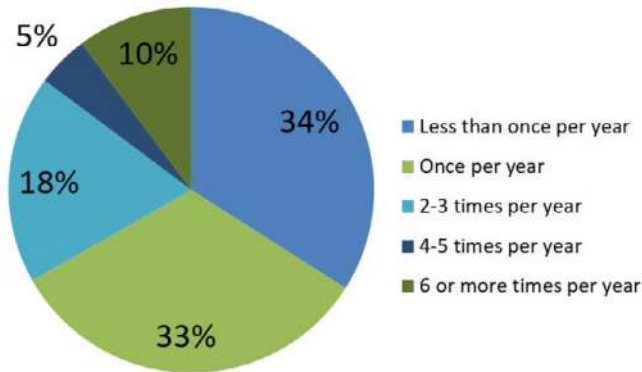
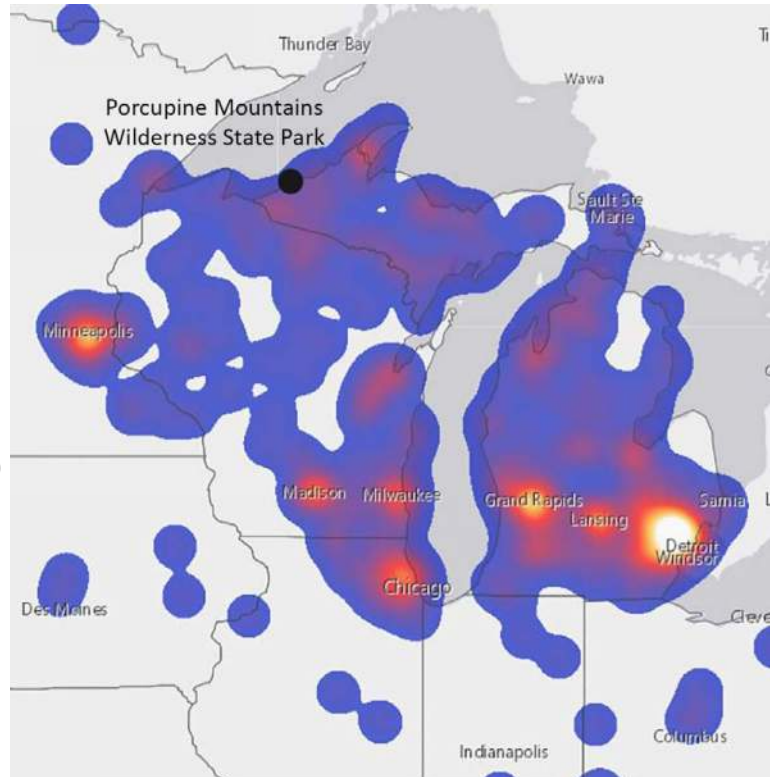
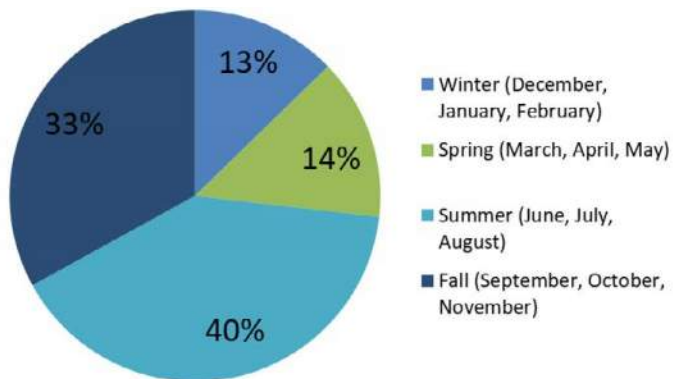


How often do you visit Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park?



In what seasons do you typically visit the park? (Select all that apply)



Map depicting the zip code of survey respondents' primary residence. Brighter colors indicate a greater concentration of respondents. A small number of respondents were located outside of the map area.

Appendix B:

Public and Stakeholder Input

B.1 Project Website

On the adjacent page is a snapshot of the project website at www.mdnrmanagementplans.org/porcupine-mountains-wilderness-state-park. The website was available for public viewing throughout the duration of the planning process and was updated with maps, survey results, and the draft plan. Members of the public could contact the planning team through the website contact form.

B.2 Summary of Public Input Survey

One of the methods the planning team used to gather input from park users was an online survey. This online approach provides a convenient way for those who have access to the internet to provide feedback. However, it is not designed to be statistically representative of Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park users or uses, as respondents self-select. The on-line survey provides valuable information about what certain individuals or groups (those who are motivated to comment about the park, those likely to receive DNR communication

about the survey, and those who have easy access to the internet) hope to see in the park's future management. This survey was advertised through a press release, shared with park stakeholders, sent to those who camped at the park within the last year, and was shared on social media.

Responses were collected from February 25, 2019 through March 24, 2019. During the collection period, 850 individuals responded to the survey. Of those respondents, 804 (95%) have visited the park in the last ten years. The largest segment of respondents was between 50 and 64 years old (32%) and most respondents were located in southern Michigan, Chicago, Minneapolis, several cities in Wisconsin, and the Upper Peninsula. A very small number of respondents were located outside of this regional area and are not shown on this map.

Your Visit

Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park is far from most population centers, so most park users do not visit frequently. The greatest share (34%) of respondents do not visit on annual

The survey was broken down into several categories to gather targeted input:

CATEGORY	INPUT RECEIVED
Your Visit	General information about when and how frequently users visit and how they travel to the park
General Impressions and Activities	Questions pertaining to activities users participate in at the park, general impressions, travel logistics and visit planning
Your Most Recent Visit	Specific questions about the satisfaction of the most recent visit
Overnight Accommodations	Use of and satisfaction with overnight accommodations
Park Concessions	Use of and satisfaction with park concessions
Visitor Center	Questions about the experience at the park's Visitor Center
Hunting and Trapping	Questions about what visitors hunt and trap
Fishing	Questions about where visitors fish and their target species
Special Events and Programs	What activities users participate in and their opinions of them
Tell Us About Yourself	Demographic data

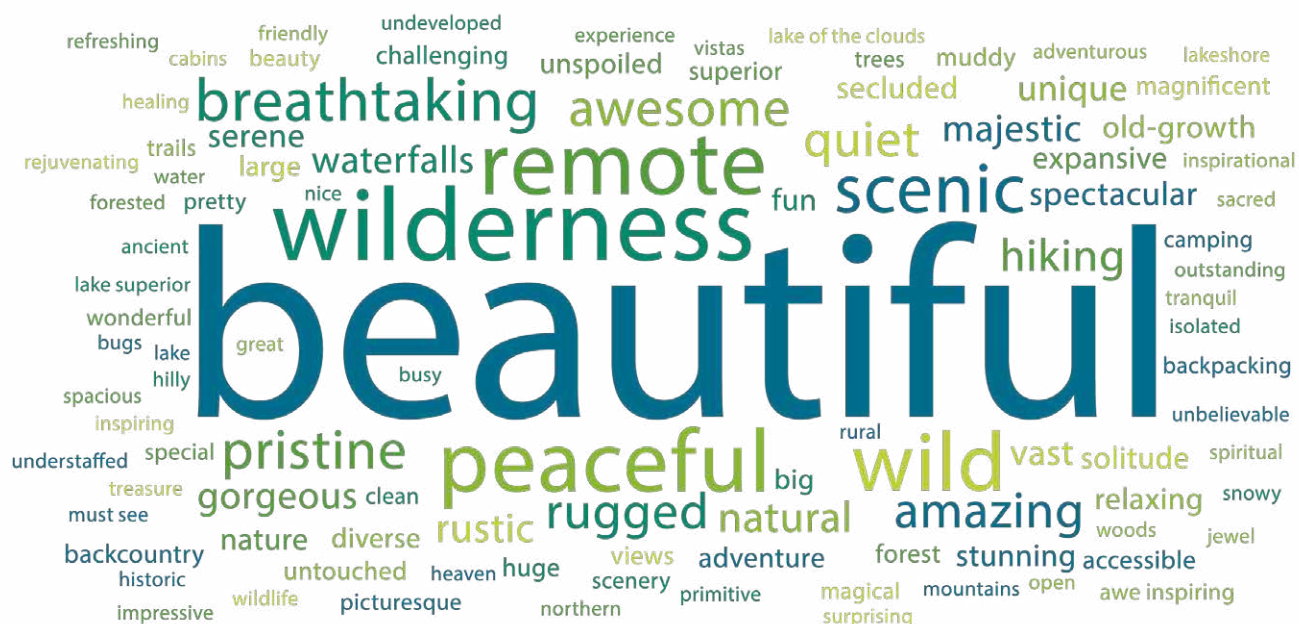
basis, and 33% visit just once per year. Those who did not visit the park within the last ten years gave reasons such as living a long distance from the park, time constraints, other activities taking precedence, difficulty getting a cabin reservation, and others. Some plan to travel there soon. Survey respondents were more likely to visit in the summer and fall seasons; only nine percent of the respondents indicated that they visit the park in all four seasons. Visitors gather information for their trip from multiple sources such as the DNR website, previous experience, the park visitor center, and family and friends. They travel to the park mainly by personal vehicle.

Respondents were asked what three words they would use to describe the park to someone who had never visited. The top ten most common words were beautiful, wilderness, remote, peaceful, wild, scenic, pristine, breathtaking, awesome, and quiet. The word cloud below shows the words that were

mentioned three or more times, with the increasing size of the word indicating a more frequent response.

The planning team wanted to know what aspects of the park were important to visitors when choosing a park to visit. The three most important aspects to respondents were the park's scenery, backcountry/wilderness, and trails. Wildlife, lodging, and history were rated as the next most important items. Winter sports, fishing/boating, and events/programs were not as important to respondents.

Visitors participate in a range of activities at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. The most common activities respondents reported participating in are visiting scenic sites (90%), hiking (86%), camping (78%), nature viewing/study (71%). The next most common activities were going to the visitor center (65%), viewing fall tree color (64%), and photography (62%).



Words most frequently used to describe the park. Words that were used three or more times are included. Larger word size indicates a more frequent response.

Most Recent Visit

The next portion of the survey focused on the respondent's most recent visit. The majority of those who took the survey visited the park in the last three years, with 2018 being the most frequent (70%) and tended to visit in the late summer to early fall months. The party size was most frequently a couple (32%), followed by a family (26%). The ages of those in the party were most frequently between the ages of 50-64 (42%). The next most frequent age groups were 30-39 (30%), 40-49 (28%), and 18-29 (26%).

Respondents were asked to rate their satisfaction with the park's facilities on a scale of zero (not at all satisfied) to five (very satisfied), or to specify that they had no opinion. Respondents were generally satisfied with the park's facilities, with no facility having a weighted average less than 4.27. The item with the highest weighted average of 4.71 was the scenic overlooks, with 75% of respondents rating the facility a five. The next three highest rated facilities were the visitor center (4.48), trails (4.44), and parking (4.38). The lowest rated items were the restrooms (4.17) followed by the park store (4.20) and ski hill (4.21).

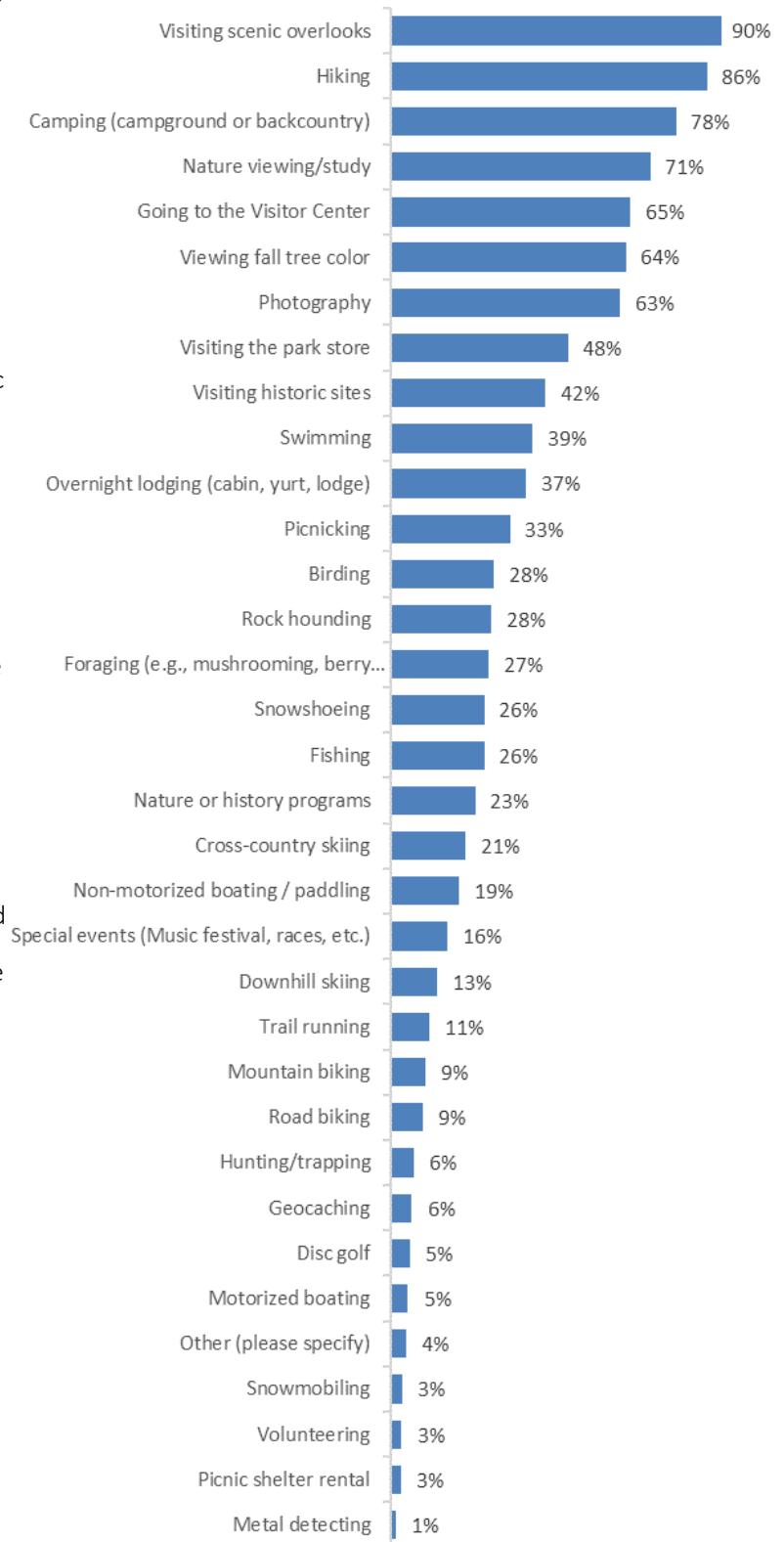
When asked what was liked most about their experience, many responses mentioned hiking, trails, the beautiful nature and scenery, and the wilderness/backcountry experience. Five randomly selected comments follow:

- Comment #21: Backpacking and Yurts (Winter). I like the solitude, peace and tranquility of the park. It is the best backpacking we have in the Midwest. The scenery is gorgeous with the rivers, falls, and Lake Superior.
- Comment #99: Backcountry experience and remoteness
- Comment #118: Camping at the Presque Isle campground with family and friends, we enjoy the rustic family camping atmosphere, and its location at the mouth of the river.
- Comment #366: Hiking to cabins
- Comment #615: Camping at Presque Isle next to the big lake.

When asked what could be done to improve their experience, many comments cited trail maintenance or signage/maps, improvements to campgrounds, cabins, and backcountry facilities, and many others. Other respondents felt there was nothing that needed to be improved. Five randomly selected responses follow:

- Comment #24: I felt the experience was fabulous. As always.
- Comment #62: Prohibit all mining activities on and below the surface of the Wilderness area.
- Comment #153: Getting to the trailhead could have been a bit easier with more directions and available maps
- Comment #224: Less, or NO "high impact" events on the

Please check ALL the activities in which you participate at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.





trails. Such as foot or bike races. It takes away from the very reason we come, to hunt and camp without a bunch of people running or biking at speed on the same trails we hike and disturbing the quiet and wilderness and causing excessive erosion.

- Comment #564: Make a real effort to fix the cabins so that they aren't overrun with vermin when the sun sets.

A majority of respondents (65%) do not visit any other attractions when they visit the park. Those that do visit other attractions frequently mention waterfalls, Ontonagon, White Pine, the Black River, other nearby parks, Copper Harbor, nearby restaurants, and nearby ski resorts.

When asked if there were activities they or someone in their party wished to participate in but were not able to due to personal mobility challenges or lack of accessibility accommodations, most respondents said no, they had no difficulty. Five percent of respondents did report a challenge, such as difficulty hiking the trails or climbing stairs. Three randomly selected comments follow:

- Comment #2: I can't hike trails like I used to be able to do. Fortunately I have very fond memories of other times, younger times.
- Comment #10: Some scenic areas are just too far or difficult for husband to walk to now.
- Comment #14: Student in wheelchair does not have easy access in winter.

Overnight Accommodations

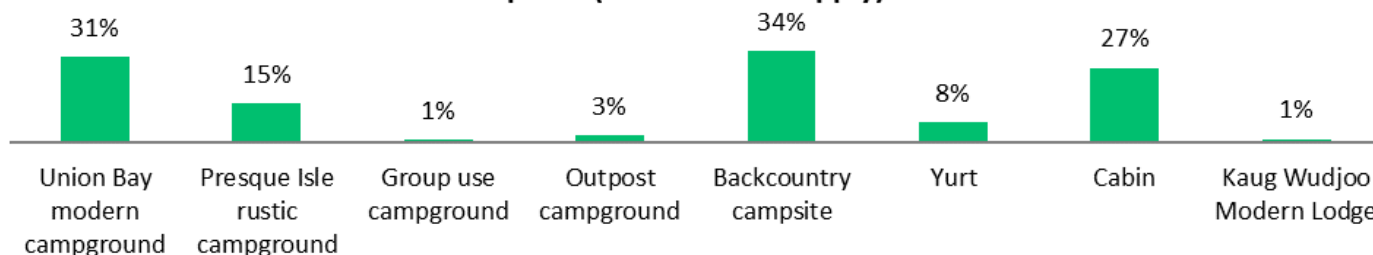
Eighty-four percent of respondents have used the overnight accommodations at the park. Most stayed at a backcountry campsite (33%), the Union Bay modern campground (31%), or a cabin (27%). Respondents most frequently stay at each location for two to three nights. On average, respondents tended to have lengthier stays at the Union Bay modern Campground and the Kaug Wudjoo modern lodge, and shorter stays at the backcountry campsites, outpost campground, and group use campground.

Respondents were also asked to rate their satisfaction with the overnight accommodations they used. Though respondents were on generally satisfied with their accommodations, with all receiving a weighted average of 3.83 or higher on a scale of zero (not at all satisfied) to five (very satisfied), the group use campground and the Union Bay modern campground received the lowest scores with 3.83 and 3.99, respectively. The Kaug Wudjoo modern lodge, cabins, and yurts were rated the highest on average.

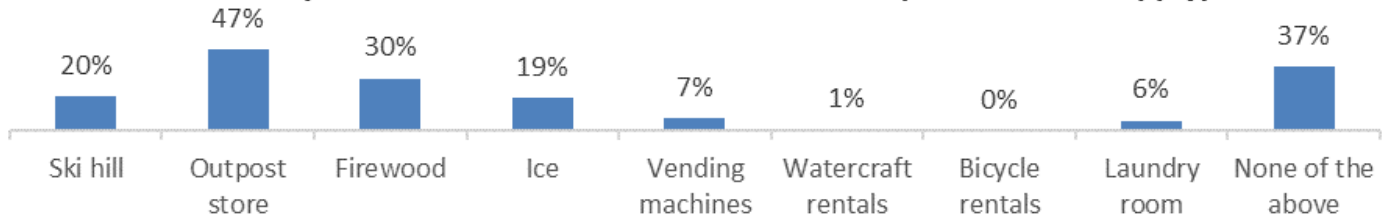
When asked what they liked most about their accommodations, respondents frequently mentioned the beautiful location and scenery as well as the quiet and remote atmosphere. Five randomly selected comments follow:

- Comment #24: private
- Comment #255: The cabins are well kept and the surroundings at the Porkies are beautiful.
- Comment #265: Available to book
- Comment #412: Quiet and spacious
- Comment #423: Cozy and roomy, the Gitchee Gumee cabin is accessible by car.

Where did you stay the last time you used the overnight accommodations at the park? (Select all that apply)



Which of the following concession services have you used during your visits to Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park? (Select all that apply)



When asked what could be done to improve the accommodations in the future, respondents had many and varied answers ranging from park maintenance items such as fixing bear poles (or providing bear boxes) and leveling backcountry campsites to management ideas such as opening overnight accommodations earlier in the spring or limiting the size of recreational vehicles. Five randomly selected comments follow:

- Comment #45: It's perfect!
- Comment #99: Your composting out house was overflowing and not being used correctly
- Comment #239: make the site more level and a larger presence of rangers at the campground

- Comment #364: Don't limit access due to potential snowfall
- Comment #403: The campground needs some work to withstand the wet season. There were several people that got stuck in the mud.

Those that did not use the overnight accommodations at the park were asked where they stayed. The most common two answers were at their own principal home (29%) or at a hotel/rental property/B&B (27%).

Park Concessions

The planning team wanted to hear which concessions the visitors utilize and about their level of satisfaction. Although 37% of respondents did not use any concessions, the most frequently used concessions were the Outpost Store (47%) and firewood (30%). There were very few respondents that rented watercraft or bicycles.

Most respondents were satisfied with the concessions, with all rated at least a four on a scale of zero (not at all satisfied) to five (very satisfied). When asked what, if any, changes could be made to improve the concessions, nearly 40% of comments said that nothing needed to be done. Some suggested improvements included increasing the variety of food options available, updates to the ski hill equipment or amenities, improved firewood quality, and more or better laundry facilities. Five randomly selected comments follow:

- Comment #61: Update old coolers. Remind staff that visitors are not there every day, and when questions are asked where something is located, they are not trying to be difficult.
- Comment #83: A place to get food like hamburgers, fries, pizzas.
- Comment #86: more natural history books and resources
- Comment #94: Turn them over to FOP [Friends of the Porkies]
- Comment #178: Have firewood right at campground so you don't need to drive to outpost store.

Visitor Center

Most survey respondents (89%) have visited the Porcupine Mountains Visitor Center. They were generally satisfied with



Summit Peak observation tower

its offerings, with all categories receiving an average score of 4.18 or higher on a scale of zero (not at all satisfied) to five (very satisfied). Respondents were most satisfied with the park maps and information (4.56), staff knowledge and helpfulness (4.52), and the park history/natural resources (Exhibit Hall) (4.49). The item with the lowest score was the gift shop (4.18). Respondents left over 200 comments regarding the visitor center, with many positive remarks including appreciation for the helpful staff, interesting exhibits, 3D topographic map, and internet access, but also suggestions for improvement such as providing detailed elevation maps, enlarging the gift shop, and requesting better ways to access trail condition information. Five randomly selected comments follow:

- Comment #21: Staff was knowledgeable, friendly and helpful
- Comment #66: Finding water sources was confusing
- Comment #79: Not sure why the road was not paved?
- Comment #137: Always helpful and friendly
- Comment #204: Thank you for the wifi; it's very helpful for trip logistics before and after cabin stays.

Hunting or Trapping

Only 36 survey respondents reported that they hunt or trap at the park. Their target species was most commonly small game (75%) or white-tailed deer (69%), with fewer hunting black bear (22%) or trapping furbearers (11%). Seventeen comments were left; several commented on the rarity of the wilderness hunting experience. Three randomly selected comments follow:

- Comment #5: Best opportunity for hunting fishing and trapping in the midwest (where public land is scarce). Keep it public

- Comment #10: My family deer hunted here for many years. I hunted from the age of 14 till 23 years old. We stopped hunting in about 2006. The deer had all but disappeared compared to the previous years. The last year I hunted here. I heard wolves daily, saw a pack of 8 wolves plus two others. Our group of hunters saw maybe 5-6 deer total for the week. This is a group that normally shoots mature deer every year. With several bucks over the 130-140" range.
- Comment #13: The big woods are great place to practice some of the oldest forms of hunting, two of them being tracking and stillhunting.

Fishing

Twenty percent of survey respondents use the park for fishing access. They most frequently fish from the shoreline (89%), rather than from a non-motorized boat (25%) or motorized boat (12%). The most preferred location was the rivers (70%) followed by inland lakes (50%) and Lake Superior (29%). The most frequently targeted species was by far brook trout (60%).

