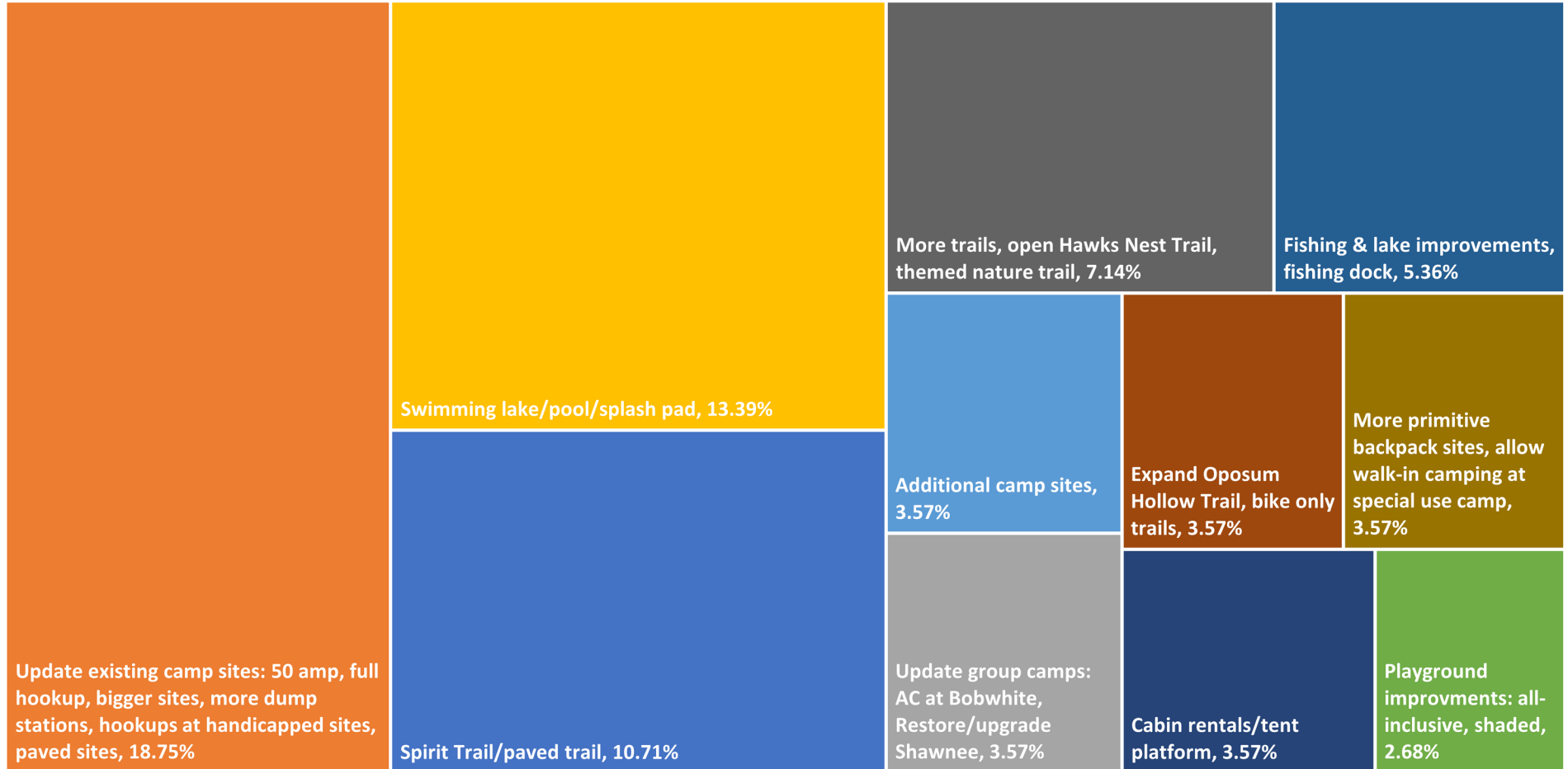




KNOB NOSTER STATE PARK

Q: What recreational activities and facilities, if any, do you feel are missing and should be added to this park or historic site to enhance the visitor experience?



