

Appendix B – Public Input Summary

Over the duration of the General Management Planning process, the F.J. McLain State Park Planning Team ensured a variety of opportunities for public input and feedback. These avenues included:

Overview of Public Input Opportunities

- **Public Input Survey** – an online survey developed to gather general information about park visitors and their use of the park as well as recommendations for improving features and amenities offered at the park. The survey was made available for a 10-week period.
- **F.J. McLain State Park Website** – the public could post comments on the website, which also included additional resources about the General Management Planning process. The link for the website is: <http://www.clearzoning.com/clearzoning-clients/mclain-state-park/>
- **Stakeholder Input Open House (September 10th, 2014)** – located at Portage District Library, stakeholders had the opportunity to learn about the General Management Planning process and provide input regarding the Statements of Significance and the Draft 10-Year Action Goals. Approximately 53 stakeholders were invited to the open house; three stakeholders attended.
- **Public Input Meeting (October 29, 2014)** – located at Keweenaw National Historical Park, members of the public were invited to learn about the General Management Planning process and comment on the Statements of Significance and the Draft 10-Year Action Goals.

DNR Stakeholder Open House F.J. McLain State Park



We Want Your Input!!

You are invited to complete a 5-10 minute online survey, which can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/McLainSPSurvey>

Your input will inform the Planning Team as they develop appropriate zones and action goals for the park!

You are encouraged to visit the project website at:

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For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Mardy Stirling at mardy@clearzoning.com or 248.423.1776 x 15

DNR Stakeholder Open House Draft General Management Plan F.J. McLain State Park

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You and/or your group have been identified as a stakeholder, with active interests in F.J. McLain State Park. Using an open house format, the DNR will share its initial thoughts on the Draft General Management Plan and welcomes your input.

You may drop in at any time during the scheduled open house. However, we request that each stakeholder group limit itself to not more than 3 representatives, so that we may accommodate everyone based on meeting space and time constraints.

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Portage Lake District Library
58 Huron Street
Houghton, MI 49931



F.J. McLain State Park

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
General Management Planning Process
Stakeholder Input Workshop
F.J. McLain State Park**

**September 10, 2014
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Portage Lake District Library**

1. **Planning Team Introductions at 2:00 p.m.**
2. **Brief Presentation of Management Planning Process and Status at 2:05 p.m.**
 - a. Significance Statements
 - b. Development of Management Zone Maps
 - c. Action Goal Development – Draft 10-year strategies to address the desired future condition of each zone
 - d. F.J. McLain State Park Planning Team Draft Action Goals organized by:
 - General Action Goals
 - High Risk Erosion Zone
 - Backcountry Zone
 - Developed Recreation Zone
 - Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone
 - e. Priority Exercise explained
 - f. Action Goals input sheets described
 - g. Questions and Answers
3. **Open House at 2:30 p.m.**
 - a. You are invited to visit each of the stations and talk to Planning Team members
 - b. Sticky notes are available to comment on Management Zone Map
 - c. Color dots are available for you to identify your priority actions (please limit yourself to 10 dots)
 - d. “Additional Input” sheets are available for you to contribute additional suggested actions goals
4. **Adjournment at 4:00 p.m.**

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/McLainSPSurvey>

For More Information:

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Stakeholder Input Open House Attendees	
Name	Affiliation
Steve Delong	Keweenaw National Historical Park
Glenn Anderson	City of Hancock
Liz Valencia	Isle Royale National Park

General Action Goals				
<p>Many of the 10-Year Action Goals for F.J. McLain State Park are general in nature and apply within all of the management zones. These often deal with park-wide issues, such as invasive species control, universal access, developing Stewardship, Wildlife and Emergency plans, or marketing the park's many recreational opportunities to a wider audience of potential users. Many of the overall maintenance and operational issues of running a state park also result in the need for actions across all zone boundaries, such as law enforcement.</p>				
Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position	Priority Stickers (Stakeholders)
Natural Resources				
1. Develop Stewardship Plan.	3-5 Years	Park Manager Stewardship	Stewardship Ecologist	
2. Implement Stewardship Plan for the park	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship	Park Manager Stewardship	
3. Implement early detection and rapid response to invasive species control	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship Fisheries	Park Manager	
Historic/Cultural Resources				
1. Continue to protect cultural resources	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship State Historic Preservation Office Regional Planner	Park Manager Stewardship Office of State Archaeologist	2
2. Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources	Ongoing	Stewardship State Historic Preservation Office Regional Planner	Cultural Resource Analyst Office of State Archaeologist	
3. Review all projects involving historic structures, existing or acquired	Ongoing	Stewardship State Historic Preservation Office Regional Planner	Cultural Resource Analyst State Historic Preservation Office	1
Recreation Opportunities				
Refer to individual management zones				
Education/Interpretation Opportunities				
1. Develop specific interpretation and education opportunities	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship Historical Center Marketing & Outreach	Marketing & Outreach Historical Center	
2. Develop an interpretive plan that utilizes a variety of traditional and new media, including audio and visual technologies, podcasts, and other emerging technologies for interpretation opportunities.	2 Years	Park Manager Historical Center Marketing & Outreach	Park Manager Historical Center Marketing & Outreach	1
3. Implement the Interpretive Plan	3-5 Years	Park Manager Historical Center Marketing & Outreach	Park Manager Historical Center Marketing & Outreach	1

Stakeholder Comments:

Work with National Park Service to coordinate efforts in the region.

General Action Goals				
Management Focus				Priority Stickers (Stakeholder)
1. Develop new Master Plan for relocation of park infrastructure	3-5 Years	Regional Planner Park Manager	Regional Planner Park Manager	2
2. Develop Transition Plan for relocation of park infrastructure	3-5 Years	Regional Planner Park Manager	Regional Planner Park Manager	
3. Explore acquisition of property within the General Management Plan Proposed Boundary as opportunities present themselves	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship Lands Manager	Lands Manager	2
4. Review and update Wildfire Plan and Emergency Plan	Completed with Annual Update	Park Manager Stewardship	Park Manager	
5. Continue to support PRD and local initiatives to explore and develop revenue generating opportunities that are sustainable	Ongoing	Park Manager Historical Center Marketing & Outreach	Park Manager Historical Center	
6. Continue to complete and comply with annual safety inspections and plans	Ongoing	Park Manager	Park Manager	
7. Implement PRD marketing effort at local level and within the park	5 Years	Park Manager Recreation Programmer Historical Center Marketing & Outreach	Park Manager Marketing & Outreach	
8. Review concession contracts	Ongoing Annual Review	Park Manager Contracts and Lease Coordinator	Park Manager	
9. Continue to collaborate with community partners to support the mutual goals of PRD and the local partners	Ongoing	Park Manager Local Partners	Park Manager Local Partners	
10. Continue to support the Keweenaw Water Trail	Ongoing	Park Manager Local Partners	Park Manager Local Partners	1
Development				
1. Relocate or maintain park facilities and infrastructure consistent with Master Plan and Transition Plan	5-10 Years	Park Manager Regional Planner	Park Manager	2
2. Continue to ensure ADA accessibility for all development opportunities	Ongoing	Park Manager Regional Planner	Park Manager	

High Risk Erosion Zone

Over 50% of F.J. McLain State Park's shoreline is designated as a High Risk Erosion Zone. This zone corresponds to the High Risk Erosion Area, as assigned by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), which are those shorelines of the Great Lakes where active erosion has been occurring at a long-term average rate of one foot or more per year over a minimum of 15 years. While some park infrastructure is currently located within this zone, the intent is to remove the infrastructure over time and allow only very limited development in the future. A permit is required to construct any permanent structure and the only structures permitted in the zone will be designed to minimize shoreline erosion. This zone will generally reflect natural processes, but will allow for active vegetative management techniques focused on protecting the shoreline from erosion.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position	Priority Stickers (Stakeholder)
Natural Resources				
1. Continue to follow shorelands management program regulations as administered by the DEQ for the designated High Risk Erosion Area	Ongoing	MDEQ Park Manager Regional Planner	Park Manager	1
Historic/Cultural Resources				
None identified at this time				
Education/Interpretation Opportunities				
None identified at this time				
Recreation Opportunities				
1. Maintain lake viewing, swimming, beach walking, and like activities consistent with the zone	Ongoing	Park Manager	Park Manager	3
Management Focus				
1. Control access to beach in a way that protects the resource and minimizes further shoreline erosion	Ongoing	Park Manager	Park Manager	
2. Continue to develop and implement management strategies that minimize erosion	Ongoing	Regional Planner Park Manager	Park Manager	
3. Phased relocation of infrastructure and facilities out of the High Risk Erosion Zone consistent with the Master Plan and Transition Plan	10 years	Park Manager Regional Planner PRD Development Unit	Park Manager Regional Planner PRD Development Unit	2
Development				
None proposed at this time				