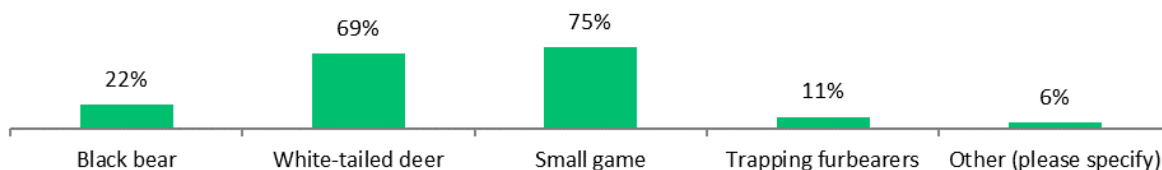
Many of the thirty-six comments noted an enjoyment of fishing at the park and others suggested room for improvement such as lighting at the boat launch and stocking more brook trout. Three randomly selected comments follow:

- Comment #3: I was limited by only having my kayak, and the weather was, well, let us say difficult last year.
- Comment #20: There is a need for a more informative staff regarding fishing and boating.
- Comment #30: The rivers were pretty low on our last trip. We will be fishing Mirror Lake this year. Either way we have a good time.

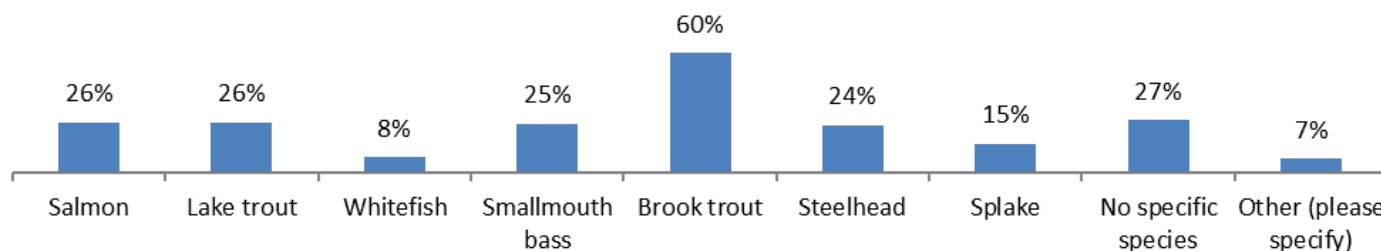
Special Events or Programs

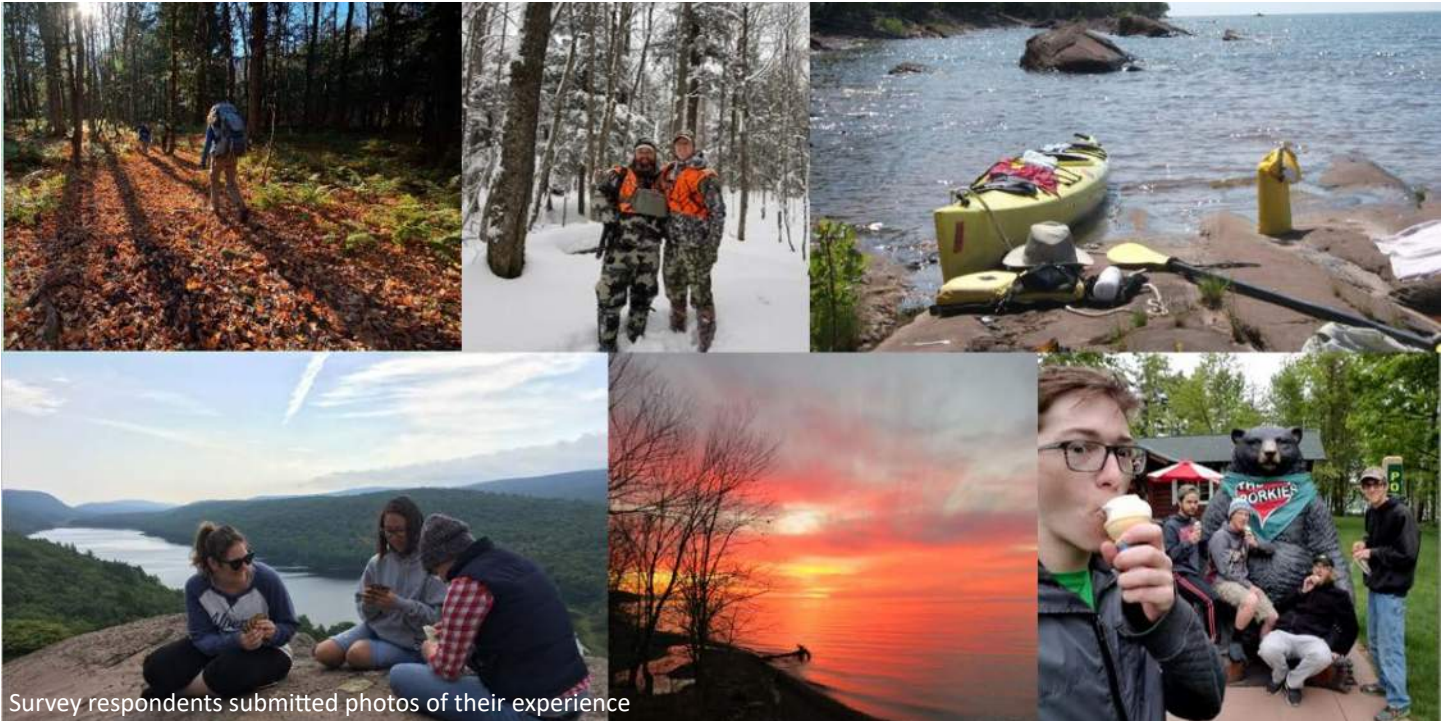
Most survey respondents (78%) have not participated in a

What do you hunt or trap? (Check all that apply)



What is your target species of fish? (Check all that apply)





Survey respondents submitted photos of their experience

special event or program at the park. Those that did most frequently participated in interpretive hikes and activities. Participants were on average very satisfied with the special events or programs. On a scale of zero (not at all satisfied) to five (very satisfied), all activities scored higher than a 4.62. Comments left were generally very positive, with only a few negative comments regarding issues with substances used at the annual music festival. Five randomly selected comments follow:

- Comment #1: We have done the interpretive hikes and we have also done the lighted cross country ski trail. The ski trail was so amazing and the smores in the middle is a great treat!
- Comment #15: BRING BACK THE SNOWSHOE HIKE
- Comment #34: Learned a lot about timber framing really enjoyed the chance to learn a new skill
- Comment #44: There were some kids from another party not with ours. The ranger was very patient and helpful with those rambunctious kids. It was great to see.
- Comment #56: Great staff knowledge

Survey respondents were asked what, if any, additional programs or events they would like to be offered in the future. Many respondents suggested various types of nature or history programs, skills classes, and other ideas, while many simply said that what was offered currently was sufficient. Five randomly selected comments follow:

- Comment #22: When we go in the fall, the programs have already ended for the year.
- Comment #34: None

- Comment #104: Mountain biking, cross country ski race and snow shoe race
- Comment #108: A program about wildlife in the park
- Comment #126: Candlelight hike during the winter was only on the weekends so we missed it! Maybe more weekdays, if there's enough attendance other days of the week

Other Thoughts

Finally, respondents could share any other comments they had about the park, and optionally submit a photograph of their experience. Three hundred fifty-four comments were submitted, and five randomly selected comments follow:

- Comment #94: Since it is about the only place in the entire Midwest that you can actually go backpacking without dealing with 4 wheelers, roads, etc., it is a real jewel--- please keep it a wilderness area.! (no bikes, atv's, dogs, etc.)
- Comment #237: Gorgeous views and activities year-round. I think you just need to get people there once and they'll come back.
- Comment #246: Very enjoyable! Worth spending a few nights and hiking in with your own food for the trip. I will definitely be back!
- Comment #287: The less that changes the better the park feels. It could be 60 years ago and you can't tell when in the park.
- Comment #314: It would be nice if the Presque Isle campground had more services available.



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You're invited!

What

Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park
General Management Plan
Stakeholder Input Meeting

When

Tuesday, April 16th
5:30pm - 7:30 pm

Please RSVP to:

Plan Administrator Debbie Jensen
DNR-PRD-Planning@michigan.gov

Where

Ontonagon High School Cafeteria
701 Parker Ave, Ontonagon, MI 49953

About the plan

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks & Recreation Division (PRD) is in the process of developing a general management plan for Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. The DNR uses general management plans to define a long-range planning and management strategy that protects the resources of the site while addressing recreation needs and opportunities. Public and stakeholder input is a critical component of the planning process.

About the meeting

The planning team cordially invites you to attend a stakeholder input meeting! The team hopes to gather valuable insights from your organization and other key players. This session will include a brief presentation from the DNR on the planning process and progress followed by individual and group exercises to gather input to inform the plan. We request that your organization send a maximum of two representatives so we may accommodate everyone. We hope to see you there!

Input survey

In addition, we are collecting input from park users via an online survey, which closes on March 24. You may share this link with any who may be interested.

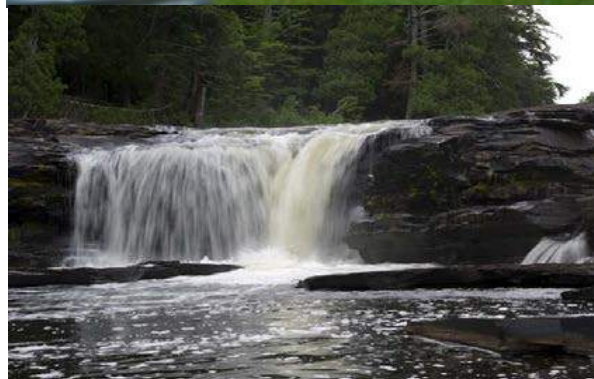
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PMWSP2019>

Project website

<http://mdnrmanagementplans.org/porcupine-mountains/>

For more information, please contact:

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Email DNR-PRD-Planning@michigan.gov



B.3 Summary of Stakeholder Input Workshop

To gather targeted input from governmental, non-profit, and business/tourism entities, the planning team invited over 80 stakeholders, both individuals and community groups, to participate in a facilitated input workshop held on April 16, 2019, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Ontonagon High School in Ontonagon, Michigan. Representatives of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provided the stakeholders with a brief overview of Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, including its natural features, cultural resources, and recreational offerings. The stakeholders were also presented the general management plan process, timeline, and an explanation of the plan elements that their input would inform: the statements of significance, the management zone map, and a draft list of action goals intended to be accomplished over the next ten years.

The stakeholders were divided into small-table discussion groups, which completed a series of exercises describing the park (both now and in the future), opportunities for partnerships, the park's potential benefit to the larger community, and the stakeholders' vision for the park's future. Each table then reported out to the larger group. The following is a tabulation and brief explanation of the table exercise results. This input will be considered by the planning team when creating a ten-year action plan.

PLANNING TEAM ATTENDEES	
NAME	REPRESENTING
Debbie Jensen	DNR: Management Plan Administrator
Dustin Farley	DNR
Eric Cadeau	DNR: Regional Planner
George Madison	DNR: Fisheries Biologist
Jeff Kakuk	DNR: Western UP Trails Specialist
Lisa Gamero	DNR: Cultural Resources Analyst
Matt Lincoln	DNR: Lands Liaison
Mike Knack	DNR: Unit Manager
Ray Fahlsing	DNR: Stewardship Unit Manager
Bob Wild	DNR: Former Park Interpreter
Christy Summers	Planning Consultant
Caitlin Jackson	Planning Consultant



Stakeholders listen to a presentation about the general management plan process

STAKEHOLDER INPUT WORKSHOP ATTENDEES

Name	Representing
Carol Maass	Friends of the Porkies
Kim Perryman	Friends of the Porkies
Sally Berman	Friends of the Porkies
Mary Brownell	Friends of the Porkies- Folk School
William Perrin	GCC Ski Hill
Greg Ryskey	Gogebic County Forests & Park Commission
Chris Wirtanen	Lake Gogebic Improvement Association
Jim Vigness	Lake Gogebic Improvement Association
Phil Wirtanen	Lake Gogebic Improvement Association
Don Harris	Lake Superior Sportsmans Club
Rick Tessmer	Lake Superior Sportsmans Club
Jim Bradley	Michigan State Park Advisory Committee
Dave Bishop	Michigan Trails and Recreation Alliance of Land and the Environment
Donald Helsel	Michigan Trails and Recreation Alliance of Land and the Environment
Karl Jensen	Ni-Miikanaake Chapter- North Country Trail
Ric Olson	North Country Trail
Jim Bobula	Ontonagon Area Schools
John Wilmas	Ontonagon County
Marlene Broemer	Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners
Dale Rantala	Ontonagon County Sheriff
Steve Store	Ontonagon Township
Bruce Perkins	Porcupine Mountains Convention and Visitors Bureau
Tom Nemacheck	U.P. Travel
James Sharkoy	Upper Peninsula Sport Fisherman's Association
JR Richards	Upper Peninsula Sport Fisherman's Association
Marlanea French Pombier	US Forest Service
Anglea Yu	Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region
Rachel Pressley	Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region

Bob Brownell	
Daniel Wells	
Kirk Schott	
Randy Myhrea	
Tom Hawley	



Grouping of white pine

Icebreaker Question

When the stakeholders introduced themselves, they were asked to describe what matters most to them about Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. Their responses are below.

What matters most to me about Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park is...
"Trail maintenance. New Sportsmans club!!!"
"Keeping another wilderness area in the Upper Peninsula to complement those offered on Federal land. Preserving intact forested areas, like the Porkies, provides a special experience for recreational opportunities as well as ecosystem benefits."
"Stays a wilderness state park in perpetuity."
"That it stays a wilderness state park."
"The natural beauty without human development. The wilderness quiet isolation that is still attainable with limited effort. Outdoor Classroom."
"It will always be open to all."
"It's history and traditions"
"Maintaining the wilderness experience while at the same increasing the activities available"
"Preservation of wilderness for future generations"
"Continued stewardship and preservation for future generations"
"Protect shoreline. Erosion Control within park. Preserve wilderness."
"Preserving the trees & animals. Making it more easier to get to the sites. More publicity."
"I would like to see Mirror Lake continued to be planted with splake and brook trout with 4x4 not helicopters and snowmobiles. Like to see a zip line for summer business opportunities. Increased accessibility for special needs and handicapped individuals."
"Keep it the way it is. Update the cabins. Plant more fish."
"That we are able to fish and hunt seasonally and do wilderness backcountry camping year around. I am also happy for those that enjoy the ski hill and Union Bay beach access."
"Cooperation with Park Employees. Fishing/hunting inside Porkies. -Lighting at boat launch: 1) Safety for law personnel responding to search and reserve; ease of finding dock when returning. 2) Safety to Fisherman. -Fish cleaning station if possible."
"Expanding park uses and available activities. Keeping Mirror Lake as a traditional trout lake. Spring, fall and summer activities and maintenance."
"That it's there...Access to Lake Superior. New boat landing is wonderful!"
"North Country Trail related bridge over Little Iron River."
"Maintain the wilderness!"
"It is a semi-well known destination for people who enjoy the outdoors and want (need) to stay in motels and inns."
"The trails and ski hill within the forests. People are passionate about it."
"Avoid any significant alteration in the Porkies traditional strengths; a true wilderness experience, great trail system, good steelhead fishing, Lake Superior access, skiing of both types, etc. Make incremental improvement but keep basic program intact."
"Keep the open natural spaces for all to enjoy! More Park Programs for visitors to enjoy."

Exercise 1: Say one word or phrase that describes the state park right now.

When asked what words or phrases they might use to describe the park right now, the majority of phrases were positive in nature, describing the expansive and beautiful nature of the park. Only a few negative aspects were mentioned, such as overcrowded, overused, under-staffed, under-developed, and under-utilized

Items	Mentioned at Table #
Beautiful; awesome beauty	1, 2, 4
Remote; remote areas for those seeking it	1, 2, 5
Rugged	3, 4
Accessibility	5
Accessible Wilderness	4
Always more to see	3
Ancient Forest	2
Cabin access to Little Carp Rivers	4
Capacity/density	3
Colorful	3
Diverse	5
Educational	2
Enlightening	1
Expansive	3
Forest primeval	2
Fragile	4
Geology	2
Great	4
Habitat	3
Historic landscape	3
Incredible	5
Legacy forest	1

Items	Mentioned at Table #
Limited parking	4
Low cost	5
Nature	2
No boundaries	3
Ojibway culture	2
Overcrowded	5
Overused	1
Scenic	4
Snapshot in time	3
Solitude	2
Spectacular	4
Spirits	2
Stewardship	1
Under-Developed	1
Under-Staffed	1
Under-Utilized	1
Unforgettable	3
Unique interface with Lake Superior	1
Unknown	3
Waterfalls	3
Well-Managed	1
Wilderness	3



Camping near the lake shore



Porcupine Mountains

Exercise 2: Say one word or phrase that you want to describe the state park in the future.

Stakeholders were asked what words or phrases they would like to describe the state park in the future. Two items were mentioned at more than one table: maintain wilderness/wilderness values, and more backcountry cabins/camps/(many) yurts. Other phrases were wide-ranging, suggesting various improvements, but also suggesting the park stay preserved and pristine.

Items	Mentioned at Table #
Maintain wilderness/wilderness values	3, 5
More backcountry cabins/camps/(many) yurts	4, 5
Additional recreational activities at ski hill	3
Another triple chair lift	4
Better access (ADA, etc)	5
Better cell service for safety	3
Carp River cabin policy changed	4
Dark sky at night	1
Deforestation (Solutions)	2
Different levels of accessibility	1
Emergency access	5
Expanded parking	4
Fewer bugs	2
Fish cleaning station	5
Fully staffed	1
Healthy trees	2
Healthy wildlife habitat	1
Improve winter access (backcountry)	4
Improvement in ADA-compliant sites	3
Increase awareness of the park	3
Increase bike trails	3
Keep cabins	1

Items	Mentioned at Table #
Light at boat launch	5
Maintain access	3
Maintain tradition	1
Make snow at ski hill	3
Monitor for HWA	3
More bats	2
More handicapped accessibility	4
More interp. + educational programs w. facilities	1
More overnight destination friendly	4
No change	3
Open accommodations earlier	3
Preserved	1
Pristine	1
Respect the resource	3
Restrict usage	3
Same	2
Secure water	2
Still have hemlock groves	1
Trout fishing	1
Update cabins	5
Utilized	1
Zip Line	5

Exercise 4: How can local groups and stakeholders collaborate and partner with the park?

Stakeholders were also asked to consider what other opportunities existed for outside groups to partner with the park. Some of the ideas presented include further programs for the Friends of the Porkies, for the Gogebic Community College to provide a zipline and other summer activities, and for the Ottawa National Forest to assist with monitoring for invasive species. The stakeholders thought of several groups that could help with trail maintenance and other labor tasks, such as the Conserve School, Friends of the Porkies, Gogebic Community College (ski trails), the National Guard, the North Country Trail Association, and the North Country Snowmobile Club (snowmobile trails).

Group or Stakeholder Name	Collaboration or Partnership Opportunity	Mentioned at Table #
Area Schools	Educational and vocational opportunities	5
Camp Josh, other access. Groups	Accessible camp and cabin sites	5
Carp Lake Township Planning	Bike trail to park	2
Conserve School	Manual labor- various activities	5
Downtown Development Authority	Advertise park outside of area	1
Fish Club	Fish cleaning, stocking, light at boat launch	5
Friends of Porkies	Pollinators gardens/ films/ other programs	1
Friends of Porkies	Connect park with community	1
Friends of Porkies	trails	5
Gogebic Community College	grooming ski trails	3
Gogebic Community College	Zip Line, other summer activities	5
Iron Belle Trail/North Country Trail	Hiking, biking	1
Lake Superior Sportsman's Club		2
Local Government	Website links	1
Local Political Leaders	Enhance economic opportunities	4
WUPPDR	Website link	1
Michigan Trails and Recreation Alliance of Land and the Environment	Support NCT in park	3
National Guard	Trail development and maintenance, bridges	5
North Country Trail Association	Work on trail reroutes, maintenance, etc.	3
North Country Snowmobile Club	groom snowmobile trails	3
Ojibway Nation		2
Ontonagon County Historical Society	Helping preserve/interpret historic aspects	3
Ontonagon Residents	Liaison with public- better communications	2
Ontonagon County	MGA- MIDF Bike trail to park	2
Ontonagon Rd. Commission	Improve road access to/within park	4
Ottawa National Forest	monitoring (pests/pathogens/non-native invasive plant species)	3
Porcupine Mountain Convention and Visitors Bureau	Market the park	3
PWR	Conducting restorative hydrological projects	3
Schools	Education opportunities (increase + diversify)	1
Snowmobile Club	Trail grooming	1

Exercise 5: What improvements or changes would you like to see at the state park? What things should stay the same?

The items for desired improvements or changes at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park that received the most votes include cabin improvements, lengthen the season for cabin reservations, a new entrance road to replace County Road 107, and trail maintenance.

Some items that the stakeholders would like to stay the same include the wilderness character and the fishery at Mirror Lake.

IMPROVEMENTS OR CHANGES		
Items	Mentioned at Table #	Total Votes
Cabin upgrade/improvement; boats, too	1, 5	5
Increase timeframe (longer use) for cabin reservation (year-round)	4	5
New entrance road to replace County Road 107	1	5
Trail maintenance	2	5
Developed day use area at Union Bay	1	4
Fish plants	5	4
Additional funding (\$/staff/resources)	3	3
Additional lodging (motel/hotel) lodge	4	3
New boat launch facility	2	3
Provide for "through hikers" on NCT	3	3
Shoreline protection	5	3
Trout planting (expanded)	1	3
ADA trails; ADA compliant for Presque Isle trail (easier/improved steps)	3, 5	2
Better publicity	2	2
Bike trails; multi-level bike trail system	1, 5	2
Equipment for trail maintenance	4	2
Expand mountain biking trails with lift service	4	2
Improve cell service (safety-search + leisure)	3	2
More outpost camps- S. Boundary	5	2
More yurts/cabins/campgrounds	2, 4	2
Shuttle service (i.e., visitor center to other sites)	3	2

IMPROVEMENTS OR CHANGES		
Items	Mentioned at Table #	Total Votes
Another ski lift	4	1
Better understanding: Ojibway culture	2	1
Budget priority	2	1
Expanded motorcoach parking	4	1
Fish cleaning station with light	5	1
Keep County Road 107 open longer in fall	2	1
Rental kayaks/boats	1	1
Union Bay campground- move away from L. Superior	1	1
V.C. Right size for number of visitors	1	1
Zip Line; zip line at ski hill	3, 5	1
Bikes (allow in ski hill area)	3	0
Free access	2	0
More staff	5	0
Presque Isle full service campground	4	0



Visitors at Summit Peak

STAY THE SAME

Items	Mentioned at Table #	Total Votes
Wilderness- character; opportunities	2, 3, 5	9
Mirror Lake (lake stocking program)	4	5
Activities stay the same in wilderness (hatched area)	3	1
Backcountry camping	2	1
Educational programs	2	1
Number of cabins	1	1
Old growth forest	3	1
Bob wild	1, 5	0
DNR/GCC partnership	5	0
Music festival	5	0
Number of campsites	1	0
Ojibway culture	2	0
Positive attitude of staff	5	0
Restricted access	3	0
Trees continue to grow	4	0

Final Exercise: Collective Priorities

Each table's top three highest voted items from the previous exercise were transferred onto the collective priorities exercise. These items were posted for stakeholders from any table to vote on as they left the session. This way, an attendee could vote for an idea from another table, even if it was not discussed within their small group. The ideas that received more than ten votes were additional funding for staff and resources, trail maintenance, and maintain the wilderness character.

Priority	Votes
Additional funding: Staff/\$/resources	14
Trail maintenance	14
Maintain wilderness character	12
Shoreline protection	9
Cabin improvements (boats, too)	8
Maintain Mirror Lake- Lake stocking program	7
Provide accommodations for thru hikers on N. Country trail	5
New/improved boat launch	5
ADD'L lodging options (motel/hotel/lodge)	3
Develop day use area at Union Bay	3
Expanded trout planting	3
New entry road to replace County Road 107	3
Increased time for cabin reservations (longer use/year-round use)	1



Stakeholders report the results of the exercises back to the large group.

