

# Appendix B – Public Input Summary

Over the duration of the General Management Planning process, the Yankee Springs Recreation Area Planning Team ensured a variety of opportunities for public input and feedback. The process could be followed and comments posted at the Yankee Springs Recreation Area Website:

## Overview of Public Input Opportunities

**Stakeholder Input Open House (April 29, 2015)** – located at Yankee Springs Township Hall. Stakeholders had the opportunity to learn about the General Management Planning process and provide input regarding the strengths, challenges and vision of Yankee Springs Recreation Area. Over 50 stakeholders were invited to the open house; 27 stakeholders attended.

**Tribal Correspondence** – The PRD Division of the DNR reached out to the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Band) to provide information on the management plan process and an opportunity for tribal input. The Gun Lake Band and DNR met on May 5, 2015 and discussed the above mentioned topics and other related areas of interest. The Gun Lake Band also provided additional input through correspondence with the DNR.

**Public Input Meeting (January 28, 2016)** – located at Yankee Springs Township Hall. Members of the public were invited to learn about the General Management Planning process and comment on the Statements of Significance and the Draft 10-Year Action Goals.

**General Comments** – comment cards, website comments, letters, and feedback provided by email were elicited during the General Management Planning process.

**Public Input Survey** – an online survey developed to gather general information about park visitors and their use of the park as well as recommendations for improving features and amenities offered at the park. The survey was made available for a 6-week period.

# DNR Stakeholder Focus Group

## Yankee Springs Recreation Area



We Want Your Input!!

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

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Yankee\\_Springs\\_Recreation\\_Area](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Yankee_Springs_Recreation_Area)

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

You are encouraged to visit the project website at:

<http://www.clearzoning.com/yankee-springs-recreation-area/>

### Questions?

Please contact Debbie Jensen, DNR Management Plan Administrator at (517) 284-6105 or Mardy Stirling at Clearzoning, Inc. at (248) 423-1776.

### Yankee Springs Recreation Area Stakeholder Focus Group Draft General Management Plan

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

**The Planning Team would like to invite you, as one of the key Yankee Springs Recreation Area stakeholders, to join us for a two-hour focus group.**

**Date:** April 29, 2015

**Time:** 10 a.m.-noon **OR** 1-3 p.m.

**Location:** Yankee Springs Township Hall

**RSVP (requested):** <http://doodle.com/r6m2af35qfb8bvta> (please enter your name, select your preferred session time and click "save") **OR** call Mardy Stirling at (248) 423-1776 ext. 15  
After selecting a time at the link above, DNR staff will follow-up by phone or email to confirm your session and provide you with some of the discussion points for the focus group.

The meeting will begin with a brief introduction to the General Management Plan, followed by a break out session where DNR staff will address some key questions regarding the park's future. We request that each stakeholder group send maximum of 3 representatives so that we may accommodate everyone.

The General Management Plan (GMP) is a long-range planning document that identifies a park's importance in terms of natural and historic resources, recreational and educational opportunities, and economic value. Yankee Springs Recreation Area, with over 5,200 acres, offers many opportunities to contribute to the recreation and tourism needs of the region and state.



# Yankee Springs Recreation Area

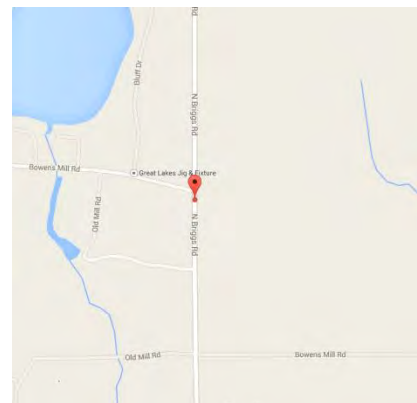
## Stakeholder Meeting

**Dear Yankee Springs Stakeholder Participant,**

Thank you for agreeing to participate in DNR – Park & Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources General Management Plan for Yankee Springs Recreation Area. Following is the meeting time, location and general meeting program.

**Topic:** Yankee Springs Recreation Area Focus Group  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 29, 2015  
**Time:** *[Morning Session] 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM*  
*[Afternoon Session 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM]*  
**Location:** Yankee Springs Township Hall  
 284 N. Briggs Road  
 Middleville Michigan 49333

**Questions:** Debbie Jensen, Plan Administrator @ 517.284.6105  
 OR  
 Mardy Stirling, Clearzoning @ 248.423.1776



Source: Mapquest

**10:00-10:15 Greetings and Short Presentation**

**10:15-11:30 Focus Group Activity**

**Questions to Consider Prior to the Focus Group:**

- Identify three things about Yankee Springs Recreation Area that you value the most?
- What is your most important concern that needs to be resolved at Yankee Springs Recreation Area within the next 10 years?
- What is the most important contribution your organization could make to Yankee Springs Recreation Area?
- Describe your vision of what Yankee Springs Recreation Area should be like 10 years from now.

**11:30-11:45 Group Brainstorming Activity**

**11:45-12:00 Conclusion and Next Steps**

Stakeholder Input Workshop Attendees	
Name	Affiliation
Kevin Allen	WMMBA
Al Bourma	Gun Lake Business Association
Vivian Conner	Barry County
John Hart	City of Hastings
Brian Hugget	Potawatomi Resource/Development
Patricia Johns	Barry County Parks
Bob Nelson	Gun Lake Protective Association
Jane Norton	North Country Trail Association
Dick Smith	YSTRA
Kathy Taylor	YSTRA
Bill Voight	Barry County Transit
Ronald Walker	YSTRA
Mark Bishop	DNR/Resident
Larry Case	Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy
Mark Englerth	Yankee Springs Township
Rob Heethuis	Gun Lake Protective Association
Catherine Getty	Thornapple Area Park and Recreation Commission
Deb Messelink	Gun Lake Protective Association
Al Northouse	WMMBA
Roger Rottschafer	Yankee Springs Township
Craig Stolsonburg	Barry County
Peter TerLouw	Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy
Cindy Vujea	BCEDA
Regina Young	Barry-Eaton District of Health

## **Yankee Springs Recreation Area General Management Planning**

### **Stakeholder Input Meeting**

**Location: Yankee Springs Township Hall**

**Wednesday, April 29, 2015**

**Morning Session (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM) and Afternoon Session (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM)**

ATTENDED: Kevin Allen (WMMBA), Mark Bishop (Former DNR/Resident), Al Bourma (Gun Lake Business Association), Larry Case (Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy), Vivian Conner (Barry County), Mark Englerth (Yankee Springs Township), John Hart (City of Hastings), Rob Heethuis (Gun Lake Protective Association), Brian Hugget (Potawatomi Resource/Development), Catherine Getty (Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission), Patricia Johns (Barry County Parks and Recreation), Deb Messelink (Gun Lake Protective Association), Bob Nelson (Gun Lake Protective Association), Al Northouse (WMMBA), Jane Norton (North Country Trail Association), Dan Patton (Charlton Park), Bob Perino (Orangeville Township), Larry Pio (North Country Trail Association), Roger Rottschaefer (Yankee Springs Township), Dick Smith (YSTRA), Craig Stolsonburg (Barry County), Kathy Taylor (YSTRA), Peter TerLouw (Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy), Bill Voight (Barry County Transit), Cindy Vujea (BCEDA), Ronald Walker (YS Trail Riders Association), and Regina Young (Barry-Eaton District Health Department).

The Stakeholder Meeting for Yankee Springs Recreation Area was held on April 29, 2015 at the Yankee Springs Township Hall. Stakeholders who were invited included government/quasi-government representatives, community partners, business organization, recreation partners, and natural resource partners.

The intention of this meeting was for stakeholders to provide input to be incorporated, where appropriate, into the General Management Plan. Attendees were shown a brief presentation on the General Management Plan process. The meeting then broke stakeholders into groups and asked them to respond to the following statements:

- Three things about Yankee Springs Recreation Area that you value
- Your vision of what Yankee Springs Recreation Area should be like 10-years from now
- What are the most important concerns that need to be resolved
- What is the most important contribution your organization could make to the Recreation Area

Following is the input gathered at the morning and afternoon sessions from the stakeholders about Yankee Springs Recreation Area.

### General Comments on Yankee Springs Recreation Area

- Taking care of what is already there / Build on what is already in place / Getting facilities back to par
- Concern about over use
- Balance between the year round residences with the desire for tourism
- Maintain a balanced environment “UP” feeling
- All stewardship/development/management focused on preserving YSRA natural beauty and maintain the integrity of YSRA natural beauty
- Management of natural resources based on science rather than public opinion
- Invasive species control (including education)
- Stewardship – continue as a priority + natural (invasive) + cultural
- Expand on opportunities for recreational programming and resources – young people want to live where there are opportunities
- YSRA working more closely with other recreation providers in area, joint programming
- Improve educational opportunities for youth
- More access and attractions to connect youth to nature
- Continue to provide quality interpretation and education and explore opportunities to expand programming
- Share expertise / Expertise & knowledge / Education
- Way finding / visitor interpretation
- Visitor center / Spokes & hubs with connections
- Working through process to make things happen / Head PRD perspective to better understand interaction with user groups
- Create a walkable community that encompasses the park
- Trail system report grow and expand
- Regional connections
- Bike transport to the park
- Big draw/family oriented
- We need a way to notify users of catastrophic weather events (public safety issues) / Emergency Preparedness / Weather sirens / Notification – water/trails
- Make every reasonable effort to achieve universal access for development opportunities

### Lakes

- Keep Deep Lake Preserved / Lake preservation / Preservation – protection
- Gun Lake P.A. helps to fund and build amenities: Boat Dock, Clean Lake, Preserve lake
- Handle Invasive species / Invasive species control partnerships (Potawatomi RC&D) / Invasive species control needs to be pursued further (boats, shoes, tires continually add to problem) We need a boat wash facility / Regular washing boats
- Monitor density of use on Gun Lake (are their ideal numbers)

- Develop a plan for Gun Lake Fishery (based on survey)
- Maintaining and improving water quality

#### **Beaches**

- Preserve and enhance the beaches / Bring back beaches to historic nature

#### **Wetlands**

- Protection of the wetlands

#### **Historic Structures**

- Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources
- Restore and maintain “Roosevelt Beach” and Chief Noonday historic structures
- Preserve “old” buildings
- Preserve & enhance the unique historical structures and natural features of the park

#### **Cultural Amenities**

- Education and history of the area / Vision & history / History
- Demonstration area to education on history and how this area came to be
- Cultural awareness – Native Americans, CCC, pioneer history

#### **Hunting and Fishing**

- Maintain and enhance opportunities for hunting/fishing/gathering/trapping/birding

#### **Public Health**

- How can YSRA support research on climate change's impact on public health?
- Sustained, robust community relationship to support improved individual health at all levels of ability
- Vision of all users & groups working together to improve public health
- Rapid recovery capability to address public health concerns, based on competent study and plan

#### **Camping**

- Increase camping – make YSRA a destination – Trail head @ Deep Lake
- Expansion of horseman campground-modern w/ electricity - Phased project, potentially increase charge for upgraded sites (hand out plan) / Modern equestrian campground to support YSRA as a multi-state destination

## Trails

### General Trail Comments

- More trails (horse) shared with hiking
- Trails are marked well and well maintained
- Trail-side hiking shelters
- Wayfinding –may be off trail for info
- Maintain and enhance the trails
- Education about the use of trails and the park – monitoring by the trail groups & DNR
- Accessibility of trails /Trail options to address all levels of ability (emphasis on family-friendly)
- Multiple use trails – natural surface
- Improve trails to avoid further erosion / Short-term correction of eroded trail areas / Erosion a concern – areas where trails are older (may not have had ideal placement/construction) + modify and correct to preserve & improve
- Resolve Pittman-Robertson trail use issue
- Safe integration of YSRA trails with Township network and future plans
- Build new trails with sensitivity and science consistent with natural features
- Consider a “corridor” approach to relocate unsustainable trail segments
- Trails system improvements (all modes) to improve health- link with local trails

### Mountain Bike Trails

- Build & enhance 13 mile mountain bike trails
- MB has knowledge to build suitable trails
- Stacked loop system – creates rider diversity / Stacked loop system that reduces wear on any one mountain bike trail
- Support, ridership and man power to maintain & improve trails/ Opportunity to adjust the trail w/out jumping through hoops
- Possible master plan, but want to put money to good use

### Equestrian Trails

- A lot of local use of equestrian. Put in more trails: 50 miles would entice overnight and out-of-state visitors
- Need more equestrian trail miles to allow YSRA to become destination
- Equestrian trail mile target of 50 miles

### Hiking and Cross-country Skiing Trails

- Improved cross-country skiing trails and facilities
- Match ski trails to management capability
- Option (safe) for beginning skiers
- Cross-country skiing – some sections that share hiking trail routes not designed for skiing
- Needed re-route
- Work to coordinate trail access & use between YSRA and Barry State Game Area (Pittman-Robertson Federal – Trail Riding State of MI)
- Emergency trails maintenance



### **North Country National Scenic Trails**

- Iron Belle Trail relationship needs to be defined
- Erosion on sandy sections of NCT need resolution
- “Road walk” sections of NCT need to be re-routed to safer location

### **Infrastructure**

- Infrastructure maintenance and improvements and replacement and operations and planning and funding / Crumbling infrastructure / Infrastructure improvements - 800,000 – 900,000 people / Increase maintenance of infrastructure / Update infrastructure to support appropriate use and public health (infrastructure draws increased use)
- No net loss of natural area / Preserve the unique park (“best park in lower MI”) / Same as today – but with improved infrastructure to support natural features
- Need infrastructure oversight equivalent to municipal oversight (i.e., NPDES)
- Gun Lake Sewer Authority should maintain YSRA infrastructure in recognition of fee structure / Infrastructure – sewer lineage + need to upgrade trails, infrastructure

### **Friends Groups / Recreation Groups / Individual Support**

- “Different perspectives but we're all in the same boat” / Concentrated on user groups working together / Need for collaboration / Consistency, continuity, sustainability, shared vision / Collaboration groups
- Fund ourselves
- Strengthen the connection between park management and volunteers
- Adopt-a-Park Area focus / Cabin / Develop additional partnerships
- Friends Groups has access to match funding

### **Funding**

- Desire to raise & keep funds locally, perhaps through community foundation / Gifts & Acceptance, charitable contributions plan
- Need to expose people to the community
- Funding available within appropriate level (NOW) / Performance based budget (x3) / Needs money to generator money
- Money is used for some areas of the park some (restrictions apply to the use)
- Park (generate income) benefit from increase in used \$ / Unique ideas to raise money
- Need stable funding
- Funding box confusion – “opt-in”

### **Staffing**

- Park staff are responsive – great connection
- Ensure adequate staffing at YSRA / Park staffing level is inadequate to properly maintain park for next 10 years

### **Barry County**

- Explore opportunities for exchange of lands between Yankee Springs and Barry State Game Area, within the GMP project boundary and following logical road boundaries
- Take steps to promote parks in Barry County / Plan together / One Plan for County / Barry County- Parks and recreation model – multiuse while preserving
- Barry County Connection / Where is Barry County?
- County willing to help with marketing and improvements to support users
- Barry County Parks has potential to be a resource/clearinghouse for information about all facilities available in area (not just Barry County)

### **Community Outreach**

- Connection to adjacent communities & outlying communities
- Relationship between park & Hastings joint partnership with communities
- Open doors to collaboration and enable 3rd party and other venues
- Building support systems for business leaders and park municipal leaders
- Way to have a “one-stop” shop for trails, park resources for the area
- Partnership on events
- Township support for DNR’s initiatives
- Non-profits involved in the community connections between the park & area businesses

### **Marketing**

- Make YSRA a destination / Well marketed / Lack of advertising – especially for equestrian, bike / Improve and market the park
- Capitalize on social media / Increase access to info at a State level – Pure Michigan, DNR website, Link to DNR website
- State-support for DNR in recognition of recreation’s economic importance
- Park magazine – similar to trail magazine
- More business run events / Collaboration key in the area
- Visual ID – calendar of events
- Promote great natural driver in economic development
- Park success = business success
- Economic impact of bringing people in – year round usage / Promote 12 months a year / Draw year-round visitors that benefit ALL
- Funnel/share info with park – business to park/park to business
- Harvest Festival , promote at businesses

- Get local businesses involved & promote
- County/Chamber involved in sharing info
- Needs bragging rights for fishing to bring more fishermen
- Cross promotions (things like website links)
- Transit can help with advertising to promote
- Identify destinations – appeal to certain groups / Education / Natural experiences



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DIRECTOR

March 5, 2015

Ms. Elizabeth Binoniemi-Smith, Environmental Director  
Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of  
Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Band)  
P.O. Box 90  
Dorr, Michigan 49323

Dear Director Binoniemi-Smith:

The Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is in the process of developing a General Management Plan process for Yankee Springs Recreation Area in Barry County, Michigan. This 5,200 acre recreation area includes a modern campground and day-use area on Gun Lake, 78 rustic campsites, two outdoor centers with a variety of rustic cabins and support buildings, mountain bike, equestrian and foot trails, and hunting and fishing opportunities.

The DNR uses General Management Plans (GMPs) to define a long-range planning and management strategy that will protect the natural, cultural and historic resources of the site, while considering education and recreation opportunities. A planning team, representing various specialties within the DNR, has been established and is meeting regularly to develop the GMP for this site. The planning process typically takes approximately nine months to complete and includes several opportunities for public and stakeholder input. An on-line survey will be available in the spring of 2015 and the results will be used to inform the planning team. Stakeholder and public meetings will be scheduled in the spring and summer 2015 to learn more about the process, understand the findings of the team, and to provide input. In addition, the draft plan will be available for review and comment on the DNR's website prior to adoption.

We would like to give the Tribes an opportunity to meet with us independently of the larger group to discuss the management plan process and any concerns you may have.

For additional information on our management plan process, please visit our website at [www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans](http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans).

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting, please contact Ms. Deborah Jensen, PRD Management Plan Administrator, at 517-284-6105, or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

Dennis Knapp  
Tribal Affairs Coordinator  
517-243-1510

cc: Ms. Deborah Jensen, DNR  
Mr. Roland Johnson, DNR  
Mr. Andru Jevicks, DNR

**YANKEE SPRINGS RECREATION AREA  
GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**MEETING WITH GUN LAKE BAND OF POTTAWATOMI INDIANS  
Tribal Administrative Office, Dorr  
May 5, 2015**

**Attendees:**

Gun Lake Tribe:	Elizabeth Binoniemi Smith, Environmental Director Vicki Newland, Tribal Administrator Jason Lorenz, Biologist Heather Bush, Language/Cultural Director
Michigan DNR:	Dennis Knapp, Native American Affairs Coordinator Dean Anderson, State Archeologist Rollie Johnson, Plainwell District Supervisor Andru Jevicks, Unit Manager, Yankee Springs Recreation Area Ray Fahlsing, Stewardship Unit Manager Debbie Jensen, Park Management Plan Administrator

The meeting was initiated by a letter from Dennis Knapp, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Tribal Coordinator, extending an invitation to meet with the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Band) to discuss the General Management Plan for Yankee Springs Recreation Area.

Debbie Jensen gave an overview of the General Management Plan process. The plan is a long-term (10 to 20-year) planning and management strategy that will guide the future of the recreation area. It includes three main sections: Statements of Significance, which define the unique qualities of the park; Management Zone Plan, illustrating the level of activity and natural resource protection for each area of the park; and Action Goals that focus on specific items to be undertaken within the next ten years. Preliminary information on the plan, which will be built upon as progress is made, can be found on the project website at [www.clearzoning.com/clearzoning-clients/yankee-springs-recreation-area/](http://www.clearzoning.com/clearzoning-clients/yankee-springs-recreation-area/). Additional information, including detailed zone descriptions, can be found at [www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans](http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans)

The plan is in the early stages of development. Several DNR planning meetings have taken place to discuss the plan and a stakeholder meeting was held last week. The planning team will take the information from the stakeholder meeting and the Tribe to produce a draft plan. The draft plan will be available for public comment and review prior to plan adoption. The schedule calls for the draft plan to be complete this summer, with final plan approval and adoption in the fall of 2015.

Ray Fahlsing provided an overview of the Park and Recreation Division's (PRD) natural resource management philosophy, which is at the natural community level. Dennis described the difference between State Parks and Recreation Areas, both administered by PRD, and State Game and State Forest lands.

Several questions were answered in relation to the zoning map and the aquatic resources. The management zoning covers the shoreline around the lakes, but not the water itself.

Archeological resources were discussed and the balance between education and information which may compromise the resource. Hastings Point (outside of the park), Devil's Soup Bowl and Graves Hill were mentioned as areas of cultural significance. Dean Anderson noted that little archeological survey work has been completed at the park so the full extent of resources is unknown.

Following the meeting, a discussion was held on the possible restoration of wild rice within Yankee Springs Recreation Area, specifically at Long Lake. The Tribe will present a project proposal to Ray.

The Tribe was invited to provide comments or suggestions on all aspects of management at Yankee Springs Recreation Area, including natural resources, cultural resources, and recreation, development, education and interpretation opportunities, to help inform the General Management Plan.

#### Key Points

- Comments on the General Management Plan should be sent to Debbie Jensen by June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (please advise if additional time is needed).
- The DNR will be available for additional meetings or presentations as requested.
- Additional information may be found on the project website at [www.clearzoning.com/clearzoning-clients/yankee-springs-recreation-area/](http://www.clearzoning.com/clearzoning-clients/yankee-springs-recreation-area/).
- Project proposal for wild rice restoration should be sent to Ray Fahlsing.

**YANKEE SPRINGS RECREATION AREA GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
**GUN LAKE TRIBE MEETING May 5, 2015 – Sign in Sheet**

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# Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians GUN LAKE TRIBE

David K. Sprague  
Tribal Chairman

Federally Acknowledged  
August 23, 1999

Service Area: Allegan, Barry  
Kalamazoo, Kent, and  
Ottawa Counties

June 12, 2015

Debbie Jensen  
Park Management Plan Administrator  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
Parks and Recreation Division

Dear Ms. Jensen,

Thank you for meeting with my staff to review and discuss the General Management Plan development for Yankee Springs Recreation Area. We would like you to consider the following comments as you move forward with the drafting of your plan.

1. Prioritize invasive species control to enhance site conditions at Devils Soup Bowl and Graves Hill
2. Address erosion issues at Devil's Soup Bowl
3. Prioritize protection our shared mbish (water) through
  - a. Increase education to visitors and staff on aquatic invasive species
  - b. Prioritize prevention and response to aquatic invasive species
  - c. Establish zoning that minimizes or eliminates future development within riparian buffer areas
4. Restore mnomen (wild rice) in Long Lake and potentially other water bodies
  - a. Seed for at least five years per lake until mnomen is established
  - b. In conjunction with the Gun Lake Tribe, provide education on mnomen, including hosting a rice camp at Long Lake Outdoor Center
  - c. Protect and preserve mnomen beds, including incorporation of management activities to minimize the effects of carp
5. Forbid herbicide treatments on the rice lakes or in waters and lands that drain to the rice lakes
6. Where feasible and appropriate manage natural areas to restore or maintain oak savannas
7. Create interpretive signage to inform on historic and cultural trails and usage of the area
8. Keep the Tribe informed of implementation actions, consulting when appropriate

We look forward to continued correspondence and involvement in the process. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Elizabeth Binoniemi-Smith, our Environmental Director, at [elizabeth.binoniemi-smith@glt-nsn.gov](mailto:elizabeth.binoniemi-smith@glt-nsn.gov).

Sincerely,



D. K. Sprague, Tribal Chairman



## Jan. 28 open house to gather input on draft management plan for Yankee Springs Recreation Area

Contact: [Debbie Jensen](#), 517-284-6105  
Agency: Natural Resources

Jan. 7, 2016

The Department of Natural Resources will host an open house Thursday, Jan. 28, to invite public input on a new draft General Management Plan for [Yankee Springs Recreation Area](#) in Barry County. The open house will run from 6 to 8 p.m. at Yankee Springs Township Hall, located at 284 N. Briggs Road in Middleville, Michigan.

The public-input meeting will begin with a short presentation of the draft plan, but members of the public are welcome to attend at any time during the two-hour period to review the planning material, provide comments and talk to DNR staff members. Comments can be made via email, until Feb. 12, to Debbie Jensen at [Jensend1@michigan.gov](mailto:Jensend1@michigan.gov).

The 5,200-acre Yankee Springs Recreation Area offers a variety of recreation opportunities – including modern and rustic camping, rustic cabins, hiking, mountain biking, equestrian and cross-country ski trails, swimming, fishing, boating and hunting – as well as important wildlife habitat and geological formations such as the Devil's Soup Bowl.



The draft [General Management Plan](#) for Yankee Springs Recreation Area defines a long-range (10- to 20-year) planning and management strategy that will assist the DNR Parks and Recreation Division in meeting its responsibilities to protect and preserve the site's natural and cultural resources, and to provide access to land- and water-based public recreation and educational opportunities.

Additional information on the DNR's General Management Plan process is available at [www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans](http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans).

For more information about the public meeting or the General Management Plan, contact DNR park management plan administrator Debbie Jensen at 517-284-6105 (TTY/TDD711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired) or [JensenD1@michigan.gov](mailto:JensenD1@michigan.gov). Those with disabilities who need accommodations for the meetings should contact Jensen at least five business days before the meeting.

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**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
General Management Planning Process  
Public Input Open House  
Yankee Springs Recreation Area**

JANUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL

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

**For More Information:**

**Project Website:** <http://www.clearzoning.com/yankee-springs-recreation-area/>

**Comments will be accepted until February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

**DNR Management Planning Website:** [www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans](http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans)



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## **Yankee Springs Recreation Area General Management Planning**

**Public Input Open House**  
**Location: Yankee Springs Township Hall**  
**Thursday, January 28, 2016**  
**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

The Public Input Open House for Yankee Springs Recreation Area was held on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Yankee Springs Township Hall. Public notices were sent out to government/quasi-government representatives, community partners, business organizations, recreation partners, and natural resource partners, and to the general public through a press release and internet postings

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

Below are the comments received from attendees about Yankee Springs Recreation Area, organized by area topic.

### **General Recreation Area Comments**

- Establish positive relations with volunteers (3x)
- Address mobility and access issues within the park (paths, restrooms)(x2)
- West Gun used to have rice beds as well as jet skis. Any plans to restore them?
- Develop Yankee Springs Inn site as an appropriate historical site
- It would be great if the Park could expand [invasive species control] to include a focus on education
- Why do we need to promote rattlesnakes in the area?
  - They area native species with an ecological niche
- Improve handicap accessibility
- Trail mileage proportionate to user groups
- More trail mileage would reduce wear and tear on individual segments
- Where feasible, there should be more joint use by different user groups
- Gravel road staging area (Hall Lake)
- Provide area where plants are identified
- The old stagecoach routes (Norris Rd, Gun Lake Rd, Bassett Lake Road) could be mapped and identified
- There are at least 32 peaks in Barry County with elevations greater than 1,000 feet. Some of them could be identified.
- Some white pines in the Hall and Long Lake area [should] be state [recorded]. [I will] measure the large trees this year and report them to the Michigan Botanical registry.

### **Recreation Area Maintenance**

- The old house on Hall Lake needs to be renovated
- Maintain county roads
- Post signs at strategic entrance points to remind people to “leave no trace” and take their trash home with time
- A lot of DNR signs are down or have need of being replaced, especially “No Motor Vehicles”

### **Program Opportunities**

- It would be great if the Park could expand [invasive species control] to include a focus on education, intra-agency planning, CISMA involvement (the conservation district would love to help)!
- I’ve heard people say they would come over to the Park but they aren’t familiar with it. They don’t know how to recreation outdoors, but would
- Develop opportunities through outreach programs to service area (Wayland, Hastings, Grand Rapids area) for “beginner” level recreation activities for individuals or families: hiking, camping, fishing, nature study, etc.
- Think about installing and marketing a disc golf course, similar to efforts as a mountain biking destination. This would appeal to a new demographic and draw new people into the Rec Area. New demographics of people equals a new source of revenue

### **Campgrounds**

- Consider tent-specific areas without electricity (x2)
- Look at mobility within campgrounds
- Modern toilets at campgrounds
- Long lake cabins – no access

### **North Country Trail**

- The North Country Trail should be multi-user
- The North Country Trail should remain hiker ONLY
- For goal regarding the NCT [it] does not [say it] allow[s] for potential changes to in event of problematic circumstance – if minor reroute is needed (due to blowdown, erosion control/prevention), would this be allowed, working with management? This action’s language seems more restrictive than others that allow for trail development (such as for mountain bikers and equestrians). Another future need for the NCT will be rerouting [the path] through the new Hall Lake BAS

### **Mountain Bike Use**

- Maintain and expand trails (3x)
- Mountain trail expansion should start this spring and be completed in 1 year
- Don’t see any efforts or plans for mountain bike trail expansion
- We can make use of any abandoned trails for mountain biking

- Consider northeast corner [of the rec area] for additional mountain bike trails
- Activate the two trail change requests on file
- Allow the WMMBA a 500 ft. corridor on either side of the existing trail for trail improvement
- Allow more trail development (stacked loops) in the backcountry area along the existing trail
- Improve the emergency access corridor system to allow faster/smoothier relief for downed trail users
- The WMMBA offers materials and labor at no cost!
- Baker Lake area moving to Recreation Area from the Game Area. Individuals put in a bike trail several years ago, unknown to the DNR. This should NOT be a bike trail. Too much traffic in that area, and then bikers expand trails on their own. No!
- Make Deep Lake a destination mountain bike venue
- Easy beginner [mountain biking] section to accommodate all users and ages
  - References: Brown County, IN; Glacier Hills, MI; Copper Harbor, MI

### **Equestrian Use**

- Expand equestrian trail from existing 6 mile trail.
- Abandoned bike trails to equestrian trails
- Expand equestrian trails along with mountain bike trails
- No non-equestrian camping in the equestrian camping area! Horses & bikes do not mix

### **Ski trails**

- For backcountry zone – action goal to improve the cross country trail is needed. There are places where the current designated ski trail presents unsafe conditions for skiers: sharp turn at the bottom of the hills, barrier across trail at the bottom of the hill, large protruding rocks in the middle of trail due to erosion. Some minor rerouting of the trail would alleviate these problems
- Why can't mountain bikers use existing ski trails during non-snow periods
- Because mountain bike tires enhance erosion of trail tread
- Hikers, bikers, hunters, skiers, and snowmobiles all are allowed on the mountain bike trails—would it be reasonable to allow the bike riders to assist with the trail maintenance of the ski trails in exchange for access?