Backcountry Zone

The character of the Backcountry Zone is intended to be natural, with minimal evidence of human impact. Backcountry allows for various low-intensity, non-motorized recreational opportunities such as hiking, cross-country skiing, hunting, and nature observation. Furthermore, the Backcountry Zone allows for slight modifications of the landscape (trail development) to accommodate a use where it is consistent with the protection of the resource. At F.J. McLain State Park, the area south of M-203 is designated as Backcountry Zone.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position	Priority Stickers (Stakeholder)
Natural Resources				
1. Perform threatened and endangered species survey.	1-3 Years	MNFI Stewardship Ecologist	MNFI	
Historic/Cultural Resources				
1. Perform Phase 1 archaeological survey	10 Years	Park Manager Regional Planner Stewardship Office of State Archaeologist	Stewardship	1
Education/Interpretation Opportunities				
None identified at this time				
Recreation Opportunities				
1. Evaluate opportunities for hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and/or mountain biking trails	5-10 Years	Park Manager Regional Planner Stewardship	Park Manager	1
Management Focus				
1. Provide management which facilitates low intensity non-motorized recreational opportunities in a natural environment.	Ongoing	Park Manager	Park Manager	1
Development				
1. Improve ADA accessibility compatible with the natural character of the zone	5-10 Years	Park Manager Regional Planner	Park Manager	

Developed Recreation Zone				
<p>Active recreation with high density of use, conducted in areas not designated for natural resource significance, is characteristic of the Developed Recreation Zone. In this zone, recreation dominates with natural resource attributes enhanced where possible. More than half of the park is designated as Developed Recreation Zone. F.J. McLain State Park's day-use and camping area are located in this zone.</p>				
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Natural Resources				
None proposed at this time				
Historic/Cultural Resources				
None identified at this time				
Education/Interpretation Opportunities				
1. Determine appropriate location and add interpretive kiosks about local/regional features, geological process, history...etc.	1-3 Years	Stewardship Park Manager	Stewardship	1
Recreation Opportunities				
1. Evaluate opportunity for ORV trail connection to Hancock/Calumet Trail.	5-10 Years	Park Manager Regional Planner District Supervisor Recreational Partners	Park Manager	2
2. Pursue acquisition of Coast Guard property and evaluate the suitability of canal for recreational opportunities	5-10 Years	Regional Planner Land Manager District Supervisor	Land Manager	4
Management Focus				
Maintain and improve facilities and structures consistent with Capital Outlay priorities	Ongoing	Park Manager	Park Manager	
Development				
1. Relocate or maintain park facilities and infrastructure consistent with Master Plan and Transition Plan	5-10 Years	Park Manager Regional Planner	Park Manager	2

Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone				
<p>The Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone addresses the overall setting in which is found not only historic structures, but all non-structural evidence of the traditions, beliefs, practices, life ways, arts, crafts and social institutions of any community. A Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone has been applied over the entire F.J. McLain State Park in recognition of cultural resources known to be present in this area. Yet while interpretation opportunities within the overlay should be explored, the recommendations of the underlying Developed Recreation Zone and Backcountry Zone are the primary focus.</p>				
Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position	Priority Stickers (Stakeholder)
Education/Interpretation Opportunities				
1. Refer to General Action Goals and the underlying zones				

F.J. McLain State Park

Stakeholder Input Meeting September 10, 2014 Discussion/Comments/Actions

1. Brainstorming Session
 - a. Concern about the number of camping sites and whether there were any proposals to change the current level or inventory because of their importance to the tourism industry. Team members responded that the number of sites would likely remain constant at the park.
 - b. Comment that the condition and adaptability of the Coast Guard Station structures should be included in any consideration to acquire from Federal Government. Discussion regarding the historical significance of the buildings, their recent history and deteriorating condition and what role, if any, the DNR would have in acquiring and using the property.
2. Review of Management Zone Map comments
 - a. Questions regarding including the private property in the proposed park boundary adjacent to Bear Lake. It was explained that the 2004 NRC Project Boundary included a much larger area. Land to the west and south, and other developed parcels, have been removed from the proposed project boundary, which now includes just two private landowners. It was noted that landowners would be contacted to explain what this boundary means prior to the plans being made public.

Action Item for Planning Team:

Mardy will send L. Valencia of the National Park Service the goals sheet to prioritize and comment.

DNR Public Open House F.J. McLain State Park



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[http://
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Wednesday, October 29, 2014

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Keweenaw National Historical Park Headquarters
25970 Red Jacket Road
Calumet, Michigan**





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DNR to hold open house Oct. 29 on new General Management Plan for F.J. McLain State Park

Contact: [Debbie Jensen](#), 517-284-6105 or [Debbie Munson Badini](#), 906-226-1352
Agency: Natural Resources

Oct. 17, 2014

The Department of Natural Resources will hold a public open house Wednesday, Oct. 29, to invite public input on a new draft General Management Plan for F.J. McLain State Park. The open house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the training room at the Keweenaw National Historical Park Headquarters, located at 25970 Red Jacket Road, in Calumet, Michigan.

[F.J. McLain State Park](#) includes 443 acres and two miles of Lake Superior shoreline, located between Calumet and Hancock in Houghton County. The park's location in the heart of the Copper Country makes it an ideal base for visitors to explore the area's many attractions. Park visitors can enjoy camping, picnicking, windsurfing, beachcombing, sight-seeing, hunting and watching spectacular sunsets.

The General Management Plan for McLain State Park defines a long-range planning and management strategy that will assist the DNR Parks and Recreation Division in meeting its responsibilities to protect and preserve the site's natural and cultural resources, and to provide access to land- and water-based public recreation and educational opportunities. The draft plan is available for review online at www.clearzoning.com/clearzoning-clients/mclain-state-park.

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"The management plan for F.J. McLain State Park is in response to the ongoing shoreline erosion and the impact it will have on the park's recreational assets," said DNR park management plan administrator Debbie Jensen. "It will provide a framework for managers as we plan for the future."

The public input meeting will begin with a short presentation of the draft plan, but members of the public are welcome to attend at any time during the two-hour period to review the planning material, provide comments and talk to DNR staff.

For more information about the public input open house or the draft General Management Plan, contact Debbie Jensen at 517-284-6105 (TTY/TDD711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired) or via email at Jensend1@michigan.gov. Persons with disabilities who need accommodations for the meeting should contact Debbie Jensen at least five business days before the meeting.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.

F.J. McLain State Park

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Public Input Open House Attendees	
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Charles Dlubala	
Lorraine Burg	
Dave Pelli	
Linda Pelli	

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2. Implement Stewardship Plan for the park	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship	Park Manager Stewardship	
3. Implement early detection and rapid response to invasive species control	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship Fisheries	Park Manager	1
Historic/Cultural Resources				
1. Continue to protect cultural resources	Ongoing	Park Manager Stewardship State Historic Preservation Office Regional Planner	Park Manager Stewardship Office of State Archaeologist	
2. Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources	Ongoing	Stewardship State Historic Preservation Office Regional Planner	Cultural Resource Analyst Office of State Archaeologist	1
3. Review all projects involving historic structures, existing or acquired	Ongoing	Stewardship State Historic Preservation Office Regional Planner	Cultural Resource Analyst State Historic Preservation Office	
Recreation Opportunities				
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Education/Interpretation Opportunities				
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2. Develop an interpretive plan that utilizes a variety of traditional and new media, including audio and visual technologies, podcasts, and other emerging technologies for interpretation opportunities, in conjunction with regional partners.	2 Years	Park Manager Historical Center Marketing & Outreach Regional Partners	Park Manager Historical Center Marketing & Outreach	
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General Action Goals				
Management Focus				Priority Stickers (Public Open House)
1. Develop new Master Plan and Transition Plan for relocation of park infrastructure	1-3 Years	Regional Planner Park Manager	Regional Planner Park Manager	2
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8. Continue to collaborate with community partners to support the mutual goals of PRD and the local partners	Ongoing	Park Manager Local Partners	Park Manager Local Partners	
9. Continue to support the Keweenaw Water Trail	Ongoing	Park Manager Local Partners	Park Manager Local Partners	
10. Continue to plan and support connections to non-motorized trail systems throughout the region by engaging with our local recreation partners.	Ongoing	Park Manager Regional Planner Local Partners	Park Manager	
Development				
1. Relocate or maintain park facilities and infrastructure consistent with Master Plan and Transition Plan	5-10 Years	Park Manager Regional Planner	Park Manager	
1. Strive to achieve universal accessibility compatible with the character of the zone	Ongoing	Park Manager Regional Planner	Park Manager	