B.4 Tribal Engagement



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DIRECTOR

February 26, 2019

To: Ms. Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chairperson, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Mr. James Williams, Tribal Chairman, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
Chairman Thurlow McClellan, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians
Ogema Larry Romanelli, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Mr. Bryan Newland, Bay Mills Indian Community
Mr. Aaron Payment, Chairman, Salut Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Mr. Warren Swartz, Jr., Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

The Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is in the process of developing a general management plan (GMPs) for Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, located in Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties, Michigan.

At roughly 60,000 acres, Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park is Michigan's largest state park. It is home to 35,000 acres of old-growth forest (protected from logging by the formation of the park in 1945), miles of rivers and streams, many waterfalls, more than 90 miles of hiking trails, 21 miles of Lake Superior shoreline and spectacular scenic vistas. Most of the park is legally designated as a Wilderness Area under the Public Act 451 of 1994 and it is also recognized by the Federal Government as a National Natural Landmark. Some of the many popular natural attractions include Lake of the Clouds, the Summit Peak observation tower and the scenic Presque Isle River corridor.

The expansive acreage of Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park offers a range of recreation opportunities including modern and rustic camping on the lakeshore, backcountry camping and cabins, hiking, down-hill skiing, cross-country skiing, disc golf, hunting, fishing, and wildlife and scenic viewing. The Wilderness Visitor Center offers an exhibit hall featuring natural communities, native wildlife and the history of the Porcupine Mountains, information on trail conditions, and interpretive programs. Additional events and programs are offered year-round by the Friends of the Porkies, a non-profit organization that supports Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

The DNR uses GMPs to define a long-range planning and management strategy that will protect the natural and cultural resources of the site, while considering recreation and education 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 input to help guide the plan. An on-line survey is currently available by following a link on the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park webpage at www.michigan.gov/porkies. A stakeholder focus

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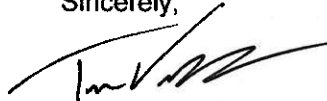
In addition, the draft plan will be available for review and comment via the department's website and an open public meeting prior to adoption later this year.

For additional information on our management plan process, please visit our website at www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans.

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

Please contact 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,



Trevor VanDyke, Tribal Coordinator
Department of Natural Resources
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cc. Ms. Stacy Welling Haughey, DNR
Mr. Ron Olson, DNR
Ms. Jackie Blodgett, DNR
Mr. Doug Rich, DNR
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B.5 Public Input Survey Data

Public Input Survey

The purpose of this survey is to gather input from **Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park** visitors. Your answers will help the Michigan Department of Natural Resources develop a **General Management Plan** that will guide the future of the park.

This survey should take about **15 minutes** to complete. Your answers will not be shared with any other parties and are confidential unless you provide your email address at the end of the survey.

At the end of the survey, you will be directed to the **project website** that provides additional information on the General Management Plan process and further opportunities for public review and comment.

To proceed with the survey, click the "Next" button.

Have you visited recently?

* 1. Have you visited Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in the past 10 years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (Please specify what keeps you from visiting the park)

Your Visit

2. How often do you visit Porcupine Mountains Wilderness?

- ☐ Less than once per year
- ☐ Once per year
- ☐ 2-3 times per year
- ☐ 4-5 times per year
- ☐ 6 or more times per year

3. In what seasons do you typically visit the park? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Winter (December, January, February)
- ☐ Spring (March, April, May)
- ☐ Summer (June, July, August)
- ☐ Fall (September, October, November)

4. How do you travel to the park? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Personal vehicle (car/truck/RV/motorcycle)
- ☐ Rental vehicle
- ☐ Bicycle
- ☐ Snowmobile
- ☐ On foot
- ☐ Fly to a nearby airport

Other:

5. From which of the following sources did you get information to plan your trip to the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ DNR website
- ☐ Other websites
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Park Visitor Center
- ☐ Other tourist or information center
- ☐ Previous experience
- ☐ Friends / family
- ☐ Printed publication (magazine, book, brochure)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

General Impressions and Activities

6. What three words would you use to describe Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park to someone who has never visited the park?

First Word

Second Word

Third Word

7. Using a scale of 0 = Not at all important to 5 = Very important, rate the importance of the following in your decision to choose to visit the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

	0: Not at all important	1	2	3	4	5: Very Important	No opinion
Backcountry/wilderness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scenery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildlife	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
History	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lodging (cabins, campsites, yurts, lodge)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing/boating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Events or programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other important items

8. Please check ALL the activities in which you participate at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting the park store | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting/trapping | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foraging (e.g., mushrooming, berry picking) | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorized boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Disc golf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock hounding | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-motorized boating / paddling | <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting historic sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metal detecting | <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight lodging (cabin, yurt, lodge) | <input type="checkbox"/> Road biking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping (campground or backcountry) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain biking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic shelter rental | <input type="checkbox"/> Birding | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature viewing/study | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail running |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting scenic overlooks | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature or history programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Viewing fall tree color | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-country skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Special events (Music festival, races, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Going to the Visitor Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Downhill skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

Your Most Recent Visit

The following questions relate to your most recent visit.

9. What was the approximate month of your most recent visit to the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park?

10. What was the approximate year of your most recent visit to the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park?

11. On your last visit, which statement best describes your party?

- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Couple
- ☐ Family
- ☐ Friends
- ☐ Family and friends
- ☐ Organized group or club
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. On your last visit, what age ranges were in your party, including you? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Under 5 years old
- ☐ 5-12 years old
- ☐ 13-17 years old
- ☐ 18-29
- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-64
- ☐ 65 or older

Your Most Recent Visit

13. For only the facilities you visited, use a scale of 0 = Not at all satisfied to 5 = Very satisfied, please rate your level of satisfaction with the following facilities:

	0: Not at all satisfied	1	2	3	4	5: Very satisfied	No opinion
Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scenic overlooks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park roads	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visitor Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ski hill	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park store	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restrooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. What did you like the most about your experience?

15. What changes, if any, would you like to see made in order to improve your experience?

16. Did you also visit other attractions in the area during your most recent visit? If so, what attractions did you visit?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes (please specify)

17. During your last visit, were there any activities you or someone in your party wished to participate in but were not able to due to personal mobility challenges or lack of accessibility accommodations?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes (please describe)

Overnight Accommodations

* 18. Have you ever used any of the overnight accommodations (campground, back-country campsites, cabins, yurt, or lodge) at the park?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Overnight Accommodations

19. Where did you stay the last time you used the overnight accommodations at the park? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Union Bay modern campground
- ☐ Presque Isle rustic campground
- ☐ Group use campground
- ☐ Outpost campground
- ☐ Backcountry campsite
- ☐ Yurt
- ☐ Cabin
- ☐ Kaug Wudjoo Modern Lodge

Overnight Accommodations

20. During your last visit, how many nights did you stay at each different location?

	1 night	2 - 3 nights	4 - 6 nights	7 or more nights
Union Bay modern campground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Presque Isle rustic campground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Group use campground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outpost campground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Backcountry campsite	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Yurt	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cabin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kaug Wudjoo Modern Lodge	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. Please rate your level of satisfaction with your overnight accommodations.

	0: Not at all satisfied	1	2	3	4	5: Very satisfied
Union Bay modern campground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Presque Isle rustic campground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Group use campground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outpost campground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Backcountry campsite	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Yurt	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cabin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kaug Wudjoo Modern Lodge	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. What did you like most about your accommodations?

23. What could be done to improve your satisfaction with the accommodations in the future?

Non-camper Accommodations

24. On your most recent visit, where did you stay when you visited the park?

- ☐ Own principal home
- ☐ Own second home
- ☐ Another's home/second home
- ☐ Another state park
- ☐ Dispersed camping on state or federal forest land
- ☐ Another public campground (federal, county, township, etc.)
- ☐ Private campground
- ☐ Hotel/motel/rental property/B&B
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Park Concessions

The following questions relate to all of your park visits.

25. Which of the following concession services have you used during your visits to Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Ski hill
- ☐ Outpost store
- ☐ Firewood
- ☐ Ice
- ☐ Vending machines
- ☐ Watercraft rentals
- ☐ Bicycle rentals
- ☐ Laundry room
- ☐ None of the above

Park Concessions

26. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the park concessions you used.

	0: Not at all satisfied	1	2	3	4	5: Very satisfied
Ski hill	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outpost store	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Firewood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vending machines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Watercraft rentals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bicycle rentals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Laundry room	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
None of the above	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27. What changes, if any, would you make to improve the concession services at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park?

Visitor Center

* 28. Have you visited the Porcupine Mountains Visitor Center?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Visitor Center

29. Rate your level of satisfaction with the following:

	0: Not at all satisfied	1	2	3	4	5: Very satisfied	N/A
Park maps and information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park history / natural resources (Exhibit Hall)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gift Shop	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Video/auditorium	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staff knowledge and helpfulness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Camping registration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contact station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

30. Please enter any comments you may have regarding the Visitor Center.

Hunting and Trapping

* 31. Do you hunt or trap at the park?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Hunting and Trapping

32. What do you hunt or trap? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Black bear
- ☐ White-tailed deer
- ☐ Small game
- ☐ Trapping furbearers
- ☐ Other (please specify)

33. Please enter any comments you may have about hunting and trapping at the park.

Fishing

* 34. Do you use the park for fishing access?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Fishing

35. How do you typically access the water for fishing?

- ☐ Shoreline
- ☐ Motorized boat
- ☐ Non-motorized boat

36. What is your preferred fishing location?

- ☐ Inland lakes
- ☐ Rivers
- ☐ Lake Superior

37. What is your target species of fish? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Salmon
- ☐ Lake trout
- ☐ Whitefish
- ☐ Smallmouth bass
- ☐ Brook trout
- ☐ Steelhead
- ☐ Splake
- ☐ No specific species
- ☐ Other (please specify)

38. Please enter any comments you may have about fishing at the park.

Special Events and Programs

39. Have you participated in a special event or program (Interpretive hike or activity, program or class, outdoor skills class, or other event) at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park ?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Special Events and Programs

40. Please select the programs you have participated in at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in the past. (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Interpretive hikes and activities
- ☐ Programs and classes
- ☐ Outdoor skills classes
- ☐ Other events

Special Events and Programs

41. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the programs or activities in which you participated.

	0: Not at all satisfied	1	2	3	4	5: Very satisfied
Interpretive hikes and activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Programs and classes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor skills classes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

42. Please enter any comments you may have on the special events or programs in which you participated.

Special Events and Programs

43. What, if any, additional programs or events would you like to be available at the park in the future?

Any other thoughts?

44. Please share any other thoughts you may have on Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

45. (Optional) Share a photo of your experience at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park! By uploading a photo, you grant permission to the DNR to use the photo.

No file chosen

Tell Us About Yourself

This section will help the planning team understand who uses the park.

46. What is the ZIP code of your primary residence?

ZIP (if inside the
United States):

Country (if outside
the United States):

47. What is your age?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-29
- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-64
- ☐ 65 or older
- ☐ I prefer not to answer.

48. Which of the following best describes you?

- ☐ White, non-Hispanic
- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African-American
- ☐ Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin
- ☐ Middle Eastern
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other (please specify)

49. If you would like to be informed about future meetings, or receive additional information regarding the General Management Plan process or other opportunities for comment at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park please leave your contact info below:

Name

Email

Thank you!

Q.1 HAVE YOU VISITED PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK IN THE PAST 10 YEARS?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	RESPONSE COUNT
YES	94.59%	804
NO (PLEASE SPECIFY WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM VISITING THE PARK)	5.41%	46
ANSWERED	850	
SKIPPED	0	

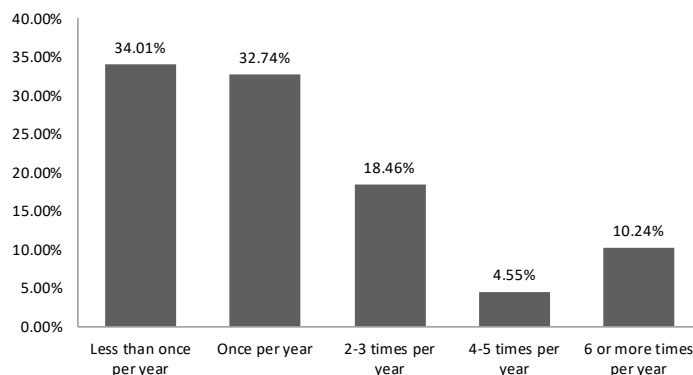
No (Please specify what keeps you from visiting the park):

- Distance
- distance
- Just heard about it.
- No fast food nearby. Only one hotel nearby. Not family vacation friendly without these things.
- The Drive
- Too many summer visitors
- Distance, but planning to go soon
- not aware of it
- Lack of free time, exploring other areas closer to home
- I moved back to Michigan less than ten years ago with young children and they're just now getting old enough for me to handle the trip.
- Distance
- Planning on it this year
- Distance to travel
- Long drive to get there
- Time off
- Haven't had time
- Time off work
- have not been to the area in many years
- Work primarily.
- Time
- Has been longer over 20. Time constraints. Have been to the other ones in the UP. May be there this year.
- Time
- Too modernized.
- We want to go and camp there but we don't know of a good campground.
- Physical limitations
- Can't seem to find the time to go to the park
- Hiking trip planned for this fall.
- Too many wolves have ruined the hunting
- Down hill skiing and it beauty

- It's a long distance
- We've started section hiking the NCT, and so far we've done the section west of the park.
- Did not live in the area at that time. I was there around 1978.
- Many other parks to visit still.
- I live about 9 hours away in southern MI. I have been looking to do a backpack hunting trip up there, but have not made it there yet. I am hoping to finally visit this year.
- Work takes me out of the area for long periods of time.
- Work
- just moved here
- Just started exploring the UP for vacation and have not made it to the Porcupine Mountains.
- Just haven't made it to the area yet.
- I have children involved in school activities over the summer so I have not had the time.
- Family trying to find time to vacation
- Crowds, difficulty in getting a cabin reservation
- Work and family commitments
- My last visit was 2000, I plan to return in the next 3 years
- Travel obstacles
- Distance from home

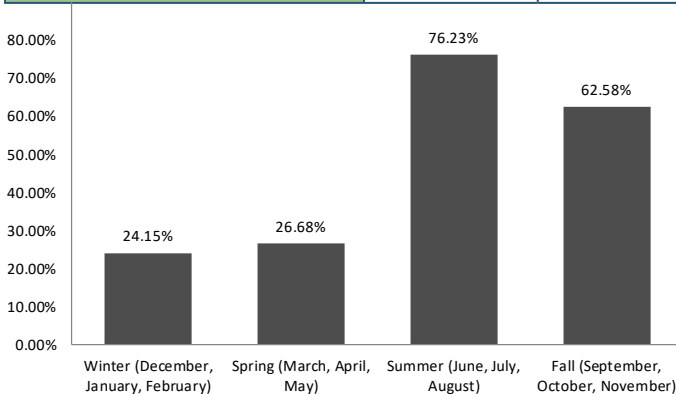
Q.2 HOW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
LESS THAN ONCE PER YEAR	34.01%	269
ONCE PER YEAR	32.74%	259
2-3 TIMES PER YEAR	18.46%	146
4-5 TIMES PER YEAR	4.55%	36
6 OR MORE TIMES PER YEAR	10.24%	81
ANSWERED	791	
SKIPPED	59	



Q.3 IN WHAT SEASONS DO YOU TYPICALLY VISIT THE PARK? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
WINTER (DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY)	24.15%	191
SPRING (MARCH, APRIL, MAY)	26.68%	211
SUMMER (JUNE, JULY, AUGUST)	76.23%	603
FALL (SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER)	62.58%	495
ANSWERED	791	
SKIPPED	59	



Q.4 HOW DO YOU TRAVEL TO THE PARK? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

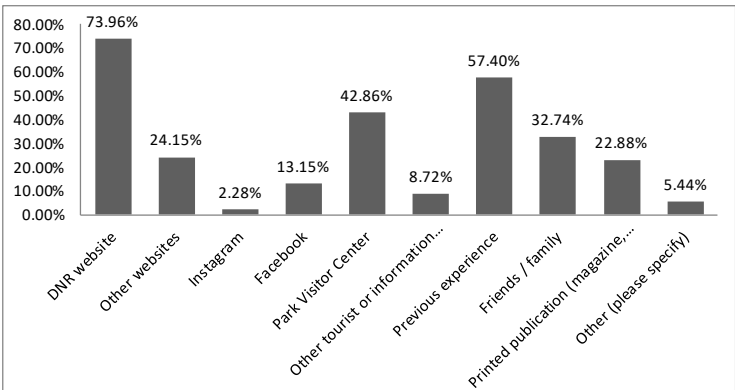
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
PERSONAL VEHICLE (CAR/ TRUCK/RV/ MOTORCYCLE)	98.35%	777
RENTAL VEHICLE	1.65%	13
BICYCLE	2.53%	20
SNOWMOBILE	1.39%	11
ON FOOT	4.56%	36
FLY TO A NEARBY AIRPORT	0.13%	1
OTHER:		7
ANSWERED	790	
SKIPPED	60	

Other:

1. Camp vehicle
2. Kayak
3. ORV
4. school bus
5. Kayak
6. canoe
7. ATV

Q.5 FROM WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SOURCES DID YOU GET INFORMATION TO PLAN YOUR TRIP TO THE PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

Answer Choices	Responses	
DNR WEBSITE	73.96%	585
OTHER WEBSITES	24.15%	191
INSTAGRAM	2.28%	18
FACEBOOK	13.15%	104
PARK VISITOR CENTER	42.86%	339
OTHER TOURIST OR INFORMATION CENTER	8.72%	69
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE	57.40%	454
FRIENDS / FAMILY	32.74%	259
PRINTED PUBLICATION (MAGAZINE, BOOK, BROCHURE)	22.88%	181
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	5.44%	43
ANSWERED	791	
SKIPPED	59	



Other (please specify):

1. S
2. topomap weather conditions
3. Covenant Point Bible Camp
4. personal history
5. newspaper
6. youtube
7. Resident of Ontonagon
8. Park rangers
9. Our fifty+ years of experience there.
10. I've been visiting the Porkies for the last 45 years
11. Friends of Porcupine Mountains
12. I worked there and grew up nearby.
13. simply been visiting since I was a child
14. We have printed publications from previous visits.

15. Vlogs
16. None. I just show up.
17. Travel blogs
18. Michigan Hiking and Backpacking FB group
19. Google images for maps
20. Signs at the park
21. map
22. Friends of the Porkies
23. AllTrails.com
24. I have been coming there for 45 years.
25. I can't recall
26. Grew up there
27. Park employees
28. I used to work at the park as a seasonal ranger.
29. <https://www.uptravel.com/>
30. None.
31. Lived locally and visited the park often.
32. I've been coming for 30 years.
33. Live 5-6 mls away. No planning needed
34. GCC ski area management program
35. I have been going to the porkies since the early sixties
36. Lake Superior website and maps
37. Google Maps
38. Printed brochure map from welcome center
39. public forums such as hammockforums dot net, I loathe facebook
40. Keweenaw NHP
41. google maps
42. Google maps
43. I've been visiting the park for nearly 50 years

Q. 6 WHAT THREE WORDS WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK TO SOMEONE WHO HAS NEVER VISITED THE PARK?



Words most frequently used to describe the park. Words that were used three or more times are included. Larger word size indicates a more frequent response.

Q.7 USING A SCALE OF 0 = NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT TO 5 = VERY IMPORTANT, RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR DECISION TO CHOOSE TO VISIT THE PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK.

	0: NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT		1		2		3		4		5: VERY IMPORTANT		NO OPINION		TOT.	WEIGHTED AVG.
BACKCOUNTRY/ WILDERNESS	0.93%	7	0.67%	5	2.40%	18	5.33%	40	9.85%	74	80.43%	604	0.40%	3	751	4.65
SCENERY	0.13%	1	0.00%	0	0.13%	1	1.99%	15	11.17%	84	86.57%	651	0.00%	0	752	4.84
WILDLIFE	0.94%	7	2.54%	19	6.02%	45	20.08%	150	26.77%	200	43.51%	325	0.13%	1	747	4
HISTORY	2.41%	18	6.55%	49	15.78%	118	30.61%	229	21.12%	158	22.86%	171	0.67%	5	748	3.31
LODGING (CABINS, CAMPSITES, YURTS, LODGE)	5.72%	43	5.19%	39	7.85%	59	15.56%	117	18.35%	138	45.61%	343	1.73%	13	752	3.76
FISHING/ BOATING	26.87%	201	16.04%	120	15.91%	119	16.71%	125	11.63%	87	9.22%	69	3.61%	27	748	1.98
TRAILS	0.67%	5	0.40%	3	2.00%	15	4.27%	32	16.93%	127	75.07%	563	0.67%	5	750	4.63
WINTER SPORTS	23.93%	179	10.16%	76	13.10%	98	17.11%	128	12.83%	96	17.25%	129	5.61%	42	748	2.39
EVENTS OR PROGRAMS	23.16%	173	13.79%	103	16.73%	125	21.69%	162	11.78%	88	8.30%	62	4.55%	34	747	2.11
OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS															102	
ANSWERED	754															
SKIPPED	96															

Other important items:

- Safe place
- Backpacking sites
- no mining intruding
- Pet Friendly
- The wilderness, it is challenging to find a quiet place to hike where there aren't noises from power sports, cars or aircraft.
- It was on the shore of Lake Superior and a planned stop on my 1,000 kayak solo.
- Availability of camp sites, maintenance of campsites (clean, condition of bear poles, condition of fire rings)
- waterfalls
- Campfire rings
- Music Festival
- Gift shop offering local products
- Hiking
- Ski and snowshoeing options
- Tent camping in a quiet campground without noise from radios and RV's and without bright area lights.
- freedom to backpack and camp at sites of choice
- Deer Hunting
- Nonesuch Mining Area and logging areas near the old minesite.
- Beach access
- music festival
- Less people, less traveled
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- Proximity
- Near Lake Superior
- Campsites maintained.
- All hiking trail bridges are well maintained.
- folk school
- Lakeshore, Beaches
- the events and winter sports are something that interests me but has not yet been a reason for me to visit
- Lake of the Clouds
- Good bathrooms
- The Park staff is informative and essential. We must support Rangers and educational staff.
- Facilities

33. downhill ski area
34. Inland lakes, waterfalls, old growth forests
35. Preservation of wilderness and lack of development in and near the park.
36. Porkie Fest
37. Escarpment trail, outpost campsites, proper waste disposal
38. lake superior/lake superior shoreline
39. Limited people traffic events, such as running or biking marathons in the interior. Not too civilized.
40. Availability
41. Mountain bike trails
42. Keep it wild.
43. Lost Creek Yurt in the winter
44. back country camping, backpacking
45. Bear boxes or hangs
46. Mountain biking/skiing/snowmobiling
47. Vehicle accessibility
48. fact that it is a non-motorized use area
49. Refurbish lake of the clouds cabin, make mouse tight and discourage campers from leaving food
50. Higher priority should be given to non-consumptive users & quiet sports. For me, the tranquility of the park is ruined by the sound of snowmobilers in the winter and gun shots in the fall. Trapping should not be allowed in the park.
51. North Country Trail
52. Hunting/trapping access in winter are impossible. Too much catering to snowmobiles
53. Off Trail Exploration, Old Growth, Big Trees, Waterfalls
54. State campground sites need to be redone/updated!
55. I'd love to visit in winter, and get to one of the programs, I just haven't had the opportunity to.
56. Cross country ski trails
57. Campsites
58. Hunting most important
59. Maintain existing infrastructure
60. Love this park!
61. Cabins
62. Mountain biking, brewery opportunity
63. Food and drink
64. Porkies music festival
65. Convenient location on our trip around Lake Superior
66. Quiet that comes with Lake Superior and the Porcupine Mountains
67. Off road/Mountain biking trails!
68. None
69. Trails
70. Solitude, old trees, native plants, "intact ecosystems"
71. Dark sky
72. One of the few Michigan state parks with backcountry camping
73. Lake Superior beach and shore areas
74. Lake Superior Shoreline, waterfalls
75. Backcountry camping availability, clean campsites with minimal litter, abundance of hiking trails
76. Minimizing human development
77. Having the rustic campground available.
78. Keeping it wild is the most important directive!
79. Big Carp 6 bunk
80. Friends of the Porkies is a great group that helps to draw in visitors like me.
81. backpacking
82. Picturesque scenery
83. To see old forests
84. Cleanliness, Quietness, Mosquitolessness
85. Stewardship
86. Visitor Center
87. Camping facilities
88. Expansion of sporting opportunities
89. Paddling
90. I would like to see it connected to bike packing trails
91. Lake Superior, boreal forest, old growth forest, wilderness designation, northern lights, stargazing
92. Build more cabins on lake of the clouds
93. The summer nature programming was a huge draw for my family.
94. Old-growth forest
95. The indigenous history of the land is very important
96. Lake Superior, Lake of the Clouds
97. Important to plan around busy busy times so you aren't fighting for parking spots, constantly running into people on the trail.
98. hunting/trapping access
99. Backpacking friendly trails and campsite options
100. Trail markers in back country
101. Lake Superior views
102. Backcountry camping opportunities are the prime reason for my visit to the Porkies.