## General Action Goals

Many of the 10-Year Action Goals for Yankee Springs Recreation Area are general in nature and apply within all of the management zones. These often deal with park-wide issues, such as invasive species control, universal access, developing Stewardship, Wildlife and Emergency plans, or marketing the park's many recreational opportunities to a wider audience of potential users. Many of the overall maintenance and operational issues of running a state park also result in the need for actions across all zone boundaries, such as law enforcement.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Natural Resources</b>		
Develop and update the Stewardship Plan (Natural Resource Plan)	3-5 Years	<b>1</b>
Implement Stewardship Plan for the park	Ongoing	
Follow the requirements of the Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) for the Eastern massasauga rattlesnake upon approval, or upon listing on the Federal Endangered Species Act	Ongoing	
Continue working with volunteers on invasive species control, with a strong emphasis on early detection and rapid response. Monitor roads, trails, lakes, BAS (boat launch site), and any new development sites for possible invasive species introductions	Ongoing	<b>7</b>
<b>Historic/Cultural Resources</b>		
Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources	Ongoing	
Continue monitoring archeological and cultural resources	Ongoing	<b>1</b>
Partner with Native American Tribes to establish wild rice beds at Long Lake	5 Years	<b>5</b>
Complete restoration of the Long Lake and Chief Noonday Outdoor Centers	5 Years	<b>4</b>
Partner with Native American Tribes and historic organization to provide cultural and historical awareness through interpretation and programming	Ongoing	<b>1</b>
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>		
Work with community partners to improve trail connections between the Recreation Area and local communities	Ongoing	<b>14</b>
Develop facilities and programs to incorporate new technology	3-5 Years	
Work to increase opportunities for recreational equipment rental	Ongoing	<b>2</b>
Maintain and enhance opportunities for hunting/fishing/trapping in conjunction with Barry State Game Area	Ongoing	
<b>Education/Interpretation</b>		
Develop an interpretive plan for the park that utilizes a variety of traditional and new media and incorporates information on the history of the park and the region	5 Years	<b>1</b>
Continue to provide quality interpretation and education and explore opportunities to expand programming in coordination with community partners	Ongoing	<b>1</b>

General Action Goals (continued)		
Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Management Focus</b>		
Finalize the Wildfire Plan	3-5 Years	1
Review and update Emergency Plan	Ongoing	2
Meet annually with local fire department to discuss wildfire and structure fire prevention and response	Ongoing (Annual Review)	1
Continue to address trespass issues with adjacent landowners and mark the Recreation Area boundaries in key locations	Ongoing	3
Continue to collaborate with community to support the mutual goals of PRD and the local partners	Ongoing	
Continue to maintain and upgrade trail markers to improve confidence for trail users	Ongoing	9
Review Gun Lake Sewer Authority (GLSA) user agreement	2 Years	2
Continue to work with partners and use best management practices to protect Gun Lake water quality	Ongoing	3
Evaluate the existing mountain bike trail system and make recommendation for improvements in partnership with the West Michigan Mountain Bike Alliance (WMMBA)	2-3 Years	23
Encourage the development of a Friends Group to assist in marketing, volunteering, fundraising and programming of the Recreation Area	Ongoing	4
Continue to plan and support connections to non-motorized trail systems throughout the region by engaging with our local recreation partners	Ongoing	4
Ensure the protection of the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCT) as a foot traffic only trail through the Recreation Area	Ongoing	1
Continue to work with Wildlife Division consistency in public information regarding Yankee Springs Recreation Area and the adjacent Barry State Game Area (Boundary, State Land Rules etc.)	Ongoing	2
<b>Development</b>		
Continue efforts to achieve greater visitor accessibility in all development opportunities	Ongoing	3
Implement phased infrastructure improvements, including renovation of the historic Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) buildings, in accordance with park priorities	Ongoing	1
Work with Yankee Springs Township to facilitate Phase 1 of the Township's pathway plan through the Recreation Area	1-3 Years	12
Replace park sewer system	5-10 Years	7



## Primitive Zone

The Primitive Zone emphasizes the natural resources of the area. It is managed to allow only dispersed, low frequency and low impact recreational use in the zone. Maintaining a high quality natural resource condition dictates the extent to which recreational improvements or users are allowed. For this reason, native species and natural processes take precedence over visitor accommodation. The following 10-Year Action Goals concentrate on restoration and protection of the natural resources. Only foot traffic is allowed in this zone.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Natural Resources</b>		
Maintain and restore exemplary natural communities	Ongoing	<b>1</b>
Restore fen habitat to support Mitchell's satyr habitat (Deep Lake Fen); explore reintroduction	Ongoing	<b>5</b>
<b>Developed Recreation</b>		
Relocate Hall Lake BAS to west side of lake and remove the existing launch, allowing the area to naturalize	5-10 Years	<b>4</b>

## Backcountry Zone

The character of the Backcountry Zone is intended to be natural, with minimal evidence of human impact. Backcountry allows for various low-intensity, non-motorized recreational opportunities such as hiking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and horseback riding. The natural features of this zone also provide opportunities for hunting and nature observation. Furthermore, the Backcountry Zone allows for slight modifications of the landscape (trail development) to accommodate a use where it is consistent with the protection of the resource. A Scenic Overlay has been applied to the Devil's Soup Bowl and Grave's Hill in recognition of their scenic value. The priority in this zone is to maintain the natural beauty.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Natural Resources</b>		
Restore/maintain Hall Lake Fen. Explore restoring hydrology affected by Hall Lake and Gun Lake water control structures	Ongoing	<b>2</b>
Pursue invasive species and erosion control at Devil's Soup Bowl - ( <i>Scenic</i> )	Ongoing	<b>8</b>
Restore views from Grave's Hill with vegetation management for strategic vista creation - ( <i>Scenic</i> )	3-5 Years	<b>13</b>
<b>Education/Interpretation Opportunities</b>		
Develop interpretive message for Devil's Soup Bowl, exploring options for electronic education/interpretation using Podcasts etc. - ( <i>Scenic</i> )	5 Years	<b>2</b>
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>		
Abandon and rehabilitate unneeded user created bike trails	Ongoing	<b>1</b>
Continue partnership with mountain bike organizations to maintain/restore trails	Ongoing	<b>19</b>
Designate the old roadbed through the Pines scenic area, north of Duffy Road to the northern horse trail, as an equestrian/hiking trail	1 Year	<b>7</b>

*Scenic* - This Action Goal addresses an area of the Management Zone Map that is included within the Scenic Overlay.



## Natural Resource Recreation Zone

Active recreation, at medium to high density of use, conducted in a natural setting is the hallmark of the Natural Resource Recreation zone. There is still an emphasis on resource quality over recreation, but in this zone, higher levels of use are allowed. Vegetation may be managed to facilitate recreational use and maintaining an aesthetically appealing landscape, as well as to address such things as hazard trees, and to manage pests and disease. The 10-year Action Goals are intended to promote moderate to high level recreation compatible with the natural character of the zone.

Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>		
Develop beginner mountain bike trail within the zone	2-3 Years	26
<b>Management Focus</b>		
Collaborate with partners to market Deep Lake as a mountain bike camping destination	Ongoing	25

## Developed Recreation Zone

Active recreation with high density of use, conducted in areas not designated for natural resource significance, is characteristic of the Developed Recreation Zone. In this zone, recreation dominates with natural resource attributes enhanced where possible. The Gun Lake campground and primary day use areas are located in the Developed Recreation Zone, as well as the Chief Noonday and Long Lake Outdoor Centers. A Cultural Landscape Overlay has been applied to the Long Lake and Chief Noonday Outdoor Centers in recognition of their historic significance of the CCC era structures. The Cultural Overlay and the traditions, beliefs, practices, life ways, arts and crafts, and social institutions of any community may offer interpretation opportunities.

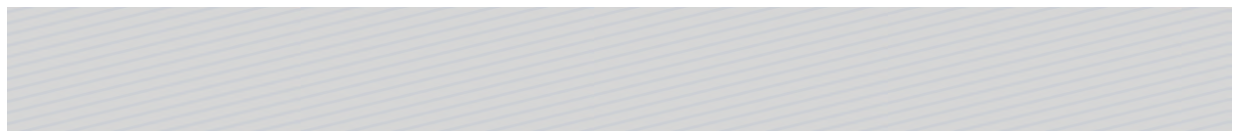
Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>		
Evaluate the demand and feasibility of providing equestrian campsites with modern amenities (electricity) either at the existing location or a new location in the zone, in coordination with the Yankee Springs Trail Riders (YSTR)	3-5 Years	8
Explore opportunities for alternative lodging accommodations (yurts, cabins etc.)	5 Years	4
<b>Management Focus</b>		
Identify sustainable use and partnership opportunities for the group facilities at Chief Noonday Outdoor Center ( <i>Cultural</i> )	Ongoing	2
Evaluate the use patterns of Murphy's Point and return appropriate areas to a natural condition	2-3 Years	
Evaluate the relocation of Hall Lake BAS to the west side of the lake, and the establishment of a joint parking area to also serve as a cross-country ski trailhead	2 Years	4
Evaluate the appropriate reuse or removal of the old Manager's residence west of Hall Lake	2 Years	1
Evaluate the demand for a modern restroom/shower facility at Deep Lake Campground, while maintaining the rustic feel of the site.	5 Years	21
<b>Development</b>		
Restore Roosevelt pavilion	Ongoing	4
Upgrade and install new play equipment at strategic locations within the Recreation Area	5-10 Years	3
Improve visitor accessibility to Roosevelt pavilion and beach	10 Year	3
Develop additional boat moorings in Gun Lake Campground	2-3 Years	
Replace the fishing dock in the Gun Lake day use area	5 Years	1
Address drainage issues and flooding in the campground	2-5 Years	2
Upgrade electrical service at Gun Lake Campground	5-10 Years	
Develop parking lot to service BAS and cross-country ski trail head	5-10 Years	
Establish a warming center at cross-country ski trail head, possibly using the old Manager's residence	5-10 Years	11

*Cultural* - This Action Goal addresses an area of the Management Zone Map that is included within the Cultural Landscape Overlay

Administrative Zone		
The Administrative Services Zone encompasses the developed areas required for program administration and operations. It includes the headquarters offices and maintenance facilities with the associated land required to conduct the business of running Yankee Springs Recreation Area.		
Action Goals	Target Completion Date	Priority Stickers
<b>Development</b>		
Complete construction of the new shop building	1 Year	

Cultural Landscape Overlay
The Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone addresses the overall setting in which is found not only historic structures, but all non-structural evidence of the traditions, beliefs, practices, life ways, arts, crafts and social institutions of any community. A Cultural Landscape Overlay Zone has been applied over the Long Lake and Chief Noonday Outdoor Centers in recognition of cultural resources known to be present in this area. While interpretation opportunities within the overlay should be explored, the recommendations of the underlying Zones are the primary focus.
<i>Refer to General Action Goals and the underlying zones</i>

Scenic Overlay
The Scenic Overlay Zone is applied to Devil's Soup Bowl and Grave's Hill in recognition their scenic value. The priority in this zone is to maintain its unique and scenic qualities features.
<i>Refer to General Action Goals and the underlying zones</i>



## Yankee Springs Recreation Area Public Input Open House Participants

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Doug Anderson	Hope Township
Nancy Anderson	Hope Township/Yankee Springs Trail Riders Association
Terry Barton	Resident
Tom Bestrom	TNR - Trail Coordinator
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Larry Case	Southwest Michigan Land Conservation
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## **Yankee Springs Recreation Area General Management Planning**

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Jeffery Robbins on January 29, 2016 at 12:49 am

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Rick Plite on January 29, 2016 at 5:04 pm

I was not able to attend the public meeting 1-28-16. I would add that my interest at Yankee pertains to the hiking, skiing and mountain bike trails. The mtb trails were created by a few volunteers in the late 80's or early 90's and they were not trained in properly laying out trails. Trail building techniques whether they are mtb, hiking or skiing have advanced tremendously in the last 20 years. No longer are trails made that follow fall line construction which leads to erosion from water and trail use. Today's trails are laid out following contour lines that minimize elevation changes and therefore control water flow and avoid unnecessarily erosion. Over the last 20 years the DNR has been reluctant to changing any of the trails with re-routes beyond a few yards of the current trail. This is a parallel move that only increases the amount of damage to the land if the re-route can't be extended to follow contours. I would ask the DNR to lift these rules and consider allowing that each trail re-route be done so with no restrictions on location, distance from existing trail or length of route. Each re-route could simply be approved or denied in the field with a educated conversation between volunteers and park officers. Thanks for listening

Chuck Schira on January 30, 2015 at 1:03 pm

Hi Dave and Karen,

Thank you for taking the time to receive input for the development of Yankee Springs. I was at your meeting Thursday night and read all of the materials you had there, it has taken me a couple of days to digest everything and now I have a couple of thoughts

1. Both my wife and I enjoy mountain biking and I know that mountain bikers enjoy the Deep Lake trail and use it heavily. However, even though I enjoy mountain biking, I can see how the heavy use changes

an area. I am concerned if too much of Yankee Springs is dedicated to mountain biking. The hiking trails in the area are outstanding (Long Lake, Hall Lake, North Country, etc.). I would hate to see the hiking trails disrupted by bikes, these trails are truly a wonderful feature of the park.

2. My wife and I also enjoy road biking. Whenever we pass the State Park we ride our bikes to the end of the peninsula and check out the public boat launch. I have noticed that many people from the campground and also people who live in the area ride bikes on the peninsula. My concern is with the heavy amount of traffic from trucks pulling boats on a narrow road it becomes a bit congested. It would be great if there was a walking/biking trail along the side of the road.

3. Please support phase one of the Yankee Springs Township trail. I don't think many people at the meeting really understand this trail.

Again, thank you for taking the time for public input, I know there must be many people pulling in many different directions.

If I can be of any help, please let me know.

Terrance Barton on February 8, 2016 at 1:31 pm

Miss Debbie Jenson,

I attended the public hearing, lots of info to absorb, Must be a big challenge for the committee. Before retirement I did budgeting for my responsibilities. I am sure the committee would look at spending meaning how many people would benefit for the amount spent on a project. I also know we cannot please everyone and trying will drive a committee nuts. I live on Gun Lake Wildwood RD. When the State Park had to close the beach from high levels of pollution that really affected a lot of folks that use the facility, plus lake owners. I noticed the replacement of sewer pipes in the park did not get a lot of dots, I think there were only a few that live on Gun attending.

Just requesting that you look at money spent and how many folks that are affected or helped with the investment. I believe fixing the sewer lines would allow more people the usage of the Park without disruption do too bad sewer pipes leaking.

Thanks

Carol Price on February 11, 2016 at 7:46 pm

Debbie Jensen,

I am currently in Florida, so I was unable to attend the public input meeting on January 28. I hunt for Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock in Barry State Game Area and in Yankee Springs Recreation Area. Both Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock need young aspen stands to raise their young.

Young aspen stands are also good habitat for deer and other wildlife. I would urge you to plan a rotational clear cut plan for aspen stands. I understand that in your area, a lot of thorny plants come up

first, when you clear cut an aspen stand. That is a nuisance for hunters like myself, but the wildlife seems happy with it. Sometimes all my dog and I can do, is walk around areas full of thorns, but there are birds hiding in there.

I know that I am more likely to find Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock if I drive 2 hours north, but that is not practical on a regular basis. We live in Barry County, and count on Yankee Springs, and Barry State Game area, to get out, enjoy the fall weather, get some exercise, and hopefully move some birds.

Please consider clear cutting aspen stands on a regular, rotational basis. The wildlife, and hunters like myself, will thank you for it.

Thank You for the opportunity to comment.





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**RE: Yankee Springs Recreation Area draft General Management Plan**

Dear Ms. Jensen:

The Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (SWMLC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the creation of a General Management Plan for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks and Recreation Division's Yankee Springs Recreation Area.

Working with the DNR's Wildlife Division, conservation organizations and governmental agencies, SWMLC has conserved over 1,000 additional acres of critical wildlife habitat, wetlands and stream corridors adjacent to the Barry SGA and we are currently involved in several habitat restoration projects on these recently acquired sites. Our collective purpose is to ensure that broader region remains green and beautiful with healthy habitats to sustain a thriving and diverse range of native plants and animals that the people of Michigan can enjoy.

We would suggest that our conservation and restoration goals for the Barry SGA are transferable to the Yankee Springs Recreation Area. SWMLC recognizes the increased human purpose and use of the Recreation Areas, but believes that within areas that are essentially natural that efforts to steward the habitat for biological and ecological diversity should be promoted. SWMLC also encourages the DNR to increase their efforts in the protection of freshwater resources related to Gun Lake, addressing invasive species, enhancing the quality and health of wetlands and nurturing the lake's fisheries.

SWMLC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) land conservancy established in 1991 to protect the natural, cultural and historic landscapes in nine counties of southwest Michigan. We have protected over 14,000 acres and in Barry County, SWMLC has protected over 4,500 acres of forests, wetlands, streams and farms through conservation easement, purchase, and gift.

SWMLC is committed to the management and protection of wildlife habitat, freshwater resources and greenspace in southwest Michigan with especially where there is a connection to existing large protected lands, such as, State Game Area, Recreation Areas and Parks. We encourage the DNR Parks and Recreation to promote natural area and natural resource protection as high priorities in the General Management Plan.

Sincerely yours,

Peter D. Ter Louw  
President and Executive Director



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Hi. I'd like to make a comment on improving the fishing opportunity at Gun Lake. Currently the day use gate to the boat launch does not open until 8AM. During spring, summer, fall, I propose the gate should open 1/2 hour before sunrise. Every day would be nice, but especially on the weekend. That period between first light and 8AM is the best time to be on the water. The entry checkpoint would not need to be staffed for an early gate opening– the park entry point isn't staffed during off times as it is. There should be no reason why the day use gate cannot open early for the couple dozen or so fisherman who will show up early for a fun day fishing.

Rick Plite on January 29, 2016 at 5:04 pm

I was not able to attend the public meeting 1-28-16. I would add that my interest at Yankee pertains to the hiking, skiing and mountain bike trails. The mtb trails were created by a few volunteers in the late 80's or early 90's and they were not trained in properly laying out trails. Trail building techniques whether they are mtb, hiking or skiing have advanced tremendously in the last 20 years. No longer are trails made that follow fall line construction which leads to erosion from water and trail use. Today's trails are laid out following contour lines that minimize elevation changes and therefore control water flow and avoid unnecessarily erosion. Over the last 20 years the DNR has been reluctant to changing any of the trails with re-routes beyond a few yards of the current trail. This is a parallel move that only increases the amount of damage to the land if the re-route can't be extended to follow contours. I would ask the DNR to lift these rules and consider allowing that each trail re-route be done so with no restrictions on location, distance from existing trail or length of route. Each re-route could simply be approved or denied in the field with a educated conversation between volunteers and park officers. Thanks for listening

Chuck Schira on January 30, 2015 at 1:03 pm

Hi Dave and Karen,

Thank you for taking the time to receive input for the development of Yankee Springs. I was at your meeting Thursday night and read all of the materials you had there, it has taken me a couple of days to digest everything and now I have a couple of thoughts

1. Both my wife and I enjoy mountain biking and I know that mountain bikers enjoy the Deep Lake trail and use it heavily. However, even though I enjoy mountain biking, I can see how the heavy use changes

an area. I am concerned if too much of Yankee Springs is dedicated to mountain biking. The hiking trails in the area are outstanding (Long Lake, Hall Lake, North Country, etc.). I would hate to see the hiking trails disrupted by bikes, these trails are truly a wonderful feature of the park.

2. My wife and I also enjoy road biking. Whenever we pass the State Park we ride our bikes to the end of the peninsula and check out the public boat launch. I have noticed that many people from the campground and also people who live in the area ride bikes on the peninsula. My concern is with the heavy amount of traffic from trucks pulling boats on a narrow road it becomes a bit congested. It would be great if there was a walking/biking trail along the side of the road.

3. Please support phase one of the Yankee Springs Township trail. I don't think many people at the meeting really understand this trail.

Again, thank you for taking the time for public input, I know there must be many people pulling in many different directions.

If I can be of any help, please let me know.

Terrance Barton on February 8, 2016 at 1:31 pm

Miss Debbie Jenson,

I attended the public hearing, lots of info to absorb, Must be a big challenge for the committee. Before retirement I did budgeting for my responsibilities. I am sure the committee would look at spending meaning how many people would benefit for the amount spent on a project. I also know we cannot please everyone and trying will drive a committee nuts. I live on Gun Lake Wildwood RD. When the State Park had to close the beach from high levels of pollution that really affected a lot of folks that use the facility, plus lake owners. I noticed the replacement of sewer pipes in the park did not get a lot of dots, I think there were only a few that live on Gun attending.

Just requesting that you look at money spent and how many folks that are affected or helped with the investment. I believe fixing the sewer lines would allow more people the usage of the Park without disruption do too bad sewer pipes leaking.

Thanks

Carol Price on February 11, 2016 at 7:46 pm

Debbie Jenson,

I am currently in Florida, so I was unable to attend the public input meeting on January 28. I hunt for Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock in Barry State Game Area and in Yankee Springs Recreation Area. Both Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock need young aspen stands to raise their young.

Young aspen stands are also good habitat for deer and other wildlife. I would urge you to plan a rotational clear cut plan for aspen stands. I understand that in your area, a lot of thorny plants come up

first, when you clear cut an aspen stand. That is a nuisance for hunters like myself, but the wildlife seems happy with it. Sometimes all my dog and I can do, is walk around areas full of thorns, but there are birds hiding in there.

I know that I am more likely to find Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock if I drive 2 hours north, but that is not practical on a regular basis. We live in Barry County, and count on Yankee Springs, and Barry State Game area, to get out, enjoy the fall weather, get some exercise, and hopefully move some birds.

Please consider clear cutting aspen stands on a regular, rotational basis. The wildlife, and hunters like myself, will thank you for it.

Thank You for the opportunity to comment.



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February 9, 2016

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**Re: Yankee Springs Recreation Area Draft Management Plan**

Dear Ms. Jensen:

The Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (SWMLC) submits the following comments on the General Management Plan and 10-year Action Goals for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks and Recreation Division's Yankee Springs Recreation Area.

During the past seven years SWMLC has been working with the DNR's Wildlife Division, conservation organizations and governmental agencies and has conserved an additional 10% of greenspace and wildlife habitat adjacent to the Barry SGA. Our efforts focus on maintaining and enhancing habitat for ecological diversity and protection of freshwater resources, wetlands and streams, and to date we have protected over 1,000 acres around the Barry SGA through acquisition and conservation easement.

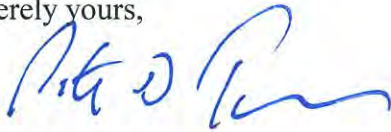
SWMLC is a strong advocate for natural areas stewardship and endorses the natural resource goals identified for the Primitive Zone to restore fen habitat and address invasive species management and a continued emphasis on natural resource protection over recreation. We encourage the DNR to consider increasing investment to grow capacity in prescribed fire management to support management of the oak and oak savanna areas.

We also support outdoor recreation, recognizing the increased demand of mountain biking and we are pleased to see the action plan goals address the mountain biking community's interests, but not at the expense of adversely impacting critical wildlife habitat. The Management Plan appears to provide a thoughtful balance between recreation and nature, integrating new trails without impacting the more sensitive management zones. SWMLC also supports hiking and walking trails and exploring opportunities to work with the North Country Trail Association in improving and protecting foot-traffic only segments of the North Country Trail.

SWMLC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) land conservancy established in 1991 to protect the natural, cultural and scenic landscapes in the nine counties of southwest Michigan. In Barry County, SWMLC has protected over 4,500 acres and undertaken habitat restoration activities of over 500 acres of grasslands, oak savanna, wetlands and creek corridors.

The Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy endorses the Yankee Springs Recreation Area Draft Management Plan and 10-year Action Goals and encourages greater investment into stewardship capacity for the management and enhancement of the high quality natural areas within Yankee Springs.

Sincerely yours,



Peter D. Ter Louw  
President and Executive Director

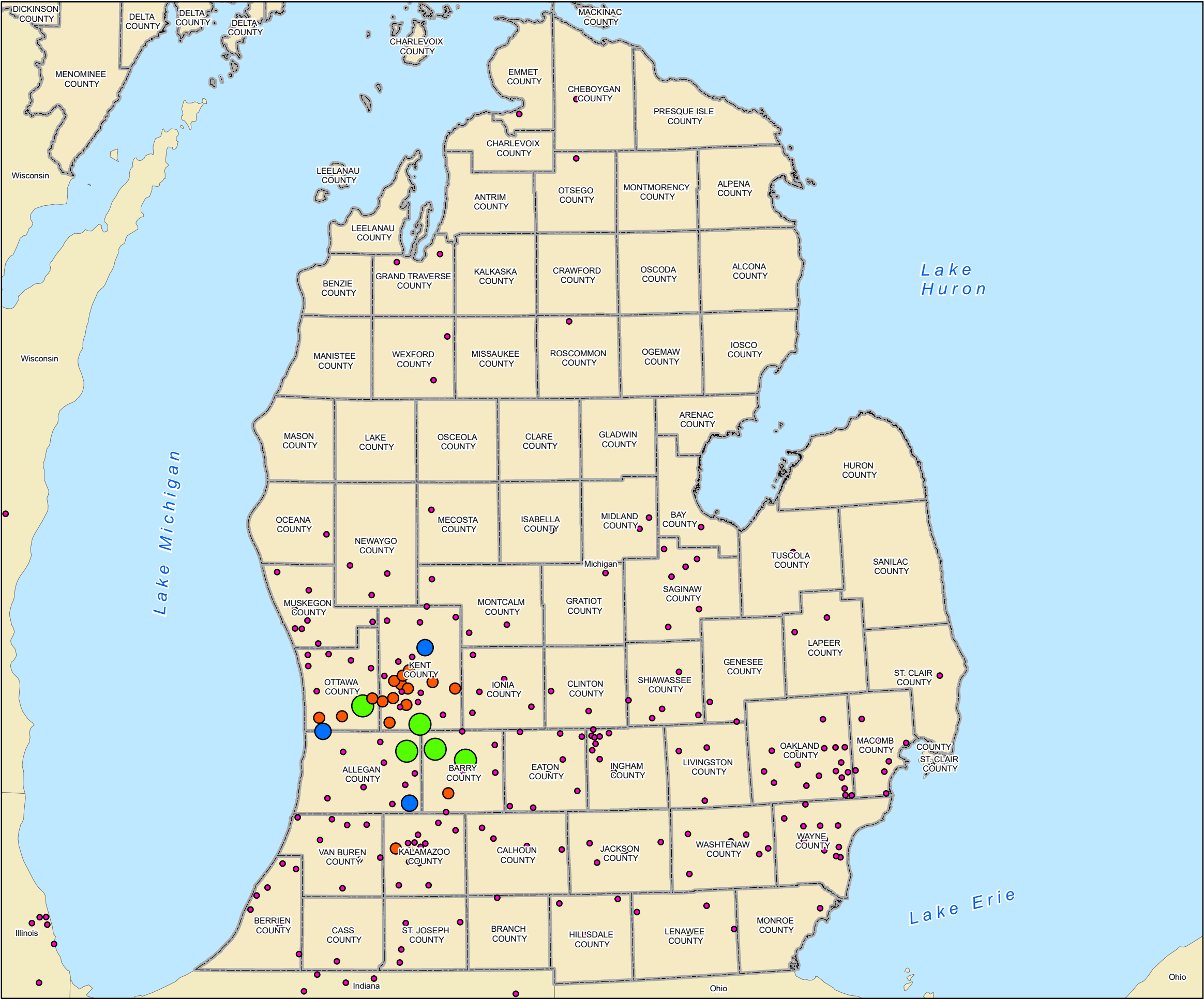


# Yankee Springs State Park Survey Responses by Zip Code

Yankee Springs and Orangeville Townships  
Barry County, Michigan



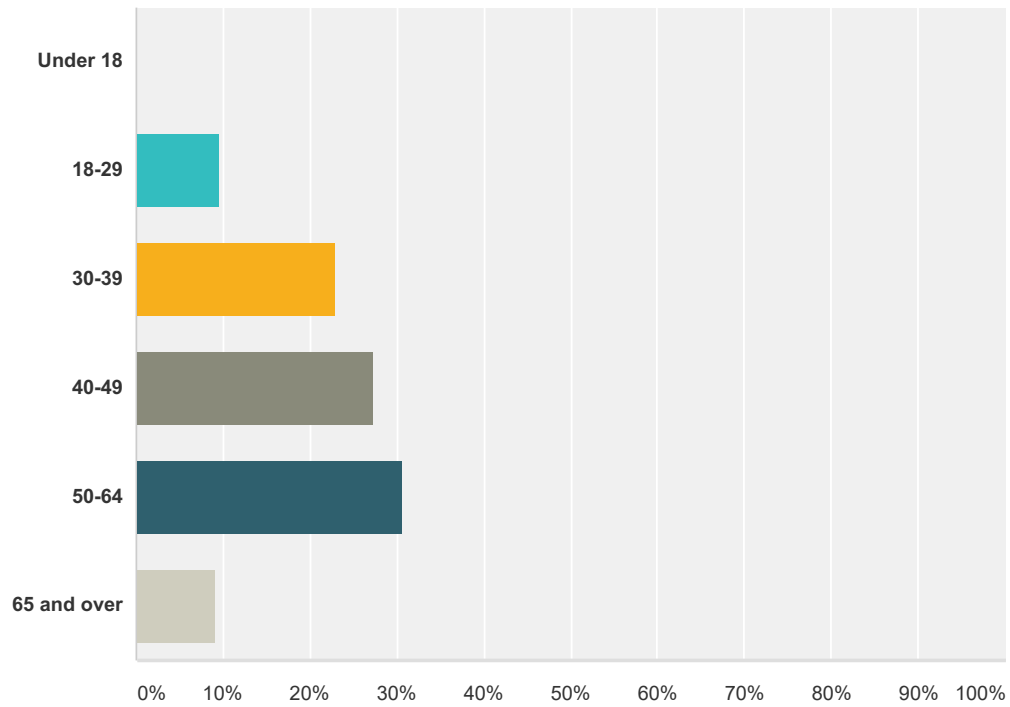
- 1 - 10 Responses
- 11 - 20 Responses
- 21 - 30 Responses
- 31 - 59 Responses



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## Q1 What is your age?