High Risk Erosion Zone

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Recreation Opportunities				
1. Maintain lake viewing, swimming, beach walking, and like activities consistent with the zone	Ongoing	Park Manager	Park Manager	6
Management Focus				
1. Control access to beach in a way that protects the resource and minimizes further shoreline erosion	Ongoing	Park Manager	Park Manager	4
2. Continue to develop and implement management strategies that minimize erosion	Ongoing	Regional Planner Park Manager	Park Manager	2
3. Phased relocation of infrastructure and facilities out of the High Risk Erosion Zone consistent with the Master Plan and Transition Plan	Ongoing	Park Manager Regional Planner PRD Development Unit	Park Manager Regional Planner PRD Development Unit	3

Backcountry Zone				
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Natural Resources				
1. Perform threatened and endangered species survey on newly acquired parcels.	Ongoing	MNFI Stewardship Ecologist	MNFI	
Historic/Cultural Resources				
1. Perform Phase 1 archaeological survey	10 Years	Park Manager Regional Planner Stewardship Office of State Archaeologist	Stewardship	
Recreation Opportunities				
1. Evaluate opportunities for hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and/or mountain biking trails	5-10 Years	Park Manager Regional Planner Stewardship	Park Manager	4
Management Focus				
1. Provide management which facilitates low intensity non-motorized recreational opportunities in a natural environment.	Ongoing	Park Manager	Park Manager	2
Development				
1. Strive to achieve universal accessibility compatible with the natural character of the zone	5-10 Years	Park Manager Regional Planner	Park Manager	1

Developed Recreation Zone				
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Education/Interpretation Opportunities				
1. Determine appropriate location and add interpretive elements about local/regional features, geological process, history, and the like.	1-3 Years	Stewardship Park Manager Marketing & Outreach	Stewardship	1
Recreation Opportunities				
1. Evaluate the need and appropriateness of an ORV trail connection to Hancock/Calumet Trail and support facilities at the park appropriately separated from non-motorized activities.	5-10 Years	Park Manager Regional Planner District Supervisor Recreational Partners Local Partners	Park Manager	4
2. Pursue acquisition of Coast Guard property and evaluate the suitability of canal for recreational opportunities	3-10 Years	Regional Planner Land Manager District Supervisor	Land Manager	
Management Focus				
Maintain and improve facilities and structures consistent with Capital Outlay priorities	Ongoing	Park Manager	Park Manager	5
Development				
1. Relocate or maintain park facilities and infrastructure consistent with Master Plan and Transition Plan	3-10 Years	Park Manager Regional Planner	Park Manager	
Developed Recreation Public Open House Comments:				
ORV trail connection to McLain could cause adverse consequences of ORV's and snowmobiles impacting the surrounding areas - ORV's on the adjacent beaches could become a huge problem. Also, ORV's and snowmobiles short cutting through Swedetown trails which are mountain bike trails and ski trails. The park neighbors like our quiet neighborhood - NO ORV trail please!				
Leave the present campground area to use too then there will be more campsite available for everyone.				
Bathrooms - showers - No ORV trail.				
New shower and bathroom facilities ASAP Please!				
Highly prioritize - new bathing facilities please. Need more showers for heavily used campground.				
ORV Trails - not near campsites.				
Non-motorized and mountain bike trail / hiking trail between the bottom of Swedetown trail - M203 trailhead and McLain State Park. No snowmobile or ORV access - please! Non-motorized mountain bike / ski / hiking trail to/from Churning Rapids trails (Christian Road Trailhead) potential for mountain bike loop from Hancock to Calumet.				

Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone

The Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone addresses the overall setting in which is found not only historic structures, but all non-structural evidence of the traditions, beliefs, practices, life ways, arts, crafts and social institutions of any community. A Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone has been applied over the entire F.J. McLain State Park in recognition of cultural resources known to be present in this area. Yet while interpretation opportunities within the overlay should be explored, the recommendations of the underlying Developed Recreation Zone and Backcountry Zone are the primary focus.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position	Priority Stickers (Public Open House)
Education/Interpretation Opportunities				
1. Refer to General Action Goals and the underlying zones				

F.J. McLain State Park

Public Comments Summary of Public Input Open House, Emails, Website and Park Comment Cards

Public Input Open House Comments, October 29, 2014

Comments on Developed Recreation Action Goals:

- ORV trail connection to McLain could cause adverse consequences of ORV's and snowmobiles impacting the surrounding areas - ORV's on the adjacent beaches could become a huge problem. Also, ORV's and snowmobiles short cutting through Swedetown trails which are mountain bike trails and ski trails. The park neighbors like our quiet neighborhood - NO ORV trail please!
- Leave the present campground area to use too then there will be more campsite available for everyone.
- Bathrooms - showers - No ORV trail.
- New shower and bathroom facilities ASAP Please!
- Highly prioritize - new bathing facilities please. Need more showers for heavily used campground.
- ORV Trails - not near campsites.
- Non-motorized and mountain bike trail / hiking trail between the bottom of Swedetown trail - M203 trailhead and McLain State Park. No snowmobile or ORV access - please! Non-motorized mountain bike / ski / hiking trail to/from Churning Rapids trails (Christian Road Trailhead) potential for mountain bike loop from Hancock to Calumet.

Public Input Received by Email (to DNR):

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please do not allow a ORV trails at McClain's State Park in Hancock Michigan. Myself and other families visit that area to enjoy nature, the beauty of Lake Superior and the peaceful atmosphere. If you allow ORV trails that will destroy such a pristine area and encourage potential routes through the Swedetown trails and shoreline trails. Please I urge you to value silent sports and recreations and not to allow ORV trails to wreak havoc on such a pristine place. This is the place where people fall in love with Lake Superior and the surrounding forest, don't take that opportunity away.

Thank you
Denise Landsberg

As someone from the Lansing MI area, I would like to voice my opinion on the plan <http://www.clearzoning.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/10-15-14-Draft-FJ-McLain-GMP.pdf> . The link was forwarded and I am not sure if this is the official way to respond. My wife and I have camped several times at McLain State Park over the past summers and really enjoy the peaceful nature of the park. We would hate to see the natural setting ruined by the noise of ORV's allowed in the area. There are many areas in the Keweenaw where ORV's are allowed, we have even rented some at Trailside Lodge and enjoy the ability to do it. Usually we see large

groups of 12 or more ORV's and although the groups are very friendly, they do make noise, cause erosion and very much degrade the peace and quiet of the natural setting that can be presently enjoyed at McLain. Please keep McLain free of ORV's. It is nice to have many areas where ORV's are allowed and equally nice to have many areas that do not. Our primary reason for vacationing in the Keweenaw on an annual basis is the silent non-motorized trails (mountain biking, hiking and cross country skiing) and parks that we predominantly visit. We would like the plan to include a "Non-motorized trail" connecting Swedetown ski and bike trails and potentially Churning Rapids trails to McLain Below are pasted a couple of my saved camping receipts at McLain.

Regards

Mike and Patty Toth

Deborah,

I took some time to review the McLain Draft GMP (<http://www.clearzoning.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/10-15-14-Draft-FJ-McLain-GMP.pdf>) . Please see my comments below:

1. Good overall plan - Glad to see there is concern about the erosion and the need to remedy the situation
2. I agree with the goal to "Ensure campground continues to have lakeview (Superior) campsites" The Lake Superior lakefront sites, along with the peaceful, beautiful setting is what makes McLain a great State Park.
3. I strongly disagree with the idea of adding ORV trails and facilities to the park. There are several reasons ORVs are not compatible:
 - a. The park is, according to the respondents in the Wordle graphic, "relaxing", "peaceful", "clean", "scenic" and "quiet". Existence of ORVs will destroy each of these. ORVs are incompatible with the very essence of F.J. McLain state park.
 - b. The erosion issue of the beach and land will be accelerated with the introduction of ORVs. No amount of policing and signage will keep the ORVs off the beach (please consider the neighboring beaches also). Also, much of the park land is sand, covered with a thin layer of topsoil. ORVs will quickly cause extensive damage to any trails within the park.
 - c. The region (0-4 miles) around McLain State park is quiet, rural neighborhood. Many, many homeowners chose this corner of the Keweenaw to live/build homes due to the peaceful setting. Introduction of a ORV trailhead will not be consistent with being a good neighbor to current residence of Hancock and Calumet township.
 - d. Calumet Township is interested in developing a ORV trailhead on or near the existing Hancock-Calumet ORV trail. This makes more sense than adding a new trail head miles away from the existing trail and using public roads or public parks (Swedetown Rec area) to get to the existing Hancock-Calumet ORV trail.
 - e. Swedetown Recreational Area already struggles to maintain it's trail system due to the damage done by ORVs. Introduction of more ORVs traveling through the recreational area will only exasperate the problem. These trails are used extensively by non-motorized users, including hikers, runners, mountain bikers, and skiers. The Swedetown Trails club, based on these trail system, has over 400 annual members using the trails for non-motorized uses. Many more day users and visitors use the trail system. The trails are home to several annual on-motorized events (200-500 participants).

