Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead
State Historic Site
CDP Survey #2 Results (2021)

**New Office Location**
- A (South of Boone Home): 33 (60%)
- B (Current Location): 22 (40%)

**New Maintenance Area**
- C (South of Boone Home): 3 (6%)
- D (North of Current Office): 17 (31%)
- None: 34 (63%)

**Bike Backcountry Camping Area**
- Like: 44 (80%)
- Dislike: 11 (20%)

**Bike Trails**
- Like: 50 (91%)
- Dislike: 5 (9%)
**Comments/suggestions regarding Nathan and Olive Boone Homestead SHS:**

1. Like the proposed location of the new office in relation to the historic road.

2. I would encourage Boone Homestead staff, if they haven't already, to reach out to Ozarks Greenways and the Frisco Highline Trail. Given Ash Grove's location on the 76 National bike trail, this is a great way to bring more folks to the site.

3. I led a group of cyclists there in 2019. We were on road bikes which aren't really good on gravel. Many waited at the entrance but some ventured with me carefully down the gravel drive. There are really three main types of bikes in use. Road bikes, gravel bikes, and mountain bikes. With gravel and unpaved trails, you'd probably want to appeal to mountain bikes (how long is the proposed trail?). If it's all going to be gravel, then gravel bikes or mountain bikes. If it's all going to be paved then any bike. The park was a stop along a 30 mile bike ride, so we only had road bikes with us. Road bikes are the best for roads and long rides. The other two types work on roads, but due to the way they're built and the wider tires, they take a lot more effort to pedal on the road than road bikes. Maybe having a paved option from the entrance to home and cemetery, for road bikers, and gravel or natural surface trails for the gravel and mountain bikers.

4. Looks good to me.
5. I like the thought of a bike trail around the perimeter, but not so sure on the camping.

6. Love the idea of hiking and biking trails. It’s a beautiful area but unless there are specific interpretive days I’m sure it is quite under used.

7. None

8. I feel like the current office is a good place bc it already has the drive and parking. Think we should not disturb the land to put up buildings, use the current ones. Installing trails is a great idea as it won’t interfere with the original lay of the land.

9. New office needs to have a museum / display space. Several community members have Boone related items we would like to donate but are concerned with the current lack of secure display space.

10. Like location of new office along the old road.

11. Be sure to keep new office and maintenance areas close to keep utility cost lower for installation.

12. Only visited once, but I grew up along the Katy Trail and am a big fan of bike trails generally.

Comments/suggestions regarding Missouri State Parks:

1. Please make invasive species control a priority on your properties. They so dramatically change the experience of a place, and the loss of native landscapes is felt even more at a historic site.

2. I am concerned that lesser-known parks, such as the Boone Homestead and Current River SP, are not receiving their due in terms of budgetary priorities. In the case of the latter, Current River SP would be an excellent retreat/education center, but maintenance backlogs to a faulty septic system are being ignored.

3. I hope to see Missouri continue to invest in its current parks and also add new parks. We have wonderful state parks and I think this is something that should continue to improve. I have noticed that there in a lack of parks with camping in central Missouri (Columbia area) outside of the ORV park.

4. You do a good job.

5. MO state parks are wonderful, you are doing great considering the budget you get.

6. No

7. Love the hiking paths. Make sure bathrooms available year round

8. More bike trails and camping that will accommodate larger RV’s

9. You’re doing a great job.

10. Better information like Facebook etc. so people know you’re out there to visit.

11. I grew up along the Katy Trail and am a big fan of bike trails generally. But as a historian, I’m also happy to see historic sites featured along with natural wonders great and small.
12. My favorite state park experience was that year (a while back) when you had a passport program which encouraged Missourians to visit Parks and sites far from home. For me it became a great inspiration to visit places far from those that were in my back yard. I hope you do it again sometime.

13. Unfortunately these days I am pretty much home bound (even without COVID concerns). But my park explorations make great memories.

14. Charge admission, with discounts or season passes for state residents. This would bring in much needed revenue to the state. People from other states visit our parks for free, but we have to pay to visit theirs. If no admission, please consider a fee for boat launches. If someone can afford a boat they can afford to support the state.