

Appendix A - Supporting Analysis

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A.1 PARK SETTING

Park Profile

Area: 1,233 acres

County: Muskegon

Township: Laketon Township and City of Muskegon

Latitude: 43.244526

Longitude: -86.340211

Address: 3560 Memorial Drive

North Muskegon MI, 49445

Phone #: 231-744-3480

Muskegon State Park



Muskegon State Park is located four miles west of the City of North Muskegon in Muskegon County. It provides over

two miles of shoreline on Lake Michigan and over one mile on Muskegon Lake. The expansive Great Lakes sandy beach and impressive sand dunes provide a significant resource for visitors to enjoy. The park features two modern campgrounds, as well as hiking, cross-country ski and snow shoe trails. The Sports Complex, located within the park and operated by the non-profit Muskegon Sports Council, offers a summer and winter luge run, skating rink and lighted skating trails.

Muskegon State Park was established in 1923. The City of Muskegon gave the Conservation Department (later the Department of Natural Resources) a gift of land to help begin the park. The park has enjoyed much community support over the years and remains an important contributor to local quality of life.



Aerial view of Muskegon State Park.

Location & Community

Muskegon County is easily accessed from the east by I-96 and from the south and north by US-31. Muskegon State Park is accessed from US-31, which runs north-south between Ferrysburg and Ludington. I-96 provides a connection to the southeast. The City of Grand Rapids is approximately 40 miles to the southeast, Grand Haven is approximately 10 miles to the south, and Ludington is approximately 50 miles to the north.

Muskegon County, with its 27 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, 20 inland lakes and more than 400 miles of rivers, offers many attractions to residents and visitors. Under the branding “Experience the Lake Effect!”, the county features variety of attractions in the vicinity of Muskegon State Park, such as: Michigan’s Adventure amusement park, Gillette Nature Center at Hoffmaster State Park, Muskegon County Museum, Muskegon Museum of Art, and the USS Silversides - a World War II submarine open for tours. In addition, festivals and events, such as the Summer Celebration and Unity Christian Music Fest attract approximately half a million visitors every year.

The lakeshore is an important aspect of the region’s economy. Muskegon Lake (4,232 acres in size) is the largest natural deep-water port in West Michigan and offers five commercial docking facilities. The Port of Muskegon handles over 1 million tons of freight, aggregate, coal and salt every year, facilitated by the Muskegon Lake Channel maintained by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

In addition to the commercial port facilities, a number of recreational marinas and charter fishing operations are located around Muskegon Lake. A scenic cruise ship, the Port City Princess, offers leisure and dinner cruises on Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan. Building on its tradition as a port city, Muskegon is also served by the Lake Express Ferry, a high-speed ship carrying passengers and vehicles across Lake Michigan between Milwaukee and Muskegon.

In 2000, Muskegon County was designated by the US Census Bureau as a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), the Muskegon-Norton Shores MSA. The Cities of Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, Roosevelt Park and Norton Shores are located on the south shores of Muskegon Lake. The northern part of the park is located in Laketon Township, a suburban community encompassing 16 square miles.

The county is part of the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC). The commission represents five counties, including: Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Oceana. The WMSRDC is one of several organizations making up the West Michigan economic development Region 4, under Governor Snyder’s economic prosperity initiative.



The Lake Express Ferry carries passengers between Muskegon and Milwaukee, Wisconsin

A.2 DEMOGRAPHICS

The following table illustrates the key demographic data for Muskegon County, as reported by the US Census Bureau. In 2014, Muskegon County had an estimated population of 172,344, a 0.1% increase from 2010. The age and racial makeup of the county are generally in line with state averages. The county shows less people over the age of 25 with a college degree than the state average and a lower than average median household and per capita income.

People	Muskegon County	Michigan
POPULATION		
Population estimates, July 1, 2014, (V2014)	172,344	9,909,877
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2014)	172,188	9,884,133
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2014, (V2014)	0.1%	0.3%
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	172,188	9,883,640
AGE & SEX		
Persons under 5 years, percent, April 1, 2010	6.6%	5.8%
Persons under 18 years, percent, April 1, 2010	24.8%	23.7%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, April 1, 2010	13.6%	13.8%
Female persons, percent, April 1, 2010	50.4%	50.9%
RACE & HISPANIC ORIGIN		
White alone, percent, April 1, 2010 (a)	80.0%	78.9%
Black or African American alone, percent, April 1, 2010 (a)	14.5%	14.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, April 1, 2010 (a)	0.8%	0.6%
Asian alone, percent, April 1, 2010 (a)	0.5%	2.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, April 1, 2010 (a)	Z	Z
Two or More Races, percent, April 1, 2010	2.7%	2.3%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, April 1, 2010 (b)	4.8%	.4%4
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, April 1, 2010	77.3%	76.6%
HOUSING		
Housing units, April 1, 2010	73,561	4,532,233
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2010-2014	74.7%	71.5%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2010-2014	\$98,600	\$120,200
Building permits, 2014	181	15933(1)

People	Muskegon County	Michigan
EDUCATION		
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2010-2014	88.4%	89.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2010-2014	17.6%	26.4%
HEALTH		
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2010-2014	11.9%	10.2%
INCOME & POVERTY		
Median household income (in 2014 dollars), 2010-2014	\$41,842	\$49,087
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2014 dollars), 2010-2014	\$21,037	\$26,143
Persons in poverty, percent	20.0%	16.2%
Geography		
Population per square mile, 2010	345	175
Land area in square miles, 2010	499	56,539

The population of Muskegon County is primarily urban, with nearly 70% of the population residing in urbanized areas in 2010. An additional five percent lived in urban clusters. Twenty-five percent of the county population lived in rural areas. This distribution is fairly consistent with the state average. In 2010, the US Census Bureau reported that just over 25% of vacant homes (2,004) were vacant for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use.

Laketon Township, which encompasses most of Muskegon State Park, is a suburban community with a 2010 population of 7,563 in an area of 16 square miles.

A.3 REGIONAL RECREATION RESOURCES

The Muskegon County area is rich in outdoor recreation and cultural resources.

Federal-Owned Resources

Huron-Manistee National Forest

The Huron-Manistee National Forest comprises almost one million acres of public land extending across the northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan. The Manistee National Forest covers approximately 12,500 acres in northeast Muskegon County and provides recreation opportunities for visitors, habitat for fish and wildlife, and resources for local industry. In Muskegon County, the Cedar Creek Trail is a 24-mile off-road vehicle (ORV) trail and the Holton Loop Trail provides 29 miles for motorcycle use.

State-Owned Resources

State Park and Recreation Areas

Bass River Recreation Area: Located in Ottawa County, along the Grand River, this 1,665-acre site consists of open meadows, open brush land, mature hardwoods, small ponds and 300-acre Max Lake. The park is used primarily for boating, hiking, hunting, fishing, mountain biking and horseback riding.

Charles Mears State Park: Located in the village of Pentwater in Oceana County, Charles Mears State Park has paved campsites along the Lake Michigan shoreline and a swimming beach adjacent to the harbor pier. The location is popular for shore and pier fishing.



Duck Lake State Park

Duck Lake State Park: A 728-acre day-use park, located approximately 10 miles north of Muskegon State Park. Duck Lake State Park stretches from the northern shore of Duck Lake to Lake Michigan, and features a towering sand dune. Fishing, hiking, swimming and picnicking are popular activities in this park.

Grand Haven State Park: Grand Haven State Park is a 48-acre Lake Michigan shoreline park, offering 174 modern campsites and a popular sandy beach. The park consists entirely of beach sand and provides scenic views of Lake Michigan and the Grand Haven pier and lighthouse.

P.J. Hoffmaster State Park: This park features over three miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, a 297-site modern campground, towering Lake Michigan dunes, and the Gillette Nature Center. Miles of hiking and skiing trails offer stunning views of Lake Michigan. This 1,100-acre park is located 15 miles south of Muskegon.

Holland State Park: Offers an expansive, sandy beach along Lake Michigan, two large campgrounds and a beautiful view of sailboats and sunsets. The park is divided into two separate units; one along Lake Michigan and the other along Lake Macatawa.

Silver Lake State Park: Covers almost 3,000-acres along the Lake Michigan shoreline. This area includes both dune country and acres of mature forest. One of the park's biggest draws is the 450-acre off-road vehicle area. Other attractions include a modern campground, beach and picnic facilities and the Little Sable Point Lighthouse.

State Linear Trails

William Field Memorial Hart Montague Trail State Park: A paved, 22-mile trail passing through rural, forested lands. Scenic overlooks and picnic areas are located along the route. The trail is open to hiking, biking and snowmobile use. Maintenance is undertaken through partnerships with local government agencies.

Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park: A 92-mile long linear state park from Cadillac to Comstock Park on the outskirts of Grand Rapids. Over 50 miles of the trail surface is asphalt pavement, with the remainder natural ballast and hard packed gravel. The trail is open to hiking and biking, with snowmobiles allowed north of Cedar Springs. Trail maintenance is undertaken through partnerships with Friends of the White Pine Trail and local government agencies.

Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail: Currently open from Whitehall to McMillan Road in Dalton, with funding in place to complete the trail from Dalton to North Muskegon.

Musketawa Trail: Approximately 12 miles between Marne and East Muskegon. It traverses orchards, farmlands, and woodlands in Ottawa and Muskegon County, connecting to the Laketon Trail and the Muskegon Lakeshore Trail. The trail is open to hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling (when authorized by the Trail Manager). The trail was developed through a partnership between the DNR and Ottawa and Muskegon Counties and is maintained by the Friends of the Musketawa trail.

State Game Areas

Muskegon State Game Area: 15,338 acres in Muskegon and Newago Counties managed to provide quality habitat for mallard and wood duck, white-tailed deer, pileated woodpecker, Karner blue butterfly, and for recreational opportunities associated with these species

Pentwater River State Game Area: 2,410 acres in Oceana County, southeast of the Village of Pentwater. The area is managed for American bittern, American woodcock, beaver, Eastern wild turkey, mallard, ruffed grouse, white-tailed deer and wood duck.

Grand Haven State Game Area: 1,099 acres in Ottawa County along the Grand River. Managed primarily for American bittern, mallard and wood duck, the site includes a Wildlife Refuge which is closed to the public.

Muskegon County Wastewater Management System (MCWMS) – Special Waterfowl Management Area: special cooperator area located adjacent to the Muskegon State Game Area, managed for wildlife, waterfowl and special hunt purposes by Muskegon County with assistance from the DNR Wildlife Division, entails 11,000 acres.

Regional Trails

Muskegon Lakeshore Trail: 12-mile long hiking and biking trail along the southern shore of Muskegon Lake from Pere Marquette Beach to North Muskegon. The trail features a combination of paved surface and boardwalks.

Laketon Trail: The 4-mile-long Laketon Trail is an important connector that links the Muskegon Lakeshore Trail to the Musketawa Trail. It was built on an abandoned rail bed that runs parallel to Laketon Avenue.

Scenic Drive Connector Route: This road route travels through sand dunes and the Lake Michigan shoreline through Muskegon State Park, Pioneer County Park and Duck Lake State Park.

Lakeshore Trail: 20-mile paved bicycle path connecting the communities of Grand Haven and Holland in Ottawa County. The trail is a separate non-motorized path running parallel to Lakeshore Drive and linking many recreational opportunities.

Lake Michigan Water Trail West: Extends from the Lake Michigan Recreation Area north of Ludington (Mason County) to Buchanan Park south of Grand Haven (Ottawa County). The water trail lies within portions of Mason, Oceana, Muskegon, Kent and Ottawa counties. West Michigan's 90-mile stretch of Lake Michigan coastline features popular swimming beaches and large sand dunes, forests, wetlands, lakes and streams. Lake Michigan provides access to 12 major river systems, including the Grand River (Michigan's longest) and the Muskegon River (Michigan's second longest).



Map courtesy of Michigan Trails Magazine.

Snowmobile Trails: Several of the linear trails are open to snowmobile use, as well as other designated snowmobile routes. A map of the designated snowmobile trails in Muskegon County follows.

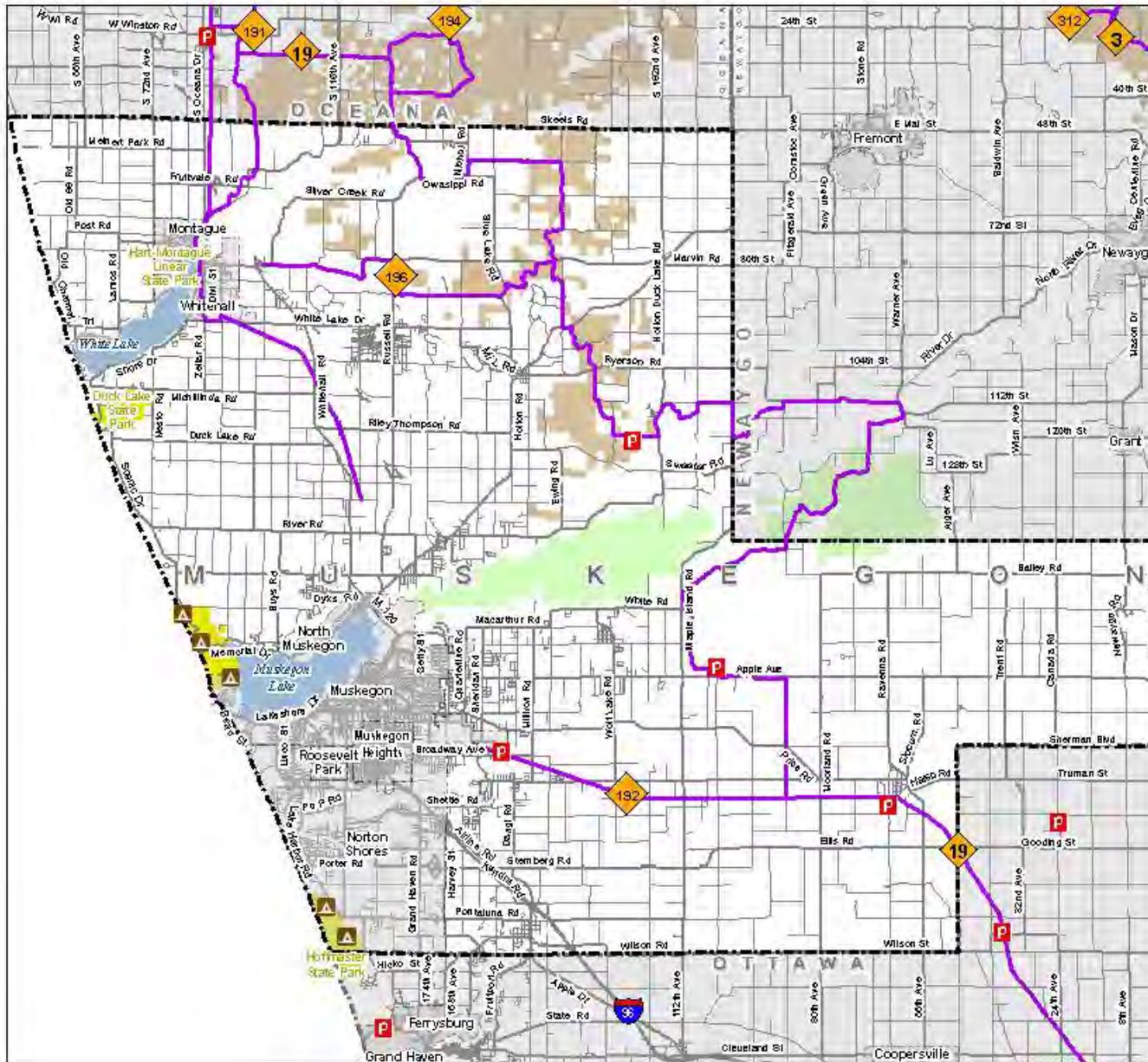
ORV Trails: The Cedar Creek Trail in Muskegon County provides 24 miles of trails in the Huron-Manistee National Forest. The Holton Loop, a 29-mile trail, is also located within the Forest in the northern part of the county.

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Muskegon County, MI

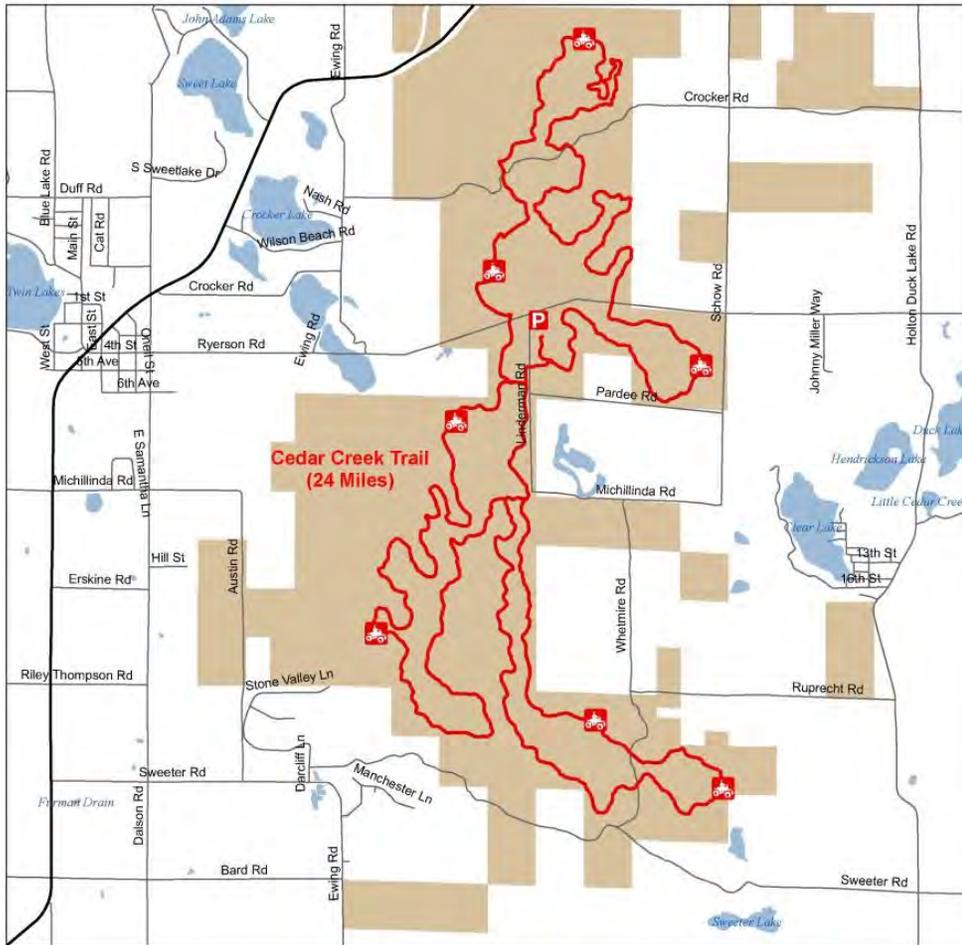


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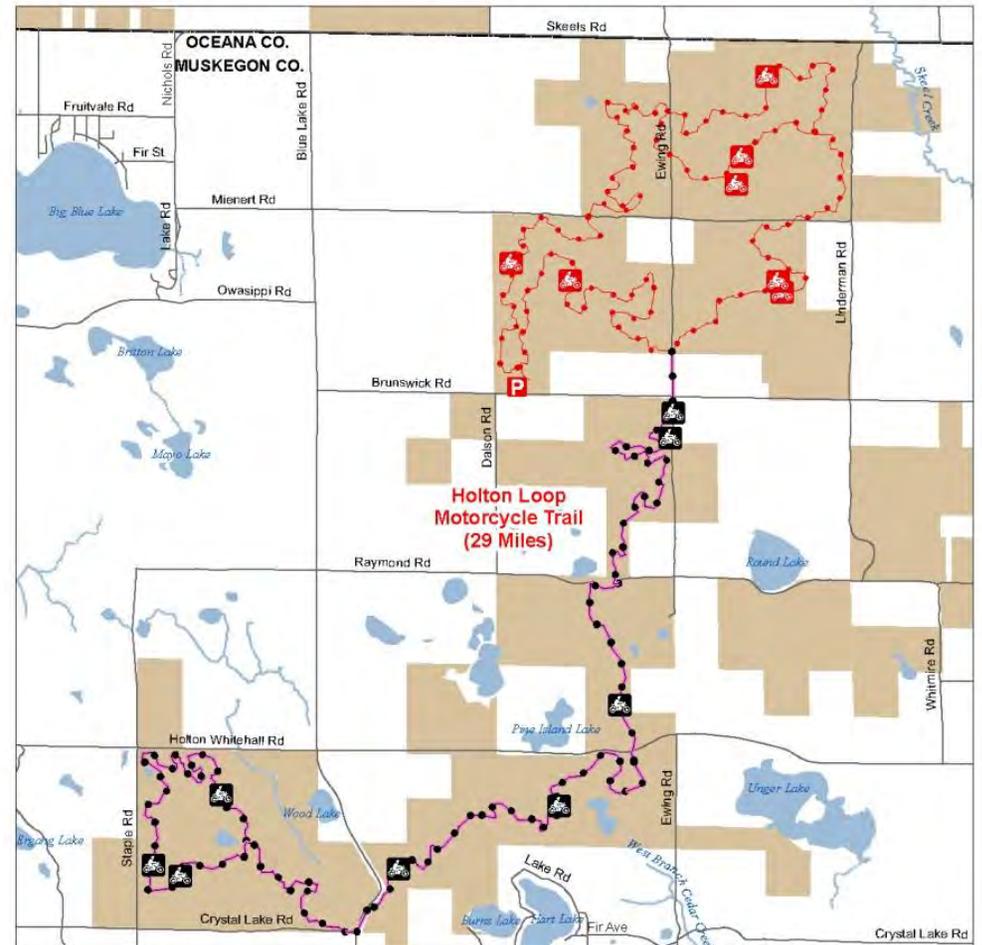
- Designated Snowmobile Trails
 - Parking Lot
 - State Park Campground
 - Roads
 - Cities
 - State Park Boundary
 - State Land
 - Federal Land
 - Lakes and Rivers
 - County Boundary
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Cedar Creek Trail Muskegon County, Michigan



Holton Loop Motorcycle Trail Muskegon County, Michigan



ORV Trail – ORVs 50 inches in width or less including off-road motorcycles. ORV license and trail permit required.



Motorcycle Trail - Motorcycles only. ORV license, trail permit and Secretary of State license required.



Motorcycle Trail - Motorcycles only. DNR license and trail permit required.

Advisory: Routes have two-way traffic.

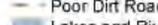
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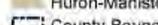
Trailhead Parking



Highway



Paved or Gravel Road



Poor Dirt Road



Lakes and Rivers



Huron-Manistee National Forest



County Boundaries



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Municipal Owned Recreational Land

Muskegon County offers a range of recreation facilities including several lakeshore parks and campsites.

Pioneer Park resides on 145 acres and offers camping, swimming, sunbathing, picnicking, tennis, softball, basketball and volleyball. Located on Lake Michigan, the park provides over 2,000 feet of beach frontage.

Meinert Park is located on Lake Michigan, north of Montague. Sitting on 182 acres with rolling dunes, the park provides scenic overlooks with spectacular views of Little Flower Creek and the Lake Michigan shoreline.

Heritage Landing is the focal point for events on Muskegon’s waterfront, located along the shorelines of Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan in downtown Muskegon. The park includes a large children’s playground area, a new Tall Ship dock, outdoor concert/event pavilion with picnic and fishing areas.

The City of Muskegon features 34 parks, predominantly smaller neighborhood or community parks, but also includes the 92 acre McGraft Park in the City’s Glenside neighborhood, featuring a disc golf course, sledding hill and amphitheater, and 3 Lake Michigan beaches.

Norman F. Kruse Park (52.3 acres) has about one mile of Lake Michigan beach, with breathtaking views of Lake Michigan. The park features a picnic area with 4 picnic shelters and an accessible ramp to the beach and into the dunes. The city has allocated a section of the beach along the northern part of the park just for Dogs.



Kruse Park, offering impressive views of Lake Michigan.

Pere Marquette Park (27.5 acres) contains a large expanse of public sandy beach bordered on the north by the Muskegon Channel. The park is the northern end of 2.5 miles of City-owned Lake Michigan frontage. There is a 200’ handicapped walkway on the beach, which is one of only three nationally recognized “clean beaches” on Lake Michigan. The park features a restaurant/ snack bar, play equipment, picnic area and 40 sand volleyball courts.

Harbour Towne Beach looks out to Muskegon Lake with a clear view of the channel out to Lake Michigan. It is a public beach that is a favorite among locals and offers good opportunities for Walleye and Salmon fishing.

Lake Michigan Park is a natural undeveloped shoreline between Kruse and Pere Marquette Parks. It features 54.5 acres of steep dunes and narrow beaches with no facilities.

The City of Norton Shores maintains eight park properties for public recreational use. The largest of these, Lake Harbor Park, is located on Lake Michigan.

Lake Harbor Park (Norton Shores) is a 189 acre park located on Lake Harbor Road, just north of the Mona Lake Channel. The park has over 4,000 feet on Lake Michigan, 2,000 feet on the Mona Lake Channel and 1,500 feet on Mona Lake. The park features fishing access, trails, overlook decks, beach access and picnic areas.

The City of Montague owns and operates four community parks. The City of North Muskegon owns and operates five community parks and recreational facilities. The City of Roosevelt Park owns and operates eight community parks and recreational facilities.

Fishing Opportunities

The Muskegon River, between Muskegon Lake and Croton Dam, provides excellent fishing for trout, steelhead, salmon and smallmouth bass. Croton Dam is about a 30 minute drive from Muskegon State Park. The section of river from Croton Dam to Newaygo is relatively shallow and fishing is good from both boat and shore (wading). The river section from Newaygo to Muskegon Lake is deeper and is mostly fished by boat. There are many boat and shore public access locations along this entire section of the river (see below). Chinook salmon migrate into the river during fall (August-October) and can be captured throughout the river. Steelhead fishing occurs throughout this river section from late November through June. Migratory Lake Michigan brown trout can be captured in about the lower 10 miles (downstream of Felch Street) of river during October and November. The river section from Croton Dam to Newaygo is stocked with rainbow trout and brown trout. The trout fishing in in this section of river is very good, along with smallmouth bass.

Other fishing opportunities near Muskegon State Park include Duck Lake (panfish and bass) in Duck Lake State Park. White Lake and the White River, located about 15 miles north, have fisheries similar to Muskegon Lake and Muskegon River.

Boating and Fishing Access Sites

Following is a list of boating and fishing access sites in the region surrounding Muskegon State Park. Not all sites listed are suitable for motorized launch. Additional information on boating access sites may be found at: <http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/mrbis/mcgi.aspx>

Muskegon Lake, Channel to Lake Michigan, and Piers (Muskegon County)

- Cottage Grove boat access: City of Muskegon, Muskegon Lake SW.
- Lake Michigan Channel and Pier south side
- Grand Trunk boat access and fishing pier: City of Muskegon, Muskegon Lake SW. There is a small wooden fishing pier at this site where panfish and bass can be caught.

- Hartshorne Marina boat access and shore fishing: City of Muskegon, Muskegon Lake SE. Shore fishing for panfish and bass is available adjacent the boat ramp and on the west peninsula.
- Giddings Street (Fisherman’s Landing) boat access: City of Muskegon, Muskegon Lake SE. Camping facilities are available.

Muskegon River, from Muskegon Lake upstream to Croton Dam.

Sheridan Road, Muskegon State Game Area boat access: 43.260393, -86.1837306, Muskegon County. There is a gravel road entrance and parking lot. The distance downstream to Muskegon Lake is approximately 5 river miles.

Mill Iron Road end: Muskegon County. There is a gravel ramp and parking for about 8 cars and trailers along the road. The distance to the next downstream boat access at Sheridan Road is 2 river miles.

Holton-Duck Lake Road, DNR Muskegon State Game Area boat and shore access: Muskegon County. This site has a dirt road entrance and parking lot. The distance to the next downstream boat access at Mill Iron Road is 4.6 river miles.

Maple Island DNR boat access, Newaygo County. The distance to the next downstream boat access at Holton-Duck Lake Road is 2.9 river miles.

Warner Road (Bridgeton Township) boat access: Newaygo County. This site has a dirt road entrance and parking lot. The distance to the next downstream boat access at Maple Island Road is 6.4 river miles.

Felch Street (Anderson Flats) DNR boat access, Newaygo County. This site has a dirt parking lot and concrete ramp. There is a steep grade on Felch Street leading to the access site. The distance to the next downstream boat access at Warner Road is 10.3 river miles.

Bridge Street DNR boat access and shore fishing in the City of Newaygo. This site has a dirt parking lot and a concrete ramp. There is a small area available for shore fishing at the access site. The distance to the next downstream boat access site at Felch Street is 3.7 river miles.

Newaygo Riverfront Park shore access (City of Newaygo): This park is located on Bridge Street, across the river from the DNR Bridge Street Access. There is a walkway along the entire river from Bridge Street to the M-37 Bridge that provides shore fishing.

Henning Park boat access and shore fishing (Newaygo County Parks): This site has a paved parking lot and boat ramp. There is good shore fishing access upstream and downstream of the boat ramp. The distance to the next downstream boat access at Bridge Street is 1.5 river miles.

DNR Croton Drive shore fishing access: Newaygo County. There is about a 100 foot drop down a couple of hills along the trail to the river. The public land access is downstream of the mouth of Bigelow Creek.

DNR Thornapple Street (High Rollway) boat access and shore fishing: Brooks Township, Newaygo County. There is about 0.25 miles of shore fishing access downstream of the boat ramp. The distance to the next downstream boat ramp at Henning Park is 6.4 river miles.

DNR Thornapple Street shore fishing access: Newaygo County.

DNR Pine Street boat access and shore fishing: Croton Township, Newaygo County. There is a small area that can be fished from shore by wading. The distance to the next downstream boat access at Thornapple Street is 6.7 river miles.

DNR 72nd Street shore fishing access: Newaygo County.

Charles Besemer Muskegon River Park boat access and shore fishing at Croton Dam (Consumers Energy and Croton Township): Newaygo County. On the west side of Croton Drive there is a steep, paved boat launch, with shore fishing and trailer parking on both sides of the road. The North Country trail provides shore fishing access to about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of public land downstream of the boat ramp. In the parking area west of Croton Drive, there is a barrier free path down the hill to the river just below Croton Dam, and a barrier free fishing platform. There is also a fishing pier just below the dam on the south side of the river that can be accessed from Croton Drive south of the bridge. The distance to the next downstream boat access at Pine Street is 1.3 river miles.

Private Recreation Facilities

The Muskegon area has a range of private and semi-private recreation and cultural activities to interest residents and visitors.

- Michigan's Adventure is Michigan's largest amusement and water park, featuring over 60 rides and attractions including the world-class wooden roller coaster, Shivering Timbers
- Muskegon is a boater's paradise offering sailing adventures, a large variety of charters, fishing charters, boat/kayak rentals as well as marinas and yacht clubs. Muskegon Lake is home to 10 marinas and over 3000 boat slips.
- *Golfing*: Muskegon County boasts over 15 traditional golf courses, as well as mini golf and disc golf.
- *Camping*: several private campgrounds are located in the area

Museums and History

The extensive lakeshore history of the area includes historic ships, lighthouses and a variety of other places to visit.

Hackley and Hume Historic Site: Walk back in time while touring the homes of Muskegon's most famous lumber baron, Charles H. Hackley, and his business partner, Thomas Hume. The site brings late 19th century craftsmanship to life.

The Lakeshore Museum Center offers several historic experiences including the Fire Barn, Scolnik Depression House, as well as changing and permanent exhibits.

The Muskegon Heritage Museum shows the economic, industrial and social history of the greater Muskegon area.

USS Silversides Submarine Museum includes exhibits and displays focusing on the USS *Silversides*, World War II, the Pearl Harbor attack, submarines, the Cold War, marine technology, and Great Lakes shipping.

The USS LST 393 Veterans Museum is a nationally renowned veterans' museum with artifacts and displays honoring those who served America.

SS Milwaukee Clipper has been dedicated as a National Historic Landmark. Built in 1905 and substantially renovated in 1940, this is the oldest passenger steamship on the Great Lakes. Tours are available, courtesy of The Great Lakes CLIPPER Preservation Association.

Muskegon South Pierhead Light (Pere Marquette Beach)

The first light in Muskegon was constructed on shore in 1852. In 1902, after the completion of the pier, this shore light was replaced with a new light at the end of the pier. Tours are available Memorial Day to Labor Day and special events.

Arts and Entertainment

Muskegon County has many venues to support the arts and entertainment, including the Muskegon Museum of Art, Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts, Muskegon Civic Theatre, and the Howmet Playhouse.

Popular annual events, such as Summer Celebration, Muskegon Bike Time and the Unity Christian Music Festival, attract thousands of visitors every year.

A.4 HISTORY OF MUSKEGON AREA

Roughly 14,000 years ago, Paleo-Indian people became Michigan's first inhabitants as glaciers receded to the north. The archaeological evidence for Paleo-Indian people in the Muskegon area, however, is scant, and suggests that they were only there briefly, and probably in very small numbers. During the succeeding Archaic and Woodland periods, archaeological sites are more numerous, indicating increasing Native American population. By the 1700s, after the arrival of French explorers and traders, the native population of the Muskegon area was composed primarily of Ottawa people.

The word Muskegon appears to have come from the Ojibwe/Chippewa word *mashkig*, meaning marsh or swamp. The "Masquigon" river is identified on French maps dating from the late seventeenth century, suggesting that the French explorers had reached the western coast of Michigan by that time. No one knows for certain when the first Frenchman visited the Muskegon area, but Father Jacques Marquette traveled northward through this area on his way back to St. Ignace in 1675 and a party of French soldiers under La Salle's lieutenant, Henry de Tonty, passed through this area in 1679.

The earliest known resident of the county was Edward Fitzgerald, a fur trader and trapper who visited the Muskegon area in 1748. During the late 1790s and early 1800s several French-Canadian traders established trading posts around Duck Lake and Muskegon Lake.

Settlement of Muskegon began in earnest in 1837, when Muskegon Township was organized as a subdivision of Ottawa County. As a corporate entity, Muskegon County dates from 1859, when it had a reported population of 3,947.

The era of settlement coincided with the beginning of the exploitation of the area's extensive timber resources. By the time the local lumber industry had reached its peak in the mid-1880s, forty-seven sawmills surrounded Muskegon Lake. Muskegon was known as the "Lumber Queen of the World" when 665,000,000 board feet were cut in 1887 alone.

Toward the end of the nineteenth century, the lumbering era was diminishing. The local economy was severely depressed, until area industrialists lead the community into a program of economic development. Muskegon was well on its way to becoming a diversified industrial center when the Great Depression of the 1930s undermined much of that economic development. The economy rebounded again during World War II in response to Muskegon's role as an "Arsenal of Democracy", following President Roosevelt's call to step up production of war materials. Companies such as Continental Motors geared up for war production and in 1944 Continental reached a peak workforce of 9,000. Workers were bought in from the south and many stayed on as Muskegon's minority population increased seven fold by the end of the war. Muskegon was the first city to be honored with the "M" flag (for manufacturing) by the Manpower Commission. Muskegon was also honored by having a ship named after it, the USS Muskegon.

The 1950s and 1960s witnessed a return to the economic slump. Factories cut back on production and laid off employees and many area businesses closed their doors permanently. The 1960s and 1970s were years of business consolidation when numerous locally owned banks and industrial establishments were sold to large national and international corporations. Since the 1970s, the industrial community has continued to diversify in order to cope with an ever-changing economy.

Source: Muskegon County Comprehensive Plan, 2013. Daniel J. Yakes, Muskegon Community College and the Muskegon County Museum.

Muskegon was the 'Arsenal of Democracy' during World War II, By David Kolb | The Muskegon Chronicle December 06, 2009

A.5 HISTORY OF MUSKEGON STATE PARK

In the late nineteenth century, Muskegon was a hub for lumbering activity. Harvested timber from area lumber camps was transported to the numerous sawmills located along the shores of Muskegon Lake via the Muskegon River. The lake offered a protective harbor where ships could safely load their cargo. One of the lumber companies, Ryerson Hill & Company, operated a sawmill in Snug Harbor, a small bay on the northeastern side of the lake. The Bay Mill Bridge extended across this harbor forming a logging boom in the inner bay.

The existence of the state park is in large part due to the persistence of a Muskegon industrialist, Louis Lunsford. When Mr. Lunsford became aware that the land formerly owned by Ryerson Hill was in jeopardy of being sold to a foundry company with plans to haul away the sand dunes, he convinced the Muskegon County Board of Supervisors to purchase the site. In 1923, this property of over 840 acres was purchased from the county by the state for use as a state park.

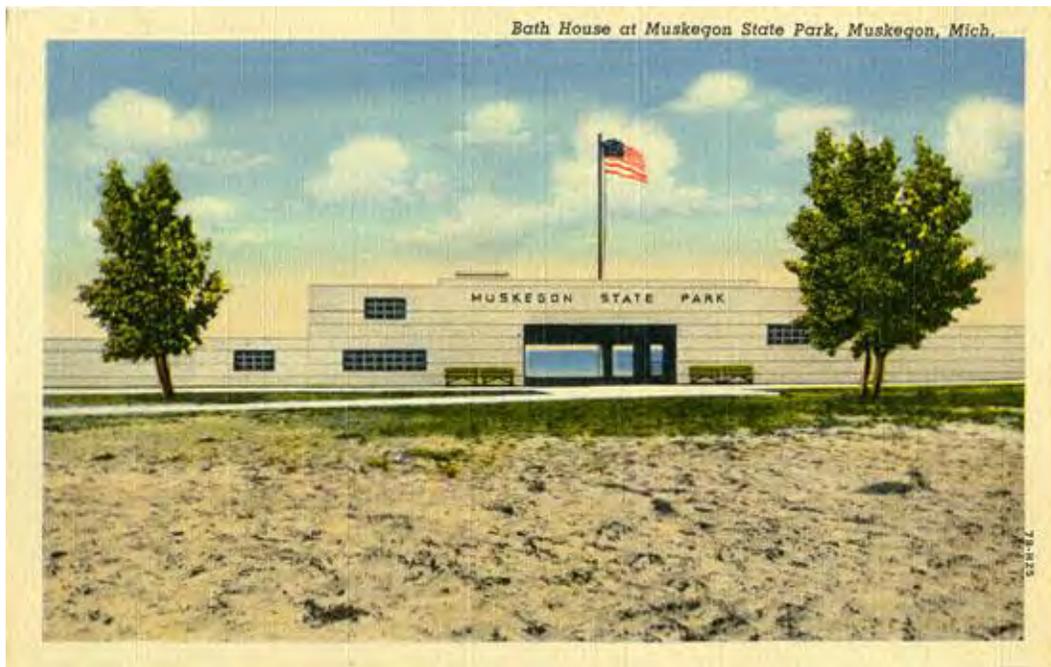
The 1925-26 Biennial Report of the Department of Conservation noted construction of a 20 foot wide concrete scenic highway along Lake Michigan through the park by the county. This was part of a scenic highway from North Muskegon to Whitehall. Other improvements included a caretaker's residence and the planting of some 20,000 seedlings at the north end of the park. Improvements continued through the late 1920s, including the construction of two shelter buildings, toilet buildings and the main camping area combination building. Tree planting continued with assistance from Boy Scouts, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Izaak Walton League and others, through the efforts of the Muskegon County Agricultural Agent.

Over the years, the park increased in size as a result of further purchases and a 160 acre land exchange from the federal government. During the 1930's, prior to the transfer to the state, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp Muskegon SP-5 was located on the federal property. The camp was in operation from October 1933 to September 1934, and together with the Civil Works Administration (CWA) and the Federal Emergency relief Administration many structural improvements were made in the park. Improvements included latrines, row boats, picnic tables, group camp buildings, a square block house located on top of a scenic overlook, roadway construction, clearing and grading for campsites and tree and shrub planning. A substantial amount of removal of dead and downed lumber was also undertaken to clear the beaches and reduce fire risk. Much of this work was done by labor from the welfare list of the City of Muskegon and Muskegon Heights under park supervision.

From 1937 to 1941 the Works Progress Administration (WPA) worked within the park, completing numerous park improvements. This included the development of the beach area along Lake Michigan and the construction of a modern style concrete bathhouse. In addition, the scenic drive along Lake Michigan was extended. Other improvements included enlargement of the campgrounds, construction of the campground toilet building and a toboggan slide and ice ring.

Progress on the park slowed during wartime. A new manager's residence and water system in the day camp area was reported to have built in 1949-1950.

Improvements continued through the 50s, 60s and 70s. The block house, built by the CCC in the 1930s, burnt down in the 1960s. The structure was rebuilt several years later using the original CCC plans. During the 1970s a new campground was developed at the south end of the park. The site was originally identified as a proposed campground on 1939 park plans.



Postcard of Bath House c. 1940.

Muskegon State Park has a unique connection to the history of winter sports through its role in the birth of the “Snurfer”, a predecessor of the modern day snowboard. The Snurfer was developed in 1966 by Muskegon resident Sherman Poppen and made popular by Bob Novak, who snow surfed down the Michigan dunes at the Blockhouse. Novak Snurfboards, founded in 2006, manufactures and distributes a high-tech version of the Snurfer in Muskegon today.

Source: Inventory of Historical Resources in Selected Michigan State Parks, April 1998, State Historic Preservation Office. Biennial Reports of the Department of Conservation.

A.6 LAND OWNERSHIP

The lands that make up Muskegon State Park are owned in fee simple and include surface and mineral rights.

Funding Sources

The lands that comprise Muskegon State Park have been acquired by the state through a variety of funding sources. Often, conditions attached to the original funding source or other details of the property transaction encumber the future use or disposition of the land.

The funding source map at the end of Appendix A identifies the sources used in acquiring land within Muskegon State Park. The following outlines in more detail each funding source associated with the park. All acreages given are approximate.

Special Legislation

Acquisitions for park purposes through this source are tied to specific funding established by the legislature.

- The majority of land in Muskegon State Park was purchased using Special Legislation funds. Nearly 850 acres was purchased from the Muskegon County Parks Board in 1923, with an additional 137 acres acquired using this fund by 1930.

Exchange

The State acquired 160 acres from the federal government in 1940 as part of an exchange for various lands across the state. This land is shown as unshaded on the funding source map.

Michigan Land Trust Fund (MLTF)

The “Kammer Recreational Land Trust Fund Act of 1976” (Public Act 204, 1976) created the Michigan Land Trust Fund (MLTF) program to provide a source of funding for the public acquisition of lands for resource protection and public outdoor recreation. Funding was derived from royalties on the sale and lease of State-owned mineral rights. This fund has now been replaced by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

- One parcel (40.85 acres) was acquired using the MLTF in 1985.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

The MNRTF was created by a state constitutional amendment in 1984, which required that oil, gas and other mineral lease and royalty payments be placed into the Trust Fund, with proceeds used to acquire and develop public recreation lands. To implement the Constitutional amendment, the Legislature passed the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Act of 1985 (P.A. 101 of 1985).

- A 33.03 acre parcel in the northeast of the park was purchased using MNRTF in 2008

Gift

35.21 acres was gifted to the DNR by the Land Conservancy of West Michigan in 2008. The property, known as the Lost Lake parcel, was gifted with the following restrictions: the land shall be maintained as part of the state park using sound management principals, with a primary emphasis on natural resource protection and non-motorized outdoor recreation and it shall be maintained in perpetuity in its natural, scenic and generally undeveloped condition.

Leases and Easements

There are a number of granted easements within the park relating to utility lines, highways and erosion control.

US Army Corps of Engineers

- The DNR has entered into a lease agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers which authorizes park and recreation activities on land located along the northside of the Muskegon Channel, including the north breakwater, north pier and north revetment.

Consumers Power Company

- 1969: easement and right of way to lay underground cables in an area 10 feet wide along the park road to serve park facilities.
- 1974: easement and right of way to lay underground cables in an area 10 feet wide to service the channel campground.
- 1978: easement to construct, operate, maintain and repair overhead lines and underground lines in Laketon Township (T10N R17W Section 17 and 20)

Muskegon County Road Commission (MCRC)

- 1939: release of 100 foot right of way for highway purposes to construct Memorial Drive and Scenic Drive to the north.
- 1952: release of right of way for highway purposes to construct road south of Memorial Drive.
- 1969: MCRC abandoned a portion of M-123.
- 1993: Permanent easement for installation, construction and maintenance of a rock revetment west of Scenic Drive for a distance of 1,050 feet by MCRC in accordance with an agreement with the U.S Army Corps of Engineers.

A.7 LEGAL MANDATES

For all park General Management Plans, all legal mandates are identified that serve to further guide the development of the General Management Plan and subsequent Action Plans. For our planning purposes, the term “Legal Mandates” refers to not only to federal and state law, but also the administrative tools of “Policy” and “Directive” of the Natural Resource Commission, the Department, and the Parks & Recreation Division. Examples include Orders of the Director, Park and Recreation Areas State Land Rules and all other laws, commission orders, and rules or directives that apply to the park.

Specific to Muskegon State Park the following legal mandates have been identified.

Federal Statue

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, 1973	
This Act authorizes the determination and listing of species as endangered and threatened, and prohibits unauthorized taking, possession, sale and transport of endangered species.	
NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT, 1966 AS AMENDED	
This is the primary federal law governing the preservation of cultural and historic resources in the United States. The law establishes a national preservation program and a system of procedural protections which encourage the identification and protection of cultural and historic resources of national, state, tribal and local significance	
BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLE PROTECTION ACT, 1940 AND AMENDMENTS	
This Act prohibits anyone, without a permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior, from "taking" bald eagles, including their parts, nests, or eggs. The Act defines "take" as "pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb." “Disturb” includes actions that may result in injury to the eagle, a decrease in its productivity or nest abandonment.	

State Statue

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (NREPA) AND AMENDMENTS	
PA 451 of 1994, Part 5	Gives the DNR authority to make rules to support its mission. This includes State Land Rules, Land Use Orders, Wildlife Conservation Orders, Fisheries Orders and Watercraft Control.
PA 451 of 1994, Part 31 Water Resources Protection	Provides authority to DEQ to require a permit for any occupation, construction, filling, or grade change within the 100-year floodplain of a river, stream, drain, or inland lake.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (NREPA) AND AMENDMENTS	
PA 451 of 1994, Part 301 Inland Lakes and Streams	Requires a permit from the state (DEQ) to undertake certain activities relating to inland lakes and streams, such as dredging, fill, marinas, structures, alteration of flow, etc.
PA 451 of 1994, Part 303 Wetlands Protection	Requires a permit from the state (DEQ) to undertake certain activities in regulated wetlands, such as, dredging, fill, construction or drainage.
PA 451 of 1994, Part 325 Great Lakes Submerged Bottomlands	A permit is required for all filling, dredging, and placement of permanent structures (i.e., docks, piers, pilings, etc.) below the "ordinary high water mark" and on all upland channels extending landward of the "ordinary high water mark" of the Great Lakes.
PA 451 of 1994, Part 353 Sand Dune Protection and Management	The law defines a "critical dune area" as a geographic area designated in the "atlas of critical dune areas" dated February 1989 that was prepared by the department of natural resources. Sec. 35304. (1) states that: A person shall not initiate a use within a critical dune area unless the person obtains a permit from the local unit of government in which the critical dune area is located or the department (DEQ).
PA 451 of 1994, Part 741 State Park System	The department shall create, maintain, operate, promote, and make available for public use and enjoyment a system of state parks to preserve and protect Michigan's significant natural resources and areas of natural beauty or historic significance, to provide open space for public recreation, and to provide an opportunity to understand Michigan's natural resources and the need to protect and manage those resources.
PA 451 of 1994, Part 761 Aboriginal Records and Antiquities	The state reserves the exclusive right and privilege to all aboriginal records and other antiquities including those found on the bottomlands of the Great Lakes.
PA 35 of 2010, Part 741 Recreation Passport	This act amended the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code to provide for a State Park and State-operated public boating access site "Recreation Passport" that a Michigan resident may obtain by paying an additional fee when registering a motor vehicle.

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE	
PA 368 of 1978, Part 125, Campgrounds, Swimming Areas and Swimmers' Itch	Established to protect and promote the public health by establishing health code requirements and regulations that all public (including DNR) and private campgrounds must meet. Includes permitting, licensing, inspections and rules regarding sanitation, safety standards and public health. Also covers testing and evaluating quality of water at bathing beaches, safety and rescue equipment.

Orders

The following Orders apply to Muskegon State Park.

Land Use Orders of the Director

5.2 Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in certain state parks and recreation areas, prohibited conduct.

Order 5.2 A person shall not do any of the following:

- (3) Possess or consume an alcoholic beverage within the following described areas from April 15 through June 15:
 - (a) Muskegon SP - channel and Lake Michigan campgrounds.
- (4) Possess or consume an alcoholic beverage within the following described locations from April 15 through Labor Day:
 - (c) Muskegon SP - entire park except the campgrounds that are regulated pursuant to subsection (4).

5.7 Certain environmentally sensitive and piping plover nesting areas, prohibited conduct, exceptions.

Order 5.7 (1) A person shall not do any of the following:

- (a) Enter, use, or occupy without proper written permission that portion of Fayette SP located in section 24, T38N R20W, Delta county.
- (b) Enter, use, or occupy any of the following described state-owned lands, as posted, from April 15 through August 31 except with proper written permission:
 - (vii) Muskegon SP - state-owned lands in sections 17, 20-21, and 28-29, T10N R17W, Muskegon County.

5.16a Entry, use and occupancy of certain state parks, recreation areas and scenic sites, prohibited conduct.

Order 5.16a (1) A person shall not do any of the following:

- (a) Enter any of the following state-owned lands with a motor vehicle unless a valid Michigan recreation passport has been purchased and affixed to the vehicle:
 - (54) Muskegon SP, Muskegon County.

State Land Rules

Parks and Recreation Areas – State Land Rules are issued by authority conferred on the Michigan DNR by Section 504 of 1994 PA 451 MCL 324.504. The rules cover entry, use and occupation of state lands and unlawful acts.

A.8 LANDSCAPE CONTEXT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Landscape Context

A regional landscape ecosystem classification has been developed for Michigan, which distinguishes major landscapes based on macroclimate, physiography, soil and vegetation. Muskegon State Park is located in the Southern Lake Michigan Lake Plain subsection (subsection VI.3.2). The landscape forms of this subsection were created in a glacial lacustrine environment. While most of the landscape is flat to rolling in character, Muskegon State Park consists largely of coastal parabolic sand dunes, some over 200 feet high.

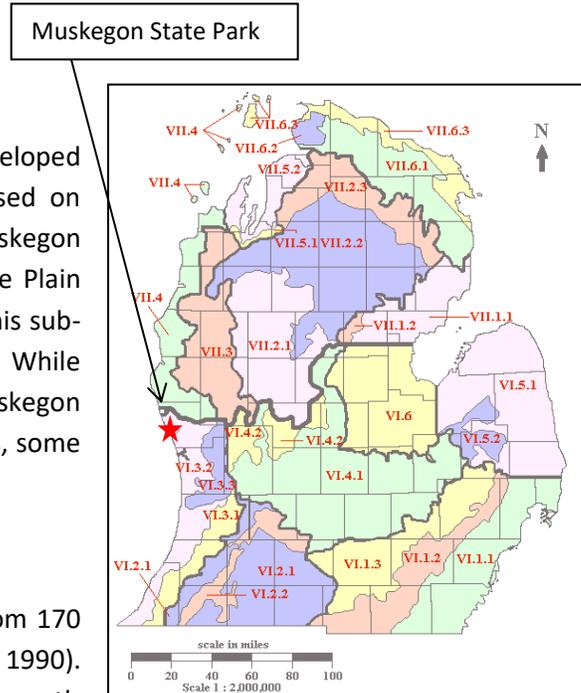
Climate

The growing season in the Allegan sub-section ranges from 170 days in the south to 150 days in the north (Eichenlaub *et al.* 1990). Average annual precipitation ranges from 38 inches in the south to 32 inches in the north. Average snowfall ranges from 70 inches in the southern quarter of the subsection to as much as 100 inches farther north; this lake-effect snowfall decreases rapidly at the eastern edge of the subsection. Extreme minimum temperature ranges from -22°F at the southern edge to -34°F at the northern edge. The moderating factors of the lakeshore results in intensive use of much of the lake plain for orchards and vineyards.

Water Resources

The Muskegon River Watershed is the second largest in the state, spanning 219 miles in length from Houghton and Higgins Lake to the mouth at Muskegon Lake.

Muskegon Lake is a 4,232 acre drowned river mouth lake connected to Lake Michigan by a navigation channel. Muskegon Lake was designated as a Great Lakes Area of Concern (AOC) in 1985 because beneficial uses were impaired by historical industrial disposal practices and shoreline alterations that filled open waters and degraded habitat. Sediments were contaminated with excessive nutrients, heavy metals, petrochemicals and pesticides. Since that time, beneficial use impairments have been identified and restoration plans developed by the Muskegon Lake Partnership. Two of the principal sediment contamination sites have been restored and restoration of another is scheduled for the 2016-2017 period. Planning to restore the last principal contamination site is underway. Substantial restoration of fish and wildlife habitat has occurred during the past 15 years. The Beneficial Use restoration targets are expected to be completed by 2017 and delisting Muskegon Lake as an Area of Concern is expected by the end of 2018.



Source: Regional Landscape of Michigan and Wisconsin, A Working Map and Classification, Dennis Albert, September 20, 1995.

Topography

A large proportion of Muskegon State Park is characterized by steep dune formations, rising to 250 feet above the lake level. The northwest area of the park exhibits more gently rolling topography.

Soils

The entire park exhibits sandy soils.

Geology

Surface sediments at Muskegon State Park consist of dune sand deposited along the western shore of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, and much of the park has been designated a Critical Dune Area. In the relatively recent geologic past, the Muskegon River emptied directly into post-glacial Lake Nipissing (now Lake Michigan). One, or multiple, sand spits grew around the existing bay and eventually formed a baymouth bar, which now separates Muskegon Lake, on the southeast side of the park, from Lake Michigan. Bedrock beneath the glacial sediments consists of the Mississippian-age Marshall Sandstone, which was deposited in beach and nearshore marine environments during the Paleozoic Era.

Mineral Resources

Sand dunes are mined in other parts of the state, including at a site three miles south from the park in Muskegon. However, the state no longer issues new mining permits for Critical Dune areas, and the DNR does not lease state-owned property in these zones for mineral exploration and development. The Marshall Sandstone currently has limited economic value and is too deeply buried in this area to be commercially developed. The extremely prolific Muskegon oil and gas field is located approximately three miles east of the park. The field has been mostly abandoned. The smaller Laketon oil field, less than one mile east of the park, still has wells actively producing. The northwest portion of the park was explored for hydrocarbons several decades ago but oil and gas was not found. A large portion of the park has been classified as non-development with respect to mineral leasing, which means no surface disturbance related to mineral development activities is allowed. A small portion of the park has not yet been specifically classified for mineral leasing.