Q.8 PLEASE CHECK ALL THE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATE AT PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
FISHING	25.56%	193
HUNTING/TRAPPING	6.23%	47
FORAGING (E.G., MUSHROOMING, BERRY PICKING)	26.89%	203
ROCK HOUNDING	27.55%	208
METAL DETECTING	1.46%	11
GEOCACHING	5.83%	44
PICNIC SHELTER RENTAL	2.78%	21
NATURE VIEWING/STUDY	70.73%	534
VISITING SCENIC OVERLOOKS	90.33%	682
VIEWING FALL TREE COLOR	64.11%	484
GOING TO THE VISITOR CENTER	65.43%	494
VISITING THE PARK STORE	48.34%	365
SWIMMING	38.81%	293
MOTORIZED BOATING	4.77%	36
NON-MOTORIZED BOATING / PADDLING	18.81%	142
OVERNIGHT LODGING (CABIN, YURT, LODGE)	36.95%	279
CAMPING (CAMPGROUND OR BACKCOUNTRY)	77.88%	588
BIRDING	28.21%	213
PICNICKING	32.58%	246
PHOTOGRAPHY	62.52%	472
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING	20.53%	155
DOWNHILL SKIING	12.85%	97
SNOWSHOEING	25.56%	193
SNOWMOBILING	3.31%	25
DISC GOLF	5.17%	39
VISITING HISTORIC SITES	42.25%	319
ROAD BIKING	8.74%	66
MOUNTAIN BIKING	9.40%	71
HIKING	86.23%	651
TRAIL RUNNING	10.73%	81
NATURE OR HISTORY PROGRAMS	23.18%	175
SPECIAL EVENTS (MUSIC FESTIVAL, RACES, ETC.)	15.63%	118
VOLUNTEERING	3.05%	23
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	4.24%	32
ANSWERED	755	
SKIPPED	95	

Other (please specify):

- meeting others at park
- Backpacking with my dog
- Music Festival is the best in the Midwest!
- candle light snow shoe
- taking pictures of the environmental damage created by the exploration company!!!!!!
- I've hiked every inch of every trail in the park and stayed at least once in every cabin and every yurt.
- Ranger-led programming: candlelit ski, snowshoe hike
- ORV
- candlelight ski, guided snowshoe walks
- Backpacking
- Candlelit ski
- Backpacking
- hammocking
- Lantern lit hike
- meeting friends
- I hope to be back to explore more and participate more
- Backcountry skiing
- Just kicking back and relaxing
- exploring
- Backpacking
- To feel at home.
- Thimbleberries
- Stargazing
- Backpacking
- Outdoor cooking
- Artist in residence
- Spending time at my cabin (reason for my not rating or selecting overnight lodging)
- backpacking
- campfire
- I'm assuming backpacking is being included with hiking or camping but I feel it deserves its own category. Not many backpacking destinations like it.
- Stargazing, northern lights, old growth forest, wilderness
- snowboarding

Q.9 WHAT WAS THE APPROXIMATE MONTH OF YOUR MOST RECENT VISIT TO THE PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
JANUARY	3.59%	27
FEBRUARY	8.11%	61
MARCH	1.86%	14
APRIL	0.66%	5
MAY	3.32%	25
JUNE	5.72%	43
JULY	16.09%	121
AUGUST	21.01%	158
SEPTEMBER	18.09%	136
OCTOBER	18.22%	137
NOVEMBER	2.66%	20
DECEMBER	0.66%	5
ANSWERED	752	
SKIPPED	98	

Q.10 WHAT WAS THE APPROXIMATE YEAR OF YOUR MOST RECENT VISIT TO THE PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2019	12.27%	92
2018	69.73%	523
2017	9.33%	70
2016	3.47%	26
2015	1.33%	10
2014	0.27%	2
2013	0.93%	7
2012	0.53%	4
2011	0.80%	6
2010	0.67%	5
2009	0.27%	2
2008	0.40%	3
ANSWERED	750	
SKIPPED	100	

Q.11 ON YOUR LAST VISIT, WHICH STATEMENT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR PARTY?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
INDIVIDUAL	9.97%	75
COUPLE	32.71%	246
FAMILY	25.93%	195
FRIENDS	14.49%	109
FAMILY AND FRIENDS	11.17%	84
ORGANIZED GROUP OR CLUB	3.06%	23
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	2.66%	20
ANSWERED	752	
SKIPPED	98	

Other (please specify):

1. Father & Daughter just before she left for college
2. Father and son
3. Ontonagon school field trip
4. Couple for 1 week, friends joined for 2nd week
5. Father and son
6. Mother and child
7. Individual and dog
8. Couple and dog
9. 2 relatives
10. DNR WUP-CAC meeting
11. Individual and dog
12. Myself, Husband, Brother
13. Individual with dog
14. Couple & dog
15. 2 people
16. Annual Mother-Daughter Trip
17. Couple and grandchild
18. Mother daughter
19. Married no kids 2 dogs
20. Me and my dog(very important)

Q.12 ON YOUR LAST VISIT, WHAT AGE RANGES WERE IN YOUR PARTY, INCLUDING YOU? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
UNDER 5 YEARS OLD	6.24%	47
5-12 YEARS OLD	16.20%	122
13-17 YEARS OLD	13.94%	105
18-29	26.03%	196
30-39	30.15%	227
40-49	28.55%	215
50-64	41.83%	315
65 OR OLDER	18.46%	139
ANSWERED	753	
SKIPPED	97	

Q.13 FOR ONLY THE FACILITIES YOU VISITED, USE A SCALE OF 0 = NOT AT ALL SATISFIED TO 5 = VERY SATISFIED, PLEASE RATE YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES:

	0: NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	1	2	3	4	5: VERY SATISFIED	NO OPINION	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
TRAILS	0.28% 2	1.10% 8	2.49% 18	6.63% 48	28.73% 208	58.56% 424	2.21% 16	724	4.44
SCENIC OVERLOOKS	0.14% 1	0.28% 2	0.56% 4	3.22% 23	18.18% 130	75.66% 541	1.96% 14	715	4.71
PARK ROADS	0.83% 6	1.24% 9	4.68% 34	12.24% 89	27.10% 197	51.99% 378	1.93% 14	727	4.24
PARKING	0.41% 3	0.41% 3	2.34% 17	10.34% 75	28.55% 207	54.62% 396	3.31% 24	725	4.38
VISITOR CENTER	0.14% 1	0.43% 3	1.15% 8	7.50% 52	23.38% 162	51.95% 360	15.44% 107	693	4.48
SKI HILL	0.47% 3	0.63% 4	0.47% 3	2.50% 16	4.84% 31	11.41% 73	79.69% 510	640	4.21
PARK STORE	0.29% 2	0.44% 3	2.21% 15	8.70% 59	17.99% 122	27.14% 184	43.22% 293	678	4.2
RESTROOMS	0.99% 7	0.85% 6	2.84% 20	12.77% 90	29.79% 210	40.00% 282	12.77% 90	705	4.17
ANSWERED	737								
SKIPPED	113								

Q.14 WHAT DID YOU LIKE THE MOST ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE?

ANSWERED	667
SKIPPED	183

(30 randomly selected responses follow. Full results available upon request)

Responses:

3. Presque Isle trails and waterfalls. North Mirror Lake Trail after the bridge-not many people
6. hiking
43. Experience the out doors and history of the area. Basically EVERYTHING

50. Camping on Lake Superior
67. The ability to walk through the wilderness.
138. Remoteness
144. remote, heavily wooded trails. Great for hammock camping. I especially enjoyed the scenery of the Little Carp trail, and the old growth forests while hiking south, uphill, towards Mirror Lake.
147. The ruggedness and natural beauty of the park.
170. I love getting out in nature and leaving "civilization" behind for a few days. It's beautiful there and I've never been disappointed.
179. Overlooks
180. It is still possible to escape the crowds and enjoy an individual nature experience
182. family friendly things to do, and as always beautiful

- 192. Fall views
- 272. We rent a different rustic cabin every time we come to the Porkies so it's always great to see a new part of the park every year
- 273. Finding Nunsuch Mine
- 324. Just being there!
- 350. Being in a place that has been special to me my whole life. This park is a gem among the state park system and deserves to be preserved and funded as much as possible.
- 367. Spectacular winter weekend
- 424. hiking trails
- 430. The nice people you meet viewing the park
- 433. The views
- 447. Beautiful views, great hiking.
- 454. Mountain
- 505. Lake of the Clouds overlook
- 526. Hiking and scenic views
- 537. Staying in a private yurt with amenities provided that we didn't have to pack in.
- 547. Snowshoeing along the Presque Isle River was peaceful and beautiful.
- 563. The solitude of the backcountry.
- 568. Being in a remote back country.
- 643. I prefer wild and untouched places with very little crowds. Porkies fit that very well.

Q.15 WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE MADE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE YOUR EXPERIENCE?

ANSWERED	573
SKIPPED	277

Responses:

(30 randomly selected responses follow. Full results available upon request)

- 4. keep the park like it is. Do not increase camping
- 25. Nothing. But, if possible, a kayak campground accessible halfway through the park. That was a long haul, but I do realize only one or two people a year may use it. Perhaps one back-country site that could double as a kayak camp when and if one may be in need. Minnesota does this.
- 27. The campsites, cabins and yurts should be visited by management once a month to inspect for damage, need for replacing or repairing items and cleanliness.
- 143. Replace the bridge at the Big Carp river
- 153. Getting to the trailhead could have been a bit easier with more directions and available maps
- 159. Improved road conditions, less restricted backcountry camping
- 160. I wish they would go back to dispersed camping. It made it a lot less stressful knowing that you didn't have to worry about making it to a certain destination to crash.
- 161. I can't think of any. Keep up with trail erosion?
- 174. A lot of the trails were swampy in August as there had been a lot of rain.
- 229. The movement of County Road 107 away from the shoreline of lake superior, drainage of Union Bay campground, and fixing of the South Boundary road, Accessibility of some Presque Isle falls.
- 245. More informational signs.
- 279. The road is horrible!, widen road for safer pull offs, keep road open till hunt season is complete, not fair its closed early for snowmobiling. Reduce trails or keep existing nice, don't want miles of trails to ruin the wilderness.
- 283. no change
- 290. Provide better road. Boundary road is in poor shape, state needs to contribute to costs of repair. Provide more parking options for hunters, improve shoulder of road for safer parking. Keep road open and maintained until after all hunting seasons are closed. Reduce snowmobile impact.
- 314. better ranger presence in campground
- 334. I would put less importance on man made structures within the wilderness. Let it be wild.
- 385. Cell phone reception!
- 399. Bike rack at bath house, playground equipment for kids. Strange that there wasn't an area at out campground
- 408. I hope there won't be a lot of major changes.
- 415. *Slightly* expanded modern campground so more people can enjoy camping there- but not at any great compromise of wilderness!
- 443. I wouldn't change a thing honestly. If anything I would stress the importance of preserving, what I think is an amazing place!
- 467. Trails were very muddy and hard to hike on. They could benefit from improvements.
- 493. The campground is in desperate need of repair. When it rains, the ground is saturated and nearly impossible to camp on.
- 502. Better boats / canoes at the cabins
- 506. Better backcountry permitting... I received a ticket when I was not meant to. My car was parked legally, but a ranger left a ticket on my windshield anyways.
- 528. Really need kayak rental nearby or better advertisement for it if it already exists. We ended up kayaking in Au Train.
- 554. Park rangers said trails were fine, they were completely flooded and impassable
- 558. The superior trail had so many downed trees on it that it was impossible to hike while remaining on the trail. We

constantly had to stop to find ways to get around the obstacles. clearing that trail would have improved my experience immensely.

564. none

Q.16 DID YOU ALSO VISIT OTHER ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA DURING YOUR MOST RECENT VISIT? IF SO, WHAT ATTRACTIONS DID YOU VISIT?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
NO	64.66%	461
YES (PLEASE SPECIFY)	35.34%	252
ANSWERED	713	
SKIPPED	137	

(30 randomly selected responses follow. Full results available upon request)

Responses:

1. White Pine
10. North Country Trail
32. Old Victoria Rockland, Trap Range near Bergland.
50. Lake of the clouds and presqile falls
70. Ontonagon lighthouse, Old Victoria, Copper Peak, Black River byway 76.
79. We went to Two Loons restaurant and the Nonesuch store in Ontonagon. We often visit the history museum in town, too.
80. Black River Harbor, Twin Lakes area, historical museums, Sturgeon River
89. Keewana Peninsula
100. local businesses, attractions
104. Silver City, Ontonagon
105. Waterfalls
110. Lake of the Clouds
122. We went to Bond Falls and Agate Falls
126. Waterfalls
131. Live locally
145. Lake Superior
148. Adventure mine, Lake Superior
149. Silver City, Wakefield
151. Bruce Crossing, a couple other campgrounds
157. Old Victoria. The NCT. Irish Cemetery
184. Beaches, countryside
202. North Country Trail in the Trap Hills
213. visitor center, lake of the clouds overlook
229. Ontonagon museum

233. Ontonagon, Ashland, Bayfield, Washburn, Cornucopia

237. Private RV parks.

240. Lake Superior beaches and surrounding areas

Bond Falls, Copper Peak

245. we like to visit the restaurant that feeds the bears

246. Bond Falls

Q.17 DURING YOUR LAST VISIT, WERE THERE ANY ACTIVITIES YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR PARTY WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN BUT WERE NOT ABLE TO DUE TO PERSONAL MOBILITY CHALLENGES OR LACK OF ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
NO	95.03%	689
YES (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	4.97%	36
ANSWERED	725	
SKIPPED	125	

Responses (please describe):

1. hard to walk some trails due to age (67)
2. I can't hike trails like I used to be able to do. Fortunately I have very fold memories of other times, younger times.
3. I wanted to take my mom to the over looked falls area. She is 81. I think parking in the old parking lot would help with this as it's not as far to walk for some people.
4. some stairs are challenging for those with bad knees
5. Provide snowmobile access to summit peak
6. My wife couldn't see Nonesuch due to age.
7. I wanted to go hiking
8. Cant hike as far with a bad hip.
9. October 2018 was an extremely violent fall but we made the best of it...love mother nature!
10. Some scenic areas are just too far or difficult for husband to walk to now.
11. West vista is very hard to get to because the way down on xc skies is steep. It's and amazing view and wish it was easier to get to.
12. Very difficult to access the other runs at the ski hill.
13. Even though we have some mobility challenges, not every aspect of a park or attrraction needs to be accessible if doing so would change the resource.
14. Student in wheelchair does not have easy access in winter.
15. in park campground with electricity
16. access to mirrored lake
17. Many of the back count ery trails are only for younger

people

18. Some of the trails where in vary poor condition
19. Unable to access the mountain without a snow machine
20. I was pregnant and couldn't ski- not a park issue !
21. couldn't take a stroller down the stairs.
22. Road closure essentially excludes anyone except snowmobilers to interior for half the year. This is not right. Many locals want to access interior in winter for hunting and trapping but cannot. Even with a snowmobile, there is no places to pull off and park.
23. Couldnt get everywhere we wnated to via snowmobile
24. My dad is getting older and has trouble walking due to cancer treatments. He wasn't able to join us on our day hike this year. I'm just grateful he was able to walk the mile to the cabin.
25. I could not hike rugges, high trails
26. My mother can no longer hike due to her age
27. There wasn't a bridge where there was supposed to be
28. Our experience with the yurt was challenging because we were not allowed to park in the lot near the yurt, and my husband has knee issues that made it difficult
29. I would have liked to get deeper into the park on a long winter weekend.
30. bad back
31. See desired improvements above.
32. Several features were long walks with many stairs that members of our party were unable to see.
33. Accessing the interior more than just beyond the parking lot
34. Summit Peak tower. Some of our party can no longer climb the stairs for the views.
35. Yes, I was unaware of the Presque Isle River Area and its beauty ... would have loved to visit that area ... but really didn't even know it was there!
36. Hiking in the old-growth forest

Q.19 WHERE DID YOU STAY THE LAST TIME YOU USED THE OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE PARK? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
UNION BAY MODERN CAMPGROUND	31.27%	192
PRESQUE ISLE RUSTIC CAMPGROUND	14.50%	89
GROUP USE CAMPGROUND	1.14%	7
OUTPOST CAMPGROUND	2.77%	17
BACKCOUNTRY CAMPSITE	33.55%	206
YURT	7.65%	47
CABIN	27.36%	168
KAUG WUDJOO MODERN LODGE	1.47%	9
ANSWERED	614	
SKIPPED	236	

Q.18 HAVE YOU EVER USED ANY OF THE OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS (CAMPGROUND, BACK-COUNTRY CAMPSITES, CABINS, YURT, OR LODGE) AT THE PARK?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
YES	83.99%	619
NO	16.01%	118
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	0.00%	0
ANSWERED	737	
SKIPPED	113	

PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER INPUT

Q.20 DURING YOUR LAST VISIT, HOW MANY NIGHTS DID YOU STAY AT EACH DIFFERENT LOCATION?

	1 NIGHT		2 - 3 NIGHTS		4 - 6 NIGHTS		7 OR MORE NIGHTS		TOTAL
UNION BAY MODERN CAMP-GROUND	24.21%	46	41.58%	79	25.79%	49	8.42%	16	190
PRESQUE ISLE RUSTIC CAMP-GROUND	16.67%	14	63.10%	53	17.86%	15	2.38%	2	84
GROUP USE CAMP-GROUND	33.33%	2	66.67%	4	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	6
OUTPOST CAMP-GROUND	31.25%	5	56.25%	9	6.25%	1	6.25%	1	16
BACK-COUNTRY CAMPSITE	38.38%	76	47.98%	95	12.12%	24	1.52%	3	198
YURT	23.91%	11	65.22%	30	10.87%	5	0.00%	0	46
CABIN	18.18%	30	66.06%	109	13.94%	23	1.82%	3	165
KAUG WUDJOO MODERN LODGE	0.00%	0	66.67%	6	33.33%	3	0.00%	0	9
ANSWERED	608								
SKIPPED	242								

Q.21 PLEASE RATE YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH YOUR OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS.

	0: NOT AT ALL SATISFIED		1		2		3		4		5: VERY SATISFIED		TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
UNION BAY MODERN CAMPGROUND	2.11%	4	2.63%	5	4.21%	8	15.79%	30	35.79%	68	39.47%	75	190	3.99
PRESQUE ISLE RUSTIC CAMPGROUND	1.15%	1	1.15%	1	1.15%	1	19.54%	17	33.33%	29	43.68%	38	87	4.14
GROUP USE CAMPGROUND	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	33.33%	2	50.00%	3	16.67%	1	6	3.83
OUTPOST CAMPGROUND	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	11.76%	2	17.65%	3	29.41%	5	41.18%	7	17	4
BACKCOUNTRY CAMPSITE	0.00%	0	0.49%	1	1.47%	3	12.75%	26	32.35%	66	52.94%	108	204	4.36
YURT	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	2.17%	1	10.87%	5	26.09%	12	60.87%	28	46	4.46
CABIN	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	6.63%	11	29.52%	49	63.86%	106	166	4.57
KAUG WUDJOO MODERN LODGE	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	9	9	5
ANSWERED	612													
SKIPPED	238													

Q.22 WHAT DID YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS?

ANSWERED	528
SKIPPED	322

(30 randomly selected responses follow. Full results available upon request)

Responses:

- 34. The cabins were by themselves. We like the wilderness experience.
- 65. Solitude
- 82. I loved that our site was situated in the woods, not out in the open like other sites we have used.
- 86. The location with a view of Lake Superior
- 106. Very quiet with plenty of good campsites to choose from.
- 108. Love being on Lake Superior
- 129. Views from sites
- 155. It was relaxing
- 176. Near the river and the overlook.
- 190. Clearly marked; fire rings
- 205. The lodge is absolutely beautiful!
- 222. There was plenty of wood and we saw nobody!
- 228. Great way to do some backcountry hiking with little kids, because we don't need to bring tent and pads.
- 238. Bear poles and proximity to water
- 259. WPA
- 281. Wood stove
- 286. Cabins are amazing
- 296. The cabin experience is amazing!! The BEST!!!
- 318. Sweet rock couch
- 320. Rustic, wood stove, location, privacy, shelter, scenery, bunks, streams and lakes, composting toilets
- 325. Hiking access, space between campsites
- 327. Serene and wild, beautiful and challenging
- 330. Convenient location for warm shelter while kayaking
- 335. Relatively affordable
- 358. Peacefulness
- 371. Not crowded too closely together
- 393. Great campsite right on Lake Superior, comfortable and level ground to sleep on in a tent.
- 443. Solitude in the backcountry.
- 450. Not too busy. Nice area
- 459. Cabin was clean and nice

Q.23 WHAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE YOUR SATISFACTION WITH THE ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE FUTURE?

ANSWERED	455
SKIPPED	395

(30 randomly selected responses follow. Full results available upon request)

Responses:

- 29. Keep the outhouses (privies) cleaner
- 32. The campground could use better drainage- some sites were really wet
- 48. more beds
- 51. More fly paper
- 61. Being able to get additional nights!
- 77. we were very happy with the accommodations
- 82. Na
- 104. yurt needs shelves
- 126. Something done for ice on floor of outhouse
- 146. Better signage pointing to potties in the backcountry. There were a few places I never knew had toilets.
- 148. Level some of the back country campsites.
- 155. The Union Bay campground is a beautiful location, but there are far too many sites packed in together. I would like to see half as many sites there, with more trees and bushes to make it feel like the wilderness. The lawn around and roads right by the campsites make it feel the opposite of what I come to the wilderness and state park to experience.
- 171. not much
- 191. Was good
- 199. Bear boxes instead of bear poles may be better. I would guess more visitors would use them if they were easier to use. A simple pit toilet at backcountry sites would be nice since there are so many visitors.
- 200. the bear poles could be a little more user friendly, some of the younger youth could not lift their gear with the heavy metal pole, maybe a pulley type system?
- 202. Better accommodations for mid-size (10-12 ppl) groups (eg., larger backcountry campsite availability- it's difficult to find adjacent sites for extended stays)
- 204. "I greatly appreciate the free wood that the DNR offers for off-season rentals. However, the wood for the yurts was almost completely waterlogged under the tarps last time I stayed at Porcupine Mountains. I could understand that it might be difficult, but it would be helpful if small batches of seasoned wood could be kept in a small enclosure by the yurts just to use for starters (like the cabin at Van Riper).

I also had a hard time hiking in with the heavy snow accumulation last March and could have used some

snow shoes. In retrospect, I should have brought or rented some, but it would have been helpful to have someone recommend this or give weather advisories at check-in. “

217. There was no wood chopped when we got there- make sure people know to leave wood for next guest
241. Be strategic about where campgrounds are located. Scenery is great, but also think about impact of use and where sites are really needed in order to enhance the visitor experience and make maintenance feasible. Where appropriate, pit toilets would help in decreasing the number of people who deposit their waste in the backcountry.
276. Showers
317. No suggestions. It was quite nice as is.
342. Supply wood for winter/late fall use
384. Here's a weird one for the 3 or 4 of us that come up for winter backpacking: winter backpacking 'sites' that have been cleared of widowmakers and other deadfalls. That's my biggest concern in winter, picking a bad campsite that will get me killed.
393. I didn't find a bear pole near my site
417. Less muddy campsites
423. Bear boxes (like Pictures Rocks). The poles with food bags are difficult to use.
428. nothing, the yurts and cabins are great
435. Backcountry toilets would be nice at each campsite to help reduce the toilet paper waste other campers leave behind.
441. Add more restroom facilities, I often had to wait for stalls in the restroom, or walked to the outhouses. The visitor center restroom is inadequate also. The showers at the campground are soooooo crowded with campers from back country or presque isle

HOTEL/MOTEL/ RENTAL PROPERTY/ B&B	26.96%	31
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	13.04%	15
ANSWERED	115	
SKIPPED	735	

Responses (please specify):

1. Own land (no house — camping)
2. Did not stay in area of Park. Have our own cabin in UP.
3. drove back to my home in Iron River, Michigan
4. Travel from our home, near by.
5. Day tripped from Marquette Co.
6. We drove home.
7. Rented apartment in Houghton
8. Summer cabin
9. Union Bay Campground
10. Friends house
11. We live in Ontonagon
12. My Dads house/motel In Phelps Wi
13. Personal Cabin
14. None
15. Tried to stay in campsite, completely flooded

Q. 25 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING CONCESSION SERVICES HAVE YOU USED DURING YOUR VISITS TO PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
SKI HILL	20%	144
OUTPOST STORE	47%	341
FIREWOOD	30%	221
ICE	19%	140
VENDING MACHINES	7%	53
WATERCRAFT RENTALS	1%	5
BICYCLE RENTALS	0%	2
LAUNDRY ROOM	6%	45
NONE OF THE ABOVE	37%	272
ANSWERED	730	
SKIPPED	120	

Q.24 ON YOUR MOST RECENT VISIT, WHERE DID YOU STAY WHEN YOU VISITED THE PARK?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
OWN PRINCIPAL HOME	28.70%	33
OWN SECOND HOME	7.83%	9
ANOTHER'S HOME/ SECOND HOME	10.43%	12
ANOTHER STATE PARK	2.61%	3
DISPERSED CAMPING ON STATE OR FEDERAL FOREST LAND	5.22%	6
ANOTHER PUBLIC CAMPGROUND (FEDERAL, COUNTY, TOWNSHIP, ETC.)	2.61%	3
PRIVATE CAMPGROUND	2.61%	3

Q.26 PLEASE RATE YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE PARK CONCESSIONS YOU USED.