Thank you for your time and please reconsider your recommendation to add a ORV trailhead anywhere near the F.J. McLain State park.

Sincerely,

Craig Hughes

Please do not open a ORV trail head at McClain State Park. The potential for damage to nearby silent sport locations, which many people have spent decades developing, is just too great. We no longer live in the area but we come to McClain several times a year to enjoy the peace and beauty of the park. Having ORVs with ready access would probably make us rethink McClain as a vacation site.

Grace and Francis Strong

Dear Sir or Madam;

Regarding ORV Trail connection from Calumet to McLain Park:

I just wanted to express my concerns regarding the ORV Trail connection, particularly if routed through the Swedetown Recreation Area.

My involvement in this area is thus:

1. Major Sponsorship by my business of the Swedetown Trails Club's events: Great Bear Chase and Great Deer Chase. Both are used to raise funds to groom and maintain the trails system (we receive no funds from the Township or State to do so)
2. I have personally volunteered over 100 hours per season to help build and maintain the system of mountain bike trails in the area since 1999.
3. In addition to sponsorship I have donated monies for equipment, tools and supplies for the aforementioned maintenance.
4. Use of my personal tools and equipment to maintain and build trails in the system.

Currently I have been designated the project manager to open and maintain the sustainable ski trails for summer use (hikers, bikers and runners who prefer something more moderate and open to the singletrack trails). This has been an uphill battle from the get go as there is much damage over the years to repair and remediate from ORV use (mudbogging). In fact we have been denied grant monies to repair these trails for the fact that we cannot close this area completely to ORV use.

To allow consistent use of the main road as a connector from the ATV trail in Calumet to McLain Park would adversely affect the Swedetown Trails system in the following ways:

1. Make the maintenance of this system virtually impossible with the limited time and resources available to the trails club.
2. Increased erosion, particularly on the western end (near the M-203 trailhead) where the soil is considerably sandy.
3. Increased chance of collision with single-track trail users These trails cross the main road many times. Having an increased amount of ORVs running through the area would carry an increased chance of a collision and subsequent injury(ies).

4. Mud holes, ruts and other effects of erosion would become more frequent and the trails less smooth and attractive to hikers, runners, bikers and the like. It even gets bad enough where someone who wants to fish on McGunns creek but only has a small car, cannot access the area because the road is in such bad shape.

My wife and I used to ride our mountain bikes on the snowmobile trails in the late 90s and early 2000s. Back then the surface was well packed and mudholes were periodic at best. Since the proliferation of ATVs the trails have become rough, with soft treads and many dips and mudholes. As a result she has stopped riding these trails altogether. Currently my wife cannot enjoy her bike on the two track roads at Swedetown as the ORV traffic has done much the same there.

I would only support such a thoroughfare for ORVs through the system if the following criteria were met.

1. The main road/trail would be sufficiently armored, outsloped and graveled to properly manage the development of mudholes and other affects of erosion.
2. An enforceable speed limit of 15 mph or less for ORVs passing through the system.
3. ORVs would be limited to the main road only, except those deemed by the Swedetown Trails Club as sustainable for ORV access.
4. A maintenance stipend would be available to pay for periodic grading, compacting and the resupply of gravel surface material.

Thanks for considering this. If you have further questions you may contact me.

Marc Norton

Hi there - I am writing about the proposed management plan at McClain state park. This is a beautiful park, and we use it all the time with our children. I really hope that it does not become an ORV accessible park, that would destroy the quiet, the safety for walkers and hikers and kids, and the park. I would love to see more non-motorized trails for bikes and walking and hiking, but I think its important to keep the trails (and of course the beach) and the park free from ORV's if you want to maintain the usefulness of this park for families and bikers and hikers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly, Susanna

Good Morning!

My name is Dan Dalquist. I am a long-time Houghton Co resident, bicyclist (both mtn bike and road bike) and periodic user of McLain Park.

The park development plan includes a comment about adapting to ORV use including connecting to the DNR Multiuse trail from Hancock to Calumet.

I am concerned about any attempt to permit ORV to travel on county roads up to the Swedetown Recreation area and transit thru Swedetown to connect to the DNR Trail that parallels Swedetown road. This trail system is heavily used by runners/walkers and mtn bikers. The Swedetown Trails club spends money and a ton of volunteer time to repair and improve current trails as well as building new trails for the cycling community. I am concerned about permitting any additional use of the trails by ORV users.

Very simply, the ORV and mtn bikes/runners/walkers should be using separate trails. Speed, dust and noise are hazards the human powered sports folks do not want to experience. I am also concerned about the impact on the trails, ability of the DNR or orv folks to contribute time and money to repair/maintain trails.

My experience is with the DNR trail that crosses the Swedetown Access road along Osceola Rd. ORV traffic has worn the surface to the point it is very soft and dusty. Most mtn bikers do not ride that section as it is very soft. Second, some (not all) ORV users drive fast and do not share the trail. They accelerate, steer from side-to-side

and do whatever they can to discourage any other use. I see this as I ride from Hancock to Calumet frequently. Once the trail intersects the pavement on Woodside road, I ride on the pavement into Calumet.

Perhaps a solution is to build a trailhead with parking for ORV Trailers near the trail in Calumet. Encourage ORV users to trailer their machines to that point and then ride. That eliminates ORV on the side roads/county roads (a dangerous mix), removes the noise from McLain park, gets the ORV folks closer to fuel sources and parts suppliers and retains the quiet that McLain is known for.

Dan Dalquist

As a outdoor enthusiast, I value the silent sports as these areas are becoming few and far between any more. I would like to voice my concerns about the proposed ORV trail head at McLain with potential routes to the Hancock/Calumet ORV-Snowmobile trail through Swedetown and along local county and township roads. I am concerned that the increased traffic, even if the designated ORV route is on county and township roads, will cause more more ORV ruts and mudding at Swedetown, as it is the shortest way to Calumet from McLain. Also the ORV's will undoubtedly be on the beach and the neighboring beaches, which are high erosion areas.

I hope in our effort to accommodate the ORVs, the state does not ruin the peaceful beauty of this special area. Watching a beautiful the sunset on the beach, camping and ORVs do not seem compatible at this site.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sandy Sullivan

Dear Ms. Jensen:

Your planning group is to be commended for putting a thoughtful plan together for McLain State Park. The purpose of this note is to make one suggestion and that is to not develop motorized trails.

McLain is a small park in terms of acreage and prone to erosion. It is beautiful even during the winter and one public place where one can easily walk to the beach and explore ice formations along the shore. It is heavily used by many local people from Houghton and Keweenaw Counties as well as visitors year round. It is also for local school/UP cross country track meets. McLain is beautiful and rustic and I would encourage you to keep it non-motorized. One noisy motor can wreck the visitor experience for hundreds of people, not to mention the destruction of habitats and soil and spread of invasive species that typically follow motorized trails.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gina M. Nicholas

Here are the points which make it a huge NO to us:

The ORVs will take away from the peaceful, quiet, tranquil, natural atmosphere of the park and surrounding area.

The ORVs will not just travel on the designated route, they will be on McLain beach and property, surrounding beaches, also on the properties of as many privately owned properties along the route.

The increased ORV traffic on the roads will make them dangerous to drive as they will travel various routes not just the designated route.

If the trail goes through Swedetown the increased traffic will cause us to spend more money on mitigating damage to the trails that will occur. It will also cause a significant safety hazard for the mountain bikers.

Hello,

I am in support of the proposed ORV trail head. I believe the Keweenaw needs every tourism opportunity available.

You will probably see a sudden flood of negative opinions about this proposal. Most of these are probably coming from the silent sports community in the area.

The Keweenaw already has one of the best mountain bike trail systems in the United States. Unfortunately, outside of a few races every year, these trails do not bring much money into the local economy. These trails are mainly used by locals.