General Land Office Survey Landcover 1800s

With the exception of open dune, the entire park was mapped as white oak-white pine forest by the General Land Office (GLO) Surveyors circa 1800. The Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI), 2002, reports that the dominant species was white pine, along with a low number of aspen, eastern hemlock, white ash and American beech. A large area of open dune was noted by the GLO surveyors in the same location found today.

Current Land Cover and Vegetation

The present day forest is more diverse than that recorded by the GLO. Oaks and pines characterize the open edges of blowouts and south facing slopes, with sugar maple, beech, and hemlock characterizing the more protected back dunes forests and north and east slopes.

Natural Community types documented at Muskegon State Park include coastal plain marsh, dry-mesic northern forest, mesic northern forest, interdunal wetland, hardwood conifer swamp and open dune. Much of the open dune area within the park exhibits a high level of human recreational use and resulting degradation. The Lost Lake parcel, acquired in 2008 with assistance from the Land Conservancy of West Michigan, supports a high level and diverse plant community, including coastal plains marsh and dry-mesic forest.

Rare Flora and Fauna

The MNFI report for Muskegon State Park and the Lost Lake addition report the presence of the following rare plant and animal species. After a hiatus of many decades, the state and federal listed Piping plover returned to nest at Muskegon State Park in 2015. In 2016 two pairs nested on the Lake Michigan shoreline near the day-use area.

Rare Animals at Muskegon State Park			
Common Name	Scientific Name	State Status	Federal Status
Piping plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	Endangered	Endangered
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Special Concern	
Prairie warbler	<i>Dendroica discolor</i>	Endangered	
Dune cutworm	<i>Euxoa aurulenta</i>	Special Concern	
Eastern box turtle	<i>Terrapene carolina carolina</i>	Special Concern	
Rare Plants at Muskegon State Park			
Common Name	Scientific Name	State Status	Federal Status
Pitcher’s Thistle	<i>Cirsium pitcheri</i>	Threatened	Threatened
Bald-rush	<i>Psilocarya scirpoides</i>	Threatened	
Tall beak-rush	<i>Rhynchospora macrostachya</i>	Special Concern	
Umbrella-grass	<i>Fuirena squarrosa</i>	Threatened	
Cross-leaved milkwort	<i>Polygala cruciata</i>	Special Concern	
Northern appressed clubmoss	<i>Lycopodiella subappressa</i>	Threatened	
Wild rice	<i>Zizania aquatic var. aquatica</i>	Special Concern	
Zigzag bladderwort	<i>Utricularia subulata</i>	Threatened	

Additional threatened and endangered species which have been sighted in the park during migration (but not documented as breeding there) include northern goshawk, Prothonotary warbler, hooded warbler and cerulean warbler.

Wildlife

The Lake Michigan shoreline is an important migration corridor. Muskegon State Park provides important stopover habitat for birds migrating along the coastline. During the spring and fall, Muskegon State Park becomes a migration corridor for hawks, warblers, and waterfowl. The variety of habitats within the park provides nesting habitat, shelter, and food. Shorebirds may also be seen regularly.

Fisheries

Muskegon State Park has property that borders Lake Michigan, Muskegon Lake, and the channel between these two lakes. Muskegon Lake is one of the best fishing lakes in Michigan. A one year study during 2002-2003 (summer-winter) found that 180,064 hours of fishing were expended on Muskegon Lake. A total of 295,273 fish were caught, with 111,112 fish released and 184,161 harvested by anglers (See table below). Panfish were the most abundant fish caught and included bluegill, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, rock bass, and black crappie. Northern pike, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and walleye were common in the catch. In September and October, Chinook salmon and brown trout can be caught in Muskegon Lake during their spawning runs. A reintroduction program of Great Lakes muskellunge began in 2013 and some young fish have been caught by anglers.

Lake Michigan fisheries at the port of Muskegon are good for Chinook salmon, steelhead, brown trout and lake trout. Surf fishing along the Lake Michigan beach occurs for steelhead and brown trout during April, May, September and October. Boat fisheries inside and outside the Lake Michigan piers also occur during the spring and fall for trout, salmon and walleye.

The park has excellent access to the channel between Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan. Barrier free fishing platforms are provided at various locations along the channel wall. Panfish, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass are most commonly caught, along with an occasional walleye or freshwater drum.

FISH CAUGHT BY ANGERS IN MUSKEGON LAKE - SUMMER & WINTER FISHERIES 2002-2003

Species	Caught	Released	Harvested
Bluegill	126,105	50,808	75,297
Yellow perch	124,338	38,194	86,144
Pumpkinseed	18,155	6,351	11,804
Northern pike	6,878	5,046	1,832
Rock bass	5,052	2,396	2,656
Largemouth bass	4,423	4,305	118
Smallmouth bass	3,007	2,838	169
Walleye	2,736	654	2,082
Black crappie	2,181	-	2,181
Chinook salmon	1,007	14	993
Channel catfish	308	-	308
Bowfin	298	298	-
Brown trout	278	-	278
White bass	148	148	-
Freshwater drum	131	-	131
Coho salmon	92	-	92
Sucker, all	85	60	25
Northern musky	20	-	20
White perch	17	-	17
Rainbow trout	14	-	14
Total	295,273	111,112	184,161
Catch per hour	1.6398	0.6171	1.0227

Lake Michigan, Muskegon Lake and the Muskegon River fish consumption guidelines provided by the Michigan Department of Community Health can be found at this website: http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71548_54783_54784_54785---,00.html

A.9 HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

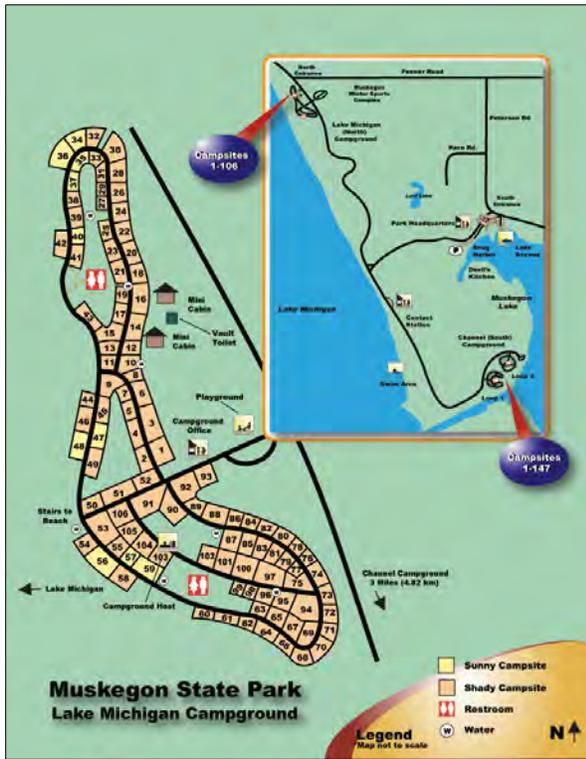
Many of the park's early features are gone. However, the northern portion of Scenic Drive remains, along with several of the projects completed by the various relief agencies in the 1930's. These include the square timber toilet/laundry/shower building in the Lake Michigan Campground, the modern style concrete bathhouse on Lake Michigan and its matching concrete pump house. However, the roof line of the bath house has been changed from a flat roof to a hip roof, significantly altering its architectural integrity. The toilet/shower building in the Lake Michigan Campground is considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Several features of the early nineteenth century lumbering era are also still evident on the park property today. These include remnants of the Bay Mills Bridge, which has been modified by the park several times over the years and is now used as a fishing pier, and several foundations from old lumbering structures.



A 1960s replica of the original blockhouse built by the CCC in the 1930s and lost to fire.

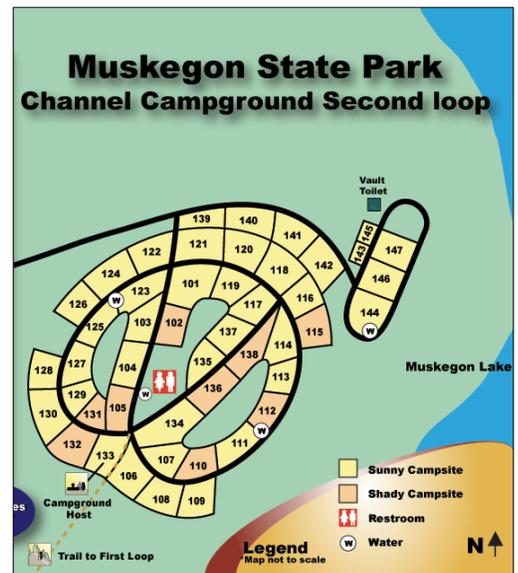
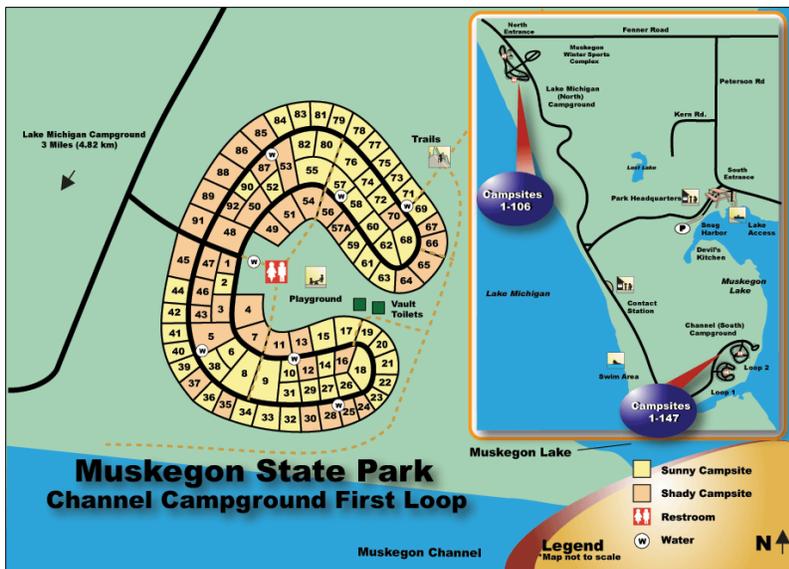
A.10 RECREATION RESOURCES



Camping

The park offers two modern campsites with a sanitation station, rustic group use, mini cabins and a yurt. Muskegon State Park has 106 sites in the Lake Michigan Campground with an additional 147 in the Channel Campground, comprised of 2 loops. 20/30 amp electric service is available, with 50-amp service on select sites, and modern restroom facilities.

Muskegon State Park also offers winter camping. There are 20 rustic campsites available during the winter months in the Lake Michigan campground.



The yurt, located near the Sports Complex and close to the park's trail network, is available for rent year round. The 20 foot diameter yurt sits upon a wood deck and comes with two handmade log bunk beds, mattresses, a table, chairs and a solar lantern, with a woodstove for heat. A picnic table and fire ring are located on site. The yurt will sleep up to 7 adults. Electricity and running water are not provided, however, an outhouse is located nearby. During the warmer months modern restrooms and showers are available at the Lake Michigan Campground across the road.



Mini Cabins

There are 2 mini cabins in the Lake Michigan Campground. The cabins sleep four, with bunks and mattresses provided. They are heated and have electric lights.



Hiking

Twelve miles of marked hiking trails can be found in the park. The trails are a diverse series of loops that meander through a variety of landscapes, from lowland to the top of scenic sand dunes.

Muskegon-Devil's Kitchen	Trail Length: 1.00 (Miles)
Muskegon-Dune Ridge	Trail Length: 1.75 (Miles)
Muskegon-Hearty Hiker	Trail Length: 1.75 (Miles)
Muskegon-Loop to Loop	Trail Length: 5.00 (Miles)
Muskegon-Lost Lake	Trail Length: 0.75 (Miles)
Muskegon-Scenic Ridge	Trail Length: 1.25 (Miles)



Cross Country Skiing

Twelve Miles of marked trails, with five miles lighted for cross country skiing, can be found in the park. The trails are a diverse series of loops that meander through a variety of landscapes.



Metal Detecting

Metal detecting is recognized as a legitimate recreation activity when it is conducted in ways that do not damage the natural and cultural resources in Michigan State Parks nor violate applicable state statutes. The following map shows where this activity may take place. Any items found must be reviewed by park staff and may be retained for further investigation.



Boat Launch

For boating and fishing enthusiasts, Muskegon State Park offers excellent facilities. A lighted boat launch is located at Snug Harbor, where trailered boats of all sizes can be launched 24 hours a day.



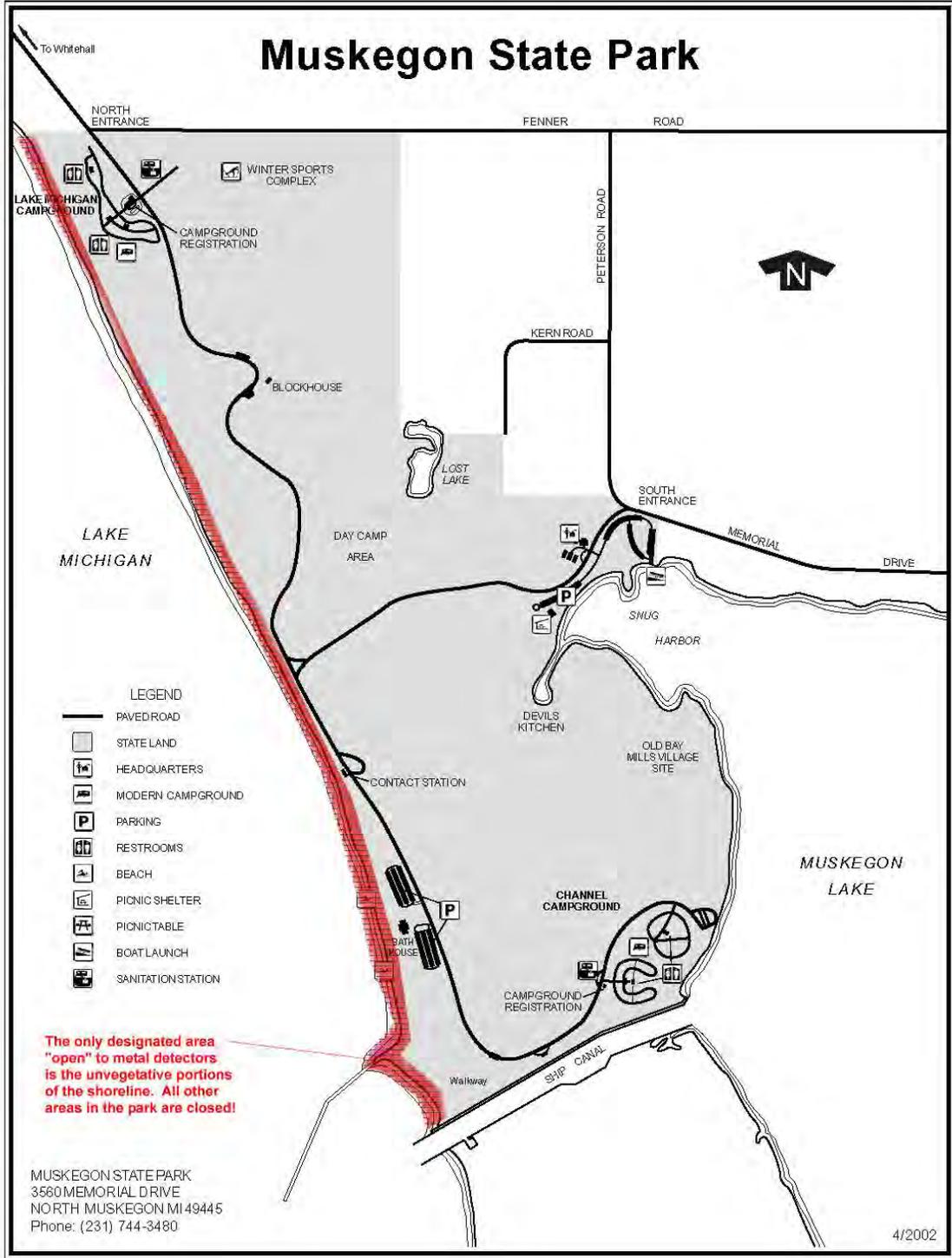
Fishing

For those without a boat, an accessible fishing pier is available along the channel walkway. An additional fishing pier is available at Snug Harbor, though accessibility is limited. A fish cleaning station is provided at the Snug Harbor boat launch.



Picnic Facilities

The Snug Harbor picnic area is located on Muskegon Lake. Two shelters, Oak and Pine are available for reservations or on a first come first serve basis. The Blockhouse Overlook provides a scenic view of Lake Michigan and the dunes





Beach & Beach House

Muskegon State Park features over two miles of shoreline on Lake Michigan and over a mile on Muskegon Lake. The bathhouse and designated swimming area is located at the southern end of the Lake Michigan shoreline within the park.



Group Use Area

8 campsites for organized group use (up to 250 people total). Amenities include a picnic shelter, vault toilets and a well for drinking water.

Muskegon Sports Complex

The Muskegon Sports Complex is operated by the Muskegon Sports Council, a non-profit organization, in partnership with the Michigan DNR, Muskegon Luge Club and the West Michigan Speed Skating Club. The complex provides a range of winter recreation opportunities and a lodge with warming house, equipment rentals and concessions.

Luge

The Muskegon Sports Complex luge track is one of only four luge tracks that exist in the United States. The 850 foot luge track was designed by an Olympian and is open to the public. A shorter summer luge track is open June through August.



Muskegon winter luge.

Skate

The facility provides an outdoor skating rink, hockey rink and lighted, ¼ mile skating trail through the woods.

XC Ski

Over 15 kilometers of trails are groomed for cross-country skiing. Much of the terrain is gentle and winds through the woods, along the dunes, Lost Lake bog and nearby Lake Michigan, allowing visitors to explore a variety of Muskegon State Park's natural features. Some of the trails are lighted for night skiing.

Snowshoe

Three trail systems are available that serve all skill levels – beginner through expert.

Sledding

A family-friendly sledding hill is located beside the ice rinks.

Summer luge

The Sports Center features only wheeled luge track in North America. Wheeled luge is done on a specially designed track with the same sleds used on the ice, but with wheels attached. The track is separate from the ice track, and is a great learning tool to introduce participants to the sport year-round. The design of the track, adaptive equipment and surrounding common areas also accommodate persons with disabilities.

Archery

In the summer, state park visitors can stop by the Sports Complex for a round of archery guided by an instructor. All participants receive a quick lesson explaining the basic fundamentals of archery. Participants can then shoot rounds of arrows in a controlled archery range. This activity is fun for all ages 6 and older

A.11 EDUCATION, INTERPRETATION, AND EVENTS

Muskegon State Park provides interpretive and education programs through the summer months through the State Park Explorer Program. Programs offered include educational programming on native plant and animal species, invasive species and ecology, among other topics. The park also participates in Hook, Line, and Sinker “Learn to fish with the DNR”, an interactive program designed to introduce youth to fishing.

Volunteerism

Annual volunteer events include a “Clean n’ Camp Weekend in May which offers a free night of camping to those that help clean up campsites for the upcoming season. Stewardship volunteer days also take place at the park, aimed at removing invasive species such as garlic mustard. Many boy scout troops volunteer time as well to complete badge requirements. The Friends of Muskegon State Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that assists with the goal of protecting the park’s resources and providing recreation opportunities through fundraising and volunteerism.

Annual Events

Annual events at the park include the Fall Festival in October for campers. This event features face and pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling, a costume parade and a campsite decorating contest. Annual events also include two 5k races (Earth, Wind and Tired and Sergeant Preston), “Octoberfest” and “Party in Your Parka”.



Pumpkin painting at the annual Fall Festival.

A.12 PARK USE STATISTICS

Attendance figures for Muskegon State Park estimate over 812,000 day users and over 112,000 campers in 2015. Camping numbers are recorded in the reservation system. Day use numbers are calculated using a car counter on Scenic Drive near the entrance to the beach house and a multiplier for the average number of occupants per car. According to the Muskegon Area-wide Plan, the state park had the largest number of visitors of all County events and attraction in 2011. The summer months from June through August are the busiest, with the campgrounds being close to full occupancy in July and August. Day use visitor numbers continue to average between 30,000 and 40,000 through the winter months.

Gross revenue documented at the park in 2015 was \$929,188, of which \$70,250 was from Recreation Passport sales.

The majority of those camping at Muskegon State Park come from Muskegon, Grand Rapids and the wider West Michigan area

TOP ZIP CODES FOR CAMPING RESERVATIONS

City & State	Reservations	Number of Nights
MUSKEGON, MI	486	1,890
GRAND RAPIDS, MI	459	1,478
LANSING, MI	154	474
HOLLAND, MI	110	284
HUDSONVILLE, MI	98	395
ROCKFORD, MI	89	308
ANN ARBOR, MI	88	236
TWIN LAKE, MI	82	344
WYOMING, MI	78	282
GRAND HAVEN, MI	67	250

A.13 RESOURCE MAPS

- Location
- Regional Recreation Opportunities
- Funding Sources
- Topography
- GLO Land Cover 1800s
- Wetlands Inventory
- Critical Dunes
- Critical Coastal Habitat - Piping Plover

Muskegon State Park

Locator Map



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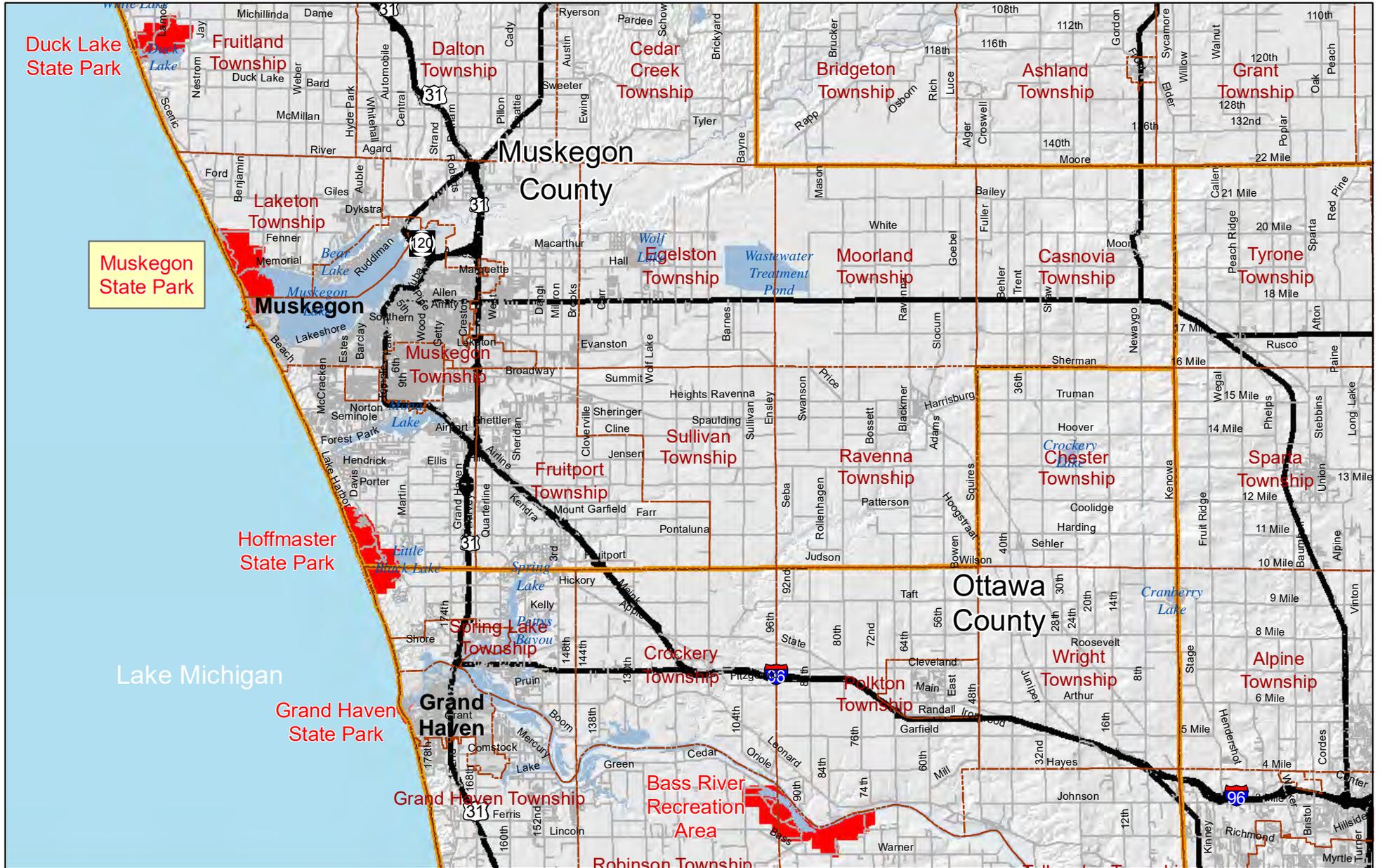
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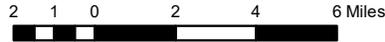
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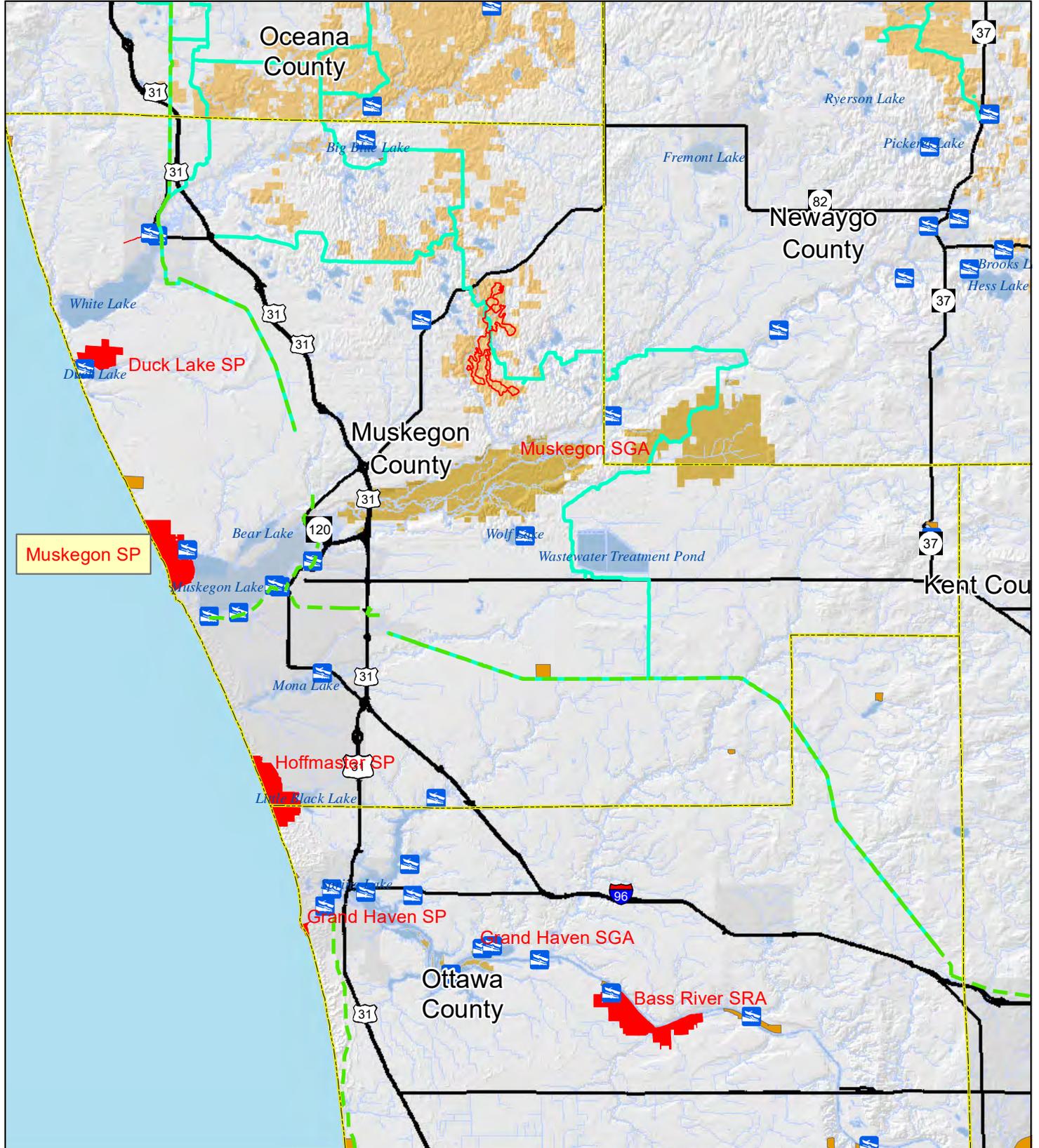
Muskegon State Park Recreational Opportunities

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-  Streams
-  ORV Trails
-  Designated Railtrail
-  Designated Snowmobile Trails
-  PRD Ownership Boundaries
-  Lakes and Rivers All
-  Federal Lands
-  State Game Areas
-  Boating Access Site



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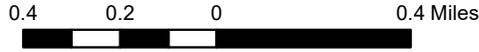


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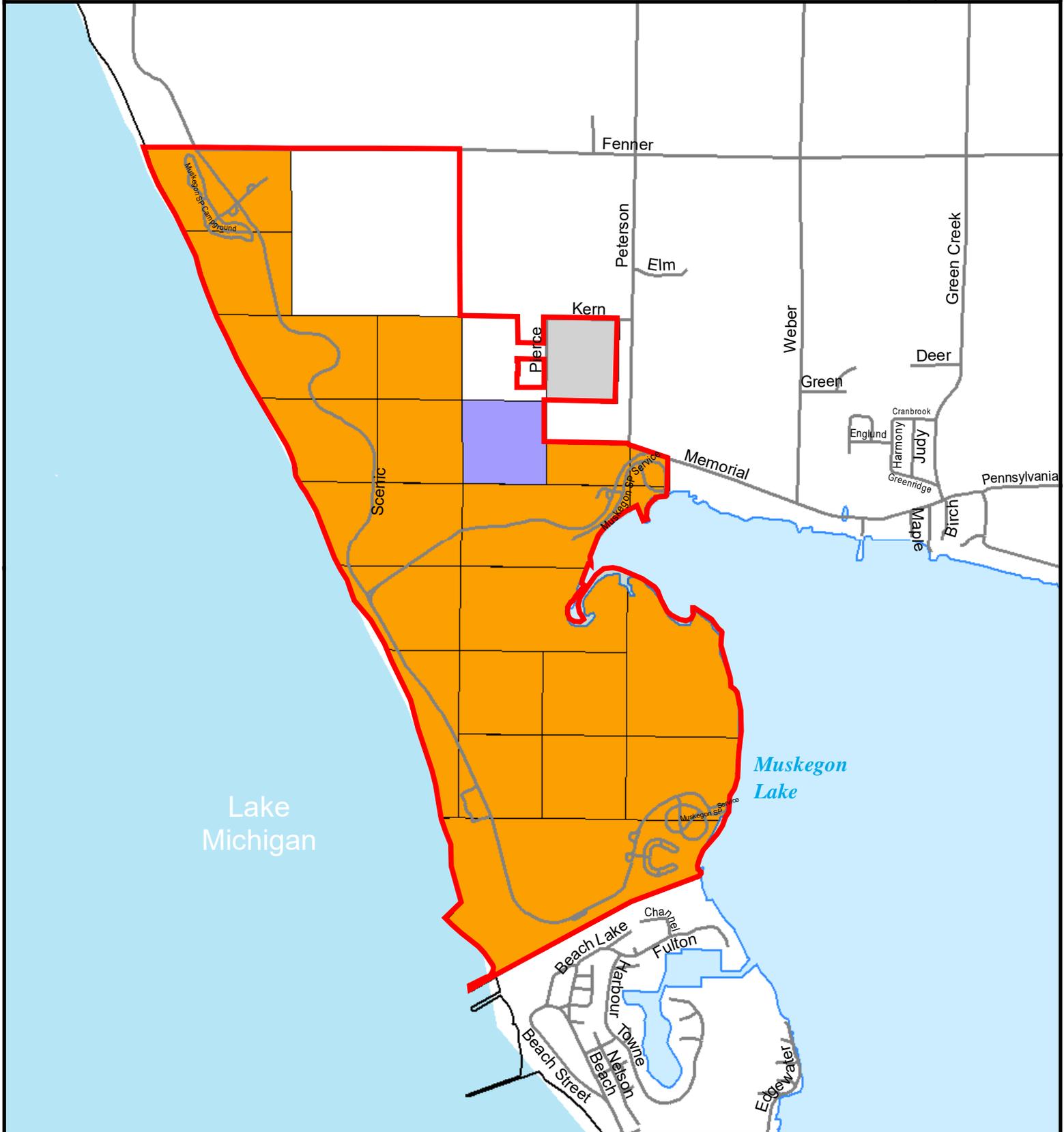


- Legend**
- Roads
 - ▭ Park Boundary
 - ▭ Other Funds
 - ▭ Gift
 - ▭ Special Legislation

*Unshaded land was acquired through exchange



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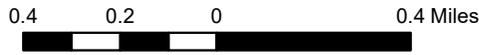
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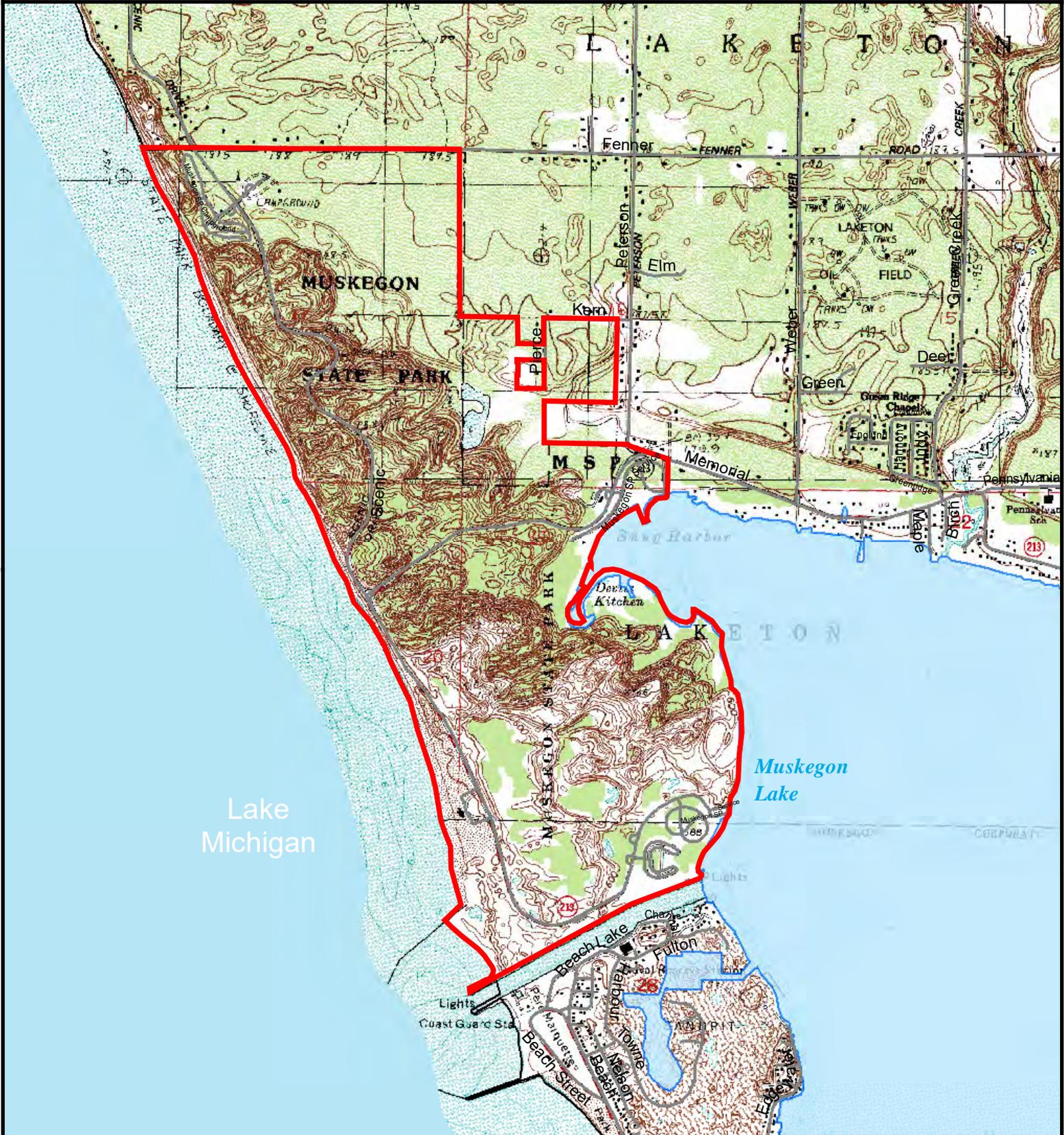


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- ▭ Park Boundary



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Muskegon State Park Land Cover (1800's)



Legend

- Roads
- Park Boundary
- W Pine/Beech/R Maple; W Pine/W Oak; White Pine
- Beach/Dune
- Water

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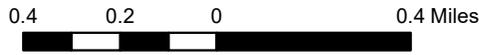
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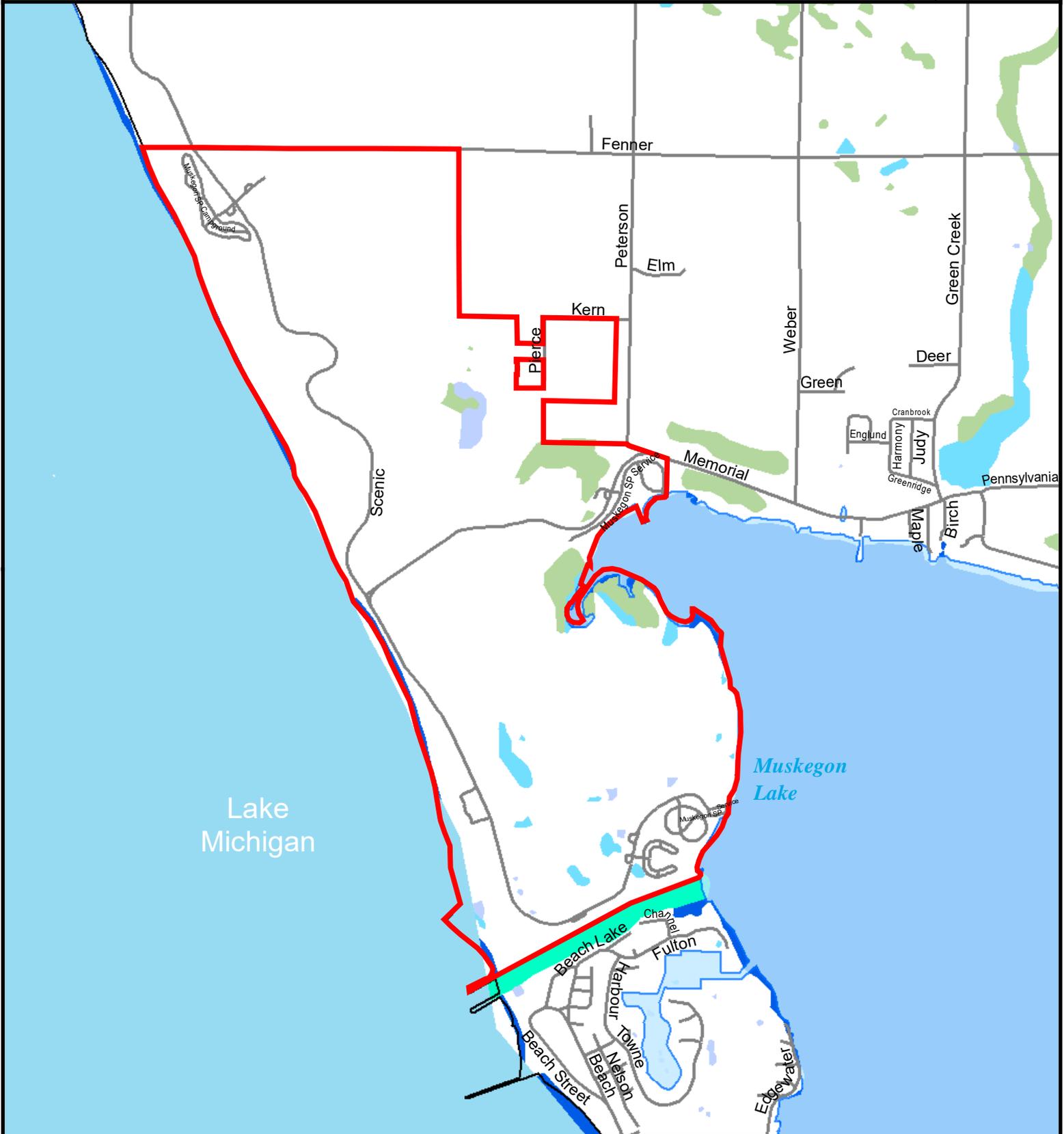
Muskegon State Park Wetlands Inventory

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- Roads
- Park Boundary
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Lake
- Riverine



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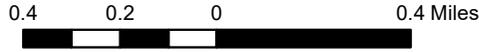


Muskegon State Park Critical Dune

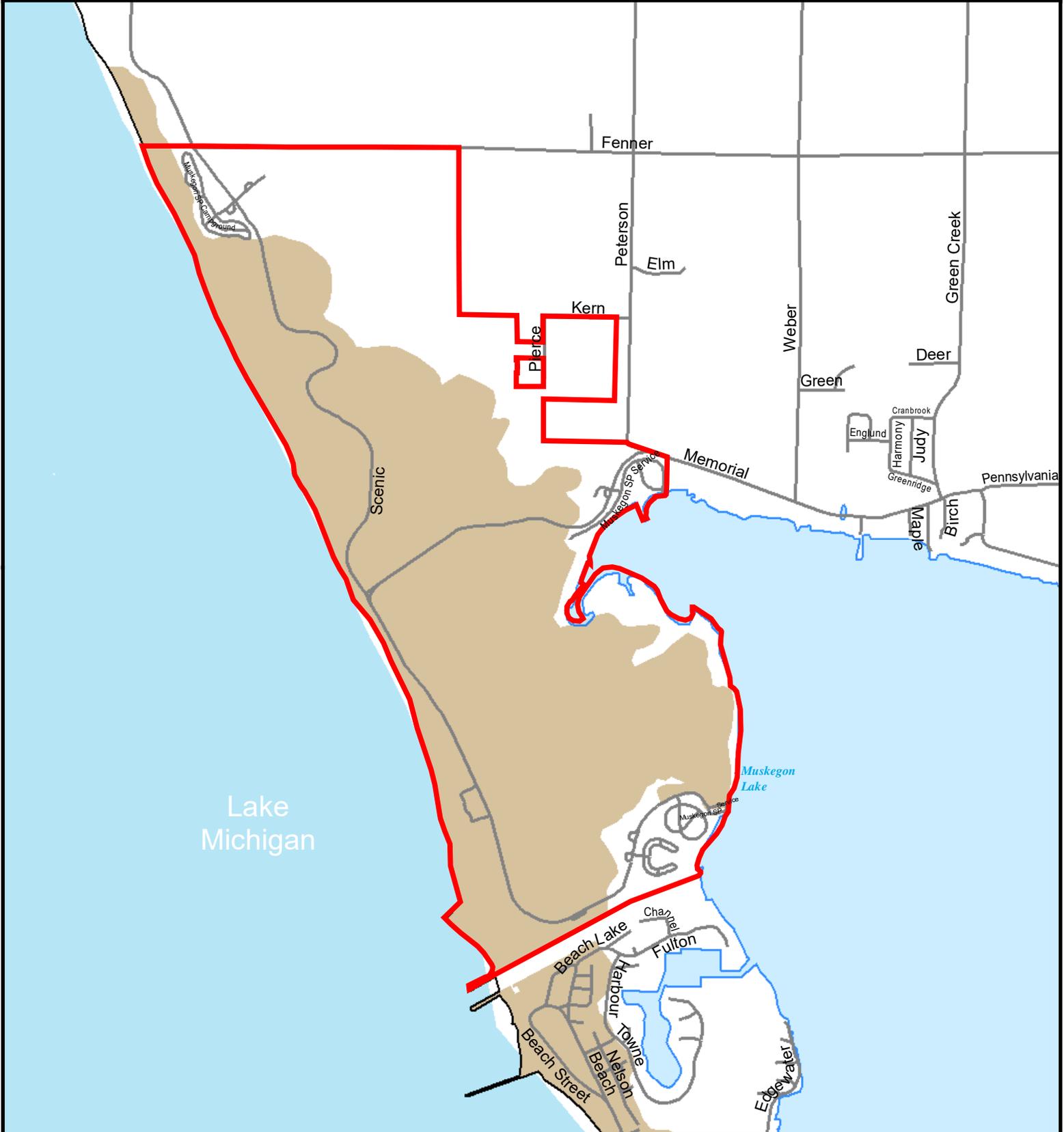


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- ▭ Critical Dunes



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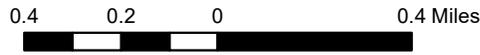


Muskegon State Park Critical Coastal Habitat - Piping Plover

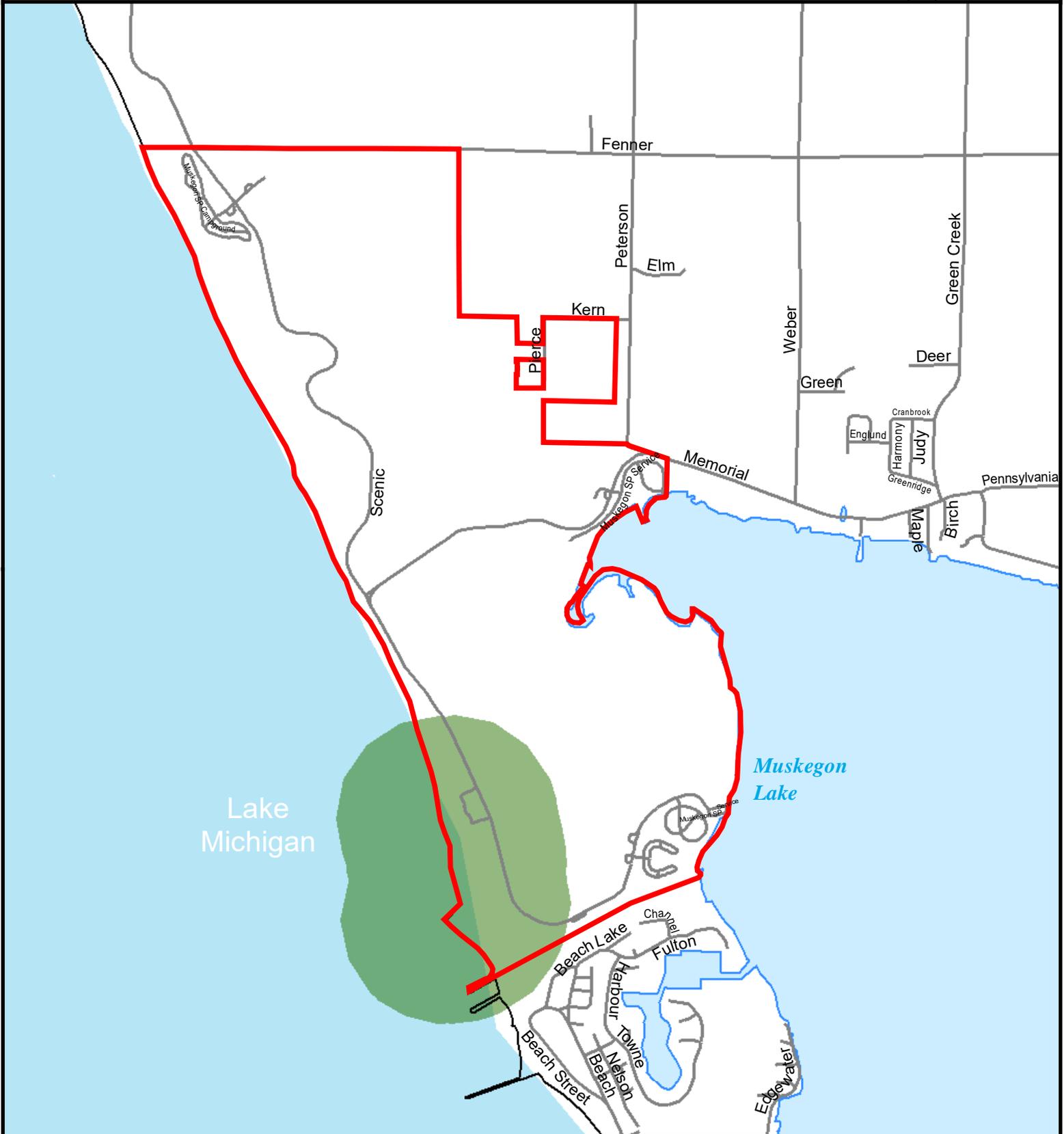


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- Roads
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- ▭ Critical Coastal Habitat (Piping Plover)



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Appendix B – Public Input Summary

Over the duration of the General Management Planning process, the Muskegon State Park Planning Team ensured a variety of opportunities for stakeholder, public, and tribal input and feedback. The process could be followed and comments posted at the Muskegon State Park Website:

Overview of Input Opportunities

Stakeholder Input Meeting (August 3rd, 2016) – located at the Laketon Township Hall. Stakeholders had the opportunity to learn about the General Management Planning process and provide input regarding their concerns, vision of the park, how they could contribute to make their vision possible. Over 50 stakeholders were invited to the open house; 24 stakeholders attended.

General Management Plan Tribal Outreach – As part of the DNR’s outreach efforts, a letter was sent to the Federally recognized Tribal Governments in the region, informing them of the management planning efforts and inviting them to meet with representatives of the DNR to discuss any issues or concerns they may have relating to Muskegon State Park. A copy of the letter follows.

The letter was sent to the following Tribes:

- Bay Mills Indian Community, Brimley, Michigan
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Suttons Bay, Michigan
- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Harbor Springs, Michigan
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Manistee, Michigan
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

Public Input Meeting (January 17, 2017) – Located at the Laketon Township Hall. Members of the public were invited to learn about the General Management Planning process and comment on the Statements of Significance, Management Zones, and the Draft 10-Year Action Goals. Over 30 community members attended.

Muskegon State Park Website – the public could post comments on the website, which also included additional resources about the General Management Planning process.

<http://www.clearzoning.com/muskegon-state-park/>

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 6-week period.

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DNR Stakeholder Focus Group

MUSKEGON STATE PARK

General Management Plan



The Parks & Recreation Division (PRD) of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is developing a General Management Plan for Muskegon State Park. The plan is developed based upon input from the DNR experts, key stakeholders and the community.

As an important stakeholder who may benefit from, participate in, or support Muskegon State Park, the Planning Team would like to extend an invitation to join us for a two-hour focus group.



AUGUST 3, 2016

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM or 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Laketon Township Hall

2735 West Giles Road North Muskegon, MI 49445

Please RSVP by clicking the following link <https://doodle.com/poll/3n4vww3s3gymyswu>

For assistance, please call Jason Bibby at (313) 962-4442 ext. 168.



After registering, DNR staff will follow-up by phone or email to confirm your session and provide you with some of the discussion points for the focus group.

The meeting will begin with a brief introduction to the General Management Plan, followed by a break out session where DNR staff will address some key questions regarding the park's future. We request that each stakeholder group send a maximum of three representatives so that we may accommodate everyone.

The General Management Plan (GMP) is a long-range planning document that identifies a park's importance in terms of natural and cultural resources, recreational and educational opportunities, and economic value. Muskegon State Park, with its two miles of scenic shoreline and home to the Sports Complex, offers many opportunities to contribute to the recreation and tourism needs of the region and state.

As a stakeholder and member of the community, your input on the General Management Plan for Muskegon State Park is important and appreciated. We hope you will be available to join the Planning Team on August 3.

You are encouraged to visit the project website at <http://www.clearzoning.com/muskegon-state-park>

Information about the General Management Planning process is available at www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans

Questions? Please contact Debbie Jensen, PRD Management Plan Administrator at (517) 284-6105 or Jason Bibby (Planning Consultant to PRD – Giffels Webster) at (313) 962-4442 ext. 168



MUSKEGON STATE PARK

DNR Stakeholder Focus Group

Dear Muskegon State Park Stakeholder Participant,

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the stakeholder focus group being held by the Park & Recreation Division (PRD) of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Your participation will help to inform the development of the General Management Plan for Muskegon State Park. Following is the meeting time, location and program information.

Topic: Muskegon State Park Area Focus Group

Date: Wednesday, August 3rd, 2016

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Laketon Township Hall 2735 West Giles Road North Muskegon, MI 49445

Questions: Debbie Jensen, PRD Plan Administrator @ 517.284.6105
OR
Jason Bibby, (Planning Consultant to PRD – Giffels Webster) @ 313.285.5249

10:00-10:15 Greetings and Brief Presentation

10:15-11:30 Focus Group Activity

Questions to Consider Prior to the Focus Group Activity:

1. Identify three things about Muskegon State Park that you value the most.
2. Describe your vision of what Muskegon State Park should be like 10 years from now.
3. What is your most important concern that needs to be resolved at Muskegon State Park within the next 10 years?
4. How does Muskegon State Park benefit your organization, and what contribution does your organization make in return?

11:30-11:45 Group Brainstorming Activity

11:45-12:00 Conclusion and Next Steps



Muskegon State Park General Management Planning

Stakeholder Input Meeting

Location: Laketon Township Hall

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

PLANNING TEAM: Annamarie Bauer (Regional Planner), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Rollie Johnson (District Supervisor), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Nik Kalejs (Wildlife Biologist), Rich O’Neal (Fisheries Biologist), Gregory Sherburn (Unit Supervisor), Matt Schwemin (Lead Worker), Jason Bibby & Karen Zarowny (Giffels Webster).

The Stakeholder Meeting for Muskegon State Park was held on August 4, 2016 at the Laketon Township Hall. Stakeholders included government/quasi-government representatives, community partners, business organizations, recreation partners, and natural resource partners.

The intent of this meeting was for stakeholders to provide input that would inform the Planning Team’s work to develop the General Management Plan’s Action Goals. Attendees were shown a brief presentation on the General Management Plan process. The meeting asked attendees to respond to the following statements:

- Identify three things about Muskegon State Park that you value the most.
- Describe your vision of what Muskegon State Park should be like 10 years from now.
- What is your most important concern that needs to be resolved at Muskegon State Park within the next 10 years?
- How does Muskegon State Park benefit your organization, and what contribution does your organization make in return?

The following is the input gathered from stakeholders about Muskegon State Park.

Three Things you value the most?

