank you for providing us a place to play.
- 180.** Keep the trails for atvs and bikes only, sxs will ruin the park
- 181.** I truly believe that opening a single track only area for dirt bikes will bring a lot of dirt bike riders back to the park. Thank you guys for trying to improve the park.
- 182.** Needs more single track and challenging sections for dirt bikes. Harescramble and enduro style dirt biking is becoming largely popular around Missouri. I would be at Finger Lakes much more often if it was more enduro friendly.
- 183.** Allow side by sides over 50 inches. They are the number 1 market and have been for years in the offroad community. Almost none under 50 inches wide. Your missing out on a large market and the market is missing out on Finger Lakes
- 184.** We need more single track riding areas without ATVS.
- 185.** Needs more maintenance,
- 186.** No sxs!! Please
- 187.** No motorized vehicles over 36" wide on any trail
- 188.** We love it there when it is not muddy
- 189.** Disc golf course
- 190.** Disc golf course!!
- 191.** I like the park in general. More signage could be used for directing traffic and spaces available.
- 192.** We highly value the park's resources for kayaking & campground. Kayaking areas are hard to come by in this area
- 193.** Would love to see the Motocross track get some sanctioned use again, improved rv facilities near the track would certainly help.
- 194.** Update the shower house
- 195.** More access areas to the shore while on the water trail. Water accessible picnic areas along the shore would be nice.

- 196.** As a former user of the off-road riding area of the park and now a current kayaker using the east side of the park, I would like to see motorized vehicles restricted to the west side of the park. I would like to see development of hiking/bicycle trails on the east side of the park. The noise from motorized vehicles while on the waters of the east side would greatly detract from my enjoyment of the park.
- 197.** More camping with full hookups, with reservations
- 198.** Larger vehicles should not be allowed then what is currently allowed. Trails have become severely damaged and borderline possible to get through due to larger off-road vehicles. The soil type at Finger Lakes is not suited for them, due to a high clay Content.
- 199.** Make trails for side by sides
- 200.** A disc golf course would be a great use of some of the land!
- 201.** It's a great park for me to practice and ride my fourwheeler frequently.
- 202.** It's dirty and fishermen pollute the waters with their fishing lines and hooks. Not safe for dogs!
- 203.** no
- 204.** More trail maintenance on the side trails would be great
- 205.** Enforce the rules with the riders so they don't wake up the campers by 6 am and fly thru the campground all day.
- 206.** Directional trails like Highland Park or Durhamtown Georgia. Separate area for Utv's and ATV's
- 207.** Make a trout fishing pond!
- 208.** Not a rider, so don't care about tracks, etc. Use the park for kayaking, etc.
- 209.** Scouts need a place to camp, thanks!
- 210.** Campground for big groups like scouts
- 211.** No
- 212.** Upgraded shooting range Stock lakes with more fish
- 213.** Need camping with full hook ups away from off road areas.
- 214.** Keep motorized vehicles out of east side of park. Use west side for motorized (except existing Kelley Branch Trail). Expand hiking and biking trails on the west side. Use bridge for hiking/biking access if needed.
- 215.** New Development should be done minimally to ensure the safety of the surrounding habitats. Wildlife need more help than ever and our expansion shouldn't come at the cost of all their homes.
- 216.** Have other areas to get out of kayaks on the lake. Once you leave the boat ramp and beach area, there are no good places to get out of your kayak and walk around and stretch your legs.
- 217.** I am 68 years old and I canoe, and would be appreciative of a gentle grade canoe launch.
- 218.** More single track! SxS and to a lesser extent ATVs have ruined all of the trails for dirt bikes. Finger Lakes is the only riding area open to the public in central Missouri, please help out the single track riders!
- 219.** Make your map visual impairment friendly
- 220.** Dog area!! Love the expansion. And ADA. Brilliant
- 221.** ENOUGH LOUD BIKES ALREADY. IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO FISH EXCEPT FOR THE LOUD AND OFTEN DISRUPTIVE MOTORCYCLES.
- 222.** I support the ORV usage even though I am not a user/rider. I also support adding/enhancing other activities especially hiking options that would not conflict with riders. Regularly stocking the lakes with fish would be a nice addition.
- 223.** Off roading should be prohibited in ALL state parks
- 224.** Just more trails
- 225.** Do not expand motor vehicle areas. The destroy the peacefulness and beauty of the park
- 226.** My Son And I love coming to Finger lakes to camp and ride, needs to go back to just atvs and dirtbikes only the sxs are tearing the place up and you have to worry about getting hit by them,