	0: NOT AT ALL SATISFIED		1		2		3		4		5: VERY SATISFIED		TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
SKI HILL	0.75%	1	0.75%	1	4.51%	6	17.29%	23	32.33%	43	44.36%	59	133	4.13
OUTPOST STORE	0.31%	1	1.22%	4	2.75%	9	15.29%	50	35.78%	117	44.65%	146	327	4.19
FIREWOOD	0.46%	1	1.39%	3	4.17%	9	17.13%	37	36.11%	78	40.74%	88	216	4.09
ICE	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	2.19%	3	8.76%	12	30.66%	42	58.39%	80	137	4.45
VENDING MACHINES	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	1.92%	1	19.23%	10	42.31%	22	36.54%	19	52	4.13
WATERCRAFT RENTALS	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	20.00%	1	60.00%	3	20.00%	1	5	4
BICYCLE RENTALS	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	2	0.00%	0	2	4
LAUNDRY ROOM	2.33%	1	0.00%	0	4.65%	2	13.95%	6	39.53%	17	39.53%	17	43	4.07
NONE OF THE ABOVE	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0	0
ANSWERED	456													
SKIPPED	394													

Q.27 WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU MAKE TO IMPROVE THE CONCESSION SERVICES AT PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK?

ANSWERED	220
SKIPPED	630

(30 randomly selected responses follow. Full results available upon request)

Responses:

10. More frequent site visits from management
22. Ski Hill could use some updates- bathrooms are dated, baby changing tables, windows are foggy, good cleaning throughout. New Kitchen floor looks fantastic!
25. None
35. Can't think of any
43. We love skiing at the Porkies, the ski hill staff was super friendly. Providing the opportunity for students at the college to earn experience seems to be a win/win. Outpost store folks have also always been nice, there is a nice variety of local items and things that relate to the park.
51. Nothing
60. No plastic
63. None!
75. At the ski hill, having more options for gluten free.
84. Sometimes the wood is wet.
89. more laundry facilities, so more people are able to do laundry at the same time
97. Groceries...but not that big of a deal
101. Cant think of any
115. It's fine. Don't build any more.
116. None
127. Can't think of any , since we don't use them that often.
135. None
139. shuttle service so one way hikes are possible. but I don't care that much
141. More food options. Beer/liquor
150. A second lift on the west side of the ski hill and snowmaking for a good base and extended season.
161. I think the concessions are fine and the type and variety are fairly consistent with the basically self sufficient people who value wilderness.
162. Maybe a better selection of low calorie drinks.
163. More variety of products at store, dry (seasoned) firewood
178. Have firewood right at campground so you don't need to drive to outpost store.
193. The store has very limited options.
198. Sell DRY wood. Sell wood at both ends of the park. Even better if it's self-serve.
202. More staff? It gets more busy every year
205. None come to mind.
214. Offer Gluten free and vegan options at the outpost store.
220. Firewood doesn't burn

Q. 28 HAVE YOU VISITED THE PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS VISITOR CENTER?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
YES	89.07%	652
NO	10.93%	80
ANSWERED	732	
SKIPPED	118	

Q. 29 RATE YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE FOLLOWING:

	0: NOT AT ALL SATISFIED		1		2		3		4		5: VERY SATISFIED		N/A		TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
PARK MAPS AND INFORMATION	0.31%	2	0.16%	1	2.02%	13	5.12%	33	24.38%	157	66.46%	428	1.55%	10	644	4.56
PARK HISTORY / NATURAL RESOURCES (EXHIBIT HALL)	0.00%	0	0.46%	3	1.08%	7	6.66%	43	27.71%	179	53.87%	348	10.22%	66	646	4.49
GIFT SHOP	0.47%	3	0.78%	5	2.66%	17	10.94%	70	24.38%	156	33.44%	214	27.34%	175	640	4.18
VIDEO/ AUDITORIUM	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	1.42%	9	6.17%	39	16.61%	105	33.39%	211	42.41%	268	632	4.42
STAFF KNOWLEDGE AND HELPFULNESS	0.31%	2	0.62%	4	1.87%	12	6.07%	39	22.90%	147	61.84%	397	6.39%	41	642	4.52
CAMPING REGISTRATION	0.47%	3	1.73%	11	1.57%	10	7.55%	48	23.90%	152	44.34%	282	20.44%	130	636	4.33
CONTACT STATION	0.00%	0	0.96%	6	0.48%	3	3.98%	25	17.20%	108	32.48%	204	44.90%	282	628	4.45
ANSWERED	649															
SKIPPED	201															

Q. 30 PLEASE ENTER ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE VISITOR CENTER.

ANSWERED	211
SKIPPED	639

(30 randomly selected responses follow. Full results available upon request)

Responses:

- 6. Organized and helpful staff
- 21. Staff was knowledgeable, friendly and helpful
- 24. We like it very much, and appreciate the internet access.
- 34. sometimes I've felt the staff were stand offish
- 52. I wish the hiking maps had more detail.
- 56. Staff was very helpful but dismissive of hiking capabilities of family and mileage goals for trip. Fifteen mile days were no issue at all with UL gear and experience with high mileage trips.
- 62. The gift shop is too small
- 63. Great resource. Also shows offerings of Folk School.
- 69. Interesting exhibits, informed staff...well laid out
- 71. Very nice....wonderful staff.
- 81. Downed trees, muddy areas, etc about trails
- 94. Checking in has taken quite awhile the last couple of times we have been to the porkies. After a long drive, that's all we want to do is get out on the trails.
- 109. Needs to be updated. Not enough resources available for a deeper dive into the park's history and natural history.
- 110. I believe strongly that the gift shop should only sell "made in Michigan" items. There are many great local artisans. Every State Park should do the same.
- 117. Include an exhibit plan and installation in the GMP. The park's interpretive plan can provide guidance on this. Make this a 21st century Visitor Center that is a must-see stop for all visitors. If it is a place that visitors want to go to, you will in turn have more visitor interactions

that will help decrease incidents in the park (like search and rescues, medicals, etc.).

122. Always a nice stop, more than once during our visit
124. Great Visitor Center and great people
126. More displays and more merchandise in the gift shop.
140. Very nice.
148. Need better waterfall maps
154. When we were issued our camping permit for the Crosscut cabin, it would have been nice to have been told that it had been moved (although the proper location was on the map we were given).
166. Seems the video has been there forever and while it is not bad, seems very dated and could use some updating.
167. n/a
169. Staff were friendly and helpful. We were excited to be able to rent a yurt that same night, even without having made reservations. The chalk board listing available yurts helped us see this as a possibility.
172. As mentioned in an earlier question, the visitors center gift shop's selection and quality are not what they used to be.
178. When I had problems with my car the park staff were not allowed to offer any help other than letting me use a phone. If they had been allowed to give me a jump it would have been a HUGE help.
179. Visit Center needs new exhibits
185. Visit Center needs new exhibits
193. I love the visiting center here, and the gift shop, it was really reasonable priced
195. If the staff knows I need to cross a river on my route to a Backcountry campsite they should inform me of the level of that river.

TRAPPING FURBEARERS	11.11%	4
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	5.56%	2
ANSWERED	36	
SKIPPED	814	

Q.33 PLEASE ENTER ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT HUNTING AND TRAPPING AT THE PARK.

ANSWERED	17
SKIPPED	833

Responses:

1. Beautiful place to experience hunting
2. More clearly defined no hunting areas near parking/ attraction areas would be helpful. Would help avoid potential conflicts and the uncertainty of where you can/can't start hunting.
3. Trapping shouldn't be allowed because of pets
4. This is the only place in the state (that I am aware of) where you can get away from ATVs and their deer baiting (legal or not). The only place left in the UP (and I've been around) where you can hunt deer that aren't traveling to and from bait stations. Granted, there aren't many deer but it's hunting old school. Something most young hunters are unfamiliar with. They have been raised to haul as much bait, as often as possible and sit on it (iphone in hand).
5. Best opportunity for hunting fishing and trapping in the midwest (where public land is scarce). Keep it public
6. the locked gates should be open for spring fishing and fall hunting...
7. Park road is closed way to early, restricted and lose out in hunting time experiences.
8. Hunters and trappers are treated with far less importance than campers, hikers and snowmobilers. Our access is reduced to cater to noisy obnoxious snowmobilers. Their noise diminished the wilderness experience. Snow/ice packed down on boundary road all winter by sleds causes much longer melt off time in spring. Studs broken off sled tracks cause flat tires.
9. none
10. My family deer hunted here for many years. I hunted from the age of 14 till 23 years old. We stopped hunting in about 2006. The deer had all but disappeared compared to the previous years. The last year I hunted here. I heard wolves daily, saw a pack of 8 wolves plus two others. Our group of hunters saw maybe 5-6 deer total for the week. This is a group that normally shoots mature deer every year. With several bucks over the 130-140" range.
11. None

Q.31 DO YOU HUNT OR TRAP AT THE PARK?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
YES	4.93%	36
NO	95.07%	694
ANSWERED	730	
SKIPPED	120	

Q.32 WHAT DO YOU HUNT OR TRAP? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
BLACK BEAR	22.22%	8
WHITE-TAILED DEER	69.44%	25
SMALL GAME	75.00%	27

12. Like having little to no pressure when I hunt from other hunters
13. The big woods are great place to pratice some of the oldest forms of hunting, two of them being tracking and stillhunting.
14. I want to learn how to process animals from someone knowledgeable. I won't hunt/trap until I know I learn how to do it properly out of respect.
15. ELK!
16. Eliminate the wolves, increase the deer numbers.
17. have heard that there is potential to introduce elk back into the Porky's, It would be awesome to have a local population so close to home. plus the potential for additional hunting opportunities in the state would generate income for the DNR and local business's and as a hunter hopefully an opportunity to put meat in the freezer. really hope the DNR is looking at this in the near future

Q. 34 DO YOU USE THE PARK FOR FISHING ACCESS?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
YES	20.55%	150
NO	79.45%	580
ANSWERED	730	
SKIPPED	120	

Q. 35 HOW DO YOU TYPICALLY ACCESS THE WATER FOR FISHING?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
SHORELINE	89.12%	131
MOTORIZED BOAT	12.24%	18
NON-MOTORIZED BOAT	25.17%	37
ANSWERED	147	
SKIPPED	703	

Q. 36 WHAT IS YOUR PREFERRED FISHING LOCATION?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
INLAND LAKES	49.66%	74
RIVERS	70.47%	105
LAKE SUPERIOR	29.53%	44
ANSWERED	149	
SKIPPED	701	

WHAT IS YOUR TARGET SPECIES OF FISH? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
SALMON	26%	38
LAKE TROUT	26%	38
WHITEFISH	8%	12
SMALLMOUTH BASS	25%	37
BROOK TROUT	60%	90
STEELHEAD	24%	36
SPLAKE	15%	22
NO SPECIFIC SPECIES	27%	40
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	7%	11
ANSWERED	149	
SKIPPED	701	

Responses (please specify):

1. crayfish pan fish smelt musky northern pike
2. Brown trout
3. Smelt
4. Pan fish
5. Pan fish
6. Brown trout
7. Browns
8. Anything that's biting!
9. yellow perch
10. Perch
11. with kids for fun

Q.38 PLEASE ENTER ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT FISHING AT THE PARK.

ANSWERED	36
SKIPPED	814

Responses:

1. The regulations on organic/scented baits in Lake of the Clouds needs to be clarified or rescinded.
2. some gravel spawning beds have been washed away from storm damage and fallen trees blocking river
3. I was limited by only having my kayak, and the weather was, well, let us say difficult last year.
4. Boat launch could use lighting for safety purposes of those coming off the lake near dusk. A fish cleaning station or table and disposal site would be beneficial. Otherwise, nice boat launch and wonderful addition to

- the park.
5. None
 6. Great boat launch could be made better with a light at dock and open after campground is closed. A gate blocking access to the campground but allowing access to launch would be nice
 7. very good
 8. Increase the stocking efforts in the lakes/streams.
 9. Very good fishing on interior streams; however, much of it is hard to access.
 10. Keep/eat fish in Lake of the Clouds, as we did when growing up. Unless there is evidence-based data to show they are harmful with the larvae in bass flesh
 11. ☑You and me going fishing in the park.☑
 12. Not being able to rent the cabins in April is very inconvenient
 13. It is wonderful and the water is clean.
 14. I only tried it on my last trip... and i'll be doing it again for sure. Landed a 13" brookie on my first cast! However, you probably shouldn't advertise stuff like that, otherwise everyone will be doing it and those 13" brookies will start to be 8" ones.
 15. more shoreline locations would be great
 16. I like the idea of keeping fishing areas no motors or electric motors only.
 17. the South Boundary Road should be open early spring to at least drive up to Little Iron and Union River for spring steel head fishing, and the Summit Peak road gate should be unlocked/open for fishing Mirror Lake in the spring and fall, and continue cooperation with K.B.I.C. and State Park for fish plantings.
 18. Please please keep motorized boats put. Canoes or kayaks only
 19. It would be helpful if the park rangers were more knowledgeable about fishing in the park. Some rangers said they don't fish so it's a bit disappointing.
 20. There is a need for a more informative staff regarding fishing and boating.
 21. None
 22. Plant more brook trout
 23. Lots of awesome places in the interior for brook trout fishing
 24. Union Bay is a great place to troll with a kayak after ice out. Its a tremendous near shore fishery.
 25. Love the fall salmon run.
 26. would like more detail in the maps as to where species are thriving and self populated well.
 27. Fun, it is so fun at open season!
 28. Never really caught anything worth bragging about. But it is always beautiful
 29. I would like more info on the native brook trout here and where are the best creeks and rivers as well as info on the Coaster Brook trout. I have heard they come up some of the rivers during the fall???
 30. The rivers were pretty low on our last trip. We will be fishing Mirror Lake this year. Either way we have a good time.
 31. I'm more experienced at fishing then trapping, but I still have a lot to learn.
 32. It is a side activity for me
 33. I would get rid of the catch and release on smallmouth in LOC. Previously the lake never got heavy fishing pressure. The fish seem smaller than they are in the early 1990's. You do not catch large smallmouth like you did back then. More fish but much smaller.
 34. Have only been fishing during one summer trip to the park. I will likely fish again on a future trip!
 35. A stocking program for the inland lakes could be beneficial.
 36. Lots of fun. Wish I had done more.

Q.39 HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN A SPECIAL EVENT OR PROGRAM (INTERPRETIVE HIKE OR ACTIVITY, PROGRAM OR CLASS, OUTDOOR SKILLS CLASS, OR OTHER EVENT) AT PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK ?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
YES	21.60%	157
NO	78.40%	570
ANSWERED	727	
SKIPPED	123	

Q.40 PLEASE SELECT THE PROGRAMS YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN AT PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK IN THE PAST. (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
INTERPRETIVE HIKES AND ACTIVITIES	70.06%	110
PROGRAMS AND CLASSES	35.03%	55
OUTDOOR SKILLS CLASSES	12.74%	20
OTHER EVENTS	28.66%	45
ANSWERED	157	
SKIPPED	693	

Q.41 PLEASE RATE YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED.

	0: NOT AT ALL SATISFIED		1		2		3		4		5: VERY SATISFIED		TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
INTERPRETIVE HIKES AND ACTIVITIES	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	6.42%	7	24.77%	27	68.81%	75	109	4.62
PROGRAMS AND CLASSES	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	3.64%	2	29.09%	16	67.27%	37	55	4.64
OUTDOOR SKILLS CLASSES	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	25.00%	5	75.00%	15	20	4.75
OTHER EVENTS	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	7.14%	3	19.05%	8	73.81%	31	42	4.67
ANSWERED	155													
SKIPPED	695													

Q. 42 PLEASE ENTER ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE SPECIAL EVENTS OR PROGRAMS IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED.

ANSWERED	63
SKIPPED	787

Responses:

- We have done the interpretive hikes and we have also done the lighted cross country ski trail. The ski trail was so amazing and the smores in the middle is a great treat!
- Very knowledgeable staff.
- Lantern lit ski is what I participated in and I liked it.
- My favorite hike was the Sunday snowshoe with a park staff guide. The hike gives us non-skiers an opportunity to savor the view from the top of the ski hill.
- Nice variety of events offered.
- Fun activity looking for agates.
- Music Festival is incredible
- Interesting, but they are the same every year. I would like something new.
- Could be more programs throughout the year. Summer programs are great, but could have some winter ones and/or more snowshoe hikes
- 2 favorites are candle light snow shoe and star gazing at lake of the clouds
- Bob Wild is an amazing curator of the park. His midnight astronomy presentation in 2017 is one of my families' best memories.
- We like the programs and classes put on by Friends of the Porkies.
- Both the candlelight ski and the snowshoe hike are wonderful opportunities for my whole family to get out and move and see part of the park we might not otherwise. The rangers are kind and knowledgeable.
- I participated in a candlelight ski, which was a beautiful event.
- BRING BACK THE SNOWSHOE HIKE
- Great to have these programs available. We use these mostly when we have new guests with us. We've been visiting the park for twenty plus years.
- My family loves the candlelight ski. We have also enjoyed the guided snow shoe walk.
- none
- LOVE lantern ski! Some years they closed early, while we were on our way in (my theory is that was due to a football game). We missed not having a guided snowshoe hike this year and it was often well attended. These are so fun for us and we'd do even more.
- Candlelit ski was awesome
- It has been many years since I have been on an event, but the interpretive hikes/ski leaders were informative and fun.
- I attended the hike to the Nonesuch mine site years ago. I would like to see more of these types of hikes to the historical sites within the park.
- Very enjoyable
- Loved classes through the FRIENDS OF THE PORKIES
- The candle light cross-country ski event was a great experience and the music festival is wonderful!
- Wish I could attend more, timing is always wrong
- Would like to see more. They really add to the richness of the park experience.
- Porkie Fest.....love it! Last 6 years.
- The variety of programs and events offered is good. Enjoy the music festival each year.
- We've been to the music festival in the past and hope to make it again in the future
- Tons of talent at the Porkies Music Festival! Very nice job by all staff involved in this!
- Music Festival may have problem with alcohol and marijuana use which may not be safe for adults and a bad influence on children; maybe become an alcohol free park; and enforce medical marijuana laws in the

- State Park use; is a felony?
33. Love the candle lit snowshoe walk. And the guided snowshoe walk was very well done.
 34. Learned a lot about timber framing really enjoyed the chance to learn a new skill
 35. Loved the hike to a bear den
 36. I have participated in several activities with Bob Wild and students. He is very knowledgeable, interesting and personable.
 37. Very informative my kids liked it as well as my wife and I
 38. Bob Wild is a fantastic interpreter.
 39. Bob wild and his assistant Brittany are very knowledgeable and helpful about the park
 40. Loved the lantern x-country ski trail with hot cider in December. We did that several years ago and it was great
 41. Love Bob
 42. I stopped going to the music festival because of all the smoking. They had smoking areas at all 4 corners of the seating so no matter which way the wind blew you were exposed to 2nd hand smoke. It should be smoking free, non at all. People can go smoke in their cars. It ruins the outdoor experience of all that lovely music. Second hand smoke is horrid.
 43. Our Guide Bob was great, it was annoying when the city people kept asking the same questions over and over again. Had they listened better it would not have been so ridiculous!
 44. There were some kids from another party not with ours. The ranger was very patient and helpful with those rambunctious kids. It was great to see.
 45. Porkies music festival EXCELLENT
 46. Music festival is very well done.
 47. The nighttime nordic skiing program was fantastic!
 48. I'd like to comment that I wish there were more offered!
 49. It would be nice to find these schedules on line or on facebook so we could know before going to the visitor center as we would adjust our trip accordingly to participate in programs we are interested in
 50. Went on some candle-lit snowshoe hikes
 51. Friends of the Porkies programs are excellent.
 52. Ranger Bob Wild demonstrated endless patience trying to teach my kids to build a fire without matches.
 53. Should be more frequent on the weekends
 54. Had the opportunity to watch a presentation put on by a very knowledgeable staff person.
 55. I've only participated in one interpretive hike to a remote waterfall on the Little Union River and I was very satisfied! Usually I'm not staying at a place where it is convenient to attend a program. By random coincidence, I found a school class that was hiking to the Carp Lake hammer mill (sponsored by the Friends of the Porkies) last fall and tagged along. Maybe make that a regular interpretive hike?
 56. Great staff knowledge
 57. Bob's programs are often one of our trips highlights
 58. Less rain
 59. Rangers were very knowledgeable of the area and it's history. Hike was exactly as described in the literature.
 60. Natural Resources Commission Meeting is cramped, dark, and drab. Probably not the best place to host the only NRC meeting the U.P., but that's probably their call, not the Porkies.
 61. Love the music festival
 62. knowledgeable staff, friendly and helpful.
 63. Love the people that put these programs on. They are always very friendly and knowledgeable.

Q.43 WHAT, IF ANY, ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS OR EVENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AVAILABLE AT THE PARK IN THE FUTURE?

ANSWERED	207
SKIPPED	643

(30 randomly selected responses follow. Full results available upon request)

Responses:

19. Few hours guided tour with history of park included. Maybe nature hikes, learning nature classes for young people.
21. Winter programs, at the Ski hill?? Guided snowshoe hikes weekly
36. No thoughts.
37. are you still doing the lantern ski?
38. Continue nightly programs
42. happy with what is available
47. If we lived closer I would have a list.
61. A small concession stand or vending machine at the Lake of the Clouds parking area
64. not sure
72. Evening programs focused on education, nature and history. Options for adults and older families.
73. Leave no trace camping methods
86. cross country ski race or tour
89. general guided hikes, cultural knowledge/history based, more outdoor skills based.
104. Mountain biking, cross country ski race and snow shoe race
112. Botanical guided hike
115. None
118. Overnight backpacking trips for middle and high school

youth

- 126. Candlelight hike during the winter was only on the weekends so we missed it! Maybe more weekdays, if there's enough attendance other days of the week
- 138. Not sure
- 148. Fishing/Hunting/Trapping
- 158. Foraging, survival skills, bushcraft, good camper mini courses
- 165. Kayaks for the lakes
- 166. Could just use better advertising when things are available.
- 178. Mountain Biking
- 179. Honestly, can't think of any.
- 181. Honestly, can't think of any.
- 182. I'm happy with what has been available so far.
- 197. more ranger led hikes
- 200. Birding

Q.44 PLEASE SHARE ANY OTHER THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE ON PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK.

ANSWERED	354
SKIPPED	496

(30 randomly selected responses follow. Full results available upon request)

Responses available on request.