Accessibility

- Ease of access (x2)
- Boat launch (x3)
- Water access (x3)
- Affordable
- Connection to Muskegon Lake, Lake Michigan, and Channel
- Large Public access area near Muskegon without congestion
- Access to park at “odd” hours
- Minimal impact with maximum user benefit

Camping

- Camping (x4)
- Campgrounds
- Tent camping

Infrastructure

- Scenic drive

Natural Features

- Natural features & resources (x3)
- Natural beauty (x2)
- Diverse ecosystems (x2)

Natural Features (continued)

- Education potential
- Coastal plain marsh and Lost Lake

Park Character

- Blockhouse
- Brings people to the area
- Family-friendly
- Rustic character
- Cleanliness
- Historic significance

Programming

- Events
- Parking area

Recreation Activities

- Abundant recreation opportunities (x4)
- Foot trails (x4)
- Fishing (x2)

Recreation Activities (continued)

- Swimming (x2)
- Lighted cross country ski- trails
- Boating

Shoreline

- Pristine beaches (x5)
- Dunes (x3)
- Clean beaches (x3)
- Shoreline
- Natural resources
- Beach and Lake Michigan

Sports Complex

- Winter Sports Complex (x6)
- Luge

Facility Management

- Making improvements
- Cleanliness

10-Year Vision

General

- Interconnection/interpretation of park facilities
- Water/sewer upgrades throughout the park
- Enhance WiFi capabilities in the park
- Prioritize addressing infrastructure demands
- Protect the coastal plain marsh
- Dune restoration to mitigate sand in road, etc.
- More concessionaire opportunities
- Improve the parking situation along the County Road
 - Becoming unsafe for cyclists, runners, walkers, pedestrians
 - Both an enforcement and infrastructural issue

Accessibility

- Southern entry into the park
- Upgrade boat launch
- Paved shoulder for bikes along scenic road
- Additional fishing access points
- Public transit to the park
- Improved non-motorized transportation access throughout the park
- Universal accessibility expansion throughout the park (walkways, boat launches, trails), and sharing what's accessible where to appropriate agencies so they can share with members. Currently, partners have to hunt for this information
- Water taxi

Beach

- Repurpose Beach House (x3)
 - Historic showcase
 - Level events
 - Concessions
 - Training/equipment for recreation activities
 - Picnics
 - Scavenger hunt patch
 - Updated restrooms
- Shower towers at the beach

Camping

- Single backcountry or rustic campsites or within “significant” area for a unique camping/educational experience
- Day camping / group camping reintroduced
- Mini cabin / yurt expansion
- Restroom upgrades
- Revamped campground reservation system
 - Larger penalties for cancellation & notice of new availabilities
 - Allow for first-come first-serve non-reservation campsites
 - Campsites for 1-night stays, great for those passing through for the day.

The Channel

- More fire-pits at the Channel
- Improved beach protection from boaters launching/coming in to shore at the Channel Campground

The Channel (continued)

- Access and improvement at Channel
 - Seating
 - Walkway
 - Picnic area

Marketing

- Play up historical significance of the area
 - Snug Harbor, Bay Mills
- Use the park as a geocache/Pokémon-Go destination
 - “badging” for outdoor activities
- Better communication between community agencies and the park
 - Posting of a reverse RFP to inform what each other is doing so they can offer support & not “steal the thunder”
- Implement hashtags to promote park on social media

Partnerships

- Expanded friends of the park partnership
- Volunteer tour guides (i.e. Blockhouse)
- Partnership between State and National Parks for increased protection/promotion
 - Protection of all parks along Lake Michigan

Signage

- Better signage/wayfinding throughout the park (x2)
 - for EMA services – cached maps

Snug Harbor

- Algae issue need to be resolved at Snug Harbor
- [More uses] at Snug Harbor
- Improve Snug Harbor deck for universal accessibility

Programming & Events

- Interpretation of unique natural features to the public
- Interpretation of park features, “tell the story”
- Establish a visitor’s center
 - Maybe at the Beach house?
- Education public on Harbor access
- More trail-run events in sports complex
- Expansion of park events
 - Local businesses benefit
 - Brings in visitors who may not otherwise venture to the park
- Dog park
- Education center informing visitors about natural park processes
- More festivals to bring in more people to the park
 - Different levels to appeal to different demographics (formal galas, beer festival, etc.)
 - Diverse events
- Educational programming for K-12
 - All season program, including recreation activity lessons
- Offer Team Building activities

Sports Complex

- Additional developments
- Year-round activities
- Lighting in park areas and trails
- Upgrade sports complex trails
 - Chips and fines
- Nationally recognized destination for unique activities
 - Year-round
 - Zip-line tours, mountain biking
 - More multi-function indoor/outdoor
 - Better parking/traffic control/people congestion mitigation during peak activity

Trails

- Trail markers (x2)
- Lake Michigan Water Trail (x2)
 - Non-motorized boating in lake
 - Trailheads
 - Kayaker amenities
 - Lockers, trolley/transport around the park
- Bike trail connection between the park and local community
- Winter bike trails and fat tire biking
- Enhanced all-season non-motorized trails
- Art trail in the park

Concerns

Infrastructure

- Infrastructural needs (aging park)
- Prioritizing goals/improvements in best strategic manner for efficiency and safety
- Traffic overflow, especially at the Winter Sports Complex
- All buildings need upgrades
- Restroom upgrades
 - Campgrounds
 - Snug Harbor
 - Beach
- Accessibility opportunities
- Better trail heads
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Outreach

- Operation/budget concerns – more money needed for the parks for improvements (x3)
- Public awareness/involvement in the park

- Pure Michigan advertising campaign focused on State Parks
- Outreach to local schools for partnerships with the parks
- Need for promotion and marketing of the park
- Friends Group needs to become more organized & involved
- More value for our world class parks

Programming

- More interpretive programming history of facilities
- Utilize hand-on education

Park and Environmental Preservation

- Native plans only in any landscaping
 - Education on non-native invasive plant control
- Deter graffiti/vandalism at the Blockhouse and Winter Sports Complex

Benefits & Contribution

Community Interaction

- Cross-promotion between community partners & through community media presence – provide more information on the park through various outlets (video, etc.)
- Laketon Twp. continues close partnership with the park
- County Road Commission to be at the table for assist in planning/action on items relating to the road
- Bring people to see the park as a state, regional destination
 - Draw from all over the state, country
- Resources limited by park staff, WSC can assist
- Park visitors benefit local business
- Park is an educational resources
 - Biodiversity/non-native invasive species studies/workshops
 - It is part of the Coastal Dune Area – shows the benefit of protecting dunes!
- Positive, multi-generation experiences that facilitates donations to the community, brings in new residents, word-of-mouth promoting
- Repeat visitor experiences from all parts of world, gets them interested in the local area in general
- Continue strong partnership with Sports Complex

Marketing

- Ruth Ann's can have education info or point of interest information about the park
- Advertising/guides for park attractions
- Contribute through word-of-mouth
- Marketing and spin off economics for community

Marketing (continued)

- Local business flyers
- Pure Michigan Campaign
- County-wide promotion movement
- Marketing/tourism/economic development
 - Unique asset to the community
 - What the area is now and where it is going
- Positive advertising for the area
- Showcase Muskegon's highlights with minimal impact on the environment
- Inter-state DNR interaction?
 - MI state park system is monitoring how perspectives are changing, surrounding communities area changing
 - State park priority has been rooted in conservation

Funding

- Invasive species control – sustain our great lake grants available
- Plan sanitary sewer and trail infrastructure at same time to reduce costs/time/inconvenience
- Grants for nationally recognized recreation facilities
- Work on legislation for more funding

Programming

- DEQ currently offers education on dunes through their website-maybe be able to expand through mobile capabilities
- Education – invasive species identification by visitors MISIN

Park Offerings

- Water trail camping agreement
- If mountain bike trails are permitted, biking groups could help develop and maintain, lessening burden on DNR
- Park offers a lot of universal accessible amenities, which beings a variety of users to the park. Give them a fuller experience. If the park continued to make improvement, related agencies will continue to encourage members to go there.

Muskegon Stakeholder Input Focus Group Attendees	
Name	Affiliation
Sam Janson	City of North Muskegon
Kate Lederle	DEQ – Critical Dunes
Lisa Sullivan	Disability Network West Michigan
Karen Wynne	Disability Network West Michigan
Harry Weirenga	Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering
Lori Archer	Laketon Township
Kim Arter	Laketon Township
Pete DeBoer	Land Conservancy of West Michigan
Scott Cagle	Michigan Angler Association
Mark Harrington	Michigan Angler Association
Rich Vannett	Michigan Angler Association
Randy Knapp	Michigan’s Edge Mountain Biking Association
Matt Vander Sys	Michigan’s Edge Mountain Biking Association
Senator Goeff Hansen	Michigan State Senate
Carla Flanders	Muskegon Chamber
Muskegon Chamber	Muskegon Community Foundation
Chad Hipshier	Muskegon Conservation District
Paul Bouman	Muskegon County Road Commission
Dave Glotzbach	Muskegon Township Fire Department
Oscar Reed	Muskegon Trail Director
Bob Lukens	Muskegon Visitors Bureau
Caitlin Ward	Muskegon Visitors Bureau
Shelley Lawre	Ruth Ann’s Ice Cream
Willie Rahry	Snug Harbor Resort

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DR. WILLIAM E. MORITZ
DIRECTOR

July 12, 2016

Mr. Aaron Payment, Tribal Chairman
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
523 Ashmun Street
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783

Dear Chairman Payment:

The Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is in the process of developing a General Management Plan for Muskegon State Park in Muskegon County, Michigan. This 1,233 acre state park features 2 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, as well as frontage on Muskegon Lake and channel. The park offers a range of recreation opportunities including year-round camping, swimming, hiking, x-country skiing and fishing, as well as housing the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex operated by the non-profit Muskegon Sports Council. Muskegon State Park features coastal dunes, plains, marshes and forest land and provides important habitat for rare and endangered species, such as piping plover and Pitcher's thistle.

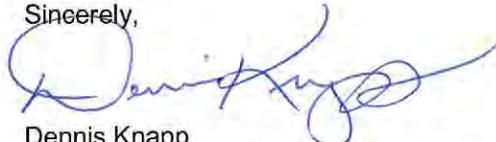
The DNR uses General Management Plans (GMPs) to define a long-range planning and management strategy that will protect the natural, cultural and historic resources of the site, while considering education and recreation opportunities. A planning team, representing various specialties within the DNR, has been established and is meeting regularly to develop the GMP for this site.

The planning process includes several opportunities for public and stakeholder input. An on-line survey is currently available by following a link on the Muskegon State Park webpage at www.michigan.gov/muskegon and the results will be used to inform the planning team. A stakeholder focus group has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 3rd 2016, at Laketon Township Hall, located at 2735 West Giles Road, North Muskegon, MI 49445, with a choice of two sessions from 10:00 a.m. to noon or 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. A public meeting to review and provide comments on the draft plan will be scheduled in late fall 2016. In addition, the draft plan will be available for review and comment on the DNR's website prior to adoption. For additional information on our management plan process, please visit our website at www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans

We would like to give the Tribes the opportunity to meet with us independently of the larger group to discuss the management plan process and any concerns you may have in relation to Muskegon State Park. In addition, you are welcome to send representatives to the stakeholder focus group in August, or the public meeting which will be advertised later this year.

Please contact either Ms. Debbie Jensen, PRD Management Plan Administrator at 517-284-6105, or myself if you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,



Dennis Knapp
Native American Affairs Coordinator
517-243-1510

cc: Ms. Debbie Jensen, DNR
Mr. Rollie Johnson, DNR
Mr. Gregory Sherburn, DNR



MUSKEGON STATE PARK

DNR Public Input Open House

Press Release: January 5, 2017

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking public input on a new draft general management plan for Muskegon State Park. The DNR will host an open house Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Laketon Township Hall, 2735 W Giles Road in North Muskegon.

The 1,233-acre park, located in the city of Muskegon in Laketon Township, is situated on both Lake Michigan and Muskegon Lake. The park offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including year-round camping, hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing, swimming and boating, as well as a yurt available for rental. The Muskegon Winter Sports Complex, operated by the nonprofit Muskegon Sports Council, also is located within the park and provides summer and winter luge runs and other recreational activities and events. The park features coastal dunes, plains, marshes and forest land and is home to the iconic Blockhouse.

The Muskegon State Park general management plan will define a long-range (10- to 20-year) planning and management strategy that will assist the DNR Parks and Recreation Division in meeting its responsibilities to 1) protect and preserve the park's natural and cultural resources, and 2) provide access to land- and water-based public recreation and educational opportunities. A copy of the Muskegon State Park draft general management plan is available at www.michigan.gov/muskegon.

The Jan. 17 open house will begin with a short presentation of the draft plan. The public is welcome to attend at any time during the two-hour period to review the planning material, provide comments and talk to DNR staff. Comments also can be made via email through Feb. 3, 2017, to DNR park management plan administrator Debbie Jensen at jensend1@michigan.gov.

Additional information on the DNR's General Management Plan process is available at www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans.

For more information about the open house or the 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. Anyone with disabilities who needs accommodations for the meeting should contact Jensen at least five business days before the meeting.

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**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
General Management Planning Process
Public Input Open House
Muskegon State Park**

January 17, 2017
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Laketon Township Hall

1. Planning Team Introductions at 6:00 p.m.
2. Brief Presentation of Management Planning Process and Status of the Muskegon General Management Plan begins at 6:05 p.m.
 - a. Timeline and progress to-date
 - b. Significance Statements
 - b. Management Zones
 - c. Action Goal Development – Draft 10-year strategies to address the desired future condition of each zone
 - d. Muskegon State Park Planning Team Draft Action Goals organized by:
 - General Action Goals
 - Zone-specific Action Goals
 - e. Priority Exercise explained
 - f. Significance Statements - Management Zones - Action Goals input sheets described
(Slide presentation will run on continuous loop thereafter for later arrivals)
3. Brief question and answer period 6:30 p.m.
4. Open House begins after the question and answer period and remains open until 8:00 p.m.
 - a. You are invited to visit each of the stations and talk to Planning Team members
 - b. Sticky notes can be used to comment on Management Zone Map
 - c. Color dots can be used to identify your priority actions (please limit yourself to 10 dots)
 - d. Additional input can be provided at the Brainstorming Exercise Station
 - e. Input Sheets are available if you would like to make any suggestion about the GMP
5. Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

For More Information:

Project Website: <http://www.clearzoning.com/muskegon-state-park/>

Comments will be accepted until February 3, 2017

DNR Management Planning Website: <http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans>



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Muskegon State Park General Management Planning

**Public Input Open House
Location: Laketon Township Hall
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

The Public Input Open House for Muskegon State Park was held on January 17th, 2017 at the Laketon Township Hall. Public notices were sent out to government/quasi-government representatives, community partners, business organizations, recreation partners, and natural resource partners. In addition, the general public was notified through press releases, internet postings, and email notifications.

The meeting began with a brief presentation on the General Management Plan. Attendees were asked to review the Statements of Significance, Draft Management Zones, and 10 Year Action Goals. Participants were asked to prioritize the Action Goals and provide comment on the Draft Management Zone Map and Significant Statements, and to also provide additional input at a Brainstorming station.

Below are the comments received from attendees about Muskegon State Park, organized by area topic, as well as comments received in writing from several people who were unable to attend the open house.

Muskegon State Park General Park Comments

- [Consider offering] lumber talks/education [program]– “under Beach House area” – both campgrounds can meet there (x2)
 - School groups
- [Considering adding a] bike path from (on edge of road) Channel Campground to Lake MI. (x2)
- [Consider allowing] Wi-Fi. (x2)
- Keep Muskegon Lake beach area weed-free for swimmers (x2)
- Improve lighting in the restrooms – let in natural light (x2)
- Rental of paddle boats, kayaks, canoes, etc. at Channel Campground and Snug Harbor (x2)
- Extend accessible walkway to the water’s edge
- North end of beach house could be used for films or presentations – it’s a large open space
- I feel the popularity of mountain biking and snow biking has grown enough that a sustainable trail system would be beneficial to this area. Mountain bikes have proven that they can maintain their own trails. So maintenance and construction would be minimal [on Action Goals]

- We would like to add a mountain bike trail to Muskegon State Park [and] winter fat bike trail to [the] Winter Sports Complex. We would build [the] trail, maintain [the] trail, all without the need to much if any financial support on the MTB trail. [The] fat bike trail would need grooming, but we could possibly handle that too. [Location should be in] whatever area looks to have the best sustainability. Thinking outside of the box: when I hike, I always go off the trail. When I ride my mountain bike, I never leave the trail. Maybe the most sensitive area would be best for mountain biking as it keep people on the trail.
- [In the Developed Recreation Zone, the] Blockhouse need[s] rubbish bins. [Develop a] better walkway to the trail on the western side of the road—lots of families trying to park in [the] no parking zone or walking along [the] dangerous curve].
- I would love to see more mountain bike trails built not only for myself, but to teach my kids the love for [the] outdoors and mountain biking. [For Action Goals, consider] creat[ing] trails for mountain bikes.
- Mountain biking trails are a good source of using our local parks. People such as me can't physically walk the trail very far anymore. Biking on a sustainable trail gives me access to the trails I used to run and walk on. [The] Michigan Mountain Biking Association will take care of all trail maintenance. No [additional] costs to the state. We will remove downed trees and debris. Bikers will stay on designated trail and manage the trails free of charge year-round. [The] bike trails only in the Backcountry [Zone] would be sustainable for bikes if built properly.
- Mountain biking is a growing, family-friendly sport that encourages stewardship of our natural resources, healthy lifestyles, and builds self-esteem. Muskegon currently has not public mountain bike trails to cater to the community. A trail system is not only important to our family but would encourage other families to appreciate and care about the environment. A mountain bike trail system. [Mountain biking should be considered in the] Backcountry [Zone].

Action Goals Exercise

Participants were asked review the action goals and select which ones they considered to be of the highest priority. Participants were offered 10 stickers, which they were to place next to the goals that should be of the highest priority. Those that they considered to be extremely important could receive more than one sticker from a participant. The number of stickers given to each action goal and indicated by a number in red. Therefore, goals that received the most stickers were considered, by Open House participants, to be of the highest priority. The results can be found on the tables on the following pages.

General Action Goals

Many of the 10-Year Action Goals for **Muskegon 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, trail systems, 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.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
Natural Resources		
Continue to implement land and water based invasive species control.	Ongoing	6
Create Natural Resources Stewardship Plan that identified conversation targets or priorities for resource management and stewardship.	5 years	1
Continue to follow the administrative regulations for the critical dunes protection.	Ongoing	4
Continue to protect the exemplary natural communities and legally protected species.	Ongoing	1
Historic/Cultural Resources		
Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources.	Ongoing	
Recreation Opportunities		
Assess possible non-motorized connections between the community, the park, and park elements.	Ongoing	19
Work in partnership with the Sports Complex on facility improvements in line with Complex Master Plan.	Ongoing	10
Education/Interpretation Opportunities		
Update and expand education and interpretive opportunities using a variety of traditional and new media relating to the park's history and natural resources.	3 - 5 years	9
Management Focus		
Mark waterway out into Muskegon Lake for improved navigation.	3 - 5 years	4
Continue growth of partnership with the Sports Complex.	Ongoing	9
Continue efforts to maintain and improve visitor accessibility in all development opportunities.	Ongoing	2
Continue to assess the need for improved and sustainable utility infrastructure, taking into account regional initiatives.	1 - 3 years	3
Continue partnership with local community organizations in marketing and promotion of the park.	Ongoing	6

General Action Goals (continued)		
Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
Management Focus (continued)		
Evaluate and improve signage/wayfinding of trails and facilities throughout the park.	Ongoing	9
Review parking opportunities and conflicts along Scenic Drive.	1 - 3 years	5
Review and share public information available on park's accessibility.	1 - 3 years	
Review and update the mapping of all park trails for accuracy.	1 - 3 years	9
Continue partnership with County Road Commission in planned maintenance scheduling.	Ongoing	3
Continue to review and update capital outlay list as needed.	Ongoing	3
Work with partners to provide amenities and information to support the Lake Michigan Water Trail.	Ongoing	2
Encourage growth and expansion of the Friends of Muskegon State Park group.	Ongoing	3
Consider and support both land and water transportation services to and from the park and other area destination.	TBD	
More yurts		2
Build a zip line		1
Build a paved bike path in campgrounds		4
Ask Muskegon museum staff to do evening educational talks in the summer		
"Vision 20/20" Muskegon County healthy parks, healthy people – fun events & programs		
PDF online of trails is confusing and colorful would be nice!!		
Dune trails and Blockhouse trailhead need better signs and new maps		

Administrative Zone

This zone encompasses the developed areas required for program administration, operations, and the business of running the state park.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
Management Focus		
Improve storage capabilities.	5 - 10 years	
Evaluate customer service and staff facilities for accessibility and efficiency.	1 - 3 years	1

Developed Recreation

The Developed Recreation Zone is characterized by active recreation with a high density of use, conducted in areas not designated for natural resource significance. In this zone, recreation dominates with natural resource attributes enhanced where possible. The Channel Campground and Lake Michigan Campground are located within the Developed Recreation Zone.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
Recreation Opportunities		
Provide more recreation opportunities at Snug Harbor (bluegrass, musical events).	Ongoing	10
Management Focus		
Evaluate existing fishing pier walkway for improved access and connectivity within Snug Harbor area.	1 - 3 years	2
Develop and implement a strategy for beach house repurposing to enhance day use activities.	1 - 3 years	10
Evaluate redevelopment of the Snug Harbor Area to provide improved visitor experiences, including but not limited to: accessibility, reestablishment of beach, day use and event amenities.	Ongoing	7
Development		
Replace the bathrooms at Channel Campground.	5 - 10 years	13
Phase implementation based on the outcomes of the Snug Harbor evaluation.	TBD	
Install new playscape near Channel Campground and consider low-cost play opportunities at other locations	3 - 5 years	7
Dog park/beach area		1

Developed Recreation		
Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
Please consider bring back the beaches for families at Snug Harbor and Muskegon State Park. There is currently no room and looks terrible with overgrown weeds and shrubs		3
Education & Interpretive Center, similar to Hoffmaster, to provide education talks & hikes		
Better advertisement for the weekly activities at the campgrounds – focus for adults – not just kids		
The original bathroom at the Channel Campground needs replacing before the other newer one, which I feel is fine now		1
Replace/enlarge Channel day use bathroom		3
Improve ski trails (widen, erosion, etc.)		3
Try to get rid of weeds at beach at Lake Muskegon and Snug Harbor		4
Possibilities for beach house: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education talks • Interpretive center • Camp store • Rent for family picnics • Chairs, lounges for enjoying beach anytime (out of sun, rainy weather, etc.) • Do lumber era talks • More educational [programming] • School grounds, etc. 		
New and improved bathrooms at Channel Campground		
Put a playground there (Channel Campground?) & improve and maintain picnic grounds		

Backcountry Zone

This zone emphasizes resource quality, but allows for limited modification of the landscape to accommodate a moderate level of non-motorized recreational use.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
Recreation Opportunities		
Designate and enhance trail use from the Blockhouse to the beach.	1 - 3 years	3
Sustainable trails for mountain biking		12
Winter fat tire biking		9
Re-mark all the foot trails with new, less expensive signs		

Primitive Zone

The Primitive Zone emphasizes the natural resources of the area. It is managed to allow only dispersed, low frequency and low impact recreational use in the zone. Maintaining a high quality natural resource condition dictates the extent to which recreational improvements are allowed. For this reason, native species and natural processes take precedence over visitor accommodation. The following 10-Year Action Goals propose only very low levels of development, in order to protect the important habitat.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
Education/Interpretation Opportunities		
Install signage to inform visitors of characteristics of this zone, including resource management and protection	Ongoing	2

Ecologically Sensitive Zone

This zone has been applied to the Lost Lake area in recognition of the unique, rare, and sensitive natural communities found in this location. The purpose of this zone is enhancement and protection of the native community and natural process over and above any other uses, including recreational, that might be contemplated. This zone restricts public use and development.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
Natural Resources		
Ensure conservation and protection of the natural community through restricted use.	Ongoing	1
Education/Interpretation Opportunities		
Continue public education regarding the ecological sensitivity and uniqueness of Lost Lake.	Ongoing	10

Scenic Overlay Zone

In recognition of its scenic beauty, this overlay has been applied to the Primitive and Backcountry zones along the Lake Michigan shoreline west of Memorial Drive. Any development should be sensitive to the scenic qualities of this zone and adhere to Critical Dunes classification.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
Natural Resources		
Continue to recognize and promote the compelling natural and scenic viewshed along the Lake Michigan Shoreline.	Ongoing	2

Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone

In recognition of its cultural significance, this overlay has been applied to the Blockhouse.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
Natural Resources		
Evaluate and address erosion at the Blockhouse.	1 - 3 years	3
Education/Interpretation Opportunities		
Develop and implement an education and enforcement plan for protecting the Blockhouse to prevent future damage and/or vandalism.	1 - 3 years	6
Management Focus		
Continue maintenance and security at Blockhouse.	Ongoing	4

Public Open House Attendees

Name	Organization
Bear	MEMBA/MMBA
Heather Brewer	MEMBA/MMBA
Marie Essenberg	
Eric Essenberg	
Tim Greening	Grand Rapids Nordic Ski Team
Justin Grenell	
Jeff Hiddema	Muskegon County Parks
Bob Horan	
Peter Johnson	Grand Rapids Nordic Ski Teams
Deann Kiely	Park goer
Randy Knapp	MEMBA
Brian Land	Park goer
Dale Lubbers	State Park Camp Host
Laurie Lubbers	State Park Camp Host
Tom Lindrud	Berry Junction Trail
Lee Marine	
Rob Martin	MEMBA

Name	Organization
Anna Mausolf	
John Metz	Park goer
Matt Meyer	
Ryan Mieler	Park goer
Julia Miller	MEMBA
Ric Pedler	Muskegon County Nature Club
Diane Reeths	
Paul Reeths	
Nancy Reschke	
Jim Rudicil	Muskegon Sports Complex
Olivia Rudicil	
Randy Rogoski	Swimmer/Beach goer
Brenda Skujins	
Nany Szymanski	
Priscilla Taylor	
Jeff Winters	Muskegon County Parks

DNR & Planning Team Attendees

Name	Position
Debbie Jensen	Management Plan Administrator
Ray Fahlsing	Stewardship Unit Manager
Annamarie Bauer	Regional Planner
Gregory Sherman	Unit Supervisor

Name	Position
Matt Schwemin	Leader Worker
Jason Bibby	Giffels Webster
Deirdre Clein	Giffels Webster
Nik Kalejs	Wildlife Ecologist

Email Comments

January 12, 2017

Thanks for the information. Unfortunately I will not be able to make the meeting on the 17th.

A few comments I would like to add but understand it would be a low chance these will be implemented in the near future due mainly to cost.

1. Improve the fishing pier in Snug Harbor, possibly add a 2nd area or branch out the existing area. It fills up fast and can be a popular spot. Weed removal from the Sung Harbor bay would help recreation and fishing overall. The North break-wall in the harbor would be another location, add a flat concrete section for access over the rocks to aid fisherman and general public access similar to the South break-wall.

2. Allow archery hunting in designated areas of the park to help control the deer population. Possibly implement a plan like the Hoffmaster park area successfully used in past years.
3. Any fishing habitat or structure improvements along the lake and channel would be great also.

Thanks for your time

January 14, 2017

As I am unable to make the meeting, please accept these suggestions.

I have been attending the parks since the day 50s. We make use if the day areas, the sports complex and camping. Since our camping has been mostly at the Channel CG, I would definitely want to see the restrooms and showers redone. It is so very long overdue. #1 priority!

#2. Educational programs most likely run by college internships on the order of Hoffmaster a d in years past at Ludington. Making the campgrounds more of a family destination.

#3. A bikeway between channel campground and Lake Michigan swimming beach!

Thanks for adding this to the list

January 17, 2017

Debbie,

I am sorry that I was unable to attend the meeting about the Muskegon State Park tonight. I am writing because I hope to see mountainbike trails incorporated into the future plans for the park. After reading the draft of the proposal I can see that the only real available area is the recreation area where the cross country ski trails currently exist. For a successful set of mountain bike trails the hi)s near the block house would have to be incorporated more than they currently are for skiing. This could be done with care and would not be damaging to the environment. The use of the lighted trail for mountain bikes would be a unique draw for the state park as there are almost no areas in Western Michigan that allow night riding, which is a very fun experience. Where the trails come close to Lost Lake wooden pathways could be added alongside the normal ski course to protect the environment. I think this would be a great attraction to draw in more visitors to the park.

January 17, 2017

Hello Debbie Jensen,

I am working with the DNR Equine Trails Subcommittee. We are looking for more equestrian friendly areas. There are equestrian friendly trails near the Muskegon State Park. I was wondering if horses could have access to ride the shoreline during "off-season" times like October-April. A "leave no trace behind" policy would be practiced. I've included an example of Salisbury Beach State Park in Massachusetts reservation.

Thank you for considering this beautiful opportunity. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need more information.

January 17, 2017

The so called input meeting for the MSP was a joke. It was apparent that you had already determined the actions, and only paraded around the wonderful plan the DNR came up with. My comments about ski trail improvements were met with no comments and no support. Also why did no one else make a comment or have a question, the input meeting with no input! The meeting overall was a waste of time.

January 18, 2017

Hi Debbie,

Visits to the beach and to swim in Lake Michigan is the number one reason that draws visitors to Muskegon State Park.

The most respondents to the survey, 61%, named the lake as top draw.

Please add to the goals for the park:

"Maintain beach sand cleanliness to seek parity with Pere Marquette Park in the City of Muskegon and Grand Haven State Park."

Visitors who travel to the Lake Michigan shore will compare the parks and sand cleanliness is likely a critical factor for choosing the park they frequent.

Muskegon State Park's beach sand is full of organic debris such as driftwood chunks and dune grass, gravel, and random litter.

Sand at the two parks to the south is pristine. Those parks have machines that regularly groom their sand.

I live five miles from the park and visit almost weekly. An avid beach goer and swimmer, I consider the rustic and natural condition of the beach sand a primary reason why the Muskegon State Park draws fewer visitors than its potential.

Thank you for your role in the public meeting at Laketon Township Hall Jan. 17.

January 19, 2017

I am a daily visitor to MSP - please make it a priority to clean the beach as does the city of Grand Haven & City of Muskegon.

January 20, 2017

Pavilion at Muskegon State Park has a step in and out .There needs to be a CAUTION Sign or WATCH YOUR STEP. It is Dangerous It can't be seen when walking!!!

January 22, 2017

Heard from some in attendance that the mountain bikers felt they were ignored at the meeting.

January 21, 2017

I, Rob Martin, avid Mountain Biker and resident in West Michigan, would like to provide some input regarding mountain biking and fat biking at the Muskegon State Park.

After attending the DNR planning meeting and looking at the land in the Muskegon State Park, it seems that Mountain Biking would make a great fit for the park in certain zones. Fat Biking would be something great to add for the winter months as part of the Winter Sports Complex!

Both of these activities promote a healthier lifestyle and being out in nature. I am fairly new to the sport, but from what I have learned, both Mountain Bike and Fat Bike trails could easily be built and maintained with minimal, if any, cost to the park.

One great thing about bikes on off-road trails, is that they stay on the trail, where as hikers tend to hike off the path, and into areas where they may damage sensitive areas.

In building trails, in today's world with the knowledge that we have, we can build trails that do not erode and are highly sustainable.

Other areas of our state and state parks have sustainable MTB and Fat Bike trails that are enjoyed by people from all over the state, why not include a trail system in the new plan so that West Michigan residents can have the benefit of healthy, outdoor exercise right in their backyard!

January 23, 2017

I am an avid Mountain Biker, and resident in West Michigan, and would like to provide some input regarding mountain biking and fat biking at the Muskegon State Park.

My husband attended the DNR planning meeting, and we are both familiar with the Muskegon State Park area. I believe that Mountain Biking would make a great fit for the park in certain zones, which would allow for year-round access on bikes, even into the winter months, where mtb and fat bike trail riding could be incorporated as another healthy way to spend time outdoors and appreciating your local parks.

From my experience with other mountain-bike friendly parks locally, statewide, and nationally, trail preservation and maintenance is minimal - your bikers are more inclined to stay on established trails

than your average hiker, and often enthusiastically volunteer to assist in keeping those trails rideable - usually more willing than your typical hiker or visitor to participate in activities which help to clean-up, maintain, and even improve these trails. I see it on the park social media pages consistently, people working together to ensure a great experience for everyone.

We can build trails that do not erode and are highly sustainable, this is evident already throughout the state in other parks which have a similar geological make-up.

Another perspective to consider is mountain-biking and it's influence on tourism. Presently, there are well-known desirable mountain biking locations throughout the state, and throughout the country, that draw thousands of people - just for the opportunity to ride their trails. Think of how great it would be for our local communities to also benefit from the business brought in by such visitors.

Let's work together to put Muskegon State Park on the map as another desirable mountain-biking location, and benefit together from the growth and strengthened sense of community it will bring!

January 23, 2017

Hi, I would just like to let you know, that as a cyclist, I would love to see a Mountain bike trail come to the Muskegon State park. It would be another reason to visit Muskegon, it is a beautiful town, and I think this would draw a lot of people there. Thank you!

January 23, 2017

I am writing in an effort to provide you more information on the life of a mountain biker, in hopes to persuade you to take a longer look at the idea of creating a trail system in the Muskegon State Park.

I began riding mountain bikes in the summer of 2011, and it has since changed my life. I fell in love with this sport, not simply because of the experience on the bike, but the places it has taken me. I rediscovered my love of forestry, and the natural beauty we so often take for granted. I feel like this is the true passion for most of us mountain bikers. I believe that mountain bikers may have a bad stigma, that we litter, are not courteous on the trail, that we are making jumps, and alterations to the trail without thought, or knowledge of erosion and sustainability techniques, when in fact I feel we are very compassionate, and mindful community, and take great strides to preserve and protect our forests. Many bike shops throughout the area, have taken on volunteering to teach young ones, as little as two or three, how to ride, to be courteous and kind, and to be part of a team, and a community. The benefits of riding are many, not only for the rider, but also for the trail, and the community around it.

I frequent the Muskegon State Park, as well as a great many other parks in the area for hikes, runs, and walks and I think we are some of the most fortunate people to be this close. I know that many people travel many miles to see what we have in our backyard. I believe that including a trail system to the Muskegon State Park, would not only allow others to experience in the joy and beauty of this park, but also expose the sport and passion of forestry preservation to those that may be new riders, and potential to add new tourism opportunities to the area. The trail would also invite some very well-seasoned riders, who give back to the forestry through trail days, donations, and sponsorship of trail sections, all in an effort to improve the land.

I thank you for your time, and hope that you will consider the opportunity to allow the mountain bike community to share some of our trail love to your park.

January 29, 2017

Thank you for the meeting and asking for suggestions at Muskegon State Park. The opportunity to allow sustainable bike trails out at the State Park would allow the opportunity for people to see the trails a lot easier. I personally am not legally handicapped and don't have a permit by the state saying I am. Having the trails allow bikes can get me out on the trails a lot easier because I do have issues with my feet and can't walk long distances because of the pain. I started riding a few years ago because of that. I used to run the trails regularly out there and at Hoffmaster but now I can't run anymore. So allowing bikes out there would let me get back out there.

I know there is some people that oppose the idea because they believe it will tear up the environment. This is not true, as an avid biker we take pride in the trails we build and do all maintenance to them, no cost to the state, all volunteers.

Some of us have taken a trail building workshop or trail building schools by professional builders. The way the trails are built today they are environmentally friendly and user friendly. Less erosion than say some walking trails in the park.

I know when I was a kid running the trails a lot at the state parks I would run off the trails and up steeper inclines for a better workout. Biking we all stay on the trails because it's already a great workout and it just doesn't work going off the trails like some people might think we do.

If you look at the wildlife trails like the deer make. They follow the contours of the land. That's the way bike trails are made so they don't erode. Biking on eroded trails are no fun therefor if built properly they will endure the traffic of bikers, walkers, runners, and so on. If you look at Owasipee Scout Reservation those trails are built on a lot of sand are in great shape.

Another thing that was brought up in the meeting was the beach house at the park. Needing more use from the building a great idea would be a canoe, kayak, beach bike, mountain bike, fat bike rental. I think wither the land in that area and something like that would make the state some money in the long run the more people know about that. You want to ride tomorrow?

Thank you for your time and I hope you consider our ideas and let us give this a try. This State Park has so much more potential than what it's being used for.

February 1, 2017

Hi, Debbie,

I'm writing to let you know that I am very interested that the State Park on the north side of the Muskegon Channel remain mostly in its current semi-rustic state, with improvements and developments focused mostly on the Winter Sports Complex and Snug Harbor.

I love the idea of the yurt and I think there should be a few more of those!

I prefer to see the walkways/trailways remain somewhat underdeveloped but well-maintained.

This is such a precious resource for our county. I really like the Management Plan, it appears that all these things are being focused on.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment, brief though mine is.

February 2, 2017

Hello Debbie, I am writing this letter in regards to the Muskegon State Park and I would love to be able to ride my mountain bike in the trails or have the opportunity to build a trail system for mountain bikes. I love hiking out there with my family but the bugs are to thick in the summer months for my son to safely go with as often as we would like. He has a very rare disease and even bug bits can put him in the hospital for a week. He tends to not get bite as often while with me on our bikes and I think it would be incredible to still be in the woods. I also have gotten into the sport just this past year and have to say the the whole mountain biking community seems very nice and helpful. I hope you will consider this and thank you for your time and have a great day.



January 18, 2017

As President of Michigan's Edge Mountain Biking Association (acronym-MEMBA) and on behalf of the local mountain biking community, I wanted to provide some input concerning recreational mountain biking/fat biking and how it could fit into the general management plan for Muskegon State Park. After all what's a Winter Sports Complex without winter Fat Biking?

In researching the zone maps of Muskegon State Park, it appears that mountain biking would be an acceptable recreational activity in the areas north of Memorial Drive & east of Scenic Drive which are in designated zones: *Developed Recreation, Natural Resource Recreation & Back Country.*

Our organization gained valuable knowledge and experience with building "sustainable" multi-use natural surface single-track trails at Muskegon County's historic Owasippe Scout Reservation, the oldest scout camp in the country. Working with Alex Stewart of Spectrum Trail Design, a professional trail builder we were able to eliminate rainwater caused erosion by building trail that followed the contour of the terrain. Any abandoned "fall-line" eroded trail sections were restored back to their natural state. Alex recently worked with the DNR at the **Waterloo Recreation Area** in designing & building what is now called the DTE Energy trail.

Cost/funding: We realize state money may not be available for building & maintenance of trails and it may sound too good to be true but we can build & maintain trails at virtually no cost to land managers. Funds are raised through grants, private donations & specific fund raisers. Fallen trees & limbs can be removed by volunteers. Erosion is minimized by trail design.

Kids on Bikes: One of our missions is to promote mountain biking for kids as a healthy outdoor activity. In fact one of the attendees at last night's meeting was a Dirt Dawg, a kids mountain bike group coached by avid adult mountain bikers who teach bike handling skills and trail stewardship (in other words they teach FUN). This North Muskegon resident travels to Cannonsburg weekly to be part of the Dirt Dawgs program. Wouldn't it be nice to have kids on bikes at Muskegon State Park? Other than in the campground or on the "not so safe" paved roads, bikes are not allowed, not even on the gravel/dolomite cross-country ski trail in the summer.

Fat Biking: This just happens to not be a fad. Fat Bikes ride very well in the snow, on single-track trails and along on shores of Lake Michigan. Races could even be held on the cross-country ski course in winter to enhance revenue for the Winter Sports Complex. By adjusting tire pressure a Fat Bikes imprint in the snow can be less than skate skis. As we were walking out the door last night another couple attending the meeting mentioned how many Fat Bikes they observed at Crystal Mountain Ski Resort last weekend.

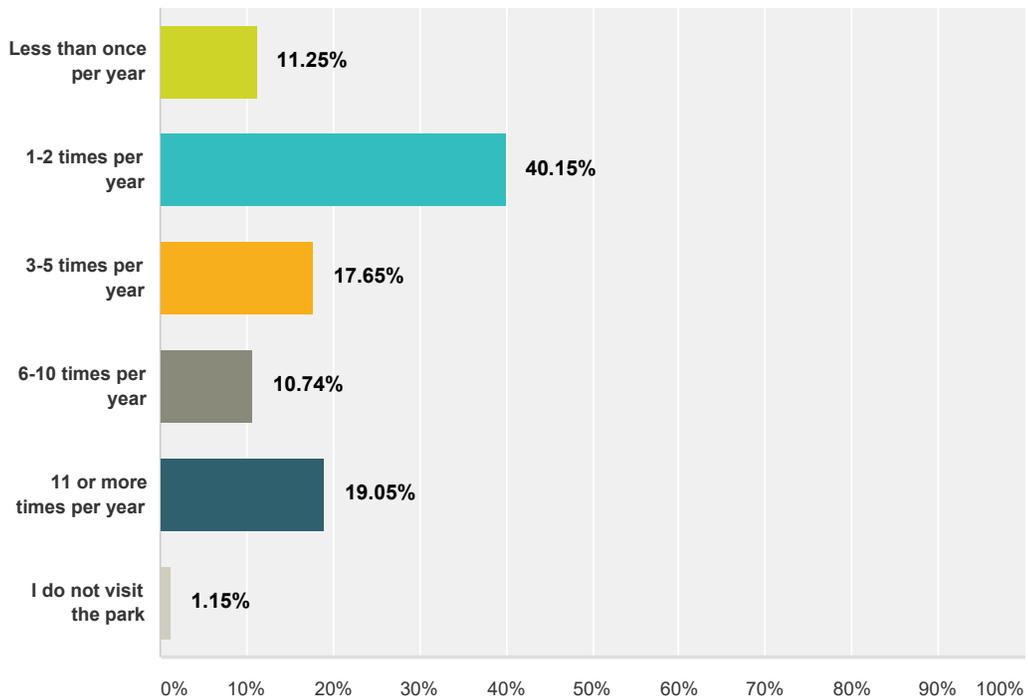
Final thought: developing "sustainable" multi-use single-track natural surface trails at Muskegon State Park is certainly aligned with Governor Snyder's Pure Michigan Trail Initiative plans.

Sincerely,

Randy Knapp, President
Michigan's Edge Mountain Biking Association (MEMBA)
297 W. Clay Ave., Unit 206
Muskegon, MI 49440
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Q1 How many times per year do you visit MuskegonState Park?

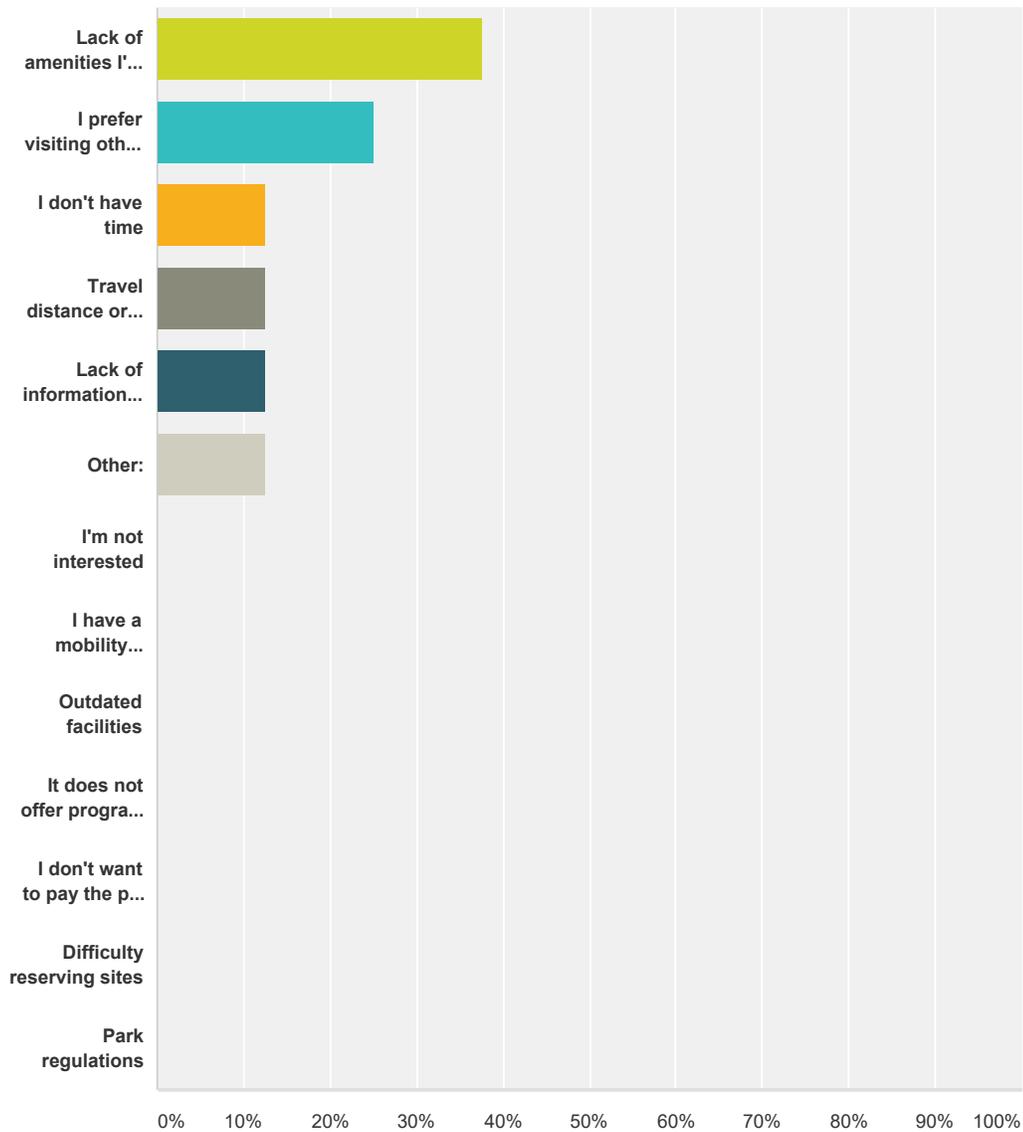
Answered: 782 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Less than once per year	11.25%	88
1-2 times per year	40.15%	314
3-5 times per year	17.65%	138
6-10 times per year	10.74%	84
11 or more times per year	19.05%	149
I do not visit the park	1.15%	9
Total		782

Q2 What is your reason(s) for NOT visiting Muskegon State Park?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 774



Answer Choices	Responses
Lack of amenities I'm seeking	37.50% 3
I prefer visiting other parks	25.00% 2
I don't have time	12.50% 1
Travel distance or transportation	12.50% 1
Lack of information about the park	12.50% 1
Other:	12.50% 1
I'm not interested	0.00% 0

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I have a mobility limitation that prevents me from using the park	0.00%	0
Outdated facilities	0.00%	0
It does not offer programs I participate in	0.00%	0
I don't want to pay the park entry fee	0.00%	0
Difficulty reserving sites	0.00%	0
Park regulations	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 8		

#	Other:	Date
1	Had a reservation and drive thru, cancelled it. It looked like a run down and abandoned area. You couldn't even tell where the sites were.	7/12/2016 7:24 PM

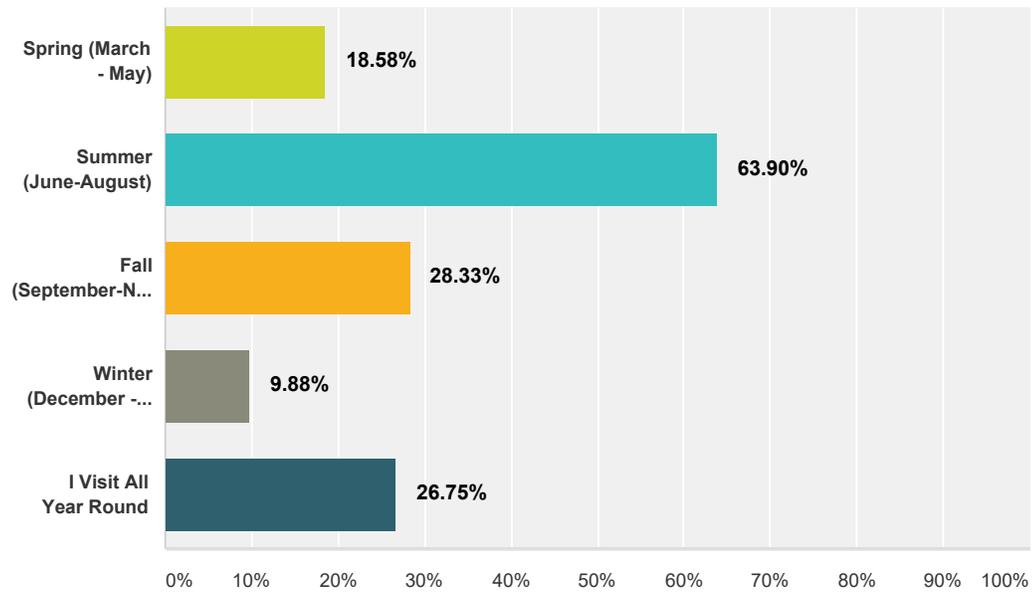
Q3 What would entice you to visit MuskegonState Park?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 776

#	Responses	Date
1	MTB trails/fat bike trails	8/7/2016 5:38 PM
2	Mountain biking	8/6/2016 5:21 PM
3	longer trails	8/5/2016 12:10 PM
4	More biking trails	8/5/2016 12:09 PM
5	Mountain biking trails	8/5/2016 12:07 PM
6	If it was more like ludington or wilderness	7/12/2016 7:24 PM

Q4 During what season(s) do you typically visit Muskegon State Park?

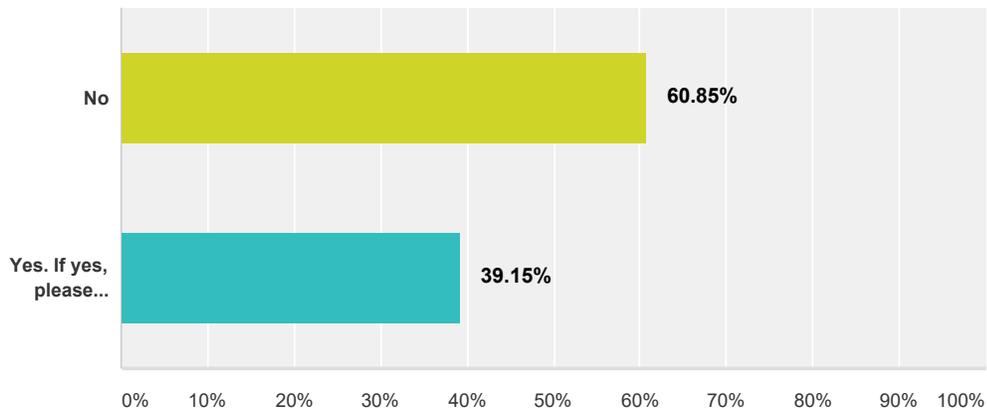
Answered: 759 Skipped: 23



Answer Choices	Responses	
Spring (March - May)	18.58%	141
Summer (June-August)	63.90%	485
Fall (September-November)	28.33%	215
Winter (December - February)	9.88%	75
I Visit All Year Round	26.75%	203
Total Respondents: 759		

Q5 When you visit MuskegonState Park, do you also visit other attractions in the area?

Answered: 751 Skipped: 31

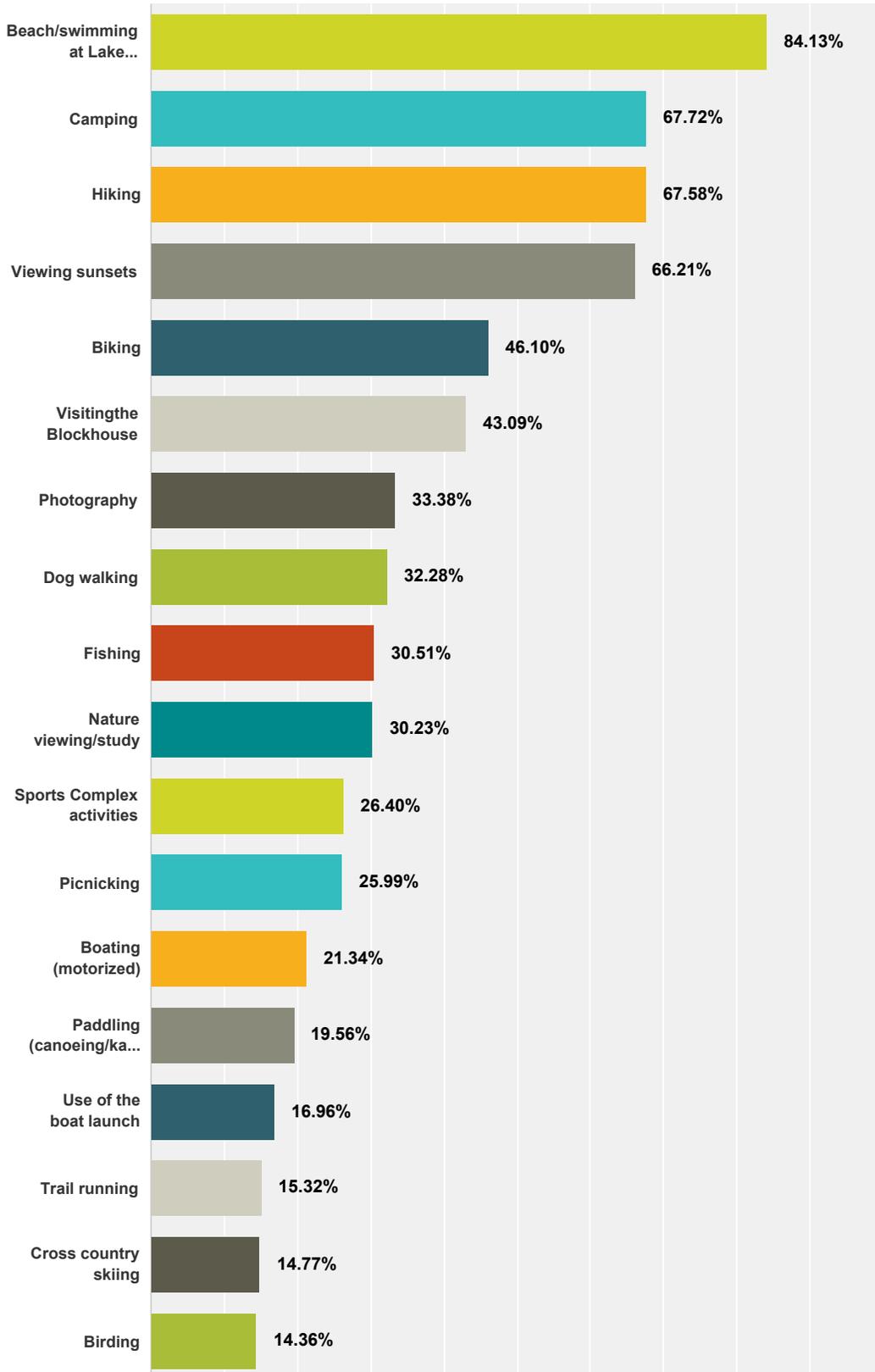


Answer Choices	Responses	
No	60.85%	457
Yes. If yes, please indicate what attractions you visit?	39.15%	294
Total		751

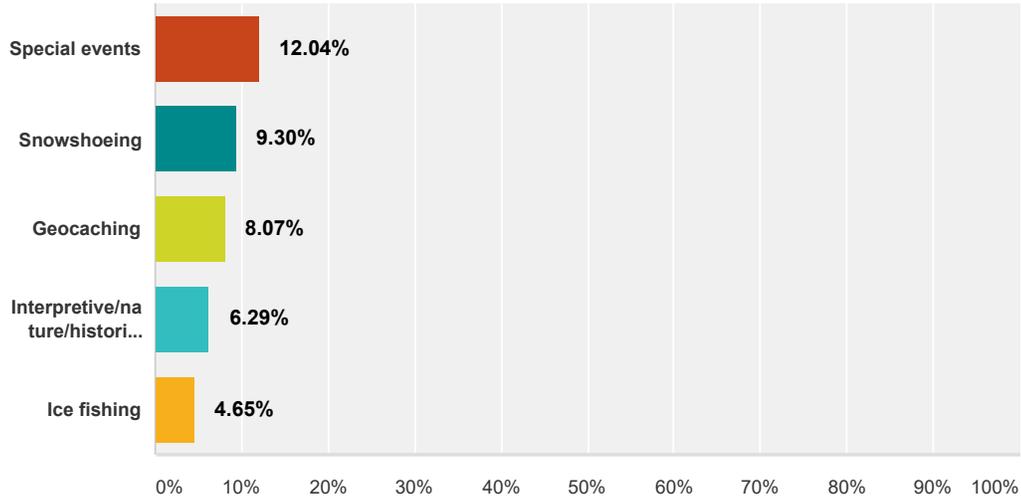
Farmers Market City of Muskegon Breweries Whitehall Area
 Trails Lakeshore Block House Bars
 Restaurants Downtown Music
 Campground Michigan Adventure Art
 Fishing Winter Sports Complex Snug Harbor
 Silversides

Q6 Please check ALL the activities in which you participated at MuskegonState Park during your most recent visits?