- 227.** Needs better fishing and tighter regulations to sustain good fishing
- 228.** More single track dirtbike riding. it is becoming very popular
- 229.** Dirt bike single track is disappearing at an alarming rate. It should be expanded and mountain bikes should not take its trails.
- 230.** Lots of the parks have neat hubs that feature educational materials for kids and adults to learn about nature and the surroundings. Love the roaring river hub.
- 231.** ORV around the Water Trail should not be allowed. The Water Trail is quite peaceful and the addition of ORV Single Track use would be disruptive to such a great amenity and resource. Expansion of Biking and/or addition of disc golf in this area would be much more acceptable.
- 232.** Please don't take away single track riding areas or the MX track. Hoping single track isn't flattened by larger ORVs.
- 233.** I wish it was more obvious what activities were possible without ATVs or motorcross, because this is the only major state park near me that doesn't get my dog covered in ticks. But going for a nature walk while sharing the trail with vehicle sucks
- 234.** The motor cross track should only be for motor cross no atv or utv they tear the track up and hard to maintain. There 100s of acers for them to ride.
- 235.** The noise from OTR really detracts from the beauty of the park. Please don't expand it in any way.
- 236.** No off leash swimming, most dogs are not well trained enough to be predictable when the owners have no physical control. No offleash area near water. If they aren't right there owners will not clean up after their pet here. ADA accommodations help ensure the whole family can have fun. Do you have staffing to pull expansion off successfully?
- 237.** I'd love to see more/improved camping areas as well as additional hiking/biking trails
- 238.** More 50amp campsites
- 239.** boat or kayak in camping would be fun
- 240.** Side by sides and large atvs are destroying the trails and the motocross track. The trails are full of ruts and mud holes making it unridable. The park needs more single track only for dirt bikes.
- 241.** Nature should be nature. Minimal amounts or NO ORV expansion.
- 242.** I think the park is going great. I would love to see more sites for campers with hookups. They are always booked leaving me to believe that more sites are needed and would be utilized.
- 243.** No
- 244.** Leave it as much orv and singletrack use as possible. There are very few places to ride motorized off-road vehicles in the state and MTB trails are everywhere. I ride both
- 245.** Focus on bringing paddlers, swimmers, hikers, and trail runners.
- 246.** Post stocking/electric shock fish survey results yearly
- 247.** The hiking at Finger Lakes is awesome but it's not as enjoyable with all the ATV noise. I know that everyone deserves the ability to enjoy state parks in a way that is pleasurable for them but the noise pollution is a real issue for many. I have done the WIN program there and had an excellent time. I would love to see more programs at Finger Lakes. Rock Bridge has so many events and I think that Finger Lakes get over looked because of it. I have been in Columbia/mid Mo for the last 28 years and go to the park frequently but I know many people that have lived in mid Mo their entire lives and never been to Finger Lakes
- 248.** Disc golf course would be great.
- 249.** My grandkids love the pump track! I hope that can be maintained.
- 250.** We need more offroad opportunities for highway legal 4wd vehicles and dispersed camping
- 251.** No
- 252.** Disc golf course

- 253.** Can we please allow rock climbing
- 254.** Add a disc golf course.
- 255.** More kayak trails. More hiking trails
- 256.** I find the swimming area filthy most of the time and water greasy looking.
- 257.** Building a Disc golf course at the park.
- 258.** You should add one or two disc golf courses
- 259.** Add a disc golf course
- 260.** Disc golf course
- 261.** Full hookup sites or at least more 30/50amp hookups. Paved hiking/biking trail. More accessibility to kayak
- 262.** Disc Golf would be a wonderful addition to the park and something Columbia would be truly excited about.
- 263.** We drive from Kansas City for the motocross track and would like for it to stay with some maintenance done on it
- 264.** Add disc golf course
- 265.** Add two disc golf courses
- 266.** Disc Golf Course. High caliber. In concert with Harmony Bends, Columbia could host Worlds with another top tier course.
- 267.** Disc golf courses and hiking/walking trails.
- 268.** Could you put in a disc golf course? Disc golf is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. Disc golfers are known to take care of parks and respect nature. Columbia disc golf scene is growing exponentially, we need more disc golf courses in the area.
- 269.** Add 27-36 hole disc golf course around proposed NE single track that can double use of bridge.
- 270.** Yes I would love if you included more single track me an my buddies go out there every weekend
- 271.** Create a trials or extreme Enduro training area.
- 272.** Excited to see designated areas planned for single Track (dirt bikes). I have felt unsafe and after years of maintaining trails when able I have stopped visiting Finger Lakes as cleared trails are quickly demolished by oversized SxS's and ATV's. Other safety concerns are the blind corners and 50mph cars driving on the main trails with kids riding bikes and smaller ATV's. I am a skilled bike rider and have been pushed off the trail several times.
- 273.** Get all OVR away from the campground.
- 274.** Would love to see a special use area so Girl Scouts can come camping. Love the idea of a float in campsite as well.
- 275.** As an avid kayak fisherman anything that can be done to make the fishing better? The vegetation growth coming from underneath the water makes fishing difficult.
- 276.** No
- 277.** Love the park. Needs more single-track and less side bysides they are dangerous I've almost been ran over several times
- 278.** Please make more single track for the dirt bike riders I live in Kansas City and Finger Lakes is the closest park I have to me that I actually enjoy unlike deep water where it is all rutted out from the ATV riders