- 10. no mining
- 20. We live in Wisconsin and have a cabin in the Eagle River area, but still enjoy coming to the Porcupine Mountains.
- 33. "I like the idea of artist residencies to help look at the importance of protecting and sharing public resources. The strength of the park is balancing this affordable public use with protecting the ecology.
With things like protected status of gray wolves again threatened, the park should take an outspoken stance on explaining the benefits of maintaining healthy populations. There is not enough education available now to counteract all the negative mythology."
- 44. Keep development to a minimum, but add mountain bike specific trails
- 82. It is a major inconvenience to have to drive to the visitor center to pick up the keys for the cabins. Should be able to still pick them up from the Presque Isle Campground like in the past
- 92. It is a great place. Unique east of the Mississippi...
- 105. Add hammock camping sites. Or add poles at some sites. Or designated which sites can accommodate hammocks and how many.
- 106. Please update maps, it's very hard to find waterfalls.
- Also more bathrooms please.
- 109. I am a local and have visited all my life and I always recommend a visit to anyone looking for things to do
- 128. It seems like the winter offerings keep getting less every year lately. This year two major winter trails were closed. I know it was a challenging year because of weather events but I hope this trend can be reversed.
- 130. great experience
- 139. None at this time
- 140. We hope the park remains a true wilderness for many decades to come.
- 162. Great ski area needs more development
- 165. In the past, this park was beautiful and less crowded. In 2018, the Union Bay campground was filled with trash and overcrowded. Too many people in the state park.... you need to control the amount of visitors by issuing a Max number of day permits, need to hire more people or utilize volunteers to pick up trash in the park and campgrounds. Keep this park beautiful.....control the masses of people and use strict LNT (LEAVE NO TRACE) rules. Use advertising and volunteers to educate people!
- 188. Nature should be protected. It shouldn't be a theme park-- let the private operators do commercial operations elsewhere and just conserve the natural history and ecology and wilderness
- 192. Keep working on improving the backcountry trip planning and reservations software. Maybe like being able to tag campsites and see hiking distance from site to site...
- 239. Please keep it as wild as possible
- 257. New plan should not have any use changes for the park that depart from the wilderness park experience.
- 269. I really enjoy the park because of the secluded backcountry campsites, great views, hiking trails, and great photography opportunities. I'll definitely will be back.
- 274. Playing cards on the cliff overlooking Lake of the Clouds was like nothing I'd ever experienced before. About as goofy as it was awesome.
- 277. Beautiful! Keep it up!
- 279. I just hope whatever it is you guys are planning ..the wildness and beauty of this place remains intact...
- 286. The back country camping site reservations has limited my enjoyment and use of this area. I can not spontaneously visit the park for trips anymore because you also stopped the dispersed camping. If you must have reserved back country camp sites, then PLEASE allow dispersed camping again!
- 310. I hope the park is able to be managed to preserve the solitude of the backcountry while still allowing people to enjoy the park and it's beauty.
- 313. More funding is needed to fully staff park maintenance, operations, and programs. I have loved coming to the

park for 45 years and am pleased it has kept a rustic feeling.

316. Less visitor centers, better restrooms, more RV campsites.
319. It was beautiful and really could have benefited from a periodic pet sanitation station. Overall just a beautiful piece of property
324. I really love the Porkies. They are some of the best wilderness that is not a very long drive from the midwest. Lake Superior can be beautiful. My least favorite thing about the park is the mosquitoes.
334. Figure out a plan to address the trail damage relating to wet and muddy areas.

Q.45 (OPTIONAL) SHARE A PHOTO OF YOUR EXPERIENCE AT PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK! BY UPLOADING A PHOTO, YOU GRANT PERMISSION TO THE DNR TO USE THE PHOTO.

ANSWERED	162
SKIPPED	688

Q.46 WHAT IS THE ZIP CODE OF YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
ZIP (IF INSIDE THE UNITED STATES):	99.74%	757
COUNTRY (IF OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES):	19.76%	150
ANSWERED	759	
SKIPPED	91	

Q.47 WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

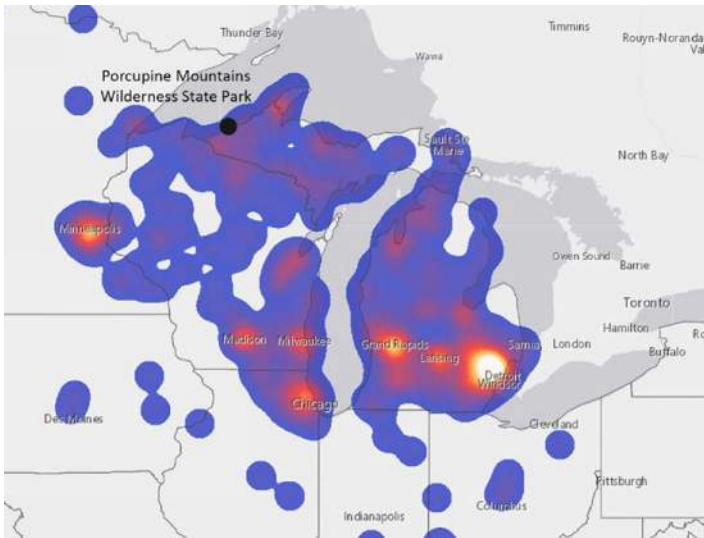
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
UNDER 18	0.26%	2
18-29	13.25%	101
30-39	18.90%	144
40-49	19.95%	152
50-64	31.89%	243
65 OR OLDER	15.09%	115
I PREFER NOT TO ANSWER.	0.66%	5
ANSWERED	762	
SKIPPED	88	

Q.48 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOU?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
WHITE, NON-HISPANIC	89.96%	681
AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE	0.66%	5
ASIAN	0.66%	5
BLACK OR AFRICAN-AMERICAN	0.13%	1
HISPANIC, LATINO OR SPANISH ORIGIN	1.06%	8
MIDDLE EASTERN	0.00%	0
NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER	0.00%	0
PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	6.34%	48
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	1.19%	9
ANSWERED	757	
SKIPPED	93	

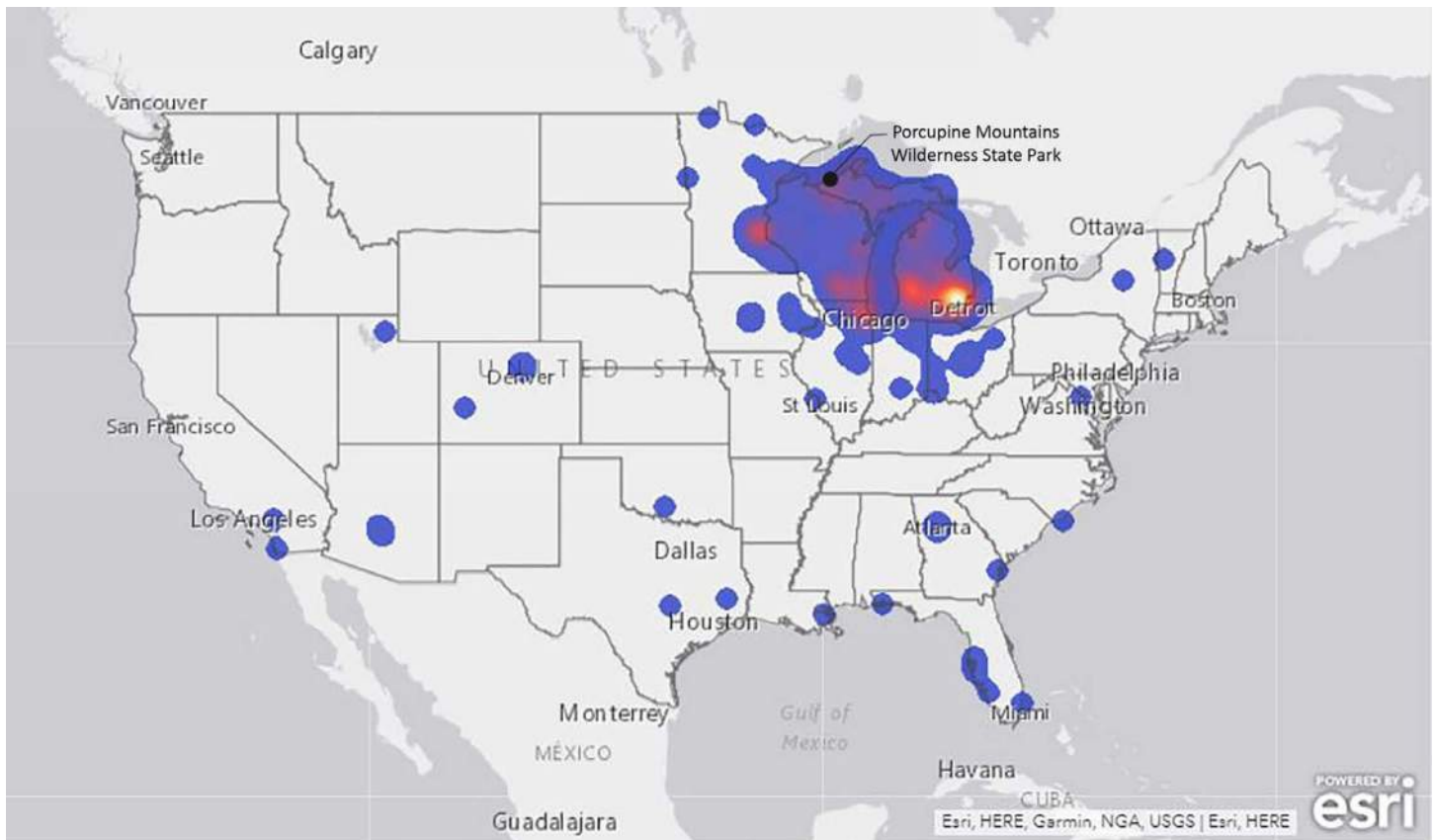
Responses (please specify):

1. White, Black, and American Indian
2. Finnish-American
3. German- American.
4. Irish American
5. Human
6. Why does it matter?
7. Two or more races



Maps depicting the zip code of survey respondents' primary residence. Brighter colors indicate a greater concentration of respondents.

An online survey gathered input from the public. Eight hundred and fifty individuals completed the online survey. These maps depict the location of those who participated in the online survey.



Public Comments Received via Email**Online Comment 1** Received 2/26/2019

I would propose that you allow a 50 acre segment to be developed for horse camping and horse trail development. This type of development is sorely lacking in the UP State Park System. With the size of wilderness available here, there is no good reason why this cannot be done. I request an answer on this and suggestions on how to go about assisting to carry out this type of development.

Encouraging horse travelers/riders to come to this area would trigger an economic benefit and would improve the public's awareness of this great area.

Online Comment 2 Received 2/26/2019

Dear Debbie,

I just completed the survey with respect to my recent weekend visit to do cross-country skiing.

I also like to downhill ski at the Porkies, even though I was more in cardio-vascular exercise mode on my last weekend visit.

The loss of the double chair lift years ago due to the reportedly high cost of repair and rehabilitation has greatly impacted the use of the western downhill runs.

The up-high tow rope helps some but is far from optimal. (I assume the tow rope is still in operation; I haven't yet done downhill this season).

I understand it is likely not economically feasible to restore the double chair lift, given both the volume of skiers at the Porkies and financial restraints on the state government.

I think most downhill skiers would love to have a poma lift (or T-bar) taking the place of the double chair lift (and thereby eliminating the need for the current tow rope). Indianhead still employs these presumably less expensive alternatives to a chair lift.

I have no idea if that would be an affordable alternative to making the western runs more readily accessible/serviceable as they used to be.

There used to be and may still be a T-bar in front of the lodge serving

the Hiawatha run. I don't recall the last time I saw it in

operation. If it's still on site, could it affordably be moved and its run lengthened to take the place of the double chair lift? If the terrain under the double chair ("Porcupine Plunge") is too rough for Poma-lift or T-bar operation, maybe placing either along the side of Superior View would be workable?

Just some thoughts from a long time regular visitor to the Porkies--summer and winter.

Online Comment 3 Received 2/26/2019

Three generations of our family have stayed at the Park's cabins on a yearly basis over the past 27 years and have thoroughly enjoyed our experiences in this wilderness park.

I have heard that the Michigan State Department that deals with state parks is considering whether to allow the Porcupine Wilderness Park to become a national park. I would strongly encourage Michigan to resist this for the following reasons:

1. Michigan would loose control over ensuring that the park remain in fact and in reality a wilderness park. National Parks are subject to national executive and legislative changes that reflect many powerful interests outside Michigan including commercial interests. This reality can easily result in the uniqueness and diversity of particular parks being encapsulated under one umbrella.
2. The usage of the 60,000 acres would be subject to national interests in lumber, mining, minerals, Superior Lake shore usage including fresh water, recreational opportunities in the form of national events or international events, etc. 3. Visitors to a national park expect more amenities than are currently available at the park which in turn would change the character of the people who come to the park and in turn, over time, the wilderness character of the Park itself.
3. Visitors to National Parks, on average, use National Parks within 100 yards of the cars and expect many more conveniences, amenities, and easy photo opportunities than is consistent with a wilderness park. Such visitors are also increasingly disrespectful of natural areas including areas that are specifically designed as not to be accessed such as Yellowstone's Grand Prismatic Spring.
4. Making the Park a national park would provide the federal government with beachhead of access to Lake Superior's fresh water. While the upper midwestern states are working to develop and maintain the integrity and lake levels of the Great Lakes, there will be increasing pressure exerted at the national level to provide fresh water to the southwestern United States and even internationally.

Online Comment 4 Received 2/27/2019

I have visited Porcupine Mountains nearly every year since I was 5, that is 50 YEARS. While I could go in to all the wonderful things at the park and how it makes me feel my favorite thing about the park is how it has hardly changed in those 50 years. While a few structures and parking areas are new virtually the entire park has been left alone.

So going forward with future management plans have one guiding principle "Leave it alone!" Let nature progress naturally.

Online Comment 5 Received 2/27/2019

The word "Wilderness" is very deceiving for visitors when we find the business section - rentals - fees - etc. Also - these maps - such as one on right side of this page - are un readable ! Also - curious if the new management plan will include more revenue projects for the coffers? Make sure this becomes public at any hearings or meetings with the public !

Online Comment 6 Received 2/27/2019

the gate on the Summit Peak Road, Union Bay Campground, Lake of the clouds should be open early spring and late fall for hunting and fishing access, and not just closed and locked for any reason?

Online Comment 7 Received 2/27/2019

I most enjoy using the Lost Creek yurt in the wintertime. It is a unique and very rewarding resource that I have been reserving consistently for the last 5 years. It was disappointing to see this go away in 2018. Please bring back the yurt in the winter!!

Online Comment 8 Received 3/01/2019

I love this park. Been going there all of my life.

I'm pleased to take the survey.

Online Comment 9 Received 3/11/2019

We always have a good time enjoying this wilderness area.

Coming back year after year during winter and fall.

Each time we go, we bring friends to either introduce to the area, or build friendships with past park guests.

Online Comment 10 Received 3/13/2019

The DNR needs to either own the mineral rights beneath the biosphere rights for all of our state parks, OR permanently eliminate any possibility of mining corporations conducting mining operations or even exploratory drilling within ANY of our State parks. Several years ago a Canadian mining company had to be allowed to conduct exploratory drilling within the Porcupine Mountains State Park because of antiquated 19th century laws that gives the owner of mineral rights of land dominance over the owner a properties biosphere rights. I was told that the State was hamstrung in blocking this mining exploration within OUR State park because of these old outdated laws and the fact that the State owned only the surface or ecosystem rights to our park. Of course, the mining company screwed up and caused a serious erosion problem within the Porkeys and were made to "mitigate" their destruction to the actual living portion of the property. This should NEVER be allowed to happen - and I advocate changing the laws to give the owner of the surface rights dominance over the mineral rights owner. That is, the surface owner can legally have the power to decide if mining or drilling activities will be permitted or denied. This kind of change in the property rights law would have wide support from the majority of people in Michigan as most don't own the mineral rights to their property and would like to at least have the veto power or increased leverage for financial deal making with mining companies if they decided to allow mining on their property 's surface rights that they own. This would give the true owners and property tax payers more power and options.

The truth is that we do not really have enough knowledge about the complexity of any ecosystem, especially the microbiome (microrhizal, bacterial, viral) at the very base of the interconnectedness in the alive portion of any property to restore it to its true natural state after a mining operation. When you consider the health and well being benefits, along with tourism, air and water purification benefits of our parks and natural lands - this economic impact, although somewhat more obscure, is much greater than mining. We do need the products of mining but surface owners should have the authority to decide if it is appropriate at any given location by using a risk to benefit analysis.

A good start to rectifying this old school & scientifically absurd situation, is to pass legislation to declare the surface /biosphere portion within all property held by the State for our parks, dominant status with subservient status for any and all mineral rights owners. The sooner the better.

Online Comment 11 Received 3/14/2019

Attention: Ron Olson, Chief, Michigan Parks and Recreation Division

I am writing to state strongly the reasons why the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park should remain a Michigan State Park and not become a National Park.

Each year for the past 27 years, members from three generations of our family have stayed in a number of different cabins in the Park. Each trip to this wilderness park has given us the opportunity to renew our bodies and spirits as we immerse ourselves in a beautiful place and experience a much simpler, more peaceful way of life.

I have heard that Michigan's Division of Parks and Recreation is considering allowing the Porcupine Wilderness Park to become a National Park. I would strongly encourage Michigan to resist this for the following reasons:

1. Michigan would lose control over ensuring that the park remain in fact and in reality a wilderness park. National Parks are subject to national executive and legislative actions that reflect many powerful interests outside Michigan,

including commercial interests. This reality can easily result in the uniqueness and diversity of particular parks being encapsulated under a one-type-fits-all, generic umbrella for the purposes of federal executive and/or legislative action.

2. The use of the Park's 60,000 acres would be subject to national interests in lumber, mining, minerals, etc.
3. The Federal Government would have a beachhead of access to Lake Superior's fresh water. While the upper midwestern states are working to develop and maintain the integrity and water levels of the Great Lakes, there is currently increasing pressure at the national level to provide fresh water to the southwestern United States and even other countries.
4. Visitors to National Parks generally stay within 100 yards of their vehicles and expect many more conveniences, amenities, and easy photo opportunities than are consistent with a wilderness park. Such visitors are also increasingly disrespectful of natural areas including areas that are specifically designated not to be accessed such as Yellowstone's Grand Prismatic Spring. If the Park became a National Park, the character of visitors to the Park would change and, over time, the wilderness character of the Park itself.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on this subject.

Online Comment 12 Received 3/17/2019

Please... no hideous wind turbines in the Porkies, nor the Huron Mountains. Besides the detrimental effects to bird life, wildlife, the forest, and human enjoyment.... the danger from fire is very real. John Fisher, DNR retired.

Online Comment 13 Received 3/11/2019

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Online Comment 14 Received 3/25/2019

I had a 5 day illness that caused me to miss the 3/24 deadline by 1 day. I feel very strongly about this, so I'm submitting my public comment here. Wilderness says it all. I visited here often as a child, so even the new "guard rails" are, for me, too much. Please leave the remaining Old Growth completely alone. This is so rare now, anywhere, so as to be wholly remarkable that there is any left. Honestly, the park overall has changed little, and that is as it should be. Please continue the general previous management frameworks that have, in their wisdom, managed to retain both the Old Growth and the wilderness character of this park. I hope it remains unchanged for another 20 years when I hike there as a truly old woman. I live for seeing the unparalleled views there and to revel in the beautiful natural quiet among the Old Growth giants. Thank you for this opportunity to provide input.

Online Comment 15 Received 3/27/2019

Hi Debbie,

At the recent NRC meeting, baiting regulations that now allow the use of barrels on state land were recently approved https://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/04WCO2019_Bear_Regs_647447_7.pdf

I was just able to verify that these barrels will be allowed in our state parks where hunting is allowed including Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park which is very disturbing. The fall is the most beautiful time of the year to visit the Porkies, with less bugs, colors beginning to turn and beautiful days. These unsightly barrels will be a distraction.

Since the survey period has ended, can you please include our comments that baiting barrels should not be allowed in the Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park.

Online Comment 16 Received 4/8/2019

To all concerned,

As a paid user of the park for more than fifty years, I think that The Friends of the Porkies organization and the seasonal workers could provide more help in maintaining the park interior and cabins. Having been a volunteer for several years at the Porcupine Mts. Music Festival, I brought up the increasing problem of alcohol and medical marijuana use among attendees and volunteers, which was mostly ignored, so I eventually resigned. Now with recreational use legalized, the problem only increases. Some state parks are alcohol free, and it is a felony to use recreational marijuana in a state park? Perhaps the Porcupine Mts. State Park would be better enjoyed alcohol free, and free of music festivals with open marijuana use. Not a good influence for children. There are now many other activities which would attract just as many people to the park, besides music festivals.

Sincerely, James Sharkey

Online Comment 17 Received 4/10/2019

Dear Debbie,

My name is Larry Thorpe and I would like to offer an opinion from my wife and I on what should happen with future plans for Mirror Lake. We are retired, spend the month of April in Arizona, and can not attend the April 16 meeting in Ontonagon.

Last year was our first visit ever to Mirror Lake. We spent 2 nights at the 4 bunk bed cabin with our good friends John and Geri Hawley who had been to the lake a number of previous times. We thought the lake and cabins were beautiful and we really enjoyed the splake and brook trout that we caught. Our comments are as follows:

5. Please do not turn Mirror Lake into a pan fishing lake. We have far too many of these lakes in the state already. As I mentioned above, the splake and brook trout fishing was spectacular and is a very important draw for any future visits to the lake from us or for many others. Please continue stocking the lake with splake and brook trout and do it in the most efficient manner, 4 wheelers, if necessary.
6. Please maintain the current cabins. My wife is 67 years old and I am 64 years old. We were at the limits of physical exertion for our ages to just to make it into the lake one way in a day, much less a round trip. The cabins made the whole experience possible and memorable.
7. Please maintain boats or canoes for each cabin and the life preservers. If possible please upgrade the boats because they are in very poor condition. Again for people of our age group, it is nearly impossible for us to fish the lake without them.
8. We were told using a wheeled cart was not acceptable for bringing our gear and supplies into the lake. We do not understand how a 2 wheeled cart can possibly cause any long term damage in comparison to the number of washouts and fallen trees that we encountered. An exception should be made for senior citizens and handicapped people to allow easier access.

Thank you for any consideration you can give to the above comments.

B.6 Summary of Draft Plan Public Input

The public was invited to share their thoughts about the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park Draft General Management Plan at a public meeting that was hosted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on August 14th, 2019, from 6:00- 8:00 p.m. at the Ontonagon High School in Ontonagon, Michigan. The general public was notified about the meeting through a press release, internet postings, and email notifications. A total of 31 attendees were recorded on sign-in sheets.

The meeting began with a brief introduction of planning team members, followed by a short overview of the general management plan process, Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, and the draft general management plan contents. The presentation was followed by a short question and answer period. Topics discussed included the potential to provide added interest at the park to extend people's stay and therefore increase the economic impact, an explanation of severed mineral rights, ancient forest, and the potential impact of hemlock wooly adelgid on the forest canopy.

Then, attendees were asked to review the presentation boards that included the following excerpts of the draft general management plan: statements of significance, management zone plan, and ten-year actions goals. A proposed project boundary map was also available for viewing.

Participants were given several optional methods to express their comments, thoughts, and opinions. These methods included "sticky notes" for affixing comments directly onto the presentation boards, stickers for prioritizing their top action goals, and a comment sheet. Three copies of the complete draft plan were available to attendees during the meeting for review. Attendees were also advised of the project website,

<http://mdnrmanagementplans.org/porcupine-mountains>, where they could access the draft plan and submit comments via e-mail.

Participants each used six stickers to prioritize their top action goals from the ten-year action goals list. Some of the top priority goals were:

Work with Ontonagon County Road Commission, MDOT, and other stakeholders to determine the best method to address erosion issues along CR-107 and implement the recommended action. (15 votes)

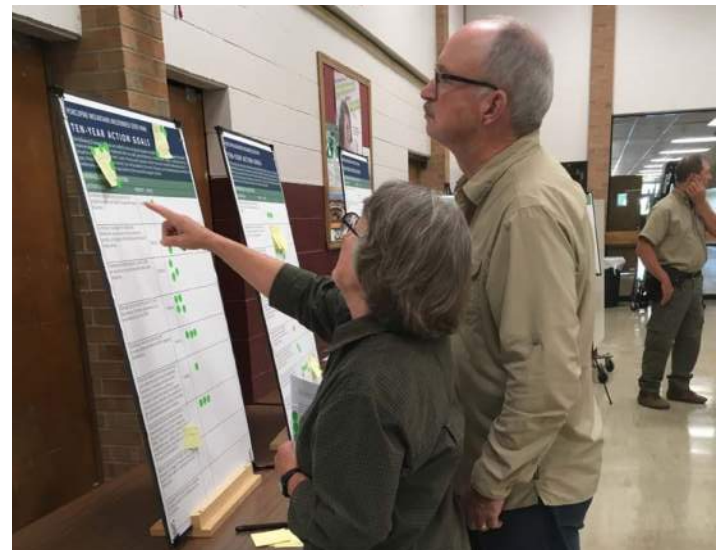
Determine potential for year-round use of ski area, considering the results of the Summer Recreation study for the ski area. (15 votes)

Prepare a redevelopment plan for the Union Bay Campground to improve capacity, layout, drainage, infrastructure, and amenities (14 votes)

Continue to manage the dedicated Wilderness and Natural Area to preserve, protect, and restore the Wilderness and Natural Areas values. (12 votes)

Many other themes were discussed within the meeting and the online email comments, such as displaying art from the artist-in-residence at the visitor center, protecting the park's resources, increasing economic development in the area, and more.