Contrast this with motor sports such as snowmobiling and atv riding which have traditionally been a tourist life blood of the UP and will continue to do so in the future.

Just my two cents

Dan

I'm writing today to voice concern over the proposed ORV plan. More specifically, the potential disturbance between loud and quiet activities. As far as the Park itself goes, keeping the ORV's at the far south end -- and not allowing them into the rest of the park might work. Also, allowing them access to the county roads may also work. I am VERY MUCH AGAINST having a route through the Swedetown Recreation Area. There are presently 24.5 miles of hand-built mountain bike trails there. Mountain bikers do not want motorized vehicles in that area. While there is some vehicle traffic there now, it is minimal. Increased traffic would be detrimental to the mountain biking experience as well as more dangerous-- the mountain bike trails frequently cross the "2-track" trails and many bikers ride on the 2-track itself.

The Swedetown Trails Club is currently working to repair the 2-track which is damaged by vehicle traffic every year to better the mountain biking experience. Introducing more vehicle traffic will do nothing but degrade that experience. Please do not hurt what so many people have worked hard to establish.

Sincerely,
Rick Oikarinen

I am Janet Anuta Dalquist. I have been using McLain Park since 1956 and continue to use it almost weekly year round for hiking, bicycling, and XC skiing.

Your plan states concern of "protection and interpretation of natural resources" which I am happy to see. Emphasis on quiet and peaceful surroundings is important for campers. It is important also for the public who have chosen to live in the quiet, wooded areas near the park. Your plan concentrates on trail development for ORVs which do not allow that. Any trail development should be for non-motorized use.

The McLain plan lists popular activities of the park. None suggest ORV use. In fact, you state "the majority of respondents feel that ORV campsites, ORV trail connections (designated trailheads) and an organizational campground are not needed." One of the words describing the park is listed as "Peaceful." So why has your plan concentrated on trail development for ORVs?

Bicycling is fast becoming a major tourist activity in this area, both on road and off road. There is MUCH bicycle traffic on all the areas near McLain Park--not just M-203. And winter biking is becoming popular. It would seem most logical to develop non-motorized trail connections.

Due to erosion future park camping sites will need to be considered. Erosion of the shoreline is likely to force eventual moving of the cabin area. A wet gully area is behind the cabins between them and the new access road. Where will the cabins be moved when the erosion gets so close that it becomes dangerous for their use? The most logical area of expansion of campsites and cabin use is the west end of the park and the COAST GUARD AREA.

I have reviewed the proposed plan for McLain State Park and am opposed to those aspects of it that involve ORVs. Extending already existing trails so that they link up is a great idea, but the trails should be available only to non-motorized vehicles. Noise pollution and damage to trails are a serious concern and could reduce the quality of our wonderful park and its environs. I live on Lily Creek Rd. about a mile from the Lily Pond Public Access.

Thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Flynn

Dear Ms. Jensen,

I am writing about the proposed management plan for McLain State Park. First, I am primarily a silent sports person who only infrequently uses jet skis, snowmobiles and ATVs. I am not opposed to their use, but there are several key considerations in any motorized recreational development and some that are particular to ATVs that I believe should be considered in the development of ORV plans at McLain State Park.

1. General safety. Most motorized recreation is done with equipment that is NOT designed for areas where other, larger transportation is present. Most ATV fatalities occur on road accidents according to the Consumer Public Safety Commission. ATVs are smaller and with less protection than the cars and trucks also involved in accidents. Any connection from McLain to current ORV systems would include at least some road travel.
2. Specific safety. ATVs are designed to skid around corners and the firmer the road the more likely the ATV will tip (see On-Road Operation of ATVs, 2009, but the Wisconsin Department of Transportation). Asphalt is worse than gravel, but a road-quality gravel surface is still much more of a problem than the typical ATV trail. Again, an ORV location at McLain would not be linked to a system and this would be a safety problem.
3. Numerous studies show that ORV use is not compatible with many recreational areas. Higher speeds and noise disrupt hiking, cycling, and quiet family recreational activities. McLain is not large enough to handle both types of recreation.
4. The final problem I would identify is the uncontrolled use of motorized recreation. It is unfortunate, but a small portion of the motorized recreation population is disruptive. This includes snowmobiling on posted ski trails and ORVs and off-road cycles on posted hiking and biking trails. Both of these cause damage (at least in skiing it only takes a regrooming). High speed, off-limits use can be disruptive on a narrow beach or through a picnic area. Illegal use of private property is too common. Given that McLain would have no reasonable connected trail system one can reasonably predict that these problems will occur. The counter-argument is that most ORV users should not be "punished" for the actions of a few. I would agree with this except that the alternative is that many non-motorized people will be punished by the few who disregard the proper use of ORVs.

It seems strange that the ORV proposal would be considered, given the safety concerns involved. I would imagine a private organization would be considering the liability in a case like this. If there really is enough demand for increased ATV recreational areas I believe DNR would be better off improving and expanding other areas, such as the Baraga Plains, where there is more space for compatible development. The Upper Peninsula is a big place and there is room for everybody, but this particular ORV proposal is located in the wrong place.

Sincerely,

Blair Orr

Public Input Received on the Project Website:

Adam Hammerstrom says:

Would like to be notified when public comment and input is available for McLain Park

Lillian Hall says:

The shower building needs to be replaced with a modern one. We love the campground where it is with the view of Lake Superior and wish that you would not even consider moving it.

Carl Walby says:

State parks in the UP are the best

Pam Christensen says:

Thank you for your attempts to improve McLain State Park. It is our favorite park, and its popularity has grown. I would like to see the good things preserved and improvements made that do not damage the shoreline, lake and bluff.

David and Cindy Bradley says:

Additional paved sites would also be nice. Extend camping towards the canal.

Mike Walimaki says:

This is a beautiful park with views from most campsites that cannot be matched by any other park in the Upper Peninsula. Providing access to the beach from the campsites needs to be engineered so as to reduce erosion caused by people using the sand cliffs to jump or climb down. I know there other environmental reasons for the erosion, but this is one factor which can be mitigated. Denying access to the beach would destroy a top reason for camping here. The campground restrooms are in great need of upgrading similar to the modern ones in a lot of other parks. This can, and should, be a jewel in the park system which should be promoted statewide. With upgrades this park can be that.

Doug Welker says:

My PhD in Geology is not required to understand that the major problem with shoreline erosion at McLain is that sand is not being carried to the McLain shoreline because the breakwalls to the west trap sand that is being carried toward McLain by prevailing longshore currents. As long as the breakwall is there, we are going to need lots of taxpayer dollars to fix a problem that was caused by human activity. We must not blame natural factors for this problem. No one-time remedy will fix this problem because if sand is being blocked from reaching the McLain shoreline whatever sand washes in or is placed there by us will get washed out into deeper water by wave action faster than new sand will be arriving. The DNR needs to point out that if the current shoreline and any existing beach is to be maintained it will require perpetual "bandaiding" of the problem, at considerable expense.

McLain State Park Comment Card Remarks

Through September 2014

- The new showers are awesome!
- We need a big play structure in the main area entrance of the park like Copper Harbor.
- More bathroom showers further down in the campground. Have to wait too long for shower and walk too far from the end of campground.
- Very nice! I'm disabled and use a power chair scooter and you have done a nice job making things accessible. Very clean!
- Cool Park!
- Company here from St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a lovely park. Great showers and friendly people. We would stay here again! Thanks for being here.
- I like the way the park has modified the showers to accommodate a wider, compliant handicapped stall. Two suggestions;
1, add more hooks low enough for a handicapped people to reach; and 2, find a way for a handicapped person to reach the shower head handle when it is resting in the high holder, out of reach for a chair-bound person. On the other stalls, add more hooks, some lower for children, and just more for pairs of users, etc. (Big service for small bucks!)
- Climbing and jumping in dunes. I know jumping kids are only one cause of cliff loss but the park might consider more directly addressing parents to keep their kids off the cliffs. They are a huge temptation to kids who don't understand the negative effect. Talk to parents at check-in, perhaps.
- Keep up the good work!
 - Hand sanitizers in the outhouses.
 - Trash receptacles in outhouses so there is a place to dispose stuff that is requested not to throw in toilet.
 - More showers.
 - Nice park otherwise.
 - Nice and informative camp host.
- Add distance information onto maps. More space between sites with privacy bushes/trees.
- A cooking grate on fire pit. Level area for tent placement.
- Put some resources into this Michigan Treasure (i.e., don't hesitate to "spend money to make money.")
- Preserve the mini-cabins as they are.
- If possible, pave the new road when the old road in front of cabins is eliminated.
- Camp Store seems to be benefitting from increased signage. WiFi would sure make it popular.
- Nice new vault toilets at SE side of campground. Women prefer gender-designated separation.