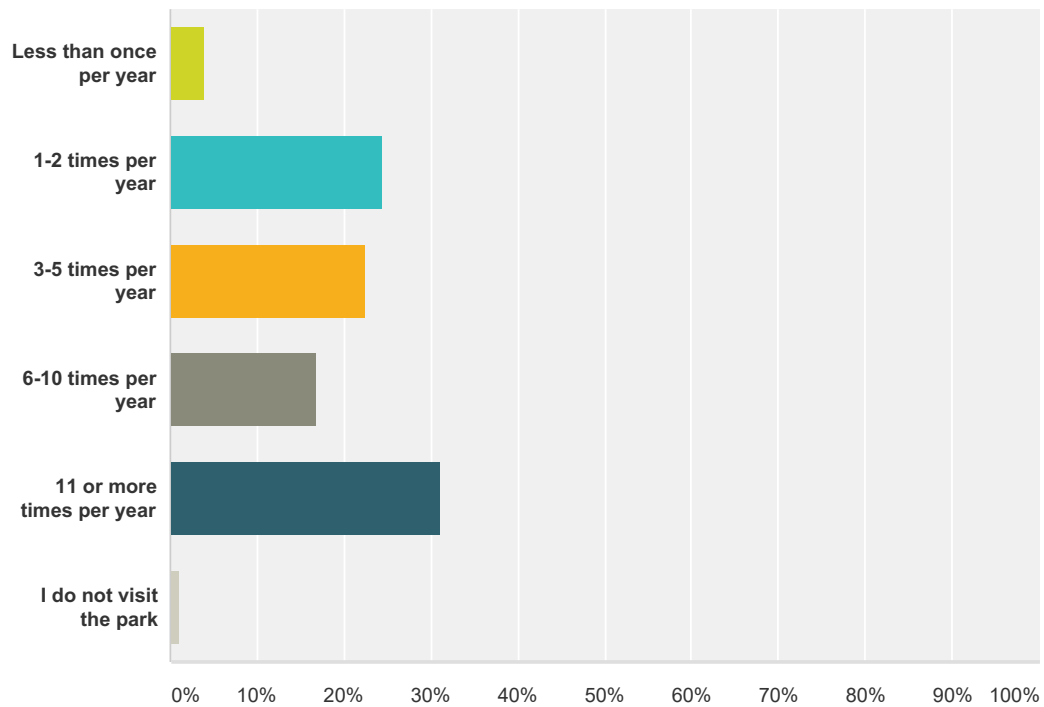
Answered: 1,013 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	Responses
Under 18	0.30% 3
18-29	9.67% 98
30-39	22.90% 232
40-49	27.34% 277
50-64	30.70% 311
65 and over	9.08% 92
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,013</b>

### Q3 How many times per year do you visit Yankee Springs Recreation Area?

Answered: 1,019 Skipped: 6

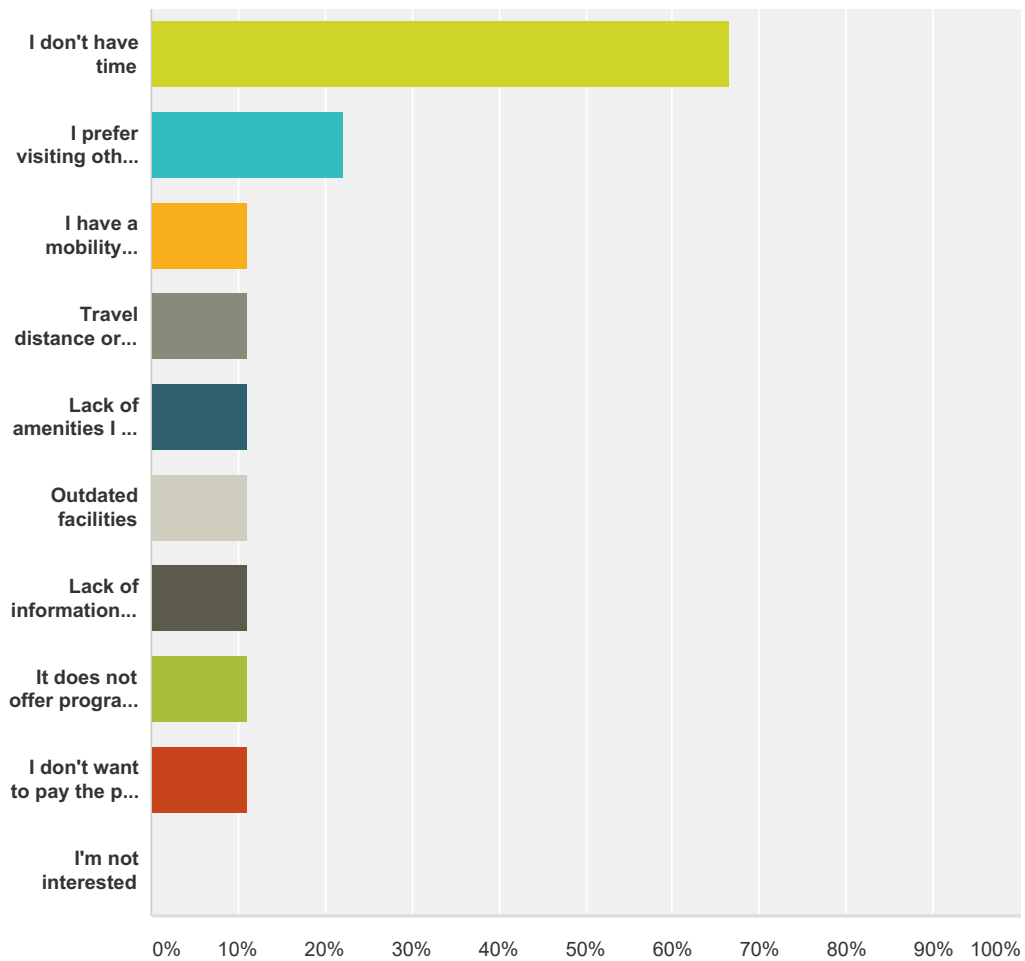


Answer Choices	Responses	
Less than once per year	4.02%	41
1-2 times per year	24.34%	248
3-5 times per year	22.57%	230
6-10 times per year	16.98%	173
11 or more times per year	31.11%	317
I do not visit the park	0.98%	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,019</b>



## Q4 What is your reason(s) for not visiting Yankee Springs Recreation Area?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 1,016



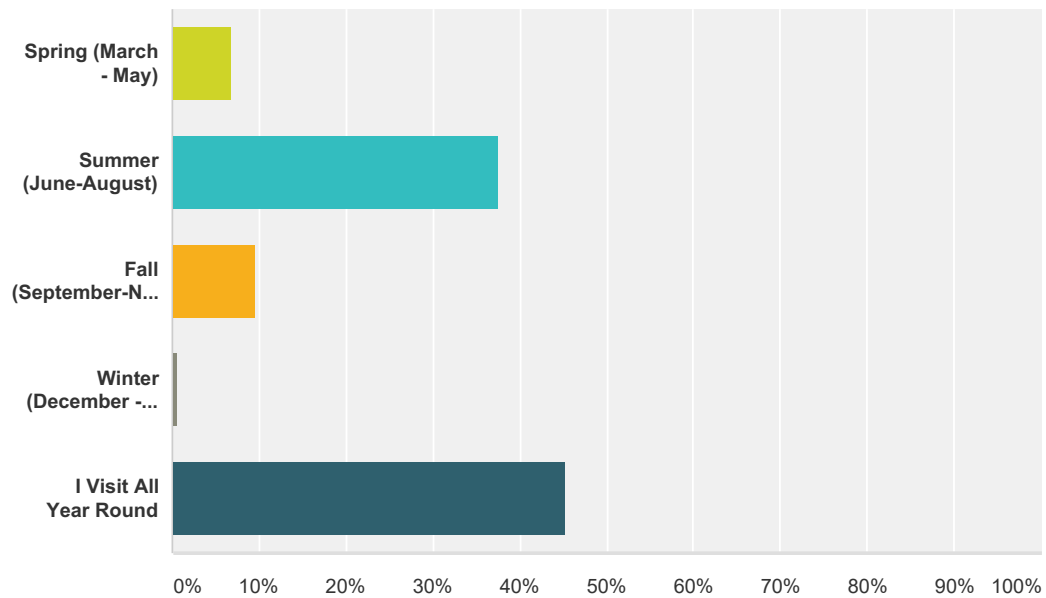
Answer Choices	Responses
I don't have time	66.67% 6
I prefer visiting other parks	22.22% 2
I have a mobility limitation that prevents me from using the park	11.11% 1
Travel distance or transportation	11.11% 1
Lack of amenities I am seeking	11.11% 1
Outdated facilities	11.11% 1
Lack of information about the park	11.11% 1
It does not offer programs that I participate in	11.11% 1
I don't want to pay the park entry fee	11.11% 1

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I'm not interested	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 9		

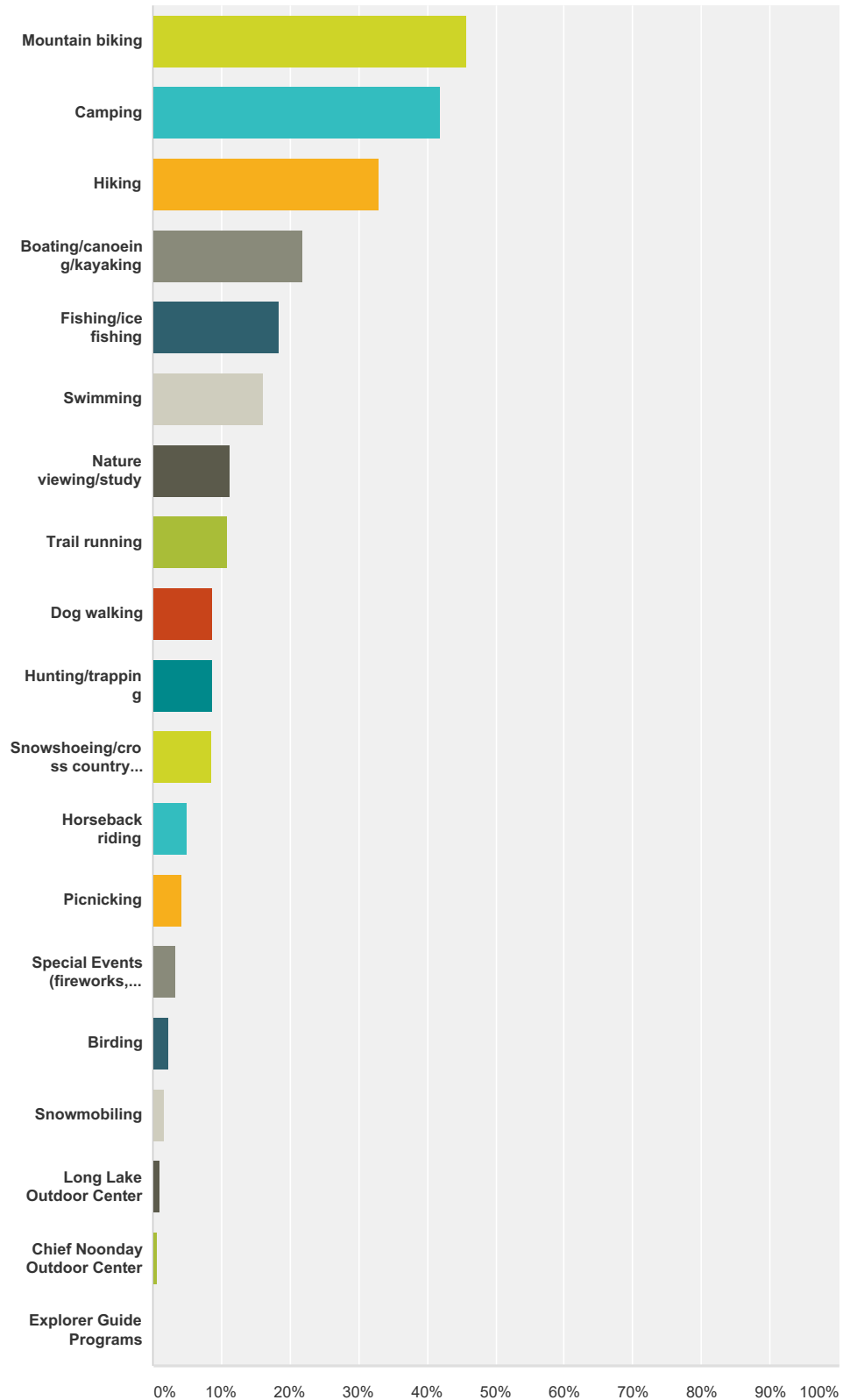
## Q5 During what season do you typically visit Yankee Springs Recreation Area?

Answered: 1,004 Skipped: 21



Answer Choices	Responses	
Spring (March - May)	6.87%	69
Summer (June-August)	37.55%	377
Fall (September-November)	9.66%	97
Winter (December - February)	0.70%	7
I Visit All Year Round	45.22%	454
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,004</b>

**Q6 What are your three favorite activities within Yankee Springs Recreation Area?**  
Please check only 3 choices.

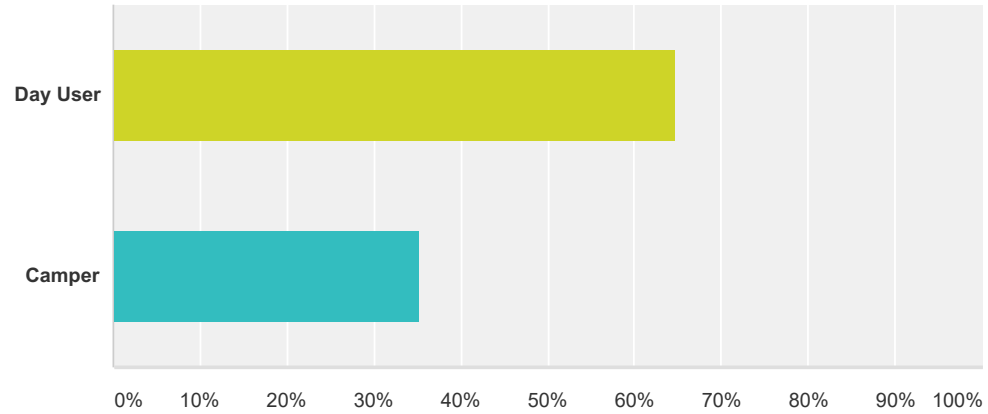


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Answer Choices	Responses	
Mountain biking	45.79%	457
Camping	41.98%	419
Hiking	32.97%	329
Boating/canoeing/kayaking	21.94%	219
Fishing/ice fishing	18.34%	183
Swimming	16.03%	160
Nature viewing/study	11.22%	112
Trail running	10.92%	109
Dog walking	8.82%	88
Hunting/trapping	8.72%	87
Snowshoeing/cross country skiing	8.52%	85
Horseback riding	5.11%	51
Picnicking	4.11%	41
Special Events (fireworks, harvest festival, etc)	3.41%	34
Birding	2.30%	23
Snowmobiling	1.70%	17
Long Lake Outdoor Center	1.00%	10
Chief Noonday Outdoor Center	0.60%	6
Explorer Guide Programs	0.00%	0
<b>Total Respondents: 998</b>		

### Q7 Do you typically visit Yankee Springs Recreation Area as a day user or overnight camper?

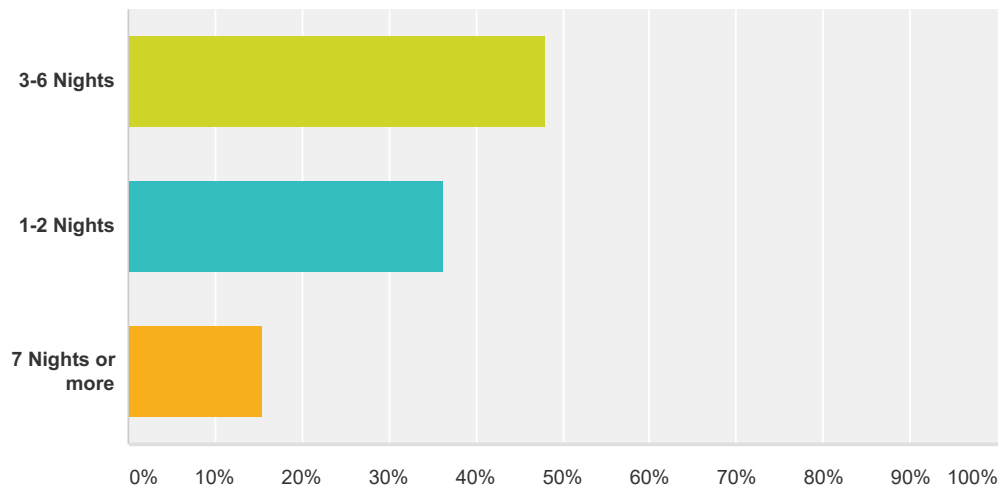
Answered: 993 Skipped: 32



Answer Choices	Responses	
Day User	64.75%	643
Camper	35.25%	350
<b>Total</b>		<b>993</b>

### Q8 As an overnight visitor, what is your typical length of stay?

Answered: 341 Skipped: 684

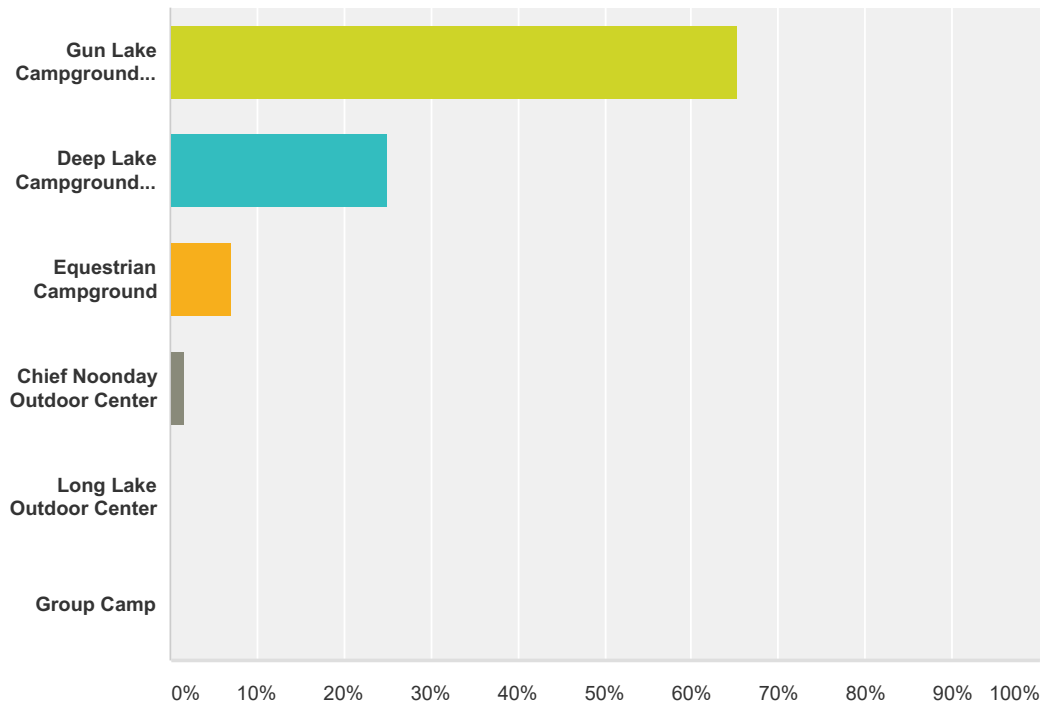


Answer Choices	Responses	
3-6 Nights	48.09%	164
1-2 Nights	36.36%	124
7 Nights or more	15.54%	53
<b>Total</b>		<b>341</b>



## Q9 Where do you primarily stay?

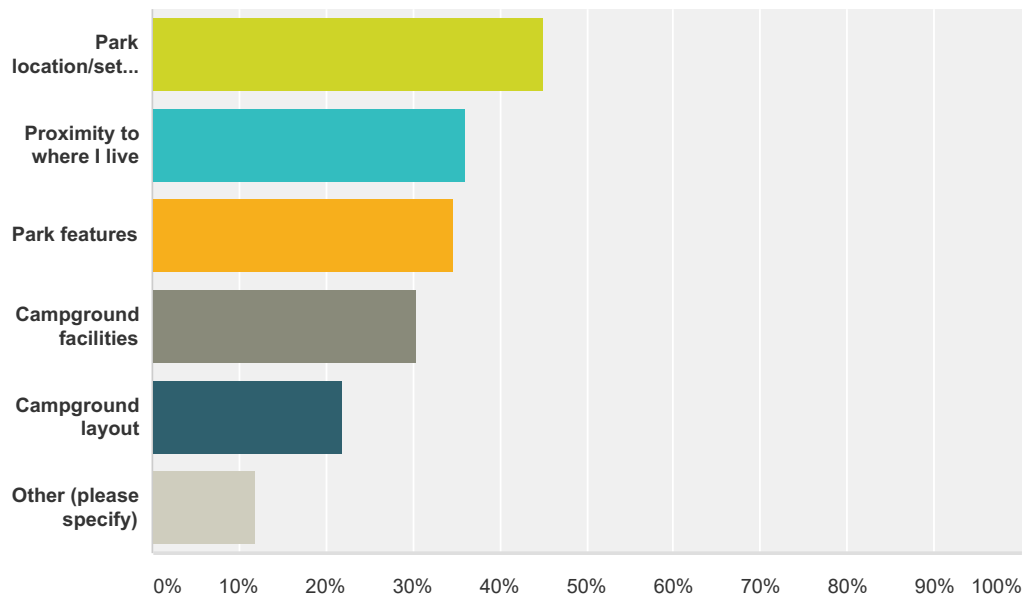
Answered: 350 Skipped: 675



Answer Choices	Responses	
Gun Lake Campground (modern)	65.43%	229
Deep Lake Campground (rustic)	25.14%	88
Equestrian Campground	7.14%	25
Chief Noonday Outdoor Center	1.71%	6
Long Lake Outdoor Center	0.29%	1
Group Camp	0.29%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>350</b>

### Q10 As an overnight visitor, why do you stay at Yankee Springs Recreation Area?

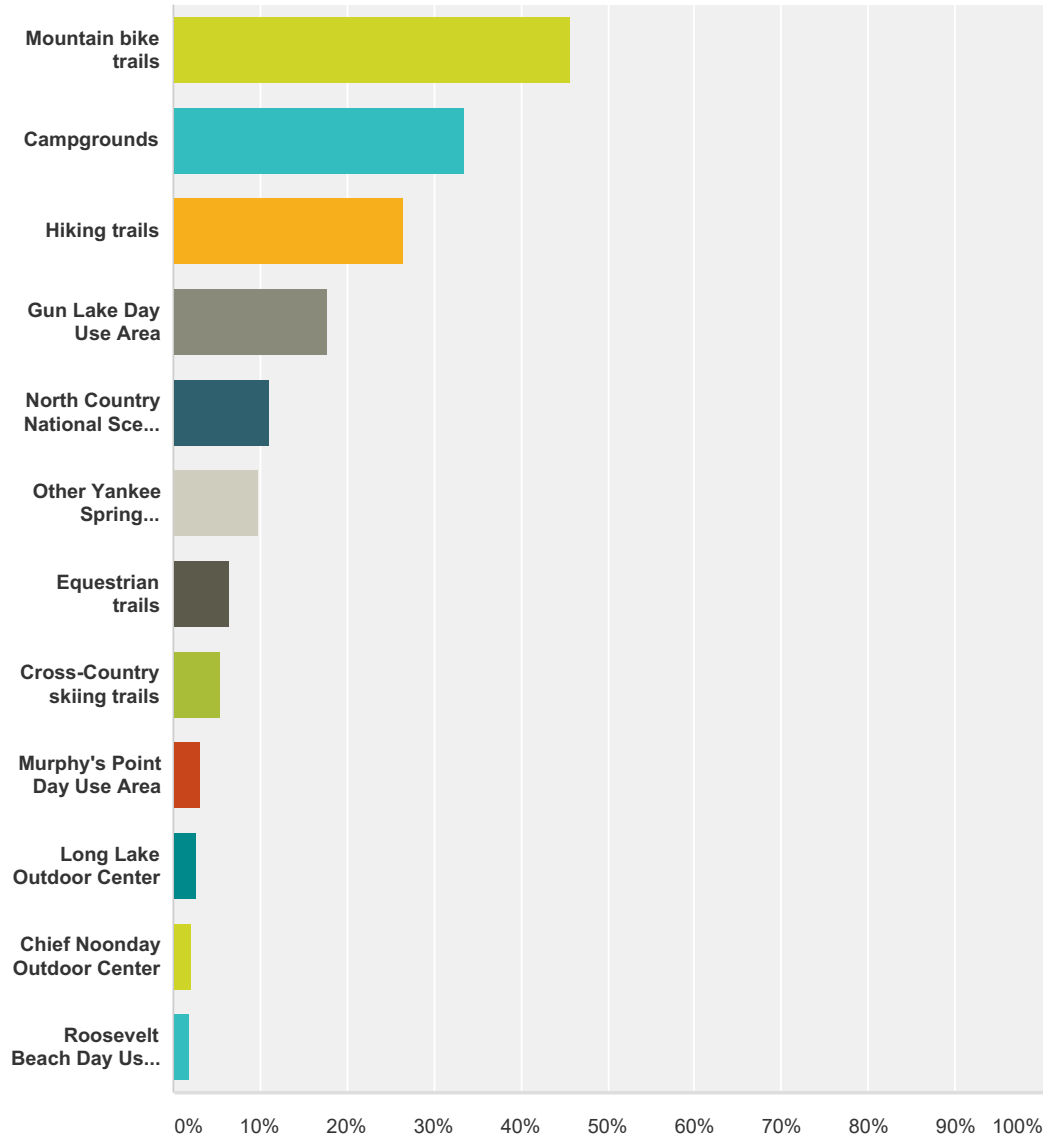
Answered: 351 Skipped: 674



Answer Choices	Responses	
Park location/setting	45.01%	158
Proximity to where I live	36.18%	127
Park features	34.76%	122
Campground facilities	30.48%	107
Campground layout	21.94%	77
Other (please specify)	11.97%	42
Total Respondents: 351		