Answered: 731 Skipped: 51



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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Beach/swimming at Lake Michigan	84.13%	615
Camping	67.72%	495
Hiking	67.58%	494
Viewing sunsets	66.21%	484
Biking	46.10%	337
Visiting the Blockhouse	43.09%	315
Photography	33.38%	244
Dog walking	32.28%	236
Fishing	30.51%	223
Nature viewing/study	30.23%	221
Sports Complex activities	26.40%	193
Picnicking	25.99%	190
Boating (motorized)	21.34%	156
Paddling (canoeing/kayaking/etc.)	19.56%	143
Use of the boat launch	16.96%	124
Trail running	15.32%	112
Cross country skiing	14.77%	108
Birding	14.36%	105
Special events	12.04%	88
Snowshoeing	9.30%	68
Geocaching	8.07%	59
Interpretive/nature/historical programs	6.29%	46
Ice fishing	4.65%	34

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Total Respondents: 731

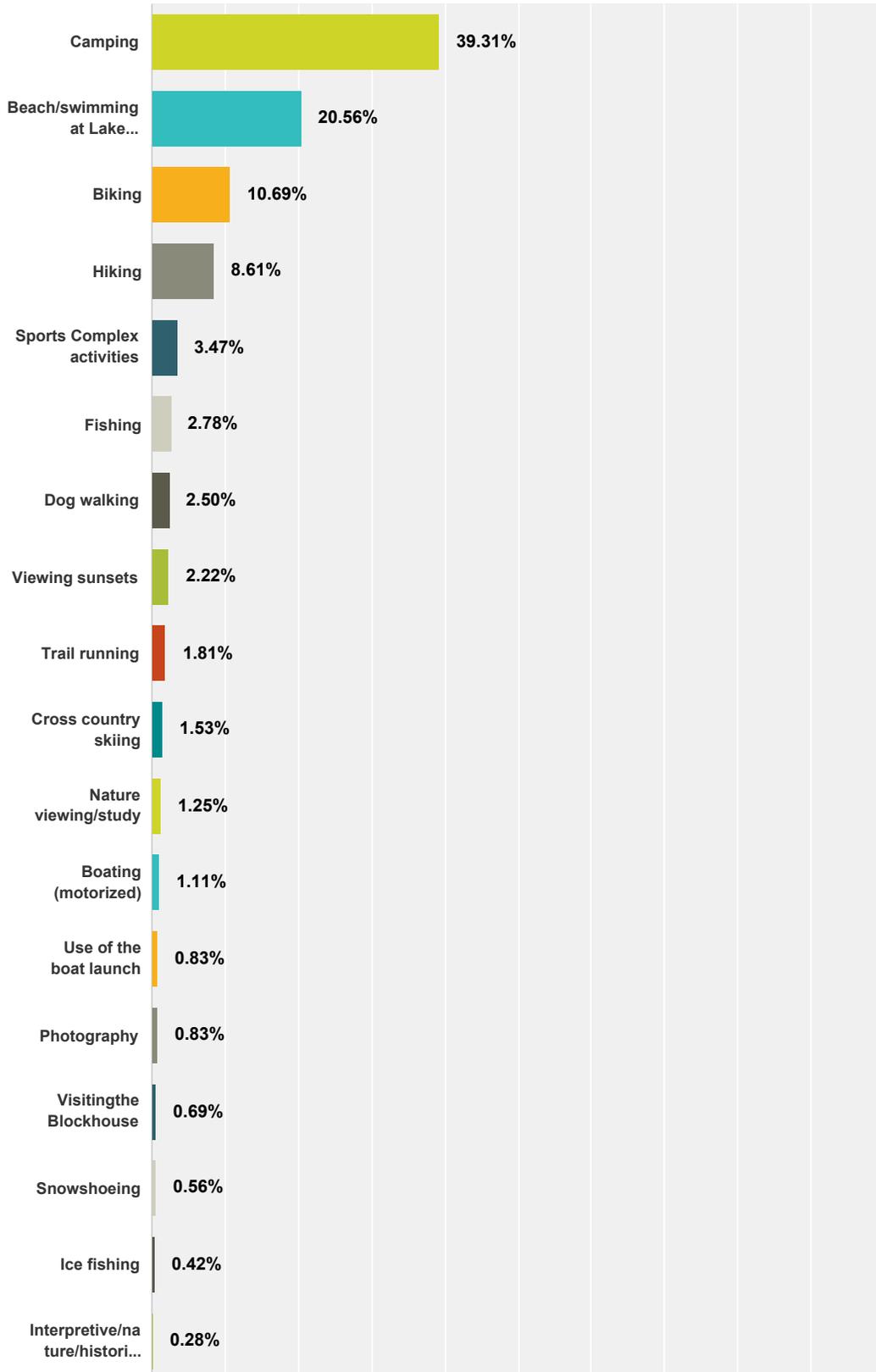
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Sledding	8/12/2016 11:11 AM
2	Ice skating	8/11/2016 3:23 AM
3	going to the channel wall.	8/9/2016 10:52 PM
4	Snurfing	8/9/2016 6:16 PM
5	Luge	8/9/2016 3:34 PM
6	Luge	8/9/2016 1:45 PM
7	You can't bike there	8/5/2016 9:55 PM
8	Hunting Pokémon	8/5/2016 4:17 PM
9	Would love to see mountain bike trails.	8/5/2016 3:19 PM
10	Snowboarding	8/4/2016 6:54 PM
11	Lacrosse	8/4/2016 1:34 PM
12	walking the channel	8/4/2016 1:23 PM
13	Fat Biking Lake Michigan's shoreline	8/4/2016 12:24 PM
14	Also go to local Duck Lake State park.	7/27/2016 8:53 AM
15	letter boxing ice skating	7/24/2016 10:35 AM
16	Kite surfing	7/23/2016 10:30 AM
17	Invasive species removal with Heidi Frie	7/19/2016 7:20 AM
18	sailing	7/16/2016 3:59 PM
19	But the air quality is REALLY bad! We ended up leaving because of too much smoke.	7/14/2016 6:13 PM
20	swimming at muskegon lake beach at campgrounds. This beach used to be sandy and user friendly but is fallen into weeds and high grass so swimming with small children is difficult. Please consider grooming this beach for your campers.	7/14/2016 1:44 PM
21	sledding on Sugar Bowl dunes	7/14/2016 7:54 AM
22	Watching boats at pier sightseeing.	7/13/2016 7:27 PM
23	Luge run	7/13/2016 2:26 PM
24	relaxing and enjoying our beautiful park and state!	7/13/2016 1:59 PM
25	Walking the boardwalk at the campground	7/13/2016 12:33 PM
26	Walking Channel	7/13/2016 11:46 AM
27	Harvest festival	7/13/2016 9:13 AM
28	Swimming on the Muskegon Lake side of the campground.	7/13/2016 8:21 AM
29	hammocking	7/13/2016 1:56 AM
30	motorcycling	7/12/2016 10:45 PM
31	Walking the channel.	7/12/2016 10:14 PM
32	Windsurfing	7/12/2016 8:57 PM
33	Walking the channel	7/12/2016 8:55 PM
34	Swimming Muskegon lake	7/12/2016 8:30 PM
35	I love watching the boats on the Channel	7/12/2016 7:15 PM
36	Swimming at Muskegon Lake. Watching boats go in and out of channel. Waving at the Lake Express.	7/12/2016 6:43 PM
37	Beach/swimming at MUSKEGON Lake	7/12/2016 6:33 PM

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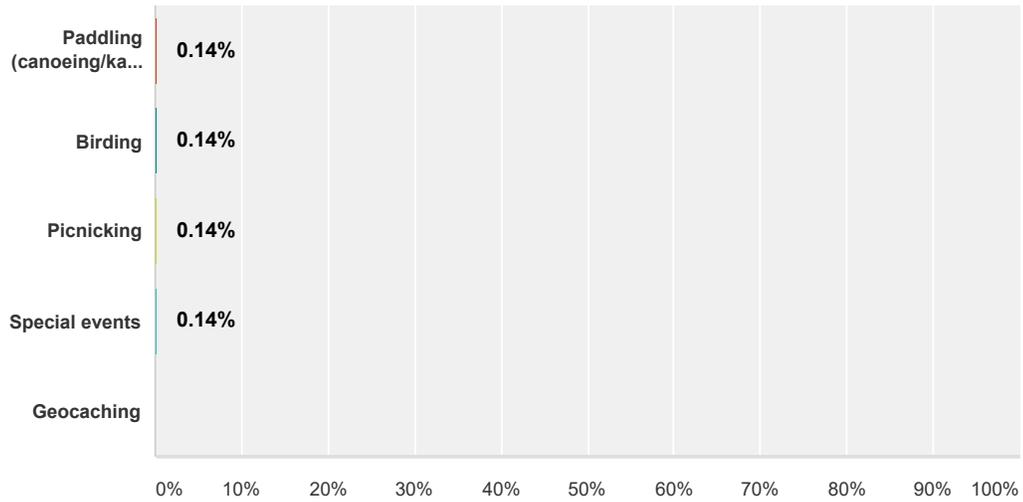
38	Swimming in Muskegon Lake, Walking along the channel	7/12/2016 5:44 PM
39	Pier	7/12/2016 5:30 PM
40	Relaxing by the campfire	7/12/2016 5:19 PM
41	relaxing	7/12/2016 5:10 PM
42	Big waves!	7/12/2016 4:39 PM
43	watching boats in the channel	7/12/2016 3:53 PM
44	Walk the channel.	7/12/2016 3:32 PM
45	Channel walking	7/12/2016 1:11 PM
46	family time	7/12/2016 12:29 PM
47	We use to walk the dogs a TON at the park. Sadly, they have passed on.	7/12/2016 12:13 PM
48	Ruth Ann's...can't forget Ruth Ann's, we all love the convenience of getting ice cream nightly after sunset.	7/12/2016 12:10 PM

Q7 Please check the ONE activity that is the most important to you at Muskegon State Park.

Answered: 720 Skipped: 62



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Answer Choices	Responses	
Camping	39.31%	283
Beach/swimming at Lake Michigan	20.56%	148
Biking	10.69%	77
Hiking	8.61%	62
Sports Complex activities	3.47%	25
Fishing	2.78%	20
Dog walking	2.50%	18
Viewing sunsets	2.22%	16
Trail running	1.81%	13
Cross country skiing	1.53%	11
Nature viewing/study	1.25%	9
Boating (motorized)	1.11%	8
Use of the boat launch	0.83%	6
Photography	0.83%	6
Visiting the Blockhouse	0.69%	5
Snowshoeing	0.56%	4
Ice fishing	0.42%	3
Interpretive/nature/historical programs	0.28%	2
Paddling (canoeing/kayaking/etc.)	0.14%	1
Birding	0.14%	1
Picnicking	0.14%	1
Special events	0.14%	1
Geocaching	0.00%	0

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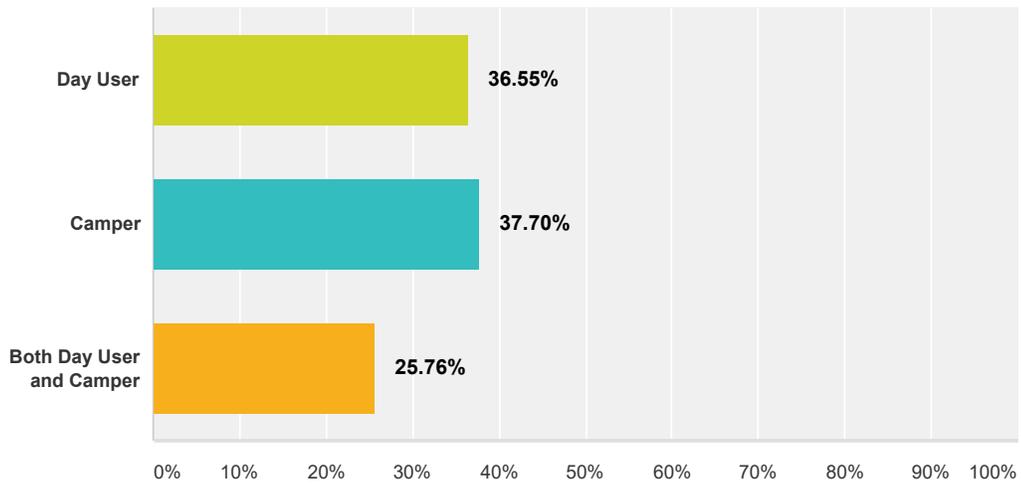
Total		720
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	luge	8/10/2016 12:26 AM
2	Luge	8/9/2016 3:34 PM
3	Why is biking listed again? biking is not allowed	8/5/2016 9:55 PM
4	Need mountain biking	8/5/2016 5:36 PM
5	Would be nice to have mountain bike trails	8/5/2016 5:17 PM
6	Would love to see mountain bike trails.	8/5/2016 3:19 PM
7	I checked biking, although I know that biking IS NOT allowed at the state park on trails. I HAVE seen a biker out there on the trail the last time I was out there. I feel that MANY people would visit the park more often if biking was allowed.	8/5/2016 11:51 AM
8	I would love to be able to mountain bike in the state park	8/4/2016 2:30 PM
9	I can't just pick one because as a family we love doing all the activities.	7/27/2016 8:53 AM
10	But, again, it would be much better if there weren't fires. Such a nice place but bad air especially on the weekends.	7/14/2016 6:13 PM
11	Plus we bring are dog so that also is very important to me	7/13/2016 2:54 PM
12	And swimming in Muskegon Lake	7/13/2016 8:05 AM
13	beach at Muskegon lake	7/13/2016 7:07 AM
14	How about archery?	7/12/2016 9:45 PM
15	Windsurfing	7/12/2016 8:57 PM
16	Swimming at the campground beach on Muskegon Lake	7/12/2016 8:13 PM
17	The beautiful view of the big lake.	7/12/2016 4:39 PM
18	Winter Camping	7/12/2016 3:19 PM
19	Sorry we had to choose just one.	7/12/2016 2:24 PM
20	swimming in Muskegon lake	7/12/2016 12:46 PM
21	Love the Halloween camping weekend	7/12/2016 12:41 PM
22	It's actually hard to pick one. If I could pick two, it would be visiting the beach and cross country skiing.	7/12/2016 12:13 PM
23	Camping by far is the most important to all of us and access to the beach. Our group is consistently 50+ for the week and we occupy 10+ campsites.	7/12/2016 12:10 PM

Q8 What three words would you use to describe MuskegonState Park to someone who has never visited the park?



Q9 Do you typically visit Muskegon State Park as a day user or overnight camper?

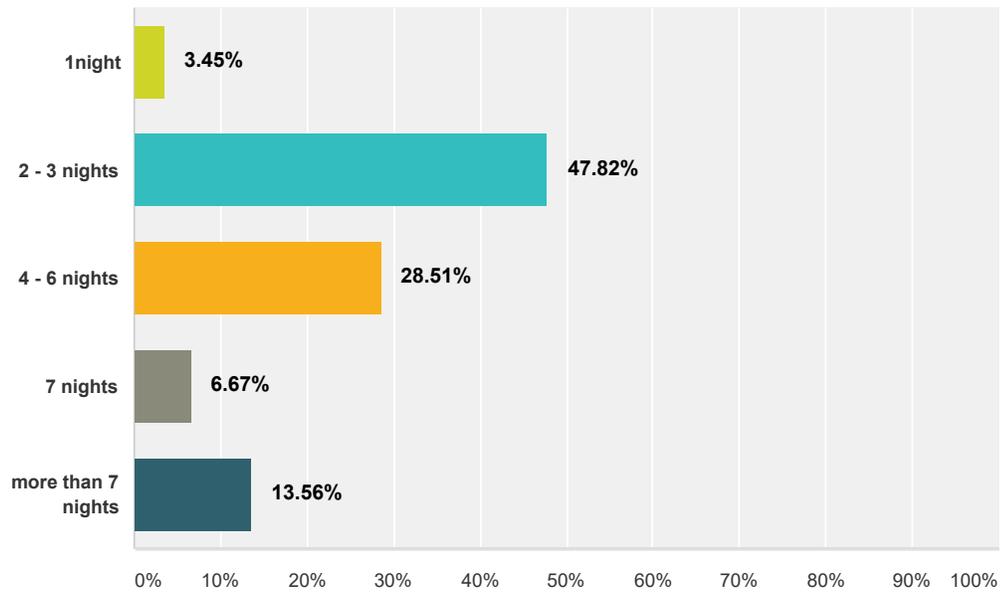
Answered: 695 Skipped: 87



Answer Choices	Responses
Day User	36.55% 254
Camper	37.70% 262
Both Day User and Camper	25.76% 179
Total	695

Q10 How many nights do you typically stay?

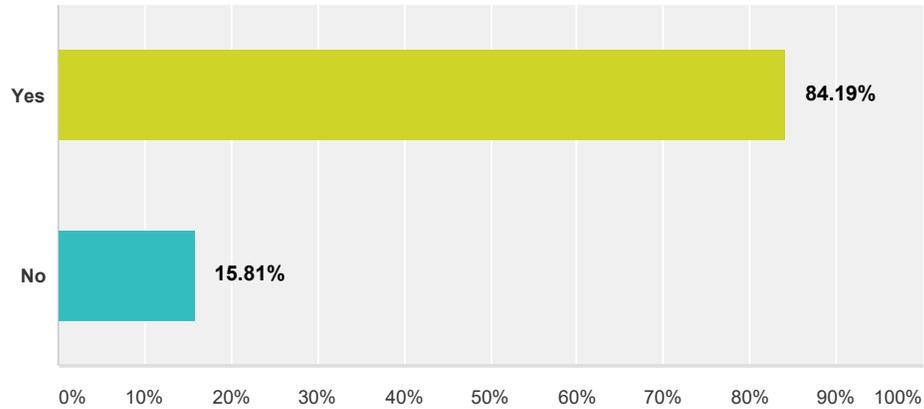
Answered: 435 Skipped: 347



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
1night	3.45%	15
2 - 3 nights	47.82%	208
4 - 6 nights	28.51%	124
7 nights	6.67%	29
more than 7 nights	13.56%	59
Total		435

Q11 Transporting firewood also transports insects and diseases such as Emerald Ash borer, Oak Wilt, and Beech Bark Disease, which have a devastating effect on Michigan's forests. To protect forest health, would you support a requirement to use only locally sourced firewood?

Answered: 430 Skipped: 352



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	84.19%	362
No	15.81%	68
Total		430

#	Comments:	Date
1	have mixed feeling about this	8/10/2016 10:56 PM
2	Always get my fire wood locally	8/9/2016 3:28 PM
3	No way to enforce that	8/5/2016 1:30 PM
4	Bringing cut up pallets should be allowed	8/5/2016 12:13 PM
5	We like to bring from home- which is close by	7/27/2016 1:03 PM
6	We live local. I say just check the wood that's brought in	7/27/2016 9:04 AM
7	Price needs to be logical, not \$8 for a bundle of 6 logs. \$2-\$4 is very reasonable, especially for those wanting a fire all weekend. An inexpensive camping trip can become really expensive with the cost of wood.	7/26/2016 9:32 AM
8	its for a fire....gets burned up.....chill out	7/25/2016 8:26 AM
9	a consistant message is needed, the DNR has told me i can move word within the lower peninsula	7/22/2016 5:53 PM
10	Protect the areas environments	7/20/2016 10:49 AM
11	We already do this	7/17/2016 10:48 PM
12	Or verified wood brought in.	7/17/2016 7:12 PM
13	Utilize state park dead wood resources as available	7/17/2016 2:12 PM
14	I live locally and would not pay for sourced firewood	7/16/2016 6:29 PM

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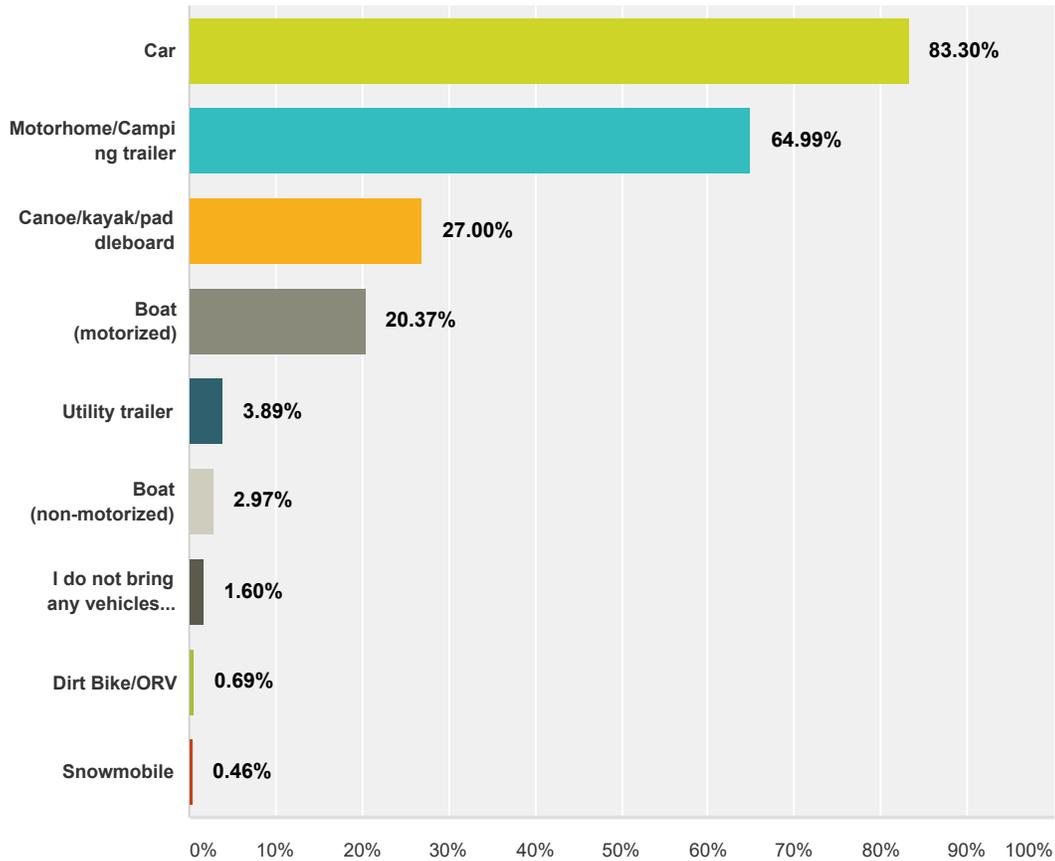
15	Absolutely	7/15/2016 7:20 PM
16	If it were reasonably priced.	7/14/2016 8:23 PM
17	Not sure. We usually bring factory scrap wood.	7/14/2016 6:37 PM
18	How about no fires in the park?	7/14/2016 6:15 PM
19	Already do	7/14/2016 5:40 PM
20	I typically have wood from my property that I bring. I make sure it is only oak (good health in my yard) or hard maple.	7/14/2016 1:50 PM
21	Provided the price was fair	7/13/2016 5:20 PM
22	Maybe a ban from folks more than 100 miles away.	7/13/2016 11:02 AM
23	Local firewood if cheap and plentiful, why not require it?	7/13/2016 10:40 AM
24	isn't that already in effect?	7/13/2016 9:08 AM
25	we already do :)	7/13/2016 9:06 AM
26	we always take our own wood that we get from my husband's job sites. usually 2x4s and such we have fires going all day and to buy it is expensive it would ruin the park if they did that.	7/13/2016 8:45 AM
27	Typically, the firewood available at camp is overpriced, damp, and softwood. These insects and diseases are airborne and will get spread around on their own without my intervention.	7/13/2016 8:12 AM
28	I always take good wood	7/13/2016 7:56 AM
29	We do not live that far away and policies such as this are not going to stop insects from traveling	7/13/2016 7:33 AM
30	iy has to be available	7/13/2016 6:07 AM
31	We brought cut up skids that would have gone into the dumpster, so we feel we made an excellent choice for the environment.	7/12/2016 10:53 PM
32	We cut up skids	7/12/2016 10:32 PM
33	how would you prove it?	7/12/2016 10:28 PM
34	I do believe if someone brings their own wood, too keep it in the back of a truck and only burn what you use. Don't set it on the ground.	7/12/2016 10:23 PM
35	Price gouging , unavailable .. \$5 for a fire bit too much considering	7/12/2016 9:12 PM
36	Do not burn wood	7/12/2016 9:05 PM
37	But it has to be at a reasonable cost and good wood.	7/12/2016 8:55 PM
38	I live in Muskegon county so I should be able to bring wood from my yard.	7/12/2016 8:17 PM
39	Burn what you bring!	7/12/2016 8:05 PM
40	if priced reasonable	7/12/2016 7:56 PM
41	thought this was already in place	7/12/2016 7:44 PM
42	Burn what you brought - local wood too expensive and lower quality	7/12/2016 6:50 PM
43	We buy local to save space	7/12/2016 6:48 PM
44	We do this anyway. We buy our wood at Wesco because the wood at the check-in is always damp.	7/12/2016 6:35 PM
45	I already am using only naturally placed/local firewood to help this issue.	7/12/2016 5:34 PM
46	As long as wood could be purchased for a low price, not the high \$5/small bundle which is not affordable at all.	7/12/2016 5:34 PM
47	It would cost campers \$50.00 extra to enjoy a campfire. Inspect it.	7/12/2016 5:30 PM
48	Hard to regulate and added cost	7/12/2016 4:42 PM
49	Prices too high	7/12/2016 4:41 PM
50	But make sure it's available and economical	7/12/2016 4:08 PM
51	we only bring small chunks of lumber	7/12/2016 3:36 PM
52	AS long as the supply is allowed to be competitive, and not licensed and state controlled.	7/12/2016 3:22 PM

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53	I think the education is already out there. We bring dried scrap wood that we purchase. I don't like the idea of my vehicle being searched.	7/12/2016 3:04 PM
54	As long as wood is available and affordable	7/12/2016 3:04 PM
55	Absolutely!!!	7/12/2016 2:20 PM
56	I thought this was already required.	7/12/2016 1:49 PM
57	Be sure to give a specific description as to what locally sourced firewood is as it may be confusing.	7/12/2016 1:18 PM
58	As long as the wood is burned and not left, I see no problem with brining in your own wood. The price of wood at the park is outrageous especially for campers that are there for more than a day or two.	7/12/2016 1:17 PM
59	locally fine, but not forced to buy from campground	7/12/2016 1:13 PM
60	Many people forget that some camp because its inexpensive. When people are unable to bring own firewood and are forced to buy in elsewhere it's rather expensive. Yes, those fancy RV people can cook inside however many with young families cook outside and require much more wood than those that just choose to roast marshmallows. If there is a restriction on the firewood there needs to be reasonably priced and sized wood available...not sticks that burn immediatly. We understand that the forests need to be preserved but consider those that use camping as vacations because out of state destinations might not be a financial option.	7/12/2016 1:11 PM
61	Depends on the definition of locally sourced. If it means purchasing only from the park, then no. Otherwise I support restricting the movement of firewood.	7/12/2016 12:56 PM
62	Not sure	7/12/2016 12:55 PM
63	I thought this was no longer an issue	7/12/2016 12:51 PM
64	Lower the cost of wood	7/12/2016 12:26 PM
65	If I didn't cut my own trees	7/12/2016 12:22 PM
66	Support this 100%, I want nothing damaging the park	7/12/2016 12:17 PM
67	We typically bring wood to make sure we have enough and burn it all before we leave. Saves on costs.	7/12/2016 12:12 PM
68	i always buy at campground	7/12/2016 12:10 PM
69	Of course. But I have camped at places where the local supply did not meet demand so please plan accordingly.	7/12/2016 12:04 PM
70	Too expensive.	7/12/2016 12:02 PM
71	This is what we practice already by purchasing firewood from the campground or from a local home that sells it along the roadside.	7/12/2016 11:59 AM
72	Not convinced it's bad	7/12/2016 11:57 AM

Q12 Describe the type of motorized and non-motorized vehicles and/or watercrafts you typically bring with you when you camp at MuskegonState Park: (Check all that apply)

Answered: 437 Skipped: 345



Answer Choices	Responses
Car	83.30% 364
Motorhome/Camping trailer	64.99% 284
Canoe/kayak/paddleboard	27.00% 118
Boat (motorized)	20.37% 89
Utility trailer	3.89% 17
Boat (non-motorized)	2.97% 13
I do not bring any vehicles or crafts into the park during my visit	1.60% 7
Dirt Bike/ORV	0.69% 3
Snowmobile	0.46% 2
Total Respondents: 437	

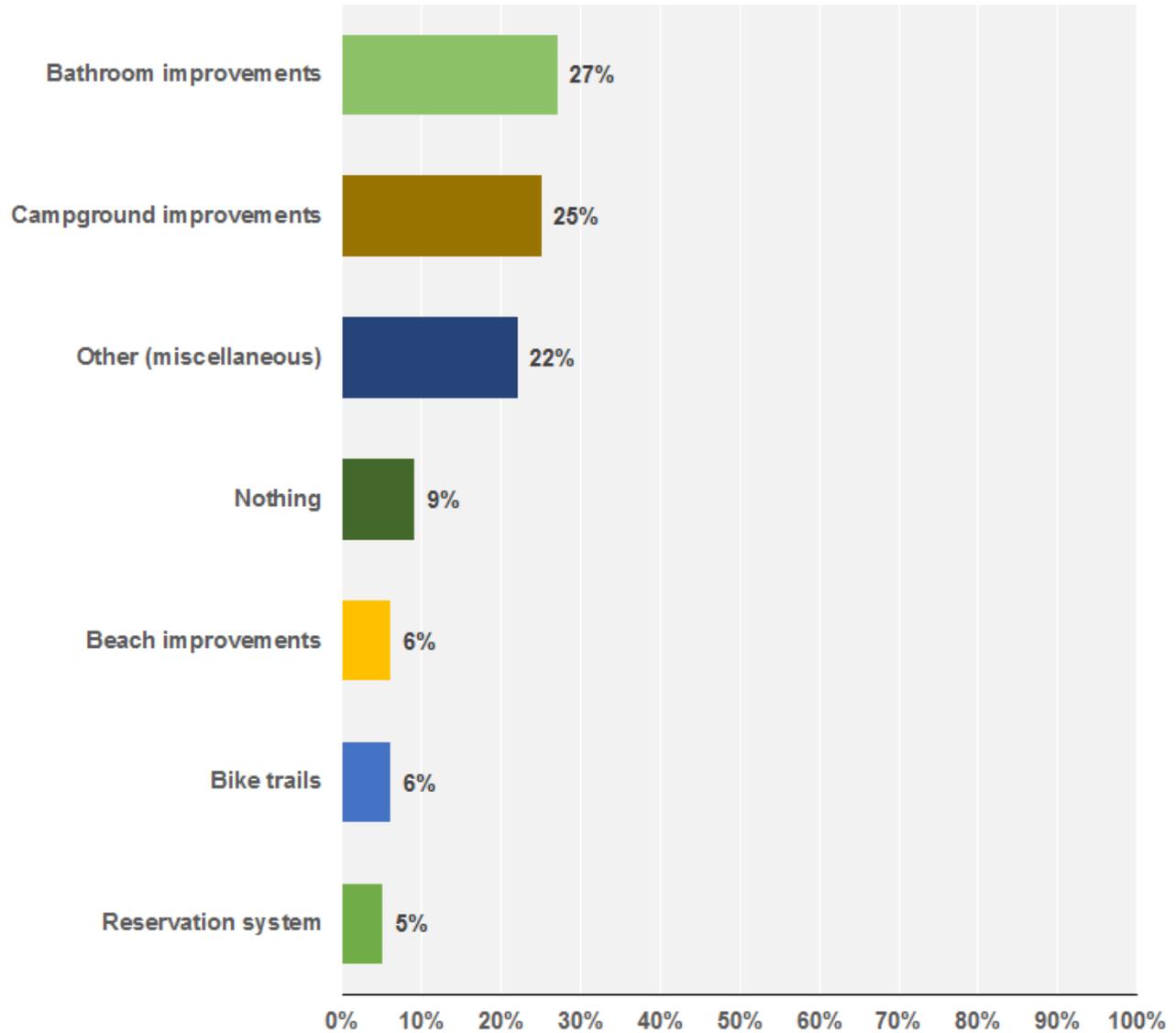
Q13 What do you enjoy most about your camping experience at Muskegon State Park?

Answered: 401 Skipped: 381



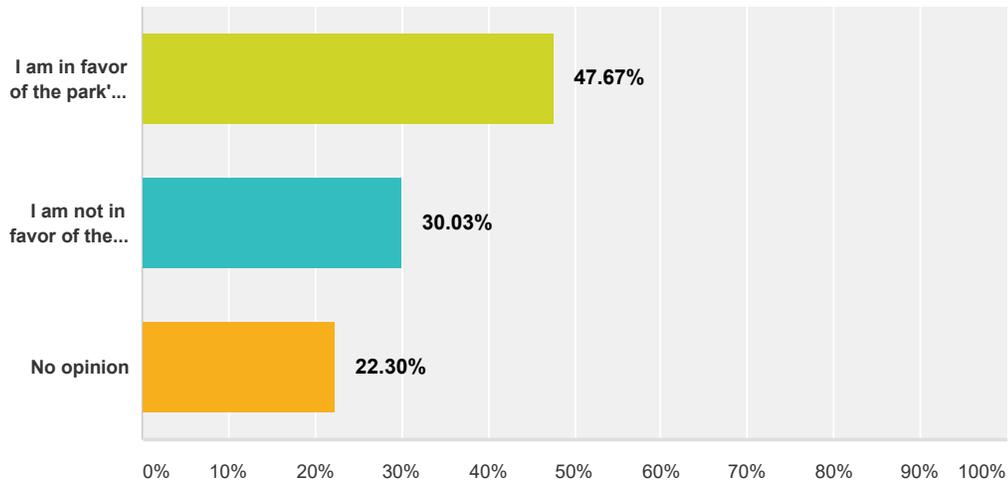
Q14 If you would change ONE thing about your camping experience, what would it be?

Answered: 384 Skipped: 398



Q15 Current regulations restrict the use of alcohol in the spring and summer at Muskegon State Park. Alcohol is prohibited in the entire park from April 15 to Labor Day except for the campgrounds, where alcohol is prohibited from April 15 to June 15. What is your opinion on the park's alcohol regulations?

Answered: 686 Skipped: 96



Answer Choices	Responses
I am in favor of the park's current alcohol regulations	47.67% 327
I am not in favor of the park's current alcohol regulations	30.03% 206
No opinion	22.30% 153
Total	686

#	Additional Comments:	Date
1	Seems confusing, which would make it difficult to enforce	8/11/2016 2:07 AM
2	It's not that I need alcohol to enjoy nature in all its glory, but having a mixed drink by the beach can be enjoyable (although I agree no glass containers should be allowed in case it breaks). I think it should be permitted but glass should not.	8/9/2016 9:42 PM
3	Alcohol and camping should be allowed on the beach, not in glass.	8/9/2016 5:26 PM
4	Would like to see year round alcohol option.	8/9/2016 2:56 PM
5	It would be nice if there were areas where people could drink alcohol. Sometimes the regulation seems excessive. It makes sense to avoid underage or big parties but it's excessive for those who want to have a drink on an empty beach or a camp site.	8/9/2016 2:45 PM
6	People drink anywhere they want so why not just lift the band for those months and start selling it to make more money for the park.	8/9/2016 2:44 PM
7	I think the campground should be exempt year round. However, it seems that it would encourage peaceful, family friendly camping.	8/8/2016 7:17 PM

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8	Adults drink alcohol. Regulate any offenders. People are more likely to go to parks that allow alcohol.	8/7/2016 6:48 AM
9	There must be a middle ground option to control drinking in the park.	8/6/2016 11:22 AM
10	I have attended several events that serve alcohol at the winter sports complex and find them enjoyable.	8/6/2016 11:03 AM
11	Under age no drinking but if your an adult and can control yourself it's nice to sit by the fire at night and have a couple drinks	8/5/2016 9:17 PM
12	Either ban alcohol all year, or allow it. The spring ban is confusing to most people.	8/5/2016 5:15 PM
13	Alcohol consumption on the beach would be nice. I am s father so not like I am getting crazy at the beach but the ability to enjoy a beer or two at the beach would be nice. Alcohol is allowed at Ludington city beach and I have never see anyone get out of control.	8/5/2016 4:13 PM
14	I think alcohol should be allowed in some of the breach areas.	8/5/2016 2:59 PM
15	Folks going to use red solo cups regardless of the regulations.	8/5/2016 1:32 PM
16	Let adults make their own decisions	8/5/2016 12:56 PM
17	I think as long as quiet hours are still observed, adults should be able to have a beverage if they so choose	8/5/2016 12:12 PM
18	Drinkers ruin the park with their trash and behavior.	8/4/2016 10:34 PM
19	I don't understand why no alcohol from 4/15-6/15.	8/4/2016 9:57 PM
20	I have not seen problems and I don't think the restrictions are needed	8/4/2016 9:30 PM
21	It's really a special park really need to keep it that way	8/4/2016 8:10 PM
22	I would prefer that alcohol was banned at all times.	8/4/2016 5:28 PM
23	Doesn't make sense to restrict from April to June in the campgrounds. I would restrict in park except for campground year round.	8/4/2016 3:14 PM
24	I feel that alcohol at the park is a thing already during the restricted months and should just be accepted	8/4/2016 2:44 PM
25	If park users are responsible and respectful of others, don't litter and don't use glass containers, I believe alcohol should be allowed year round.	8/4/2016 12:34 PM
26	Just either ban it altogether or complet Ely allow it.	8/2/2016 2:20 PM
27	I think it should be endorsed up to college age campers, but if grown adults want to have a glass of wine or beer with their dinner, it's ridiculous not to allow, Have your law regulation but loosely enforce.	7/27/2016 1:06 PM
28	Not a fan of loud mean drunks myself so I like the current rules just the way they are	7/27/2016 9:06 AM
29	I don't really understand why the campground has prohibited alcohol at such a funny time of year. I agree with the entire park being alcohol free and I think that should be extended to all year. If people want to bring alcohol they can stay in the campground. People will bring alcohol whether you enforce it or not.	7/26/2016 9:34 AM
30	You think you are stopping it. There just hiding it, in plain site.	7/26/2016 8:27 AM
31	Alcohol in plastic containers should be allowed on beach. Locals can report abuse/behavior	7/25/2016 11:48 AM
32	But I think people bring it in anyway.....that is a very hard thing to regulate!!	7/25/2016 8:27 AM
33	All things in moderation	7/23/2016 11:49 AM
34	I understand the reasoning behind not allowing alcohol (no glass on beach, cut down on "rowdiness"). Coming from out-of-state where alcohol is allowed (or not enforced) in ALL parks, it seems needlessly restrictive for people who responsibly consume alcohol.	7/23/2016 10:32 AM
35	problem is i would like to have drink around the campfire but i know if you allow it people will abuse it	7/22/2016 5:54 PM
36	Not everyone abuses the use of alcohol	7/21/2016 9:26 PM
37	Alcohol to be consumed in a responsible manner, violators will be issued a citation	7/21/2016 8:24 PM
38	Please do not eliminate alcohol in the campground, it is nice to have a beer or glass on wine while camping.	7/20/2016 2:21 PM
39	Alcohol prohibition in the campgrounds from April 15-June 15? Why? Is there a lack of department officer oversight at this time?	7/20/2016 10:59 AM
40	I have no problems with people enjoying a drink, but if it's allowed there needs to be park staff on hand 24hours to address those that get reckless/loud etc with drinking activities	7/20/2016 10:53 AM

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41	Most people like to enjoy a cocktail around the campfire & do it responsibly	7/19/2016 9:42 PM
42	I am definitely in favor, but I don't know how well it is enforced.	7/18/2016 8:49 AM
43	I don't think there should be strict enforcement. I believe the rules and their current enforcement allow visitors to enjoy alcohol discretely, while being an available tool for staff when visitors abuse alcohol or cause problems.	7/18/2016 8:05 AM
44	I would like an occasional wine cooler at the fire but I think there is a correlation between park noise and alcohol	7/17/2016 10:52 PM
45	Although we usually come after June 15, we don't understand the April to June prohibition. It makes no sense	7/17/2016 6:52 PM
46	We've camped at musk st park for many many years - close to twenty. I've not observed any alcohol related issues ever with the current alcohol policy.	7/17/2016 2:15 PM
47	no glass bottles	7/17/2016 12:50 PM
48	All depends upon the person. Some people shouldn't drink period	7/16/2016 11:02 PM
49	if a restaurant was operating at the beach house, I would be in favor of alcohol for that establishment	7/16/2016 10:00 PM
50	alcohol is consumed consistently within the campground at all times whether it be in plastic glasses, open containers or within a camper. Why have a regulation if you cant or don't enforce it	7/16/2016 6:32 PM
51	We go in the spring and fall for relaxation - sometimes a drink during this time is nice.	7/15/2016 11:04 AM
52	Alcohol should be permitted at all times in campgrounds.	7/15/2016 9:11 AM
53	Just have a quiet time and enforce it	7/15/2016 6:57 AM
54	I've never been bothered. Good to have the rule if "you need it".	7/14/2016 10:13 PM
55	I'd just as soon there be NO drinking.	7/14/2016 8:47 PM
56	I think the more drinking in the campground the more problems there will be with fights and disturbances.	7/14/2016 8:26 PM
57	We do drink in the evenings while sitting at a campfire. Don't need to on the beach! We don't get crazy!	7/14/2016 6:41 PM
58	If you allow alcohol, you lose the ability to remove someone who is abusing alcohol. Your current enforcement seems more reasonable . If someone is causing a problem and alcohol is present, kick them out.	7/14/2016 1:55 PM
59	Enforce the law. Under 21 can't drink	7/14/2016 11:56 AM
60	Casual drinking should be permitted (or leave the rule and only enforce when someone is out of hand).	7/14/2016 11:14 AM
61	I think alcohol on the beach would be acceptable. Plenty of trash receptacles and signs would help keep the beaches clean.	7/14/2016 9:46 AM
62	The alcohol regulations are superfluous; there are too few staff to enforce them daily. Remove the signs. If there is a problem party where alcohol use is fueling noise bothersome to other Park users, deal with the peace disturbers.	7/14/2016 7:57 AM
63	We came with a group of friends once during this time frame. A ranger explained that it was really to prevent high school kids from using the park for year end parties, and that as we were all in our 20's and from out of town, he wouldn't enforce it with us. I guess it is just a silly regulation.	7/14/2016 6:14 AM
64	Regulated responsible alcohol use	7/14/2016 4:50 AM
65	I would like to see alcohol be allowed in the campground but not on the beach.	7/13/2016 10:32 PM
66	I'm not sure why alcohol would be prohibited through only half the summer. I think it would be nice to have it allowed in the campgrounds all summer, but to enforce rules about noise and disorderly conduct that may result from people abusing the privilege.	7/13/2016 8:06 PM
67	Would love to have wine with a picnic	7/13/2016 8:03 PM
68	However, does need monitoring for those who drink in excess and cause noise issues, etc.	7/13/2016 6:47 PM
69	I purposely pick parks with no alcohol as I don't partake and I don't like to subject my son to the attitudes of some who do.	7/13/2016 5:29 PM
70	I enjoy having an alcoholic beverage when settling down for the evening. As long as noise is kept to a reasonable level, and people aren't turning it into a raving party. In my experience, the park staff has done a great job managing this.	7/13/2016 5:21 PM
71	We are in favor of no alcohol	7/13/2016 4:57 PM
72	I believe that the restrictions on alcohol help to keep a more quiet, family friendly atmosphere.	7/13/2016 3:28 PM

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73	It would be nice if they enforced them. We have seen many people openly drinking & drunk.	7/13/2016 1:37 PM
74	I see alcohol being consumed almost every time I am at the beach. I don't see people becoming irresponsible simply because they are consuming alcohol. When I am camping, I love to have a beer around the campfire. I often choose other campgrounds because of the no alcohol policy even though I live 2 miles from the park	7/13/2016 1:26 PM
75	Adults should be allowed to drink alcohol if they choose.	7/13/2016 1:24 PM
76	Less restrictive would be enjoyable, just no glass bottles.	7/13/2016 12:53 PM
77	It seems arbitrary to ban alcohol during those dates. I personally haven't noticed problems associated with alcohol consumption at the park other than the stray beer can.	7/13/2016 12:32 PM
78	Current alcohol regulations are good with the exception of allowing beer/wine @ the beach. Today's Packaging is "safe" (boxes, pouches etc)	7/13/2016 11:55 AM
79	While we do enjoy alcohol now and then while we camp, some people get out of control. My opinion is that it's asking too much of the park rangers to police alcohol consumption and the resulting behaviors. Also campgrounds are typically a family atmosphere and many people are not comfortable having their kids around people that are consuming large amounts of alcohol. My opinion is that if people need to drink while they camp they can go to a private campground that allows it.	7/13/2016 11:51 AM
80	Allow alcohol (aluminum cans only) at pavilions and picnic table/grilling areas.	7/13/2016 11:46 AM
81	I like the campground rules, but I see no reason for alcohol restrictions in day use areas.	7/13/2016 10:56 AM
82	If people drink in a responsible and unobtrusive manner their would be no problem. I have camped where some one group partied and whooped it up all night. They were also taking firewood from other campers. That does not make for a quality camping experience.	7/13/2016 10:44 AM
83	I enjoy being able to have alcohol at my campsite and am okay with the restrictions with alcohol on the beach.	7/13/2016 10:18 AM
84	Alcohol should be prohibited everywhere in the park all year around, not just during the warm months. The same with smoking.	7/13/2016 9:41 AM
85	No longer a drinker, but don't mind if it is allowed. I tend to lean more toward freedom unless there are compelling reasons to make restrictions.	7/13/2016 9:32 AM
86	Sadly it's necessary. Most are responsible, but I bring kids to the park and have no desire to have them witness drunken fools.	7/13/2016 9:10 AM
87	responsible adults should be able to consume alcohol	7/13/2016 8:59 AM
88	I never even knew you couldn't have alcohol. And what's with April 15 to June 15. We are by no means alcoholics but do like a beer or 2 oh a hot summer night.	7/13/2016 8:48 AM
89	I don't like to be around people who are drinking and I think that alcohol especially on the beach area is a real detraction from an otherwise very pleasant, family friendly atmosphere. In the campground I don't really care if people consume as long as they don't infringe on my right to enjoy my site in peace and quiet.	7/13/2016 8:16 AM
90	Alcohol should be banned from the park year round	7/13/2016 7:51 AM
91	Should be allowed in picnic areas as it is in the campgrounds.	7/13/2016 7:51 AM
92	I believe that if alcohol use could be kept to a minimum--i.e. if campers didn't get drunk and stupid--that there's no reason it shouldn't be allowed. However, I think plenty of people quietly have drinks anyway that are never questioned because it never becomes a problem; maybe that's the way to keep it so that if it becomes a problem, there's a reason to kick people out.	7/13/2016 7:43 AM
93	We drink responsibly in the campground when we visit, which is always between June 15 and Labor day, so the restrictions do not affect us.	7/13/2016 7:35 AM
94	Should allow alcohol in all areas of the park year around	7/13/2016 7:15 AM
95	I understand this goes back to a time when RP and NM students would use the campground for prom parties. I am not sure this is necessary and is confusing with Hoffmasters rules.	7/13/2016 7:01 AM
96	It would be nice to have a drink on the beach	7/13/2016 2:44 AM
97	No issues with this, never had a problem in over 35 years of camping.	7/13/2016 12:02 AM
98	Doesn't matter much to me, I don't drink it.	7/12/2016 10:44 PM
99	Glass should not be allowed, but I would like to enjoy an alcoholic beverage.	7/12/2016 10:41 PM

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100	We would prefer not open alcohol	7/12/2016 10:41 PM
101	There does not seem to be any rational reason why there is a 3 month prohibition on alcohol. Having said that, I do not visit during that time of year.	7/12/2016 10:38 PM
102	As long as campers abide by the rules and don't cause problems	7/12/2016 10:25 PM
103	No restrictions in campground	7/12/2016 10:21 PM
104	I don't camp during April-June so I don't care about your alcohol regulations. Please do NOT prohibit alcohol during July-August.	7/12/2016 9:54 PM
105	From my understanding the blackout dates for alcohol are to deter minors from abusing this policy in the campground. It instead punishes those who like to have an occasional drink while camping that are well over the drinking age. If this is due to timing when minors use the campground then my suggestion would be to have more DNR officers or campground officials to monitor the campgrounds during these dates - that is, if it really seems to be a huge issue.	7/12/2016 9:54 PM
106	It keeps out drunks and wild noisey groups	7/12/2016 9:54 PM
107	We have noticed on some of our hikes by the blockhouse on the beach side on several occasions there have been small groups of people up in the dunes smoking pot. Usually after 5.	7/12/2016 9:40 PM
108	Doesn't effect us because we camp after June 15. I don't want restrictions in the campground when I go in July or August because I enjoy a cold beer every once in a while after a hot day.	7/12/2016 9:33 PM
109	it doesn't really bother me. It's a family place, and although it wouldn't be a problem for me, I would worry other people would be out of control.	7/12/2016 9:01 PM
110	It really does not affect me personally either way.	7/12/2016 8:55 PM
111	Do not regulate it at all	7/12/2016 8:52 PM
112	Should not be any restrictions on campers that are over 21	7/12/2016 8:51 PM
113	Alcohol fuels noise and unruly behavior	7/12/2016 8:30 PM
114	We don't want to become like South Haven over July 4 th. please don't ticket folks for alcohol use, only if obvious use, foul language, etc.... Then ticket them or kick them out.	7/12/2016 8:22 PM
115	We enjoy having a cocktail or two while camping--however, would be nice if this is also allowed at the Lake Michigan Beach. They should consider expanding this to the main beach as well.	7/12/2016 7:46 PM
116	We certainly don't get drunk when we camp - but it is nice to have a drink now and then. I guess having the rule helps to keep party people from ruining the peace....	7/12/2016 7:32 PM
117	I would NOT support banning alcohol in the campground during the summer months. I have never seen any unruly behavior on our frequent camping trips.	7/12/2016 7:25 PM
118	This is the only campground I've been to that restricts alcohol usage.	7/12/2016 6:56 PM
119	relax on the alcohol rules and have the dnr officers allow a little night time excitement without being intercepted for being "a little too loud" when its summer and kids are out of school and already staying up late at home. Our summers are too short to be told to be quiet or go home (of course within reason). Allow beach fires in areas that will not contribute a hazard.	7/12/2016 6:13 PM
120	Most of the time it's a family event. What do you think it should be???	7/12/2016 5:38 PM
121	Maybe the campsite rules prohibiting alcohol should be eliminated, but I'm not sure. I'm wondering what the rationale is for prohibiting it just from April 15 to June 15.	7/12/2016 5:22 PM
122	If I am staying on the beach for the entire day and want to have a few adult beverages, I should be able to. As for the campground not sure why a two month restriction, but I'm glad we come for the 4th of July so I can have a few cocktails at the bonfire.	7/12/2016 4:50 PM
123	No alcohol should be permitted at all	7/12/2016 4:41 PM
124	make the campground grounds ok to have alcohol the whole season	7/12/2016 4:34 PM
125	I'm not a drinker, but I do not object to people who want to enjoy an alcoholic beverage in their campsite. I think that the current policy is a bit too restrictive and I wonder why the prohibition from April 15 until June 15th as that is when kids are still in school so the campers would likely be adults anyway.	7/12/2016 4:11 PM
126	Alcohol should be allowed everywhere.	7/12/2016 3:15 PM

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127	Why April 15 to June 15? There seemed to be no logic to this. I understand no glass on the beach but I don't understand why a beer with dinner is ok on June 16 but not on June 15. Seems strange to me. Make it one way or the other in the campground. I personally see nothing wrong with allowing alcohol use in the campground. However, I understand that it is perhaps prohibited in places where it has historically been an issue.	7/12/2016 3:06 PM
128	I am in favor if common sense is used in enforcement. A couple quietly having a glass of wine with dinner is not the same as an out of control grad party.	7/12/2016 3:06 PM
129	No alcohol like pioneer co park alcohol only creates problems makes it more family oriented	7/12/2016 3:05 PM
130	Why regulate the responsible adult from having a beer.	7/12/2016 2:55 PM
131	An example I always use is Memorial Day, you don't allow campers to drink, on holidays like this where it is so common to crack open a cold one, and sit around a campfire, it makes no sense to me at all. I feel as though the campers are being responsible and not being obnoxious that it should be allowed. Why is it okay in the campground but not the beach? Why is it okay to consume alcohol from June 15th and on, where it isn't okay between April 15th-June 15th, makes no sense once again.	7/12/2016 2:35 PM
132	My main complaint is that the MSP is not well supervised or maintained. Alcohol is prohibited but the use of such is ignored by the college kids who are employed as "park rangers"; once the sun goes down, guests are left on their own to be victimized by drunken idiots who ignore rules, are loud and boisterous and party all night.	7/12/2016 2:32 PM
133	we were unsure of the alcohol policy dates and restrictions - it needs to be made more clear. Also, alcohol enjoyed quietly at a campsite should be allowed, overlooked, or not enforced, and only if it gets rowdy should restrictions be enforced. EXCESS NOISE SHOULD BE PROHIBITED, regardless if alcohol is involved!	7/12/2016 2:24 PM
134	In my opinion this keeps the the park at a family friendly atmosphere.	7/12/2016 2:23 PM
135	As long as I can bring alcohol camping after June 15, I am fine.	7/12/2016 1:49 PM
136	Allow alcohol year round. Get out of moral issues	7/12/2016 1:30 PM
137	Seriously, it's 2016 in Michigan. We're the craft beer state. It's upsetting that we aren't allowed to enjoy a nice cold one on a warm day at the campground. Now that being said, the campground should supply a recycling bin for returnables. That's money for the campground and less trash in the environment.	7/12/2016 1:20 PM
138	I wish there was more "supervision" after the 11 o'clock hour to help keep those that get out of hand in line.	7/12/2016 1:18 PM
139	I don't have a problem with allowing alcohol.	7/12/2016 1:15 PM
140	I can see where there needs to be restrictions for alcohol. But must admit as an over 40 person there are times when I'd love to crack a cold one while sitting on the beach.	7/12/2016 1:14 PM
141	See previous statement. I realize that there are a few people who cannot handle "moderation", but I believe the vast majority of people would be respectful and aware of other patrons.	7/12/2016 1:07 PM
142	We choose to camp when alcohol is permitted. We enjoy cocktail hour but not crazy partying. We have never had a problem with other campers drinking and being out of control.	7/12/2016 1:02 PM
143	leave it the way it is. Keep it a family friendly, not a party atmosphere	7/12/2016 12:58 PM
144	Too strict	7/12/2016 12:54 PM
145	People should have the right to choose to bring alcohol.	7/12/2016 12:47 PM
146	People that want to bring it in are going to find a way to do it anyway. Just enforce the quiet and other rules for behavior.	7/12/2016 12:38 PM
147	My party drinks responsibly, so restrictions are unwelcome.	7/12/2016 12:36 PM
148	Alcohol should be allowed year-round at campsites and picnic areas and banned from beaches and other areas year-round.	7/12/2016 12:35 PM
149	i don't see the point.	7/12/2016 12:33 PM
150	I do not believe there is a need for the restriction	7/12/2016 12:28 PM
151	This regulation doesn't really impact our trip as we come every July to camp. We do enjoy a drink by the fire but we are very responsible and drinks are limited to social. Therefore, it has never been an issue. Generally speaking, prohibiting alcohol through out the park outside the campground is a bit restrictive. I feel there are responsible people who would enjoy the beauty of the park but would like a cold drink (beer, etc.) as they picnic.	7/12/2016 12:21 PM
152	We don't drink much but I can't see not having it at all. My husband would like to have a beer or 2.	7/12/2016 12:20 PM

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153	I think this is probably a hard policy to police. I am 100% in favor of prohibiting alcohol on the beach, trails, etc - the liability is too big. I think most campers can responsibly use alcohol on their sites -- and I imagine many do, even with a prohibition. Having a policy that limits alcohol use to a person's campsite, and making it clear that those who are rowdy/disrupting other users will be asked to leave may be sufficient.	7/12/2016 12:17 PM
154	We love to relax and have a few drinks when we go camping as a way to be on vacation and out of our normal routine. We would like to have alcohol all seasons.	7/12/2016 12:13 PM
155	The current alcohol restrictions are one of the main reasons we choose to camp here. Too many other campgrounds are filled with loud drunks who ruin the camping experience.	7/12/2016 12:13 PM
156	I will no mind if the cap ground restriction from April-June is lifted	7/12/2016 12:11 PM
157	I don't think there should be alcohol restrictions at the camping parks. I don't really understand why there are restrictions for that period of time. As long as people are following the quiet time and respectful behavior rules (and following drinking laws) why can't I have a beer at my campsite? Kind of silly really.	7/12/2016 12:10 PM
158	I think it probably reduces rowdiness, but would prefer to enjoy responsibly myself.	7/12/2016 12:08 PM
159	It is nice to have a camping option where the effects of the misuse of alcohol don't interfere with family and quiet camping environment	7/12/2016 12:03 PM
160	We don't understand the reasoning for this but suspect that it has to do with underage teenagers drinking at campsites near the end of the school year. For adults that are responsible, this is a deterrent to choosing to camp at this location. We will simply look for other places to camp.	7/12/2016 12:01 PM
161	Why is alcohol prohibited from April 15-June 20? It should be allowed all season.	7/12/2016 12:01 PM
162	Good plan keeps rowdy kids at bay	7/12/2016 12:00 PM
163	I don't visit the park during the alcohol restricted time. If it were to change and affect the times I visit the park, I would stop visiting. PJ Hoffmaster was one of the single worst camping experiences I have ever had, not even because of alcohol restrictions but because the staff was very invasive, because we were up at 11pm we must be drinking, searched our coolers etc. I would never visit a park with the alcohol restrictions again.	7/12/2016 11:57 AM
164	Should be no restrictions	7/12/2016 11:57 AM
165	Alcohol should be unregulated, provided people do not make a nuisance of themselves	7/12/2016 11:14 AM
166	The regulation is not easily enforceable. If someone wants it, they'll have it.	7/12/2016 10:46 AM

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Q16 The Beach House on Lake Michigan is currently underutilized. The DNR is exploring options to make better use of this building. What are your ideas for the future of the Beach House?