- 279.** - Currently, Finger Lakes is the one area near Columbia where one can canoe/kayak with little experience and feel like being "out in nature". Expanding the tracks to this area would completely ruin that experience. Especially the bridge is problematic. Bikes will drop rocks on boaters, creating a hazard in addition to destroying the esthetics. Keeping all motorized facilities west of the park road would create a more natural setting for all the great non-motorized improvements planned for the east side. - North Shore Lake is the only natural water body I am aware of where one can swim in fairly clear and cool water near Columbia, at least once swimming away from the part where the motorcycle trail passes along the beach. I would like to see the bike trail removed from the beach to improve swimming. The dog park could be placed next to the pond east of the road. - ADA ramps for Kayaks and canoe entry are available starting well under \$1000 for simple ones. Here are examples of mid-point ramps <https://www.ez-dock.com/market/kayakers/>. It would be amazing to add ADA docks to the boat docks. There are so many people who are wheelchair bound or walking impaired, but could enjoy the great outdoors in a kayak if they could just get in. Please consider adding an ADA doc!
- 280.** We rarely use this park although we live close to it because of the noise of all the ATV's. We like a quiet camping experience.
- 281.** We really like it! It is the best place to kayak when the rivers are not floatable. We probably kayak there 1 - 3 times a week if the water isn't frozen. I'll be honest that I may not have 100% understood some of the motocross track questions. My 2 cents on the float in camping is that I think it might be difficult from a maintenance standpoint considering how disgusting humans can be sometimes especially in stagnant water (no current to wash things away)... assuming we can't just drive a truck over to it to clean it up? I might not have the whole picture though. LOVE YOU GUYS!
- 282.** Single track would be a good interest to get more dirt bike racers of harescrambles to enjoy the area
- 283.** I love the water trails! Preserving the paddle sports aspects of the park is a huge plus for me. A boat landing, tether point with vault toilets at the far ends might be nice for those that holding for long impaired. A paddle sports focused vending machine (misc paddle sports related items and keepsakes) might do well: water shoes, sunscreen, bucket hats, snacks, and drinks.
- 284.** No helmets in full caged SXS
- 285.** Keep it as natural as possible. Separate areas for hiking and ORV where noise won't encroach on hikers.
- 286.** no off dogs running free to many atv riders
- 287.** I appreciate the balance you guys strive for with ORVs and other recreational uses and resources.
- 288.** More Mountain Bike Trails
- 289.** There needs to be signage at the boat ramps. No swimming and no fishing from the ramps. More parking along main road to access all lakes. Some lakes you can not access because there is no parking close by.
- 290.** Bring sand back to the beach area, especially if you plan on a shelter addition.
- 291.** It's great that OHVs have a place to play, but I've stopped camping here because quiet hours aren't even suggestions
- 292.** A bigger changehouse/bathhouse at the beach and the addition of a few more picnic tables.
- 293.** Love the park
- 294.** A full hookup general campground would be fantastic. Not just for the motocross.
- 295.** I already love this place just the way it is. But adding more amenities for other uses is always a good idea.
- 296.** Make it more natural areas and limit ORV use
- 297.** We use the park for kayaking, fishing and water related activities. I would like to see you keep or expand what you have in this area.
- 298.** Please consider disc golf in Missouri state parks.