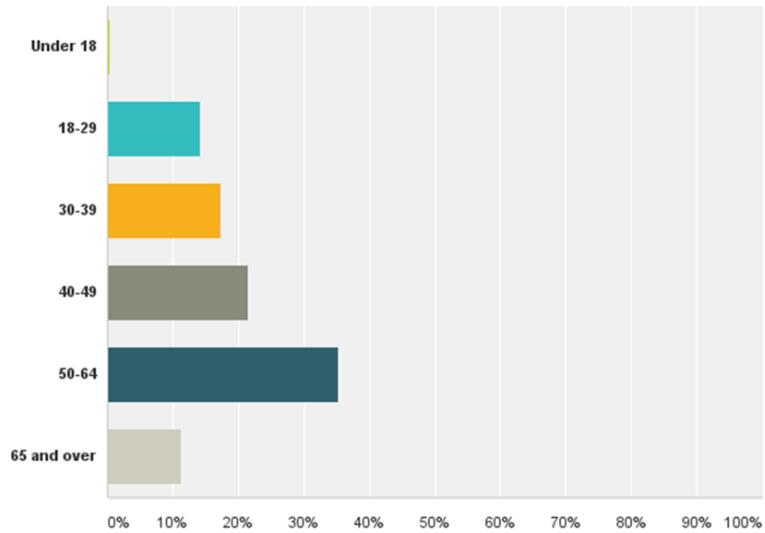
- Maintenance of vault toilets in mini-cabin area is excellent!
- Sand bank erosion: Hand a small slip to every camper who registers explaining the erosion and rules. Ex: “Campers who receive two warnings about jumping off the cliffs will be asked to leave.” More brush piles in jumping areas. Perhaps one more staircase.
- We notice many from Wisconsin (including ourselves) and from Minnesota, who are driving past their own state parks to spend their money in Michigan.
- The long view says: Keep supporting Michigan’s natural areas!

F.J. McLain State Park

Public Input Survey Results

Q1: What is your age?

Answered: 420 Skipped: 2



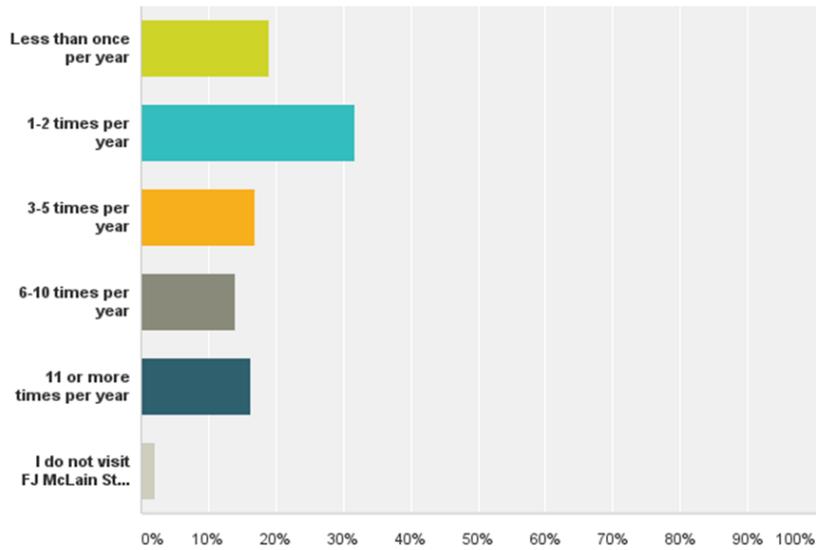
Q2: What is the zip code of your primary address?

Answered: 378 Skipped: 2



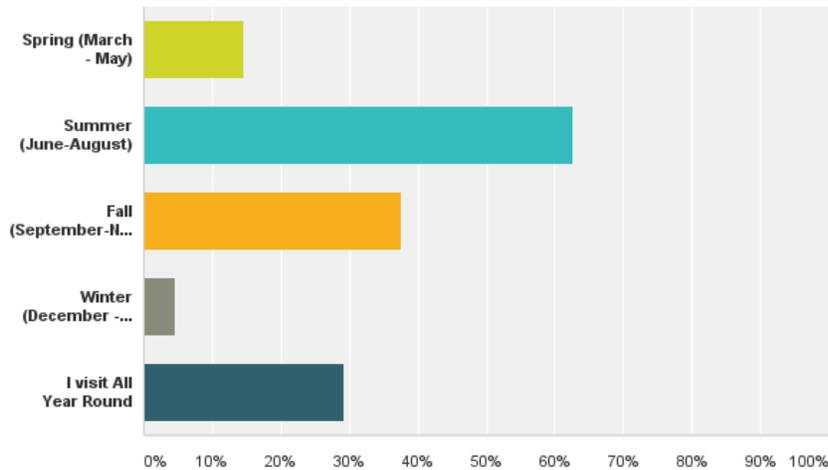
Q3: How many times per year do you visit F.J. McLain State Park?

Answered: 420 Skipped: 2



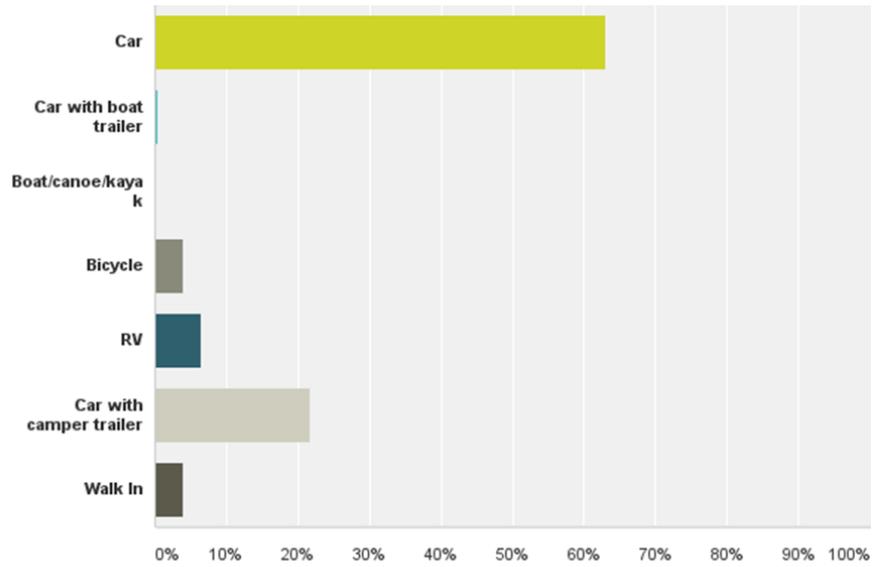
Q5: During what season do you visit F.J. McLain State Park?

Answered: 405 Skipped: 17



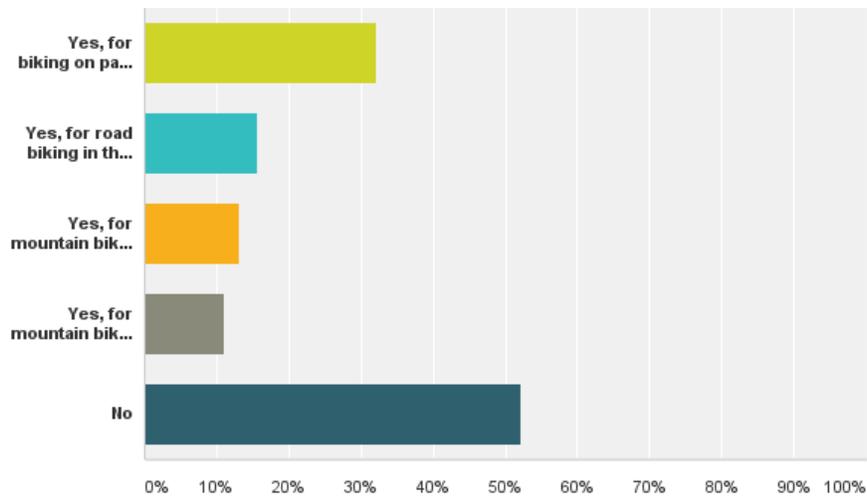
Q5: How do you typically access the park?