Answered: 473 Skipped: 309

#	Responses	Date
1	Restaurant!	8/12/2016 11:12 AM
2	Education, History, Arts and Crafts, Kid Day, Survival Lessons and many more activities. Rent it for large group activities, or overnights.	8/11/2016 12:43 PM
3	Publicize it for rentals. Haunted house	8/11/2016 3:25 AM
4	Great place for programs to meet!	8/11/2016 2:07 AM
5	Restrooms, healthy snack options	8/10/2016 10:52 PM
6	remodel	8/10/2016 12:20 PM
7	Rentals	8/10/2016 9:50 AM
8	restaurant?	8/10/2016 12:28 AM
9	More accessible for handicap people, cleaner and not so stark.	8/9/2016 11:14 PM
10	Better bathrooms and a concessionaire that sells food and ice cream.	8/9/2016 11:09 PM
11	Clean,, well-maintained bathrooms; ideally, some kind of concession stand. Keep things as close to natural as possible.	8/9/2016 10:55 PM
12	Showers, changing rooms, baby changing stations, float rentals, chair/umbrella rentals, beach cart rentals, concessions...	8/9/2016 10:43 PM
13	Just put in better bathrooms.	8/9/2016 10:34 PM
14	Food trucks, rentals, events, clean	8/9/2016 10:17 PM
15	A coffee shop in the a.m. - restaurant with quality food.	8/9/2016 10:01 PM
16	Restaurant, information center	8/9/2016 9:57 PM
17	Well first of all its dark and lacking a serious understanding of basic architecture. I'm sure there's no money for it, but as of right now it's underutilized because it's an unwelcoming eye sore. The pavilions across the channel are used more because of how open and airy they are. If there was some money, it needs to be redesigned in a beautiful, eco-friendly, winter-sturdy way.	8/9/2016 9:44 PM
18	Pop up food stations during peak beach times	8/9/2016 9:18 PM
19	Equipment rental, food service, events	8/9/2016 6:21 PM
20	Small shops to make the visit better would be appropriate. Water, snack foods, ice cream, and the such as well as beach going accessories.	8/9/2016 5:37 PM
21	Paddle board rental, small shop, restaurant	8/9/2016 5:27 PM
22	Concessions Summer pop-up shops	8/9/2016 4:03 PM
23	Didn't know they had one	8/9/2016 3:29 PM
24	Update restrooms, add playground, summer food vendor.	8/9/2016 2:56 PM
25	Food kiosks, beach rentals	8/9/2016 2:55 PM
26	Extend the bath house for a shaded picnic area. And clean up those bathrooms, they always stink !	8/9/2016 2:46 PM
27	I'm not even sure what this is	8/9/2016 2:46 PM

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28	Welcome center including concessions, recreation equipment rentals.	8/9/2016 1:48 PM
29	Rent for special events	8/8/2016 7:20 PM
30	no opinion	8/8/2016 12:47 PM
31	More organized events - 5k runs, biking events (especially fat tire bikeS), trail (beach) runs	8/8/2016 6:38 AM
32	Fish cleaning stations, a launch.	8/7/2016 8:36 PM
33	can't think of anything	8/7/2016 4:47 PM
34	Sell to a local business	8/7/2016 9:52 AM
35	I don't know anything about The Beach House	8/7/2016 7:25 AM
36	Rent it out	8/7/2016 6:48 AM
37	I typically don't use it. Perhaps rentals for paddle boards & kayaks?	8/6/2016 8:48 PM
38	restaurant	8/6/2016 2:23 PM
39	Maybe advertise to the public about the uses of the beach house?	8/6/2016 11:27 AM
40	no comment	8/6/2016 11:21 AM
41	Activities at the beach house, such as entertainment (band or DJ, or Karaoke), competitions such as kite flying, kite boarding, etc. Also lessons such as scuba, paddle boarding, sailing, etc.	8/6/2016 11:16 AM
42	Put a craft brewery in it.	8/6/2016 11:05 AM
43	Concession and protection only, and only for public use (no exclusions of public for private groups.	8/6/2016 9:50 AM
44	A seasonal beach store at the beach house	8/6/2016 7:29 AM
45	not sure	8/5/2016 9:58 PM
46	Did not know there was a beach house?	8/5/2016 9:50 PM
47	Update bathrooms and beach store	8/5/2016 8:49 PM
48	I don't care never use it	8/5/2016 8:24 PM
49	A canteen for ice cream, snacks, etc. Playground equipment would be awesome for the kids.	8/5/2016 7:19 PM
50	Cafe	8/5/2016 5:44 PM
51	Open it earlier in the year, and add a concession stand. Maybe a place to rent paddle boards and sell Muskegon State Park tee shirts, towels, sunglasses, sunscreen.	8/5/2016 5:19 PM
52	TeAR it down	8/5/2016 4:36 PM
53	It smells - make it not smell	8/5/2016 4:18 PM
54	Learning or nature center with live exhibits. I know there is already a nature center in the park but having one within walking distance of the beach gives people a nice break from the sun and excuse to go see some displays or critters native to the area.	8/5/2016 4:15 PM
55	Allow use for private parties	8/5/2016 2:56 PM
56	Winter lodge	8/5/2016 1:37 PM
57	It is somewhat limited in size. Possible shop of some sort?	8/5/2016 1:33 PM
58	None	8/5/2016 1:32 PM
59	It could be renovated, with modern facilities and concessions.	8/5/2016 1:13 PM
60	History on the area, public restroom(s), water/vending source, trail map of the new mountain bike trail you are going to install/use fat tires for the snow :)	8/5/2016 12:38 PM
61	NA	8/5/2016 12:18 PM
62	Lease it out to be used as a restaurant/ice cream parlor.	8/5/2016 12:15 PM
63	None	8/5/2016 12:12 PM
64	Beach house??	8/5/2016 12:12 PM

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65	Restaurant/ grill, paddleboard/kayak rentals	8/5/2016 12:08 PM
66	I am not familiar with what The Beach House is and what would be possible there.	8/5/2016 11:52 AM
67	Did not even know there was a beach house	8/5/2016 10:45 AM
68	None	8/5/2016 10:28 AM
69	Food, vending machines, beach store(like Holland State Park). There isn't even a place to get a bottle of water right now.	8/5/2016 9:48 AM
70	Have weakly group meetings	8/5/2016 7:39 AM
71	Mountain bike and fat tire bike trails. Please!	8/4/2016 10:34 PM
72	Nice restaurant and visitor center	8/4/2016 10:19 PM
73	What beach house? Maybe that's why it s under utilize d	8/4/2016 8:11 PM
74	More like Grand Haven	8/4/2016 5:29 PM
75	Concessions, viewing deck, meeting space, better bathrooms.	8/4/2016 5:06 PM
76	don't use this because we have to go all the way around the lake....why not add some kind of ferry between the two sides...we'd love that!	8/4/2016 3:15 PM
77	Tacos & Smoothies! An ice cream shop or something food related! I think having a couple options of things to eat there would be good.	8/4/2016 2:46 PM
78	Allow vendors to lease space. Let them marketing efforts and presence of those businesses draw people in.	8/4/2016 1:55 PM
79	ice cream refreshments, bathroom	8/4/2016 1:35 PM
80	Restaurant	8/4/2016 1:34 PM
81	I haven't been there in a while but I would say food is important. Maybe sell clothing: tee shirts, flip flops, suntan lotion...	8/4/2016 1:26 PM
82	Concessions-Food Vendors-Entertainment	8/4/2016 12:45 PM
83	Informational displays educational programs	8/4/2016 12:35 PM
84	Sell food and drinks.	8/4/2016 12:32 PM
85	Other than bathrooms/changing areas. Beach goers want to be outside. Maybe a store with food, beverage, ice cream, beach rental items?	8/4/2016 12:29 PM
86	Unsure	8/4/2016 12:29 PM
87	Concessions-sundries and food	8/3/2016 10:40 AM
88	Maybe allow a concession stand or some other food establishment.	8/2/2016 9:10 PM
89	Overnight camping	8/2/2016 6:39 PM
90	Didn't even know it existed.	7/31/2016 7:31 PM
91	Better facilities	7/31/2016 8:52 AM
92	The south parking lot to be turned into campsites - transportation between Lake Mi and Chanel campgrounds - Rainy Day Activity Center for crafts and activities	7/30/2016 7:53 PM
93	Equipment rental, snack bar, small store with beach and camping items	7/27/2016 10:29 PM
94	Special event rentals, i.e. weddings reunions, birthday parties	7/27/2016 9:26 PM
95	Not aware of the beach house	7/27/2016 3:42 PM
96	none	7/27/2016 1:06 PM
97	I would put a gift shop/store and a snack bar and a restaurant in there if you can get it to all combine and fit.	7/27/2016 9:08 AM
98	Rentals for items that can be used (kayak, paddle boards, kites, etc.) Possible food vendors (kart or truck form)	7/26/2016 10:14 AM
99	Coffee/Breakfast stop, paint your own pottery place, wine and canvas place	7/26/2016 9:36 AM
100	Make it a Pavilion. Lower maintenance and can be used by all. Reduce the total cost of running it. Keep it simple. we go there for the beach and water. Not the extra stuff	7/26/2016 8:29 AM

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101	Make it the way it used to be in the 50's and 60's. Sell hot dogs and ice cream, etc inside. Keep it clean.	7/25/2016 11:50 AM
102	It could be reserved, add picnic tables/grills close by	7/25/2016 11:50 AM
103	Again....need to improve the bathrooms, add some food vendors or fast food.....soft serve ice cream for kids.....just small convenient things needed at the beach.	7/25/2016 8:29 AM
104	Add concession and camp store	7/25/2016 7:43 AM
105	Would be great to have concessions/store but doubt the crowd would sustain it. maybe a general camp store with wood, ice, and a few items	7/24/2016 8:52 PM
106	Store selling ice cream, T-shirts etc	7/24/2016 4:32 PM
107	ice cream	7/24/2016 10:37 AM
108	Food Small Retail Rental of Boards, Umbrellas, etc.	7/23/2016 12:56 PM
109	I like it the way it is. I would like to see boardwalks from both parking lots to the lake for easier access	7/23/2016 11:51 AM
110	I haven't been to the Beach House yet this season, so I'm unaware how it's currently utilized. IF Muskegon State Park decided to allow alcohol, I've witnessed impressive park revitalization with the additions of "beer gardens" in structures like the Beach House.	7/23/2016 10:34 AM
111	Not sure	7/22/2016 7:32 PM
112	concessions	7/22/2016 5:55 PM
113	I'm not familiar with this.	7/22/2016 9:46 AM
114	NA	7/21/2016 9:26 PM
115	Food, drinks, candy, kites, boogy boards, skim boards, flotation devices should be sold there. Items for campers. Music playing. A projector mounted and a movie at the beach playing on weekends that is broadcasted to a screen down towards the water. Surveillance cameras installed to protect from theft and vandalism.	7/21/2016 8:30 PM
116	Food, boat/kayak rental, life jacket, area for interpretive talks/meetings	7/20/2016 8:00 PM
117	Expand covered area for picnics/ area to reserve for family reunion, etc.	7/20/2016 2:24 PM
118	Concession/convenience store: snack food, drinks, ice, camping/beaching supplies, souvenirs, ice cream, kayak/paddle board rentals etc. Every other state park that I've been to that has a concession store is always busy.	7/20/2016 11:42 AM
119	Offer rental services for beach equipment such as umbrellas, wind and sun shelters. simple food and beverage service. More picnic tables.	7/20/2016 11:05 AM
120	None	7/19/2016 9:43 PM
121	I haven't seen the beach house so I cannot comment on this.	7/19/2016 3:16 PM
122	I have never used this building. It would be nice to have bathrooms available all year long to those of us that visit the park several times a week	7/19/2016 11:18 AM
123	Because the beach house is on the "other side of the channel" fewer people frequent this beach. Remove it and replace it with a smaller restroom facility.	7/19/2016 7:29 AM
124	The beach needs a place to change and use the bathroom. As long as those options are available I have no preference for the beach house	7/18/2016 5:07 PM
125	Not sure, didn't know it was there when we visited.	7/18/2016 10:29 AM
126	Didn't realize there is a beach house.	7/18/2016 8:56 AM
127	It is not needed for campers, just a nice bathroom is needed for day-use.	7/18/2016 8:49 AM
128	I didn't know there was a beach house.	7/18/2016 8:07 AM
129	I have ever heard of the Beach House. Maybe more promotion?	7/18/2016 8:05 AM
130	Didn't know there was one. We would be interested in renting with friends if it was affordable.	7/17/2016 10:56 PM
131	It feels dirty and run down -- improvements needed.	7/17/2016 10:17 PM
132	I am not sure what this is.	7/17/2016 7:13 PM
133	Don't know what is	7/17/2016 6:53 PM

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134	It appears there used to be a concession. It could be used to sell all the things people forgot such as sunscreen, towels, water, boogie boards, and even have equipment rentals.	7/17/2016 4:53 PM
135	Tear it down and spend your money on improving the campgrounds.	7/17/2016 2:34 PM
136	i don't know. Part of why we come to Muskegon is fewer people - which is why the beach house is underutilized. There aren't enough people going there to justify big changes there.	7/17/2016 2:20 PM
137	wedding venue ! kids rec: sand castle building, sand candles, nature collecting, kite flying, etc. update changing rooms / restrooms / food service	7/17/2016 1:02 PM
138	I did not know of it and have never been there. Maybe make it more known. Maybe offer board games and snack socials.	7/17/2016 9:15 AM
139	provide more information for people to research the accomodations	7/16/2016 10:24 PM
140	restaurant or grill	7/16/2016 10:01 PM
141	wedding receptions, reunions, mini concession stand, seasonal restaurant	7/16/2016 6:35 PM
142	Event center -- weddings, etc	7/16/2016 4:43 PM
143	convenience store, restaurant	7/16/2016 4:04 PM
144	I do not know of the beach house.	7/16/2016 2:08 PM
145	The beach house should provide food and drinks for beach goers. I don't remember if it offered that but would bring in income to help the park.	7/15/2016 7:47 PM
146	Concessions would be nice. Boat/paddle board rental.	7/15/2016 7:22 PM
147	Don't know what it is	7/15/2016 4:55 PM
148	Kids activities.	7/15/2016 12:56 PM
149	It was closed when we were there. Should always have restrooms available. It would be nice to have information on the park and local attractions (enclosed billboards), Pure Michigan merchandise, snacks for those who forget to bring them or for those that just stop by.	7/15/2016 11:11 AM
150	What beach house?	7/15/2016 9:59 AM
151	Yes it would be great if they could use the beach house some way. I suppose it's difficult if there are not enough people to use it efficiently and effectively. He certainly could make more beautiful bathroom there please	7/15/2016 9:51 AM
152	Some sort of ice cream / food shop if deemed profitable	7/15/2016 9:12 AM
153	Bike, kayak, canoe rental, ice cream, hot dogs, etc. Add beach front premium full hook up campsites. Similar to Holland State Park	7/15/2016 8:29 AM
154	Not sure	7/15/2016 12:38 AM
155	Return to its historic glory days	7/14/2016 10:13 PM
156	Better bathrooms, sell food and drinks.	7/14/2016 10:04 PM
157	Not sure what/where this is--down the beach in between the north and south campgrounds?	7/14/2016 8:56 PM
158	I like it as it is but I recognize the revenue potential-weddings, graduations, family reunions, etc.	7/14/2016 8:48 PM
159	I think we should have a store back in there, bathrooms could be used in the spring and fall instead of just summer and maybe have the dnr personnel be in there all the time to help people. Also little food carts would be nice in there or let people use it for parties in the spring summer and fall, have them call you first and get it in use that way.	7/14/2016 8:28 PM
160	Cafe and or camp store would be handy. Sporting equipment rental.	7/14/2016 8:27 PM
161	I don't know where it is	7/14/2016 7:31 PM
162	It would be nice to see a small food area with hot dogs, burgers, fries, & ice cream	7/14/2016 6:43 PM
163	The Beach House and its restrooms are ancient and need updating. Have you seen the renovated Ludington State Park beach house? A new visitor's Center with historical and natural resources. emphasis would be great! As much as these things would be nice, the restroom in the campground's first loop should be a top priority.	7/14/2016 6:41 PM
164	Where is it?	7/14/2016 6:16 PM
165	making it clean and selling refreshments is the best use on a beach	7/14/2016 5:46 PM

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166	Concessions might work (everyone loves ice-cream). Higgins lake hires on outside source to run their beach house and it works quite well. They have some groceries souvenirs ice-cream t shirts etc. People might be inclined to rent jet skis or paddle boards body surf boards etc if they were available	7/14/2016 2:03 PM
167	not sure, only used a few times, but it seemed dark & needed updated. do you advertise or have signage in town for public beach facility? I did not pay attention, but do you offer a place to shower off sand, or a water access outside to rinse sand?	7/14/2016 12:25 PM
168	Restaurant, Nature Center	7/14/2016 11:56 AM
169	Availability of food or beverages would be great.	7/14/2016 11:37 AM
170	Rentals of water related equipment. Center for kiteboarding.	7/14/2016 11:26 AM
171	I like picnic tables being available in the shade it would be nice to have it in front of the building for a bigger view.	7/14/2016 11:17 AM
172	I don't know..but I don't disagree.	7/14/2016 11:15 AM
173	Food and drinks retailers and a beach shop.	7/14/2016 9:54 AM
174	I see people using it to eat and change clothes.	7/14/2016 9:32 AM
175	Tear it down	7/14/2016 8:27 AM
176	It always looks like it's closed and is out of the way. I use the facilities at Snug Harbor or the Complex.	7/14/2016 8:05 AM
177	Update the bathrooms, Also, once Beach House closed for the season, arrange for porta-potties for those who continue to visit the beach in off season.	7/14/2016 7:57 AM
178	I use the beach house as a place to rest after hiking, before I head back toward the campground. My wife has done yoga in the mornings there. It has slowly gotten less and less maintained. There used to be soda machines... those are gone. The restrooms are scary and poorly lit... If you added something like a spray park and playground, families from the campground may come down and use it.	7/14/2016 6:17 AM
179	Concessions	7/13/2016 10:33 PM
180	Remodel shower/bathrooms. Camp store/ concession stand. year around access to parking. Seasonal handicap ramp from parking to lake.	7/13/2016 8:38 PM
181	Snacks and store	7/13/2016 8:33 PM
182	Im not aware that it is ever used for anything	7/13/2016 8:23 PM
183	Concessions, kayak rentals, educational opportunities	7/13/2016 8:07 PM
184	Easy to access but the bathrooms are not welcoming. Would like be to see community events held in the front more.	7/13/2016 8:04 PM
185	More volleyball nets, volleyball tournament, soccer in the sand tournament, sell concessions, plain air painting classes	7/13/2016 8:00 PM
186	Kayak/SUP rentals. Kite surfing. Bike rentals. Showers. MSP gift shop.	7/13/2016 7:58 PM
187	Concessions or larger shade area	7/13/2016 7:48 PM
188	Use it like grand haven beach house.	7/13/2016 7:32 PM
189	No ideas	7/13/2016 7:03 PM
190	I've never used so no real opinion. Concessions? Rentals of boats? Similar to Pere Marquette? Ice cream? Convenience store?	7/13/2016 6:48 PM
191	Restaurant	7/13/2016 6:37 PM
192	Bathrooms need to be better maintained, more lighting and a concession or small camping store.	7/13/2016 6:16 PM
193	Make it educational. Ludington has a great beach house.	7/13/2016 6:07 PM
194	A restaurant or vendor of some sort would be perfect.	7/13/2016 5:43 PM
195	Rent out	7/13/2016 5:39 PM
196	Kayak rental, snack/ light food counter	7/13/2016 5:29 PM
197	Not sure exactly which building this is. I'm sure there are plenty of things that can be added, from board and non motorized boat rentals, to even metal detectors and things guests might like to try but don't want to spend the money on to own. Why not invest in something that could create a little cash flow for the park.	7/13/2016 5:23 PM
198	Concessions!	7/13/2016 5:12 PM

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199	Better advertisement for the beach house. Also update the website with details on what it is and how it can be used. I have been going to the State Park for the last three years and did not know there was a beach house.	7/13/2016 5:07 PM
200	Make that into campsites similar to Grand Haven state park but PLEASE MAKE THEM MUCH LARGER sites than Grand Haven.	7/13/2016 5:03 PM
201	We have used the Beach House some years as a go-to place during very rainy days. The shelter and dry floor were well appreciated. It is a perfect location for Ukulele Parties! A weekly ukulele event held there would certainly grow in popularity and attendance. It's an inclusive family friendly activity.	7/13/2016 4:41 PM
202	More up to date	7/13/2016 4:41 PM
203	?	7/13/2016 4:04 PM
204	Even though it may be underutilized it is the only shady area so I think it needs to be kept up.	7/13/2016 3:46 PM
205	No opinion. Was not aware this existed. Perhaps, that is why it's under utilized. Under publicized.	7/13/2016 3:14 PM
206	Anything you do is okay with me	7/13/2016 2:58 PM
207	Some type of concessions	7/13/2016 2:29 PM
208	sell snacks, beach toys, etc.	7/13/2016 2:01 PM
209	Rental for parties/ weddings	7/13/2016 1:50 PM
210	Turn some of the space into beach campsites like Grand Haven & Holland & turn the Beach House into good showers & restrooms. Put an ice cream shop, paddle board, kayak rentals. Maybe cross country ski rental. I would have a 2nd story with windows looking over the water & light kitchen for people to rent & bring in their own caterer. This would be great for weddings, business team meetings, reunions, etc. This would draw people to the area and create additional revenue to the park.	7/13/2016 1:41 PM
211	A snack shop! Maybe swimming essentials as well. Offering classes there as well would be cool.	7/13/2016 1:38 PM
212	I haven't used it in years. I visit a different stretch of beach because of the lack of shade at the big one.	7/13/2016 1:38 PM
213	Wedding	7/13/2016 1:30 PM
214	Clean bathrooms with a larger changing facility.	7/13/2016 1:27 PM
215	Better restrooms	7/13/2016 1:22 PM
216	I live nearby, so using the beach house is a feature I do not utilize.	7/13/2016 1:14 PM
217	Definitely need to keep bathrooms and changing rooms whether in that building or another. I also like the walkway put down in the summer for wheelchairs.	7/13/2016 12:57 PM
218	Updates, old stinky and gross.	7/13/2016 12:52 PM
219	They should offer short order food	7/13/2016 12:41 PM
220	It's nice but usually further from the water than I like to be. Good for restrooms. Could be good for picnics or time out of the sun with good seating options.	7/13/2016 12:34 PM
221	A rental space - banquets, fundraisers, private parties	7/13/2016 12:01 PM
222	Concessions would be nice. Kayak or SUP board rentals would be nice. A camp store similar to Ludington or Interlochen would be nice for campers and beach-goers.	7/13/2016 11:56 AM
223	Perhaps for rentals of canoes, kayaks, etc. Perhaps as a starting point for classes on wind-surfing and other activities. Selling food seems like it would create too much waste that would likely end up on the beach.	7/13/2016 11:49 AM
224	Create basic rest room facilities - and then create more shade canopy picnic-type pavilions along the north & south parking lots.	7/13/2016 11:38 AM
225	not aware of a beach house	7/13/2016 11:37 AM
226	Bathrooms, running water	7/13/2016 11:16 AM
227	keep the bathrooms and pavilion. Make a camp store for items like milk, cold drinks, snacks etc.	7/13/2016 11:15 AM
228	we don't usually go to the beach - weird, I know.	7/13/2016 11:03 AM
229	We camp at the north campground and do not use the beach house. Allowing alcohol would increase use.	7/13/2016 10:57 AM
230	I like it as it is, the best beach in the state. I suppose one of the parking lots could be made into a trailer parking lot.	7/13/2016 10:49 AM

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231	- Beach/water sports rentals (paddle boards, kayaks, etc.) - Ice cream/food outlet - Muskegon State Park historical photos/write-ups for viewing	7/13/2016 10:21 AM
232	No suggestion	7/13/2016 10:19 AM
233	been to the park many times for camping, and have never been to the beach house....	7/13/2016 10:09 AM
234	accommodation for events, concessions, rentals	7/13/2016 9:53 AM
235	None.	7/13/2016 9:53 AM
236	remodeling bathrooms	7/13/2016 9:47 AM
237	Establish either restaurant or an ice cream shop	7/13/2016 9:44 AM
238	Better restrooms and change rooms. If room, a small interpretive exhibit, and a concession stand with an eating area. No food from the concession stand allowed on the beach.	7/13/2016 9:42 AM
239	I like the beach house, maybe up grades in bathrooms, a couple of showers installed. Offer food. Its a great place to cool off. the walkway is great.	7/13/2016 9:34 AM
240	Food, equipment rentals, channel trolley,	7/13/2016 9:33 AM
241	vendors, food trucks, perhaps a concert venue.	7/13/2016 9:32 AM
242	no opinion	7/13/2016 9:18 AM
243	Make it an event venue for weddings and parties.	7/13/2016 9:17 AM
244	It would be a great place to host events, perhaps weekly nature education, beach safety, crafts, yoga, even birthday parties and weddings.	7/13/2016 9:12 AM
245	never used it so no ideas	7/13/2016 9:09 AM
246	ice cream, hot dog stand, ice machine, something simple is needed	7/13/2016 9:00 AM
247	What beach house? Promotion and communication.	7/13/2016 8:55 AM
248	Nicer bathrooms, showers to clean off, more eating area so multiple groups can use it Instead of just one. Don't have so many stairs, more ramps and a nice path all the way around so there is more access to it and may be a canopy or 2 out into the sand for those who want to stay closer to the bathrooms.	7/13/2016 8:50 AM
249	Weekly events to draw people such as movies	7/13/2016 8:41 AM
250	Tours and reenactments	7/13/2016 8:32 AM
251	Snack shop/ice cream shop	7/13/2016 8:24 AM
252	I think if the facility was re-utilized in a well thought out and properly executed manner that it would be a success. A small gift shop, ice cream and a light menu would be nice along with modern restrooms and a changing area.	7/13/2016 8:18 AM
253	See mears state park. They have a great beach house.	7/13/2016 8:13 AM
254	Food vendor or two. Better lit bathrooms with showers	7/13/2016 8:08 AM
255	A trolley between the campgrounds and the beach house would help people utilize it better. Playground equipment would also be appreciated. Perhaps vendors for canoes, kayaks, paddleboards. A camp store would also be convenient.	7/13/2016 8:02 AM
256	Private Water sports rentals and lessons - kite surfing, kayaks, paddle boards and possibly jet skis. Could also transport kayaks and paddle boards to Snug Harbor so the could be used on Muskegon Lake.	7/13/2016 7:58 AM
257	improve it but first get new bathrooms and showers in the channel campground	7/13/2016 7:57 AM
258	Keep it clean or tear it down	7/13/2016 7:52 AM
259	The most important use of it is for decent bathrooms. It's nice to be able to rinse your feet, but that's not necessarily something that has to be there.	7/13/2016 7:44 AM
260	We only go to the day use beach if we want to play volleyball or get away from the dune grass. I have no idea how to help with this.	7/13/2016 7:36 AM
261	Kayak rental facility?	7/13/2016 7:35 AM
262	allow private business to rent for small retail sales stores	7/13/2016 7:16 AM
263	I only use the Beach house for vending water.	7/13/2016 7:13 AM

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264	No ideas	7/13/2016 7:02 AM
265	never used it	7/13/2016 6:07 AM
266	Unsure. Maybe have concessions?	7/13/2016 5:58 AM
267	Nature/History center - perhaps have classes for children and adults.	7/13/2016 5:50 AM
268	Not sure.	7/13/2016 5:22 AM
269	A summertime restaurant or icecream shop would be a great attraction	7/13/2016 2:44 AM
270	concessions	7/13/2016 1:59 AM
271	the beach house has noting going on there. no vending,no store and no food. almost anything would attract people	7/13/2016 12:24 AM
272	Sell beverages, snacks, beach stuff from memorial day to labor day. Maybe weekend fireworks, concerts and movies on the beach, muscle or antique car shows in parking area, a couple of free days where people without pass can access park free.	7/13/2016 12:05 AM
273	Gift shop	7/12/2016 11:53 PM
274	Not even familiar with the beach house!	7/12/2016 11:33 PM
275	I have camped here maybe 10 years and have no idea what the Beach House is. Just tried googling it, but did not get an answer.	7/12/2016 11:00 PM
276	You could sell refreshments and Muskegon state park gear.	7/12/2016 11:00 PM
277	I was not aware there was a beach house.....a concession/rental stand might be of good use if it is right on the beach	7/12/2016 10:53 PM
278	Food available for purchase	7/12/2016 10:52 PM
279	Cleaner and better functioning bathrooms and changing facilities.	7/12/2016 10:52 PM
280	Vending machines, beverage machines, ice cream, snacks, water sport rental & cleaner/nicer bathrooms.	7/12/2016 10:42 PM
281	More nature programs. Gift shop. Cafe.	7/12/2016 10:42 PM
282	Convenience store with supplies and food	7/12/2016 10:40 PM
283	We used it this year for a picnic area- I think it will be better utilized now that the beach has shrunk so much due to the high water level in the lake.	7/12/2016 10:39 PM
284	I did not see it, not sure where located	7/12/2016 10:34 PM
285	Ice cream, water sport rentals	7/12/2016 10:29 PM
286	Update it	7/12/2016 10:26 PM
287	Sell food/drinks/beach gear. Upgrade bathrooms. Rent out for parties after updating pavilion or add deck for this purpose. Increase parking around building	7/12/2016 10:25 PM
288	No opinion	7/12/2016 10:25 PM
289	?	7/12/2016 10:16 PM
290	Small vendor for beach touristy goods, camp store items, snacks.	7/12/2016 10:16 PM
291	Make it like the beach house at holland state park	7/12/2016 10:03 PM
292	Pere Marquette park has had a small food stand in past years. Is this something the bath house would be able to accomodate? With minimal items, but water and other small food items available for purchase?	7/12/2016 9:55 PM
293	Billboard learning experience and old time get together for teaching use	7/12/2016 9:55 PM
294	Ice cream shop!	7/12/2016 9:54 PM
295	Encourage more groups to use for picnics. Remodel bathrooms and put showers in to use.	7/12/2016 9:49 PM
296	We would have used showers and bathroom if open when we were there. I think you could have community classes there for a fee..like yoga or tai chi or painting landscapes or relaxation in nature/mindfulness group etc	7/12/2016 9:37 PM
297	None	7/12/2016 9:33 PM
298	Clean & safe is everything. Clean bathrooms. Clean showers. Clean dressing rooms. Purchase of snacks, drinks & forgotten items. Storm shelter.	7/12/2016 9:27 PM
299	There definitely needs to be at least restrooms with working soap and sink...	7/12/2016 9:26 PM

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300	Not familiar with the Beach House.	7/12/2016 9:25 PM
301	Sell ice cream/concession stand, some souvenirs, kites, rent bikes, host nature workshops.	7/12/2016 9:22 PM
302	Information on the area, current and historic. Promote other activities for this area.	7/12/2016 9:11 PM
303	Offering a camp store that would sell clothing, snacks, camp supplies that campers forgot. Sometimes having a store close would help, rather than going 5 miles out of their way to purchase a hot dog stick, or cheese	7/12/2016 9:10 PM
304	Concessions	7/12/2016 9:03 PM
305	Restaurant, shop, convenience store	7/12/2016 9:01 PM
306	It'd be nice if it were a cute little store, cafe, with light snacks or ice cream.	7/12/2016 9:01 PM
307	beach equipment for rent	7/12/2016 9:00 PM
308	Food vendors, small store. Something similar to what Ludington State park has going on. Maybe some planned activities for kids. Educational presentations possibly?	7/12/2016 8:58 PM
309	Welcome Center, educational classrooms, Beach fitness classes.	7/12/2016 8:58 PM
310	Don't know what it is	7/12/2016 8:52 PM
311	Beach rentals and/or food	7/12/2016 8:52 PM
312	Perhaps a small convenience store or snack store.	7/12/2016 8:50 PM
313	Update the facility. Maybe a restaurant or café and offer some rentals like bikes, kayaks, beach stuff etc.	7/12/2016 8:42 PM
314	Snack Bar/General Store/Tables & Chairs	7/12/2016 8:36 PM
315	I'm not aware of a beach house	7/12/2016 8:31 PM
316	Not sure	7/12/2016 8:31 PM
317	concession service	7/12/2016 8:31 PM
318	Haven't visited that part of the park yet.	7/12/2016 8:27 PM
319	We definitely need good restrooms there, garbage cans, and picnic tables too. Keep the handicap ramp out to Lake Michigan.	7/12/2016 8:25 PM
320	Special events, kids' activities	7/12/2016 8:19 PM
321	food and beverages available more picnic areas	7/12/2016 8:17 PM
322	Snack bar, improved bathroom facility and changing room	7/12/2016 8:17 PM
323	Better lighting would do wonders. It always looks closed.	7/12/2016 8:14 PM
324	Small gathering...family reunions, etc.	7/12/2016 8:11 PM
325	"Basics" store. Food ice cream shop.	7/12/2016 8:07 PM
326	concessions and a bar/restaurant	7/12/2016 7:47 PM
327	No idea	7/12/2016 7:36 PM
328	fast food and a party store	7/12/2016 7:34 PM
329	Food concessions maybe -or a nature center...	7/12/2016 7:33 PM
330	Do not know about what this beach house is	7/12/2016 7:29 PM
331	Make it beach house that would draw beach goers. Similar to other State Parks like Holland.	7/12/2016 7:26 PM
332	dune nature center, store, bike/kayak rentals, expand it to be a campground area like Grand Haven St. Park	7/12/2016 7:20 PM
333	No ideas	7/12/2016 7:14 PM
334	don't know, haven't really used it	7/12/2016 7:12 PM
335	gift shop, ice cream, and concession stand like warren dunes	7/12/2016 6:59 PM
336	Na	7/12/2016 6:57 PM
337	Expand the pavilion. Have counters for people to put their food on, when having a get together so they wouldn't have to use picnic tables. Update bathrooms making use of natural light.	7/12/2016 6:57 PM

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338	I love what the south side of the channel has at Pere Marquette Park...The Deck. It would be awesome to have a family friendly (and dog friendly outside) restaurant/bar with beach volleyball, lawn games, live music, etc. We would be frequenters! Besides BLT, there are very few options for a lunch/dinner out on the north side without going back into town. You could even do take-out and offer packed picnic lunches for pick up for hikers and boaters.	7/12/2016 6:55 PM
339	never used it	7/12/2016 6:50 PM
340	Cleaner restrooms. Add showers and maybe a snack bar, pop machine or a snack machine. Boat rentals or canoes would be great.	7/12/2016 6:43 PM
341	We usually swim in Muskegon Lake, but if it rented Jet ski type things we would incorporate that in our stays.	7/12/2016 6:36 PM
342	Rent it out for food or store.	7/12/2016 6:35 PM
343	I camp in the Lake Michigan campsite and have only used the beach house when they offered movies there. Really can't express an opinion.	7/12/2016 6:16 PM
344	Bathhouse and Concession stand; nature center	7/12/2016 5:48 PM
345	Have no ideas	7/12/2016 5:45 PM
346	Perhaps the beach house could be a visitor center where you can interact with people in the area who are not camping and wish to visit friend/family.	7/12/2016 5:36 PM
347	Showers, changing spaces, vendors	7/12/2016 5:29 PM
348	I haven't visited it in years. Is it considered safe? Are any vendors available at the site? Improving either of these would be good.	7/12/2016 5:24 PM
349	Allow contracts to sell concessions. Rental water toys, bikes etc.	7/12/2016 5:21 PM
350	Restrooms should include natural light and better ventilation, and also it would be nice if they were cleaner. A real mirror and hot water to wash hands would be great also. Also, baby changing station would be a big help also.	7/12/2016 5:17 PM
351	using it for special park run events or a place for receptions	7/12/2016 4:56 PM
352	Lockers and showers, how about a raised platform to give people an elevated view of the beach and dune area.	7/12/2016 4:56 PM
353	As long as the rest rooms are clean, but a showers would be nice!	7/12/2016 4:51 PM
354	Renovations similar to building at Ludington State Park. Rent out for events. Need beach store for both day use and camper convenience, along w/kayak rental.	7/12/2016 4:46 PM
355	That's hard to say. I don't spend all day out there so never use it.	7/12/2016 4:42 PM
356	Restaraunt or programs about the park	7/12/2016 4:42 PM
357	Boat rental	7/12/2016 4:42 PM
358	Rental day use space or kayak rental facility	7/12/2016 4:41 PM
359	Yes your right just stayed at the campgrounds for 10 days and never stepped foot in it. How about a seasonal diner upstairs and keep the lower open to the public.	7/12/2016 4:40 PM
360	concession stand	7/12/2016 4:33 PM
361	Make sure the public knows about it	7/12/2016 4:31 PM
362	new building - with bathrooms and covered picnic area.	7/12/2016 4:26 PM
363	Is the structure at the public beach near the Muskegon light house? I'm sure you have considered a cafe and/or shoppe for beach ware. You could sell/rent kites. ice cream is always desired on a beach, cold drinks, ice, It could also be a dance plaza or a place to do yoga or pilates. It could be a skate board area. Or a place for shuffleboard or another simple game. Or hopscotch. Or hacky-sack. Or that new pokeymon game thing.	7/12/2016 4:18 PM
364	ldk	7/12/2016 4:05 PM
365	I don't actually know what the beach house is.	7/12/2016 4:04 PM
366	Restaurant, brewery, shops, ice cream	7/12/2016 3:59 PM
367	Leave for bathroom/shower use only use. Possible to rent out excess room?	7/12/2016 3:57 PM
368	We rarely use the beach house and then only for bathrooms and changing clothes.	7/12/2016 3:45 PM
369	A nature center or a park store.	7/12/2016 3:37 PM

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370	Not sure at this time	7/12/2016 3:33 PM
371	I don't know since I haven't used it.	7/12/2016 3:20 PM
372	Rent it out to paying patrons! What waste of money and appreciation of the beach house. Renovate the beach house and rent it out!!! People would pay top dollars for a beach house rental on Lake Michigan.	7/12/2016 3:17 PM
373	Ice cream shop, towel and kayak rental	7/12/2016 3:15 PM
374	This could be a sport shop, food stand, or information center	7/12/2016 3:14 PM
375	UPDATES. Visitors not from the area may think it looks unsettling. To be honest from the outside it looks old and not friendly. Add some color, do some updates and it may be used more.	7/12/2016 3:12 PM
376	Concessions, State Park clothing, water rentals	7/12/2016 3:10 PM
377	Not familiar with this.	7/12/2016 3:09 PM
378	I am not familiar with it. I assume it is bathrooms? I would appreciate having a place to buy water and snacks or even beach toys and kites. I think having rentals of paddle boards and such is a good idea as well.	7/12/2016 3:08 PM
379	Doesn't really apply to me	7/12/2016 3:06 PM
380	No suggestions	7/12/2016 3:04 PM
381	Yes, please find a use for this nice structure. Hold weekly events, let community organization's use it, variety of music functions, etc.	7/12/2016 2:58 PM
382	none	7/12/2016 2:57 PM
383	Concession stand	7/12/2016 2:54 PM
384	Nature museum/dnr offices/	7/12/2016 2:50 PM
385	I would like to see a camp store concession with firewood and other camp necessities for sale.	7/12/2016 2:46 PM
386	Would like to see a small vender, selling some sort of food for the beach goers. I would think it would be very profitable.	7/12/2016 2:45 PM
387	Camp store and snack bar	7/12/2016 2:38 PM
388	When we have been there, it is clean and well maintained. A small store that would sell beach supplies would be very nice, having said this, we have found that that this superb natural area is fundamentally under visited. Hard to believe.	7/12/2016 2:36 PM
389	Restaurant, Smoothie/Juice bar	7/12/2016 2:35 PM
390	as long as there is a bathroom and changing area that is clean and maintained	7/12/2016 2:33 PM
391	Do not know what the beach house is.	7/12/2016 2:32 PM
392	Maybe offer summer concerts of sorts once a week. Locals to perform this way the guests would be able to enjoy the beach and some local entertainment. Also on that same vein of thinking. On the nice beach days have local vendors purchase a permit to sell goods be it food or product. Sort of like food trucks but maybe in buggie form so they can sell on the cement slab. Closest to the beach entrance.	7/12/2016 2:30 PM
393	clean restrooms; concession stands. Place to get a beverage and food. The most beautiful one we've seen is at Ludington State Park.	7/12/2016 2:27 PM
394	Don't know what the Beach House is.... I do suggest you do NOT make it a paddle board rental. People are not smart about using safety equipment (PFD and leash) on paddleboards, and too many accidents happen.	7/12/2016 2:26 PM
395	Don't know what this is	7/12/2016 2:13 PM
396	Store Drinks and ice cream Long hours into the evening	7/12/2016 2:08 PM
397	I'm sorry, but I am unaware of any beach house.	7/12/2016 1:50 PM
398	no	7/12/2016 1:49 PM
399	I am not familiar with the Beach House.	7/12/2016 1:48 PM
400	Store, cottage, information center	7/12/2016 1:43 PM
401	private vendors	7/12/2016 1:40 PM
402	We use it only for the bathrooms... No other reason as we are staying in the campground.	7/12/2016 1:33 PM
403	Outsource ice cream into it.	7/12/2016 1:30 PM

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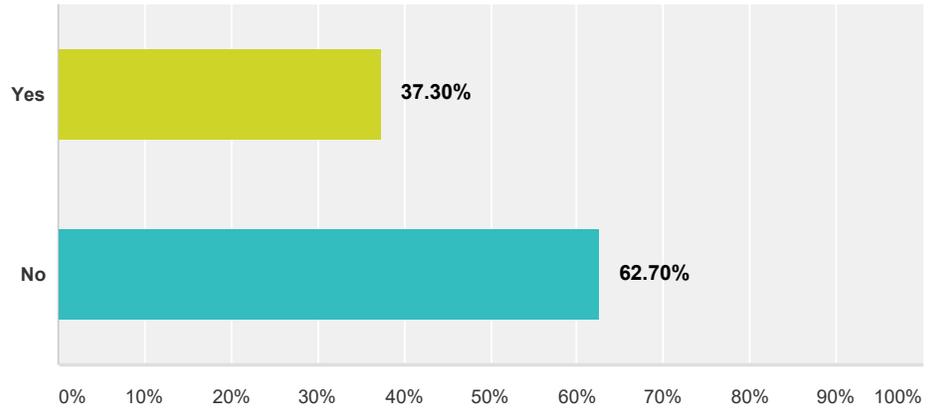
404	What is the beach house??	7/12/2016 1:29 PM
405	I'm assuming you mean the block house. Get some more historical facts in there. At each window, make a statement about what that direction meant back when they built the block house. Get it set up as an event site. Let people reserve the space for parties, events, and pikestops.	7/12/2016 1:23 PM
406	Have a vendor come and sell hot dogs, chips, pop. Also have the stuff people forget like sunblock sunglasses hats etc.	7/12/2016 1:22 PM
407	We don't camp at the Lake Michigan campground, so we don't have an opinion.	7/12/2016 1:22 PM
408	Restaurant	7/12/2016 1:20 PM
409	Have never been at the beach house at the south end.	7/12/2016 1:19 PM
410	none	7/12/2016 1:19 PM
411	Back to a concession stand?!?	7/12/2016 1:18 PM
412	Concessions?	7/12/2016 1:16 PM
413	Open and cleaned bathrooms and showers. Food court.	7/12/2016 1:16 PM
414	Snack shop, music venue, beach shops,	7/12/2016 1:16 PM
415	we almost always use the lake mi campground beach	7/12/2016 1:14 PM
416	It should probably be marketed better. I have never heard of it, and have been going to this State Park for 20 years. But I will look it up, now.	7/12/2016 1:09 PM
417	I did not know there was a beach house.	7/12/2016 1:02 PM
418	I don't know, as I've never used it.	7/12/2016 1:02 PM
419	sorry no ideas	7/12/2016 12:59 PM
420	Don't even know about it	7/12/2016 12:56 PM
421	sorry none	7/12/2016 12:55 PM
422	Let a business utilize the space for a fee? Not sure if this is allowed now. Modify the area for a covered / shaded picnic site?	7/12/2016 12:55 PM
423	Rentals and food.	7/12/2016 12:54 PM
424	I didn't even know there was a beach house.	7/12/2016 12:54 PM
425	Similar to Grand Haven, Ludington and Holland. Store with food and beach items.	7/12/2016 12:52 PM
426	None	7/12/2016 12:47 PM
427	that would take some thought	7/12/2016 12:46 PM
428	No thoughts	7/12/2016 12:45 PM
429	Maybe rent bikes or watercraft	7/12/2016 12:40 PM
430	Camp/souvenir store with small museum or information station attached.	7/12/2016 12:39 PM
431	Concessionaires for food and water-based activities such as paddle-board, kayak, sailboard and kite boarding.	7/12/2016 12:37 PM
432	Dining facilities would be useful. Small shop with water shoes, flip flops, boogie boards, other things for sale or rent.	7/12/2016 12:36 PM
433	N/a	7/12/2016 12:36 PM
434	Concessions	7/12/2016 12:34 PM
435	i don't know what the Beach House is. Perhaps you need better advertising for the Beach House.	7/12/2016 12:34 PM
436	educational opportunities for campers	7/12/2016 12:33 PM
437	Uses similar to ludington, park store, rentals	7/12/2016 12:30 PM
438	I don't know much about the beach house. I think I have only been by it once. Could it be advertised for parties or weddings, etc.	7/12/2016 12:29 PM
439	You should have a concession stand and renting out tubes and canoes.	7/12/2016 12:27 PM

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440	Personally, I like beach houses in general. However, since we camp we rarely use the beach house. We've gone down to watch the wind surfers on occasion so the beach house was nice for restrooms, etc. I understand cost and up keep but I think it should stay.	7/12/2016 12:23 PM
441	interpretive center	7/12/2016 12:23 PM
442	Don't know of a beach house.	7/12/2016 12:20 PM
443	Restaurant? Rentals? Concessions?	7/12/2016 12:18 PM
444	We didn't use it at all on our beach days because we didn't know what it was.	7/12/2016 12:18 PM
445	I've not used it, the time of the year that we camp the water is too cold for swimming.	7/12/2016 12:18 PM
446	Didn't even know of it.	7/12/2016 12:17 PM
447	Displays showing the evolution of the dunes and history of the area. A concession offering food and drink, non alcoholic.	7/12/2016 12:16 PM
448	Not familiar enough to comment	7/12/2016 12:16 PM
449	Make it similar to ludington state parks beach house. - have hard serve ice cream available - souvenir shopping (since there isn't anything within the park to buy things you might need or have the kids pick out toys) - scheduled day activities for kids in the shade	7/12/2016 12:15 PM
450	Snack place (burgers, dogs, fries, drinks and ice cream). Small store for camping and fishing supplies. Either of these places would do great! I would even be willing to lease that space and put one of these entities into place. Maribeth Picard 231-730-7769 4219 West Bard Road Whitehall	7/12/2016 12:14 PM
451	I do not know what it is	7/12/2016 12:14 PM
452	Gift shop, camp store.	7/12/2016 12:14 PM
453	Staging area for events: morning runs, yoga, dog frisbee tournament, children's nature programmes.	7/12/2016 12:11 PM
454	I'd love an ice cream shop/store/restaurant in there - it's a wonderful location to eat.	7/12/2016 12:10 PM
455	not sure what could be used of such a big building to be honest... don't feel a beach store would be used best either?? sorry	7/12/2016 12:10 PM
456	scheduled activities? Concessions?	7/12/2016 12:10 PM
457	Not sure, don't know what it is.	7/12/2016 12:08 PM
458	None	7/12/2016 12:05 PM
459	Very dark and outdated. Ludington State Park has a beautiful building with restrooms and concessions. Perfect for weddings and other events.	7/12/2016 12:05 PM
460	Make it into a store.... sell items, serve food, rentals.	7/12/2016 12:04 PM
461	take notes from the one in Ludington State Park	7/12/2016 12:04 PM
462	didn't know there was a beach house	7/12/2016 12:04 PM
463	Restaurant or cafe	7/12/2016 12:03 PM
464	Look at the beach house at Ludington State Park. It is beautiful and used often.	7/12/2016 12:02 PM
465	Add a convenient store.	7/12/2016 12:01 PM
466	What beach house	7/12/2016 12:00 PM
467	Never heard of it.	7/12/2016 11:59 AM
468	Rentals, public use	7/12/2016 11:57 AM
469	N/A	7/12/2016 11:57 AM
470	Add wifi for park users.	7/12/2016 11:56 AM
471	No change	7/12/2016 11:48 AM
472	vending and restaurant would be nice. A picnic area w/pavilion shelter.	7/12/2016 11:15 AM
473	Leave it a beach house. A beach needs a beach house. Determine why it is underutilized and work on that.	7/12/2016 10:48 AM

Q17 Do you fish at Muskegon State Park?

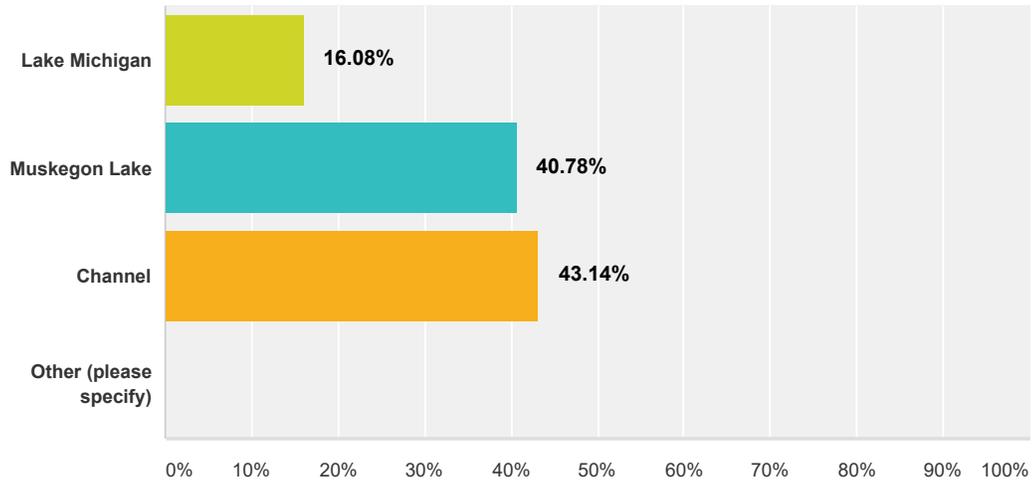
Answered: 681 Skipped: 101



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	37.30% 254
No	62.70% 427
Total	681

Q18 What is your preferred fishing location at Muskegon State Park?