**Q11 Looking at the map above, in which area(s) of the park do you spend the most time?**

Answered: 890 Skipped: 135



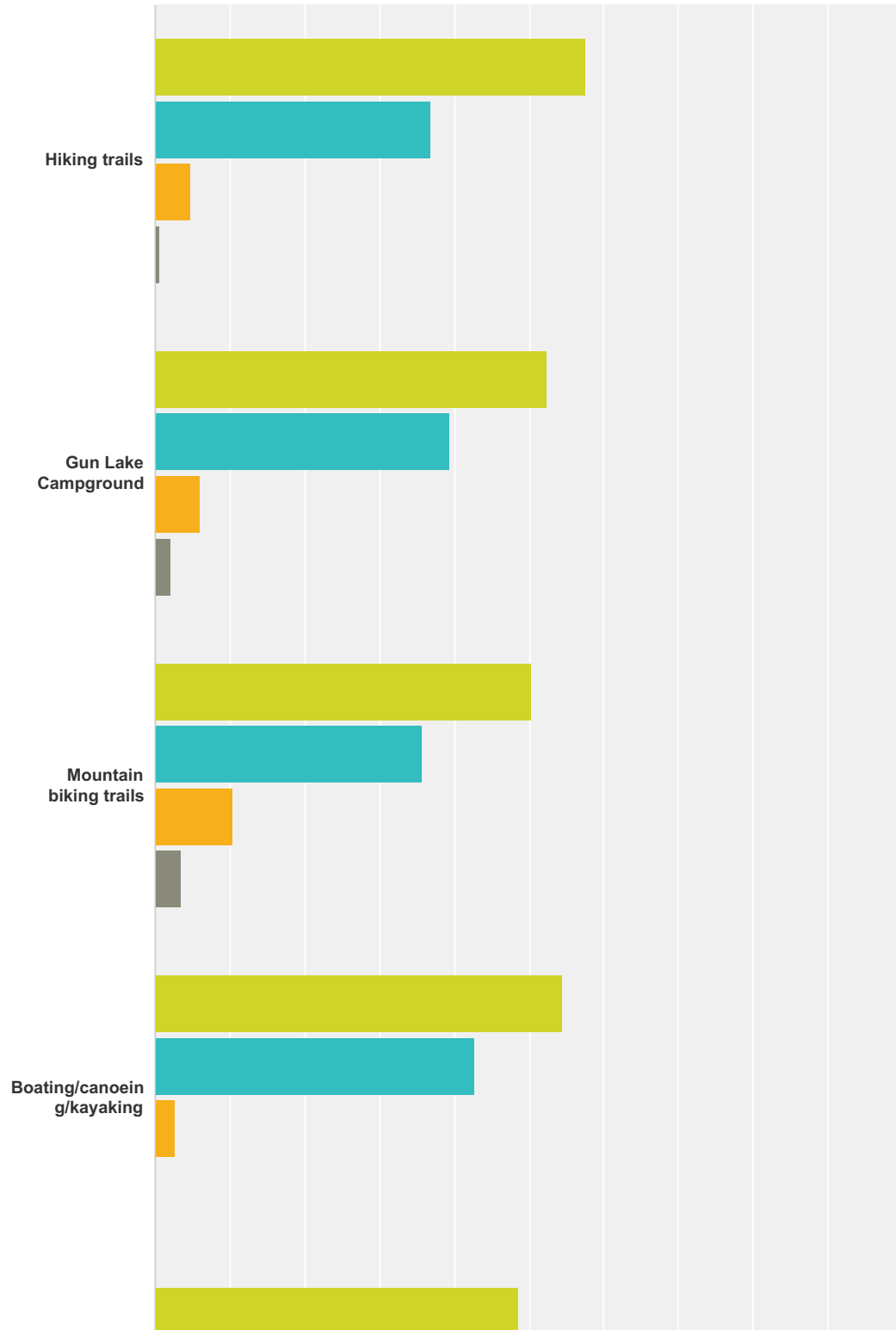
Answer Choices	Responses	
Mountain bike trails	45.73%	407
Campgrounds	33.71%	300
Hiking trails	26.52%	236
Gun Lake Day Use Area	17.75%	158
North Country National Scenic Trail	11.12%	99
Other Yankee Spring Recreation Area Lakes	9.78%	87

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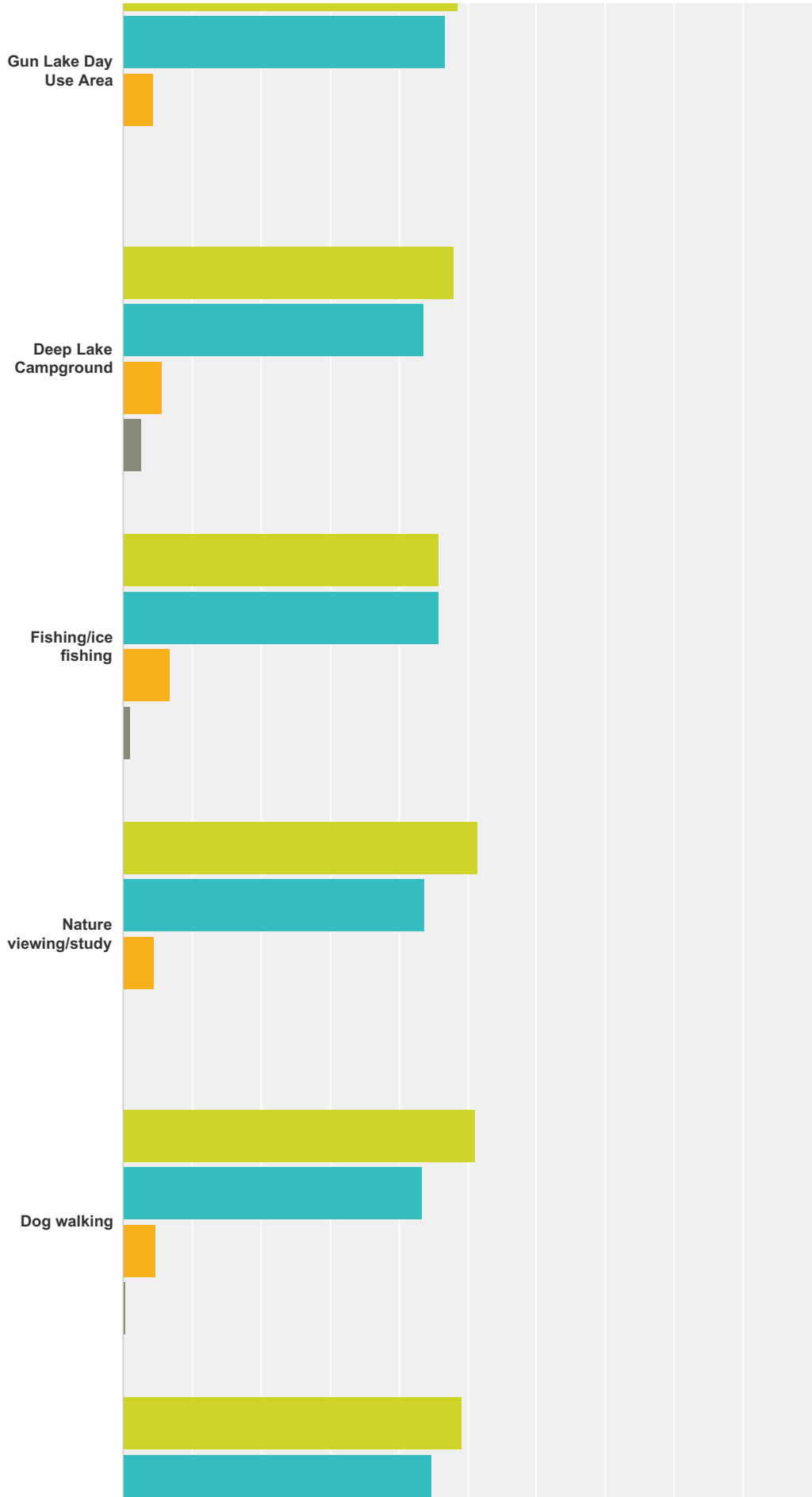
Equestrian trails	6.40%	57
Cross-Country skiing trails	5.39%	48
Murphy's Point Day Use Area	3.03%	27
Long Lake Outdoor Center	2.81%	25
Chief Noonday Outdoor Center	2.02%	18
Roosevelt Beach Day Use Area	1.80%	16
<b>Total Respondents: 890</b>		

**Q12 How satisfied are you with the following facilities and recreational opportunities at Yankee Springs Recreation Area? You may leave choices blank if you have no opinion.**

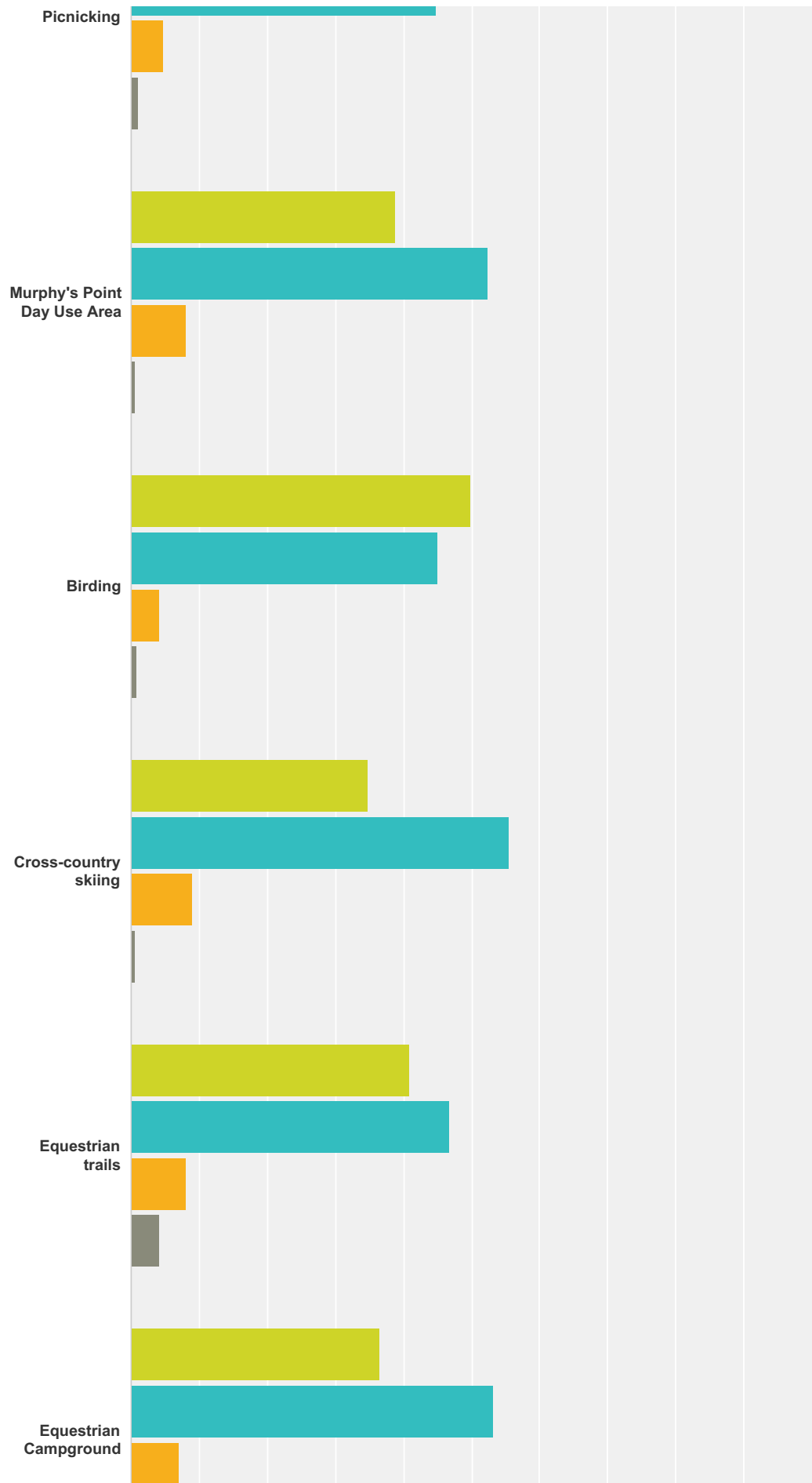
Answered: 895 Skipped: 130



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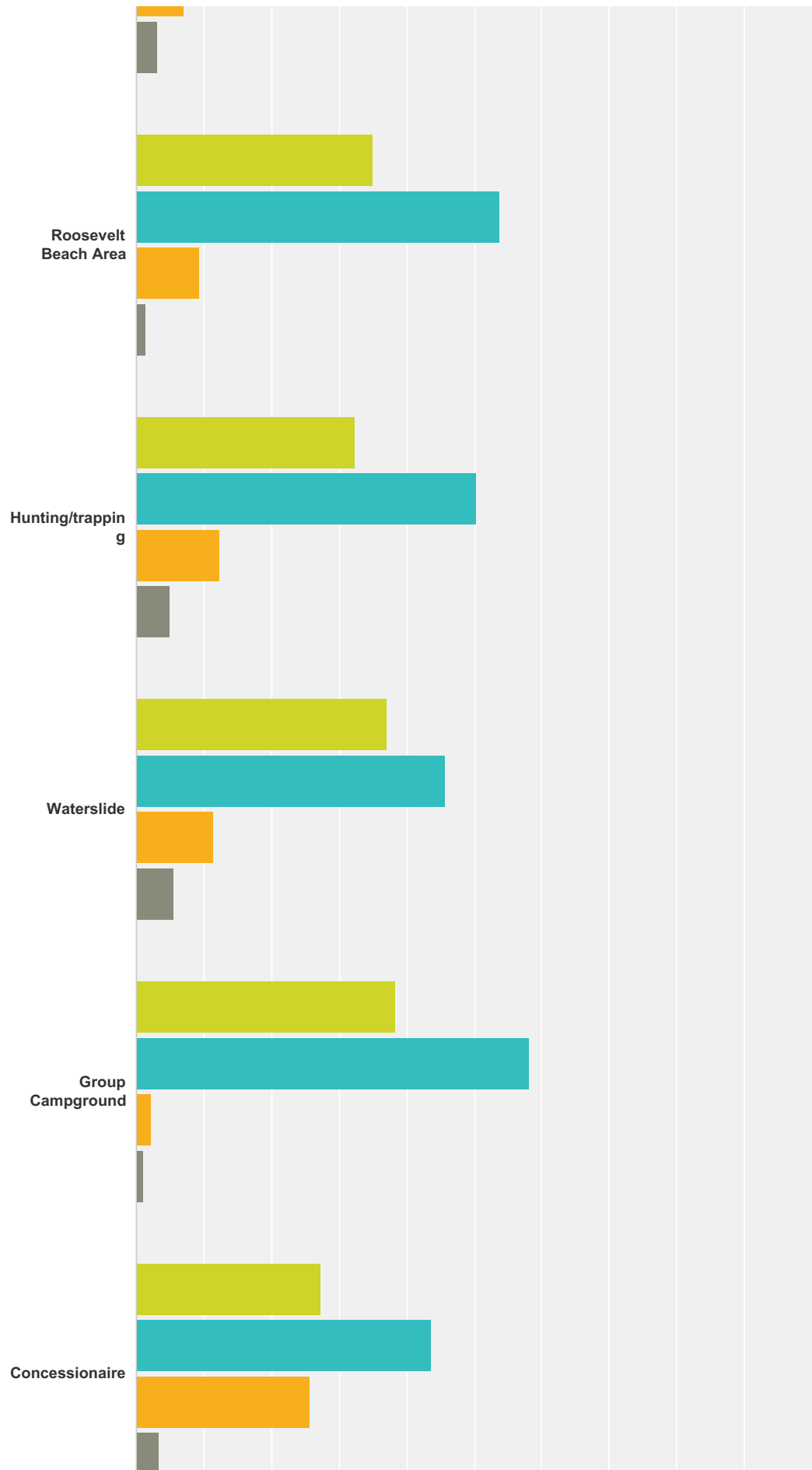


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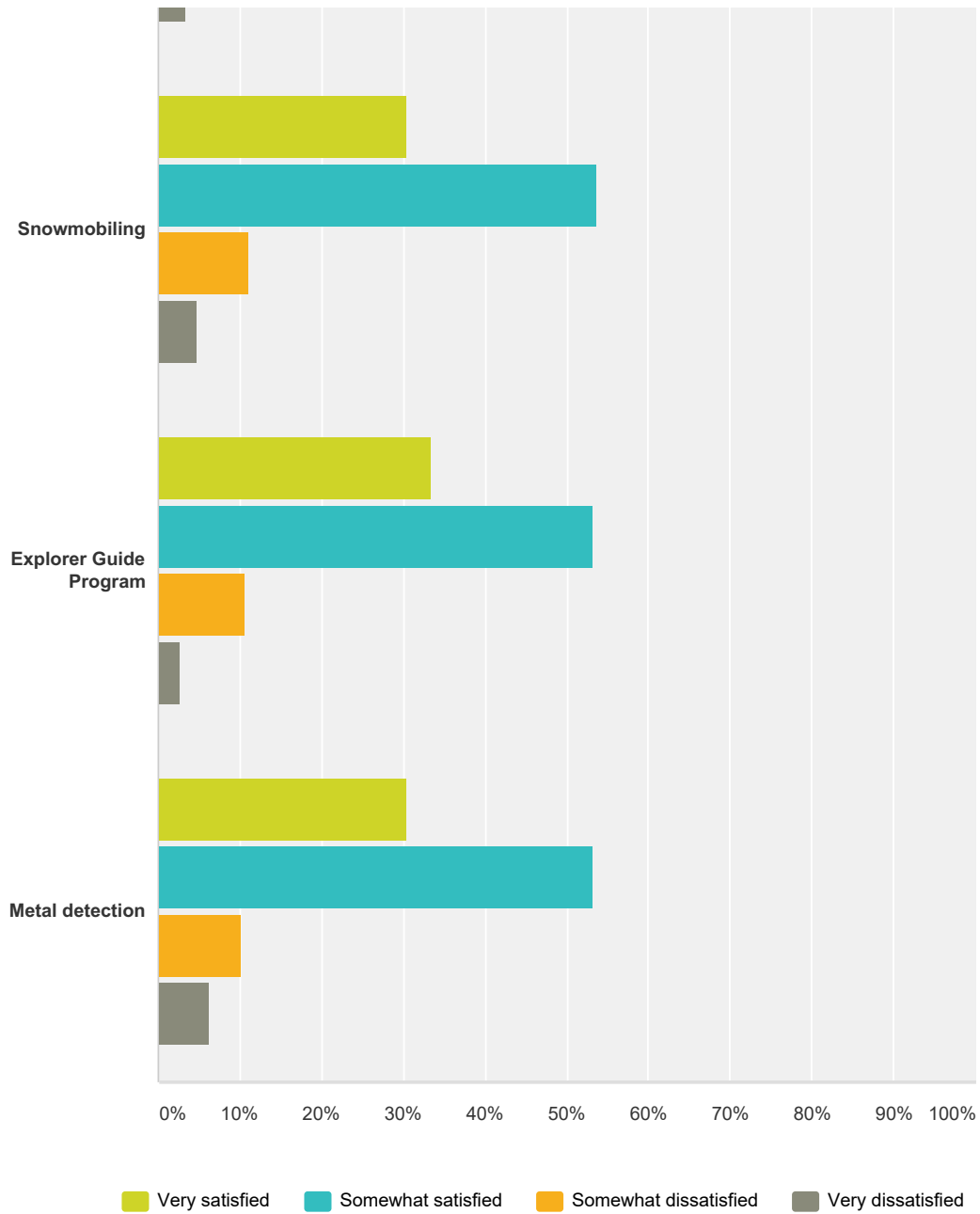




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	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Total
Hiking trails	57.52% 264	37.04% 170	4.79% 22	0.65% 3	459
Gun Lake Campground	52.35% 245	39.53% 185	5.98% 28	2.14% 10	468
Mountain biking trails	50.41% 245	35.60% 173	10.49% 51	3.50% 17	486
Boating/canoeing/kayaking	54.49% 182	42.81% 143	2.69% 9	0.00% 0	334
Gun Lake Day Use Area	48.56% 169	46.84% 163	4.31% 15	0.29% 1	348
Deep Lake Campground	48.10% 165	43.73% 150	5.54% 19	2.62% 9	343

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Fishing/ice fishing	<b>45.96%</b> 125	<b>45.96%</b> 125	<b>6.99%</b> 19	<b>1.10%</b> 3	272
Nature viewing/study	<b>51.65%</b> 125	<b>43.80%</b> 106	<b>4.55%</b> 11	<b>0.00%</b> 0	242
Dog walking	<b>51.21%</b> 106	<b>43.48%</b> 90	<b>4.83%</b> 10	<b>0.48%</b> 1	207
Picnicking	<b>49.20%</b> 92	<b>44.92%</b> 84	<b>4.81%</b> 9	<b>1.07%</b> 2	187
Murphy's Point Day Use Area	<b>38.75%</b> 62	<b>52.50%</b> 84	<b>8.13%</b> 13	<b>0.63%</b> 1	160
Birding	<b>50.00%</b> 60	<b>45.00%</b> 54	<b>4.17%</b> 5	<b>0.83%</b> 1	120
Cross-country skiing	<b>34.84%</b> 54	<b>55.48%</b> 86	<b>9.03%</b> 14	<b>0.65%</b> 1	155
Equestrian trails	<b>40.98%</b> 50	<b>46.72%</b> 57	<b>8.20%</b> 10	<b>4.10%</b> 5	122
Equestrian Campground	<b>36.51%</b> 46	<b>53.17%</b> 67	<b>7.14%</b> 9	<b>3.17%</b> 4	126
Roosevelt Beach Area	<b>35.16%</b> 45	<b>53.91%</b> 69	<b>9.38%</b> 12	<b>1.56%</b> 2	128
Hunting/trapping	<b>32.37%</b> 45	<b>50.36%</b> 70	<b>12.23%</b> 17	<b>5.04%</b> 7	139
Waterslide	<b>37.14%</b> 39	<b>45.71%</b> 48	<b>11.43%</b> 12	<b>5.71%</b> 6	105
Group Campground	<b>38.46%</b> 35	<b>58.24%</b> 53	<b>2.20%</b> 2	<b>1.10%</b> 1	91
Concessionaire	<b>27.35%</b> 32	<b>43.59%</b> 51	<b>25.64%</b> 30	<b>3.42%</b> 4	117
Snowmobiling	<b>30.49%</b> 25	<b>53.66%</b> 44	<b>10.98%</b> 9	<b>4.88%</b> 4	82
Explorer Guide Program	<b>33.33%</b> 25	<b>53.33%</b> 40	<b>10.67%</b> 8	<b>2.67%</b> 2	75
Metal detection	<b>30.38%</b> 24	<b>53.16%</b> 42	<b>10.13%</b> 8	<b>6.33%</b> 5	79

# Yankee Springs Recreation Area General Management Plan Survey

## Q13 What, if any, additional recreational opportunities would you like to see at Yankee Springs Recreation Area?

Answered: 191 Skipped: 266

#	Responses	Date
1	More Mountain bike trails to ride.	4/30/2015 12:21 AM
2	There is a tremendous opportunity to build more trail for runners, hikers and bikers. Yankee Springs is a Destination for many and could be world class.	4/29/2015 8:35 AM
3	I would love to see a mountain bike skills area: log rides, stumps, teeter totters, pump track	4/28/2015 11:03 PM
4	More trails if possible	4/28/2015 1:34 PM
5	Backpacking trails , backcountry camp sites.	4/26/2015 6:40 PM
6	More catch & release lakes and more mountain bike trails	4/26/2015 11:07 AM
7	More mountain bike trails. Camp sites next to the trail.	4/25/2015 9:24 AM
8	A family/kids level loop on the deep lake mtn bike trail. A professionally designed mtn bike trail system that will offer sustainable trails for both winter and summer use. A groomed winter Fat Bike section as well.	4/24/2015 9:05 PM
9	Additional Mt bike trails would be awesome!	4/24/2015 6:32 AM
10	More mtb trails	4/23/2015 10:08 PM
11	more loops for mountain biking.central	4/23/2015 8:52 PM
12	Better mountain biking trails!!	4/23/2015 8:04 PM
13	A park area for kids. Swings, slides, bars, like other state parks have.	4/23/2015 7:39 PM
14	Expand mountain biking, running trails	4/23/2015 11:45 AM
15	Continued development of sustainable mountain bike trails	4/23/2015 10:17 AM
16	More mountain bike trails. Very few miles of trail considering the size of the area.	4/23/2015 9:30 AM
17	More mountain bike trails and groomed Fat Bike trails.	4/23/2015 9:19 AM
18	More Mountain bike trails	4/23/2015 7:41 AM
19	Downhill mountain biking	4/23/2015 6:43 AM
20	allow beer at campsites. its nice to enjoy after a hard ride.	4/23/2015 4:50 AM
21	Regular bike trails (mountain bike trails)	4/23/2015 1:15 AM
22	More mtn bike/fat bike trails	4/22/2015 11:05 PM
23	I would like additional mountain bike trails and better restroom facilities at the boating area	4/22/2015 8:46 PM
24	Responsible expansion and rerouting of the mountain bike trails. I think there is a ton of room for more trails for a variety of skill levels	4/22/2015 8:43 PM
25	Additional mileage / trails for mountain biking.	4/22/2015 8:23 PM
26	more mountain bike trails	4/22/2015 6:59 PM
27	Expand or add to the existing mountain bike trails	4/22/2015 6:44 PM
28	Maybe add on to the Winter fat bike trails? But tried them this year for the first time and had a blast!	4/22/2015 6:42 PM
29	I would like to see expanded trails for running and mtb use.	4/22/2015 4:32 PM

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30	fat tire snow biking	4/22/2015 3:47 PM
31	more mountain bike trails. There is certainly enough space to make more.	4/22/2015 3:43 PM
32	More trails open to Mountain Bikers	4/22/2015 3:05 PM
33	I would like to see Yankee developed into a mountain biking destination site with more trails allowed	4/22/2015 1:53 PM
34	More mountain bike trails. Yankee is highly regarded with cyclists and its a unique trail, unlike others.	4/22/2015 1:51 PM
35	Even more mountain biking trails.	4/22/2015 1:42 PM
36	more mountain bike opportunities	4/22/2015 1:21 PM
37	expand mountain biking trails	4/22/2015 1:07 PM
38	Continue and expand on winter bike trails	4/22/2015 1:00 PM
39	Beginner friendly mountain bike trails.	4/22/2015 12:54 PM
40	More Mnt. Bike trails.	4/22/2015 12:53 PM
41	Orienteering courses for newbies...people might like to learn how to use the course, but i dont think its advertised as a park feature very widely.	4/22/2015 12:51 PM
42	I would like to see more trails, particularly for mountain biking. I think adding a water trail for kayaking and canoeing would also be really neat by connecting existing lakes/streams with portages.	4/22/2015 12:36 PM
43	More mountain bike trails!	4/22/2015 12:21 PM
44	More mountain bike trails	4/22/2015 12:20 PM
45	More mountain bike trail	4/22/2015 12:06 PM
46	Increase the amount of Mountain bike trails. What is there now is fantastic! But there is so much great terrain there!	4/22/2015 12:00 PM
47	More Mountain biking trails and continue grooming winter fat bike trails	4/21/2015 6:11 PM
48	More long distance mountain bike trails, walk in only camping (Backpacking), improved grouse and woodcock habitat. Limit deer hunting to 3 or 4 points on a side. Make this a hunting destination in Southern Michigan	4/17/2015 11:09 AM
49	Expanding the camping area so that there's more separation between campers would be preferred. Also, most of the Murphy's Point peninsula area seems to be seriously underused, with massive amounts of parking that aren't maintained or used - it's a very strange impression to a new visitor. More hiking / biking paths closer to the campgrounds would also be a welcome feature. Enforcing the quiet hours would be a bonus in the campsite - it was a bit of a zoo while we were there.	4/13/2015 12:05 PM
50	There is plenty of terrain to add more trail to the current mountain bike trail system especially if stacked loops are utilized	4/8/2015 2:25 PM
51	additional mtn biking opportunities	4/8/2015 11:00 AM
52	More trails and more options, why not let the mountain bike group manage the trails and make the necessary improvements? They work with volunteers who know what they are doing and they do it for no cost! What's not to like??	4/7/2015 8:24 PM
53	Please put better signage to find mountain biking trail parking. It took me about an hour to find it on my first visit.	4/7/2015 3:43 PM
54	Additional Mountain Bike Trails for year round use (fat bike and mtn bike)	4/7/2015 9:49 AM
55	More mountain bike trails	4/7/2015 8:48 AM
56	I have been riding the Deep Lake MTB trails for over 20 years - it is a great resource but could use some expansion and updates.	4/6/2015 9:43 PM
57	Shooting range.	4/6/2015 4:44 PM
58	More mountain bike trails, the current ones are ranked highly in magazines and online publications and it would be nice to see them grow!	4/6/2015 3:01 PM
59	More and better bike trails.	4/6/2015 11:20 AM

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60	Yankee Springs is a large and beautiful area, thank you for the access. I would wholeheartedly support well planned additional and varied mountain bike trails. In addition to the western States, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania etc..are realizing the the fantastic tourist opportunity in developing "destination mountain bike trails" we have the most beautiful and varied state in the 49 let's prove it! Let's not be known for the most obese state in the union-activate the land, hunting is only one month of the year. 99% of the mountain bike enthusiasts are great active helpful responsible people, that do educate the few that temporarily may not be. Happy Trails! And thanks for your time.	4/6/2015 10:59 AM
61	Many areas of mountain biking trails have gotten very sandy or rough, and desperately need rerouting. The day-use parking lots have lapsed back to gravel. There should be more areas where responsible adults can drink alcohol	4/6/2015 9:50 AM
62	More MTB trails!!	4/6/2015 9:26 AM
63	I would love to have enough Mountain bike trail to ride for two hours without repeating sections.	4/5/2015 6:39 PM
64	More mountain bike trails would be excellent.	4/5/2015 6:32 PM
65	More mountainbike trails	4/5/2015 1:42 PM
66	Dedicated mountain bike trail.	4/5/2015 1:13 PM
67	More mtb trails!	4/5/2015 12:52 PM
68	Development of additional mountain biking trails	4/5/2015 12:35 PM
69	More mountain bike trails!	4/5/2015 12:25 PM
70	ORV Trails	4/5/2015 8:18 AM
71	Expanded mountain bike trails.	4/4/2015 11:40 PM
72	Improve or continue use of the mountain biking trails. Keep the orienteering course accessible and available (maps?) Can the o-course be expanded?	4/4/2015 9:19 PM
73	Improved mountain bike trails.	4/4/2015 8:30 PM
74	More tMTB trails and more fat bike trails during the winter.	4/4/2015 7:23 PM
75	Enhancement or expansion of mountain bike trails.	4/4/2015 7:17 PM
76	I love the fatbike trail. It's one of the best in Michigan so thanks!	4/4/2015 6:23 PM
77	More mountain biking trails	4/4/2015 3:53 PM
78	I would definitely like to see the mountain bike trails expanded and improved.	4/4/2015 2:52 PM
79	More mountain bike trails	4/4/2015 2:33 PM
80	More snow biking. Additional mountain biking trails.	4/4/2015 9:51 AM
81	Additional mountain bike trails, including different loops suitable for different experience levels (for example, add short/easy trail sections for beginners and children/families; expand existing moderate trails; add optional advanced loops to the moderate trails). SYNERGY between different trail users. The park is an amazing resource that can and should be enjoyed by all - equestrians, pedestrians, cyclists, skiers, and more. Let's work together !	4/4/2015 8:29 AM
82	I would like to see more mountain bike trails. The current trails are awesome but it would be nice to have a 20 plus mile loop with some additional hill climbing and down hill descents.	4/3/2015 11:36 PM
83	I'd like to see an expansion of the mountain bike trail system. Couple more miles added.	4/3/2015 10:52 PM
84	More MTB trails	4/3/2015 9:39 PM
85	More mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 9:30 PM
86	More trails for mountain biking and horseback riding	4/3/2015 9:21 PM
87	Mud bogging or mud running	4/3/2015 8:38 PM
88	There is so much potential at Yankee for updating trails and creating additions. I like the changing area, the parking lot could be a little larger at times	4/3/2015 8:33 PM