- 299.** I think the unleashed swimming area could be a great idea for well behaved dogs and owners, however I feel there could be more potential for people dumping their dogs there unfortunately. & irresponsible owners bringing aggressive dogs with well behaved dogs. Great idea, though for the ones who will follow rules. Maybe more patrol around the park would be a good idea.
- 300.** More walking and more water based things
- 301.** I suggest before dog swimming we consider that parvovirus and various dog illnesses are contagious. Additionally we do not want to be responsible for animal injuries as a result.
- 302.** Building out a singletrack area would be my highest priority, both from accessing all the park with proposed bridge as well as to relieve the dangerous situation caused by increased ATV and UTV traffic. It is frightening some times. Moving to a one-way system of trails would also help, strongly encourage that.
- 303.** Please keep the track a track.
- 304.** The motocross track needs better up keep and more people would be out riding on it but it always washed out and tore up really bad we have a race team of 5 and would love to ride the track again but one of our got hurt do to one of the jumps not being safe to jump.
- 305.** Keep the motocross track, use volunteer workers for track upkeep, bring races back to Finger Lakes.
- 306.** Make it a real race track.
- 307.** I would like to put together a group of people to volunteer to maintain the motocross track
- 308.** One way trails only, no two way trails
- 309.** Keep the Mx track bike only. People with quads and racks will end up hurting themselves they are not designed for jumping.
- 310.** Trail system needs to be one way limited access winding thru the entire park with no entry other than the start and finish if trail. Or loop systems that ho to a perimeter loop one way go to you tube look at Highland Park and durhamtown plantation videos safe fun and exciting trail system. You have the elevation changes to make this a go to destination. Keep the mx track to hijes only atvs unless they are sport models they are ill equipped to handle jumps and more people will hurt themselves.
- 311.** We use the motocross track along with friends on a refill at basis. All of us race and it is a great place to practice. Also camping near the track would be amazing as we also all camp in towable rv's.
- 312.** DO NOT REMOVE THE MOTOCROSS TRACK!!!!!!! IT'S ALL WE HAVE IN MID MO. IF ANYTHING, MORE MAINTENANCE AND HAVE RACES HELD THERE. ATV'S ALREADY RIDE ON THERE. MAKE A WAY ONLY BIKES CAN GET ON THE TRACK. RACING QUADS ARE ONE THING, BUT UTV OR SIDE BY SIDES DO NOT BELONG ON THE TRACK. ID LIKE TO SEE CAMPING SPOTS BY THE TRACK.
- 313.** Please keep the mx track open! Even if it's not well maintained its better than closing it! Please keep it open!
- 314.** Please keep the mx track! Our family uses it often!

315. I have rode dirt bikes & atvs since the early 1990's at Finger Lakes. The trails you were able to ride both dirtbike & atvs. My son and I come to Finger Lakes at least 2 times a month now. We do not ride trails anymore as the side x side are turning everything into mud pits. So we only ride the track which is never maintained and used by almost every rider. The side x side guys always stop to watch, and drink beer they have in there coolers. I thought that was not allowed but that is the crowd that rides side x sides FACT! Please keep the Motorcross track and just till it 2 times a month and the motorcross guys will fill the parking lot. Finger Lakes was donated for motorcycle riding not side x sides not even atvs. If the track was maintained there would be more motorcross guys come. Please keep the motorcross track and maintenance it hold races like it was intended to be originally. Divide the park into sections it will be much safer for all. Motorcycles can ride there areas and trails as well as atvs/ side x side can ride there areas. This park is missing out on business because there is no money spent to make money. The side x side is a in thing right now and will go out. When the fad goes out the nature trees Lakes will be destroyed. Thank You [REDACTED] Centralia Missouri

316. PLEASE INVEST IN THE MOTOCROSS TRACK.IT LETS SO MANY RIDERS TRY A TRACK EXPERIENCE AT THRER OWN PACE.NO OTHER STATE park has this.my I can ride with my kids there

317. We only come for the motocross track. Please keep.

318. Please please keep the motocross track! There are so few options for tracks in mid Missouri. The park trails are not designed for motocross riders, these riders really need a designated, cleared track space to ride and practice. We drive an hour to visit Finger Lakes just for the motocross track!

319. There are way too many people in the motocross community AND the quad community that are unaware that Finger Lakes was planning on removing the motocross track. The public should be much better informed of this information before making that mistake. It is the only public place in MO to do so and removing would be a bad idea. That small area should not be removed for side by sides to take it over. There are other areas in the park to do so. Also the survey was not worded well and should have more details. Ie.. should we keep the motocross track yes or no?

