

Knob Noster State Park – Public Meeting Agenda – 9/13/2024

1. Introductions

2. Unique and interesting features of the park

The park is 78 years old and was constructed by the Works Progress Administration, the Civilian Conservation Corps, and the National Parks Service. Missouri State Parks has been steward of this park since October 10, 1946.

We have nearly 4000 acres to explore, which include:

- 2 organized group camps
- 19 miles of trail, which includes 1 mountain bike trail and 1 equestrian trail
 - 4 more miles of Spirit Trail – soon
- 1 special-use camping area
- 1 campground
- Over 70 structures for visitors to utilize
- Kayak rentals are normally from April 15 through Sept 30. Next year's rentals will start again on around April 15.

- No frost-free hydrant in the campground

- Off-season starts on Nov 1 through April 14
 - Sites 1 – 25 can be reserved in the off-season

3. Talk about the past year. Mention noteworthy accomplishments, special events, staff awards, completed projects, weather related impacts, etc. Consider what the public would be interested in hearing about since your last meeting. What you are you most proud of at your park/site?

- There have been some big changes over the last year in the campground, which included approximately \$1 million in upgrades that started October 2022.
- The upgrades are exciting for campers as we upgraded the electricity to 50 amp, provided additional concrete pads, and several full-hook sites.
- In the last year, we have held numerous special events and programs: Toddler Tuesdays, Yoga in the Park, and KC WoW.
- We have continued work on stewardship, which includes removal of various invasive or exotic species, such as bush honeysuckle and autumn olive.
- Prepping both organized group camps for visitors. Both camps take weeks to prepare, and the pool at Camp Bobwhite usually weeks of work to prep for the season.
- We have spent the last 10 months working on constructing the Spirit Trail.
- Re-shingled two structures at Camp Bobwhite – Cabin 3 and 4

4. Look ahead. Discuss upcoming projects, changes in operations specific to your facility, promote special events, new programs, upcoming celebrations, etc.

- Re-Shingling Visitor Center
- Water and Waste Water improvements
- Pavement Overlay
- We have numerous special events throughout the year. Look on our website at mostateparks.com for details.
 - HallowFest Oct 19 4 – 8 p.m. at Camp Bobwhite
 - Halloween Campout Oct 26 6 p.m.
 - Spirit Trail Ribbon Cutting Oct 31 1 p.m. – Clearfork shelter
 - Yoga in the Park Sept 15, Oct 6 and 20 10 a.m. @ Clearfork Shelter
 - Toddler Thursdays Sept 26, Oct 10 and 24 10 a.m. @ the VC
 - First Day Hike Jan 1
- We will hold a managed deer hunt in early December, which allowed us to effectively manage the deer population. The park will be closed to all non-registered hunters on Sat, Dec 7 and Sun, Dec 8. This helps manage the deer population to help protect the park’s natural resources.
- To learn more about the park’s activities, you can also sign up for a park newsletter by contacting the park’s office at 660-563-2463.

5. **Closing:**

If you have any questions you can reach out to the park office at Knob Noster State Par or email us at knobnosterstatepark@dnr.mo.gov. You may also use the comments section to provide feedback focused on the operations at Knob Noster State Park. If you have other questions or comments you can email moparks@dnr.mo.gov, the park’s contact information is also listed in the video description for your convenience.

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