Answered: 255 Skipped: 527

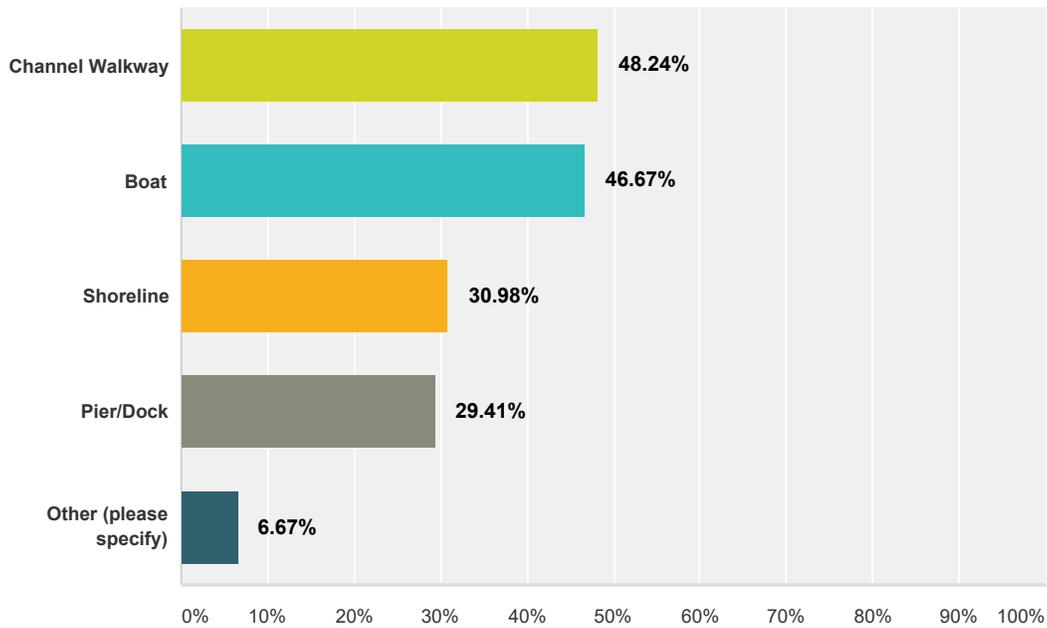


Answer Choices	Responses
Lake Michigan	16.08% 41
Muskegon Lake	40.78% 104
Channel	43.14% 110
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
Total	255

#	Other (please specify)	Date
	There are no responses.	

Q19 How do you typically access the water for fishing? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 255 Skipped: 527



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Channel Walkway	48.24%	123
Boat	46.67%	119
Shoreline	30.98%	79
Pier/Dock	29.41%	75
Other (please specify)	6.67%	17
Total Respondents: 255		

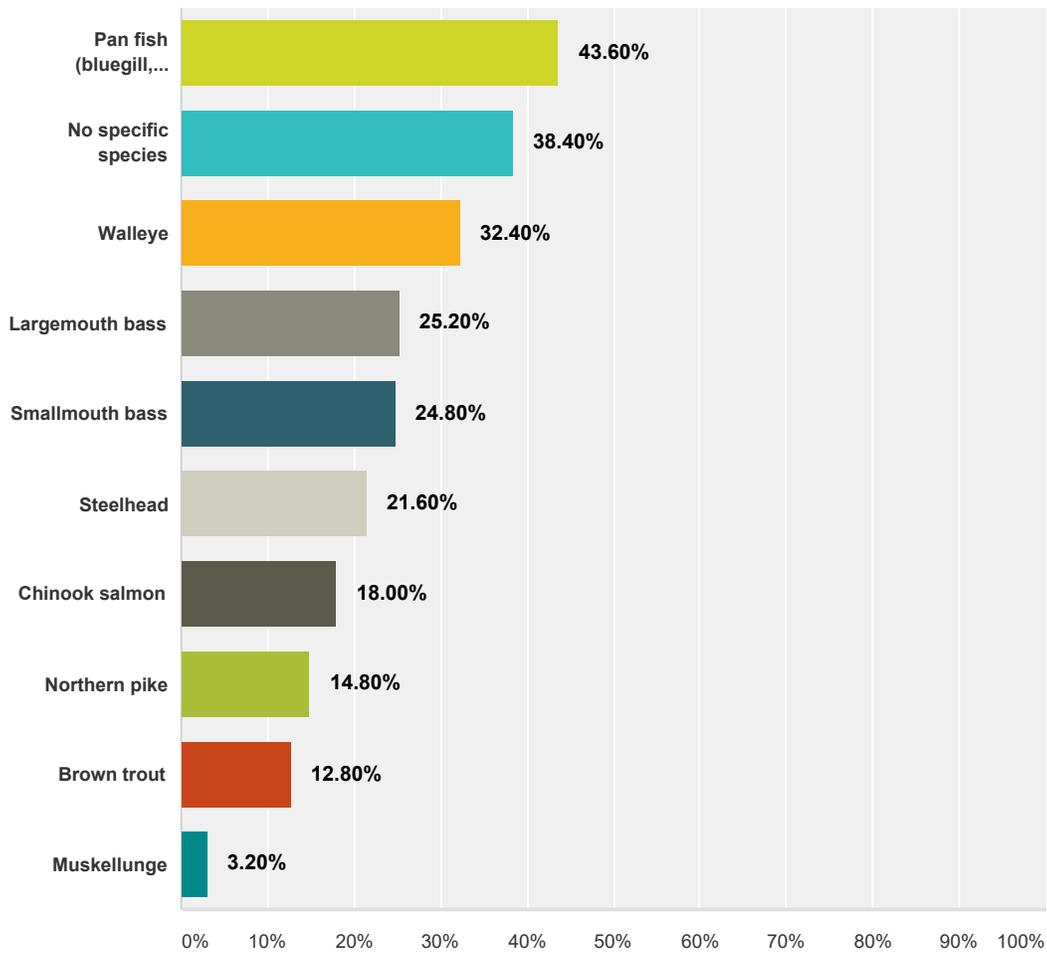
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	from a marina	8/9/2016 11:15 PM
2	Snug Harbor boat launch	8/8/2016 12:48 PM
3	Use all the water access for fishing	8/6/2016 9:53 AM
4	I don't fish.....boring	8/5/2016 12:13 PM
5	Kayak	8/4/2016 12:36 PM
6	Open safe beach areas where there's no swimmers	7/27/2016 9:11 AM
7	Snug harbor boat launch	7/24/2016 4:33 PM
8	Channel rocks	7/20/2016 8:01 PM
9	kayak	7/18/2016 8:50 AM
10	Kayaking	7/14/2016 6:44 PM

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11	In the spring it's better, the shorelines are overgrown. Snug harbor was not always so overgrown at the picnic shelter beach area.	7/13/2016 8:06 PM
12	I usually climb down the rocks to the water. It would be nice if a person did not have to deal with the rocks, but this is primarily a navigation facility.	7/13/2016 10:52 AM
13	kayak	7/13/2016 4:01 AM
14	ice	7/13/2016 2:00 AM
15	Ice fish-walk on ice.	7/12/2016 11:54 PM
16	Walk out on the rocks	7/12/2016 8:26 PM
17	Kayak	7/12/2016 6:56 PM

Q20 What do you fish for at Muskegon State Park? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 250 Skipped: 532



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Pan fish (bluegill, sunfish, crappie or perch)	43.60%	109
No specific species	38.40%	96
Walleye	32.40%	81
Largemouth bass	25.20%	63
Smallmouth bass	24.80%	62
Steelhead	21.60%	54
Chinook salmon	18.00%	45
Northern pike	14.80%	37
Brown trout	12.80%	32
Muskellunge	3.20%	8

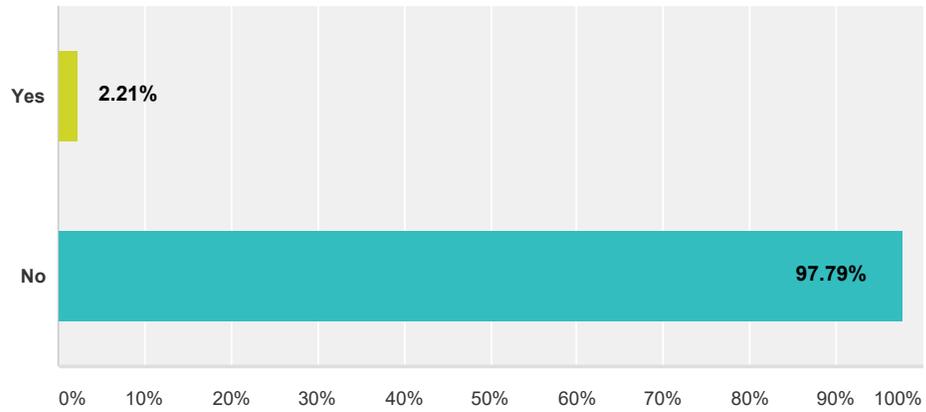
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Total Respondents: 250

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	All species in general	8/6/2016 9:53 AM
2	Perch	8/5/2016 12:24 PM
3	Almost anything that's ok to fish and I only keep the biggest ones and also only what I know we will eat.	7/27/2016 9:11 AM
4	whatever is biting.....the kids love to fish	7/25/2016 8:30 AM
5	Catfish	7/20/2016 8:01 PM
6	Whitefish	7/13/2016 8:39 PM
7	Anything that bites! I like getting my kids excited about fishing and being outdoors.	7/13/2016 5:24 PM
8	King Salmon	7/13/2016 3:15 PM
9	My husband is the Fisher man	7/13/2016 2:59 PM
10	We currently have 4 kid's who are developing a love for fishing, fishing option is important to us.	7/13/2016 10:21 AM
11	just kids fish for fun	7/12/2016 9:38 PM
12	Salmon	7/12/2016 8:52 PM
13	King Salmon	7/12/2016 8:18 PM
14	lake trout	7/12/2016 7:48 PM
15	Anything that will bite!	7/12/2016 6:56 PM
16	I strictly catch-and-release.	7/12/2016 5:37 PM
17	We do not keep the fish we catch because of the dangers of the polluted conditions of the area waters. Fun to catch anything that bites, but being safe we buy our fish in local eateries.	7/12/2016 2:39 PM
18	Coho Salmon Lake Trout	7/12/2016 1:33 PM
19	Rough fish, carp - suckers - gar, etc.	7/12/2016 12:56 PM
20	Whitefish	7/12/2016 11:57 AM
21	Whitefish	7/12/2016 10:51 AM

Q21 Do you waterfowl hunt off the shores of Muskegon State Park?

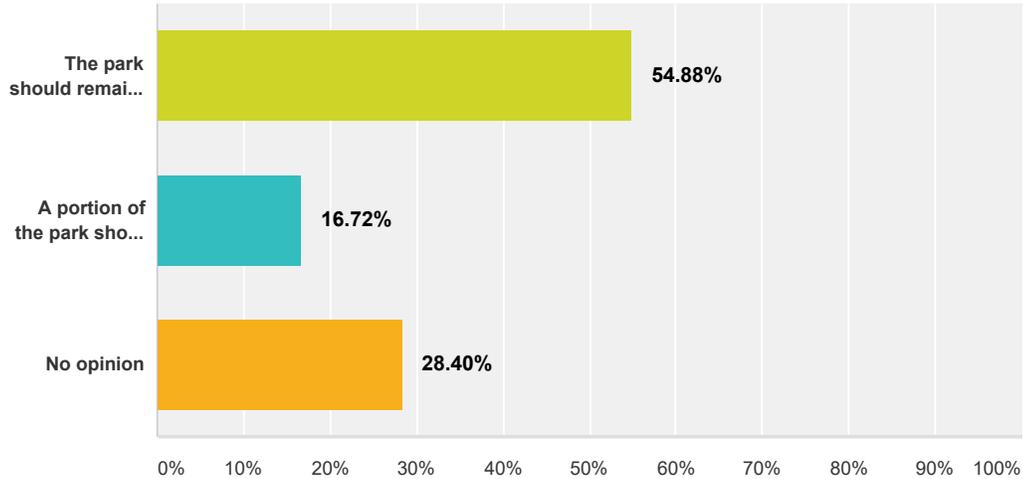
Answered: 678 Skipped: 104



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	2.21% 15
No	97.79% 663
Total	678

Q22 Muskegon State Park is currently closed to hunting and trapping (with the exception of waterfowl hunting on the water). What is your opinion on hunting in the State Park?

Answered: 676 Skipped: 106



Answer Choices	Responses
The park should remain closed to hunting	54.88% 371
A portion of the park should be open to hunting	16.72% 113
No opinion	28.40% 192
Total	676

#	Comments:	Date
1	I've hiked through the park many times and come across the remains of deer left to rot without their antlers. The parks are basically the only sanctuary for wildlife, and we can't even keep that entirely protected	8/9/2016 9:46 PM
2	It would help control any population issues, and might be good for income via licensing	8/9/2016 5:28 PM
3	All of the park should be open.	8/7/2016 8:38 PM
4	The space is large and could easily accommodate archery hunters to increase park usage during the shoulder seasons of late fall for deer and spring for turkey hunting.	8/6/2016 11:08 AM
5	The park should be open to hunting for deer during all of deer bow season in all areas except small buffer at camp sites. Some areas for late muzzle deer, with possible restricted early and late hours.	8/6/2016 9:56 AM
6	if you open it to hunting you could draw for permits and be able to hunt a full weekend	8/5/2016 8:50 PM
7	Keep it closed. There is enough public land for others to use.	8/5/2016 7:21 PM
8	It is one of the few places we can go during hunting season to relax without worrying about guns being shot around us.	8/5/2016 3:06 PM
9	The park is large enough, and it would help with wildlife conflict issues and ecological damage.	8/5/2016 1:16 PM
10	we live across the channel and actually hate the sound of the waterfowl hunting!	8/4/2016 3:16 PM
11	Allow archery deer only as a "middle ground" option.	8/4/2016 1:56 PM

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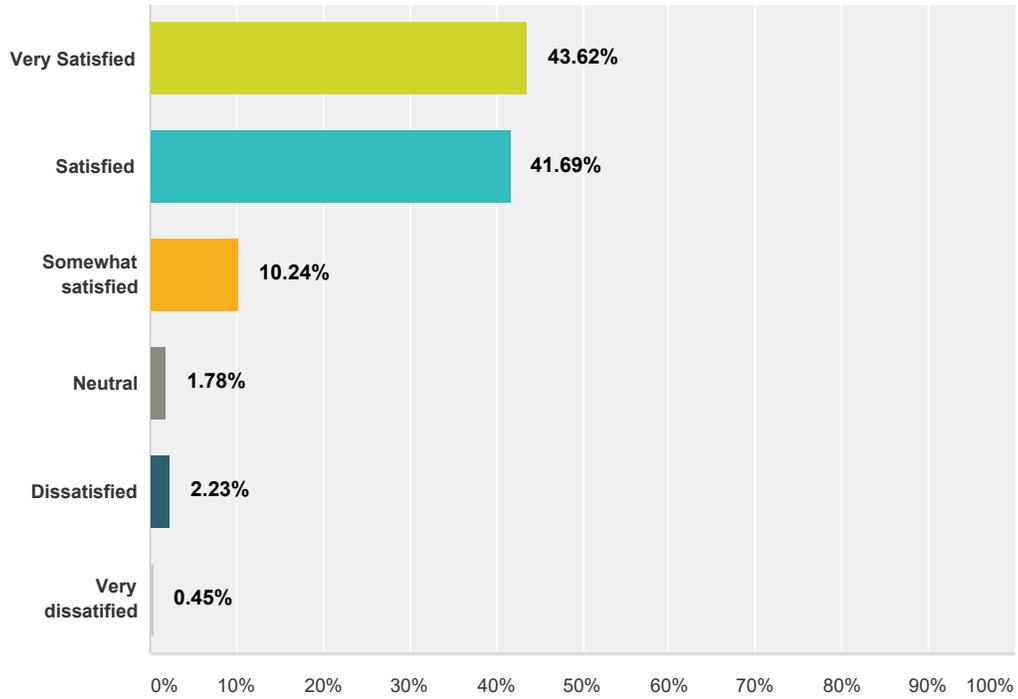
12	There are plenty of places to hunt. The trails are used consistently and hunting could interfere with regular recreational use of the park.	8/3/2016 10:42 AM
13	Absolutely remain closed to hunting and especially trapping!	7/27/2016 10:30 PM
14	I would need to know more information to form an opinion as it sounds dangerous.	7/27/2016 9:12 AM
15	Use good information to regulate the animal populations like any other state land.	7/26/2016 8:30 AM
16	I hunt in other areas of the state	7/24/2016 8:53 PM
17	With only a limited number of lottery applicants chosen each year per specific season.	7/21/2016 8:34 PM
18	Please do not open the park to hunting! They can hunt at Duck Lake State park. We run and hike there several times a week and hunting is not safe for us. Plus there is not an over population of any animal there.	7/19/2016 11:19 AM
19	Please allow target shooting as well.	7/19/2016 10:36 AM
20	The deer herd needs to be thinned	7/19/2016 7:30 AM
21	Monitoring wildlife populations and providing licenses based on that.	7/17/2016 7:14 PM
22	I enjoy small game hunting. Seems like squirrel hunting should be an option on state land.	7/17/2016 2:23 PM
23	there are plenty of other areas to waterfowl hunt on the lake	7/16/2016 10:02 PM
24	There seems to be lots of deer in the park.	7/15/2016 10:22 PM
25	It's nice to have a safe place to go during deer season especially!	7/14/2016 8:49 PM
26	People walk at the campground, I know me and my family do, with our dog in the spring fall and winter, I would hate for my dog too get off her leash, which she won't but it could happen, she goes in the woods and gets shot because of a hunter. Could happen to kids or adults getting shot too. Please keep in no hunting.	7/14/2016 8:29 PM
27	That all we need is the fear of stray bullets.	7/14/2016 6:17 PM
28	I hike & snow shoe and it is nice to have a place to go that you don't have to worry about getting shot.	7/14/2016 11:27 AM
29	I would be disappointed if you closed it for hunters.	7/14/2016 8:06 AM
30	Waterfowl hunting in season from boats is OK with me. Selective reduction of deer herd OK too.	7/14/2016 7:58 AM
31	Maybe open when no campers are there.	7/13/2016 1:42 PM
32	Dangerous to hikers, children, other visitors	7/13/2016 12:42 PM
33	MSP is a very active area year round with the winter sports complex and hiking trails. I feel it would be dangerous.	7/13/2016 11:57 AM
34	Deer and turkey seem to be plentiful, limited hunting permits could be beneficial.	7/13/2016 10:54 AM
35	No hunting is very important to the park maintaining it's natural integrity and allowing native species to be a part of the ecosystem.	7/13/2016 10:23 AM
36	park is heavily used by hikers, etc in fall winter; perhaps limited archery hunted if need to manage deer which would not interfere with other uses	7/13/2016 9:20 AM
37	a portion should be but needs to have DNR presence	7/13/2016 9:01 AM
38	We've been out hiking/walking our dog before and had to leave because there were shots so close to us. This is very concerning and I believe that hunting should either not be allowed at all, or there should be better enforcement of the rules. It's downright scary to be walking with your child and have bullets nearby in the middle of the day or evening.	7/13/2016 7:45 AM
39	if open for deer, have the 3 point to a side rule to keep out not serious hunters	7/13/2016 2:01 AM
40	I hike the trails in the fall & I would not feel safe knowing that hunters could potentially be there.	7/12/2016 10:42 PM
41	Safety	7/12/2016 10:26 PM
42	The state park is a nature preserve, there are plenty of other places in this Muskegon area that are available for hunting. The wildlife at Muskegon State park is part of the experience when you travel there. Please don't change this!	7/12/2016 9:56 PM
43	Would like to see lottery deer hunting in the fall. Limited	7/12/2016 9:52 PM
44	The park is somewhere people go for solitude and peace. It isn't very peaceful listening to gun shots while you are hiking or kayaking.	7/12/2016 9:42 PM
45	Hunters shooting shot guns at day break, 20 feet from our RV. This violates state law (450 ft). No support from state park. Must contact game warden directly.	7/12/2016 9:16 PM

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46	Plenty of places to hunt no need. To many people out enjoying the trails.	7/12/2016 8:44 PM
47	Possibly ok for bow hunting	7/12/2016 8:27 PM
48	Dangerous to other visitors. Should be a protected environment. Peaceful and serene. Duck Lake is open to hunting and it is poorly marked for that, I find the hunters leave litter. I walk the parks DAILY and feel I should have to feel unsafe.	7/12/2016 8:14 PM
49	dangerous for hiking if open to hunting, especially with dogs	7/12/2016 6:57 PM
50	I think it should be allow for youths. A great outdoor adventure.	7/12/2016 5:47 PM
51	I like to watch the wildlife and would prefer the animals be left alone, not for 'animal rights', but for the sake of the abundance of wildlife I get to see. If we kill them off I don't see as many.	7/12/2016 5:39 PM
52	No hunting for safety of hikers, skiers, visitors.	7/12/2016 5:26 PM
53	only if the deer herd needs to be reduced as is done at Hoffmaster SP	7/12/2016 4:57 PM
54	Channel should be open when there is no camping. Waterfowl hunting should not be allowed during open camping season!	7/12/2016 3:59 PM
55	I want to feel safe taking hikes in the fall and winter too!	7/12/2016 3:08 PM
56	I really wish there was an opportunity to hunt, like Duck Lake St park	7/12/2016 3:08 PM
57	Seeing the wildlife is part of the experience	7/12/2016 2:58 PM
58	I would love to hunt it, but there are too many visitos walking trails. I would hate to see someone get hurt.	7/12/2016 2:47 PM
59	With all of the human activity, I cannot believe hunting is allowed in any location, on the water or in the forests!	7/12/2016 2:42 PM
60	Already lots of state land available for hunting. Keep the park off limits.	7/12/2016 2:26 PM
61	hunting for nuisance racoons is necessary.They are overpopulated in the park.	7/12/2016 1:34 PM
62	Absolutely no hunting!!! I am very uncomfortable camping with activity hunting. I never enter parks were hunting is taking place. There are plenty of oppotunities for hunters on private land. Keep them out of parks!!	7/12/2016 1:31 PM
63	Just for the safety of campers, hikers, and enjoyers. Hunting is better off in a more wooded area in the middle of the state.	7/12/2016 1:26 PM
64	Hunting deer and other wildlife would attract more people to the area. Deer are abundant in the dunes and should be managed.	7/12/2016 12:57 PM
65	As a conservationist and I have hunted and fish, I think the animals in the park is a plus and adds to the expereince. However, as animal control comes into questions and how to manage then "controlled" hunts should be authorized.	7/12/2016 12:24 PM
66	I am not well enough informed to give an education opinion on this subject, but I would love to hear both sides of the issue.	7/12/2016 12:17 PM
67	Bow only	7/12/2016 12:05 PM
68	Absolutely no hunting let them hunt somewhere else there's plenty of other places not around little kids ever	7/12/2016 12:01 PM
69	Trapping should be allowed	7/12/2016 11:22 AM

Q23 Please share how satisfied you were with your most recent visits to Muskegon State Park

Answered: 674 Skipped: 108



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Very Satisfied	43.62%	294
Satisfied	41.69%	281
Somewhat satisfied	10.24%	69
Neutral	1.78%	12
Dissatisfied	2.23%	15
Very dissatisfied	0.45%	3
Total		674

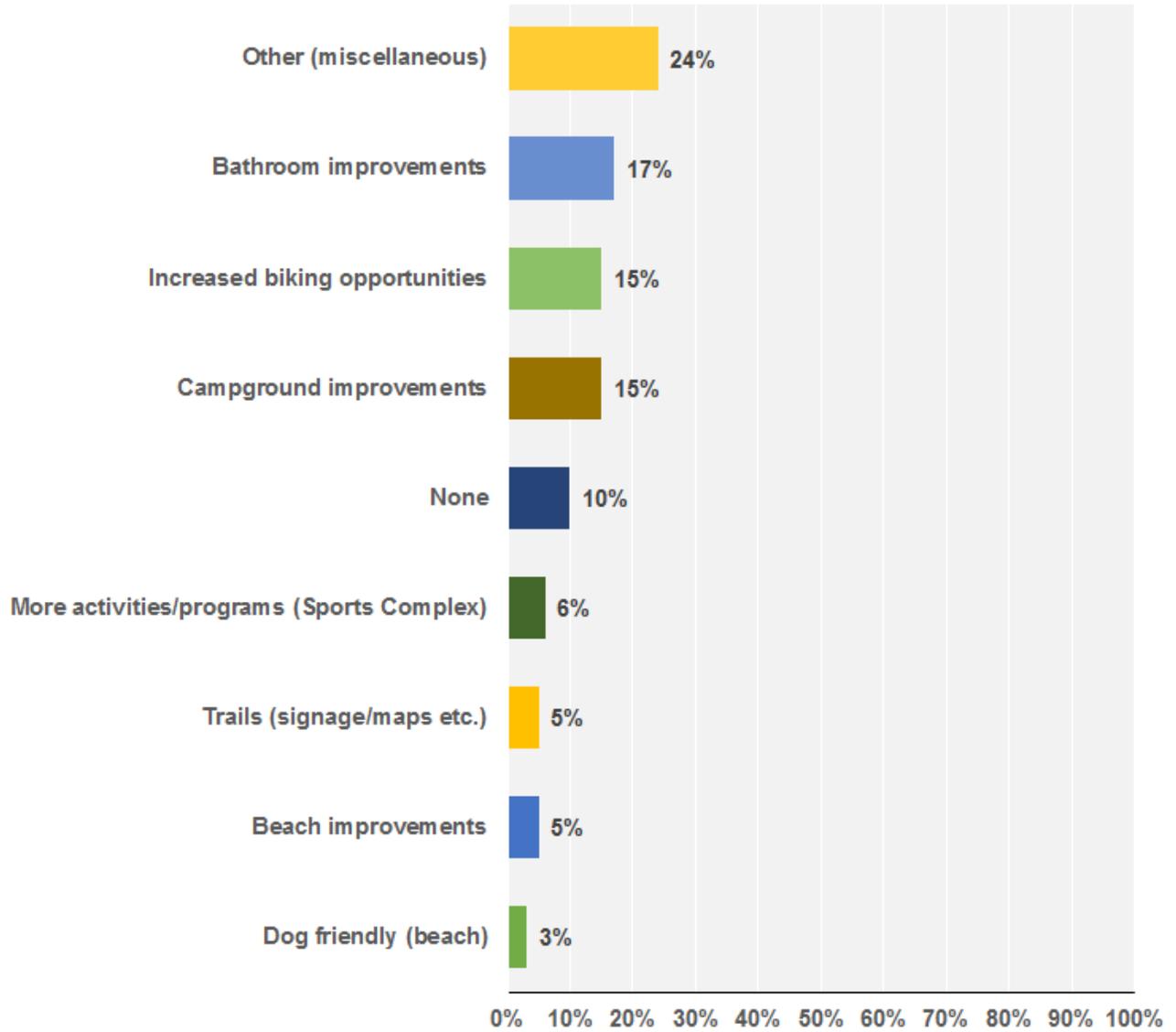
Q24 What is the ONE most important reason for your rating?

Answered: 535 Skipped: 247

Location Kept Very Clean **Beach** Not Clean Trails
Camping Peaceful **Bathrooms**
Winter Sports Complex **Lake** Quiet
Staff Relaxing Fun **Love** Campsite Natural
Options **Hiking** Family Friendly **Satisfied**

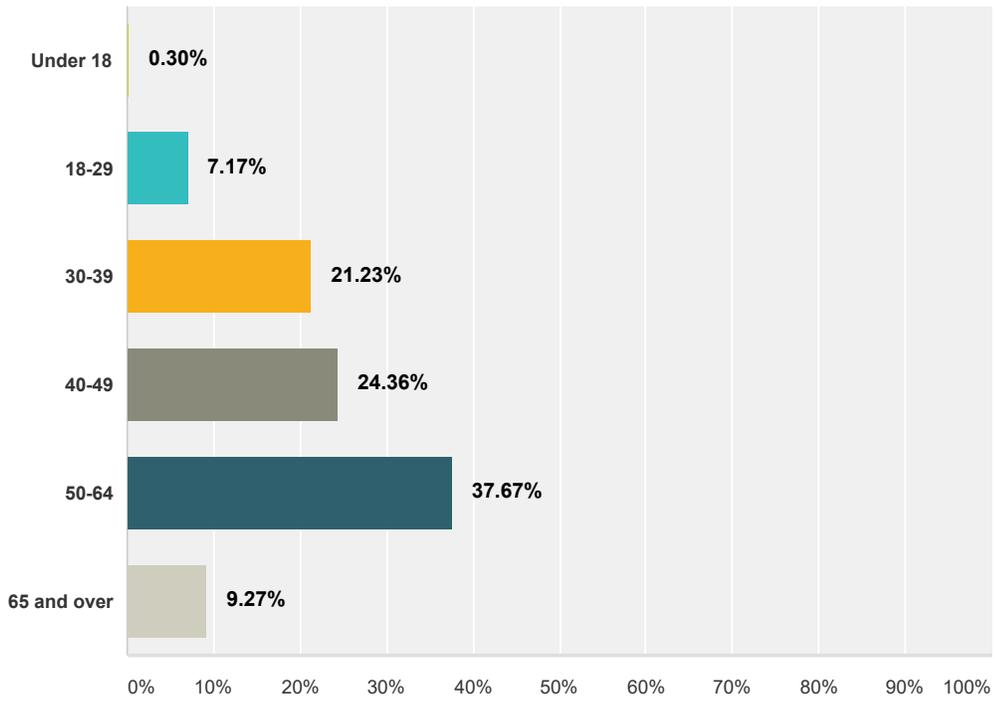
Q25 What, if any, changes would you make to Muskegon State Park?

Answered: 519 Skipped: 263



Q26 What is your age?

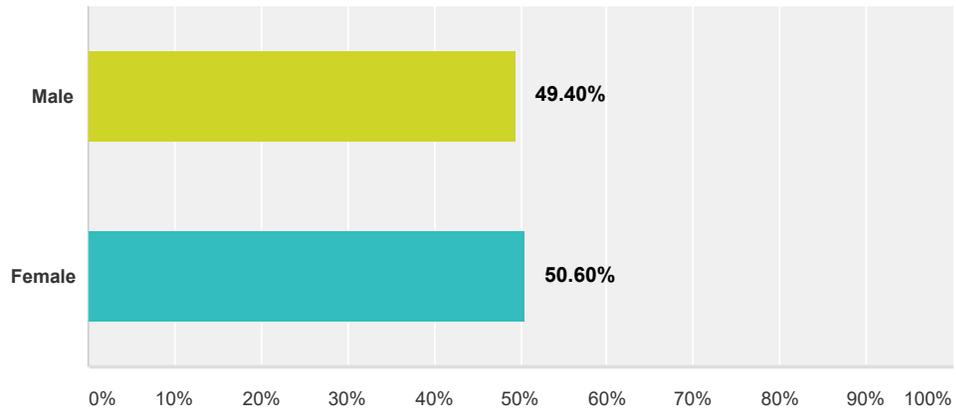
Answered: 669 Skipped: 113



Answer Choices	Responses	
Under 18	0.30%	2
18-29	7.17%	48
30-39	21.23%	142
40-49	24.36%	163
50-64	37.67%	252
65 and over	9.27%	62
Total		669

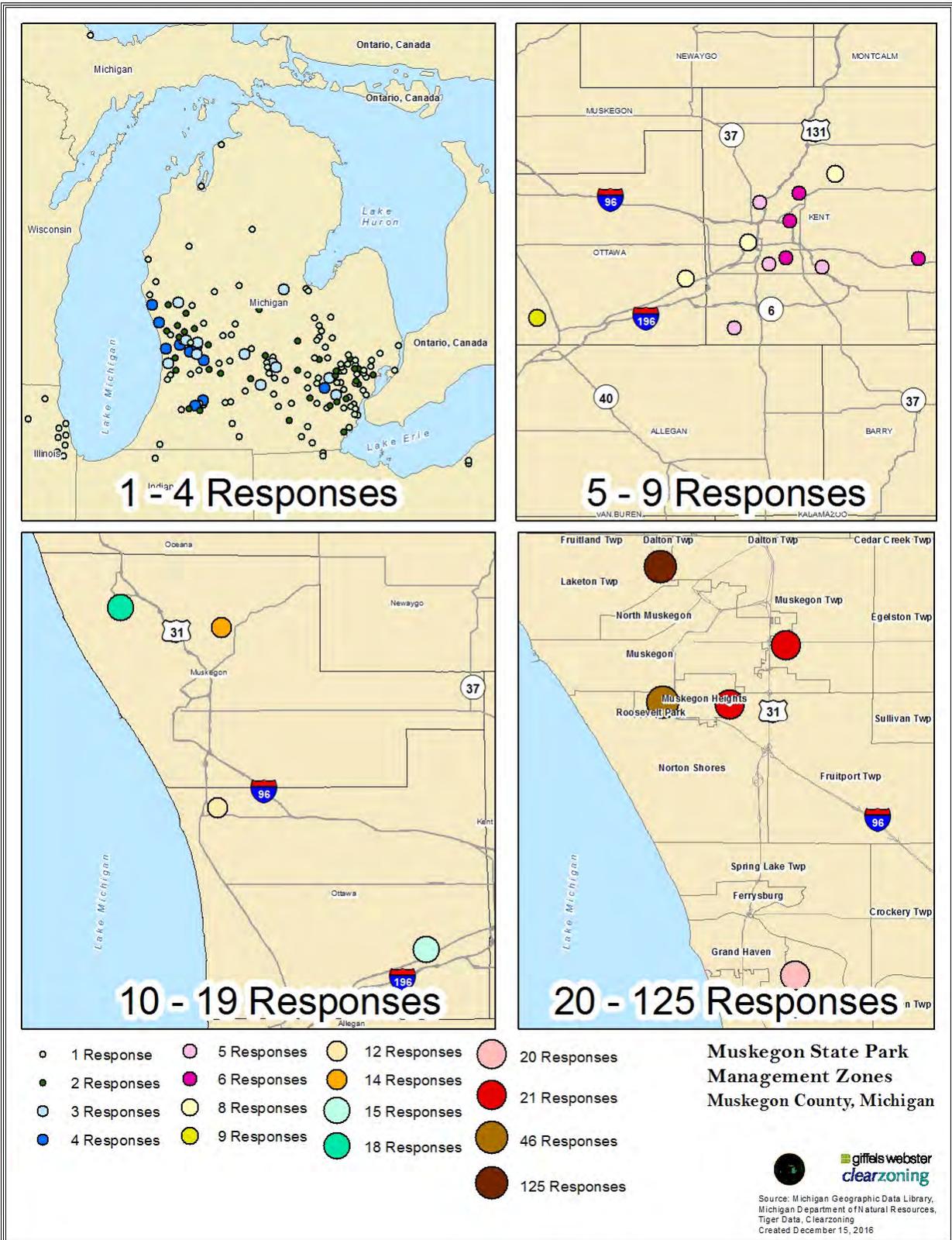
Q27 What is your gender?

Answered: 666 Skipped: 116



Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	49.40%	329
Female	50.60%	337
Total		666

Q28 What is the ZIP code of your primary residence?



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Q29 Please share any other thoughts you may have on MuskegonState Park and/or the management planning process.

Answered: 275 Skipped: 507

#	Responses	Date
1	Additional parking needed for Sports Complex events especially with their growing nature and move to year-round activities.	8/12/2016 11:14 AM
2	To error is human, just as long as its not constant.	8/11/2016 1:01 PM
3	Would love to see mountain bike trails somewhere!!!	8/10/2016 10:56 PM
4	Bike lanes through the park to campgrounds and on Scenic Drive	8/10/2016 9:52 AM
5	The Park is first class. Do what you can to keep the same management.	8/10/2016 12:35 AM
6	Improve beach check-in hut. Too many back ups due to single-lane entry.	8/9/2016 10:51 PM
7	Love it, just wish there was a reason to go to the sports complex in the summer.	8/9/2016 10:37 PM
8	Expand the sport complex lodge	8/9/2016 10:19 PM
9	Na	8/9/2016 10:00 PM
10	Dog access permitted (not necessarily a dog specific park because in my experience those are always out of control thanks to non locals). More recycling options. Improved beach structure.	8/9/2016 9:54 PM
11	Keep continuing to highlight the beauty of our area in all seasons.	8/9/2016 9:20 PM
12	Coast guard parks had great trail markings. It would be nice to have the same at Muskegon State Park trails.	8/9/2016 6:30 PM
13	Improve winter sports complex, bath house, more 50 amp service campsites, and boat launch	8/9/2016 6:26 PM
14	Better recycling programs would be great; I know DNR is working on that currently, but working with Pioneer Park might help bring recycling haulers out more? (I work for Muskegon County Sustainability) :)	8/9/2016 5:30 PM
15	The Winter sports complex needs to be bigger and there needs to be summer activities there as well as in the winter we love to come in the winter but the more people are finding our about it the more crowded it's become in the building.	8/9/2016 3:34 PM
16	Love that you are doing this. Looking forward to the sports complex being a year round, unique destination. For most West Michiganders that live so close to the lake already, the park needs to be something different than the rest to attract people to the venue. I think you guys are on the right track!	8/9/2016 2:59 PM
17	Lovely park	8/8/2016 7:21 PM
18	I think bow hunting should be allowed within the park on a limited basis.	8/8/2016 12:49 PM
19	I grew up in North Muskegon. It truly is a hidden gem.	8/8/2016 6:41 AM
20	The land should be developed with the sportsman in mind.	8/7/2016 8:41 PM
21	none	8/7/2016 4:50 PM
22	None	8/7/2016 7:27 AM
23	Not sure if it's an option to build a mountain bike trail through the park.	8/6/2016 8:51 PM
24	I have always wondered why state parks allow non motorized users in cross country skiers but do not allow mountain biking. To me, this is an area where the state parks are incredibly underutilized.	8/6/2016 11:13 AM
25	You should move the sports complex out of the park and let a commercial operation run it. It causes crowding, noise and all of the other bad things that come with development. This is a State Park resource that needs to be protected. Park employees are forgetting they work for a resource agency, not a business enterprise.	8/6/2016 10:09 AM
26	It would be nice too see some mountain bike/fat bike trails in the park	8/6/2016 7:37 AM
27	Allow mountain biking	8/5/2016 10:57 PM

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28	None	8/5/2016 9:53 PM
29	Both the xc skiing and mtb observations.	8/5/2016 8:28 PM
30	Let's get some great riding trails in there! Currently Owassippe is all we have, adding trails will enhance use of the park for all.	8/5/2016 5:47 PM
31	Need mountain/fat biking please. Success of Owassippe should be seen	8/5/2016 5:38 PM
32	Multi use trails please it would help promote a healthy lifestyle in Muskegon County	8/5/2016 4:49 PM
33	State parks need to be more open to bicycle people f l r trail use.	8/5/2016 4:40 PM
34	I don't get to this park enough, I understand there are some great trails to hike.	8/5/2016 4:18 PM
35	Would like to see cooperation with IMBA or MMBA to create singletrack mountain biking opportunities.	8/5/2016 3:22 PM
36	Take advice from local bike groups	8/5/2016 1:40 PM
37	Look to the future, biking is growing. Done right, the environment will be protected. It would increase use greatly. Many resources could help	8/5/2016 1:38 PM
38	Thanks for the opportunity to offer input.	8/5/2016 1:22 PM
39	Although we don't participate in activities in the Winter Sports Complex, we have visited it in the winter as spectators and believe it's a vital part of the park.	8/5/2016 12:23 PM
40	Please allow MTBers access to the trail network that is in place. MTBers for the most part are very involved with trail management and upkeep/maintenance.	8/5/2016 12:21 PM
41	Biking is more of an attraction and industry then ever before. Please consider allowing Mountain Biking. There are great resources that can be used for planning, building, and maintaining said trails. IMBA or MMBA chapters already exist and are in place all around the West Michigan and Michigan areas. The potential and work force is there....	8/5/2016 12:20 PM
42	Mountain biking!!! Please	8/5/2016 12:14 PM
43	Mtb and fatbike trails	8/5/2016 12:09 PM
44	Need to open it up for more mountain bike riding.	8/5/2016 10:48 AM
45	We love this area. Main thing is the bathrooms in the channel campground.	8/5/2016 9:54 AM
46	More trials would be a great use of the park for everyone thanks	8/5/2016 7:42 AM
47	Please allow mountain biking!!	8/4/2016 10:22 PM
48	This is one of the best camp grounds I've ever been to, great job. The camp host char from a few years back was the best they had coffee early and really went way beyond what was required. Look for hosts like that as some have not been so good	8/4/2016 8:18 PM
49	Mountain biking	8/4/2016 8:02 PM
50	In past years I have watched the park transition, in the winter, from a family friendly xc ski park to a beer tent, hockey fest mentality that is NOT family friendly! I am not comfortable bringing my children to many events now due to rude, unfriendly drunk people. It's been very sad to see.	8/4/2016 5:41 PM
51	I enjoyed the focus group.	8/4/2016 5:09 PM
52	I believe fat biking at the winter sports complex would be a great addition and could bring I. A lot of money.	8/4/2016 4:58 PM
53	We love having the park across the channel, it makes a beautiful entry to Muskegon. By adding transportation for people across the channel, more will come to that State Park and enjoy its beauty.	8/4/2016 3:18 PM
54	Contact Michigan's Edge Mountain Bike Association to discuss possible mountain biking at the Muskegon State Park	8/4/2016 2:49 PM
55	Add mountain bike trails, area back by the luge would be perfect.	8/4/2016 1:37 PM
56	Add mountain bike trails	8/4/2016 1:03 PM
57	I and my entire family love Muskegon State Park. I have enjoyed it my entire life and will continue to do so. I also like the way they work with the Sports Complex to make it a destination all year round.	8/4/2016 12:41 PM
58	Add MTB and fatbike trails	8/4/2016 12:34 PM
59	Other than camping & the beach the rest of the park is underutilized in the summer.	8/4/2016 12:33 PM

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60	The state park is a beautiful asset to Michigan and should be promoted for its hiking trails and beaches for economic development to young people looking for outdoor experiences.	8/3/2016 10:45 AM
61	Please please please update the bathrooms and get a new playground in the campground!	8/2/2016 9:21 PM
62	Clear more dune grass near the Lake Michigan Campground	7/31/2016 7:33 PM
63	I love this park, it is one of the reasons we continue to live in the Laketon Township area.	7/27/2016 10:33 PM
64	Thank you for taking great care of this park	7/27/2016 9:29 PM
65	Hire people who care and are passionate about our parks and their wellbeing. Enforce rules when concerns are brought up. Take suggestions on how to improve often like from comment cards and or comment box and make sure each guest is offered one to fill out.	7/27/2016 9:26 AM
66	Try to keep as natural as possible	7/26/2016 10:18 AM
67	As a Hunter/Fisherman I see my cost going up and more lavish park and amenities going up. Total cost of ownership. We don't go the woods to be babied. If some do, they were never real enjoyers of the woods.	7/26/2016 8:36 AM
68	The North Muskegon, Lake Michigan and Muskegon Lake, beaches, trails and Winter Complex are all part of my and my entire family's greatest memories.	7/25/2016 12:12 PM
69	Add a black flag upon entering for notification of black flies	7/25/2016 11:59 AM
70	It has been my experience that the management at Muskegon State park is lacking. They are hiring high school or college kids who DO NOT KNOW HOW TO WORK. I see no work ethic. The park needs older people there to oversee them, manage them, and follow up behind them when they work.....They shuffle along like they have lead in their feet....drive around with 3 to a truck doing nothing. The Muskegon Lake beach needs major cleaning. Get a tractor and machinery in there to get all the weeds off the beach so there is someplace to sit with lawn chairs and a place for children to play on the beach.	7/25/2016 8:39 AM
71	Great campground but use and abuse is taking a toll on it	7/24/2016 8:56 PM
72	None	7/24/2016 4:38 PM
73	Thank you for this wonderful park	7/23/2016 12:58 PM
74	I think it is a jewel we have with many things to do	7/23/2016 11:57 AM
75	Allow people to do drive thru of parks to see if they want to camp there	7/23/2016 11:10 AM
76	na	7/21/2016 9:31 PM
77	Please upgrade the park as it is starting to really show its age	7/20/2016 8:05 PM
78	Consider opening and designating a section of the Lake Michigan Beach as a dog beach with clean up stations etc.	7/20/2016 11:46 AM
79	Why do people not use the park more often?. The beach area is not used as much as other beach areas such as Grand Haven, Ludington, Sleeping Bear. The Grand Haven Board walk is open to the light houswe wiuth small shops along the way. Ludington has a larger camping facility, environmental center. Sleeping Bear is just unique. Muskegon has its sport center. Does the area need more promotional venues to be noticed? Is it a destination place? If not why not.	7/20/2016 11:20 AM
80	The camp host could be more present & keep the info board up to date	7/19/2016 9:46 PM
81	This is a great park with so many more possibilities. Keep the trails clear of downed trees and update the signs. Make it more user friendly.	7/19/2016 11:23 AM
82	Greg does a great job managing the park.	7/19/2016 7:33 AM
83	Make it easier to obtain lots for a 7 day stay. You can hardly get through by phone or internet either.	7/18/2016 8:59 AM
84	Being able to access the west pier safely might be nice.	7/18/2016 8:52 AM
85	Love the park in general.	7/18/2016 8:07 AM
86	Put more dollars into maintenance and upkeep of the campgrounds. The complex seems to have gotten the lions share	7/17/2016 11:06 PM
87	Preserve what is left of natural areas, without lights, or entertainment beyond the original beauty.	7/17/2016 10:21 PM
88	We love the park and overlook some of the amenities that are not kept up well. The lakes - Muskegon & Michigan always offer warm water for swimming and the fishing is usually good somewhere. Fix up what's there and maintain it and I think most people will be happy - my wife would!	7/17/2016 2:32 PM

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89	it all depends on keeping Lake Michigan pristine!	7/17/2016 1:10 PM
90	I hate that it costs extra to reserve ahead. Most places do discounts for that.	7/17/2016 9:19 AM
91	beach could use grooming & more trash cans	7/16/2016 10:03 PM
92	1.If you are employed by the DNR please be polite to the customers.....Watch your language, leave your cell phone in your locker or at home, pay attention and act on it when I tell you something is wrong, do your job and quit driving around in a state vehicle constantly 2. Change park management every 3 years to encourage new ideas and personnel attitudes toward working for the DNR.	7/16/2016 7:00 PM
93	With the economy as it is, people are camping more & taking vacations closer to home. The Michigan reservation system is terrible & people hoard weeks at a time to only keep one weekend. Then only pay a penalty of \$10. It makes it impossible for other to reserve sites. I wish they charged \$10 for each night cancelled. It would slow people down from doing this.	7/15/2016 7:57 PM
94	I'm glad you asked!	7/15/2016 11:14 AM
95	Can always keep updating the bathrooms please and keep the blacktop in good repair	7/15/2016 9:54 AM
96	This is more a thought on all state parks. Keep the annual park fee at the same or very low increase to keep it affordable so more people will purchase and overall revenues will stay the same or increase.	7/15/2016 9:17 AM
97	The Park is one of the best we have been to. i look forward to see the improvements	7/15/2016 8:38 AM
98	Volunteer days. I assume bathroom repair is pricey and skilled, but varnishing tables and hacking down weeds is cheap and unskilled.	7/14/2016 10:18 PM
99	We love camping at Muskegon Channel Park.	7/14/2016 10:08 PM
100	NA	7/14/2016 8:58 PM
101	More education to folks who go there but don't respect it - noise, trash, discarded fishing line, disrespecting the flora & fauna, etc.	7/14/2016 8:52 PM
102	a few changes would be nice, but other than that good job everyone there	7/14/2016 8:31 PM
103	I think your doing a great job .All Rangers and personnel that we have met have always been nice, friendly and helpful	7/14/2016 7:37 PM
104	We like the fact that part of the beach on Muskegon lake was fixed (made sandy) can more of it get fixed? Overgrown with grasses & driftwood(stumps).	7/14/2016 6:55 PM
105	Just FYI, in question #28 near the end of the survey, there is a misspelled word ("infrom"): Would you also like your e-mail addressed shared with the Friends of Muskegon State Park to inform you about the group and/or upcoming events?	7/14/2016 6:46 PM
106	It is one of the three state parks we visit annually. We like it better than Ludington and that says a lot. The ocean going vessels that come and go are wonderful to watch plus the Lake Express. This park is unique.	7/14/2016 2:09 PM
107	The hiking path markings and maps are extremely confusing and not consistent. They need to be corrected and updated	7/14/2016 11:59 AM
108	Thank you for the opportunity to give input during your planning process.	7/14/2016 11:42 AM
109	The trail markers are a little confusing for first time visitors.	7/14/2016 11:32 AM
110	Include the broader Muskegon County community.	7/14/2016 11:30 AM
111	I love the pristine Lake Michigan waters. And your beach is great. Please maintain this quality.	7/14/2016 9:38 AM
112	Thank you for asking our input	7/14/2016 8:12 AM
113	Crack down on dog owners who ignore the six-foot leash law. I have frequented the Park for 50 years. It's a five-mile drive. I always look forward to my next visit.	7/14/2016 8:00 AM
114	Muskegon's park is good, I could be Great if you spent money here instead of parks North and south of Muskegon. The trails are in bad shape, especially compared to other parks.....shame. You have access to Lost Lake....use it to dredge parts of the lake for the migrating ducks. Parking at the sliding hills..duh...people get all jammed up.....Of course you don't maintain access for sliders....just the paying customers at the sports complex. Add another channel side walk next to the existing one for bikes/dogs. And last but not least....NARROW ROADS and NO FAMILY FRIENDLY BIKE PATHS!!!!!!	7/13/2016 8:56 PM
115	People get stuck in the sand at the beach, turning off of the road. It really needs a guard rail.	7/13/2016 8:37 PM
116	Would also love option to park near the wooden stairs/walkway in the campground without being a camper. There seem to be handicap spots but no others. Maybe this has been fixed?	7/13/2016 8:10 PM

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117	I like the winter sports complex, would like to see bigger indoor area to warm up, that would be able to hold events	7/13/2016 8:05 PM
118	Disc golf and mountain biking would greatly increase day use. Currently here are no mountain bike trails in the Muskegon area. Nearest are at Owasippe (which is closed June - August) and Bass River.	7/13/2016 8:02 PM
119	No more gravel trails.....gravel is not as fun to hike or run on as packed dirt.	7/13/2016 7:50 PM
120	Hire some interns and put them to work for the summer.	7/13/2016 7:39 PM
121	It's our favorite park but it's become too expensive.	7/13/2016 7:14 PM
122	I would welcome opportunity to help further. The staff is always friendly. Good job!	7/13/2016 6:52 PM
123	I appreciate your asking our opinions	7/13/2016 6:39 PM
124	Beautiful areas beautiful park! Please make updating a priority!	7/13/2016 6:20 PM
125	Manage our fish! Perch is my favorite and they are hard to find now.	7/13/2016 6:10 PM
126	Dredge snuge harbor	7/13/2016 5:59 PM
127	Out	7/13/2016 5:54 PM
128	Please continue to make it as user friendly as it is.	7/13/2016 5:31 PM
129	It is a great park, and I recommend everyone I talk to visit.	7/13/2016 5:29 PM
130	Grand Haven state park is a parking lot with electric for each parking space. I mean "campsite". They are 100% full all summer. I'm from North Muskegon and would LOVE to see more sites on the water.	7/13/2016 5:13 PM
131	Muskegon State Park is my first choice for our family camping outing, but some of my siblings are getting less satisfied. Perhaps getting a better budget will allow better quality contracted services.	7/13/2016 4:50 PM
132	Thank you ??	7/13/2016 4:42 PM
133	Mark the trail heads. They are very difficult to locate with the description of a specific trail.	7/13/2016 4:22 PM
134	Make sure to maintain what makes this place special...location to the water, access to beach and woods and a great family setup	7/13/2016 4:22 PM
135	You have a really nice park, at Muskegon. Hopefully, your planning will maintain the park as a great and friendly place to visit. Our family tent camps and we love the park!	7/13/2016 3:24 PM
136	None at this time	7/13/2016 3:01 PM
137	It would be nice to always have someone at the gate by the channel. One year there was a medical emergency & cell phones did not have service, had hard time getting help. Maybe a Phone for 911 with address details to tell how to reach the area.	7/13/2016 1:46 PM
138	Please do not allow hunting in the park.	7/13/2016 1:42 PM
139	I love the parks, and all that is happening in and around it. Just those bathrooms need an update!	7/13/2016 1:40 PM
140	Already did	7/13/2016 1:34 PM
141	Again, I wouldn't want to see big changes in the park, it is quite a gem the way it is. I definitely would not want hunting allowed.	7/13/2016 1:00 PM
142	Muskegon State park is an incredible resource for our area. The management has done a great job thus far and I hope to continue to see it adapt to the wants and needs of the community and visitors as well.	7/13/2016 12:08 PM
143	It is one of the primary reasons we live in Muskegon County. It is a gem of Western Michigan.	7/13/2016 11:42 AM
144	preserve natural areas,especially Lost Lake and trails.	7/13/2016 11:20 AM
145	Doing a great job	7/13/2016 11:18 AM
146	If the park is made too accessible, too many people will come. We like the quiet uncrowded times.	7/13/2016 11:01 AM
147	I like the look and feel and the trails at the north portion of the park. For us it is about a nice camping environment, easy access to trails, and a place to comfortable watch sunsets. I would hope that the general feel of the north section would be preserved as is.	7/13/2016 11:00 AM
148	Great State Park with a great variety of things to do.	7/13/2016 10:38 AM
149	I am a resident who lives less than a half mile from the park. If you would like more local input, I would be happy to take some time.	7/13/2016 10:06 AM