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89	More flow style mountain bike trails, more options for mountain biking.	4/3/2015 8:06 PM
90	Additional mountain bike trails and/or re routes around current well traveled areas	4/3/2015 8:04 PM
91	More mountain bike / winter Fat bike trails.	4/3/2015 7:58 PM
92	More Mountain Bike Trails	4/3/2015 7:52 PM
93	N/A	4/3/2015 7:41 PM
94	Groomed trails. Fat bikes.	4/3/2015 7:20 PM
95	More mountain bike trail and additional fat bike trail	4/3/2015 7:17 PM
96	winter fat bike riding	4/3/2015 7:14 PM
97	Additional mountain bike trails Better trail signage at trail intersections	4/3/2015 6:45 PM
98	More mountain biking trails	4/3/2015 6:45 PM
99	More trails, built in the newer, more sustainable IMBA method. I would also like remote backpacking campsites.	4/3/2015 6:43 PM
100	Open more of the 2 tracks to vehicles.	4/3/2015 5:41 PM
101	Additional biking trails	4/3/2015 5:08 PM
102	Groomed ski trails	4/3/2015 5:04 PM
103	More biking.	4/3/2015 4:57 PM
104	More Mountain Bike trails.	4/3/2015 4:50 PM
105	Continue to develop more mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 4:44 PM
106	Would like to see more family oriented mountain bike trails. Trails that start easy and go to hard.	4/3/2015 4:23 PM
107	Open Deep Lake all the way back up and create another rustic campground for groups, that took away some of our favorite spots to camp!	4/3/2015 4:21 PM
108	More mountain bike trails would be great!	4/3/2015 4:09 PM
109	More fatbike trails in winter	4/3/2015 4:01 PM
110	FAT BIKING	4/3/2015 3:32 PM
111	More Winter Fat Bike Trails Groomed Cross-Country Ski Trails - Skate Skiing	4/3/2015 3:26 PM
112	More sustainable mtb trails. Greater access to snow bike trail	4/3/2015 3:01 PM
113	More and improved mountain biking trails.	4/3/2015 2:49 PM
114	Expanded Winter Fatbike trail that uses fire-roads/trails beyond existing XC singletrack	4/3/2015 2:12 PM
115	A skill section in the mountain bike trail	4/3/2015 2:11 PM
116	I am not sure if it is permanant opportunity but the fat bike course this past winter was awesome and would like to see that continue each year.	4/3/2015 1:35 PM
117	More bike trails would be great!	4/3/2015 1:16 PM
118	Restroom facilities	4/3/2015 1:14 PM
119	More mountain bike/hiking trails would be awesome!	4/3/2015 12:58 PM
120	more options for mountain biking.	4/3/2015 12:51 PM
121	More modern mountain biking trails with bermed sections and flow.	4/3/2015 12:15 PM
122	Additional MTB and hiking trails.	4/3/2015 12:04 PM
123	More bike trails	4/3/2015 12:04 PM
124	Additional mountain bike trail; possible re-routes of some sections that are either not sustainable or have become too sandy; further development of snow bike (fat bike) trails in the winter.	4/3/2015 12:00 PM



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125	FatBike trails in the winter!	4/3/2015 11:34 AM
126	Zip line	4/3/2015 11:22 AM
127	More Mountain Bike Trails	4/3/2015 11:15 AM
128	More mountain bike trails. Less equestrian trails. Horses ruin trails!	4/3/2015 10:49 AM
129	All access all year. Plow our parks!!	4/3/2015 10:40 AM
130	It would be nice to see additional mountain bike trails there.	4/3/2015 10:15 AM
131	Expanded mountain biking and snow biking trails	4/3/2015 10:05 AM
132	I would really like to see some expansion of the mountain bike trails.	4/3/2015 10:04 AM
133	skijoring	4/3/2015 10:02 AM
134	Longer bike trail	4/3/2015 9:57 AM
135	More mountain bike trail interconnecting system!! Winter fat bike trail dedicated to bikes not hikers	4/3/2015 9:52 AM
136	Improvements to existing mountain bike trails and more new mountain bike trails. Fat bike trails for winter.	4/3/2015 9:41 AM
137	Would love to see the MTB trail system expanded with several areas detoured to improve the trails. There needs to be more improvements allowed by the DNR to really improve the trail system. A lot more flow and trail improvements would increase attendance to the trail system.	4/3/2015 9:38 AM
138	More mountain bike trail. Groomed winter fatbike trail	4/3/2015 9:37 AM
139	More mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 9:36 AM
140	More mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 9:30 AM
141	A more defined MTB trail.	4/3/2015 9:28 AM
142	I'd like to see some new bike trails added, maybe an off shoot to what is already there. Something with a more technical feel for more advanced riders.	4/3/2015 9:19 AM
143	I would like to see the ability to manage the Mountain bike trail better, allowing the reroute and improvements that the trail needs to be even better than it is. There are sections that need work and i know there are people out there that are willing to do it.. lets make some improvements and keep this trail one of the best in the state thanks	4/3/2015 9:17 AM
144	Continued winter biking trails	4/3/2015 9:17 AM
145	More mountain bike trails!	4/3/2015 9:17 AM
146	more mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 9:09 AM
147	a greater area/expanded options of mountain bike trails as the property is one of the best in lower MI	4/3/2015 9:06 AM
148	Expand the mountain biking trails, you have a very unique landscape and it would be great to have even more options	4/3/2015 9:06 AM
149	A rinse rack for the bikes would be great. Just to spray off the dirt before loading the bikes onto the cars.	4/3/2015 9:01 AM
150	a paved/ road/ hard surface biking area that would encompass a 10 to 20 mile ride for those that do not mountain bike.	4/3/2015 8:41 AM
151	I'd like to see improvements, reroutes and better use of the land for the mountain bike trail system.	4/3/2015 8:37 AM
152	More multi-use trails for maintaining biking.	4/3/2015 8:21 AM
153	New mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 8:16 AM
154	Possibly of adding more mountain bike trails in the future	4/3/2015 8:13 AM
155	More Mt biking trails	4/3/2015 8:09 AM
156	Winter fat biking on snowmobile trails.	4/3/2015 8:08 AM
157	More trail opportunity for fat biking.	4/3/2015 8:03 AM

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158	Expanding mountain bike trails , this place could be one of the top areas if we could have use some more space to ride . More miles more out of state bikers/ hikers coming here to see are little slice of heaven , with very little cost to you. Thanks for asking.	4/3/2015 7:57 AM
159	Increased trail mileage for mt bikers and Fat bike riders	4/3/2015 7:53 AM
160	Additional mountain biking trails	4/3/2015 7:51 AM
161	More bike trails	4/3/2015 7:50 AM
162	more trail systems	4/3/2015 7:49 AM
163	Expanded winter biking trails	4/3/2015 7:42 AM
164	I miss Graves Hill mat climb! Sniff sniff.	4/3/2015 7:41 AM
165	World class flow mountain bike trails would make YSRA a destination recreation experience for many and aid the area economicly.	4/3/2015 7:26 AM
166	A zip line over the soup bowl would be awesome.	4/3/2015 7:24 AM
167	need to expand the mountain biking trails...	4/3/2015 7:20 AM
168	Continued support for Fat Biking in the Winter, by adding more Winter trail access, and better cooperation between the current land managers and the WMMBA. The WMMBA needs to be trusted by land managers to continue to make improvements to the MTB trail system around Deep Lake.	4/3/2015 7:17 AM
169	Nothing	4/3/2015 7:05 AM
170	More mtb trails! :)	4/3/2015 6:32 AM
171	Improved Mtn bike trails. More trails. Better use of the Mtn bike trail area.	4/3/2015 6:21 AM
172	none	4/3/2015 5:55 AM
173	More mountain bike trail.	4/3/2015 5:33 AM
174	More mtbing trails!	4/3/2015 12:34 AM
175	expand trail system; approve ski trails for bike travel; expand fat bike trail for winter	4/2/2015 11:59 PM
176	Climbing	4/2/2015 10:15 PM
177	Disk golf More kayak access Windsurfing access	4/1/2015 3:04 PM
178	snow shoe areas not overlapping with cross country ski trails.	4/1/2015 2:09 PM
179	Trail riding for ATV's	4/1/2015 1:38 PM
180	Canoe or kayak rental on deep lake	4/1/2015 12:57 PM
181	More bike trails.	4/1/2015 10:24 AM
182	Add more mountain biking trails Add more camping Add more ski trails	4/1/2015 9:07 AM
183	more moutain bike trails. these could be made where all the logging tracks are	4/1/2015 9:03 AM
184	I would like to see more management for grouse and woodcock habitat.	4/1/2015 7:45 AM
185	Increased equestrian and mountain bike trails.	4/1/2015 1:59 AM
186	No hunting	3/31/2015 9:50 PM
187	More mountain bike trail	3/31/2015 9:31 PM
188	GRILLING	3/31/2015 4:42 PM
189	More hiking and biking, less equestrian.	3/31/2015 3:53 PM
190	More options for Mtn Biking trails	3/31/2015 3:42 PM
191	Additional bike trails, additional historical/ informational signage along trailways	3/31/2015 3:10 PM

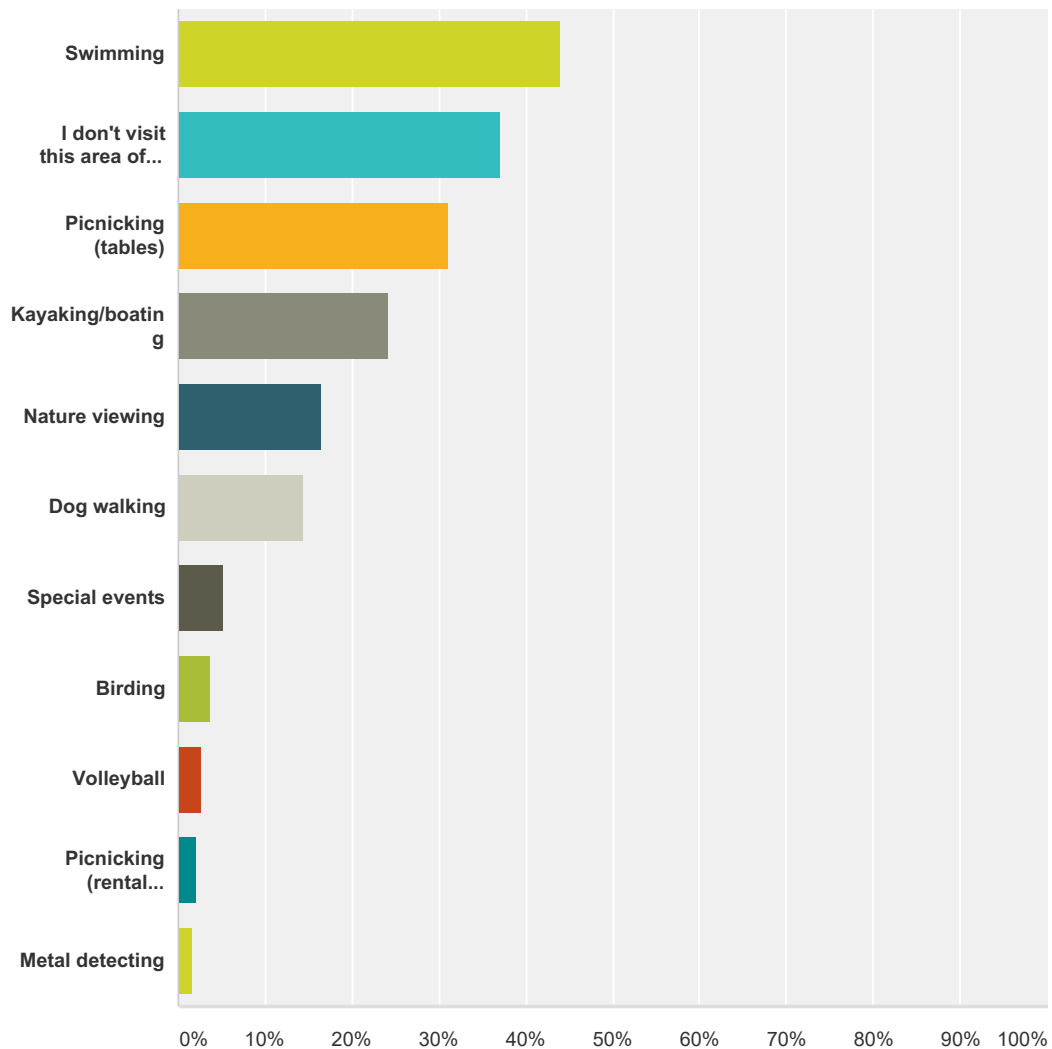
**Q14 What three words would you use to describe Yankee Springs Recreation Area to someone who has never visited the park?**

Answered: 680 Skipped: 345



### Q15 If you visit Gun Lake Day Use Area, what activities do you participate in?

Answered: 820 Skipped: 205



Answer Choices	Responses	
Swimming	44.15%	362
I don't visit this area of the park	37.07%	304
Picnicking (tables)	31.10%	255
Kayaking/boating	24.15%	198
Nature viewing	16.59%	136
Dog walking	14.39%	118
Special events	5.12%	42
Birding	3.66%	30

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Volleyball	2.68%	22
Picnicking (rental shelter)	2.07%	17
Metal detecting	1.71%	14
Total Respondents: 820		

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## Q16 What improvements would you make to Yankee Springs Recreation Area, if any?

Answered: 514 Skipped: 511

#	Responses	Date
1	I like it the way it is except want portable bathroom by Hall Lake.	5/8/2015 8:39 PM
2	some of the smaller lakes where we fish and kayak could use better parking area and outhouses	4/29/2015 12:54 PM
3	More trails for Hikers, Runners and Mountain biking	4/29/2015 8:36 AM
4	none other than building maintenance as things in general are outdated	4/29/2015 7:16 AM
5	Better signage on the trails especially on the shortcuts	4/28/2015 11:05 PM
6	Better Trail markings, wayfinding signs, "you are here"	4/28/2015 1:52 PM
7	More mountain bike trails if possible	4/28/2015 1:35 PM
8	I love the way Gun Lake is now	4/27/2015 5:38 PM
9	improve, add, and increase the Mountain Bike trails within the recreation area. This activity has gained in popularity over the years, however, the mountain bike trails have not increased in size to accommodate.	4/27/2015 7:45 AM
10	Full hookup sites in the campground, or at least water hookup.	4/26/2015 8:18 PM
11	Backpacking loops Backcountry camp sites	4/26/2015 6:48 PM
12	More/longer mountain bike trails	4/26/2015 11:13 AM
13	nothing	4/26/2015 7:36 AM
14	- PLAYGROUND - tables and benches up front in campground - lights On the bathroom paths posts - camping lots - Clean beach/ water/walking ramp to water. in front of grassy spot (up front)	4/25/2015 10:56 PM
15	more mountain bike trail. and a trail leading to the campsite.	4/25/2015 9:26 AM
16	Improvement in Deep Lake Campground to include electric and showers, which will increase use of campsites and provide clean up not only for campers but other trail users as well.	4/24/2015 9:07 PM
17	Increase trail options for mtb to avoid damage from over use	4/23/2015 10:09 PM
18	more information signs what activity is at what area	4/23/2015 9:10 PM
19	reroute some mtn bike trails to make more sustainable and less dangerous	4/23/2015 8:57 PM
20	Better mountain bike trails.	4/23/2015 8:05 PM
21	Check in area needs to be updated. Trees need to be thinned out. Too much shade. Park area for kids to play with playground equipment.	4/23/2015 7:40 PM
22	increase the distance of the mountain bike trail	4/23/2015 12:21 PM
23	expand mountain biking, running trails	4/23/2015 11:46 AM
24	Further development of trails	4/23/2015 10:13 AM
25	Needs more trails. Outhouses are old and in rough shape at deep lake trail / campground.	4/23/2015 9:32 AM
26	More Mountain Bike trails	4/23/2015 9:20 AM
27	More mountain biking trails.	4/23/2015 9:06 AM
28	More MTB trails/loops	4/23/2015 7:42 AM
29	nothing. i like the rugged rustic atmosphere of deep lake, & allow alcohol. just dont let folks get rowdy.	4/23/2015 4:55 AM
30	Expansion and preservation of the mountain bike trails.	4/23/2015 3:29 AM

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31	Safe bike paths and a walk path along the day use peninsula.	4/23/2015 1:17 AM
32	More or improved mountain bike trails	4/23/2015 1:11 AM
33	More bike trails	4/22/2015 11:06 PM
34	Upgraded World Class Mountain Biking Trails.	4/22/2015 10:25 PM
35	More bike trails, including expansion of the winter fat bike trail.	4/22/2015 9:33 PM
36	Expansion and improvement of the mountain bike trails.	4/22/2015 8:44 PM
37	Additional mileage and trails for mountain biking.	4/22/2015 8:24 PM
38	more mountain bike trails	4/22/2015 6:59 PM
39	Getting rid of Invasive plant species.	4/22/2015 6:44 PM
40	Build more MTB trail	4/22/2015 5:19 PM
41	Any upgrades to the mountain bike trail are welcome and appreciated.	4/22/2015 4:56 PM
42	More mountain bike trails. There is certainly plenty of land to make more trails.	4/22/2015 3:44 PM
43	More signs and cutoffs on the MTB trail so people can ride varying distances. Signs at cutoffs indicating distance to return to parking lot.	4/22/2015 3:31 PM
44	needs more mountain bike trails. There are a lot of opportunities to make good flow, fast downhill and re-engineer some of the uphill to make them less evil.	4/22/2015 3:21 PM
45	More MTB trails	4/22/2015 3:06 PM
46	make yankee a mountain biking destination. The State in conjunction with an active private sector such as WMMBA could turn Yankee into a biking mecca	4/22/2015 1:55 PM
47	More mountain biking trail network. Expand winter fat biking trails too.	4/22/2015 1:52 PM
48	More trails	4/22/2015 1:43 PM
49	All is well.	4/22/2015 1:36 PM
50	more mountain bike trails	4/22/2015 1:22 PM
51	extend mountain biking/hiking trails	4/22/2015 1:08 PM
52	I would like to see better signage at the deep lake bike trail warning campers that the trail is/ can be dangerous for beginners.	4/22/2015 12:56 PM
53	More mountain bike trails	4/22/2015 12:55 PM
54	More Mnt bike trails. I.e. Merrell Trail in Rockford	4/22/2015 12:54 PM
55	The trail signs /markers could use updating and perhaps a bit of cover from the elements to protect against sun fade and weather.	4/22/2015 12:53 PM
56	Adding more mountain biking trails. They bring people from all over Michigan and even out of state. Promote the ability to camp and mountain bike in the same location. Newer outhouses at Deep Lake would be nice.	4/22/2015 12:40 PM
57	More mountain bike trails!	4/22/2015 12:36 PM
58	More mountain bike trails	4/22/2015 12:21 PM
59	I would definitely like to see more Mountain Bike Trails!	4/22/2015 12:10 PM
60	More Mountain bike trail	4/22/2015 12:07 PM
61	As Stated in a previous area, increasing the amount of bike trails would be great. More trails mean more visitors!	4/22/2015 12:01 PM

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62	Campers are becoming larger and larger. Tree trimming to accommodate larger units needs to be done. There are numerous sites which do not accommodate larger units because of low hanging branches. Sites need to be checked for placement of fire rings. Depending on the size and depth of the site, many units have to be parked at an angle in order to fit because of trees. This, at times, puts the fire rings under the awning or totally on the wrong side of the camper. Work should/could be done in early spring to level and fill in ruts on sites down by the water area. These sites are very wet in the spring and heavier units leave ruts when pulling out or through.	4/22/2015 10:20 AM
63	More mountain biking trails	4/21/2015 6:12 PM
64	Make it so regular cars can drive out there. Tried going this past weekend even and roads are so bad! Appears you are having parts logged out and that the trucks dig trenches. And then I've witnessed it before that joyriders come out after a big rain and then make it worse. Please fix the dirt roads throughout.	4/21/2015 3:51 PM
65	There are places in the cross-country ski trails that are hazardous, such as gates across trail at bottom of hill and difficult turns on downhills. Trails are obviously not designed for skiing. Some changes in trail routing are necessary to mitigate these hazards.	4/21/2015 10:24 AM
66	containment of high density recreation use	4/21/2015 9:54 AM
67	Some hiking trails are a bit eroded due to slope.	4/20/2015 8:32 PM
68	A food vendor not machines	4/20/2015 5:27 PM
69	swimming, clean water	4/20/2015 4:30 AM
70	More trail	4/18/2015 10:22 PM
71	I would like to see less bike traffic on the hiking trails. The bikers have no respect for the trails they ride on, nor any respect for the hikers that hike on them. They scream down the trails with no regard that there are hikers on the trails. The bikers bring very large groups to the park to enjoy it, but i have never seen the bikers once take part in any volunteering to maintain the park or help restore the park. They are the reason the trails are so beat down and they should be forced to help manage the trails. We all pay the same amount of money for our park passes and yet they do way more damage to the park than someone who just used the park to hike and for its aesthetic value. The process of allowing mountain bikers need to be reviewed. Mountain bikers are very detrimental to the long term upkeep of the park. Some of the trails have now turned into small creeks and streams when it rains and this is changing the ecology of the park. Users of the park and there specific use needs to be reviewed, the amount of damage and upkeep of each use should also be reviewed, and charged accordingly or allow certain amount of volunteer hours to cover the extra charge per use that causes damage to the park.	4/18/2015 11:22 AM
72	Get rid of mountain bikers!	4/18/2015 9:46 AM
73	Upgrade the electrical in the Gun Lake camp ground so that on hot days the power doesn't go out. More play equipment for kids. Level off more of the camp sites in the Gun Lake Camp Ground to reduce the flooding of lots. Camp host in the Gun Lake Camp Ground that want to plan family activities instead of just getting free camping. Better ventilation in the restrooms in the Gun Lake Camp ground. Easier access to the water in the Gun Lake Camp Ground. More ADA lots in the Gun LAke Camp Ground. Better maintenance in the bath houses at the Gun Lake Camp Ground.Larger area for filling and emptying trailer water tanks in the Gun LAke Camp Ground. Enforce the rules for pets in the camp grounds better or make it a pet free camp ground.	4/17/2015 9:45 PM
74	Trash pick up.	4/17/2015 11:10 AM
75	Less poaching.	4/16/2015 12:24 PM
76	Make access for fishing (both winter & summer) available 24 / 7. Boat launch and gate are closed from dark to sunup. The DNR is planting walleyes in the lake and a prime time to catch them is at night. so i have to launch at the township park instead of the state park. Not so bad in summer with a boat, but in winter w/o a quad it sucks to walk.	4/16/2015 12:04 PM
77	The beaches need the sand replaced or at least rejuvenated.	4/16/2015 11:41 AM
78	More Boat trailer parking.	4/16/2015 10:59 AM
79	Enlarge camping spaces so not so crowded in peak season	4/15/2015 7:48 AM
80	Open Deep Lake Campground again to the general public! Also allow the cabins to be occupied by the general public during winter	4/14/2015 9:03 PM
81	I think some of the structures need some attention- especially the old one on the south side of the point.	4/14/2015 5:49 PM
82	More historical signs.	4/14/2015 12:25 PM



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83	restrictions on mountain bikeing during hunting hunting has seasons, snowmobileing has seasons , fishing has seasons, atvs have restrictions during hunting seasons	4/14/2015 10:16 AM
84	I think the equestrian campground would be so much better with running water, modern bathrooms and electrical hookups for camping.	4/13/2015 10:05 PM
85	Panned trails	4/13/2015 4:03 PM
86	campsite improvements: leveling and paving recycling of plastics, glass, metal and paper	4/13/2015 3:19 PM
87	Most of the parking lots are in a state of disrepair or have disappeared or been blocked off altogether.	4/13/2015 2:56 PM
88	ORV Area	4/13/2015 2:09 PM
89	More loop hiking trails (see earlier note) Murphy's Point looks abandoned - either maintain or return to nature. Open up the views from Graves Hill - would like to see a lookout tower here too!	4/13/2015 12:36 PM
90	Trails for atvs	4/13/2015 12:25 PM
91	See previous comments	4/13/2015 12:06 PM
92	Some of the mountain bike trails need updating to current sustainable design methods. Also open up to winter fat tire riding.	4/12/2015 4:01 PM
93	Easier \$\$ amount to pay if out of state. Even out the cost to \$5 or \$10. I don't tend to have \$8 or \$9 on me. Then I give the extra money away anyway. Maybe have a way to scan a credit card to pay and print out a quick parking permit? I also don't tend to carry much cash in general.	4/12/2015 1:35 PM
94	smooth out the gravel parking areas on Murphy's Point to fill in the pot holes	4/10/2015 10:04 PM
95	Hot food service at concessions during peak times	4/10/2015 8:57 PM
96	forest management	4/10/2015 5:32 PM
97	Better drainage of the camp ground after a rain. Charge people for electricity used(40 ft motor home vs a tent). Location of some fire pits on the camp site.	4/10/2015 12:36 PM
98	Beach sand!!!!	4/10/2015 8:32 AM
99	Open up the group area at Deep Lake to every one.	4/9/2015 7:54 PM
100	As adventure motorcycling and ATV/ORv recreation continues to grow I would like to see designated ORV trails. Staging and parking areas are simple. Take some lessons from your northern counterparts. This type of recreation is a growing industry that could bring lots of money to the local area.	4/9/2015 1:17 PM
101	ORV trails added	4/9/2015 12:39 PM
102	Vault toilets at Deep Lake could be updated.	4/9/2015 11:46 AM
103	Cabins for rent	4/8/2015 9:43 PM
104	Save the Roosevelt Pavilion; upgrade the Long Lake educational facility	4/8/2015 7:38 PM
105	It just seems like when you go to make a reservation you can not because they have been 6 to 12 months in advance and then do not show up so we end up going to Sessions Lake campground which is nice but you have to take your boat in and out each time you use and when you are elderly it is not easy!	4/8/2015 7:16 PM
106	expand the mountain bike trails, put in modern toilets in the Deep Lake campground	4/8/2015 2:26 PM
107	Deep Lake needs to be re-evaluate the areas that are now reserved for "groups only" so that more spaces can be allocated.	4/8/2015 11:09 AM
108	More mountain bike trails...	4/8/2015 7:54 AM
109	More single track for mountain biking! Better and safer beginner loops, a skills area for kids and improvements to the outdated and unsafe existing trails.	4/7/2015 8:33 PM
110	none	4/7/2015 5:34 PM
111	Better Signage to find Mountain Biking Area	4/7/2015 3:45 PM
112	marking of hiking and bike trails Updating trail maps	4/7/2015 1:04 PM

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113	Non Motorized Area Lakes and more No Hunting areas	4/7/2015 11:54 AM
114	Up-date the sewage system and dump area for campers. More efforts to keep the Canadian Geese away. It is hard to enjoy certain areas of the recreation area because of goose poop!	4/7/2015 11:13 AM
115	Additional mtn bike trails in summer and winter. Limit bike trails in winter on for bike use.	4/7/2015 9:50 AM
116	less hunting	4/7/2015 8:50 AM
117	Camping sites are to close together. Camp floods in heavy rain. No play area for kids. To many cars allowed on campsites. Indiana state parks are beautiful. Not allow to park on the grass and they have large sites.	4/7/2015 4:57 AM
118	More MTB trails with re-routes on old worn sections.	4/6/2015 9:45 PM
119	More hunting zones	4/6/2015 7:57 PM
120	n/a	4/6/2015 6:05 PM
121	More technically challenging bike trail. And more of it.	4/6/2015 4:46 PM
122	More mountain bike trails	4/6/2015 3:02 PM
123	Better marking on the horse trails	4/6/2015 1:03 PM
124	better play ground	4/6/2015 11:21 AM
125	Additional high tech creative mountain bike trails- see Merrell Trail in Rockford	4/6/2015 11:05 AM
126	playground at modern campground	4/6/2015 10:44 AM
127	Many areas of mountain biking trails have gotten very sandy or rough, and desperately need rerouting. The day-use parking lots have lapsed back to gravel. There should be more areas where responsible adults can drink alcohol	4/6/2015 9:53 AM
128	More trails, more dog poop bag areas	4/6/2015 9:26 AM
129	security	4/6/2015 9:03 AM
130	improvements to the mountain biking trails. better use of available terrain. re-routing of fall line eroded trail.	4/6/2015 8:56 AM
131	More access for bikes. The fact that Long Lake trailhead hangs a "Not A Bike Area" sign is amazing considering you can drive a truck through the trail???	4/6/2015 8:30 AM
132	an expanded single track running/hiking trail system	4/6/2015 7:24 AM
133	Trimming tree limbs for better clearance for larger class A motor coaches.	4/5/2015 9:16 PM
134	campground is very crowded, more level sites another bathroom. more evening security and speed bumps for the idiots that forget there are small children running around	4/5/2015 9:12 PM
135	More refuse (garbage cans) containers, we pick up trash all the time to assist.	4/5/2015 8:52 PM
136	More mountain bike trails	4/5/2015 6:56 PM
137	As a Mountain biker it would be nice to have easy access to swim after riding	4/5/2015 6:46 PM
138	Add more mtb trails and a seasonal groomed fat bike trail	4/5/2015 6:42 PM
139	More mountain bike trails that are build in a sustainable manner.	4/5/2015 6:33 PM
140	Same as before playground and extended boat ramp hrs. Smoother bike paths and pavement, better campground store	4/5/2015 5:52 PM
141	Keep the mountain bike trails. Possibly expand appropriately.	4/5/2015 4:04 PM
142	Get the hikers off biking trail. Realize they have rights but it's dangerous some times. Also enforce leash laws.	4/5/2015 1:16 PM
143	Better out houses	4/5/2015 12:54 PM
144	Development of additional mountain bike trails. WMMBA has done an amazing job partnering with both public and private parties.to promote responsible development and maintenance of cross country mountain bike trails.	4/5/2015 12:37 PM
145	Cleaner water in gun lake	4/5/2015 12:34 PM