320. Find someone to do monthly up keep of the mx track or even a few prepped practices. You will find that you gain so many more riders. The KC riders will travel and bring 100s of bikes. I love coming to ride there but when there are quads on the mx track it is hard.

321. Keep the motocross track and develop it into what it used to be. Infrastructure is phenomenal but the track needs to be rebuild and managed like a real race track

Do you have comments or suggestions regarding Missouri state parks and historic sites?

- 1.** I love them. Thank you for all you do.
- 2.** Need more off road vehicle areas AND more motorcycle trails. Also consider one way trails for safety.
- 3.** A patch!
- 4.** No
- 5.** Love 'em!
- 6.** I would like to see a priority on creating more mult-use trails throughout the system. Would also like to see connector trails from campgrounds to main trail systems.
- 7.** Finger Lakes state park staff are the best!
- 8.** We need a more clean waterways to kayak on.

9. Do more wildlife habitat work. Burns, cuts, and native grass restoration.
10. More riding areas
11. Same
12. Keep up the great work, I love all the ways to use the parks.
13. We need more atv/dirtbike riding areas in Missouri
14. No
15. Wish cleaning up lakes was a larger priority especially Crowder State park.
16. Always love to visit them when we can.
17. If need volunteers to work on track post need volunteers I'd help
18. Hate to copy and paste but... "Your state has beautiful state parks and when we visit we especially appreciate single track motorcycle trails."!!
19. Columbia is known nationwide for its beautiful course at strawn park. Finger Lakes provides a great landscape and a second championship style course would be a great attraction for both locals and tourist. In addition to this we could get major tournaments here in Columbia such as the world championships.
20. IT'S THE HOME OF MXP AND THE HOTDOG SHOOTOUT BRING IT BACK!!!
21. No
22. No
23. No
24. Our parks are part of our treasure and draw to Missouri.
25. We need to expand some of the parks there to small
26. It would be great if trails could be expanded where land permits. Packing everyone into smaller areas causes more impact on terrain ,safety, and nature
27. Love them
28. It is great to be able to enjoy the use of the parks.
29. No

30. Nice keep them that way x
31. Make nice shower and restrooms.
32. They have so many more employees and rules compared to similar national parks.
33. Nope
34. This place was donated the state for motorcycles and off-road riding only
35. Love riding my dirtbike their
36. More single track is good quads and larger off-road vehicles just destroy
37. No
38. Having a motocross track at a state park is awesome I just wish there were more funding for maintenance
39. na
40. No
41. They should continue to be all be properly cared for and maintained for the citizens of Missouri and those visiting our great state, also they should be properly patrolled.
42. Side by sides have dug out trails, made mud holes, and generally made riding dirtbikes unappealing at St Joes. Segregating traffic or making trails one way would be a good option
43. no comments
44. Keep the motocross track
45. No.
46. No
47. Set aside large areas for primitive tent camping instead of for these monstrous RVs with their generators, outside TVs, etc.
48. No
49. We enjoy the ORV parks in MO. We ride motorcycles as a family My wife fixes her bicycle on the paved trails.
50. No
51. More off road motorcycle riding areas.

- 52. The parks are great
- 53. No
- 54. Please keep them open and limit UTV size/width
- 55. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to visit Missouri state parks and their facilities.
- 56. no
- 57. Maintain the mx/atv track better. People will gladly pay \$30-\$40 to ride a track that isn't rock hard and isn't rain rutted. If you announce regular prepped practice days you will have big turnouts there is no other tracks in mid-mo to ride.
- 58. No
- 59. I enjoy them very much and like visiting them.
- 60. I'm glad the state of Missouri has parks that we can enjoy. I've never been disappointed in our parks.
- 61. Very nice
- 62. More ranger programs.
- 63. No
- 64. Appreciate what they provide.
- 65. N/A
- 66. Keep perserving history there is the youth needs to learn from our history both good and bad.
- 67. The words historic says it all. Save and improve these areas
- 68. No