The following is a list of all action goals, their number of votes, and all sticky note comments that attendees recorded. These items, along with other input from the public, will be considered as the planning team finalizes the general management plan.



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NAME
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Robert Vanderwall
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Geri L Hawley
Susan Helsel
Jim Harter
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Phil Wirtanen
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PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENTS

Renowned Destination

Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park is a major tourist destination, drawing visitors from across the globe. Visitors are attracted by the park's wilderness character and its rugged beauty, including the Lake Superior shoreline, brilliant fall color displays, and acclaimed scenic landmarks such as Lake of the Clouds, the Presque Isle River, Union Bay, and Summit Peak. One of only six in the state park system, the park's Wilderness Visitor Center welcomes and orients park guests while providing year-round programming and interpretation to help visitors appreciate all that the park has to offer.

Wilderness Designations and Landmarks

Efforts to preserve the wild and panoramic beauty of the Porcupine Mountains began in the 1920s and resulted in the acquisition of the land for its dramatic scenic value, recreation offerings, and preservation of the last remaining large stand of virgin hardwood-hemlock forest in Michigan. However, the drive for preservation of this land has frequently been at odds with the desire for development. The majority of the park is protected under special Wilderness and Natural Area designations—the only dedicated Wilderness Area in the Michigan state park system. A large swath of the park is also recognized by the National Park Service as a National Natural Landmark in recognition of its outstanding biological and geological resources.

Wilderness Recreation

The untamed character of Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park presents a high level of challenge and adventure rare in the Michigan state park system. Visitors can test their wilderness skills in this park that is geographically remote, presenting extremes of weather and terrain. National publications, such as Backpacker Magazine, have recognized this park's appeal, endorsing it as one of the best first-time backpacking experiences. Hunters have traditionally enjoyed the wilderness hunting and trapping experience, seeking white-tailed deer and black bear. A testament to the park's remoteness is its multi-agency search and rescue team at the ready for emergencies that arise dozens of times per year.

History of Resource Abundance

The story of the Porcupine Mountains is not only of untouched wilderness, but also of a resource-rich land that has long attracted both settlers and prospectors. Over the centuries, the land has seen Native American settlements and surface mines, European fur trappers, underground copper mining operations, logging crews, hunters, and wilderness seekers. Physical reminders of past land use can be seen throughout the park and include mining sites, townsites, homestead sites, and historic cabins. Today, the remaining structures and trail system are protected historic and cultural resources for future generations to enjoy.

Biodiversity

The park's unique combination of geography, geology, water resources and climate, supports 66 exemplary occurrences of 20 different natural communities and their constituent diversity of plant and animal species. This is amazing biodiversity at the ecosystem level. An immense exemplary Mesic Northern Forest occurrence of over 30,000 acres covers the majority of the dedicated Wilderness Area. This is the iconic Porcupine Mountains Wilderness of forest primeval: the greatest expanse of old growth northern hardwood forest in North America west of the Adirondack Mountains. The park hosts black bear, northern long-eared bat, little brown bat, Eastern pipistrelle, marten, goshawk, fisher, bald eagle, fairy bells, climbing fumitory, male fern, small blue-eyed Mary, Douglas's hawthorn and many other rare or rarely seen plant and animal species. Prior to the decimation of bat populations by White Nose Syndrome, the park's abandoned mines provided winter hibernacula for many thousands of bats.

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SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENTS

Extensive Backcountry Trails

Excellent wilderness hiking experiences abound, with such significant trail mileage (over 90 miles) that visitors can hike for days in a backcountry setting. Accommodation for overnight hikers consists of rustic trailside cabins—a nationally rare find within a Wilderness Area—and numerous backcountry campsites. The North Country National Scenic Trail and the hiking route of the state's Iron Belle Trail traverse the park, while backcountry skiing and snowshoeing provide for year-round adventure.

Expansive Public Land

Often referred to as the “crown jewel” of the state park system, the sheer size of the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park is breathtaking. This park is the largest in Michigan at over 59,000 acres (around 92 square miles), an impressive and vast expanse when considering only four other Michigan state parks exceed 10,000 acres. Combined with the adjacent Ottawa National Forest, visitors have over 1,000,000 contiguous acres of public land to enjoy. With over 21 miles of Lake Superior shoreline within the park, PMWSP features the second longest Great Lakes coastline in the Michigan state park system, the majority of which is only accessible on foot or by boat. The park is rare in offering cold water sport fisheries both off the coast of Lake Superior and in the park's rivers and inland lakes.

Winter Recreation

Located in the Lake Superior “snowbelt,” where annual average snowfall exceeds twenty-five feet, the Porcupine Mountains is a destination for winter recreation. Here you can find the only downhill ski slopes in the Michigan state park system and one of only two ski hills in the state that utilizes only natural snow. For cross-country skiers, an extensive Nordic ski trail system is maintained throughout the winter months. For snowmobilers, the iconic Lake of the Clouds scenic overlook can be reached by following County Road 107, which is unplowed in winter.

The Friends of the Porkies

A passionate, long-standing, and active community group, the Friends of the Porkies, provides support and year-round programing, enhancing the visitor experience and inspiring appreciation of the park resources. The Artist-in-Residence program offers artists the opportunity to experience the wilderness while expressing their creativity, and the Porcupine Mountains Folk School offers classes and workshops focused on the park's natural environment and cultural heritage. The annual Porcupine Mountains Music Festival attracts many visitors for a weekend of music at the foothills of the Porkies.

Scenic Landscape Features

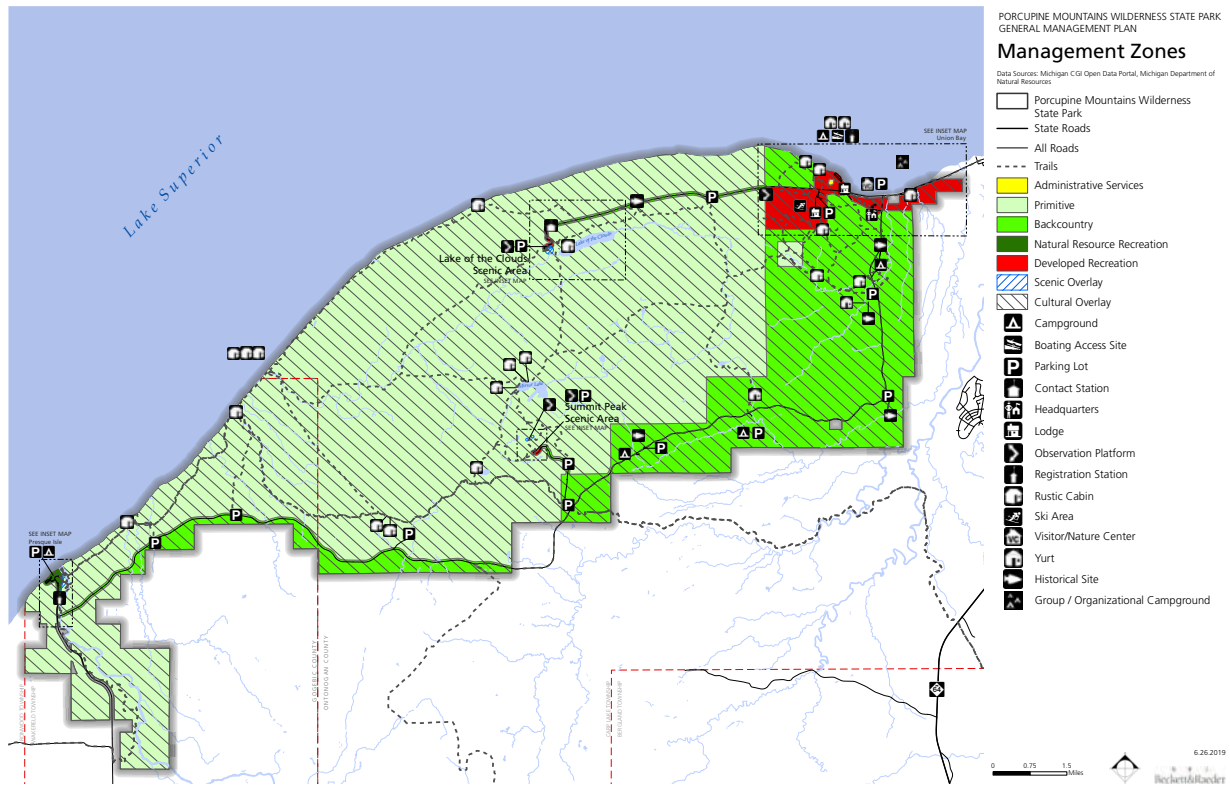
The striking geologic and topographical features found within the park are integral to the visitor experience. The bedrock geologic formations are over one billion years old and are highly visible. Volcanic, tectonic, and glacial activity have worked to produce some of the highest points in the state, and the significant change in elevation within the park affords opportunities for dramatic panoramic views. Union Spring, the second largest terrestrial spring in the state, can be found here, as well as nearly 100 waterfalls, twelve of which are named as scenic destinations.

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENTS COMMENTS

Significance Statement	Comment
Extensive Backcountry Trails	Consider one backcountry mountain bike trail, wider than single track to accommodate 3-wheelers.
Winter Recreation	Snowshoeing and winter camping
	Daycare facility to encourage young couples to ski at the Porkies.
	When skiing interest is down in late March, have a snowmobile event.
The Friends of the Porkies	Active education program that serves the 5 regional school districts (mini-grant – outdoor adventure, pollinators, gardens).

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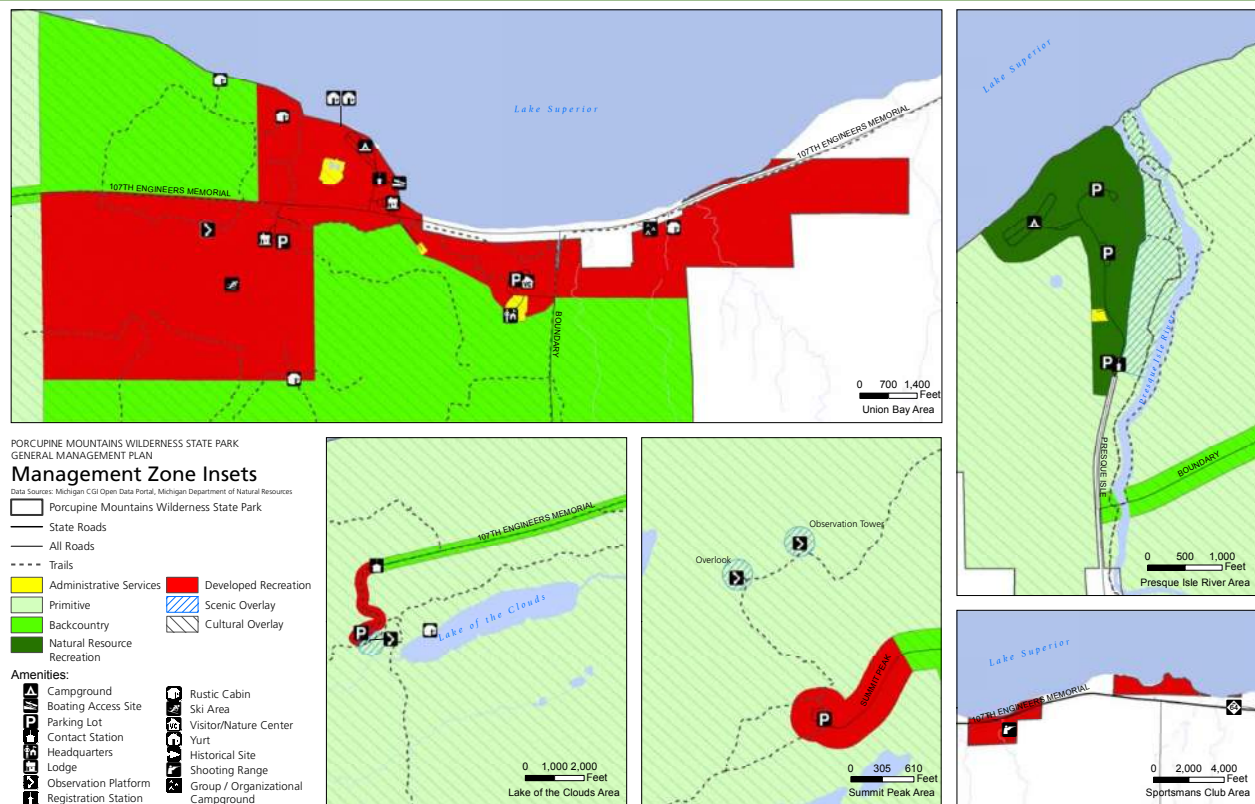
DRAFT MANAGEMENT ZONE MAP



DRAFT MANAGEMENT ZONE MAP	COMMENT
Backcountry	Route of NCT/IBT is going to completely change hopefully officially in 2020. Is there a way to indicate that now as the reroute is going to be finished within the park this year.

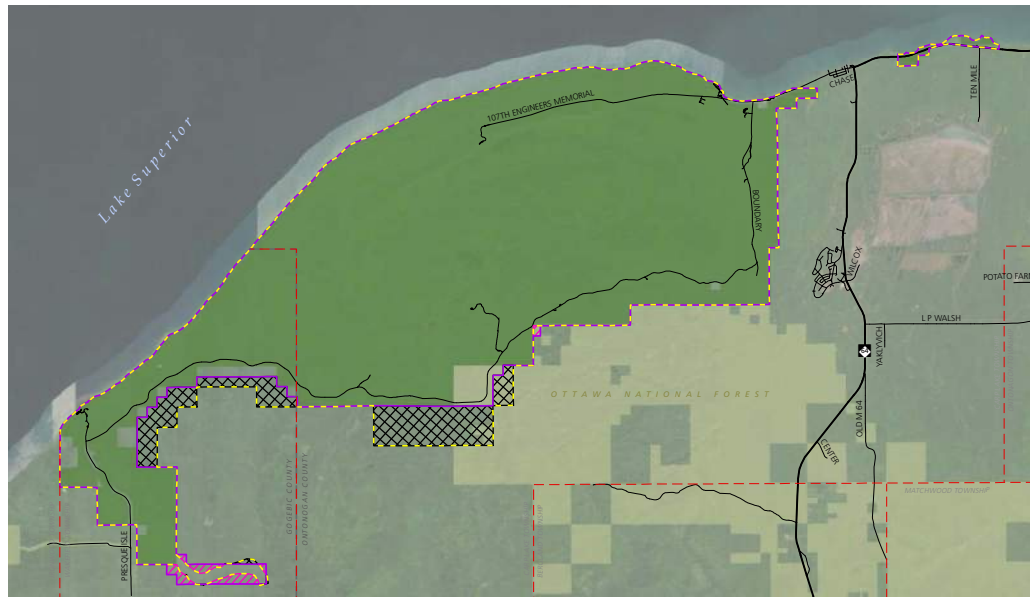
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MANAGEMENT ZONE INSETS MAP



MANAGEMENT ZONE INSETS MAP	COMMENT
Developed Recreation	<p>Improve and expand disc golf course to 27 holes.</p> <p>Bike carriers fit to ski lift along with single track bike trails for summer utilization of 'winter sports complex'</p> <p>Single track bike trails (supported by ski lift)</p> <p>Slightly expand developed recreation area to allow development of walking/biking trail from campground to beach area.</p>
Backcountry	No zip lines
Miscellaneous	Add fishing info. to the map.

PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK PROJECT BOUNDARY MAP



PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

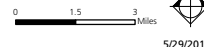
Proposed Project Boundary

Data Sources: Michigan C GI Open Data Portal, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Esri Basemap, USDA Forest Service

- Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park Current Boundary
- NRC 2004 Approved Project Boundary*
- GMP Proposed Project Boundary*
- Recommended to be added to the NRC 2004 Approved Project Boundary
- Recommended to be removed from the NRC 2004 Approved Project Boundary

- Ottawa National Forest
- County Boundary
- Municipality Boundary

*A project boundary is a geographic area in which the DNR is seeking to acquire property that supports the mission of the DNR on a willing buyer / willing seller basis.



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TEN-YEAR ACTION GOALS

The following 10-year action goals are ranked in terms of priority based on health, safety, and welfare, as well as ease of implementation (cost, ability to implement with own staff, partnerships etc.). Priority Level 1 projects indicate those that should be addressed within the next 2 years. Priority Level 2 projects include those that should be addressed within 2-5 years. Priority Level 3 projects are desired, but can be tackled in the next 5-10 years, once funding has been identified. The bolded party within the Program Input column is the responsible program position.

MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS










ACTION GOALS	PRIORITY	VOTES
Continue to explore land acquisition of properties within the GMP Proposed Project Boundary.	Ongoing	
Continue to manage the dedicated Wilderness and Natural Area to preserve, protect, and restore Wilderness and Natural Areas values.	Ongoing	
Implement invasive species control with an emphasis on early detection and rapid response.	Ongoing	
Manage and promote the park for Dark Sky viewing. (Consider application as an International Dark Sky Park)	Ongoing	
Continue to work with partners and increase skilled permanent staff for ongoing maintenance.	Ongoing	
Study the impacts to the natural resources and wilderness experience of designated backcountry camping and backcountry infrastructure and revise policies as needed. Consider the design and location of backcountry campsites, the potential for grouped backcountry campsites, and assess human waste disposal and sanitation.	Ongoing	
Work with the Green Initiatives Team to identify options for alternative energy to power the Presque Isle Campground Office. Work with CAMIS to develop a park registration app, satellite phone, or other method of camper registration at the Presque Isle Campground.	1	
Review ownership of mineral rights and develop a strategy to reunite mineral rights with surface rights in accordance with the DNR policy.	1	
Complete MiFI forest inventory mapping for land outside of the Wilderness Area boundaries.	1	

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MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS

ACTION GOALS	PRIORITY	VOTES
Relocate state game encumbrance within the ski area to another location within the park.	1	
Negotiate for the inclusion of a Recreation Passport requirement for access to the ski area in the next lease agreement.	1	
Work with Ontonagon County Road Commission, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and other stakeholders to determine the best method to address erosion issues along County Road 107 and implement the recommended action.	1	
Work with Ontonagon County Road Commission, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and other stakeholders to determine the best method to address erosion issues along County Road 107 and implement the recommended action.	1	
Develop a park business plan that includes a review of overnight lodging options and seasonal availability.	1	
Complete a natural resource stewardship plan for the park, identifying targets for conservation and related natural resource management strategies.	2	
Assess parking lot capacity across the park and prepare a holistic improvement plan. Consider a concessionaire to provide shuttle service within the park.	2	
Determine potential for year-round use of ski area, considering the results of the Summer Recreation study for the ski area.	2	
Develop a phased Cultural Resource Management Plan for historic sites within the park.	3	
Continue to partner with the Ontonagon County Road Commission to improve park access, considering future bike lanes.	3	

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TEN-YEAR ACTION GOALS


INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT: CAPITAL OUTLAY

ACTION GOALS	PRIORITY	VOTES
Replace roofs and logs in historic cabins.	Ongoing	
Renovate Cotten Cabin for visitor overnight use.	1	
Prepare a redevelopment plan for the Union Bay Campground to improve capacity, layout, drainage, infrastructure, and amenities.	1	
Replace shoreline yurts with lodging able to withstand shoreline conditions.	1	
Replace roofs, windows, and foundations of former park headquarters buildings for park operations use.	1	
Renovate the former park staff tri-plex for potential staff quarters.	1	
Re-route the Iron Belle/ North Country Trail through the park to avoid wet areas and provide a better trail experience in three areas: Cotten Property, Presque Isle area, and Lost Lake Trail.	1	
Replace aging sewage infrastructure.	2	
Assess and address erosion at Presque Isle high bank along campground and adjacent to Speaker's Cabin.	3	

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT: SMALL PROJECTS

ACTION GOALS	PRIORITY	VOTES
Re-stripe parking lots to increase capacity within existing infrastructure at Lake of the Clouds and Summit Peak.	1	

PARTNER PROJECTS

ACTION GOALS	PRIORITY	VOTES
Improve shooting complex in collaboration with the Lake Superior Sportsman's Club to provide new and improved indoor and outdoor shooting range and club facilities at the shooting complex.	2	
Install a reflective marker at the boat launch to aid in finding the dock at night.	2	

PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER INPUT

ACTION GOALS COMMENTS	
ACTION GOAL	COMMENT
MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS	
Implement invasive species control with an emphasis on early detection rapid response.	Add invasive species education – clean, drain, and dry.
Work with the Green Initiative Team to identify options for alternative energy to power the Presque Isle Campground Office. Work with CAMIS to develop a park registration app, satellite phone, or other method of camper registration at the Presque Isle Campground.	Expand to include other developed areas.
Negotiate for the inclusion of a Recreation Passport requirement for access to the ski area in the next lease agreement.	Bad idea! Remove Second that
Assess parking lot capacity across the park and prepare a holistic improvement plan. Consider a concessionaire to provide shuttle service within the park.	Shuttle service would be of great benefit to attendees of the Music Festival staying at the campground! The Fest is the biggest park draw of the year.
Determine potential for year-round use of ski area, considering the results of the Summer Recreation Study for the ski area.	Backcountry cabins or yurts on ski hill.
PARTNER PROJECTS	
Improve shooting complex in collaboration with the Lake Superior Sportsman's Club to provide new and improved indoor and outdoor shooting range and club facilities at shooting complex.	Isn't this already being done through a large grant?
Install a reflective marker at the boat launch to aid in finding the dock at night.	Change post to a solar light with timer and dome.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Fish stocking of Lily Pond and not just Mirror Lake (but continue at Mirror Lake)	
Create day use area and walking trails in Union Bay Area. (3 sticker votes)	
Right size the visitor center to include art collection (7 sticker votes)	

Public Input Meeting Comment Sheets

1. Do you agree with the park Significance Statements? Would you add or change anything to the statements?

Comment
Thank you for emphasizing role of Friends of Porkies
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

2. Do you agree with the Draft Management Zones? If not, what would you change?

Comment
OK
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

3. Are there any additional Action Goals you would like to propose?

Comment
Not yet. Dark sky likely.
None
Increased size of visitor center. A gallery added to the VC would allow the massive artist in residence collection to be seen. Thee collection is a fantastic view of the park – some areas that are only accessed by backpacking & not experienced by many visitors.
Emphasize summer use of ski hill as way of attracting people to the park and lengthen visitors stay to more than 1 day.
Provide in the developed areas with additional “senior friendly” ramps and easy hikes.
Not at this time

4. Are there any proposed Action Goals you don’t think should be included? If so, please explain.

Comment
Please consider changing the reflective post to a solar light with timer & dome to reduce light pollution. As Sheriff on Ontonagon I feel it is a safety hazard not having a light to find the dock.
Recreation passport for ski area. We want folks to come & use the park, why not let them play a game of disc golf without a passport – or ski.
Recreational pass required for ski hill may potentially reduce attractiveness of this area and limit its impact on advertising the porkies as destination.
No
No

5. Other comments:

Comment
Thank you.
Trail maintenance needs to be a priority. We have beautiful x-country trails that are not groomed properly or maintained during the summer months. Also – more resources designated to maintain ski area. Include bike service in the summer.
Thanks for boardwalk up to the Lake of the Clouds viewing deck. The gentle slope is really good for seniors. Wonderful meeting! Thanks!
Because of my husband's job, we lived in Brussels, Belgium for 3 years when our daughter was 18 mo. – 4 years old. We skied in Austria mainly because there was a daycare at the ski hill. It was full daycare for kids 2 years & there was ski lessons in the a.m., lunch, naps & play time in the p.m. This was the reason we only skied at this one area in Europe. I would think this type of program would encourage families with young children to come skiing at the Porkies. However, there should be a very good P.R. program in the Midwest area that advertise this availability. I understand there is already a daycare area in the shelter house.
Maintain what is advertised – bike trails do not encourage return visits. Cross-country ski trails are groomed too late in the season & not very well. People are constantly asking where they are & why they aren't groomed!