Answered: 400 Skipped: 22

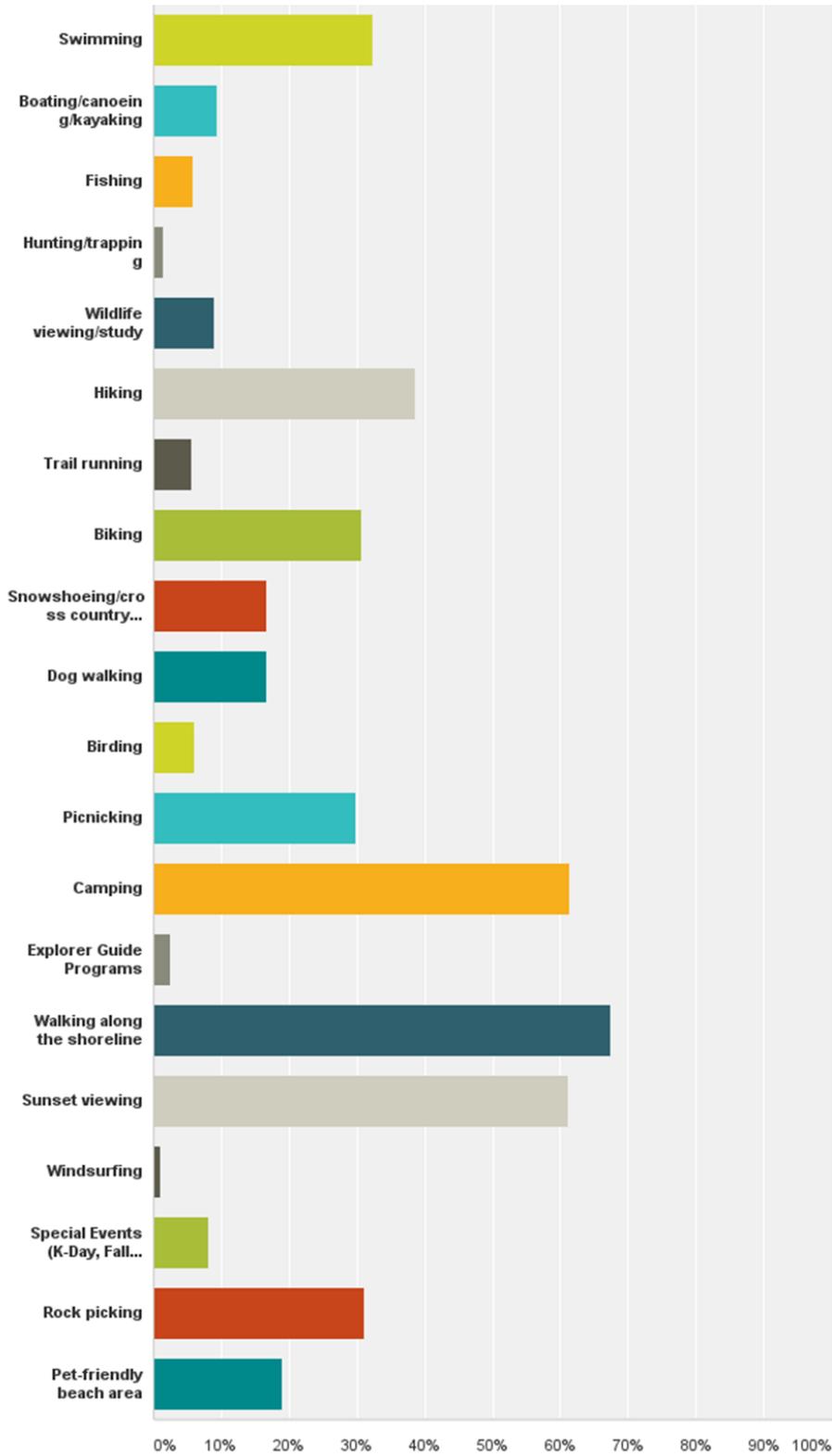


Q8: Do you typically bring a bike to the park when you visit?

Answered: 385 Skipped: 37

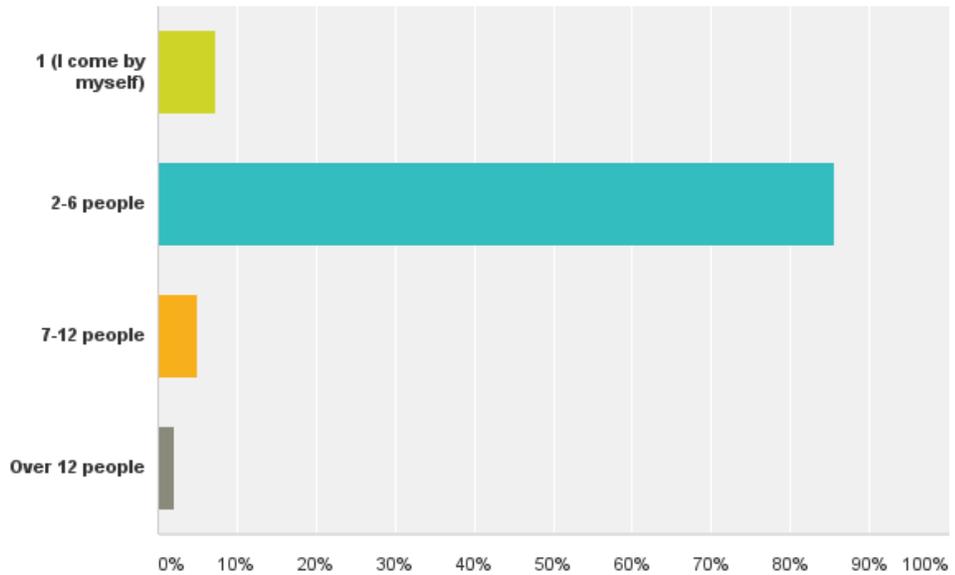


Q7: What are your five favorite activities within F.J. McLain State Park? Please check only 5 choices. Answered: 393 Skipped: 29



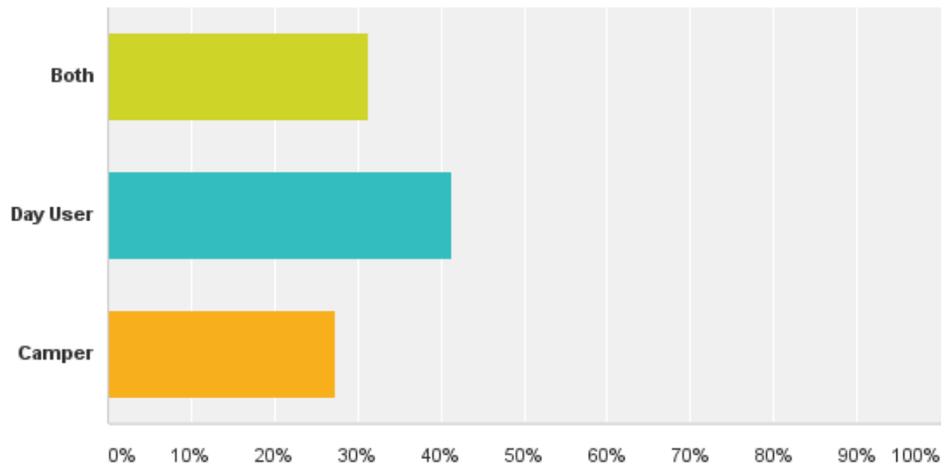
Q9: When you visit the park, what is the typical size of your group?

Answered: 393 Skipped: 29



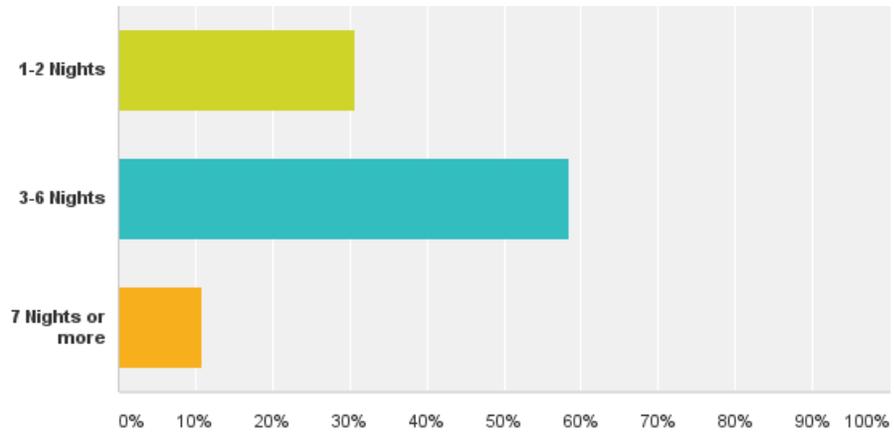
Q10: Do you typically visit the park as a day user or overnight camper?