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150	Participate in a feasibility study to allow cross channel passage for pedestrians between the State Park and Pere Marquette Park in the warm months. A one- way \$1.00 fee should adequate. Maybe a large pontoon boat between the camp ground and the Muskegon Lake beach area might work. The State Park could collect a percentage of the revenues, as well as the City of Muskegon. Operate on weather permitting days Memorial Day to Labor Day. Make a crossing every half hour or when there are passengers waiting. It is only a few hundred feet to cross. Operate 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM using college students to run the boat. Lease the boat, don't buy it, unless there is a grant available. Store it at one of the Muskegon Lake marinas on a trailer, or on park grounds.	7/13/2016 9:59 AM
151	Add land.	7/13/2016 9:55 AM
152	upgrade bathrooms	7/13/2016 9:52 AM
153	I hope a plan comes through. My family tries to get camping sites a few times in the year. WE enjoy MSPark!	7/13/2016 9:40 AM
154	Please continue to work closely with Muskegon County and the Winter Sports Complex	7/13/2016 9:35 AM
155	I think MSP is a fantastic treasure and I think the Rangers out there do a fantastic job!	7/13/2016 9:15 AM
156	thanks for reaching out for input	7/13/2016 9:03 AM
157	Preserve the ecosystem for nature study and meditation.	7/13/2016 9:00 AM
158	Get better DNR, people that actually care, not just doing it because they needed a summer job.	7/13/2016 8:58 AM
159	We love staying at the park and if I would prioritize the work it would be 1. Replace the bathrooms in the campgrounds, 2. Remodel and open the beach house.	7/13/2016 8:30 AM
160	There does seem to a bigger presence of staff this year but underutilized in keeping things up. Each year we complain about the same things and nothing improves! Frustrating! We would probably camp elsewhere if there was something close by.	7/13/2016 8:18 AM
161	This is a park with a large amount of waterfront that could be utilized better.	7/13/2016 8:16 AM
162	Return the boat launch to the channel campground	7/13/2016 8:07 AM
163	workers drive a lot in vehicals through the park and should spend more time sweeping off camping paved areas and paint numbers of sites and arrows to direct one way traffic through the campground.	7/13/2016 8:06 AM
164	Thank you for seeking public input!	7/13/2016 7:47 AM
165	Thanks for all of the great work, we love it there.	7/13/2016 7:40 AM
166	I love the natural wilderness feeling of the park.	7/13/2016 7:19 AM
167	We have to work at keeping the ecology of the park going	7/13/2016 6:11 AM
168	Mountain bike trails.	7/13/2016 5:27 AM
169	Downed and dead trees could be cut up and sold in the park for firewood as added income for the state park. I realize some of the brush needs to stay for forest critters but as I drive around the area, there is so much dead wood.	7/13/2016 12:01 AM
170	None that I can think of.	7/12/2016 11:35 PM
171	How do I get information about this Beach House?	7/12/2016 11:05 PM
172	It would be nice for the kids if there was more play ground equipment.	7/12/2016 11:03 PM
173	Could be better at maintaining and cleaning bathrooms. Improve work ethic of summer help.	7/12/2016 10:59 PM
174	We camp there annually as a large family group, but are unable to get lots next to each other. Wish reservations were done differently. Need better playground for kids. Need to remove poison ivy.	7/12/2016 10:46 PM
175	Love the park. Will be camping again this year.	7/12/2016 10:45 PM
176	Add more parking at duck lake	7/12/2016 10:33 PM
177	I adore Muskegon State Park	7/12/2016 10:28 PM
178	I love the state park! Might be nice to have a designated bike lane from the Lake MI camp ground to the channel. It is not always easy to see/avoid bikers in the area of the block house.	7/12/2016 10:25 PM
179	It would be so awesome to have this park be awesome again!!!	7/12/2016 10:07 PM
180	No alcohol to keep safe and clean	7/12/2016 9:59 PM
181	Clean up Muskegon Lake beach and build better bathrooms and showers!	7/12/2016 9:58 PM

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182	I think it is important to keep out hunting and motorized activities. People need a place to go to get away from all of that.	7/12/2016 9:44 PM
183	Please do not over develop it. Protect what you have. Keep it clean and safe. Maintain, Maintain, Maintain. Theft and vandalism - no tolerance.	7/12/2016 9:36 PM
184	Love this place	7/12/2016 9:35 PM
185	This is our favorite place to camp. We usually camp for ten days and again in the fall for the Michigan Irish music festival.	7/12/2016 9:30 PM
186	Would like to be updated on the plan.	7/12/2016 9:28 PM
187	Again upgrading the restrooms	7/12/2016 9:20 PM
188	Staff is very good	7/12/2016 9:15 PM
189	I'm proud of our park, proud of our area. I am disappointed that our residents often talk our area down, telling people Muskegon will never amount to anything. With comments like that, it never will.	7/12/2016 9:05 PM
190	I like the park the way it is, just needs to be a little cleaner and more up keep.	7/12/2016 9:05 PM
191	Muskegon State Park holds a very special place in my heart as I was a ranger for 6 summers at the North Campground. Love this park!	7/12/2016 9:02 PM
192	Nice to see parks planning for progress.	7/12/2016 9:01 PM
193	Redo the bathrooms	7/12/2016 8:55 PM
194	Improve beach area on Muskegon lake	7/12/2016 8:47 PM
195	Upgrade the main entrance station to be more in line with the Grand Haven State Park and Ludington State Park entrance stations. It looks like a phone booth. Needs to be more professional looking.	7/12/2016 8:45 PM
196	We stayed at the north park and plan to return. We love it the way it is. We do like to bike so it would be nice to have a bike trail so we don't need to ride on the road	7/12/2016 8:41 PM
197	Repave some of the asphalt camping pads- longer & wider. New restrooms. More overflow parking places like for campground visitor parking. Try to keep the beach on Muskegon Lake nice for little kids & parents to sit, play and swim- foliage management. Better trail signs.	7/12/2016 8:40 PM
198	New bathrooms and showers, new play structure for the park	7/12/2016 8:35 PM
199	Enjoy camping here and the easy access to hiking trails. Wouldn't want to see much change.	7/12/2016 8:11 PM
200	The people working the office are not very helpful and do not seem to take pride in the park where they work. Some of them lack motivation as well.	7/12/2016 7:53 PM
201	It's a great park with great views of the lake. Don't change anything to lose those views	7/12/2016 7:40 PM
202	I like it the way it is except for the bathrooms/showers and the dog waste situations. They would also improve the camping lots by eliminating the big dropoff from the asphalt pad to the rest of the campsite. It's a tripping hazard.	7/12/2016 7:30 PM
203	I have been coming to Muskegon State Park since 1956; seen a lot of changes and improvements but it always feels like coming home each summer. It is an under-appreciated gem in the Michigan State Park system	7/12/2016 7:24 PM
204	Our family and friends LOVE this park. It is one of our favorite in the state. If I only had one place to camp in MI, this would be it. I haven't looked at the planning process/long term plan yet. I hope it contains plans to support and continue to improve this park. It is a gem. As we did before we first came here, I think a lot of people don't know about it or see it listed and think "Muskegon? Eww, no thanks. I bet it's dirty and urban and not safe." Completely a bad stereotype but unfortunately in GR Muskegon area does not get the best press. I avoided this park my entire life until deciding to begrudgingly "give it a try" 2 years ago because the north campground was the only thing I could find open in late November. Shock and awe. You need to do a marketing campaign on this place...but give me dibs on the good camping spots because selfishly we like having the place to ourselves sometimes. ;)	7/12/2016 7:05 PM
205	dnr officers need to relax and appreciate people filling the campground to retain jobs and not be so strict. be strict when absolutely necessary. Allow beach fires in a controlled environment.	7/12/2016 7:03 PM
206	The channel campground bathroom desperately needs to be kept stocked and cleaner. Toilets that flush properly.	7/12/2016 7:03 PM
207	none	7/12/2016 6:53 PM
208	We like the channel campground. Always try to get at least one week if not more.	7/12/2016 6:41 PM
209	We enjoy the park. Thank you.	7/12/2016 6:38 PM
210	It's great the way it is.	7/12/2016 6:08 PM

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211	Keep up the great work.	7/12/2016 5:53 PM
212	n/a	7/12/2016 5:40 PM
213	It is my favorite place in the whole wide world.	7/12/2016 5:32 PM
214	More play equip. would make it much more kid/family friendly. Save the blockhouse & keep it open!!! Maybe remote cameras/security would help prosecute. Better marked trails.	7/12/2016 5:28 PM
215	I like fewer restrictions in general, and would love it if the park could be open later for star gazing.	7/12/2016 5:21 PM
216	Shady, large campsites with electricity and modern bathrooms are very important to us as tent campers. You have all of this there. Please don't change any of it.	7/12/2016 5:13 PM
217	Please keep the block house.	7/12/2016 5:01 PM
218	strive to preserve it's natural beauty	7/12/2016 4:58 PM
219	New showers and bathrooms	7/12/2016 4:53 PM
220	Eager to see what the future holds for Muskegon State Park!	7/12/2016 4:51 PM
221	The staff has been very friendly. Also a bike path on the main road that leads from the channel campground to the lake campground would be nice. Very scary to drive or ride along the road	7/12/2016 4:46 PM
222	I appreciate having the opportunity to give feedback. I hope people have some great ideas for it.	7/12/2016 4:44 PM
223	We love to walk the dunes with the dog	7/12/2016 4:36 PM
224	I love the quiet. I love that I don't have cell phone coverage there, as the cell phone signal gives me headaches. Please be careful not to add any electromagnetic fields to our lovely state park.	7/12/2016 4:26 PM
225	I hope you continue to maintain the campground and beach. I appreciate the efforts that have been made to prevent erosion of the dunes.	7/12/2016 4:14 PM
226	Other than bathrooms no suggstions	7/12/2016 4:07 PM
227	Go big with an idea and construction of something special on the beach. We've got to get people to the beach, which will open up access and use of the entire park! This park is underutilized! How about a block house restaurant....can you imagine what a multi-story restaurant would attract with the views...just thinking we need to go BIG with an idea!	7/12/2016 4:02 PM
228	Better marketing of the area which will differentiate if from other parks which will bring in more visitors!	7/12/2016 3:39 PM
229	I love the park! Wish you could hunt the area! Also wish they would patrol the parking area to keep single cars out of the trailer parking area, there have been times when I had to go home without launching due to all of the cars in the area.	7/12/2016 3:13 PM
230	Thank you for asking. I feel like you should keep up efforts to promote the luge run as it is a unique feature. Think about how to make it family-friendly and then advertise those feature.	7/12/2016 3:10 PM
231	Need more fishing areas at Snug Harbor. Keep hunting closed in the park for hikers/skiers.	7/12/2016 3:08 PM
232	None	7/12/2016 3:07 PM
233	As I have stated... lot size, water availability, and having a few lots held as spares in an emergency situation.	7/12/2016 3:04 PM
234	Don't let the park get run down	7/12/2016 3:00 PM
235	Camp sites need to be larger	7/12/2016 2:59 PM
236	I believe I have already. I wonder if the powers that be truly realize the significance of what you people who call Michigan, home, have to enjoy. We pay about \$30 for an annual pass to enjoy so very much that is unique in this wonderful location!	7/12/2016 2:56 PM
237	Keep up the great work! I am proud to have this gem, in my back yard!!	7/12/2016 2:53 PM
238	DNR is doing a great job with ALL the parks! Please continue to make the environment our first priority. And keep campgrounds wooded and quiet.	7/12/2016 2:33 PM
239	We were very satisfied with our stay at the Muskegon Channel State Park. That is usually our first camping trip of the season. We've stayed at Hoffmaster and Ludington State Parks. We love the channel park with the sandy and view and being close to the channel so we can walk and watch the boats. Plus it is located to our house so we don't have to travel that far to enjoy the outdoors. The spots are sunny ... it's just a happy place to be!	7/12/2016 2:31 PM
240	none	7/12/2016 1:51 PM
241	don't ruin a good thing you already have going for this park.	7/12/2016 1:43 PM

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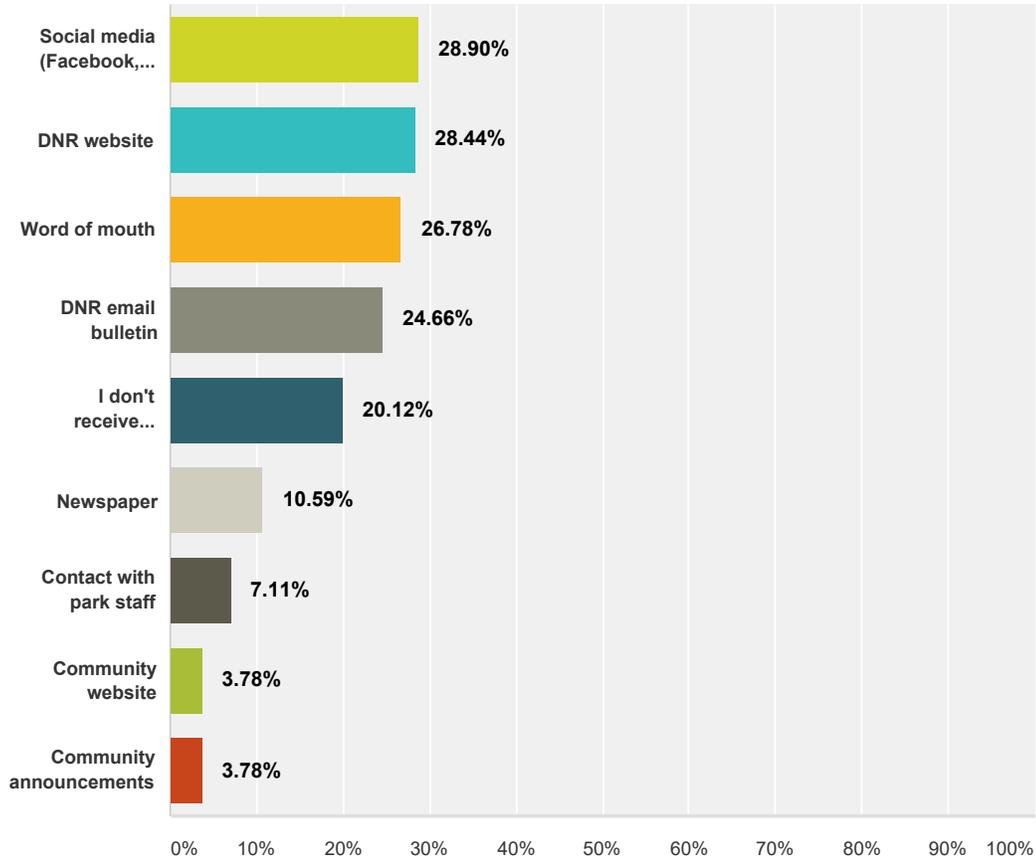
242	its a hidden gem	7/12/2016 1:42 PM
243	The proposed 2017 King Salmon planting cuts will hurt the tourism in this area. These fish are the reason for our presence in Muskegon during the spring. These cuts will prove to have a negative impact on tourism in the Muskegon area.	7/12/2016 1:38 PM
244	Appreciative to include surveys.	7/12/2016 1:36 PM
245	Keep an eye out for what surrounds the park. In my opinion, it's your responsibility to keep the park safe from industrial and agricultural hazards that effect the park including that part of Lake Michigan.	7/12/2016 1:28 PM
246	I think we should be able to camp longer than Oct 31	7/12/2016 1:27 PM
247	Please keep in mind that this campground is the last one on both sides of the state that offers a variety of camp style sites - both rv and tent users have options. That is such a rare thing. For those of us that still prefer tents, we thank you.	7/12/2016 1:23 PM
248	none	7/12/2016 1:21 PM
249	Keep up the good work and I look forward to seeing the coming changes. Please keep the block house open! I would like my 6 month old son to see it like I did as a kid. Don't let the vandals win.....	7/12/2016 1:05 PM
250	great job	7/12/2016 1:02 PM
251	I would love to see more recreational activities. Hike in campsites would be especially cool. Independent businesses in the beach house would also be beneficial.	7/12/2016 12:59 PM
252	My sons' scout troop also camps here every year	7/12/2016 12:57 PM
253	its a great park	7/12/2016 12:53 PM
254	enjoy the special event weekends for the family like Halloween, maybe throw in another family event early spring before you get to busy	7/12/2016 12:49 PM
255	I'm glad to see the park is getting well taken care of. We have been camping there for 25 years and always look forward to the break.	7/12/2016 12:45 PM
256	None	7/12/2016 12:40 PM
257	Winter Sports Park is excellent! The Yurt is wonderful. My only complaint is that the campground is far too crowded, and it is unpleasant camping in a tent around all of the RVs.	7/12/2016 12:38 PM
258	Keep it natural, more and bigger campsites	7/12/2016 12:35 PM
259	I wish they could also improve on beach condition along state park next to the channel; needs more sand for grandchildren to play in	7/12/2016 12:35 PM
260	Prices are good, personnel is always friendly and helpful. Bathrooms are cleaned regularly and campsites are great on Lake Michigan Campground	7/12/2016 12:35 PM
261	Would become as nice as Ludington if bath house and other similar facility's were available	7/12/2016 12:33 PM
262	I applaud the conscious effort to seek input on the planning process. As a guest of the park on an annual basis, I want nothing to change. Although the beach seems to be getting smaller I know that is due to the natural ebb/flow of the Great Lakes and the erosion control programs for the dunes. We find our spots and we always have a great time.	7/12/2016 12:30 PM
263	We were there on a busy summer weekend so we expect noise and crowds. We were disappointed that Park staff did not enforce parking rules (site across from us drove and parked the wrong way on our one-way street) and site cleanliness (site next to us left uneaten food out all weekend).	7/12/2016 12:27 PM
264	I would love to be a part of any planning to improve and create increased use of the amazing opportunities for the Muskegon State Park. Another thought is some summer concerts.	7/12/2016 12:26 PM
265	I think that Muskegon State Park is a fantastic resource for residents and visitors alike. When I lived in Muskegon I spent a ton of time at the park - swimming, skiing, sledding, dog-walking, etc. Now that I live away it's one of the things I miss the most, and I make a point of getting out to the park each time I come home. I appreciate being able to provide input on the management planning process.	7/12/2016 12:23 PM
266	A great campground!	7/12/2016 12:21 PM
267	My family goes to Muskegon state pro every year and love the atmosphere and being on Lake Michigan. Honestly the lake is the main reason we choose to go camping at Muskegon. We also love that we can walk to Ruth's ice cream shop and the hiking trails are great and easy to navigate. I have never been there in the winter but the winter complex looks like it would be a lot of fun and something we may take our kids to when they are older.	7/12/2016 12:19 PM

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268	--	7/12/2016 12:17 PM
269	By luck we book in the Lake Michigan sites, it was difficult to tell from the DNR reservation page that it was the wooded area with (slightly) more privacy that was better suited to our tastes.	7/12/2016 12:15 PM
270	nothing... the staff was nice, we had more than 2 vehicles and the staff was very polite about moving it to overflow	7/12/2016 12:13 PM
271	We love the host family served people free coffee and provided lots of information around the area. However, we have to go outside to get fire wood.	7/12/2016 12:10 PM
272	Reconsider the alcohol ban in the campgrounds.	7/12/2016 12:05 PM
273	Bathrooms used to be cleaned regularly lately cleanliness could be improved	7/12/2016 12:02 PM
274	N/A	7/12/2016 11:59 AM
275	Good luck with your efforts and thanks for this opportunity of input	7/12/2016 11:51 AM

Q30 How do you normally receive information about programs or events at Muskegon State Park?

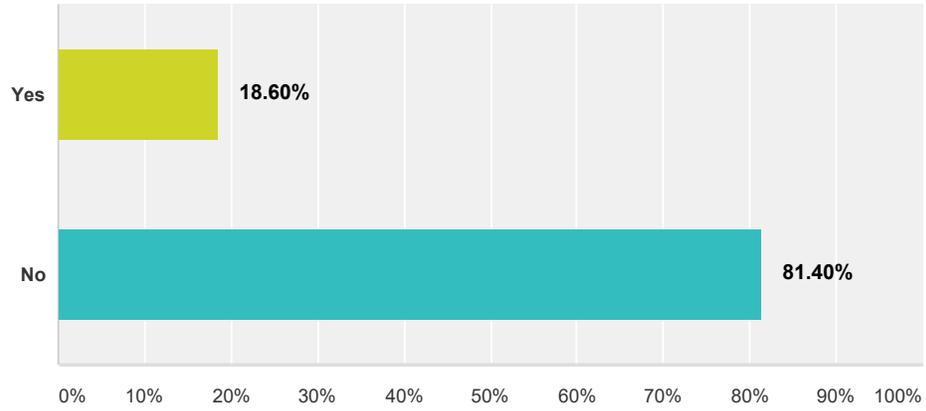
Answered: 661 Skipped: 121



Answer Choices	Responses
Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	28.90% 191
DNR website	28.44% 188
Word of mouth	26.78% 177
DNR email bulletin	24.66% 163
I don't receive information about programs or events	20.12% 133
Newspaper	10.59% 70
Contact with park staff	7.11% 47
Community website	3.78% 25
Community announcements	3.78% 25
Total Respondents: 661	

Q31 Are you aware that there is a Friends Group for Muskegon State Park whose members volunteer and help to fund special programming in the park?

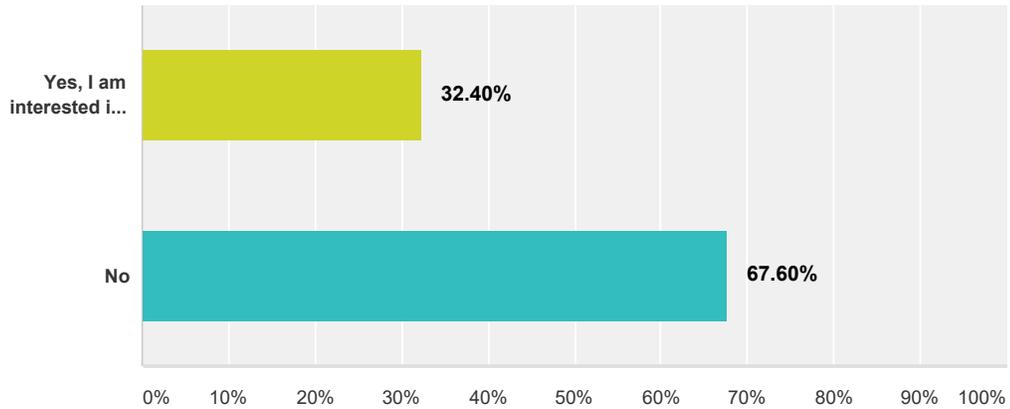
Answered: 656 Skipped: 126



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Yes	18.60%	122
No	81.40%	534
Total		656

Q33 Would you also like your e-mail addressed shared with the Friends of Muskegon State Park to inform you about the group and/or upcoming events? By skipping this question, an automatic "No" to this question will be generated.

Answered: 537 Skipped: 245



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes, I am interested in learning more about the Friends of Muskegon State Park	32.40% 174
No	67.60% 363
Total	537

Appendix C—Planning Team Summary

Over the duration of the General Management Planning process, the Planning Team held three on-site team meetings and three virtual meetings. These meetings were critical to the development of the General Management Plan and particularly the creation of the 20-Year Management Zones and the 10-Year Action Goals. Additionally, the meetings were an opportunity to review input received from stakeholders and the public.

Overview of Planning Team Meetings

Team Meeting #1 Muskegon State Park (April 12, 2016) – The Planning Team’s kick-off meeting was an opportunity for Planning Team members to introduce themselves to one another, review the General Management Plan schedule, receive an overview and tour of Muskegon, discuss the park and its significance features, review the resource maps, and review the Supporting Analysis.

Team Meeting #2 Muskegon State Park (May 24, 2016) –The Planning Team met and began discussion with the supporting analysis and potential stakeholders to include for the future open house. They also suggested questions for the public input survey. The Planning Team worked together in drafting the park’s Management Zones and began brainstorming 10-year action goals for the park.

Team Meeting #3 Muskegon State Park (June 23, 2016) – The Planning Team met and reviewed the Draft Statements of Significance, Draft Management Zone Map, and Draft Action Goals. The Planning Team also finalized revisions to the online survey and the stakeholder list. A tour of Lost Lake was also given.

Team Meeting #4, Go-To-Meeting (September 15, 2016) – The Planning Team reviewed the input received from the stakeholder meeting and the online survey. The Team refined and made additions to the Draft Action Goals, taking into account the stakeholder and public input received. Discussion of the upcoming Public Open House occurred, including date and location options.

Team Meeting #5, Go-To-Meeting (October 19, 2016) – The Planning Team met and reviewed updates the maps, action goals, and GMP. The Management Zone and Amenities maps were discussed with revisions. The Action Goals were reviewed and confirmed project input and responsible parties. The Team discussed the internal review process and the format for the upcoming Open House.

Team Meeting #6, Go-To-Meeting (February 22, 2017) – The Planning Team met and discussed the input received from the Public Input Open House, and how those topics could be reflected in the plan. Minor revisions to the Action Goals and maps were made. The Team received an overview of the final steps in the process, as well as projected timeline.

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Kick-Off Meeting (Meeting #1) Summary
Tuesday, April 12th, 2016
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Muskegon State Park Headquarters
3560 Memorial Drive, North Muskegon MI, 49445

Planning Meeting Team Attendees: Rollie Johnson (District Supervisor), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Gregory Sherburn (Unit Supervisor), Matt Schwemin (Lead Worker), Josh Fogel (Ranger), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resources Analyst), Dean Anderson (Archaeologist), Rich O'Neal (Fisheries Biologist), Nikki VanBloem (Southern Trails Coordinator), David Fisher (Forester), Chris Simpson (Conservation Officer), Elizabeth Brockwell-Tillman (Park Interpreter), Peter Rose (Geologist), Guntis (Nik) Kalejs (Wildlife Biologist), Jason Bibby (Clearzoning), Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning)

- 1) Welcome and Introductions. The Team introduced themselves.
- 2) Muskegon State Park General Management Plan Schedule was presented by J. Bibby.
- 3) Overview Management Planning Process was presented D. Jensen. The Team reviewed the process and management zone descriptions.
- 4) Muskegon State Park Overview was presented by G. Sherburn. The following information was presented during the slide show, including discussion by the team:

Pre-park history

- Ryerson Hill & Company sawmill on Snug Harbor
- 1923 Louis Lunsford convinced County board to purchase.
- Area has strong lumber industry roots
- One of the deepest freshwater ports in Michigan

Acquisition

- 1923 transferred to State Park.
- Expansions over time.
- Most recent: Lost Lake Parcel purchased in 2009 by Land Conservancy of West Michigan and given to Muskegon State Park

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp

- Oct. 1933 to Sept 1934.
- Many projects including blockhouse
 - o Blockhouse served as an overlook feature as the highest point in Muskegon County
 - o Vandals burned it down in 1962
 - Rebuilt in 1964 (by some of vandals associated with burning in 1962)
 - o Design based off of eastern Pennsylvanian forts
 - o What a lot of folks think of when they think of Muskegon State Park

- Personal connection to many community members
- Worked with CWA (Civil Works Administration) and FERA (Federal Emergency Relief Agency)
- Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps (MCCC)

Park Highlights

- 1,233 acres between Lake Michigan and Muskegon Lake.
- Over 2 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline.
- Scenic sand dunes (critical dunes)
- Over 1 mile of Muskegon Lake frontage.
- Over 12 miles of hiking trails
 - Most trails across from the park headquarters and near the Sports Complex

Statistics

- 23,445 camp nights in 2015.
- 812,629 other visitors in 2015.
- 246 modern campsites

Piping Plover

- Nesting pair in 2015.
- First since 1950.
- 4 eggs hatched

Lake Michigan Beach

- Beautiful sand beach with space to spread out
- Lake Michigan Beach House (all but abandoned)
 - very underutilized
 - Used to have concessions, food, changing rooms, lifeguard quarters

Blockhouse

- Highest point in Muskegon County.
- Open from 8 am-10 pm seasonally.
- Replica of the 1934 CCC built building.
- Burned down in 1962
- Rebuilt in 1964
- Vandalism continues to be an issue.

Winter Sports Complex

- Skiing, skating, snowshoeing, luge, archery.
- Most accessible public run luge in North America (there are only 4 public ones in the USA)
- Summer luge, hiking, archery.
- Revamped master plan in 2015.
 - Looking to expand and be open year-round
- Home to Mark Grimmette and Justin Abdelkator

Channel Day Use area

- 2 sun shelters
- Memorial Benches
- US Army Corps of Engineers walkway.
- Vault toilet

Snug Harbor

- 3 skid piers for launching boats.

Lost Lake

- Purchased in 2009
- Coastal Plain Marsh – rare find in Michigan, more of an east coast ecosystem
 - o Atlantic Blue-eyed grass
 - o Cross-leaved Milkwort
 - o Tall Beak-rush

Channel Campground

- 128 campsites
- Located near Lake Michigan and Muskegon Lake.
- Two outdated modern restrooms
- Generally shady, with some sunny sites
- 20/30 amp service available on all sites. Also has some 50 amp sites
- Trails connected to Army Corps of Engineers channel walkway.

Lake Michigan Campground

- 106 campsites
- Walkway to Lake Michigan – one of the very first Stewardship projects
- Two modern restrooms
- 20/30 amp service on modern sites. Also has some 50 amp sites
- Generally open sites, with some shade
- Across the road from the Winter Sports Complex.
- Open for year round camping.

Organizational Campground

- 8 Campsites
- Organizational group camping
- Picnic shelter
- Vault toilets
- Heavily used by the Boy Scouts for camping

Yurt

- Opened in 2013
- Located near Winter Sports Complex
- Booked 222 nights in 2015
- Vault toilet provided
- Parking 200 yds. away
- Has paid for itself a few times already
- Wood burning stove inside

Mini-Cabins

- Available year round
- Two in Lake Michigan campground
- Two sets of bunk beds; sleeps four.
- Electricity, heat, microwave and refrigerator provided.
- Restroom facilities nearby

Activities

- Metal detecting
- Eagle watching
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Michigan's Adventure Amusement Park
- Biking
- Boating

Musketawa and Berry Junction Trails

- Whitehall to Michillinda Road
- 4.6 mile expansion in works
- Connects to Hart-Montague trail
- 25 mile all season trail between Marne and E. Muskegon
- Will eventually link up with Berry Junction trail

Events

- Camp-N-Clean
- Oktoberfest – 1,500 turn out
- Sgt. Preston (5k)
- Earth Wind & Tired (5k)
- Harvest Fest – nearly filled entire campground
- Party In Your Parka – similar to Oktoberfest
- Most events are fundraisers for Winter Sports Complex

Current Staff

- 4 full time staff (Supervisor, Account Tech, Lead Worker, Ranger).
- 5 seasonal Rangers
- 25 Seasonal Employees

ADA walkway

- Built in 2015 to connect 1st and 2nd loop in Channel Campground (210 ft. concrete poured)

Benches

- Memorial benches installed at Snug Harbor and Channel (1/2 dozen installed last year alone)

Channel Well

- Water well pump servicing Channel Campground and beach house failed and was replaced in 2015
- Located in a tricky spot.

Current and Future Projects

- Trails
- Building Upgrades
- Blockhouse
- Winter Sports Complex expansion

Facility and Development Needs

- Bathrooms
- Playgrounds
- Septic system
- ADA needs
- Blockhouse
- Roads
- Campsites
- New trail marking
- ADA fishing pier walkway
- New Yurt
- Winter Sports Complex plan
- Reestablish beach at Snug Harbor

Threats

- Garlic mustard
- Japanese Knotweed
- Oak Wilt
- Emerald Ash Borer
- Barberry
- Critical dunes
- Lost Lake

- 5) Park Tour and Overview. The Team toured the park, which included the Winter Sports Complex, the Blockhouse, Lake Michigan Campground, Channel Campground, and the Lake Michigan Beach House. Park staff discussed the history, significance, and concerns of the amenities visited.
- 6) Significant Features Exercise. The Planning Team was provided 5 post it notes to write down the parks unique and significant features that make it distinct from any other park in the state park system. Clearzoning categorized them by topic and asked for the Team to further elaborate.

Winter Sports Complex

- Luge (summer and winter)
- Winter activity to this area
- Muskegon area cornerstone in the winter
- Ice skating, skiing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing
- Archery in summer
- Year round users are passionate
- Planned for year round activities
- 501(c) within the park
- Fundraising/marketing flexibility
- Yurt full during winter weekends
- Groomed and lit ski trails
- Ice trails

Lake Michigan Shoreline

- Ease of access to shore
- 2 mile continuous length of shore
- Opportunity for different user experiences (fat tire biking, scenic car drive along shoreline)
- Brock Dock –Accessible
- Beach wheelchair for visitors

Muskegon Lake and Muskegon Channel

- Muskegon Lake fishery
- Ice fishing
- Snug Harbor
- Still 5 public water docks in Muskegon Lake

Fishing Opportunities

- Variety of species
- Boating access
- Fishing access

Lost Lake

- Recreation opportunities
- Hiking trails
- Ecological significance
- Threatened species
- Rare plants
- Coastal plain marsh
- Atlantic/gulf oddity in Midwest

Critical Dunes

- Forested dunes
- Stop over for migratory birds (migratory flyway)
- Open dunes extensive and continual
- Interdunal wetlands
- Rare flora and fauna
- More diverse at this park than at other dunes

Natural Community Diversity

- Rare and endangered species
- Piping Plovers nesting area
- Coastal plain marsh
- Dry-mesic northern forest
- Hardwood-conifer swamp
- Interdunal wetland
- Open dunes

Regional Recreation/Economic Development Opportunities

- Three state parks in area
- Close to urban amenities and markets
- Branding/partnership opportunities with the region

History

- Logging history with the Muskegon River
- MCCC/CCC
- One of the first state parks in Michigan
- Heritage roadway along shoreline

Blockhouse

- Only one in state park system
- Highest elevation point in county
- Personal connection with community

Camping

- Year-round
- "Old style" layout
- On both water ways
- Two campsite experiences, one is wooded and one is beachside

7) Supporting Analysis and Resource Maps Review. The Team reviewed and recommended edits and additional information to various sections of the draft Supporting Analysis. The Team will research and provide additional information as needed. Below are some of the areas where further details should be provided

- History of snurfing/snow boarding
- Nikki to determine regional trail ownership (Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail and Musketawa Trail)
- Ray to add to rare animal and plant list
- Addition of Muskegon Lake Area of Concern Beneficial Use Impairments
- Muskegon Lake channel/ relationship with Corps of Engineers

- 8) Next steps include K. Zarowny sending out a doodle poll to schedule the next two meeting to determine which dates would best fit Team members' schedules. G. Sherburn will invite the Executive Director from Winter Sports Complex to the next meeting to provide an overview of the recently completed Master Plan.

Muskegon State Park General Management Planning

**Planning Meeting #2
Tuesday, May 24th from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

**Muskegon State Park Headquarters
3560 Memorial Drive, North Muskegon MI, 49445**

SUMMARY

Attendees: Annamarie Bauer (Regional Planner), Rollie Johnson (District Supervisor), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Gregory Sherburn (Unit Supervisor), Matt Schwemin (Lead Worker), Josh Fogel (Ranger), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resources Analyst), Rich O'Neal (Fisheries Biologist), Jason Bibby (Clearzoning), Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning)

1. Review of the Kick-off Meeting Summary. The Team reviewed and approved the draft summary from the kick off meeting with minor clarifications.
2. Statements of Significance. The Team reviewed the first draft of the Statements of Significance, which was created from the input provided during the brainstorming session at the kick off meeting. The Team reworked the draft to provide more emphasis to the significant features, including focusing on the park's shoreline feature and water recreation opportunities. It was agreed that a statement reflecting the park's history and heritage should also be added.
3. Winter Sports Complex/Discussion. G. Sherburn provided a brief overview of the Winter Sports Complex, including its administrative structure, history, activities and programs, annual events, and plans for future expansion.
4. Review Resource Maps. The Planning Team reviewed the resource maps and made minor suggestions. This included the elimination of some resource maps that would not provide additional reference significance to the plan, as well clarifying the proper titles of others.
5. Draft Management Zone Activity. The Planning Team identified zones based on the Parks and Recreation Management Zone descriptions, on an aerial map. The team identified activities popular within certain areas of the park. The draft map presents the majority of the southern half park as Primitive, with Backcountry encompassing the mid-section of the park. Developed Recreation was identified at Snug Harbor, and the beach house area along Lake Michigan, the Sports Complex, the Blockhouse, and the campgrounds of the park. Natural Resource Recreation made up the trails located at the northeastern section of the park. Lost Lake was designated as Ecologically Sensitive. A Scenic Overlay was applied to parts of the Lake Michigan shoreline.
6. Review Stakeholders List and Focus Group. The Team provided input on what community members should be added to the master stakeholder list, which included municipalities, nature groups, and recreational associations among others. Greg was asked to consider a suitable venue for the stakeholder meeting likely to be held in July/August.
7. Supporting Analysis. The team reviewed the Supporting Analysis. Corrections and clarification on sections were provided. Additional information was recommended in certain sections, as well as the elimination of information that was found to be irrelevant to the park.

8. Action Goals. The Team brainstormed on an action goal wish list over the next ten years including any current issues that need to be addressed at the park.
9. Public Input Survey. The Planning Team was asked to consider what questions may be unique to the park when drafting the public input survey. Some recommendations included:
 - Would visitors support a requirement to use only locally sourced firewood?
 - Do visitors feel safer with the park's current alcohol regulations? Do they think they are unnecessary?
 - Fishing within the park
 - Would visitors like to see hunting opportunities within the park? If so, what? Where?
 - What do visitors envision for repurposing the beach house?
 - What are visitor's overall satisfaction with their park visit?
 - Do visitors explore other local amenities when visiting the park?
10. The Team discussed Team Meeting #3 for the following month as to what items would be revisited. Discussion on the stakeholder meeting took place, including the potential date and venue.

Muskegon State Park General Management Planning

Planning Meeting #3
Thursday, June 24th from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Muskegon State Park Headquarters
3560 Memorial Drive, North Muskegon MI, 49445

SUMMARY

Attendees: Annamarie Bauer (Regional Planner), Rollie Johnson (District Supervisor), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Gregory Sherburn (Unit Supervisor), Matt Schwemin (Lead Worker), Jason Bibby, and Karen Zarowny (Giffels Webster)

1. Review of Meeting Summary #2. The Team reviewed and approved the summary from the previous meeting with minor changes.
2. Statements of Significance. The Team reviewed the second draft of the Statements of Significance, which included the proposed statement on the park's history. The Team made minor clarifications to individual statements, as well as combined similar themes and reorganized the statements. Confirmation from Stewardship on the Natural Communities statement will be needed.
3. Draft Management Zone Activity. The Planning Team Reviewed the first draft of the Management Zone Map, and discussed possible changes. The Developed Recreation Zone was extended southwest along the Muskegon Channel, and the Scenic Overlay was expanded to the Beach House. The Ecological Zone was examined, and boundary was questioned as it encompassed the trail system around this area. Confirmation on the correct boundary for this zone will be needed from Stewardship. The Proposed Project Boundary was also readjusted to include a parcel northeast of the South Entrance. The Old Bay Mills Village site was questioned as to whether it should contain a Cultural Resource Overlay or not. Confirmation from Cultural Resource Analyst/State Archaeologist will be needed.
4. Review Public Online Survey. The Team reviewed the first draft of the Public Input Survey for the park. Questions were modified for simplicity, and additional suggestions were made. The Public Survey is scheduled to be released in July.
5. Action Goals. The Team reviewed the first draft of the action goal wish list over the next ten years. Additional goals were suggested, including:
 - Continue growth of partnership with the Sports Complex beyond the existing lease
 - Increase educational opportunities with/without technology
 - Install low-cost play infrastructure
 - Establish improved trail from the Blockhouse to the beach
 - Work with recreation partners to improve trail markers
 - Evaluate customer service/staff facilities for accessibility and efficiency
 - Explore underground infrastructure improvements

- Continue to work with County Road Commission in planned maintenance scheduling
6. Stakeholder Meeting Overview. The Stakeholder List was reviewed and received minor updates. The set up and agenda of the Stakeholder Meeting was shared with the Team. A location and date for the meeting has yet to be determined, but will likely be scheduled for August.

Muskegon State Park General Management Planning

**Planning Meeting #4
Thursday, September 15th from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Go-To-Meeting/Remote

SUMMARY

Attendees: Annamarie Bauer (Regional Planner), Rollie Johnson (District Supervisor), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Gregory Sherburn (Unit Supervisor), Ray Fahlsing (Unit Manager), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resources Analyst), Rich O’Neal (Fisheries Biologist), Nikki VanBloem (Southern Trails Coordinator), Guntis (Nik) Kalejs (Wildlife Biologist), Jason Bibby and Karen Zarowny (Giffels Webster)

1. Review of Meeting Summary #3. The Planning Team reviewed and approved the summary from the previous meeting with minor changes.
2. Review of Stakeholder Input Summary. The Planning Team reviewed and discussed comments compiled at the Stakeholder Input Meeting in August. Clarifying the organization of sub-headings were suggested. The Team discussed how to incorporate input into the action goals with emphasis on marketing and partnerships with local agencies.
3. Review of Survey Results and Summary. The Planning Team provided comments on the survey results including interesting points derived from survey and made minor edits to summary notes.
4. Statements of Significance. The Team reviewed the third draft of the Statements of Significance. The Team made minor clarifications, as well as concurring on having the Sports Complex be an individual statement due to its unique non-profit organization partnership with the Muskegon State Park.
5. Draft Management Zone Review. The Planning Team reviewed edits made to the draft Management Zone Map.
 - The Scenic Overlay was incorrect and needed to expand further south into the Developed Recreation Zone to the Beach House.
 - The Ecological Zone boundary will be reviewed by Debbie/Ray. The existing trails within the Ecological Zone are grandfathered in due to existing prior to the zoning designation.
 - Trails not shown north of Lost Lake were asked to be further investigated and provided to Giffels Webster for the map.
 - The Dedicated NRC Boundary was incorrectly shown on the map. In addition, the legend should be named Proposed Dedicated NRC boundary with new boundary extents suggested on map.
 - The Blockhouse was suggested to include a Cultural Overlay Zone boundary circle around it based on its cultural significance.
 - The Planning Team questioned the boundary of the Natural Resource Recreation Zone. Follow up with GIS would confirm whether it was based on a topographic feature. If determined to be arbitrary, the zone will be re-delineated to follow the trail system.

6. Action Goals. The Team reviewed the second draft of the action goal list over the next ten years. Minor grammatical edits to action goals were made along with additional goals suggested, including:

General Action Goals:

- Continue to assess infrastructure improvements within park system
- Consider non-motorized connectivity between the community and the park and between park elements
- Signage, both wayfinding and interpretive for park system
- Parking needs study along scenic drive
- Include GPS inventory of trails system in Muskegon State Park

Developed Recreation Zone Action Goals:

- Snug Harbor Improvements

7. Supporting Analysis. The team was asked to review and provide comments on the Supporting Analysis
8. Next Steps. Giffels Webster will make the updates suggested and begin to formulate the draft plan. The next planning team meeting will be held towards the end of October with a view towards holding the public input meeting in early December. Laketon Township Hall was suggested as a good location for the public meeting.

Muskegon State Park General Management Planning

**Planning Meeting #5
Thursday, October 19th
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Go-To-Meeting/Remote**

SUMMARY

Attendees: Annamarie Bauer (Regional Planner), Rollie Johnson (District Supervisor), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Peter Rose (State Geologist), Gregory Sherburn (Unit Supervisor), Matt Schwemin (Lead Worker), Jason Bibby and Karen Zarowny (Giffels Webster)

1. Review of Meeting Summary #4. The Planning Team reviewed and approved the summary from the previous meeting.
2. Review of the Draft General Management Plan. The Planning Team reviewed and discussed the first draft of the General Management Plan. Edits were proposed, including fixing formatting issues for page breaks and picture captions. The Team also discussed presentation of the proposed project boundary. A. Bauer suggested that we include an explanation of why the properties for expansion are desirable and how they would contribute to the park. Standardized language for these proposed project boundary properties may want to be developed for future General Management Plans. Giffels Webster and D. Jensen encouraged the Team to review the subsequent draft that will be sent to them.
3. Draft Management Zone Review. The Planning Team reviewed the map and suggested the following edits
 - Provide road names on both the management zone map and aerial
 - Clean up of the Ecological Zone boundary to follow the trail. D. Jensen asked G. Sherburn if the portion of the Lost Lake trail not currently shown on the map is official, which he confirmed.. D. Jensen suggested that mapping of the trails could be conducted by an intern.
 - The Scenic overlay was revised to be tailored along the day-use beach area to just the shoreline, excluding the parking lot area

The Planning Team also concluded to send letters to the property owners of land in the proposed project boundary to clarify why their property is being considered for future incorporation, reassuring that this would only on a willing seller-and-buyer basis. It should also be communicated that the DNR has no immediate intentions, or funding, to purchase land for park expansion.

4. Draft Action Goals Review. The Team reviewed the third draft of the action goal list for the next ten years. Timeline for Completion was completed for the majority of goals, as well as combining and eliminating redundant goals, or moving goals to correct categories.

5. Supporting Analysis Review. The team was asked to review and provide comments on the Supporting Analysis. D. Jensen will review and provide additional edits. Other Team members will be asked to provide clarifications on areas of their expertise that remain outstanding.

6. Public Input Open House/Venue Discussion. The Team discussed the potential location and date for the Public Input Open House, based on completion of required reviews by the Team and Departmental approvals. Public Open Houses are typically held in the evenings from 6PM to 8 PM. The team concurred the location of the stakeholder meeting would be ideal for Public Open House, and they would contact the venue for availability. Tentatively, the Team suggested the second week of January 2017 for the Open House, though there is a potential to move up the Open House to December if needed. Giffels Webster will send a DoodlePoll to the entire team to confirm their availability.

Muskegon State Park General Management Planning

**Planning Meeting #6
Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Go-To-Meeting/Remote**

SUMMARY

Attendees: Annamarie Bauer (Regional Planner), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Josh Fogel (Ranger), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resources Analyst) Rollie Johnson (District Supervisor), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Peter Rose (State Geologist), Gregory Sherburn (Unit Supervisor), Matt Schwemin (Lead Worker), Nikki VanBloem (Trails Coordinator), Jason Bibby, Deidre Clein, and Karen Zarowny (Giffels Webster)

1. Review of Meeting Summary #5. The Planning Team reviewed and approved the summary from the previous meeting with minor corrections.
2. Review of comments received at the January 17, 2017 Public Input Open House and via email. The team discussed the feedback received at the Public Input Open House and through the comment period. It was emphasized that there needed to be a balance between considering public suggestions and the feasibility and impact on the park. A carrying theme in the comments related to adding mountain biking/ fat biking in the park. While zoning could allow mountain bike use north of Memorial Drive, the suitability of the park given the topography, critical dunes and potential user conflicts was discussed. It was determined that a smaller team would review the needs and opportunities for mountain biking on a regional basis.

The team discussed possible strategies in connecting the park to the regional trail system, including possible points of contacts and key partners in such an initiative. The team considered if, and how, such accommodations could and should be made, taking into account activities already established, as well as critical dune area, ecologically sensitive areas, and wildlife habitat.

The team also considered comments about rustic beach conditions, with beach grooming currently constrained due to a shared system of grooming equipment between state parks along the west coast. Possible partnerships with City or County park systems or the purchase of additional equipment was discussed. Improved wayfinding and interpretive signage was also discussed.

3. Review of the General Management Zone Map. The Planning Team reviewed the map and suggested the following finalizing edits:
 - Minor boundary changes at the Ecologically Sensitive Zone to meet the trail
 - Minor boundary changes at the Developed Recreation Zone around Snug Harbor to meet the trail

- Minor boundary changes at the Natural Resource Recreation Zone to fill the “gap” right before the Backcountry Zone
4. Review of the 10-Year Action Goals. The team reviewed and made some revisions to the action goals, program input, and responsible party positions for clarification purposes. Two additional goals were incorporated based on public input:

General Action Goals			
Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Program Input From	Responsible Program Position
Review non-motorized recreation offerings on a regional basis to assess the need of additional opportunities within existing trails at the park outside of the Primitive Zone	1 year	Park Manager Regional Planner Stewardship District Supervisor Recreation Partners	Regional Planner Park Manager
Work with partners to ensure sustainable management and maintenance of trails	Ongoing	Park Manager Recreation Partners Community Partners	Recreation Partners

Action goals will be re-ordered to group like goals and/or in order of target completion date.

5. Review of General Management Plan. The Team was encouraged to review and provide comments on the GMP made available on the project website.
6. Next Steps Discussion. D. Jensen discussed the progress of the plan and how it will be under final review from the Michigan State Park Advisory Committee this coming June. The Team will be sent an updated version of the plan for review prior to being sent to the Committee.

Appendix D—Muskegon Sports Complex Master Plan Update Executive Summary

The Muskegon Sports Council, a non-profit recreation organization, has maintained and renewed a lease with the State of Michigan for use of property in Muskegon State Park for the Winter Sports Complex. This property includes the luge run, and other recreation infrastructure. The Winter Sports Complex is proposing to expand into a year-round facility, as outlined in their recent Master Plan Update. Attached is Executive Summary of the Master Plan.



Muskegon Winter Sports Complex/ Muskegon State Park

Many Reasons For All Seasons Master Plan Executive Summary

The Winter Sports Complex Master Plan update contains the following elements:

- Section 1** General Introduction and Project Purpose
- Section 2** Park Description
- Section 3** Administrative Structure
- Section 4** Demographic Detail and User Information
- Section 5** Physical Improvement, Programmatic Expansion and Funding
- Section 6** Marketing

General Introduction and Project Purpose

The Muskegon Winter Sports Complex is a multi-use recreational facility offering a range of outdoor, year-round recreational sports, activities, and events, most notably the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex has one of only four luges found in the United States and the **only** universally accessible summer wheel luge track in the world. The complex is operated by the Muskegon Sports Council under a joint agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The Muskegon Sports Council is a 501-(c)3, non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan. The complex has provided extensive programming over the past three decades and developed long lasting partnerships with many community organizations. The 2014-15 winter season saw over 30,000 visitors while commemorating 30 years of the Sports Complex providing quality recreational facilities, programming, and special events at Muskegon State Park in Muskegon County .

In **2013 the Muskegon Sports Council commissioned Access Recreation Group, LLC** to update the master plan to identify additional year-round activities as specified in the DNR use agreement and conduct additional user market research. This plan update is **funded by an Everyday Capacity Building Grant from the National Environmental Education Foundation and the Muskegon Sports Council General Fund.**

The *Many Reasons For All Seasons* plan adheres to the following project parameters :

Project Parameters

The following project parameters guided the development of the plan:

- *Market (customer) driven* – the plan should be responsive to the needs/desires of current members and event participants as well as the general public.
- *Recognize and complement existing, on-site, development* - existing facilities should serve as a base for future facility development or improvement.
- *Year-Round Outdoor Recreation Focus* – the plan should focus on multi-use recreational facility development offering a range of outdoor sports opportunities ***in all seasons*** enhancing the Michigan Department of Natural Resource Parks Division and Muskegon County’s position as a provider of recreational opportunities. Increasing participation with the DNR’s Recreation Passport program.
- *Consistent with MDNR “Recreation Plan” requirements* – where feasible, the plan should follow the Recreation Plan Requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
- *Universal accessibility*- Implement the Winter Sports Complex’s commitment to inclusive universally accessible design for all facilities and programs.
- *Compliment nearby local and state facilities* – the plan should avoid duplication of other facilities.
- *Consistent with area wide planning goals (local Recreation Plans)* – the plan should be consistent with the Recreation Plans of surrounding communities.

Park Description

Location: The Winter Sports Complex is located at 462 N. Scenic Road in the northwest corner of the Muskegon State Park, east of Scenic Drive and south of Fenner Road. Muskegon State Park lies in Laketon Township, approximately four miles west of the City of North Muskegon, Muskegon County, Michigan.

Muskegon State Park consists of a total of 1,233 acres. In 2008 an acquisition of 65 acres protected a rare ecosystem and environmentally sensitive area of the park known as Lost Lake. This was made possible by a local fundraising effort that raised \$420,000 to purchase the property from a private party. Muskegon State Park extends from the Muskegon Lake Channel to Fenner Road. It is bordered by Lake Michigan on the west and Muskegon Lake to the east.

Recreational facilities and activities currently available at the Sports Complex include:

- Luge
- Cross country skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Ice skating (rinks & ice skating trail)
- Hockey & Sled Hockey
- Sledding
- Biathlon

- Universally accessible summer wheeled luge
- Nature observation
- Archery
- Hiking
- Special Events - Fitness oriented special events
- Small orienteering & team building challenges
- Adaptive sports opportunities such as sled hockey, archery & roller hockey.

Administrative Structure

Management of the Winter Sports Complex is the responsibility of the Muskegon Sports Council. The Council is a 501-(c)3, non-profit, corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan. The Council is comprised of the following members:

- Executive Director
- 4 executive board members, 7 board members, 5 non-voting members

Demographic Detail and User Information

Regional Patron Potential

In the development of the master plan, utilizing data from past market research, the regional potential visitor base was estimated at approximately 123 visitors per 1,000 population. Potential patrons represent that segment of the population expressing interest in visiting the complex. A potential patron may or may not complete a site visit, therefore, caution must be used when applying this data. Applying the above factors, this table provides an estimate of potential visitors from the regional counties.

COUNTY	POPULATION 2013	POTENTIAL VISITORS
MUSKEGON	171,008	21,034
OCEANA	26,245	3,228
OTTAWA	272,701	33,542
KENT	621,700	76,469
NEWAYGO	48,001	5,904

TOTAL	1,139,655	140,178
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Midwest Visitor Potential

The state of Michigan potential visitor base is estimated at approximately 31 potential visitors per 1,000 population. The surrounding states are estimated at approximately 12 potential visitors per 1,000 population.

STATE	POPULATION 2013	POTENTIAL VISITORS
MICHIGAN	9,895,622	306,764
ILLINOIS	12,882,135	154,586
INDIANA	6,570,902	78,851
OHIO	11,570,808	138,850
TOTAL	40,919,467	679,051

Physical Improvement, Programmatic Expansion and Funding

MANY REASONS FOR ALL SEASONS

Based on the market research conducted during the update of this plan the following priorities have been identified by the Muskegon Sports Council as the most viable and sustainable improvements that best match our mission and *best serve park visitors in a year-round capacity*. These proposals would take place in the developed lease use area of the park. It is recommended full concentration be first placed on the following three improvements as they will serve as the anchor year-round recreational features of the Sports Complex. Paired with the year round improvements would establish the “critical mass” of activities and facilities to market to and attract users from the Midwest population listed above.

Lake Michigan Dunes Interpretive Zip Line and Canopy Trail

Phase One- Two parallel mega zip lines launching from the top of the luge track traversing over both the winter and summer luge tracks.

Phase Two- A world class Interpretive canopy trail would serve as the anchor year-round attraction for the facility. Not to be confused with a zipline tour which is typically a short, fast tour on pole-built platforms — with emphasis on speed and fun. Interpretive canopy trail tours are built in trees and can take up to three hours to complete. The runs are still long and fast, but guides emphasize educational talking points throughout the tour, and the focus is very much on nature.