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146	More mountain bike trails!	4/5/2015 12:26 PM
147	more fire grills	4/5/2015 11:56 AM
148	Mountain Bike trails need some improvement	4/5/2015 8:34 AM
149	Get rid of the waterslide and music from the concessions stand. Waterslide is an eyesore and not needed.	4/5/2015 5:58 AM
150	Expanded MTB trails.	4/4/2015 11:41 PM
151	The horse trails need to be maintained better. A lot of area on trails would not be easy to get to an injured person. The nine mile trail need some serious work done on the horse trails. I don't feel the YSTRA are doing a good enough job and someone is going to get seriously injured and no one will be able to reach them in an emergency.	4/4/2015 11:14 PM
152	More mountain bike trails/features	4/4/2015 9:31 PM
153	1) Develop/continue maintenance of the mountain biking course. 2) Develop/continue maintenance of the orienteering course.	4/4/2015 9:21 PM
154	Trail signage	4/4/2015 9:21 PM
155	As a mountain biker, well groomed and marked trails are the best.	4/4/2015 8:48 PM
156	're-route sections of mtb trail	4/4/2015 8:48 PM
157	More off road vehicle roads or trails.	4/4/2015 8:41 PM
158	Up date both camp grounds. Deep lake needs updated bath houses, water, & more parking for the mountain bike trail. On Gun Lake, updated bath houses & more camping spots.	4/4/2015 8:14 PM
159	Road repairs	4/4/2015 8:00 PM
160	More trails.	4/4/2015 7:24 PM
161	Expansion of mountain bike trails.	4/4/2015 7:20 PM
162	New trail re-routes would be good for mtbers and the land. Keep working on the fatbike trail system for the winter months.	4/4/2015 6:27 PM
163	Ensure the permanent protection of North Country National Scenic Trail as a trail exclusively for hiking....especially in light of the co-location of the Iron Belle Trail- a state of Michigan DNR initiative. The final plan must explicitly describe the approved and prohibited uses on the North Country Trail, that is, approved: hiking and other forms of foot to ground movement. prohibited: mechanized and motorized uses. The trail design/ cross section must be clearly delineated as well.	4/4/2015 3:17 PM
164	Improve the mountain bike trails and cross country ski area including a warming lodge. Better bathrooms in the camping area.	4/4/2015 2:55 PM
165	More mountain bike trails	4/4/2015 2:34 PM
166	More maps and markers along trails, extension of mountain bike trails	4/4/2015 12:58 PM
167	Regrade the camping lots. So there is no low spots that accumulates water holes.	4/4/2015 12:34 PM
168	More mountain biking trails. More snow biking.	4/4/2015 9:54 AM
169	Better care of all areas in the winter months.	4/4/2015 9:29 AM
170	More mountain bike trails. So much more land to be utilized. Also a winter fat bike trail! Year round Yankee activity!	4/4/2015 8:53 AM
171	1. Improved sustainability of MTB trails 2. Add more mountain bike trails to cater to a range of park user cycling abilities. 3. Expand O course and offer more O events (workshops, meets)	4/4/2015 8:32 AM
172	Remove waterslide, clean beach sand, trim trees	4/4/2015 8:09 AM
173	Mountain bike trail conditions	4/4/2015 4:48 AM
174	More mountain bike trails, enhancements to existing trail such as lumber berms or banking	4/3/2015 11:40 PM
175	A couple more miles added to the mountain bike trail system.	4/3/2015 10:53 PM

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176	Cleaning up the trails little better. Falling trees from storms still in the way some places.	4/3/2015 10:46 PM
177	Campground is too small and crowded. It should be upgraded and expanded	4/3/2015 10:27 PM
178	More MTB trails	4/3/2015 10:21 PM
179	Trail directory /signage	4/3/2015 9:30 PM
180	Allow alcohol in camping areas	4/3/2015 9:18 PM
181	New trail reroutes to help prevent erosion	4/3/2015 8:43 PM
182	More mountain biking trails and especially advanced level skill options	4/3/2015 8:40 PM
183	additional routes for biking, maintenance on existing routes, utilizing more of the surrounding area of the mountain bike trail	4/3/2015 8:35 PM
184	More mountain bike trails, more options for different skill levels. More flow style trails and snow bike trails.	4/3/2015 8:09 PM
185	Additional Bike trails	4/3/2015 8:08 PM
186	Additional newer mountain bike trails. Add skills areas to trails.	4/3/2015 8:00 PM
187	A few updates with the restrooms (cleanliness and fixing/cleaning plumbing and related fixings), the boat launches could use some excavation and leveling, not too seriously however.	4/3/2015 7:58 PM
188	Adding more mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 7:54 PM
189	sustainability of the current mountain bike trails at the Deep Lake area. There are a number of changes that can be make to make the bike trails safer and more environmentally friendly	4/3/2015 7:49 PM
190	The use of more trails	4/3/2015 7:42 PM
191	I love the trails, but would always love more!	4/3/2015 7:35 PM
192	More mountain bike trails and maintenance	4/3/2015 7:20 PM
193	More mountain bike trail and more groomed fat bike for use only by fat bikes	4/3/2015 7:18 PM
194	improve the mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 7:15 PM
195	Have more clean up done on trash left behind by sloppy fisherman, hunters and campers.	4/3/2015 7:10 PM
196	Open the old ORV trails.	4/3/2015 5:42 PM
197	Additional biking opportunities	4/3/2015 5:09 PM
198	More Mountain Bike trails, Bike access to existing trails.	4/3/2015 4:52 PM
199	None. I like the park the way it is.	4/3/2015 4:51 PM
200	Development of more mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 4:45 PM
201	MTB trails need help. Sustainable reroutes needed in many places. And additional skill level options need to be added to trails to avoid the issue of users adjusting/ modifying/ destroying the trail and/or obstacles to suit their skill level.	4/3/2015 4:27 PM
202	More Mtb trail markers	4/3/2015 4:27 PM
203	Camping along the mountain bike trails.	4/3/2015 4:25 PM
204	More mountain bike and fatbike trails	4/3/2015 4:03 PM
205	Campsites could be improved.	4/3/2015 4:02 PM
206	Updated design of the mountain bike trails with some reroutes to avoid erosion. Plus there is so much land available that it would be nice to have a longer trail system. It's about an hour each way to drive for me.	4/3/2015 3:53 PM
207	Parking area for visitors to the campground. My brother came to play golf and had no place to park without paying.	4/3/2015 3:49 PM

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208	I would give the IMBA and the SWMMBA full authority over the Bountain Bike Trails.Mountain Bikers are the mosy involved stewerds of the trails and area. Yankee Springs trails are now a destination point for many mt bikers out side of the west side of Michigan. many of my friends outside of Michigan come here to ride those trails specifically.	4/3/2015 3:32 PM
209	NONE	4/3/2015 3:32 PM
210	Mtb trail connect improved campground at gun lake to deep lake mtb trails. More Mtb trails. Better camping facilities at deep lake. Larger parking lot for mtb trail. Longer winter fat bike trail.	4/3/2015 3:24 PM
211	Signs to keep bathroom and your areas picked up. No littering!	4/3/2015 3:20 PM
212	more mountain biking trails	4/3/2015 3:10 PM
213	Allow the WMMBA to improve existing trail and develop additional sustainable trails.	4/3/2015 3:06 PM
214	More mountain bike trails!!!!	4/3/2015 2:35 PM
215	Expand the parking area at Deep Lake mountain bike trailhead. Add additional singletrack and fatbike trails	4/3/2015 2:14 PM
216	Clear fallen logs off trails Repair boardwalks	4/3/2015 2:02 PM
217	I love the mountain bike trails but it would be nice to have a few more miles added and possibly some reroutes to make it flow a little better or bypass some of the really sandy sections. (Like they did with Mat hill last year.)	4/3/2015 1:37 PM
218	I would like to see some updates and improvements to the mountain bike trails!	4/3/2015 1:33 PM
219	More trails	4/3/2015 1:17 PM
220	None	4/3/2015 1:15 PM
221	More mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 12:39 PM
222	in the campground the middle sites need to be raised so they don't flood or provide better drainage in the area. Clear out dead tree's and/or tree limbs in the campground.	4/3/2015 12:38 PM
223	The mountain bike trails could use maintenance, and perhaps more flow trail options. The Gun Lake campground sites are too small and there is a lack of paved spirs. I would camp there is it were more like Ionia or Ft. Custer. Adding mountain bike access from the Gun Lake side would be nice too.	4/3/2015 12:21 PM
224	totally rework the mtb trails to include proper trail building techniques and expand the mileage. This area is a gold mine for increased tourism and recreation with a revamped trail network	4/3/2015 12:21 PM
225	Upgrade the trails by making better berms, flat rock crossings, jumps.	4/3/2015 12:16 PM
226	Continued development of the mountain bike trail system. Additional trail, re-routed trail, and full season trails would enhance the experience and draw even more visitors.	4/3/2015 12:04 PM
227	I mainly go to YSRA for Mountain biking. I would love to see continued improvement with the trail. A few recent reroutes were welcomed but more is needed. I would love to see cooperation between land managers and users, similar to other trail systems like Fort Custer, Cannonsburg Ski area, Luton, and Merrell. Great user experiences there! I would also love to see additional trails added to add more mileage to the bike trails.	4/3/2015 11:47 AM
228	More options for mountain bike trails.	4/3/2015 11:35 AM
229	Parking	4/3/2015 11:22 AM
230	More Mountain Bike Trails	4/3/2015 11:16 AM
231	Groom mtb trail more often	4/3/2015 10:50 AM
232	Less equestrian use means better trails for everyone.	4/3/2015 10:50 AM
233	Mountain trails in other areas.	4/3/2015 10:46 AM
234	All access all year...	4/3/2015 10:41 AM
235	Clean sand on beach. Enforce dog excretion pickup.	4/3/2015 10:40 AM
236	Improve mountain bike trail	4/3/2015 10:39 AM
237	Trailside camping for NCT users. Improved trail maps (they are very hard to follow with the wide variety of dots and dashes, and they don't seem to match reality on the ground often).	4/3/2015 10:23 AM

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238	More and additional mountain bike trail improvements would be nice.	4/3/2015 10:17 AM
239	larger beach area in campground	4/3/2015 10:15 AM
240	I would continue to invest in the maintenance and improvement of the mountain bike trail system.	4/3/2015 10:14 AM
241	Access to some of the other lakes improved.	4/3/2015 10:10 AM
242	More mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 10:07 AM
243	More bike trails	4/3/2015 10:06 AM
244	Maybe the beach sand could be a little cleaner (if that's even possible)	4/3/2015 10:05 AM
245	More bike trail	4/3/2015 9:58 AM
246	Better mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 9:57 AM
247	New tables, more grills	4/3/2015 9:53 AM
248	Improvements to existing mountain bike trails and more new mountain bike trails. Trails for fat bikes in winter.	4/3/2015 9:42 AM
249	Increase the allowable MTB trail changes to improve upon the trails. I really wish the trails would get updated and modernized.	4/3/2015 9:41 AM
250	More control burns and logging	4/3/2015 9:39 AM
251	Better bathrooms at trailheads	4/3/2015 9:39 AM
252	Parking	4/3/2015 9:39 AM
253	Trail conditions	4/3/2015 9:37 AM
254	More mountain bike trails, marked signs on new mountain bike trails and corresponding map stations	4/3/2015 9:31 AM
255	Better road markings leading to MTB trail head.	4/3/2015 9:30 AM
256	More mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 9:27 AM
257	No improvements.	4/3/2015 9:25 AM
258	More bike trails	4/3/2015 9:23 AM
259	Additional trails for mountain bicycling. Year round	4/3/2015 9:17 AM
260	more mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 9:17 AM
261	more or improved mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 9:10 AM
262	MORE TECH RIDING...WAS A BUMMER WHEN THE TRAIL HAD THE MAN MADE WOOD FEATURES TAKEN OUT...	4/3/2015 9:06 AM
263	Update the mountain bike trails to IMBA standards and practices.	4/3/2015 8:38 AM
264	Driveways are very rough	4/3/2015 8:35 AM
265	larger bike trailhead	4/3/2015 8:26 AM
266	More mountain bike trails (or more of the trails opened up for mountain biking. Better camping facilities at Deep Lake.	4/3/2015 8:24 AM
267	Up grade mountain biking opportunities	4/3/2015 8:22 AM
268	More mountain bike trail/ a rinse station at the trailhead	4/3/2015 8:18 AM
269	More mountain/fat bike trails	4/3/2015 8:13 AM
270	More mt biking trails more miles	4/3/2015 8:10 AM
271	Longer mountain biking trails	4/3/2015 8:06 AM
272	Additional mountain bike and fat bike trails.	4/3/2015 8:04 AM
273	Better communication with dnr	4/3/2015 8:00 AM

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274	Better signage within the park.	4/3/2015 7:53 AM
275	Connect park to urban areas via linear trails and bike paths. (le Kalamazoo valley trail )	4/3/2015 7:53 AM
276	Cleaner day use area	4/3/2015 7:51 AM
277	Better bathrooms, changing rooms	4/3/2015 7:45 AM
278	I would like to see better marking.maps of the trails. Very easy for someone new to get lost/disoriented on the trails. I've been going out there for several years but still feel that I don't feel comfortable alone.	4/3/2015 7:44 AM
279	Improved parking and facilities at deep lake unit much like Luton Park in Rockford.	4/3/2015 7:43 AM
280	Improved restrooms at deep lake biking trailhead	4/3/2015 7:43 AM
281	Improvements on mtb trails	4/3/2015 7:34 AM
282	Expand and improve current mountain biking trails and add a fat bike trail	4/3/2015 7:33 AM
283	Maybe another porta-potty at the mtb trail head?	4/3/2015 7:26 AM
284	Get the local DNR officials to understand the impact their unwillingness to cooperate with users is having. Honestly, it's time for Andru to find some other place to work. He is disingenuous and does little to promote Yankee.	4/3/2015 7:23 AM
285	More MTB trail, with improvements to areas of existing trails.	4/3/2015 7:22 AM
286	Spruce up the beach pavilion	4/3/2015 7:19 AM
287	Expansion of mountain bike trails. There are people and groups that are sincerely interested in sustainability and conservation that want to expand these trails and it will bring more business and activity to the area.	4/3/2015 7:15 AM
288	Add and improve trail system. Master plan with 10 year plan to expand trail system with professionally built trail. Allow alcohol	4/3/2015 7:07 AM
289	None	4/3/2015 7:06 AM
290	Add a dump station at Deep Lake Campground.	4/3/2015 6:54 AM
291	Al Northouse does a great job at maintaining the mtb trails!	4/3/2015 6:32 AM
292	Offer expanded recreational opportunities and better use of the area.	4/3/2015 6:24 AM
293	More bike trails with different loops for different levels of difficulty	4/3/2015 5:58 AM
294	More mtn bike trails, including trails for fat bikes for winter riding.	4/3/2015 5:57 AM
295	Walking Path in day use. Playground at campground. Plow more in day use, so walkers don't only have the main road to walk on in the winter.	4/3/2015 5:45 AM
296	More moutain bike trail	4/3/2015 5:34 AM
297	Better trail marking	4/3/2015 3:45 AM
298	More mtbing trails.	4/3/2015 12:37 AM
299	Bike maintenance stands at the trailhead.	4/3/2015 12:35 AM
300	More goose control/management on day use beach; expand beach area; develop more trails; approve ski trails for bike use in summer	4/3/2015 12:06 AM
301	Open all areas for hunting during seasons	4/2/2015 11:50 PM
302	Better trail identification at the deep lake campground. Maps are readable but sometimes hard to tell which one you are at.	4/2/2015 11:17 PM
303	Boardwalk along devastated Oakleigh drive for safe passage and improvement of disgracefull disaster.	4/2/2015 11:15 PM
304	Old beach remodel	4/2/2015 10:16 PM
305	Better deer habitat	4/2/2015 9:36 PM
306	improve day use facilities	4/2/2015 8:45 PM

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307	More boat docking.	4/2/2015 7:33 PM
308	I think the lakes and their access sites are great! If we could have a water trail with portages created to connect some of the lakes and for water crafts like canoes and kayaks, I think you could attract more canoe and kayakers and create a unique outdoor experience in the region.	4/2/2015 7:24 PM
309	Some camp sites in Deep Lake area are very low & really need fill dirt or other material to help to prevent being flooded out if a bunch of rain goes thorough especially over night.	4/2/2015 6:46 PM
310	Better sanitation. This so important when the e coli levels close the park beaches for weeks on end. It also is not good for the lake.	4/2/2015 2:10 PM
311	More mountain biking events & facilities!	4/2/2015 1:30 PM
312	Parking area resurface at gun lake.	4/2/2015 1:09 PM
313	More grass in the rustic camp area. Reduce number of plots to spread them out more.	4/2/2015 12:44 PM
314	Bike trails	4/2/2015 10:39 AM
315	the lots need to be filled in. there is a lot of flooding when it rains	4/2/2015 10:38 AM
316	bathrooms need more attention, security in the evening and night for campers	4/2/2015 10:12 AM
317	More activities on the weekends for the campground and during the week for the day use area Update to the Boardwalk and the overlook dock across from the boat dock in the campground. People usually fish on this dock but it is getting kind of decrepit.	4/2/2015 9:40 AM
318	better maintained bathrooms, and roads	4/2/2015 9:09 AM
319	None, really. It's lovely.	4/2/2015 9:08 AM
320	more camping	4/2/2015 7:03 AM
321	Cleaner restrooms	4/1/2015 11:03 PM
322	More Mtn. bike trails	4/1/2015 10:07 PM
323	Create campground at far end of day use area which is largely unused currently.	4/1/2015 9:50 PM
324	Equestrian trails in places need attention. One place in particular has eroded .	4/1/2015 9:49 PM
325	Separate entrance for camping only, new dumping station location ,better drainage to stop the flooding in the campground	4/1/2015 9:30 PM
326	Improved dump station, more camp sites	4/1/2015 8:52 PM
327	None	4/1/2015 8:20 PM
328	make the campsites less worn out put in pads on some sites for rvs to eliminate holes and dips.	4/1/2015 7:17 PM
329	more shower and restroom facilities	4/1/2015 6:41 PM
330	Paved parking improvements and sand beach areas improvements	4/1/2015 6:23 PM
331	bathroom at hall lake	4/1/2015 6:14 PM
332	The modern campground is very crowded. And the hike to the soupbowl ws beautiful but there was not a whole lot to see. the trees had definitely grown up around what used to be a gun lake viewing area.	4/1/2015 4:13 PM
333	Water quality needs to be addressed, he water has become so bacteria and algae loaded that always have reactions after swimming, even after showering.	4/1/2015 3:56 PM
334	Better con session stand	4/1/2015 3:20 PM
335	I would love to have electric at the deep lake campsites. I would love to be able to mountain bike more trails.	4/1/2015 3:07 PM
336	Little bit more security. Someone stole food off of our campsite.	4/1/2015 2:34 PM
337	Some camping sites are VERY flooded during heavy rain. Those sites need to be improved.	4/1/2015 2:14 PM
338	more signs of public and private area.	4/1/2015 2:11 PM



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339	Please make the sites bigger at the campground. I like the park, but it feels like I am cramped into the lot and the neighbors are right on top me. Make more lots available on both sides of the channel. Have more pull thru sites	4/1/2015 1:40 PM
340	More miles of horse trails and a modern horse campground with electric and water at each site	4/1/2015 1:23 PM
341	Full hook up for the campground	4/1/2015 1:16 PM
342	More habitat for rabbits	4/1/2015 1:06 PM
343	Hiking maps could be clearer and the trails could be better marked on some stretches.	4/1/2015 1:05 PM
344	Better utilize the whole day use peninsula	4/1/2015 1:00 PM
345	More places to eat.	4/1/2015 12:54 PM
346	Better sand	4/1/2015 12:41 PM
347	none	4/1/2015 12:22 PM
348	more emphasis on small game hunting and habitat improvement	4/1/2015 12:02 PM
349	Concerning the Gun Lake Campground, the park needs to raise the level of a number of the the campsites which floods on a good rain.	4/1/2015 11:48 AM
350	Water and electric for equestrian campground. More equestrian trails in both the Rec. area and the Game area. to help promote Michigan as a trails destination.	4/1/2015 11:37 AM
351	Improvements in road quality Hiking trail map availability on line with nature notes	4/1/2015 10:46 AM
352	boat access site open for extended hours	4/1/2015 10:35 AM
353	Playground, more bigger bike pathes	4/1/2015 10:30 AM
354	Menbathroom with hand dryers that work. gravel or stones in low laying camp lots. Bike trails need gravel and wood bridge need nails hammer down.	4/1/2015 10:28 AM
355	Improve boat launches at the smaller lakes, like Hall.	4/1/2015 10:21 AM
356	Reopen Murphy's Point, raise the campsites to prevent flooding, groom trails, upgrade buildings	4/1/2015 10:15 AM
357	bathrooms by the water where you swim	4/1/2015 10:07 AM
358	CAMP SITES ARE TO CLOSE	4/1/2015 9:55 AM
359	Keep jet skiers away from people who are fishing in boats.	4/1/2015 9:53 AM
360	Allow atv	4/1/2015 9:36 AM
361	trail map that includes parking spots for day hikers wanting to make a 2-10 mile loop. distance markers	4/1/2015 9:34 AM
362	Over the past two summers there has been a water quality issue due to a sewer pipe, that has reduced our park visits enormously. Getting that issue taken care of is extremely important.	4/1/2015 9:24 AM
363	given the number and size of campers these days, some of the sites are too small or close to the next site. Suggest reviewing and adjusting.	4/1/2015 9:23 AM
364	Lake is overrun with small bluegill and perch. Need more walleye and musky. Less police.	4/1/2015 9:12 AM
365	Honestly I think its a nice park I would just change the whole process for getting a camping site	4/1/2015 9:10 AM
366	More camping More Mountain biking More ski trails More land	4/1/2015 9:08 AM
367	In the main camping area add more gravel to the areas that are prone to flooding. More board walks to make more areas wheelchair accessible. A bike trail or lane from the campground to the far end of the day use area to keep bikes off the narrow roads.	4/1/2015 9:07 AM
368	add an archery range more canal front sites	4/1/2015 9:06 AM
369	water at each site.	4/1/2015 8:31 AM
370	The restrooms need soap and paper towels. Time to destroy the old shelter and build a new one. More picnic tables available.	4/1/2015 8:15 AM
371	Improved gun range	4/1/2015 7:47 AM

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372	Make a larger park of rustic campground @Deep Lk available to general campers not groups.	4/1/2015 7:45 AM
373	Camp sites need to be built up so they do not flood	4/1/2015 7:44 AM
374	Extend the camping area	4/1/2015 7:39 AM
375	Clear some of the paths that are used for hiking more often, debris and garbage are a distraction from enjoying the park.	4/1/2015 7:37 AM
376	Fix parking, drive and boat ramp at fish lake Reopen shooting ranges in Barry county expand the one in yankee springs for long range shooting and make so more than one person can use it at a time	4/1/2015 7:27 AM
377	Additional fishing piers, the one at the campground bayou is small and fishing there is very limited to undersized Panfish.	4/1/2015 7:07 AM
378	Fix the campsites in the Gunn Lake Campground that flood easy during a rain. The ones in the middle area close to the swimming area.	4/1/2015 6:55 AM
379	Try to fill in so the camping area is not so low. The flooding we had the last time camping was just terrible. I could see a lot of improvement to be done there. Spoiled an otherwise great time.	4/1/2015 6:46 AM
380	Stabilize soils in campground and trail areas. More Poison ivy suppression around campgrounds.	4/1/2015 6:37 AM
381	ORV trail area.	4/1/2015 5:58 AM
382	Concessions. Closer to campground.	4/1/2015 5:33 AM
383	More equestrian and mountain bike trails. A little more privacy for the equestrian campgrounds sites.	4/1/2015 1:59 AM
384	more matainance on trails and grounds	4/1/2015 12:03 AM
385	None	3/31/2015 10:45 PM
386	Allow dogs in all areas of the campground please.	3/31/2015 10:45 PM
387	Improvements to the beach area at the campground. Cleaner sand, cleaner volleyball area.	3/31/2015 10:08 PM
388	Improve deer hunting	3/31/2015 10:03 PM
389	More patrols to keep noise down at night like it used to be. Not too long ago it was quiet time after 11. People make as much noise as they want any more...	3/31/2015 10:01 PM
390	Covered Pavillion east of boat launch - The beach needs more sand or remove the rocks. East of the swim area is nicer where the boats hang out. Also need to make repairs to the pavillion itself, before it rots out. It is a nice family picnic and beach spot.	3/31/2015 9:56 PM
391	More equestrian trails	3/31/2015 9:50 PM
392	Bike trails that connect to local services. Would love it if you had a naturalist that can tell me what all the trees are in the area and identify them. Dog use running area.	3/31/2015 9:47 PM
393	More mountain biking trails, recycling bins for campers, nature trails	3/31/2015 9:45 PM
394	improve concession area @ gun lake day use area	3/31/2015 9:37 PM
395	Additional modern campsites	3/31/2015 9:32 PM
396	open the bathrooms up about 2 weeks earlier in the State Park, because there are more and more people using the park earlier in the year	3/31/2015 9:31 PM
397	Better boat launch at camp ground. better, visible security at night	3/31/2015 9:20 PM
398	More horse t4ails	3/31/2015 9:19 PM
399	More modern campsites with water and full hook-up. Also keep up the good work on the overall recreation area and hunting.	3/31/2015 9:17 PM
400	Electricity and modern bathroom at equestrian campground	3/31/2015 9:15 PM
401	Some care for the Long Lake ecology, assuring that the water is clean and not invaded by non-native plants.	3/31/2015 8:51 PM
402	Cleaner bathrooms	3/31/2015 8:48 PM

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403	I'd like to see more waterfront campsites. Maybe develop south side if channel (inland from beach) to add more lakefront sites. They are so hard to book, and the greatest part of YS. Obviously there is demand, even at the new higher rates.	3/31/2015 8:46 PM
404	More target shooting areas	3/31/2015 8:42 PM
405	FIX the sewage leaking from into gun lake you disrespectful assholes	3/31/2015 8:42 PM
406	Dog area waterside.	3/31/2015 8:41 PM
407	More padded sites	3/31/2015 8:40 PM
408	Cut down less trees	3/31/2015 8:37 PM
409	More snowmobile trails	3/31/2015 8:35 PM
410	Maybe try to build up some areas of the campground that are prone to flooding. Move fire pits away from trees to make them accessible all the way around it.	3/31/2015 8:33 PM
411	long hour to use the bot ramp	3/31/2015 8:31 PM
412	Better swimming beach in campground. Better roads in campground. Would be nice to have a little larger campsite. Campsite restrooms could be upgrader. It would be great to some day have full hookup available at all State Parks as well as WIFI.	3/31/2015 8:30 PM
413	Easier access to hiking trails	3/31/2015 8:29 PM
414	Add more hiking trail loops of 2-5 miles.	3/31/2015 8:26 PM
415	Take the day use excess parking and make more modern camping sites. Put all boat launching in the day use area.	3/31/2015 8:25 PM
416	Day use areas roads and bathrooms	3/31/2015 8:23 PM
417	Open up the point to more camping spots. Make the beach at the campground nicer (bigger, cleaner, nicer playground). A fishing pier at the campground would also be nice.	3/31/2015 8:21 PM
418	Better beach on campground.	3/31/2015 8:18 PM
419	Trim trees at Graves Hill so you can again see Gun Lake like you could when I was a kid. It used to be an awesome view. It was the reason for going.	3/31/2015 8:16 PM
420	Improve swim area on east side	3/31/2015 7:57 PM
421	Better (warmer) showers and a playground	3/31/2015 7:55 PM
422	Better boat ramp and attendants who know how to run a boat ramp	3/31/2015 7:52 PM
423	Better/more camping firewood.	3/31/2015 7:38 PM
424	Cut down on pollution from boating activities. Make it a non smoking, non alcohol area. I hate trying to enjoy nature to the smell of tobacco.	3/31/2015 7:35 PM
425	more hunting space	3/31/2015 7:34 PM
426	more area's that allow pets, more grills & picnic tables. more enforcement of leash laws & waste clean-up. I know this is a double edged sword & I also understand that the park rangers do all they can. Being responsible pet owners ourselves, it's sometimes frustrating, that there are not more area's where we can picnic & swim with our dogs. We've been camping & picnicking at Gun Lake since we were children & now we can share it with our grandchildren. It's a wonderful park & we absolutely love it! Thank-you for all you do to keep it that way!!	3/31/2015 7:25 PM
427	Another fishing pier on campground side. Perhaps a wooden dock/walkway at end of channel. More bike and walking trails from he campground. Volleyball nets.	3/31/2015 7:21 PM
428	Drainage in the campgrounds. The last several years flooding has gotten really bad with heavy rains. Better location of water/dump station so that campers are not blocked in when lines are long. Or even just cars trying to get out.	3/31/2015 7:08 PM
429	More camp sites (modern)	3/31/2015 7:02 PM
430	Add rabbitat, plant foodplots, ROTATE the crops every so many years, change the gun range so its not a walking trail right to someone's shooting path or actually designate where n how people may use the gun range	3/31/2015 7:01 PM