Comments/suggestions regarding Missouri State Parks:

1. Keep up great work
2. Site is always clean and in good shape, even the trail areas susceptible to washing out.
3. I appreciate all the hard work that goes into keeping the parks clean and family friendly
4. Very pretty
5. Opossum hollow trail is great. Any enhancements to the trail would be welcome. I hope more Airmen from WAFB will help with maintenance. Perhaps MO SP can team up with WAFB outdoor rec for this.
6. We will be there in October, please don't remove the orienteering. That's why we picked this park.
7. We love going to Bennet Springs and Pomme de Terre because they offer things for kiddos besides biking/hiking
8. We love KNOB. It has been such a blessing to have somewhere close to be outside in a safe way during this pandemic. We have walked many trails and waded in the river many times.
9. Lake yucky to kayak in. KNOB is our favorite nearby park campground. We love the trails and wooded campsites
10. We love MSP! My husband and I both worked as seasonal for several years, and I love the spirit most employees have of wanting to create a fun and engaging place for visitors. MSP should hold more large events for the public. Keep up the good work!
11. Sites need to be made bigger for accommodating today's large campers. More full hookup sites. Better WiFi. A reservation system that allows for reservations to be made at the park office if there is one at the campground.
12. Ensure parks stay properly funded and maintained
13. Our family has not been to this park yet but we are always looking for new parks with camping, hiking, and some sort of water fun for the kids. A nice shower house/bathroom is always a great thing too.
14. Out of state campers should pay more... getting difficult to make reservations. Should go back to 6 month reservation window.
15. Thanks for the work you do!
16. Love hanging beautiful parks close by!
17. Clean tables and fire pits. Add water to each site. More dump stations

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- 18.** I really love the parks. And although we have always used the Knob Noster state park, this year it was especially a wonderful gift of outside activities. And we also were able to go to a few state parks in the south eastern part of the state around Eminence.
- 19.** They are beautiful and should be preserved and maintained as they are; adding more manmade structures would be a disservice to their natural beauty.
- 20.** 20 MPH speed limits should be enforced...too many fast drivers/tailgaters detract from park serenity.
- 21.** The park is great
- 22.** They are awesome and I prefer having hiking trails over big picnic/gathering sites
- 23.** I would like to suggest adding a fold able Kayak Trolley Energy-saving Two-wheeled Carrier Cart for Kayak Canoe Boat, they are not expensive and as a 65 year old asthmatic it is not to hard to get the kayak to the lake, but after paddling for an hour or so getting it back up the hill is hard.
- 24.** My family has always enjoyed the park, but it has been a saving grace during COVID.
- 25.** Great hosts always and it's always well kept!
- 26.** Is it easy to fish from all sides of the lake?
- 27.** Keep bikes off horse trails
- 28.** This park has everything it needs for a nice getaway
- 29.** I love Knob Noster. I like the additional signage at the state parks about history. Keep adding more.
- 30.** No
- 31.** Make the trails less mucky
- 32.** The lake buteo trail is extremely muddy, and our area is full of families who would utilize this park more if the trail was accessible for more people.
- 33.** Not at this time
- 34.** Roads to the campground should be wider to accommodate campers easier and a vault toilet should be added to the back loop of the campground due to the number of primitive camp sites there.
- 35.** More activities to do inside camping area
- 36.** I have been to several. Keep up the good work