- 69. We have basically 2 state ran off road use parks in this state with one of the largest state conservation owned properties. It would be nice to have a few more opportunities to ride and would bring in more tourism dollars to the state. We as a state are centrally located in the country and have an amazing opportunity to shine in this area. The Ozarks (Lake Ozark area) has wonderful opportunity for off road use. Take saline valley conservation area gets minimal hunting use and is very much central located would make for a great off road park. Could also be used for hunts too. Just one of many opportunities for ORV use. I would have no problem if you wanted to contact me so we can talk more. As a small business owner of power sports shop and longtime rider of motorcycle and ATVs I've got a bit of experience in this field [REDACTED]
- 70. More riding areas
- 71. Why do ORV's have to pay when boats and bikes don't
- 72. N/a
- 73. No
- 74. Side by sides have made finger lakes more and more dangerous for atvs and motorcycles there needs to be areas side by sides are not allowed.
- 75. Nope
- 76. Please designated off-road areas for 50" wheel base or less
- 77. Some of the most well-maintained parks in the country! Keep up the good work!
- 78. I like riding at this park and being able to find the fifteenth terrain.
- 79. I love Missouri state parks!
- 80. Things like that keep the OHB services available
- 81. None
- 82. If someone has a reserved site make it mandatory that the person reserving the site check in and verify they will use. If the check in is not completed the site should go to first come first served. There are many campsites that has been reserved not being used in the campgrounds.

83. Better trail/track maintenance. Make one area designed for side by sides so i can stop almost being killed everytime they want to go fast asf down the main trails sliding around corners
84. Just start grooming the motocross track.
85. I love all mostate parks
86. NO
87. More single track dirt bike only trails please.
88. Always have fun at state parks
89. Na
90. Na
91. Open up more MO parks and state-owned land for OHV use!
92. N-a
93. Thank you for caring. I'm available to assist. [REDACTED]
94. We all appreciate the the hard work and dedication that goes into keeping our state parks healthy and useful.
95. Na
96. Allow more ORV riding. Even by raising the fee for riders, more ORV locations will benefit the states revenue and keep the off-road community happy.
97. No
98. I love MO state parks and historic sites!! Keep up the good work everybody!!
99. No
100. I am worried your survey designed without a neutral option may not provide the results accurately. As I had to select like or dislike and some items I am neutral on as I am not using the space and do not have strong feelings about it.
101. SxS's ruin designated areas, they tear up everything and are disrespectful to speed limits and rules. Keep a RV areas to 50 in or less.
102. I love the Missouri state parks and historic sites and want them to continue to improve.
103. More full hookups in the campgrounds
104. Do not allow any larger utv. Most of the current parks income comes from bikes and small four wheelers anyway. Opening up a single track section is an excellent idea, to keep people coming and maintain good trail conditions for a smaller riders.
105. Keep them clean and quiet. Kayaks, bicycles, hiking, etc. Would rather not have ATVs and the like.
106. no
107. Have always had a good time enjoying them.
108. Allow metal detecting. So much history is lost to decay due to not being able to retrieve it. We work with our local historical society and display any items that may be of significance to the community or even ties to existing families. It does no good sitting in the dirt. Special permits and rules would have to apply, but it should be considered.
109. They are a wonderful thing for citizens and visitors.
110. Keep up the great work!
111. No
112. Expand campground at Echo.
113. Missouri Parks are beautiful. I've noticed a little bit of a trash problem, but that says more about society today than our parks.
114. Missouri state parks have always been my favorite. They are a great place to camp and is always a peaceful, safe place to be no matter where we have been.
115. I would like to see more ATV areas added to the park system. I am handicapped and unable to walk the trails but I can ride. I also would like to see more paved bike paths added for electric bikes.
116. Keep up the good work! MO state parks are gems and I support what you do to manage these resources for all Missourians.
117. More beginner friendly trails