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431	Clean the beach area & debris floating in the swimming area more often	3/31/2015 6:50 PM
432	Clean, family friendly restrooms with hot water. Need more restrooms open than just the main concession and campground facilities.	3/31/2015 6:49 PM
433	Recycling	3/31/2015 6:46 PM
434	Winter camping. Year round calendar for all access.	3/31/2015 6:26 PM
435	Better grass cutting of campsites when people leave	3/31/2015 6:25 PM
436	Better kids programming, maybe a visitor center like Hoffmaster has?	3/31/2015 6:11 PM
437	I would like to see equestrian trails expanded. I would like to see some enclosures for people to use to take showers with their own water.	3/31/2015 6:08 PM
438	Playgrounds/toddler friendly activities	3/31/2015 6:06 PM
439	better bathrooms and showers	3/31/2015 6:03 PM
440	More habitat for rabbits and small game	3/31/2015 6:02 PM
441	Many areas are overgrown ie graves hill, mt. baldy devil's soup bowl, making it difficult to appreciate these natural gems.	3/31/2015 5:56 PM
442	Bigger campsites for sure... Deep lake has turns that cannot be made by a truck pulling rv	3/31/2015 5:56 PM
443	in the modern camping area i would like to see full hookups added.	3/31/2015 5:54 PM
444	Chemical toilets at deep lake	3/31/2015 5:52 PM
445	camping reservations	3/31/2015 5:45 PM
446	More fishing	3/31/2015 5:39 PM
447	Larger sites	3/31/2015 5:38 PM
448	None	3/31/2015 5:36 PM
449	More trails	3/31/2015 5:36 PM
450	Dog park.	3/31/2015 5:32 PM
451	More picnic tables. On busy weekends it can be difficult to get a table.	3/31/2015 5:26 PM
452	Replace kids fishing pier. More hot water for showers.	3/31/2015 5:25 PM
453	Enclosed dog park area, with water access, and day use boat docking	3/31/2015 5:22 PM
454	little more parking ?	3/31/2015 5:16 PM
455	Adding a restaurant, adding water at sites, maybe some sewer sites as well	3/31/2015 5:15 PM
456	none	3/31/2015 5:15 PM
457	Better concession area at the day beach	3/31/2015 5:11 PM
458	Build up/fill in the campsites that flood when it rains. Improve the section of the day use area that has fallen into disrepair/is no longer maintained.	3/31/2015 5:10 PM
459	Add a children's playground & disc golf course	3/31/2015 5:09 PM
460	We don't use the day area bc it's not as clean. Dead fish laying around and garbage sometimes.	3/31/2015 5:07 PM
461	24 hour access to boat ramps. Needs volunteers to pick up trash and more trash receptacles.	3/31/2015 5:07 PM
462	don't allow horse campers to double up on lots very upsetting	3/31/2015 5:06 PM
463	enforce speed limits with speed bumps	3/31/2015 5:04 PM
464	Electric in horse campground.	3/31/2015 5:04 PM
465	expand parking to day use area/campstore, either across the street or expand existing parking lot	3/31/2015 5:01 PM
466	public restrooms (outhouses) near the private outdoor center	3/31/2015 5:00 PM

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467	available toilets when hiking	3/31/2015 4:59 PM
468	The water pumps need attention at Deep Lake	3/31/2015 4:58 PM
469	Full hookup camp sites, or bigger dump station, more easy to get last min. reservations.	3/31/2015 4:58 PM
470	Improved pads for RVs on campground. Electrical in campground is in poor condition. Reservation system is not good	3/31/2015 4:56 PM
471	Better restrooms In Deep Lake Campground. They are falling appart. Solar powered lighting on the bathrooms would be an awesome upgrade.	3/31/2015 4:51 PM
472	Modern Camping	3/31/2015 4:50 PM
473	Up date showers. Faucets and shower heads need replacing.	3/31/2015 4:49 PM
474	Restore the road to Murphy's Point. It's so sad the way that area has been let go. It looks awful.	3/31/2015 4:49 PM
475	Duck and Geese control. They are everywhere.	3/31/2015 4:48 PM
476	LONGER TIME TO CAMP LONGER THAN 15 DAYS	3/31/2015 4:47 PM
477	Improvements to grounds after storms. Standing water a problem	3/31/2015 4:45 PM
478	More sign posts, trail markers, maps.	3/31/2015 4:44 PM
479	RESTROOMS, CONCESSIONS, PARKING LOTS, PAVED TRAILS	3/31/2015 4:43 PM
480	Keep vaulted toilettes clean, pumped, or add additional chemicals to remove odors. Last summer/early fall the terrible odor from the vaulted toilettes stayed on my clothes for hours after leaving it. Doing my business, off the trail in a hole, would be a better experience than having the smell stay on my clothes.	3/31/2015 4:41 PM
481	More camping spaces. Canoe/kayak rentals	3/31/2015 4:38 PM
482	Renovate the shower facility - repaired fixtures, better lighting.	3/31/2015 4:38 PM
483	My family loves the rustic camping experience. I would make more options available that are RV free and provide campers with a more private and secluded experience like in Deep Lake.	3/31/2015 4:38 PM
484	Get rid of organized camping at deep lake and open to general use. Too much area taken away from the public	3/31/2015 4:36 PM
485	Install soap dispensors in all modern bathrooms. Dryers are nice, but no point in washing my hands if there is no soap... Yuck!	3/31/2015 4:34 PM
486	better and cleaner restrooms/showers in the camping area	3/31/2015 4:34 PM
487	Power at deep lake camping	3/31/2015 4:32 PM
488	Have the water stay on longer in the fall	3/31/2015 4:32 PM
489	Better boat dock area in the campground	3/31/2015 4:31 PM
490	More kids equipment, such as more, news swings, playground.	3/31/2015 4:31 PM
491	Hard to make reservations, too much competition!!	3/31/2015 4:30 PM
492	Trail to Devil's Soup bowl with better trail markings	3/31/2015 4:28 PM
493	Vault toilets redone at Deep water and maybe showers	3/31/2015 4:27 PM
494	Modern Equestrian Camp with amenities, Addition Trail miles to allow YSHC to become more than just a week end destination. Kids 2 mile equestrian trail around Snow lake. Confidence building obstacles along the trails.	3/31/2015 4:26 PM
495	Showers need updating	3/31/2015 4:26 PM
496	improved dumping area	3/31/2015 4:25 PM
497	Replant grass at the campsites	3/31/2015 4:03 PM
498	Improve hiking trail maintenance. During the summer the trails become overgrown with vegetation. Especially, the x-ski trails and the north country trail. I would also like to see expanse of the mountain bike trail system. I don't know if it is possible, but connect it to other trail systems such as Cannonsburg in Grand Rapids.	3/31/2015 4:02 PM
499	More hiking and biking trails. Work with IMBA to get some good flow trails.	3/31/2015 3:55 PM

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500	Allow Alcohol in the Camp grounds	3/31/2015 3:48 PM
501	Boat ramps, less bass tournaments clogging area	3/31/2015 3:46 PM
502	I only go there for organized trail runs. I'm always afraid I will get lost running alone. It would be nice to have downloadable trail maps online so I can print one or look it up on my phone if I do get lost.	3/31/2015 3:46 PM
503	More Mtn Bike Trails	3/31/2015 3:43 PM
504	n/a	3/31/2015 3:43 PM
505	Re-open to true ORV use. Allow Backcountry Camping. (is this a repeat?)	3/31/2015 3:35 PM
506	better restrooms	3/31/2015 3:30 PM
507	More driving trails. Better access.	3/31/2015 3:27 PM
508	Better maintenance of the trails.	3/31/2015 3:23 PM
509	better/ more groomed trails. better boat parking	3/31/2015 3:20 PM
510	More mt bike trails	3/31/2015 3:18 PM
511	more camping spaces and a better fishing dock for the kids	3/31/2015 3:16 PM
512	More trash receptacles with recycling	3/31/2015 3:15 PM
513	50 AMP service in the campground Full hookup with water and sewer in the campground	3/31/2015 3:14 PM
514	Additional signage on historical/ cultural/ environmental points	3/31/2015 3:12 PM

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## Q17 What other conservation efforts would you like to see to enhance the natural environment at Yankee Springs Recreation Area, if any?

Answered: 261 Skipped: 764

#	Responses	Date
1	I can't think of any at this time.	5/8/2015 8:39 PM
2	Leaving more crops for the deer and other wildlife in the fall.	5/4/2015 12:53 PM
3	I would encourage a selective forest management plan in the out lying areas rather than reactive clean up efforts after storm events	4/29/2015 7:16 AM
4	volunteer efforts to remove invasive species	4/28/2015 1:35 PM
5	Designate some important bird areas (IBA) for cerulean warblers and the loons on Otis lake.	4/26/2015 6:48 PM
6	Improved fisheries management. Maybe hybrid bluegills in Williams lake.	4/26/2015 11:13 AM
7	more parking at trail heads	4/26/2015 7:36 AM
8	no hunting in a specific trail area so riding is safe year round.this may already be the case but i couldnt find the information anywhere.	4/25/2015 9:26 AM
9	Keep working on the invasive species.	4/24/2015 9:07 PM
10	not allowing motor vehicles on trails (e.g. 4X4 or motorcycles)	4/23/2015 10:09 PM
11	more frequent trail maintance	4/23/2015 9:10 PM
12	better signage for hiking, snow shoe trails (maintain signs)	4/23/2015 11:46 AM
13	None	4/23/2015 9:32 AM
14	Ruffed Grouse habitat	4/23/2015 7:42 AM
15	no further developments.. no motorized vehicles.	4/23/2015 4:55 AM
16	Some clear cutting and new stands of pines planted. Some parts are pretty mature and in my opinion ( Not a Biologist) not the best wildlife habitat. Been going there since 1976 and the pine stands made the area like up north only close to Grand Rapids.	4/22/2015 7:39 PM
17	Invasive Species are taking over! The Garlic Mustard is everywhere!	4/22/2015 6:44 PM
18	More mountain bike trails.	4/22/2015 5:12 PM
19	Trail remediation, some trails are quite eroded and degraded.	4/22/2015 4:33 PM
20	less logging.	4/22/2015 3:44 PM
21	I love participating in trail work there, so keep up relations with the MMBA.	4/22/2015 3:31 PM
22	Fewer camp sites	4/22/2015 1:22 PM
23	???	4/22/2015 12:53 PM
24	Don't log out as much. Plant more tall grass to bring back pheasant population in your already logged areas.	4/21/2015 3:51 PM
25	invasive species management	4/21/2015 9:54 AM
26	A boat wash station to run your boat through before launching it into Gun Lake. I saw a presentation last year.	4/20/2015 5:27 PM
27	none	4/20/2015 4:30 AM

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28	I would like to see less bike traffic on the hiking trails. The bikers have no respect for the trails they ride on, nor any respect for the hikers that hike on them. They scream down the trails with no regard that there are hikers on the trails. The bikers bring very large groups to the park to enjoy it, but i have never seen the bikers once take part in any volunteering to maintain the park or help restore the park. They are the reason the trails are so beat down and they should be forced to help manage the trails. We all pay the same amount of money for our park passes and yet they do way more damage to the park than someone who just used the park to hike and for its aesthetic value. The process of allowing mountain bikers need to be reviewed. Mountain bikers are very detrimental to the long term upkeep of the park. Some of the trails have now turned into small creeks and streams when it rains and this is changing the ecology of the park. Users of the park and there specific use needs to be reviewed, the amount of damage and upkeep of each use should also be reviewed, and charged accordingly or allow certain amount of volunteer hours to cover the extra charge per use that causes damage to the park.	4/18/2015 11:22 AM
29	Stop cutting down the trees around Deep Lake!	4/18/2015 9:46 AM
30	Improved bird and waterfowl habitats. Mature buck hunting only. Y/S could be a destination deer hunting area if managed correctly. Significant opportunity for improved waterfowl habitat.	4/17/2015 11:10 AM
31	More conservation officer present to catch poaching.	4/16/2015 12:24 PM
32	I would like to see the DNR implement a no-wake time on the lake, similar to other lakes in the State, where no-wake from 7pm until 11am. that way, all users have a better experience on the lake.	4/16/2015 12:04 PM
33	Improve some of the camping sites so they don't flood.	4/16/2015 11:41 AM
34	Special bird viewing area	4/15/2015 7:48 AM
35	Keep Deep Lake no motorized watercraft. Allow swimming at the lake.	4/14/2015 9:03 PM
36	I love the mountain bike trail and the way that it's maintained. I would really like to see the mute swan population on the lake reduced or eliminated.	4/14/2015 5:49 PM
37	recycling of plastics, glass, metal and paper	4/13/2015 3:19 PM
38	The hiking trails were pretty eroded in spots - they needed some maintenance.	4/13/2015 12:06 PM
39	I think the WMMBA group does a FANTASTIC job with the mountain bike trail! Thank you for their work and supporting them!	4/12/2015 1:35 PM
40	Cut down and dispose of the Ash trees that were killed by the emerald ash borer. Progress has been made in the day use area since last fall. Would appreciate additional dead trees and their stumps be removed Organize volunteer days to clean up trash along water edge throughout the day use and campground area. Monthly in the summer and one in fall / spring. In the summer maybe could get kids from the camp ground involved to help clean up or residents from the areas near the park	4/10/2015 10:04 PM
41	Recycling bins at campground trash area.	4/10/2015 8:57 PM
42	no fracking in any way	4/10/2015 5:32 PM
43	I would like to see a ban on the use of reciprocating engine driven electric generators in the rustic campgrounds. This would include gasoline or diesel powered and portable generators or those mounted in an RV.	4/9/2015 11:46 AM
44	Recycling at beach and campground	4/8/2015 9:43 PM
45	More educational signage along hiking paths?	4/8/2015 7:38 PM
46	less motorized, try to keep bikea, horses, hikers separate	4/8/2015 11:01 AM
47	Listen to the people in the WMMBA who actually do the maintenance work and who know what to do! For FREE!	4/7/2015 8:33 PM
48	none	4/7/2015 5:34 PM
49	prep area for boat launch at campground	4/7/2015 1:04 PM
50	Guided Nature Hikes (Birding, Wildflowers, etc)	4/7/2015 11:54 AM
51	Less tree removal	4/7/2015 8:50 AM
52	Multi-use trails for MTB, Trail running, hiking	4/6/2015 9:45 PM
53	less doe permits; stop spraying the lake for weeds-it kills many fish.	4/6/2015 7:57 PM
54	Keep the cabins very private	4/6/2015 6:47 PM



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55	Less logging.	4/6/2015 4:46 PM
56	remove sticks and logs from shallow water	4/6/2015 11:21 AM
57	Trail etiquette classes, signage, increased area trails - hunters can walk the entire area one month of the year - open it up to all responsible tax paying users.	4/6/2015 11:05 AM
58	tree planting, fish planting	4/6/2015 9:03 AM
59	re-routing of old fall line eroded mountain bike trail to more modern sustainable designed trail that does not erode. modern trail designs do not erode and scar the natural landscape like the older existing trail. eroded trail that runs straight up and down hills is not fun to ride, is subject to severe erosion, and is not pleasant to look at.	4/6/2015 8:56 AM
60	I would like to see the rice patties protected better.	4/6/2015 8:30 AM
61	clear off the overgrowth of Graves Hill so we can once again have a viewpoint	4/6/2015 7:24 AM
62	Fixing the roof on the large picnic shelter. She could use a good sweeping of pine needles at least.	4/5/2015 8:52 PM
63	keep it as natural as possible.	4/5/2015 6:56 PM
64	I think you do a pretty good job.	4/5/2015 6:46 PM
65	None	4/5/2015 6:42 PM
66	I feel as though the park is doing an amazing job of this balancing act and urge them to keep up the great work!	4/5/2015 6:33 PM
67	Would like to see limit on number / size of fishing tournaments, and better monitoring of these boats going in and out of the lake to avoid spread of bad things. Lake health is more important than lots of fishing boats coming in for tournaments.	4/5/2015 4:02 PM
68	for biking it's perfect to me. I don't agree with those who want to make it easier. It would be nice though to have some easier bypass routes for kids. I'm quibbling here...	4/5/2015 1:16 PM
69	It's a natural beauty. Leave it as it is.	4/5/2015 12:54 PM
70	More options on the mountain bike trails so that the single loop doesn't take all the same traffic in the same way every time. Would love to see programs in place to protect the Deep Lake mountain bike loop from erosion!	4/5/2015 12:26 PM
71	none	4/5/2015 11:56 AM
72	Better policing of the boaters. It seems boaters do whatever they want and don't have respect of swimmers and kayakers.	4/5/2015 5:58 AM
73	Keep it clean and raw - a nature experience for all to visit (too many areas are being cleared for construction. it's nice to see Yankee Springs stay remote and undeveloped, as it is today.)	4/4/2015 9:21 PM
74	Keep it clean	4/4/2015 8:48 PM
75	More mountain bike trails, I have been biking out there for over 20 yrs & other than some rerouting there has not been any miles added. The MMBA would be more than happy to help add miles to the trail.	4/4/2015 8:14 PM
76	Goose and or swan population control	4/4/2015 8:00 PM
77	Hunters to clean up after themselves.	4/4/2015 7:24 PM
78	I would like to see the natural environment left intact. No logging, burning, fracking, other use of the natural resources. It is nice to experience natural without having to extract resources from it. The ruggedness and isolation are what keeps me coming back to the park. I'm a natural resources management/ Wildlife biology major and I greatly appreciate places like this.	4/4/2015 7:20 PM
79	Recycling	4/4/2015 7:08 PM
80	Already stated needs/wants for the trail system.	4/4/2015 6:27 PM
81	I would like to see more encouragement of community organizations and individuals to be involved in improvements (including development of mountain bike trails) and upkeep and programming.	4/4/2015 2:55 PM
82	less horses, they seem to ruin trails	4/4/2015 2:34 PM
83	Better sustainability for the mountain biking trails.	4/4/2015 9:54 AM

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84	Keeping the bikes and horses off the North Country Trails that are clearly marked with foot traffic only. I stay off the marked bike and horse trails for hiking with my dog.	4/4/2015 9:29 AM
85	1. Park users make more of an effort to put litter in their place. 2. Can park sign boards at trailheads, beach area, be used to broadcast information about conservation efforts, interesting species found in the part, and more?	4/4/2015 8:32 AM
86	No major issues or complaints, Yankee Springs as a whole is a beautiful place. I think it is one of the best state parks in Michigan.	4/3/2015 11:40 PM
87	fix up overlook and Devils soup bowl areas	4/3/2015 10:27 PM
88	No fracking!!	4/3/2015 9:22 PM
89	Improve beaches please	4/3/2015 8:40 PM
90	More natural setting campsites.	4/3/2015 8:09 PM
91	Preserve all trails	4/3/2015 7:56 PM
92	More programs for school aged children	4/3/2015 7:54 PM
93	N/A	4/3/2015 7:42 PM
94	More Conservation Officers on duty, patrolling.	4/3/2015 7:10 PM
95	I am always in favor of efforts to maintain the species there, and improve their habitat. Would love to see the black bear make their way into the Yankee woods	4/3/2015 6:44 PM
96	Improving older existing trails for long term use.	4/3/2015 4:52 PM
97	Unsure	4/3/2015 4:51 PM
98	Wouldn't mind more options for mountain bike trails. Opening the Trails to Mountain bikes on the north country trail	4/3/2015 4:46 PM
99	Recycle bins at parking lots (more)	4/3/2015 4:45 PM
100	Continue to maintain the many hiking and biking trails.	4/3/2015 4:33 PM
101	Non	4/3/2015 4:25 PM
102	Create another Mountain Bike venue that is off limits to horses and hikers.	4/3/2015 4:22 PM
103	The beaches could be kept much cleaner	4/3/2015 4:02 PM
104	Changes to the Mt Bike trails to reroute worn out and damaged areas. Some ares are really rutted and damaged, they need to be rerouted and/or fixed. The SWMMBA is the best tool for this task. People who really care and put there musclework and time where their mouth is.	4/3/2015 3:32 PM
105	NONE	4/3/2015 3:32 PM
106	The habitat surrounding.	4/3/2015 3:20 PM
107	Graves Hill is a nice hike and had a beautiful view, but the last 10 years the trees have grown tall and have ruined that view. I would love to see this area better maintained so that others can enjoy the view that once existed.	4/3/2015 1:21 PM
108	Less RVs	4/3/2015 1:18 PM
109	None	4/3/2015 1:15 PM
110	Some of the mountain bike trail has eroded due to older/out dated trail building practices and should be re-routed to be more sustainable. Also, additional trail that brings riders by more of the scenic overlooks (lakes, ponds, streams, etc.) would cut down on some of the non-authorized trail usage (let's just admit that this happens) that's not necessarily designed for biking.	4/3/2015 12:04 PM
111	Protect the trails from trail erosion.	4/3/2015 11:35 AM
112	cleaner	4/3/2015 11:22 AM
113	Less horses ruining everything.	4/3/2015 10:50 AM
114	thank you for allowing cyclists to enjoy the park!	4/3/2015 10:46 AM

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115	Select logging.	4/3/2015 10:40 AM
116	I am happy with many of the conservation efforts.	4/3/2015 10:39 AM
117	Removal of invasive species. Native plantings	4/3/2015 10:33 AM
118	More sustainable trails.	4/3/2015 10:17 AM
119	No logging!!!	4/3/2015 10:10 AM
120	No snowmobiles and horses	4/3/2015 10:06 AM
121	Add more MTB trail to the system.	4/3/2015 9:41 AM
122	Get rid of all the autumn olive	4/3/2015 9:39 AM
123	Remove equestrian. Horse trail is an unsustainable mess	4/3/2015 9:39 AM
124	none	4/3/2015 9:39 AM
125	Keep out the frackers.	4/3/2015 9:25 AM
126	No logging	4/3/2015 9:23 AM
127	it is good	4/3/2015 8:26 AM
128	stop the logging! The logging that happened over the last year has wrecked that section of the NCT.	4/3/2015 8:24 AM
129	Better communication of when not to ride the trails so it doesn't cause damage	4/3/2015 8:18 AM
130	reduce snowmobile, atv, and orv activity	4/3/2015 8:13 AM
131	Better communication with dnr	4/3/2015 8:00 AM
132	coordination with YSRA user groups to promote the resource as a recreation experience destination	4/3/2015 7:33 AM
133	I think erosion of the trails is close to becoming a safety concern. Re-routing of some trail parts may be necessary in the coming years to allow old sections to repair.	4/3/2015 7:26 AM
134	Better effort to support the WMMBA with Fat Biking and access to more of Yankee Spring in the Winter months. Snowmobiles and skiers have full access to the rec area, why can't Fat Bikes.	4/3/2015 7:22 AM
135	No thoughts here	4/3/2015 7:19 AM
136	There are people and groups that are sincerely interested in sustainability and conservation that want to expand these trails and it will bring more business and activity to the area.	4/3/2015 7:15 AM
137	no waterslide	4/3/2015 7:06 AM
138	More mtb trails! :D Thanks!	4/3/2015 6:32 AM
139	Get rid of the invasive species.	4/3/2015 6:24 AM
140	none	4/3/2015 5:57 AM
141	Little pet peeve, but I hate it when people put picnic tables in the lake. Put a sign up that there is a fine for putting tables in lake. Clear the lake shore of brush so we can enjoy the shore more. Things have over grown and the shoreline has shrunk.	4/3/2015 5:45 AM
142	None	4/3/2015 5:34 AM
143	groomed skate ski trail	4/3/2015 12:37 AM
144	work to keep horses on their own trail system;keep up the invasive species removal days (garlic mustard pulls)	4/3/2015 12:06 AM
145	Deer habitat need to be improved	4/2/2015 11:50 PM
146	More muskies	4/2/2015 11:17 PM
147	Please define what "CONSERVATION" means in terms of what happened along oakeigh drive	4/2/2015 11:15 PM
148	Invasive species removal	4/2/2015 10:16 PM
149	Different deer minimum requirements than the rest of the state. Better deer food plots that aren't harvested.	4/2/2015 9:36 PM

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150	Acquire more land to protect the watershed!	4/2/2015 7:24 PM
151	Same as above. Better sanitation. In the campground and throughout the park. In hot weather e coli levels close the beaches. It cannot be good for the lake. I think you should also limit the number of boats that can be launched each day. Gun Lake is not that big of a body of water and it gets VERY crowded on the lake with boat traffic.	4/2/2015 2:10 PM
152	Wildlife management	4/2/2015 1:09 PM
153	recycle	4/2/2015 10:38 AM
154	trails need to be cleared more often	4/2/2015 10:12 AM
155	Different types of classes offered: gardening, nature, mushrooming, identification of the trees	4/2/2015 9:40 AM
156	Stop overnight camping in hunting areas, its open hunting not camping sites and clean up clear cut areas it makes the woods look junkie.	4/2/2015 7:03 AM
157	Education efforts to inform users of best practices such as ways to keep natural areas from being harmed by overuse; but still allowing as much open access to reasonable use as possible.	4/1/2015 9:50 PM
158	I like the rustic feel. Don't change!	4/1/2015 9:49 PM
159	please add recycling station again did it for one year and then stopped .that is very sad in today's world	4/1/2015 9:30 PM
160	Create 'no motor' zones in the most popular lakes to improve the canoe/kayak experience.	4/1/2015 9:06 PM
161	None	4/1/2015 8:20 PM
162	try to keep the area as free of invasive plants and trees as possible.	4/1/2015 7:17 PM
163	or interactive activities for campers of all agesor interactive activities for campers of all ages	4/1/2015 6:41 PM
164	Protect core habitat	4/1/2015 4:42 PM
165	Conservation in the park I thought was fantastic. The populated area were crowded but the wilderness areas were still very much wilderness areas	4/1/2015 4:13 PM
166	When the go through and cut the trees they always d such a bad job of it. I have noticed that they cut the tree in such a way that it is all splintered and unappealing looking. They also cut them and leave stubby branches or leave the limbs over the trails so it just looks like crap and is hard to get around.	4/1/2015 3:56 PM
167	Efforts to increase birding and wild flowers/butterflies.	4/1/2015 3:07 PM
168	Roads and parking repaved or improved in older section of picnic area	4/1/2015 2:14 PM
169	I'd liker to see more effort put into grouse habitat throughout the area. Clear cuts to enhance aspen stands. I'd like to see that through the SW area. Allegan game area too. The U.P. is a long drive to get to decent grouse hunting.	4/1/2015 2:11 PM
170	more dnr activity in the hunting area where i see numerous fishing violations and hunting violations. not to mention the decimation of deer from "blue tongue" without proper reporting/documentation	4/1/2015 2:11 PM
171	more brushy / briar cover for rabbits. The grass plantings for upland game hold very little to no rabbits.	4/1/2015 1:06 PM
172	Get the invasive mustard weed under control	4/1/2015 1:00 PM
173	Bird species variety explained better for exploration	4/1/2015 12:41 PM
174	Keep the trails clearly marked for novice hikers. Trails are well-marked now, but I hope continued maintenance is part of the long-term plan for the park.	4/1/2015 12:14 PM
175	more mature deer and rabbit numbers	4/1/2015 12:05 PM
176	more forest regeneration for habitat improvement	4/1/2015 12:02 PM
177	Have a Nature Center some where in the YS Recreation area.	4/1/2015 11:48 AM
178	By creating more well designed and planned out trails the impact on the environment and individual trails may be reduced. By creating more trails in the Game area, which are maintained by The Friends Group, hunters will have more and easier access to the land than they have now. This appears to me to be a win, win even though closing the Game Area to equestrian use during hunting season takes away some peoples idea of the ideal time of the year to ride the trails.	4/1/2015 11:37 AM