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- 37.** Connect the park from within. I shouldn't have to leave the park when going from buteo to Clearfork Creek. They should be connected.
- 38.** Keep up the good work!
- 39.** This, and all other MO State Parks I've visited are true gems. I am thrilled to have such beauty so easily accessible, and I hope we can maintain these for future generations to also enjoy.
- 40.** Keep them as natural as possible
- 41.** I love our state parks. Sometimes it's hard to find them. I'll be driving along and see one I didn't even know existed.
- 42.** A large lake for boating and fishing. The area to the left of the Clearfork lake road behind the manager's house running north of the group camp could accommodate a lake of several hundred acres. This would enhance the park and bring in more usage. As the natural resource manager of the park from 1974 to 1978, I proposed this plan. It was looked at but was not acted on. Knob Noster needs a boost to increase the appeal of the park. This lake could give it.
- 43.** This is a beautiful but unknown park. Would LOVE to see Spirit trail extended to park. Would be a huge boost to the park usage. I ride from Warrensburg to end of trail often but am afraid to ride on DD so the park when bicycling of not accessible.
- 44.** I'm not a fan of every campsite reserved ahead of time, but I understand why you had to do it like this. I hope after this pandemic thing gets better controlled parks will allow first come first served sites again.
- 45.** Keep them undeveloped. Prioritize primitive camping
- 46.** We would love to kayak in the pond, however it has always been absolutely disgusting. The bugs around the area (ticks and mosquitoes) are almost unbearable. The campground is laid out perfectly and sites are nice and spacious, would love to see sewer and water at the sites for longer stays. We pretty much go here to do nothing because there's nothing to do unless you want to get eaten alive by ticks.
- 47.** Bath house could use a renovation. It's in pretty bad shape. Love the hiking trails.
- 48.** We love Missouri State Parks
- 49.** I love them. It is great that they are free. I come from Texas which also has great parks but they are not free. There are so many around here I can go every weekend. I especially love the trails and especially loves the parks that are big enough that the trails take you away from the noises of the road. Wonderful parks. I have been blown away and I've only been to 4 so far!

- 50.** Additional kayak rentals on the larger Clearfork Lake with sand bars and/or something to make it easier to get boats into and out of the water. Women-friendly life vests. All-inclusive playgrounds to replace the old playgrounds. Close the McAdoo trail to horses. The trail was poorly planned and has sections that never dry out. The horses are constantly causing damages to the trail. Additional pack-in sites on Opossum Hollow trail. Open the Special Use Area up to walk-in camping. Remove the golf course!! How is this a natural resource? Informational kiosks at new locations like the natural area/special use area. Update the current kiosks! One is destroyed from squirrels. Update the Visitor Center. The displays are the same from the 90's! Outdoor classroom for school groups and programming would be great. What is going on with Camp Shawnee? It looks run down and is a unique cultural resource. Money should be appropriated to restoring it! If the group camp isn't being used as such, it should be used as something else. Like renting the cabins/pods out. Add cook grills to the cabin areas and treat it like a campground. Bobwhite needs AC added to the cabins and dining hall. We need a disc golf course!
- 51.** Knob Noster needs the campground updated. MO taxes pay for day use..RV campers pay an additional fee. It would be nice if some of that revenue went into upgrading the campground since those are the ones paying.
- 52.** Need a swimming hole or small access with bathroom and hand washing facilities
- 53.** I love the Ranger talks. Very informative. Nature hikes for the kids would be nice.
- 54.** Love them!
- 55.** Have really enjoyed all the MO State Parks. Love camping and kayaking.
- 56.** Puncheons in the low lying trail areas are much-needed
- 57.** I love visiting them.
- 58.** Keep up the great work
- 59.** I enjoy the state parks. They are the only place we choose to camp because of the activities and family fun. The fact that our money goes to the conservation is a plus.
- 60.** More handicap accessible trails and fishing areas for seniors and handicap. Better grooming... mow, mow, mow. Missouri lacks State Parks in Western side of the state.
- 61.** We stayed here while attending the State Fair. More full hook ups, al ot of the state parks have none except the camp host. With COVID, more people would visit if they didn't have to use the shower house.

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62. I love the park, but haven't been to visit in a long time. It's not because it is missing anything. I just don't think to go and am lazy! Maybe hosting some guided walks or storytelling tours would be nice. Thanks for all you do! I no longer live in Warrensburg, but come back regularly (until covid stopped my travel). Next time I'm back, I'll plan a morning in the park.

63. It is good.