Answered: 394 Skipped: 28



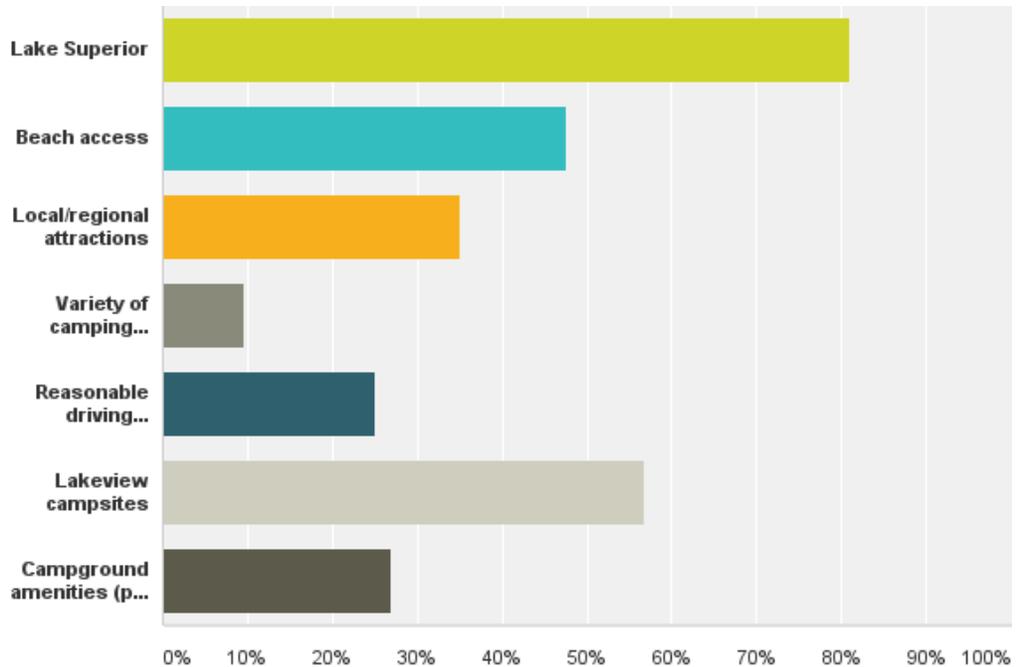
Q11: As a Camper, what is your typical length of your stay?

Answered: 231 Skipped: 191



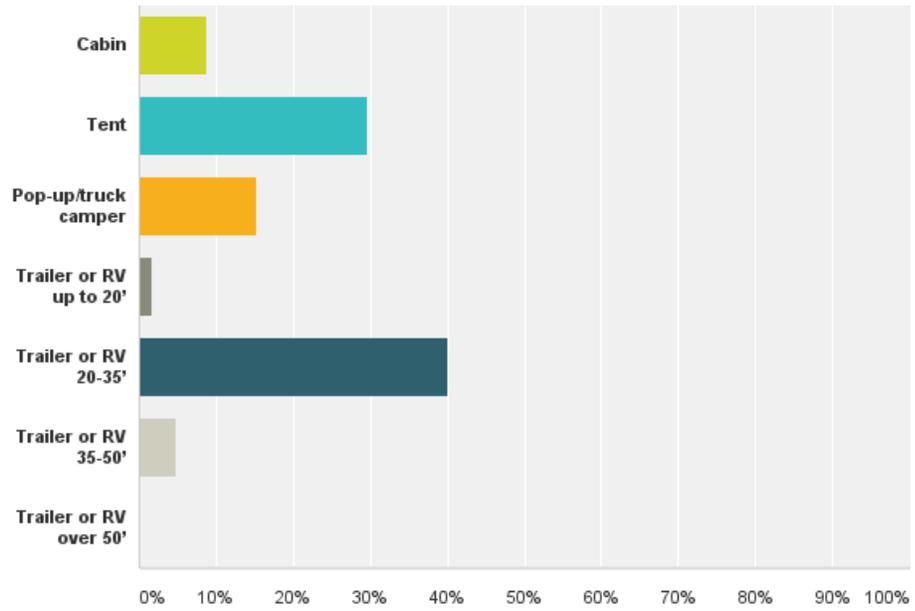
Q12: Why do you choose to camp at F.J. McLain State Park?

Answered: 231 Skipped: 191



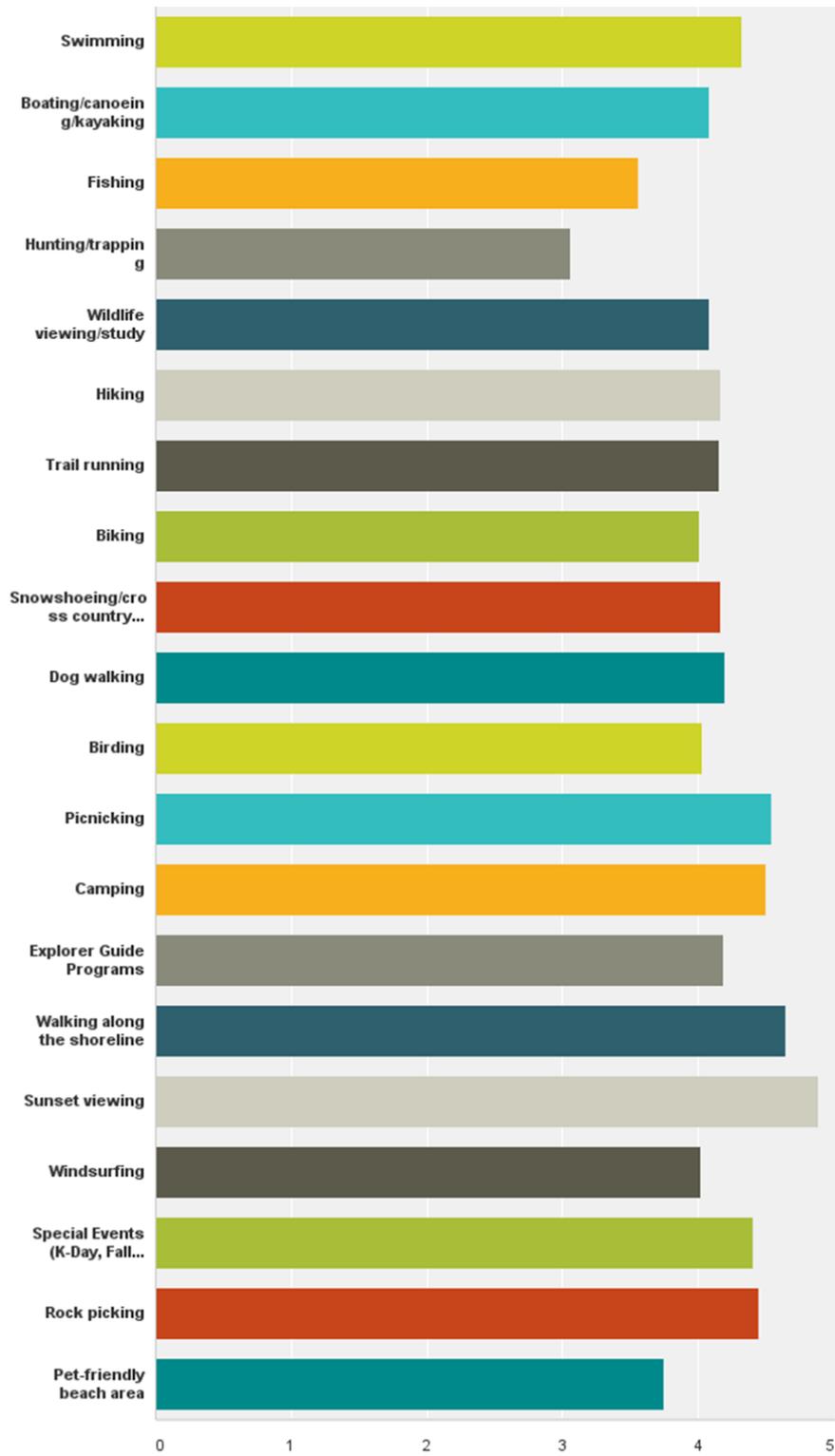
Q13: As a camper, what are your primary accommodations?

Answered: 230 Skipped: 192



Q14: How would you rate the following facilities and recreational opportunities at F.J. McLain State Park?

Answered: 369 Skipped: 53



Q15: What, if any, additional opportunities or enhancements would you like to see at F.J. McLain State Park?

Answered: 370 Skipped: 52