120'x240' Multi Purpose Sports Pavilion- This multi-purpose sports pavilion will provide several additional recreational opportunities for the sports complex area. In addition it will extend the skating season by shielding the sun from the ice. It would be located on the existing ice rink area directly West of the lodge.

The Dunes Climbing Wall Facility- A well designed and “one of a kind” climbing wall facility will provide a unique experience for local residents and attracting visitors from around the Midwest.

Lodge Expansion- Double the size of the existing lodge to accommodate current and an increased level of visitors as new recreation opportunities are brought online.

Shared Use Maintenance Garage- Relocate and construct a new maintenance garage in a more accessible location near the parking lot. A multi-stall structure that would accommodate shared use space for the State Park operations as well.

Garage Conversion- Convert the existing maintenance garage into a ski rental facility.

Parking- Provide additional lighted parking to resolve traffic and parking issues

Muskegon State Park Fitness Trail- Program a mixed use fitness trail that would include walking, running and biking along the existing accessible gravel trail surfaces with a trail maintenance and monitoring agreement. Improve existing accessibility surfaces, and provide improved fitness trail signage and mapping. Also include trail widening in some narrow areas to meet minimum ski trail design standards.

Lighted Snowshoe Trail- Add a seasonal, parallel trail along existing lighted trails to extend time of use of lighted trails for the fast growing number of snowshoers.

Biathlon Range- Locate a range near the summer luge with accessibility from existing cross country skiing trails.

Ice Skating- Add an additional loop to the popular skating trail to accommodate the growing number of users.

Emergency/Maintenance Access Road- Reestablish to the luge area utilizing an old two track road from Scenic Dr.

Completion of Approved 2007 Accessibility Improvements- Continue to pursue accessibility to the upper luge for winter luge activities, plus develop the starting launch station for the proposed canopy tour. Install a hillside incline elevator and modify the luge track to reverse the flow of the track finish as approved in a DNR W.I.P (Work item proposal) in 2008.

Estimated (non-design) Project Costs

Project	Cost
Canopy Tour	Ph.1 \$100,000 Ph.2 \$500,000
Multi-Use Pavilion	\$500,000
Rock Climbing Center	\$200,000
Lodge Expansion	\$500,000
Shared Use Garage	\$100,000
Ex. Garage Conversion	\$50,000
Parking	\$50,000
Sports Fitness Trail	\$7,000+ (\$100,000 Trail Resurfacing)
SnowShoe Trail	\$10,000
Biathlon Range	\$15,000
Ice Skating Trail Loop	\$3000
Emerg. Road Access	\$5000
<i>2007 WIP Accessibility Improvements</i>	<i>\$250,000</i>
Project Cost Range	\$1.7 million - \$2.7 million

Note: Cost estimates are based on general concepts as opposed to detailed facility design. Estimates are subject to variation depending on project timing, bid climate, final design, and like factors. WIP accessibility improvements require additional design to affirm cost.

Project Funding

As outlined above, project costs range from approximately \$400,000 to \$2,000,000+. As a non-profit entity, such funding is beyond the capability of the Muskegon Sports Council. Therefore, outside funding assistance will be required to complete the projects.

The Muskegon Sports Council and Sports Complex leadership is exploring the details of a potential partnership with the Muskegon County as leaseholder of the Winter Sports Complex. The County's funding involvement through a County-wide Quality of Life millage renewal, set for an August, 2016 vote, would help leverage additional grants for facility development and park improvements. Future potential outside funding sources could include grants through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund, the National Park Service, the Community Foundation for Muskegon, Muskegon County, Laketon Township, corporate donors, civic group donations and vendor participation.

Operation and Maintenance Considerations

Until recent years, operation and maintenance costs have consumed a large majority of the gross revenues of the Winter Sports Complex operation. This does not include consideration for in-kind services provided by volunteers. The installation of facility improvements will result in an increase in operation and maintenance costs. The proposed facilities will provide additional fee based activities that occur during the peak of the summer tourism season and shoulder months. It is important to note that as existing facilities age, operation and maintenance costs will likely increase. Additional revenue sources to consider include:

- Revenue from new activities will provide income and help stabilize operations.
- Increased outreach to the surrounding communities, schools, organizations and youth sports.
- Rental of the pavilion during non-use periods
- Corporate/foundation/agency/sponsorships and/or donations
- Annual fundraising events
- Grant funding participation by Muskegon County and Laketon Township.

To help contain operation and maintenance costs, new facilities should be designed and constructed to be energy efficient, able to withstand high levels of use in very cold & wet weather, and maintenance friendly. Warranties should be mandatory for all new construction and equipment.

Marketing

Importance of Marketing

The complex enjoys significant local, regional and national media attention covering its winter operations. The complex currently has a comprehensive marketing program that helps ensure ongoing awareness of the Sports Complex, increases the public's awareness of facility improvements and program successes, and conveys the importance of the facility to the Muskegon and greater regional areas. To aid in these efforts the complex currently employs the creative services of a well respected local marketing firm. As new facilities and year round activities are realized, marketing will be a key component to realizing the maximum use as indicated in our patron potentials listed above.

Similar to private (commercial) recreational operations, marketing is a key component pursuant to expansion of the patron base as well as maintaining existing customer and income levels. Although the Muskegon Sports Complex is not a for-profit operation, its long-term success remains highly dependent on the receipt of adequate fees generated from facility users. Bringing year-round facilities and recreation will provide more reliable fees, help support the general operation and maintenance of the facility, as well as the implementation of new improvements and marketing activities.

These improvements will provide unique recreational opportunities for State Park users, local residents as well as regionally draw visitors to the Muskegon area. Increased visitation and user enjoyment will provide benefits to the local business economy and MDNR Parks Division helping increase loyalty to and purchase of the Recreation Passport.

In addition, providing the critical mass of activities needed to increase the sustainability of our organization and allow us to continue the legacy of adhering to our mission to provide quality, reliable, accessible, year-round recreational facilities and programming to both Muskegon County Residents and visitors to the area. To also uphold the strict environmental guidelines set forth by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and to protect and the quality and enjoyment of the Muskegon State Park.

Appendix E—USACE Lease Agreement

The State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has entered into a lease with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The DNR is the lessee of the north breakwater, north revetment and north pier of the Muskegon Harbor Navigation Project., located within southern portion of the state park. The lease agreement allows for the area to be used for recreation activities. The DNR is also responsible for any maintenance or future improvement of the site. The current lease was signed in 2013 and is in effect for 25 years. A copy of the agreement, as well as cover letter, has been included.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
DETROIT DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
477 MICHIGAN AVENUE
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226-2550

December 18, 2013

IN REPLY REFER TO
Real Estate Division

Kevin G. Kico
Park Supervisor, Muskegon State Park
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
3560 Memorial Drive
North Muskegon, Michigan 49445

Dear Mr. Kico:

We are confirming receipt of your Certificate of Authority and statement of self-insurance. Therefore, attached is a fully executed copy of Department of the Army Lease No. W911XK-1-13-3001, which authorizes continued park and recreation activities on land adjacent to the U.S. North Breakwater, including all of the U.S. North Pier and U.S. North Revetment located at the Muskegon Harbor Federal Navigation Project, Michigan.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shawn Sanchez of my staff by e-mail at Shawn.S.Sanchez@usace.army.mil or by phone at (313) 226-1326.

Sincerely,

PK
Victor L. Kotwicki
Chief, Real Estate Division
Detroit, Buffalo, and Chicago Districts

Enclosures

Copy Furnished (via e-mail):

DNR: Mr. Kevin Kico, Mr. Roland Johnson, and Ms. Brenda Mikula

USACE:

Lake Michigan Area Office: Tom O'Bryan
Operations Office: Dave Wright, Steven Rose, and Jim Tapp
Real Estate Division: Victor Kotwicki and Robert Jameson

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LEASE TO STATES
FOR PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES
MUSKEGON HARBOR FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT
MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

THIS LEASE is made on behalf of the United States, between the SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, hereinafter referred to as the Secretary, and the STATE OF MICHIGAN, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, hereinafter referred to as the Lessee,

WITNESSETH:

That the Secretary, by authority of Title 16, United States Code, Section 460d, and for the consideration hereinafter set forth, hereby leases to the Lessee, the property identified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereinafter referred to as the premises, for public park and recreational purposes.

THIS LEASE is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. TERM

Said premises are hereby leased for a term of twenty-five (25) years, beginning on 1 March 2013, and ending on 29 February 2048.

2. CONSIDERATION

The consideration for this Lease is the operation and maintenance of the premises by the Lessee for the benefit of the United States and the general public in accordance with the conditions herein set forth.

3. NOTICES

All correspondence and notices to be given pursuant to this Lease shall be addressed, if to the Lessee, to the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Division, Park Supervisor, 3560 Memorial Drive, North Muskegon, Michigan, 49445; and, if to the United States, to the U.S. Army Engineer District, Detroit, ATTN: Chief, Real Estate Division, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226, or as may from time to time otherwise be directed by the parties. Notice shall be deemed to have been duly given if and when enclosed in a properly sealed envelope, or wrapper, addressed as aforesaid, and deposited, postage prepaid, in a post office regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service.

4. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES

Except as otherwise specifically provided, any reference herein to "Secretary of the Army," "District Engineer," "said officer" or "Lessor" shall include their duly authorized representatives. Any reference to "Lessee" shall include sublessees, assignees, transferees, concessionaires, and its duly authorized representatives.

5. DEVELOPMENT PLANS

a. The Lessee shall be guided by an implementing Plan of Recreation Development and Management (Development Plan) attached as **Exhibit "B"** which shows the facilities and services necessary to meet the current and potential public demand, management, and development activities to be undertaken by the Lessee and any sublessees. The Lessee shall provide a copy of any amendment to the Development Plan before proceeding to implement any changes in the development or management of the leased premises. The use and occupation of the premises shall be subject to the general supervision and approval of the District Engineer.

b. During the term of the Lease, the District Engineer will notify the Lessee of any updates to the existing project Master Plan affecting the premises and the Lessee may provide comments.

6. STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT

The Lessee shall have the right, during the term of the Lease, to erect such structures and to provide such equipment upon the premises as may be necessary to furnish the facilities and services authorized. Those structures and equipment shall be and remain the property of the Lessee, except as otherwise provided in the Condition on **RESTORATION**.

7. APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

a. The Lessee shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations, and with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State, County, and municipality wherein the premises are located, including, but not limited to, those regarding construction, health, safety, food service, water supply, sanitation, use of pesticides, and Licenses or Permits to do business. The Lessee shall make and enforce such regulations as are necessary and within its legal authority in exercising the privileges granted in this Lease, provided that such regulations are not inconsistent with those issued by the Secretary of the Army or with the provisions of 16 U.S.C. § 460d.

b. The Lessee will provide an annual certification that all water and sanitary systems on the premises have been inspected and comply with Federal, State, and local standards. The Lessee will also provide a statement of compliance with the Rehabilitations Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as required in the condition on **NON-DISCRIMINATION**, noting any deficiencies and providing a schedule for correction.

8. CONDITION OF PREMISES

The Lessee acknowledges that it has inspected the premises, knows its condition, and understands that the same is leased without any representations or warranties whatsoever, and without obligation on the part of the United States to make any alterations, repairs, or additions thereto.

9. FACILITIES AND SERVICES

The Lessee shall provide the facilities and services as agreed upon in the Development Plan referred to in the Condition on **DEVELOPMENT PLANS** either directly or through subleases or concession agreements that have been reviewed and accepted by the District Engineer. These subleases or agreements shall state: (1) that they are granted subject to the provisions of this Lease; and (2) that the agreement will not be effective until the third party activities have been approved by the District Engineer. The Lessee will not allow any third party activities with a rental to the Lessee or prices to the public which would give the third party an undue economic advantage or circumvent the intent of the Development Plan. The rates and prices charged by the Lessee or its sub-lessees or concessionaires shall be reasonable and comparable to rates charged for similar goods and services by others in the area. The use of sub-lessees and concessionaires will not relieve the Lessee from the primary responsibility for ensuring compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this Lease.

10. TRANSFERS, ASSIGNMENTS, SUBLEASES

a. Without prior written approval of the District Engineer, the Lessee shall neither transfer nor assign this Lease nor sublet the premises or any part thereof, nor grant any interest, privilege, or license whatsoever in connection with this Lease.

b. The Lessee will not sponsor or participate in timeshare ownership of any structures, facilities, accommodations, or personal property on the premises. The Lessee will not subdivide nor develop the premises into private residential development.

11. FEES

Fees may be charged by the Lessee for the entrance to or use of the premises or any facilities; however, no user fees may be charged by the Lessee or its sub-lessees for use of facilities developed in whole or part with Federal funds if prohibited by 16 U.S.C. § 460d-3.

12. ACCOUNTS, RECORDS, AND RECEIPTS

All monies received by the Lessee from operations conducted on the premises, including, but not limited to, entrance, admission, and user fees and rental, or other consideration received from its concessionaires, may be utilized by the Lessee for the administration, maintenance, operation, and development of the premises. Beginning five (5) years from the date of this Lease and continuing at five (5) year intervals, any such monies not so utilized or programmed for utilization within a reasonable time shall be paid to the District Engineer. The Lessee shall provide an annual statement of receipts and expenditures to the District Engineer. Annual or weekly entrance fees not collected on the Project, which also are honored at other recreational areas operated by the Lessee, are excluded from this requirement. The District Engineer shall have the right to perform audits or to require the Lessee to audit the records and accounts of the Lessee, third party concessionaires and sub-lessees, in accordance with auditing standards and procedures promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or by the State, and furnish the District Engineer with the results of such an audit.

13. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

The Lessee shall be responsible for any damage that may be caused to property of the United States by the activities of the Lessee under this Lease and shall exercise due diligence in the protection of all property located on the premises against fire or damage from any and all other causes. Any property of the United States damaged or destroyed by the Lessee incident to the exercise of the privileges herein granted shall be promptly repaired or replaced by the Lessee to the satisfaction of the District Engineer, or, at the election of the District Engineer, reimbursement may be made therefor by the Lessee in an amount necessary to restore or replace the property to a condition satisfactory to the District Engineer.

14. RIGHT TO ENTER AND FLOOD

a. The right is reserved to the United States, its officers, agents, and employees to enter upon the premises at any time and for any purpose necessary or convenient in connection with Government

purposes; to make inspections; to remove timber or other material, except property of the Lessee; to flood the premises; to manipulate the level of the lake or pool in any manner whatsoever; and/or to make any other use of the land as may be necessary in connection with project purposes, and the Lessee shall have no claim for damages on account thereof against the United States or any officer, agent, or employee thereof.

b. The Lessee expressly agrees to make no claim under flood insurance issued under any Federal Government program for loss to any property of the Lessee located on the premises which arises from or is incident to the flooding of the premises by the Government.

15. LIGHTS, SIGNALS, AND NAVIGATION

There shall be no unreasonable interference with navigation by the exercise of the privileges granted by this Lease. If the display of lights and signals on any work hereby authorized is not otherwise provided for by law, such lights and signals as may be prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard or by the District Engineer shall be installed and maintained by and at the expense of the Lessee.

16. INSURANCE

a. At the commencement of this lease, the Lessee, unless self-insured, and its sub-lessees and concessionaires at the commencement of operating under the terms of this lease as third parties, shall obtain from a reputable insurance company or companies contracts of liability insurance. The insurance shall provide an amount not less than that which is prudent, reasonable and consistent with sound business practices, for any number of persons or claims arising from any one incident with respect to bodily injuries or death resulting therefrom, property damage, or both, suffered or alleged to have been suffered by any person or persons, resulting from the operations of the sub-lessees and concessionaires under the terms of this lease. The Lessee shall require its insurance company to furnish to the District Engineer a copy of the policy or policies, or, if acceptable to the District Engineer, certificates of insurance evidencing the purchase of such insurance.

b. The insurance policy or policies shall specifically provide protection appropriate for the types of facilities, services and products involved; and shall provide that the District Engineer be given thirty (30) days notice of any cancellation or change in such insurance.

c. The District Engineer may require closure of any or all of the premises during any period for which the sub-lessees and concessionaires do not have the required insurance coverage.

17. RESTORATION

On or before the expiration of this Lease, or its termination by the Lessee, the Lessee shall vacate the premises, remove the property of the Lessee, and restore the premises to a condition satisfactory to the District Engineer. If, however, this Lease is revoked, the Lessee shall vacate the premises, remove said property therefrom, and restore the premises to the aforesaid condition within such time as the District Engineer may designate. In either event, if the Lessee shall fail or neglect to remove said property and restore the premises, then, at the option of the District Engineer, said property shall either become the property of the United States without compensation therefor, or the District Engineer may cause the property to be removed and no claim for damages against the United States or its officers or agents shall be created by or made on account of such removal and restoration work. The Lessee shall also pay the United States on demand any sum which may be expended by the United States after the expiration, revocation, or termination of this Lease in restoring the premises.

18. NON-DISCRIMINATION

a. The Lessee shall not discriminate against any person or persons or exclude them from participation in the Lessee's operations, programs, or activities conducted on the leased premises, because of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. The Lessee will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and attendant Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) published by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

b. The Lessee, by acceptance of this Lease, is receiving a type of Federal assistance and, therefore, hereby gives assurance that it will comply with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794); and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Directive of the Department of Defense (32 CFR Part 300) issued as Department of Defense Directives 5500.11 and 1020.1, and Army Regulation 600-7. This assurance shall be binding on the Lessee, its agents, successors, transferees, sub-lessees, and assignees.

19. SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS

This Lease is subject to all existing easements, easements subsequently granted, and established access routes for roadways and utilities located, or to be located, on the premises, provided that the proposed grant of any new easement or route will be coordinated with the Lessee, and easements will not be granted which will, in the opinion of the District Engineer, interfere with developments, present or proposed, by the Lessee. The Lessee will not close any established access routes without written permission of the District Engineer.

20. SUBJECT TO MINERAL INTERESTS

This Lease is subject to all outstanding mineral interests. As to Federally owned mineral interests, it is understood that they may be included in present or future mineral leases issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), which has responsibility for mineral development on Federal lands. The Secretary will provide lease stipulations to BLM for inclusion in such mineral leases that are designed to protect the premises from activities that would interfere with the Lessee's operations or would be contrary to local laws.

21. COMPLIANCE, CLOSURE, REVOCATION, AND RELINQUISHMENT

a. The Lessee and/or any sub-lessees or Licensees are charged at all times with full knowledge of all the limitations and requirements of this Lease, and the necessity for correction of deficiencies, and with compliance with reasonable requests by the District Engineer. This Lease may be revoked in the event the Lessee violates any of the terms and conditions and continues and persists in such non-compliance. The Lessee will be notified of any non-compliance, which notice shall be in writing or shall be confirmed in writing, giving a period of time in which to correct the non-compliance. Failure to satisfactorily correct any substantial or persistent non-compliance within the specified time is grounds for closure of all or part of the premises, temporary suspension of operation, or revocation of the Lease, after notice in writing of such intent. Future requests by the Lessee to extend the Lease, expand the premises, modify authorized activities, or assign the Lease shall take into consideration the Lessee's past performance and compliance with the Lease terms.

b. This Lease may be relinquished by the Lessee by giving one (1) year prior written notice to the District Engineer in the manner prescribed in the Condition on **NOTICES**.

22. HEALTH AND SAFETY

a. The Lessee shall keep the premises in good order and in a clean, sanitary, and safe condition, and shall have the primary responsibility for ensuring that any sub-lessees and concessionaires operate and maintain the premises in such a manner.

b. In addition to the rights of revocation for non-compliance, the District Engineer, upon discovery of any hazardous conditions on the premises that presents an immediate threat to health and/or danger to life or property, will so notify the Lessee and will require that the affected part or all of the premises be closed to the public until such condition is corrected and the danger to the public eliminated. If the condition is not corrected, the District Engineer will have the option to: (1) correct the hazardous conditions and collect the cost of repairs from the Lessee; or, (2) revoke the Lease. The Lessee and its assignees or sub-lessees shall have no claim for damages against the United States, or any officer, agent, or employee thereof on account of action taken pursuant to this condition.

23. PUBLIC USE

No attempt shall be made by the Lessee, or any of its sub-lessees or concessionaires, to forbid the full use by the public of the premises and of the water areas of the project, subject, however, to the authority and responsibility of the Lessee to manage the premises and provide safety and security to the visiting public.

24. PROHIBITED USES

a. The Lessee shall not permit gambling on the premises, or install or operate, or permit to be installed or operated thereon, any device which is illegal, or use the premises or permit them to be used for any illegal business or purpose. There shall not be conducted on or permitted upon the premises any activity which would constitute a nuisance.

b. As an exception, some games of chance, such as raffles, games, and sporting events, may be conducted by nonprofit organizations under special use permits issued in conjunction with special events, if permissible by State and local law. Any request to conduct such activities must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer.

c. In accordance with State and local laws and regulations, the Lessee may sell, store, or dispense, or permit the sale, storage, or dispensing of beer, malt beverages, light wines, or other intoxicating

beverages on the premises in those facilities where such service is customarily found. Bar facilities will only be permitted if offered in connection with other approved activities. Advertising of such beverages outside of buildings is not permitted. Carry out package sales of hard liquor is also prohibited.

25. NATURAL RESOURCES

The Lessee shall cut no timber, conduct no mining operations, remove no sand, gravel, or kindred substances from the ground, commit no waste of any kind, nor in any manner substantially change the contour or condition of the premises, except as may be authorized under and pursuant to the Development Plan described in the Condition on **DEVELOPMENT PLANS** herein. The Lessee may salvage fallen or dead timber; however, no commercial use shall be made of such timber. Except for timber salvaged by the Lessee when in the way of construction of improvements or other facilities, all sales of forest products will be conducted by the United States and the proceeds therefrom shall not be available to the Lessee under the provisions of this Lease.

26. DISPUTES CLAUSE

a. Except as provided in the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 601-613) (the Act), all disputes arising under or relating to this Lease shall be resolved under this clause and the provisions of the Act.

b. "Claim," as used in this clause, means a written demand or written assertion by the Lessee seeking, as a matter of right, the payment of money in a sum certain, the adjustment of interpretation of Lease terms, or other relief arising under or relating to this Lease. A claim arising under this Lease, unlike a claim relating to the Lease, is a claim that can be resolved under a Lease clause that provides for the relief sought by the Lessee. However, a written demand or written assertion by the Lessee seeking the payment of money exceeding \$50,000 is not a claim under the Act until certified as required by subparagraph c.(2) below.

c. (1) A claim by the Lessee shall be made in writing and submitted to the District Engineer for a written decision. A claim by the Government against the Lessee shall be subject to a written decision by the District Engineer.

(2) For Lessee claims exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the Lessee shall submit with the claim a certification that:

- (i) The claim is made in good faith;
- (ii) Supporting data are accurate and complete to the best of the Lessee's knowledge and belief; and
- (iii) The amount requested accurately reflects the Lease adjustment for which the Lessee believes the Government is liable.

(3) (i) If the Lessee is an individual, the certificate shall be executed by that individual.

(ii) If the Lessee is not an individual, the certification shall be executed by:

(A) A senior company official in charge at the Lessee's location involved; or

(B) An officer or general partner of the Lessee having overall responsibility of the conduct of the Lessee's affairs.

d. For Lessee claims of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less, the District Engineer must, if requested in writing by the Lessee, render a decision within sixty (60) days of the request. For Lessee-certified claims over fifty thousand dollars \$50,000, the District Engineer must, within sixty (60) days, decide the claim or notify the Lessee of the date by which the decision will be made.

e. The District Engineer's decision shall be final unless the Lessee appeals or files a suit as provided in the Act.

f. At the time a claim by the Lessee is submitted to the District Engineer or a claim by the Government is presented to the Lessee, the parties, by mutual consent, may agree to use alternative means of dispute resolution. When using alternate dispute resolution procedures, any claim, regardless of amount, shall be accompanied by the certificate described in paragraph c.(2) of this clause, and executed in accordance with paragraph c.(3) of this clause.

g. The Government shall pay interest on the amount found due and unpaid by the Government from (1) the date the District Engineer received the claim (properly certified if required), or (2) the date payment otherwise would be due, if that date is later, until the date of payment. Simple interest on claims shall be paid at the rate, fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, as provided in the Act, which

is applicable to the period during which the District Engineer receives the claim, and then at the rate applicable for each six (6) month period as fixed by the Treasury Secretary during the pendency of the claim.

h. The Lessee shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Lease, pending final resolution of any request for relief, claim, appeal, or action arising under the Lease, and comply with any decision of the District Engineer.

27. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

a. Within the limits of their respective legal powers, the parties to this Lease shall protect the project against pollution of its air, ground, and water. The Lessee shall comply promptly with any laws, regulations, conditions or instructions affecting the activity hereby authorized, if and when issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, or any Federal, State, interstate, or local governmental agency having jurisdiction to abate or prevent pollution. The disposal of any toxic or hazardous materials within the premises is specifically prohibited. Such regulations, conditions, or instructions in effect or prescribed by the Environmental Protection Agency, or any Federal, State, interstate, or local governmental agency, are hereby made a condition of this Lease. The Lessee shall require all sanitation facilities on boats moored at the Lessee's facilities, including rental boats, to be sealed against any discharge into any water bodies. Services for waste disposal, including sewage pump-out of watercraft, shall be provided by the Lessee as appropriate. The Lessee shall not discharge waste or effluent from the premises in such a manner that the discharge will contaminate streams or other bodies of water, or otherwise become a public nuisance.

b. The Lessee will use all reasonable means available to protect the environment and natural resources, and where damage nonetheless occurs from the Lessee's activities, the Lessee shall be liable to restore the damaged resources.

c. The Lessee must obtain approval in writing from the District Engineer before any pesticides or herbicides are applied to the premises.

28. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION OF PROPERTY

An Environmental Condition of Property (ECP) documenting the known history of the property with regard to the storage, release, or disposal of hazardous substances thereon is attached hereto and made a

part hereof as **Exhibit "C"**. Upon expiration, revocation, or termination of this Lease, another ECP shall be prepared which will document the environmental condition of the property at that time. A comparison of the two assessments will assist the District Engineer in determining any environmental restoration requirements. Any such requirements will be completed by the Lessee in accordance with the condition on **RESTORATION**.

29. HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Lessee shall not remove or disturb, or cause or permit to be removed or disturbed, any historical, archaeological, architectural, or other cultural artifacts, relics, remains, or objects of antiquity. In the event such items are discovered on the premises, the Lessee shall immediately notify the District Engineer and protect the site and the material from further disturbance until the District Engineer gives clearance to proceed.

30. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

The Lessee shall maintain, in a manner satisfactory to the District Engineer, all soil and water conservation structures that may be in existence upon said premises at the beginning of, or that may be constructed by the Lessee during the term of, this Lease, and the Lessee shall take appropriate measures to prevent or control soil erosion within the premises. Any soil erosion occurring outside the premises resulting from the activities of the Lessee shall be corrected by the Lessee as directed by the District Engineer.

31. TRANSIENT USE

a. Camping, including transient trailers or recreational vehicles, at one or more campsites for a period longer than thirty (30) days during any sixty (60) consecutive day period is prohibited. The Lessee will maintain a ledger and reservation system for the use of any such campsites.

b. Occupying any lands, buildings, vessels, or other facilities within the premises for the purpose of maintaining a full- or part-time residence is prohibited, except for employees residing on the premises for security purposes, if authorized by the District Engineer.

32. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Lessee warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Lease upon an agreement

or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Lessee for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the United States shall have the right to annul this Lease without liability or, in its discretion, to require the Lessee to pay, in addition to the Lease rental or consideration, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

33. OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

No Member of or Delegate to Congress or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this Lease or to any benefits to arise therefrom. However, nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any incorporated company if the Lease be for the general benefit of such corporation or company.

34. MODIFICATIONS

This Lease contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and no modification of this agreement, or waiver, or consent hereunder shall be valid unless the same be in writing, signed by the parties to be bound or by a duly authorized representative; and this provision shall apply to this clause as well as all other conditions of this Lease.

35. DISCLAIMER

This Lease is effective only insofar as the rights of the United States in the premises are concerned; and the Lessee shall obtain any Permit or License which may be require by Federal, State, or local statute in connection with the use of the premises. It is understood that the granting of this Lease does not preclude the necessity of obtaining a Department of the Army Regulatory Permit for activities which involve the discharge of dredge or fill material or the placement of fixed structures in the waters of the United States, pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 3 March 1899 (33 U.S.C. § 403), and Section 404 of the Clean Waters Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344).

36. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

a. This Lease is for public park and recreational activities on approximately 1.78 acres of land adjacent to the U.S. North Breakwater, and includes all of the U.S. North Pier and U.S. North Revetment at the Muskegon Harbor Federal Navigation Project. The activities on the premises include, but are not limited to, passive

recreational activities such as picnicking, walking, running, fishing, bird watching, and sightseeing of the waterway and surrounding areas. To support these activities various improvements have been or will be installed on the premises to include two sun shelters with picnic tables underneath them, park benches, and five walkway connections. The walkway connections are located at the two sun shelters, the two transverse fishing piers, and one connection leads to the campsites just east of the eastern transverse fishing pier, as depicted on Exhibit "B", Sheet 2 of 5.

b. All activities on the premises, including detailed construction plans for any future improvements, must be coordinated with the Area Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer Detroit, Lake Michigan Area Office, Grand Haven Sub-Office, 307 South Harbor Street, Grand Haven, Michigan, 49417. The Grand Haven Sub Office can be reached by phone at (616) 842-5510. This review is required to insure that the Lessee's construction is consistent with the purpose and integrity of the Muskegon Harbor Federal Navigation Project, and is not intended as a detailed engineering review. The Federal Government assumes no responsibility or liability for the technical sufficiency of the Lessee's construction.

c. All local contacts and coordination between the parties hereto may be done by phone or e-mail with the following contacts:

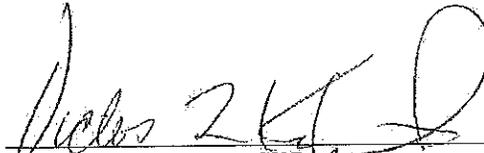
For the Lessee:

Mr. Kevin Klco, Park Supervisor, Muskegon State Park
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
(231) 744-3480 (office), (231) 750-4302 (cell)
KlcoK@michigan.gov

For the U.S. Army Engineer District, Detroit:

Mr. Thomas O'Bryan, Area Engineer
Lake Michigan Area Office, Grand Haven Sub-Office
(616) 842-5510 extension 25523 (office), (616) 340-5795 (cell)
Thomas.W.O'Bryan@usace.army.mil

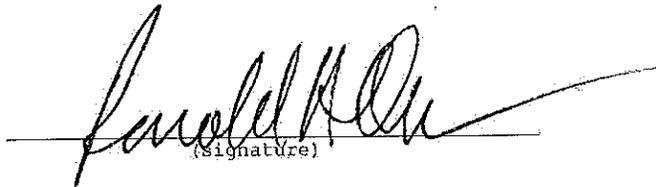
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand by authority/direction of the Secretary of the Army this 18th day of December, 2013.



VICTOR L. KOTWICKI
Real Estate Contracting Officer
Detroit, Buffalo, and Chicago Districts

THIS LEASE is also executed by the Lessee this 5th day of December, 2013.

State of Michigan
Department of Natural Resources



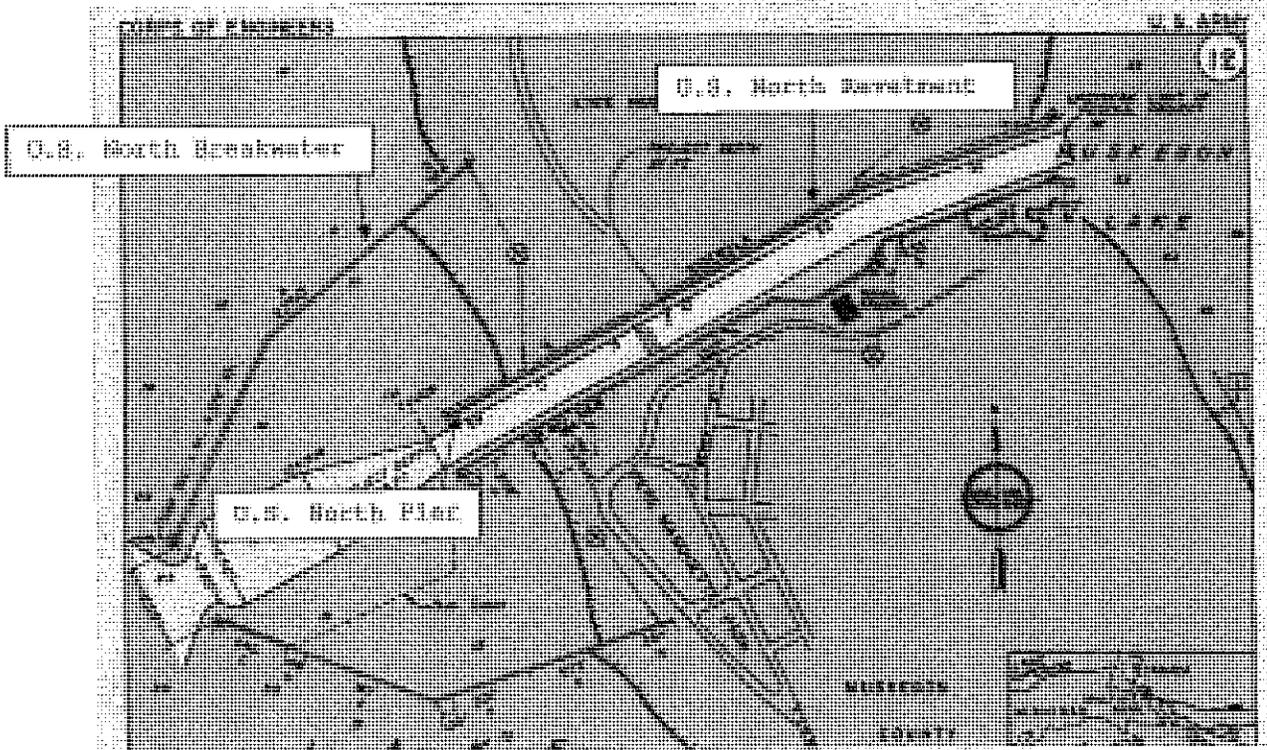
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Ronald A. Olson, Chief

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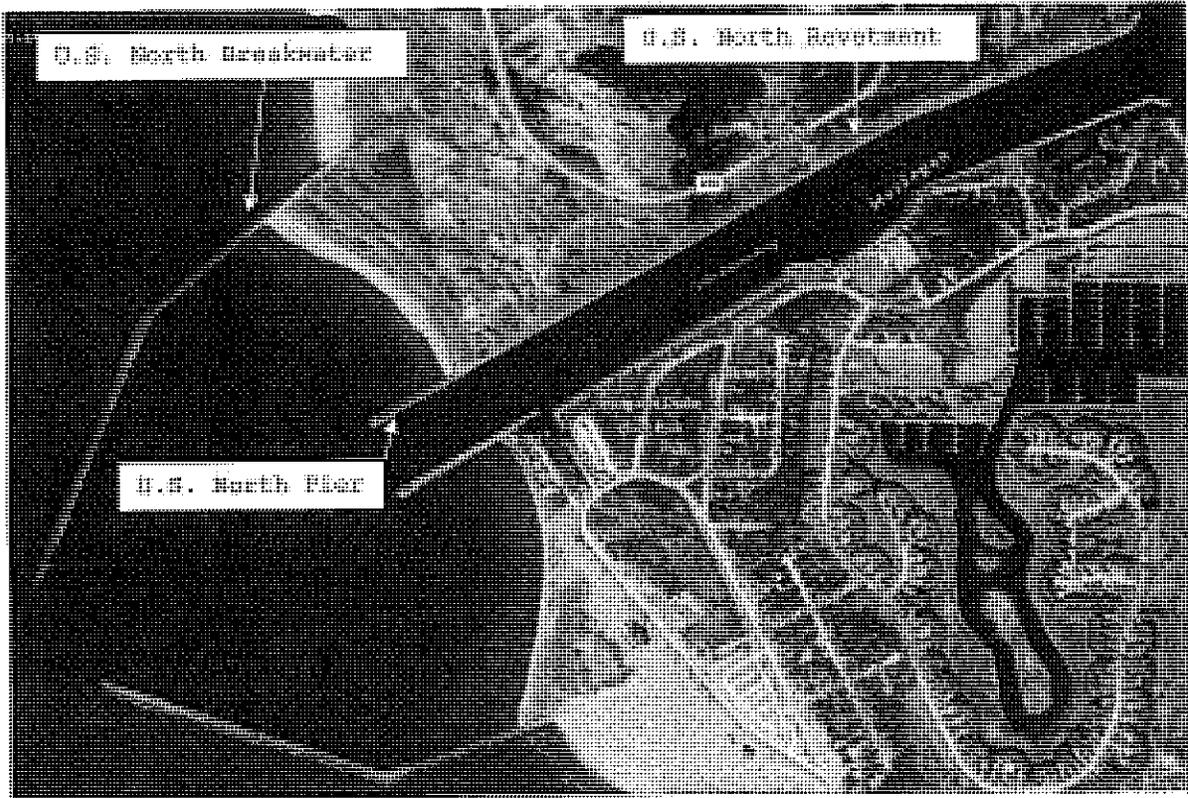
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Corps' Project Map- Muskegon Harbor, MI

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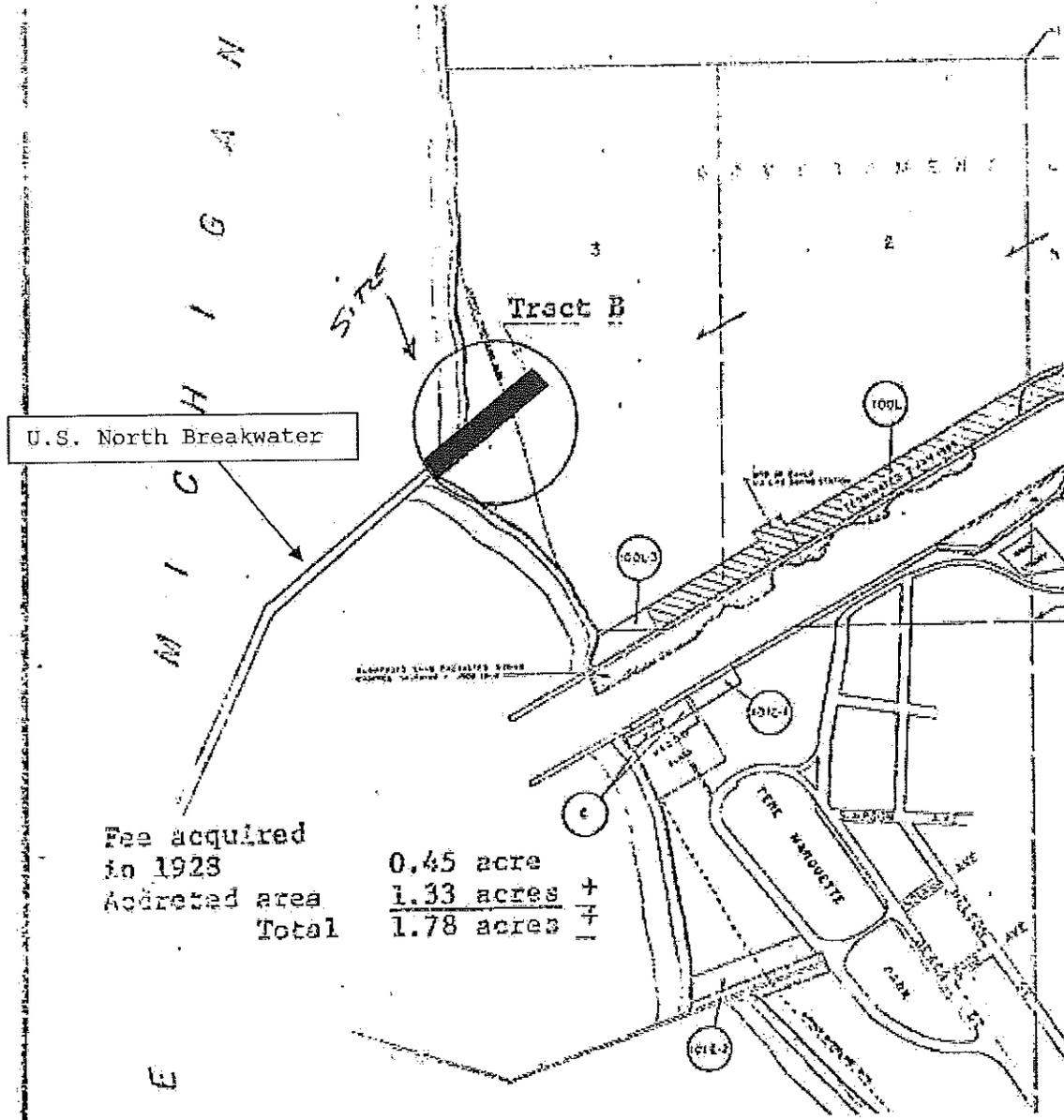
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Aerial Photo, Muskegon Harbor, MI

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Land Adjacent to the U.S. North Breakwater to be Leased, (approximate location depicted above in red).

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAUGH
DIRECTOR

**DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN
For the MUSKEGON HARBOR
(NORTH REVETMENT & BREAKWATER)**

Existing Development

The current management plan for Muskegon State Park, Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources is to maintain the leased property for the public recreational enjoyment and preservation of the resources. At present there is (2) sun shelters and (2) fiberboard and galvanized metal benches on the property.

Future Development

Future development on the property may include additional seating benches for the public which would be spaced approximately 150-200' apart. These benches will most likely be made of treated lumber with steel frames. To avoid being moved they will be anchored and chained underground.

Maintenance Responsibilities

Muskegon State Park currently provides for the removal of sand along the walkway, general litter removal and removal of invasive plant species such as Spotted Knapweed, Barberry and others. Muskegon State Park will continue to provide maintenance on the sun shelters, picnic tables and benches.

Duration of Operations

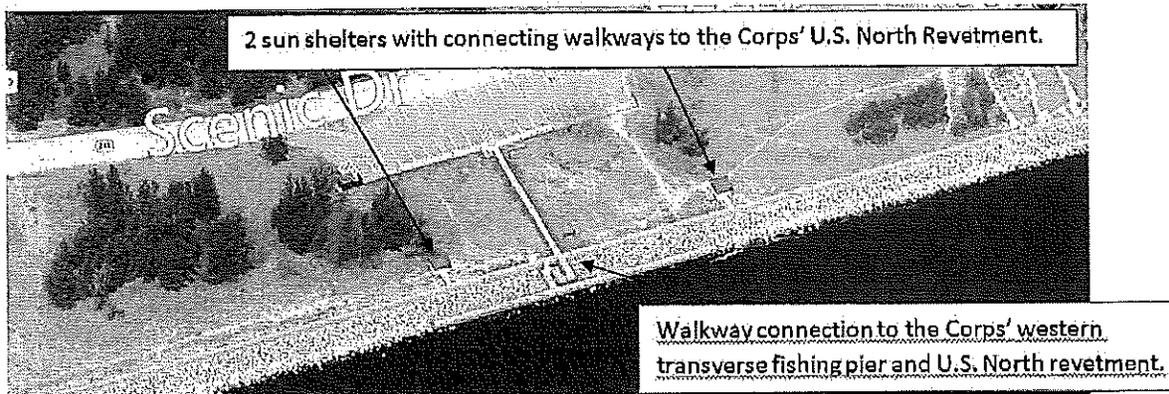
The north boardwalk is open to the public on a year round basis. For security purposes access to the pier is limited to the hours from 8:00 am to 10:00 PM for walking, fishing, bird and boat watching. Local fishermen use the north breakwater for fishing both day and night. After 10:00PM fishing is still permitted provided proper identification (driver's license) is available to the State Park Officers. Policing the property occurs on a regular basis all year especially during the summer months.

On Tuesday evenings during the summer season the park's Explorer Guide (interpreter) holds weekly "Fishing in the Park" clinics for kids and young adults. They also use the west transverse fishing pier for additional fishing clinics on Thursday mornings and weekends throughout the summer.

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Oblique aerial photos depicting the sun shelters and the five (5) walkway connections.

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poligon[®] Hip Roof Sunshelters

rectangular, gable roof shelter, no eaves
SSH



Design Intent

A two column gable ended rectangular shelter that is both versatile and low cost. This shelter is sized to cover a single picnic table but can also be equipped with a display case(s), display boards, tables, benches or tables with benches.

Primary Roof

- Options:**
- Tongue-and-Groove
 - Structural Insulated Panels
 - Multi-Rib
 - Mega-Rib
 - Standing Seam

Secondary Roofing

- Options:**
- Multi-Rib
 - Mega-Rib
 - Standing Seam
 - Mega-Rib

Standard With This Shelter:

Steel columns and frame members coated with super-durable Poli-5000 powder coat finish.

Shelter Modifications:

Shelter can be modified by adding integrated seating, ornamentation**, gutters, lightning protection, electrical cut-outs, windscreens, walls, an increase in clearance height, or by selecting a different column design from our offering.

Hip Roof Sunshelters

Additional Modifications Available:

- Back to Back Plastic Lumber Seating
- Back to Back Steel Slat Seating
- Plastic Lumber Picnic Table & Seating
- Tongue & Groove Pine Display Board

See www.poligon.com for more details.

Standard Sizes

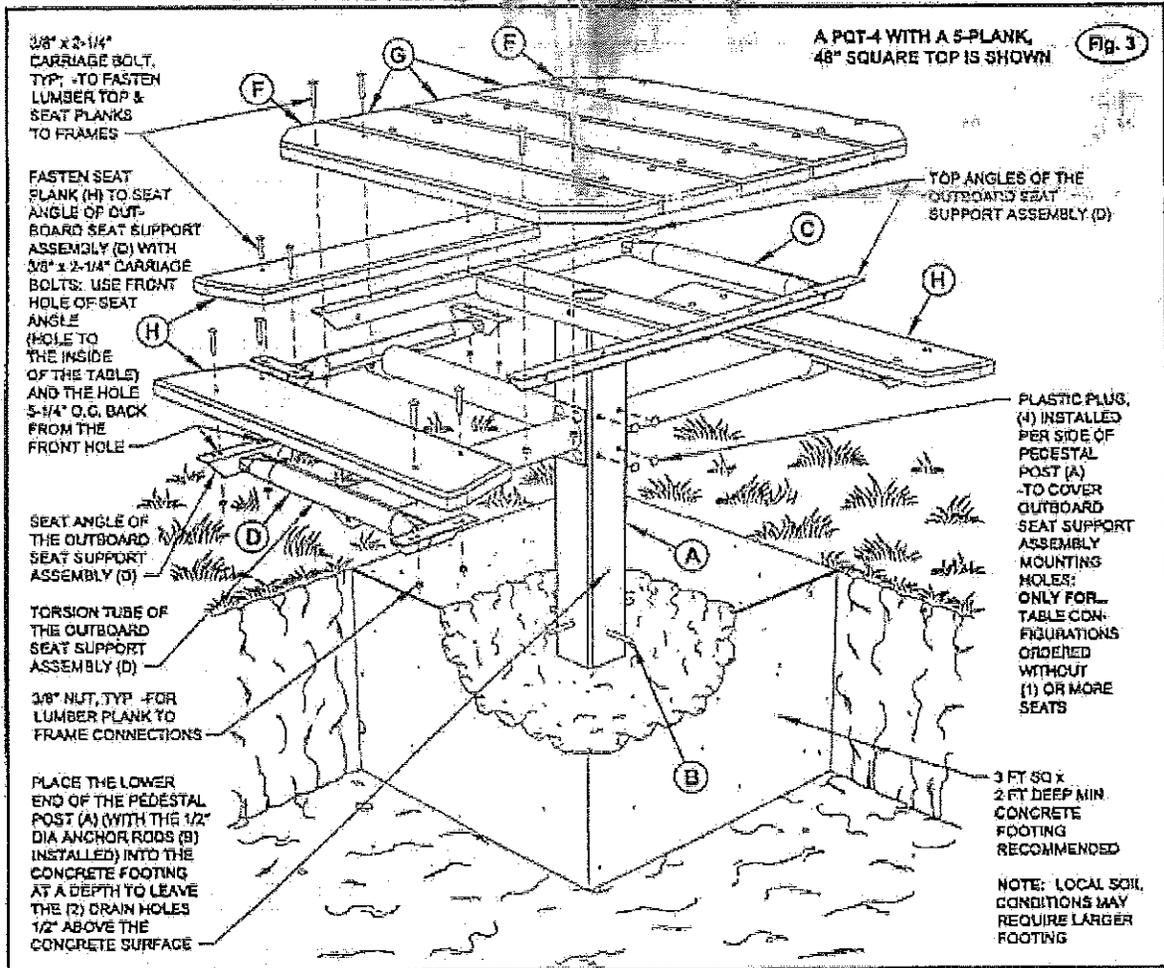
Bin	Size	Height*
SSH	10	10'-1 1/2"
SSH	12	10'-8"

*Height dimension is for reference only.

Typical sun shelter with picnic table underneath.

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Typical picnic table found underneath the sun shelters.

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Typical park bench (some already exist onsite and more are proposed)

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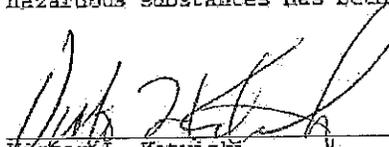
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION OF PROPERTY
STATEMENT OF FINDINGS (SOF)

1. Real Property Transaction: Department of the Army Park and Recreation Lease with the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources for park and recreational use of government property under the administrative jurisdiction of the Department of the Army at the Muskegon Harbor Federal Navigation Project. The work is described in paragraph 1 of the attached Environmental Condition of Property (ECP).

2. Purpose: The ECP is a record documenting the history of the property with regard to the storage, release, or disposal of hazardous substances on the property. It establishes the levels and types of hazardous substances, if found, on the site at the time of conveyance.

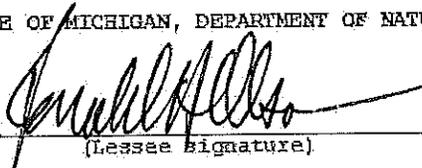
3. Summary: An ECP report, consisting of a comprehensive records search and review of photos, was performed for the proposed real property transaction. Real Estate records including previous Utilization, Executive Order, and Outgrant Compliance Inspection Reports, and all available environmental documentation pertaining to the site were also reviewed. The data obtained during this study is summarized on the attached ECP.

4. Findings: There is no evidence that this property has been a site of disposal or release of any hazardous substance(s). In addition, there is no evidence that the "threshold" for reporting the storage of hazardous substances has been exceeded.


Victor L. Kotwicki (date) 10 Sept 2013
Real Estate Contracting Officer
Detroit, Buffalo, and Chicago Districts

I concur with the Environmental Findings of the attached ECP.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BY: 
(Lessee Signature) (date) 12-5-13

Ronald A. Olson, Chief
(Printed name and title)
Parks and Recreation

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION OF PROPERTY (ECP)
PROPOSED REAL ESTATE PARK AND RECREATION LEASE

1. Proposed Outgrant Action:

The real estate instrument being processed is a twenty five (25) year Park and Recreation Lease to the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, for continued use and occupancy for public park and recreational activities on approximately 1.78 acres of land adjacent to the U.S. North Breakwater, and includes all of the U.S. North Pier and U.S. North Revetment at the Muskegon Harbor Federal Navigation Project, Muskegon, Muskegon County, Michigan. The Department of Natural Resources proposes to retain various improvements that have been or will be installed on the premises to include two sun shelters with picnic tables underneath them, park benches, and five walkway connections. The walkway connections are located at the two sun shelters, the two transverse fishing piers, and one connection leads to the campsites just east of the eastern transverse fishing pier. The aforementioned uses and improvements by the Department of Natural Resources compliments the State's mission at their neighboring property consisting of Muskegon State Park.

2. A Records Search included a review of the following:

- a) Muskegon Harbor, Executive Order 12512 Report (GSA Control #9600-09830), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, September 1993.
- b) Muskegon Harbor, Detailed Utilization Report, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, September 1996.

3. Review of Photos (including photos taken during Utilization Inspections).

- a) Aerial Photos using Bing Maps and Google Maps were both reviewed on March 5, 2013 and on August 19, 2013.
- b) Ground Photos taken by Real Estate personnel in: 1998, November 28, 2001, August 25, 2003, July 18, 2006, September 21, 2009, and May 6, 2010.

4. Site and Utilization inspections

- a) Comprehensive site visit performed in 1993 for the last Executive Order, and in 1996 for the last Detailed Utilization Report.
- b) Site visit by Real Estate personnel in 1998, November 28, 2001, August 25, 2003, July 18, 2006, September 21, 2009, and May 6, 2010.

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5. Based on a record search, review of aerial photos, site inspection and knowledge of the project area, the following information is provided:

a. General Site Information:

Muskegon Harbor is the largest port on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. The subject harbor is located at the entrance channel to Muskegon Lake in Muskegon County, at Muskegon, Michigan. As the largest city on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, Muskegon is an industrial center and the also serves as a water outlet for neighboring Grand Rapids, Michigan's second largest city. As a handler of many diversified goods, including overseas cargo, Muskegon has also become western Michigan's gateway to the trade centers of the world. Muskegon is directly east across Lake Michigan from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Waterborne commerce has averaged about 1,663,081 tons annually during the four year period from 1981 to 1985. In 1985 a total of 773,581 tons passed through the harbor. Recreational boating and tourism are also major sources of income for the local economy.

b. Current Use and Site History:

The mission and purpose of the Muskegon Harbor Project is commercial navigation on the Great Lakes and connecting channels (Navigable Waters of the United States). The Muskegon Harbor Project is adopted by various Rivers and Harbors Acts from 13 June 1902 through 23 October 1962. The project provides an exterior basin in Lake Michigan protected by two converging breakwaters with shore connections. The south and north breakwaters are 3,075 and 3,064 feet in total length, respectively. Revetment, inner piers and navigational channel extending from Muskegon Lake into Lake Michigan, and a mooring basin are also provided.

Land Use: There is a total of 8.93 fee acres, 9.741 acres of perpetual easement area, and a 0.73 acre special use area located at the project.

c. Prior Outgranted Activities at this Site:

A former Park and Recreation Lease (DACW22-1-78-3001) authorized the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources to use and occupy approximately 1.78 acres of Federal property adjacent to the U.S. North Breakwater for public park and recreational purposes at the Muskegon Harbor Federal Navigation Project, Muskegon County, Michigan. The current proposal (W911XK-1-13-3001) is being reviewed to allow for a continuation of the former Park and Recreation Lease with the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and to document any updated improvements not specified in the original Lease along Corps' property and structures.

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d. Environmental Findings:

(X) There is no evidence that this property has been a site of disposal or release of any hazardous substance(s). In addition, there is no evidence that the "threshold" for reporting the storage of hazardous substances has been exceeded.

() There is evidence that this property has been a site of disposal or release of a hazardous substance and/or that the threshold's for reporting the storage of hazardous substances has been exceeded.

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