OTHER INPUT

Another private parcel near Cotten property that the NCT/IBT traverses through. Need to look into acquisition / permanent easement for
Addition of Little Iron River bridge into the plan or even 10 year action plan
Options or clear guidance for thru hikers traveling NCT/IBT
Bike Trails? Safer bike area for campers to get to Visitor Center

TO: Michigan Department of Natural Resources

% Parks and Recreation Division

RE: Public Comment on Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park
Management Plan

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Overview and basis for my suggestions:

While most of our country is going through good economic times, Ontonagon County continues to suffer through a very weak economy. This is due to the lack of jobs, which in turn creates a decreasing population. Thus the fewer people in the area are being called upon to take on many different volunteer efforts. Some are through Non-Profit organizations, others are through working on events. Our Public Schools continue to see a decrease in students.

As a 10+ year member of our Ontonagon County Economic Development Corporation, we continue to try to bring jobs through external investors. While we remain optimistic in future economic development, the area holds assets that need to be expanded upon.

The biggest asset the area has is in Tourism.

The Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park is a part of our area's Tourism economy!

Suggestions:

- 1) The area west of South Boundary Road, which is not a part of the Wilderness Designation can turn into another segment of the Tourism business that the Park could take advantage of.
 - A) Develop an Equestrian Trail, with a Trail Head, and some rustic camp sites along the trail.
 - B) Erect signs and fence off the area of the WWII Plane crash. Make this a Historic Sight.
 - C) Accepting the fact that the MDNR has no jurisdiction or management of the South Boundary Road, it would help if the DNR would publicly, through writing, state that the MDNR has no objection to the Ontonagon County Road Commission opening up

South Boundary Road to ORV Traffic. South Boundary Road in Gogebic County is already open to ORV Traffic.

- D) Establish one camping area in the Non-Wilderness Designated area, right off South Boundary Road, for ORV Camping.
 - E) Allow ORV's to have access to the Parking area for Summit Peak.
- 2) While it is understood that the Porcupine Mountain Ski Hill is managed by Gogebic Community College, it would be helpful to the area's ailing tourism economy during the late March, early April months. When the Ski Hill has sufficient snow, yet the numbers of skiers are very low, I am asking that the MDNR suggest that a limited and select portion of the Ski Hill be used for a Snowmobile Hillclimb. Ski Hills all over the nation have found that during this time period, when they have snow, and few skiers, the facility is able to draw numerous people to the hill and the area by hosting a snowmobile event.
- A) This is no different than the Ski Hill being used for the Porkies Music Fest. It is another way to not only showcase the beauty of the Porcupine Mountain State Park, but another way to bring people to the area.
 - B) A Snowmobile Hillclimb would have a course where there is adequate snow and no damage to the terrain.

Conclusion:

I want to commend the MDNR for seeking Public Input on the future and management of the Porcupine Mountains State Park. I honestly hope that the MDNR understands that Tourism is one of the only areas of economic development that Ontonagon County has right now. We have a lot to offer in our area, we simply need to find ways to diversify and turn limited use facilities into more 'Multi-Use.'

I understand that Michigan State Law through our State Constitution does not allow for 'multiple-use' in the Wilderness Designation areas. However, the Park has areas that is not under Wilderness Designation.

Yet very little is being done in those area's to draw visitors to our area.

All one has to do is simply drive down the former M-107 to see how many business's right outside the Park are no longer in existence. We have lost 2 Gas Stations, a General Store, 2 motels, and our one Motel is open seasonally.

While visitors to the park have been cyclical, the fact remains that the nearest community to the Park has seen little to no growth, and even a decline in businesses.

We HAVE to CHANGE this cycle and make some attempts to revitalize Silver City, White Pine, and Ontonagon County.

Thank-you for taking the time to read this. I am willing to discuss my ideas and answer any questions you may have. My contact information is on the 1st page.

Online Public Comments

Online Comment 1 Received 5/30/2019

Hello Ms. Jensen,

Thank you for all your work to help assure that the long-range plan and management strategy that protects the resources of the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park is in place while addressing recreation needs and opportunities.

I wish to provide photographs of an issue of which I am sure you are aware; the cutting of live trees with axe and crosscut saws for “camp” fires. (Attached)

Having enjoyed backpacking in the park for a number of years, I know backpackers use small fires and most use none at all. However, camping sites around a mile from a parking lot allow heavy loads for overnight stays. From my experience, and others who have made notes about their stay in cabin log books, axes, hatchets and crosscut saws are brought in. While on a walk around campsites ES-2, LOC 1 & 2 the evening of May 24, I took photographs of the result.

While the surrounding forest may be able to provide enough downed branches to heat cabins, a walk around campsites shows another story. MDNR has the task to determine if “recreation need” necessitates large fire rings as needed for large fires. It is difficult to tend a small fire in these huge fire rings, while it encourages the use of logs to feed large ones. Bonfires have increased dramatically since 2013, our first time in the park.

I respectfully submit the attached photographs to the MDNR for public record. I release the Michigan DNR and its assigns, licensees, and successors from any claims that may arise regarding the use of the attached images including any claims of defamation, invasion of privacy, or infringement of moral rights, rights of publicity, or copyright. Michigan DNR is permitted, although not obligated, to include my name as a credit in connection with the image. If further release for your use is needed please let me know.

Based on profound evidence of abuse, I recommend open fires be banned from the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. Absent such action I do not see how the cutting of live trees and the risky behavior associate with it can be stopped.

I wish I could say the following examples from our May 2019 trip were limited to this year. Sadly, frequency has increased as the park’s reputation as a party-park has grown.

- One camper boasted about bringing in eighty-four cans of beer.
- A couple, camping near LOC1 and barely able to stand, said you didn’t need a permit to camp.
- Another came to LOC cabin where my wife and I were staying – bottle of whiskey in hand – and said he was checking to see if the cabin was occupied. “I admit to ignoring the sign about the cabin permit.” He and his buddies wanted to build a fire. I asked which campsite permit he had, and he said “W.” (Similar people came last year.)
- They left but another group built a huge bonfire at ES-2 later that evening. Their voices could be heard long before the fire came into view.
- To try and keep people from strolling into our cabin at LOC this year we strung a rope from the sign “Cabin Occupants Only Beyond this Point” (photo attached). People ignored it and still came to find out if they could party there.

As the photos of cut trees attest, year by year, the wilderness has become a place for people, not nature, to be wild. The photo of names carved into a cabin bunk next to a MDNR sign “Please do not carve into our cabins,” sums up the problem.

We are backpacking senior citizens but are limited to camps within a mile or so of a parking lot. I know the Plan must address diverse “recreation needs.” However, for us, the partying, bonfires and tree cutting has become so extreme my wife and no longer feel safe spending any more nights in the park.





05/24/2019 Live trees used as firewood



"Wood pile" contained sawed limbs and live branches



Note: additional photos of tree damage were submitted. This page contains a sample.

Online Comment 2 Received 7/29/2019

Debbie,

I will not be able to make it to the meeting. But, I do want to share my opinion on the management of the park, which I have slept many of nights at over the last 20+ years.

With the change in the requirement to select assigned back country campsites, I will no longer be backpacking at the Porkies. Unless this has changed since I was there last fall, but the new reservation site is difficult to figure this out. I could support a limit on the number of back country permits on a given day or time block. Having to select spots for each night in advance limits what you can do if weather changes, how tired you become during the trip, plus plenty of other issues that can arise in the back country. My last trip had incoming storm force us what would have been a safety related decision. Do we push on deeper into the park to our assigned spot in the hopes that the weather is not as bad as it looks, or do we hike a long distance to our truck. We selected the truck, and had to hitch hike to get to it. I am glad we did not go farther into the park, but was disappointed we couldn't have selected an alternate spot closer to the truck that would have kept us in our tent. Both of us were disappointed in the change, and will be heading to Minnesota this fall to backpack.

Online Comment 3 Received 7/29/2019

To whom it may concern,

I'm very happy with what I've read of the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park General Management Plan (Draft). I think the Primitive and Backcountry designations are a great design to secure Michigan's natural resources while providing low-impact recreation opportunities for Michiganders.

Most of Michigan's State Parks cater to high-impact use, specifically recreational vehicles (RV) with electric hook-ups. Campsites in these parks are packed close together and are generally very unpleasant for anyone not inside an RV. When searching Michigan DNR's website for a campsite reservation, one notes that for those wishing to camp in the "Backcountry," Porcupine Mountains is the ONLY option. I think this is a shame, given Michigan's wealth of natural beauty. The proposed plan for the Porcupine Mountains will at least maintain the last option for quiet, primitive camping in Michigan.

When I was last backpacking in the Porkies, I had the pleasure (and mild fright) of encountering a black bear on the trail. I imagine the Porkies must be one of the last refuges in Michigan for this species, along with others. Let's keep it that way!

Online Comment 4 Received 7/29/2019

Hi I am unable to attend the meeting but I was hoping to suggest that during the Porkies Mountain Music Festive there could be some alternative camping areas created just for the weekend. Maybe near the chalet/ski hill? The festival seems to grow every year and camping is part of the fun but spot fill up in the near by campground supper fast and we're skipping the festival this because I couldn't get a spot for the weekend. There is a festival near Marquette that has campgrounds provided for the festival attendees and that always goes over well. Just a suggestion...

Online Comment 5 Received 7/30/2019

Upgrade the rest rooms, they are too small. Mark access points to the shore. People are blocking with their huge trailers and big trucks. People should not leave fireplaces unattended and quit trying to burn green wood. Too much smoke in the campgrounds.

Online Comment 6 Received 7/30/2019

I would like to submit a comment on the Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park management plan for consideration regarding drones. On more than one occasion, most often at Lake of the Clouds, I've visited the park and have seen a personal photography/drone flying around. While the footage they capture is great, they tend to be distracting, noisy and in my opinion completely contradict the spirit of the wilderness. I hope the management plan will address their use for the future.

Online Comment 7 Received 8/12/2019

I would like to see at least one trail open to horses in the park. Overall it looks like most would like it to remain a wilderness as in no ATV's, or cycles of any sort. I agree with that assessment, but feel horses are an option.

Thanks for all you do!

Online Comment 8 Received 8/16/2019

I was thinking something like this for the Boat Launch. Looks like it has a programmable dimmer switch, and is Dark Sky compatible. <https://solarlighting.com/product/evergen-m-series/>

Forwarded email:

Good Afternoon,

This is Jeffrey from Green Light Depot. We do sell Dark Sky Wall Packs that are compatible with timers, however we do not sell the timers themselves. On the other hand, we do carry photoeye photocells which automatically turn the lights on when it detects that it is starting to get dark outside and vice versa in the morning when it detects that it is getting bright outside.

The Dark Sky Wall Packs come in several different wattages.

Here is the link to them...

<https://greenlightdepot.com/collections/led-wall-packs-dark-sky>

And here is the link to the photoeye photocells...

<https://greenlightdepot.com/products/photocell-wall-pack-compatible?variant=16879502393387>

Let me know if you have any questions, would like to order, or need anything at all.

Online Comment 9 Received 8/21/2019

Please fix the shore access from the picnic areas along the highway

Dear Ms. Jensen:

We are writing to provide our comments on the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park Draft General Management Plan. We strongly support the direction of the Draft General Management Plan, particularly:

The use of designated backcountry campsites available by reservation is a good alternative for managing increased backcountry use in the Park. Hopefully, there will not be a need to consider grouping backcountry campsites, as mentioned as a potential future consideration on p. 35 in the Ten-Year Management & Operations Action Goals. This might be a useful strategy, if needed, for better control of sanitation and human-waste disposal. However, depending upon the proximity of grouped sites, this could lead to poorer experiences for users seeking greater solitude.

The continued prohibition of mountain bike, horse, and snowmobile use within most areas of the park is a good alternative for the reasons stated in the Plan.

General management and promotion of the Park for Dark Sky viewing is important. Designation of the Park as an International Dark Sky Park would be outstanding!

Completion of a natural resource stewardship plan for the Park would help to identify conservation and natural resource management strategies for the future. Efforts to control invasive species in the Park through early detection and rapid response is one important part of this stewardship plan.

Redevelopment of the Union Bay Campground to improve the layout, drainage, and infrastructure is a great goal for improving the recreational experience for Park users.

Making Land Acquisition of properties within the GMP Project Boundary a priority is critical.

Continuing to work with partners and increasing the number of skilled permanent staff for ongoing maintenance, particularly of trails and for restoration of existing facilities, is crucial.

Finally, continuing to manage the dedicated Wilderness and Natural Area to preserve, protect, and restore wilderness values is the most critical and outstanding goal.

These are some of areas of the Plan that really stood out for us, but in general, we strongly support the direction laid out in the Draft General Management Plan document. Thank you and all of those who prepared this document for your continued dedication to Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

Online Comment 10 Received 8/23/2019

I have taken the time to read the entire Porcupine Mountains Management Plan PDF and commend you on a very well written and comprehensive document.

I'm a retired DNR Forester (Silviculturist) and offered several comments back in the spring when you first asked for input. I have very little to add to that. I will say I was surprised and pleased to read that you plan on completing MiFi forest inventory outside of the designated Wilderness Area (10 Year Action Goal section, Chapter 5, page 36). I still keep in contact with many FRD employees and have a thorough knowledge of the MiFi inventory system. I applaud you for taking information that can be added to the vast DNR forest data base.

As an aside, I plan on taking MiFi info in select northern hardwood stands in the old-growth area of the park. I worked in the northern hardwood type for my entire 34 year career and have an interest in hardwood ecologically, as well for management. Having detailed stand structure information in old-growth northern hardwood can help FRD in its management of the second growth hardwood stands that are so common on state forest land. I plan open starting in September. No end date for my project, I'll do as time allows (I live in Gaylord, so a long drive).

Thanks for the opportunity for input.

Appendix C:

Opinion of Probable Costs

C.1 State Park Funding

The primary funding sources for state park improvement and development projects are Recreation Passport sales (motor vehicle registration fee), the Park Endowment Fund (generated from royalties from oil, gas and mineral extraction on public land) and the Park Improvement Fund (from camping and other state park user fees). One-time appropriations from the state General Fund may also be ear marked for specific needs but are not guaranteed. The annual capital outlay budget for state parks varies significantly from year to year, as illustrated by the table below. The state park system is 100 years old and much of the infrastructure is aging. Identified infrastructure needs across the state park system (excluding Belle Isle Park, trail infrastructure, and state waterways infrastructure) is currently estimated to be over \$273 million.

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL ANNUAL CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT BUDGET**	IDENTIFIED INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS
FY19	\$ 18,925,000	\$ 273,498,836
FY18	\$ 14,520,000	\$ 264,089,912
FY17	\$ 10,400,000	\$ 285,513,487
FY16	\$ 8,661,000	\$ 312,594,557
FY15	\$ 6,051,500	\$ 303,808,685

**Capital Outlay funds dedicated to funding state park projects; excluding funds for Belle Isle Park, major emergency repairs, District Major Maintenance Projects, etc.

With such a large gap between financial need and budget, all projects are carefully analyzed to look at innovative solutions to increase efficiencies or downsize assets.

C.2 Estimated Cost of Proposed Developments

The following table provides an estimate of probable cost for each capital outlay development project proposed at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park over the next ten years. Management and operations actions and small projects, which are funded out of district or park funds, are not included in this list but may have additional financial implications. The costs are preliminary, based on information available at the time, and will be adjusted as studies, conceptual and detailed designs are completed. Where noted, the costs may only include studies or project planning, which will provide direction for development costs if determined appropriate. The costs are based on 2019 prices and should be adjusted according to the consumer price index and the market at the time of implementation.

The action goals on the following page are ranked in terms of priority based on health, safety, and welfare, as well identified need and ease of implementation (cost, ability to implement with own staff, partnerships etc.). Priority Level 1 projects indicate those that should be addressed within the next 2 years. Priority Level 2 projects include those that should be addressed within 2-5 years. Priority Level 3 projects are desired but can be tackled in the next 5-10 years once funding has been identified.

One major project that is funded and currently underway at Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park is the armoring of the shoreline along County Road 107 to protect against erosion. This project is a partnership between the DNR and Ontonagon County Road Commission with assistance and funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation. The cost of the current project that is underway is estimated to be \$880,000. Options for a long-term solution are currently being evaluated with anticipated costs between 2.5 and 12.5 million, depending on the scope of the option chosen.

PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS STATE PARK INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT: CAPITAL OUTLAY		
ACTION GOALS	PRIORITY	OPINION OF PROBABLE COST
Design and implement a culvert replacement at the headquarters.	1	\$200,000
Improve drainage of the existing Union Bay Campground.	1	\$50,000 design \$150,000 construction
Replace roofs, windows, and foundations of former park headquarters buildings for park operations use.	1	\$480,000
Renovate the former park staff tri-plex for potential staff quarters.	1	\$100,000
Construct a new pedestrian bridge over the Little Iron River Bridge and relocate the North Country Trail / Iron Belle Trail.	1	\$300,000
Prepare a Phase 100 study for the Union Bay Campground to improve capacity, layout, infrastructure, and amenities.	2	\$75,000 design \$1,000,000 construction
Design and implement the replacement of asphalt surfacing for the headquarters entrance road.	2	\$400,000
Replace aging sewage infrastructure.	2	\$150,000 design \$500,000 construction
Improve shooting complex in collaboration with the Lake Superior Sportsman's Club to provide new and improved indoor and outdoor shooting range and club facilities at the shooting complex.	2	\$50,000 PRD Parks CO (Additional funding from FOD, MNRTF and Fed. funds – total project cost \$1.5m)
Assess and address erosion at Presque Isle high bank along campground and adjacent to Speaker's Cabin.	3	\$25,000 design \$100,000 construction
	TOTAL *	\$3,580,000

*Excludes costs yet to be identified by studies to determine best way to proceed and costs associated with projects that are already in progress.

Appendix D:

Legislation

D.1 Natural Resources And Environmental Protection Act - Act 451 of 1994 (Excerpt)

Land Habits Part 351 Wilderness and Natural Areas

324.35101 Definitions.

Sec. 35101.

As used in this part:

- (a) “Natural area” means a tract of state land or water under control of the department and dedicated and regulated by the department pursuant to this part which:
 - (i) Has retained or reestablished its natural character, or has unusual flora and fauna or biotic, geologic, scenic, or other similar features of educational or scientific value, but it need not be undisturbed.
 - (ii) Has been identified and verified through research and study by qualified observers.
 - (iii) May be coextensive with or part of a wilderness area or wild area.
- (b) “Wild area” means a tract of undeveloped state land or water under control of the department and dedicated and regulated by the department pursuant to this part which:
 - (i) Is less than 3,000 acres of state land.
 - (ii) Has outstanding opportunities for personal exploration, challenge, or contact with natural features of the landscape and its biological community.
 - (iii) Possesses 1 or more of the characteristics of a wilderness area.
- (c) “Wilderness area” means a tract of undeveloped state land or water under control of the department and dedicated and regulated by the department pursuant to this part which:
 - (i) Has 3,000 or more acres of state land or is an island of any size.
 - (ii) Generally appears to have been affected primarily by forces of nature with the imprint of the work of humans substantially unnoticeable.
 - (iii) Has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.
 - (iv) Contains ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, scenic, or natural history value.

History: Add. 1995, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995 ;-- Am. 1996, Act 290, Imd. Eff. June 19, 1996

Popular Name: Act 451

Popular Name: NREPA

324.35105 Prohibited activities; easement.

Sec. 35105.

(1) The following are prohibited on state land in a wilderness area, wild area, or natural area, or on state land proposed by the department for dedication in 1 of these categories during the 90 days a dedication is pending pursuant to section 35103:

- (a) Removing, cutting, picking, or otherwise altering vegetation, except as necessary for appropriate public access, the preservation or restoration of a plant or wildlife species, or the documentation of scientific values and with written consent of the department.
- (b) Except as provided in subsection (2), granting an easement for any purpose.
- (c) Exploration for or extraction of minerals.
- (d) A commercial enterprise, utility or permanent road.
- (e) A temporary road, landing of aircraft, use of motor vehicles, motorboats, or other form of mechanical transport, or any structure or installation, except as necessary to meet minimum emergency requirements for administration as a wilderness area, wild area, or natural area by the department.
- (f) Motorized equipment, except if the department approves its use for management purposes of conservation practices.
- (2) If a right-of-way or an easement for ingress and egress was granted on land prior to the land’s designation as a wilderness area, wild area, or natural area, upon request, the department may grant an easement along the route of the existing right-of-way or easement for the installation and maintenance of utilities for gas, electric, telephone, and cable services. In granting an easement under this section, the department shall require conditions necessary to protect the wilderness area, wild area, or natural area.

History: Add. 1995, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995;¾Am. 1996, Act 290, Imd. Eff. June 19, 1996.

Popular name: Act 451

Popular name: NREPA

324.35106 Landing aircraft or operating mechanical transport in wilderness, wild, or natural area.

Sec. 35106.

A person who lands an aircraft or operates a motor vehicle, motorboat, or other form of mechanical transport in a wilderness area, wild area, or natural area without the express written consent of the department is guilty of a misdemeanor.

History: Add. 1995, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995

Popular Name: Act 451

Popular Name: NREPA

324.35107 Maintenance or restoration of wilderness, wild, or natural area.

Sec. 35107.

- (1) State land in a wilderness area, wild area, or natural area shall be maintained or restored so as to preserve its natural values in a manner compatible with this part.
- (2) Grasslands, forested lands, swamps, marshes, bogs, rock outcrops, beaches, and wholly enclosed waters of this state that are an integral part of a wilderness area, wild area, or natural area shall be included within and administered as a part of the area.

History: Add. 1995, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995

Popular Name: Act 451

Popular Name: NREPA

324.35108 Posting signs; contents.

Sec. 35108.

The department shall post signs in appropriate locations along the borders of a wilderness area, wild area, or natural area. The signs shall give notice of the area's dedication and may state those activities that are prohibited under section 35105 and those activities that are punishable as a misdemeanor pursuant to section 35106.

History: Add. 1995, Act 59, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995 ;-- Am. 1996, Act 290, Imd. Eff. June 19, 1996

Popular Name: Act 451

Popular Name: NREPA

D.2 DNR Wildlife Division Wilderness And Natural Areas

(By authority conferred on the director of the department of natural resources by 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.35103 and Executive Reorganization Order No. 1991-22, MCL 299.13)

Regulation No. 27, Gogebic county

R 322.27.1 Presque Isle river scenic site.

Rule 1. The following described area in the Porcupine mountains wilderness state park is rededicated as a natural area under the designation of the Presque Isle river scenic site: That part of section 4 lying W'ly of a line 100 feet E'ly of the E bank of the Presque Isle river; and that part of section 5 lying E'ly of the Presque Isle river road: T49N, R45W. That part of section 19 lying E'ly of the Presque Isle river road as extended to Lake Superior; that part of section 20 lying W'ly of a line 1/4 mile E'ly of the outside bends of the Presque Isle river; that part of section 29 lying W'ly of a line 1/4 mile E'ly of the outside bends of the Presque Isle river and N'ly of a line 200 feet N of the South Boundary road; that part of sections 30 & 31 lying E'ly of the Presque Isle river road, except 200 feet either side of the centerline of the South Boundary road; and that part of section 32 lying E'ly of the Presque Isle river road and W'ly of a line 100 feet E of the E bank of the Presque Isle river, T50N, R45W, Wakefield township, Gogebic county. Total scenic site area 1,465 acres.

History: 1979 AC.

R 322.27.2 Porcupine mountains wilderness area.

Rule 2. The following described area in the Porcupine mountains wilderness state park is rededicated as a wilderness area under the designation of the Porcupine mountains wilderness area: That part of section 4, lying E of a line 1/4 mile E'ly of the outside bends of the Presque Isle river, T49N, R45W. Entire sections 1, 2, 10, 11 & 12; that part of sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 21 & 24 lying N of a line 200 feet N'ly of the South Boundary road; that part of section 20 lying N of a line 200 feet N'ly of the South Boundary road and E of a line 1/4 mile E'ly of the outside bends of the Presque Isle river; that part of section 29 lying N of a line 200 feet N'ly of the South Boundary road and S of a line 200 feet S'ly of the South Boundary road and E of a line 1/4 mile E'ly of the outside bends of the Presque Isle river; that part of Sec. 32 lying E of a line 1/4 mile E'ly of the outside bends of the Presque Isle river; and section 33, S 1/2; including existing cabins and shelters as nonconforming uses; T50N, R45W, Wakefield township, Gogebic county. Total area in Gogebic county, 5,798.40 acres. Total wilderness area, Gogebic and Ontonagon counties combined, 40,808 acres, more or less. See R 322.66.1 for that portion of the Porcupine mountains wilderness area which lies in Ontonagon county.

History: 1979 AC.