118. Continue to protect the beautiful natural resources of the state for future generations. Repair the existing trails within the parks
119. No
120. No just more single track. I love the park
121. We travel around with our homeschool group visiting the local state parks. Columbia needs a good building like the runge.
122. Great job maintaining the parks.
123. Please maintain and retain single track riding areas.
124. Change the kids moto track area into a atv track design. Keep motor cross and atv separate.
125. Expand tent areas, too many RVs.
126. Continue upgrading all campsites to full hook up sites
127. Love visiting our state parks!
128. More 50amp campsites
129. I am disabled and always appreciate current and planned development of disabled use areas.
130. They should be kept as natural and pristine as possible.
131. More wifi availability. More concrete full hook up sites.
132. No
133. More, please
134. It's so hard to make reservations with the new website and able to make reservations so far in advance.
135. Love the entire park system. We are incredibly lucky to have this in our state
136. Thank you for your work for our parks.
137. Grateful
138. We need more offroad opportunities for highway legal 4wd vehicles and dispersed camping
139. Keep it natural! Keep motor vehicles in the cities. We need more places without the sounds of motor ruining it. Parks are for peace!
140. I'm sorry to sound redundant. More rock climbing
141. Add disc golf courses.
142. I love Long Branch state park. Beach areas maintained, water is great. I go there because fingers lakes is like a dump compared to Long Branch state park.
143. Building a Disc golf course at the park.
144. Would be great to have more than two riding areas in the state.
145. Wish there were more full hook up sites at all campgrounds
146. N/A
147. Add two disc golf courses
148. Na
149. Yes me and my buddies love visiting the old barn next to the office
150. Keep up the improvements
151. Love MO state parks special use areas to take Girl Scouts camping that has been a great resource to us!
152. More large RV sites with 50 amp service and water
153. No
154. Please keep asking the people what they want I really like that
155. - We have many parks and sites with lakes. ADA ramps for Kayaks and canoe entry are available starting well under \$1000 for simple ones. Here are examples of mid-point ramps <https://www.ez-dock.com/market/kayakers/>. It would be amazing to add ADA docks to the lakes at many of these locations. There are so many people who are wheelchair bound or walking impaired, but could enjoy the great outdoors in a kayak if they could just get in. Please consider adding ADA docs, statewide.
156. We travel all over the country camping in state parks. We pay a park entrance fee in most states which we don't mind paying. I wish Missouri would do the same. This way you all would have the funds to make major improvements rather than letting them deteriorate like the Bennet Springs swimming pool for example.
157. We love what you all do! Also the conservation areas. It is wonderful that we can all share these beautiful places.

- 158.** We love Missouri State Parks!!! But more than a few Missouri State Parks are tough for tent campers. They have lots of basic camp spots but not level place anywhere to put the tent. I think this might be good: a committee with participation from folks like REI and Alpine shop and others to come up with an ideal economical tent pad design or designs for keeping level and dry. And then State Park that could benefit from this would work as funds or volunteers are available to get these pads built.
- 159.** Keep up the great work guys!
- 160.** More Mountain Bike Trails
- 161.** Greatly appreciate all the work put in to the parks.
- 162.** The gun range and amenities are nice, the campgrounds are a nice place to take kids and teach them how to ride bicycles, the kayak course is a nice touch. Personally, sun, sand, swim, hike and bike are what I would like to see.
- 163.** For the last decade, we have enjoyed staying only at state park campgrounds. But now the year-long camping reservation window makes it difficult to book in most parks. As an active, young family it's hard to commit to something 12 months out, so we have often started camping at privately owned campgrounds that are easier to get reservations at. :(
- 164.** I love places like this. I love history and think it should be preserved. We should not allow statues to be torn down or disfigured just because it's not a statue of a black American.
- 165.** Preserve as much as possible
- 166.** Please consider disc golf in Missouri state parks
- 167.** I think the park needs some shelters just simple poles with simple roofs to house a bonfire in the center. These could be used for informational meetings so people dont have to stand 2 hours while learning. I recommend a certified AIA architect do the review of the park needs. Also before building anything the safety of the dam must be addressed. It is overgrown with cedars that will destroy it on the rocky fork side especially. parts of the lake also need dead wood removal so no boats will be damaged from them. snarls and snags can sink boats and injure paddlers. The buoys need to be upgraded also with directional signage.
- 168.** Anything that increases camping areas is good
- 169.** No
- 170.** Please make the trail better my husband won't take me on my tab says it's too dangerous without the trails being one way . We ride in Georgia and durhamtown plantation is a great example of how trails should be setup. Iam a novice rider and it is all doable.
- 171.** Please make this better it would be so good.
- 172.** We love our state parks and want more of them to offer off-roading opportunities.
- 173.** We love them
- 174.** Please keep them track!
- 175.** Missouri Parks should be enjoyed by all that love nature, the side x side is not for the love nature in missouri. As it is in Colorado where you can tour hundreds of miles of trails. This group of guys are looking for party park to have a mud fest! Which will bring other illegal activities!!! Please take care of the Herritage of Finger Lakes State Park. There can be fund raiser events. But they have not worked in this area previously because of the people managing the program.
- 176.** We need more of the parks to do such a great job at diversifying the options like Finger Lakes does.
- 177.** No