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179	Any management plan needs to be completed so it is compatible and complimentary with the Barry State Game Area plan	4/1/2015 10:35 AM
180	erosion of the trails is bad and you can get hit by montain bikes and even see horses on the hiking trails that are NOT for their use, never see staff out and about	4/1/2015 10:15 AM
181	Hunting (habitat improvement)	4/1/2015 10:09 AM
182	Is it possible to do anything about the swimmers itch problem? Maybe install an outdoor shower near the beach?	4/1/2015 10:00 AM
183	Restore the pheasant population	4/1/2015 9:53 AM
184	The area is nice but under used, caters to boaters and the big money draw of gun lake while the rest of the area sits deserted	4/1/2015 9:36 AM
185	More rustic camping, and more trails. I visit this area 40+ times a year for mountain biking, skiing, and camping and it is my favorite park in Michigan. More camping and less developed. Gun Lake is wayyy to developed.	4/1/2015 9:08 AM
186	Disposal of tree and brush debris in areas other than near the campground and public accessible areas	4/1/2015 9:07 AM
187	more ranger led programs	4/1/2015 9:06 AM
188	Just needs more bird cover.	4/1/2015 7:47 AM
189	None currently doing a good job.	4/1/2015 7:45 AM
190	Better camping facilities and reservation for the equestrian area	4/1/2015 7:43 AM
191	I liked to see modern updates happen just like the rest of the world, but inconspicuously. We don't want to see a wifi pole/wiring while we are enjoying the outdoors/nature.	4/1/2015 7:37 AM
192	Habitat area for grouse and rabbit brush piles like gem areas up north	4/1/2015 7:27 AM
193	Additional recycling bins located throughout the park not just at the trash dumpsters.	4/1/2015 7:07 AM
194	maintain or increased prescribed burning there seems to be a lot of invasive plants in the woods	4/1/2015 6:53 AM
195	Manage vegetation for more open meadow areas. Establish more prairie habitat.	4/1/2015 6:37 AM
196	recycle bins in the center of camping area to encourage campers to think GREEN.	4/1/2015 12:03 AM
197	None	3/31/2015 10:45 PM
198	Less logging	3/31/2015 10:03 PM
199	It wouldn't hurt to dredge out the boat launch area, so at least an 18 foot bowrider like mine doesn't hit rocks coming and going. I do appreciate the organization with the DNR when it is busy. Thanks.	3/31/2015 9:56 PM
200	None, great work Yankee Springs people.	3/31/2015 9:47 PM
201	A little less clear cutting of timbered areas. I understand it is necessary but an awful lot of land has been cut over the last 5 years	3/31/2015 9:31 PM
202	very nice as is	3/31/2015 9:20 PM
203	More fish stocking in Gun Lake. I can't catch anything there... ha.	3/31/2015 9:17 PM
204	Are there invasive plants? If so, are there public/voluntary programs to remove them?	3/31/2015 8:51 PM
205	Recycling, animal preserves	3/31/2015 8:48 PM
206	Need to improve the hiking. Devils soup bowl is now lost in foliage.	3/31/2015 8:46 PM
207	More trails	3/31/2015 8:42 PM
208	LOCALS ONLY	3/31/2015 8:42 PM
209	Ban water balloons!	3/31/2015 8:41 PM
210	Hiking	3/31/2015 8:40 PM
211	sewer hook ups at modern camping sites	3/31/2015 8:25 PM
212	Year round camping	3/31/2015 8:23 PM

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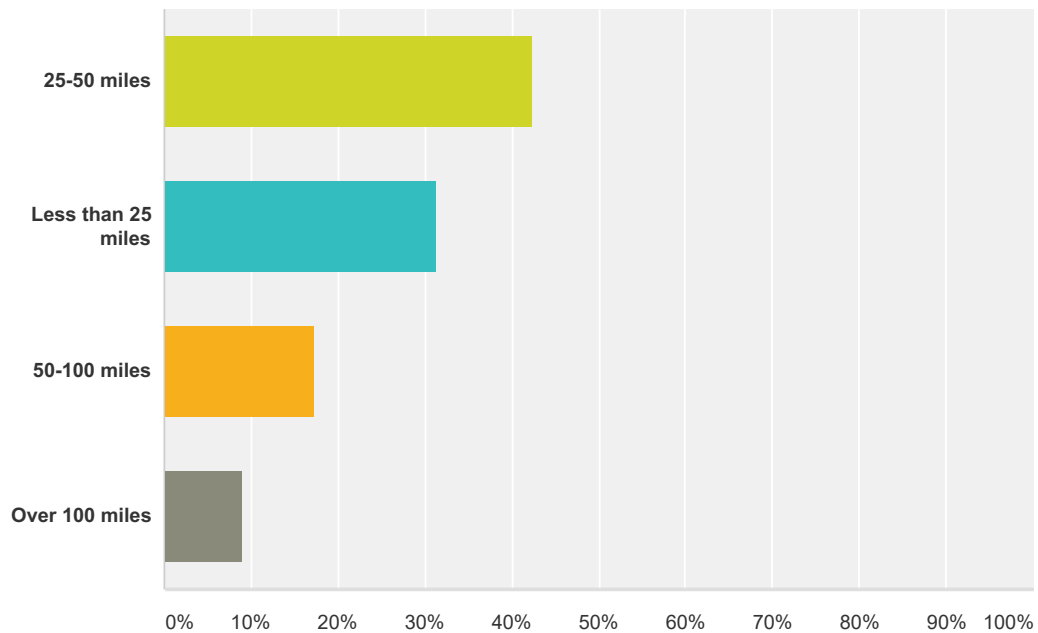
213	Nature center would be nice.	3/31/2015 8:21 PM
214	Find a way to get people to carry out the trash they bring in. as in stop the litter problem.	3/31/2015 7:34 PM
215	Bottle recycling bins. I have seen it at times in the campground. I would rather donate my pop returnable a than take home.	3/31/2015 7:08 PM
216	Do not over develop the natural areas	3/31/2015 7:03 PM
217	Unsure	3/31/2015 7:02 PM
218	Deer numbers and small game numbers seem to be down from a hunters stand point. Hinge cutting is an awesome way to improve habitat. Or logging. I haven't jump a rabbit there in a long time either.	3/31/2015 6:50 PM
219	More loop trails from campgrounds. Shorter loops that are easier day hikes. Better winter access.	3/31/2015 6:26 PM
220	Insect control	3/31/2015 6:25 PM
221	Continue to work with the friends groups that help the DNR keep the area so nice.	3/31/2015 6:08 PM
222	More cutting and timber stand improvements	3/31/2015 6:02 PM
223	Preserve it.	3/31/2015 6:00 PM
224	More fish	3/31/2015 5:39 PM
225	None	3/31/2015 5:36 PM
226	Na	3/31/2015 5:36 PM
227	Possibly planting fish in the lake if it can support that	3/31/2015 5:25 PM
228	More extensive recycling!	3/31/2015 5:15 PM
229	none	3/31/2015 5:15 PM
230	None that I can think of, I love it there. I think DNR has been doing a good job at this park	3/31/2015 5:11 PM
231	More upland bird hunting oppotunities with grouse and woodcock.	3/31/2015 5:10 PM
232	Maybe a program for kids about conservation where they can plant trees.	3/31/2015 5:07 PM
233	Shallow water lake weeds. Quit spraying so much of them, small fry need cover.	3/31/2015 5:07 PM
234	some campsites are too close together	3/31/2015 5:04 PM
235	cleanup wooded area by fishing platform. it is not kept well and has overgrowth of weeds choking natural trees and bushes	3/31/2015 5:01 PM
236	signs to alert snowmobilers about hiking/skiing trails	3/31/2015 5:00 PM
237	Please stop with the controlled burns. It takes away from the beauty of the forest.	3/31/2015 4:58 PM
238	the park is wonderful the way it is.	3/31/2015 4:58 PM
239	Add more boardwalks. They will beautify the area, keep people on the path and prevent erosion.	3/31/2015 4:51 PM
240	WOULD LOVE TO KEEP IT THE SAME.	3/31/2015 4:43 PM
241	More trash cans at trail heads/car drop off points to stop liter and to have a location to throw trash away found on trails at the trail heads.	3/31/2015 4:41 PM
242	continue the fight against invasive species like autumn olive.	3/31/2015 4:26 PM
243	grass planted in the campground	3/31/2015 4:25 PM
244	There are ample opportunities for recreational swimming and boating in West MI. I enjoy YSRA for the nature trails and how good of a hiking experience you can get nearby. I think preservation of those natural resources is most important and would avoid increasing developed recreation areas or more intense recreation uses.	3/31/2015 4:23 PM
245	Not sure	3/31/2015 4:07 PM
246	Some designated natural areas with developed management plans to focus on biodiversity, wildlife, and resisting invasive species. Big Trees.	3/31/2015 3:55 PM

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247	Invasive species control	3/31/2015 3:49 PM
248	More walleye stocking	3/31/2015 3:46 PM
249	I love the diversity... keep running a little bit and you're in a different type of forest. Just keep it up!	3/31/2015 3:46 PM
250	Open more primitive camping	3/31/2015 3:43 PM
251	n/a	3/31/2015 3:43 PM
252	Quiet (no wake) time on the lake	3/31/2015 3:38 PM
253	Lower the speed limits to reduce the number of animal-vehicle accidents. I have never hit anything there but people fly around the parks roads :-/	3/31/2015 3:35 PM
254	The recreation area has many downed trees, due to extreme weather and pests. You should let the public remove the wood like they do in the state's forests. Either that, or have crews go through and clean up all of the fallen trees. It looks pretty bad.	3/31/2015 3:27 PM
255	More fish stocking	3/31/2015 3:25 PM
256	Signs on major trails and access points to remind people to respect the area and not litter!	3/31/2015 3:23 PM
257	none	3/31/2015 3:20 PM
258	Clean up areas where red pines were logged. Even if pushed in a pile for rabbit habitat	3/31/2015 3:18 PM
259	a natural camping area for tents only	3/31/2015 3:16 PM
260	Tree replacement in the Park - trees are maturing.	3/31/2015 3:15 PM
261	Removal of invasive plants and cleanup of points of interests locally to this area such as the devils soup bowl	3/31/2015 3:12 PM

### Q18 On average, how far do you travel to access the park?

Answered: 382 Skipped: 643

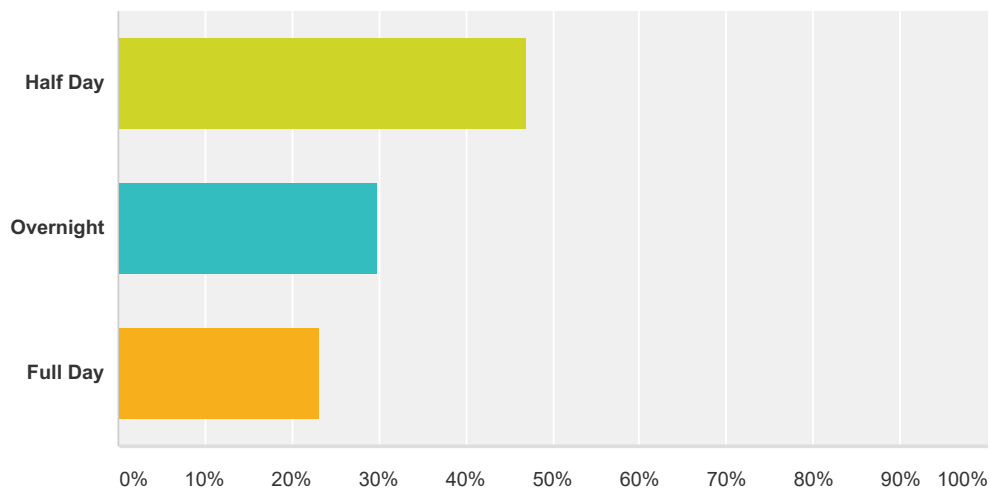


Answer Choices	Responses	
25-50 miles	42.41%	162
Less than 25 miles	31.41%	120
50-100 miles	17.28%	66
Over 100 miles	8.90%	34
<b>Total</b>		<b>382</b>



## Q19 How long do you typically spend at the park?

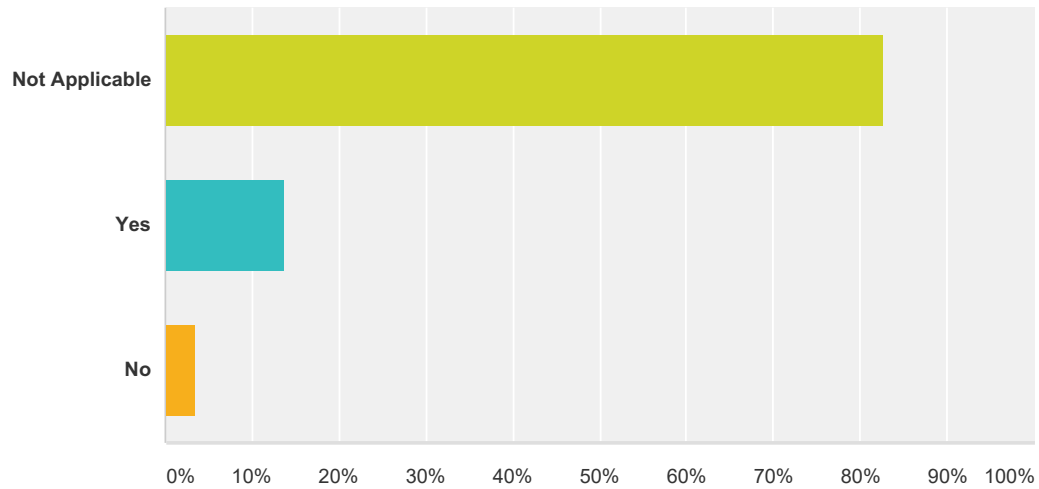
Answered: 375 Skipped: 650



Answer Choices	Responses	
Half Day	46.93%	176
Overnight	29.87%	112
Full Day	23.20%	87
<b>Total</b>		<b>375</b>

**Q20 Does the existing equestrian campground meet your needs? If no, please comment.**

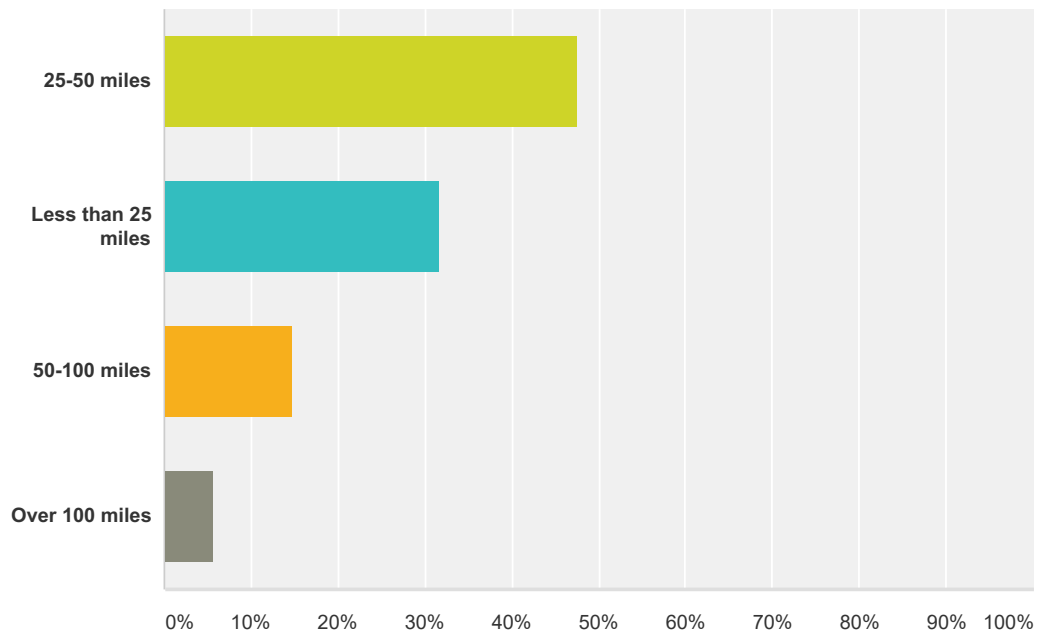
Answered: 365 Skipped: 660



Answer Choices	Responses	
Not Applicable	82.74%	302
Yes	13.70%	50
No	3.56%	13
<b>Total</b>		<b>365</b>

## Q21 On average, how far do you travel to access the park?

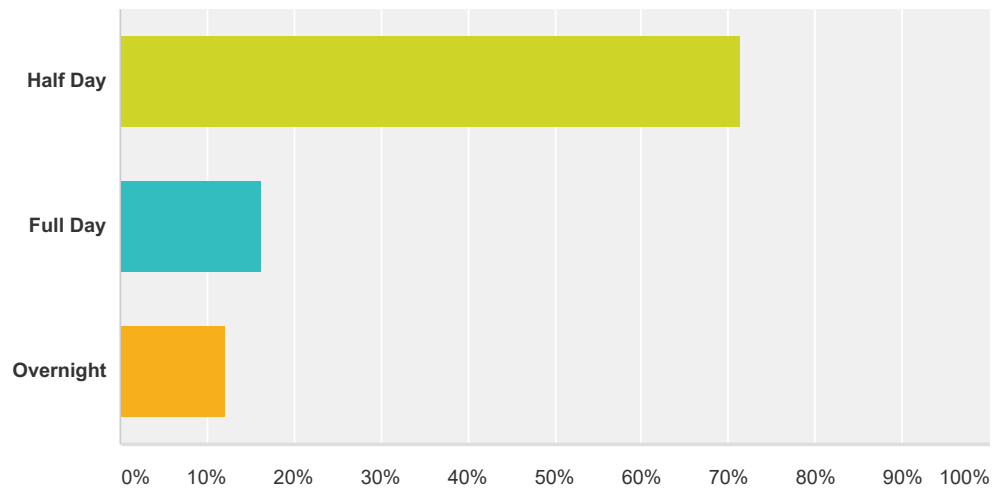
Answered: 510 Skipped: 515



Answer Choices	Responses	
25-50 miles	47.65%	243
Less than 25 miles	31.76%	162
50-100 miles	14.90%	76
Over 100 miles	5.69%	29
<b>Total</b>		<b>510</b>

## Q22 How long do you typically spend at the park?

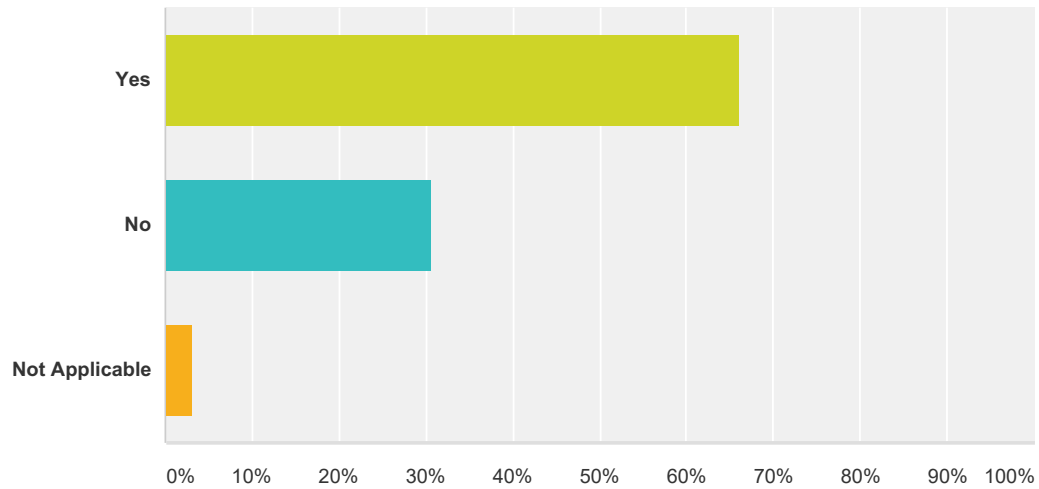
Answered: 508 Skipped: 517



Answer Choices	Responses	
Half Day	71.46%	363
Full Day	16.34%	83
Overnight	12.20%	62
<b>Total</b>		<b>508</b>

**Q23 Do the existing mountain bike trails meet your needs? If no, please comment.**

Answered: 387 Skipped: 70



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	66.15%	256
No	30.75%	119
Not Applicable	3.10%	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>387</b>

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## Q24 Please share any other thoughts you may have on Yankee Springs Recreation Area and/or the management planning process.

Answered: 308 Skipped: 717

#	Responses	Date
1	I enjoy it there. I feel safe even when hiking, camping, or snowshoeing by myself. To me that is very important as I'm generally by myself.	5/8/2015 8:42 PM
2	I am hoping the DNR will help support the growth of MTB. It's a great way to enjoy nature.	4/30/2015 12:28 AM
3	The area can become world class and a destination to we known in the Midwest - but it does not appear the DNR or Parks Department want any changes or additional people coming to the area.	4/29/2015 8:53 AM
4	More information on active eco system management being done and planned for the future	4/29/2015 7:19 AM
5	Thanks for the input. Keep up the great work.	4/28/2015 11:07 PM
6	Dog water area would be nic	4/27/2015 5:38 PM
7	The advent of extraneous biking (Fat bike, Cross bike, etc.) has necessitated the need to improve and expand the already good trail system within the park. Yankee Springs has been a very good location for many mountain bikers to travel to. With added improvements and more trails for these folks to see the wonderful scenery within the park, Yankee Springs could become a Destination/vacation spot for mountain bikers!	4/27/2015 7:48 AM
8	I Love the area. A backpacking trail and backcountry camp sites would add another outdoor activity to the area .	4/26/2015 6:52 PM
9	Yankee springs played a key part in my moving to this area. I intend to stay for many years and hope to be able to continue to use this area for recreation and solitude. Please manage this area for the long term. (No Fracking!)	4/26/2015 11:25 AM
10	great place friendly help great location	4/26/2015 7:38 AM
11	mountain biking is great out there because of the sandy soil and the ability to ride year round. more trails could make it the best system in the state.	4/25/2015 9:30 AM
12	We would enjoy any cooperative leadership from the DNR land manager, which we don't have currently. We just have roadblocks. This area could be utilized more effectively and would bring more financial benefits local area businesses and the DNR if it were utilized to it's potential. We could have a world class mountain bike trail system that would draw people from all over the country. The many volunteers who already donate their time to care for the trail are more than happy to volunteer their time to build a world class system. Just let us do it!!	4/24/2015 9:19 PM
13	There are a number o f volunteers that keep the park up, thank you to those that spend their free time to make trails safe.	4/23/2015 10:14 PM
14	there is a lot of talk about planning but we need more doing more action	4/23/2015 9:05 PM
15	Enlarge check in area and add more friendly workers.	4/23/2015 7:42 PM
16	Some trails need to be designated for hiking and skiing only as bikes have a disparate speed that come up suddenly and startle affecting the experience negatively.	4/23/2015 11:56 AM
17	Good job overall, this is a great resource that should be maintained and promoted beyond the region.	4/23/2015 11:48 AM
18	Great job so far	4/23/2015 7:44 AM
19	not sure what the plans are? but i like it the way it is.	4/23/2015 5:01 AM
20	Would be nice if Rec area plan was integrated with other local communities to enhance the overall Gun Lake community vision.	4/23/2015 1:19 AM
21	Keep up the good work	4/23/2015 1:14 AM
22	More trails for biking	4/22/2015 11:07 PM

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23	Mountain biking is a widely popular sport and has increased in popularity immensely over the last several years. This is evident in the number of new bike shops and growth existing bike shops have seen. It is a good family sport and in general most mountain bikers are interested in the environment and improving the areas they ride in not only for bikers but use by others. Many times bikers build and improve parks, restrooms, changing areas and parking lots for use by the general public for many different activities. I think Yankee Springs has a great opportunity to work with the Mountain Bike groups to improve the entire park system and make it a major draw for a lot of different groups.	4/22/2015 8:58 PM
24	Nice area along with the game area. You guys do a nice job	4/22/2015 7:40 PM
25	The Mountain bike trails have greatly improved over the past 10 years but there are places that could be re-routed where trails are eroding due to not being built along a slide-slope. (Going straight up like the big black mat = erosion. Now that they re-routed it, it is amazing! Thanks to whoever did that!	4/22/2015 6:47 PM
26	It would be nice if the DNR officers were aligned and communicated better seems very hard to get a straight answer from them on what can and can't be done.	4/22/2015 3:48 PM
27	Mountain bikers love the area!	4/22/2015 3:48 PM
28	I'll let you know once the cafe is completed.	4/22/2015 3:35 PM
29	More bike trails. Conserve wildlife habitat. These are not mutually exclusive in my view.	4/22/2015 1:53 PM
30	Keep of the great work	4/22/2015 12:48 PM
31	I love the mountain bike trails already, but I would love them even more if additional miles were added. Maybe a beginner and expert loop? (With the current loop being 'intermediate', in my estimation.)	4/22/2015 12:40 PM
32	I heart Deep Lake and the rustic camping scene there. Np lease don't allow RVs with generators. It ruins the peacefulness.	4/22/2015 12:29 PM
33	More mountain bike trail please! :)	4/22/2015 12:13 PM
34	More mountain bike Trails!	4/22/2015 12:12 PM
35	Yankee springs is such a great place to go! I always have a good time when I ride the trails there.	4/22/2015 12:03 PM
36	Sites need to be upgraded to accommodate larger family units. If this means you have to lose a few sites to make nicer sites, so be it. Low tree limbs tear items off roofs like antennas, vents, etc. Perhaps a specific section should be made for larger units. Have a weekend each spring where you invite campers to camp for free in exchange for help picking up sticks, raking sites, leaves, etc. Many of us retirees would be MORE than willing to come in and help get it ready. CUT DOWN LOW HANGING TREE LIMBS!!! I cannot stress this enough!	4/22/2015 10:24 AM
37	I love this park but many times I choose to skip going as its hard to get in to many areas. I think a lot could be done to even the roads back out.	4/21/2015 3:53 PM
38	don't develop any more area for recreation; focus on maintaining / upgrading existing infrastructure	4/21/2015 9:55 AM
39	We keep losing things and they are not replaced. Showers, food court,	4/20/2015 5:29 PM
40	I would like to see less bike traffic on the hiking trails. The bikers have no respect for the trails they ride on, nor any respect for the hikers that hike on them. They scream down the trails with no regard that there are hikers on the trails. The bikers bring very large groups to the park to enjoy it, but i have never seen the bikers once take part in any volunteering to maintain the park or help restore the park. They are the reason the trails are so beat down and they should be forced to help manage the trails. We all pay the same amount of money for our park passes and yet they do way more damage to the park than someone who just used the park to hike and for its aesthetic value. The process of allowing mountain bikers need to be reviewed. Mountain bikers are very detrimental to the long term upkeep of the park. Some of the trails have now turned into small creeks and streams when it rains and this is changing the ecology of the park. Users of the park and there specific use needs to be reviewed, the amount of damage and upkeep of each use should also be reviewed, and charged accordingly or allow certain amount of volunteer hours to cover the extra charge per use that causes damage to the park.	4/18/2015 11:22 AM
41	Stop cutting down the trees!!	4/18/2015 9:47 AM
42	more user input. More functions to include the general public in improving Y/S	4/17/2015 11:11 AM

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43	Is there a management plan for the park? Does this include any type of management plan for the lake, i.e., planting of fish? I think the DNR needs to be more proactive in communicating it's messages about management plans for the park. I didn't see anything in the Banner about this survey, ran across it on FB. I also think that the English lady the DNR has working on it, is awesome! She came and cleaned up the restroom on Carter Lake one day after someone had trashed it. It wasn't even her responsibility, but she took pride in the organization, and didn't want my kids to have a negative experience in the outhouse at Carter Lake. Many thanks to her.	4/16/2015 12:11 PM
44	Please do not overcrowd the rustic campground and enforce the respectful philosophy I have come to love when I stay at Yankee Springs.	4/14/2015 9:06 PM
45	I like the notion of being able to ride in/out of the park and to the surrounding business by bicycle. Maintaining the roadsides and making them biker friendly is important to me.	4/14/2015 5:52 PM
46	restrictions on mountain bikeing during hunting seasons , at a min wear orange , not only do they ride the trails but they ride the roads , atv & horses have restrictions during hunting seasons	4/14/2015 10:19 AM
47	Need to establish "Friends of Yankee Springs Recreation Area" to help with campground cleanup and maintenance. Also help with trail work and maintenance.	4/13/2015 3:26 PM
48	Consider expanding the campground - its impossible for local spontaneous campers to get a booking.	4/13/2015 12:38 PM
49	Add Atv Trails	4/13/2015 12:26 PM
50	There are certain sections of the mountain biking trail that are showing their age and need improvement. Allowing volunteer groups such as the West Michigan Mountain Biking Alliance to do work on trail maintenance and improvements in coordination with/under the supervision of the DNR will allow Yankee Springs to remain a "destination trail" mountain bikers would be willing to drive to, while keeping the impact on DNR bugetary dollars low.	4/13/2015 11:07 AM
51	Love your MTB trail!! Wish I could get up there more often.	4/12/2015 1:37 PM
52	YSRA is a beautiful area, very well maintained and accessible in all seasons with many different activities! YSRA State Park staff are doing a great job. Thanks for all your efforts!!!	4/10/2015 10:06 PM
53	open more rustic camping	4/10/2015 5:33 PM
54	I really like the idea of getting input from the users and the long term thinking process.Improvement can always be done.	4/10/2015 12:39 PM
55	A small swimming area at Deep Lake would be nice.	4/9/2015 7:55 PM
56	Equestrian and moutain bike trails are nice but people want designated ORV and single track trails. ATV and ORV recreation is booming and could bring lots of business to the local communities. If managed and implemented correctly it could be done in a safe manner in parallel to existing recreational opportunities.	4/9/2015 1:21 PM
57	As a amateur photographer, hiker, and paddler, the park offers all those opportunities. As a bicyclist, (not mountain type) some type of system in the area would be nice. Perhaps a crushed limestone service?	4/9/2015 12:08 PM
58	Rustic camps are the closest thing we have to state forest campgrounds up north (without the 4 hour drive). I would like them to be maintained "as is" with ample sized campsites and some separation between sites.	4/9/2015 11:47 AM
59	sems to be alot of noise at night and definitely too crowded	4/9/2015 11:26 AM
60	My heart breaks to see the beautiful old buildings fall into disrepair. I LOVE this State Park!!!!!!	4/8/2015 7:42 PM
61	Expressed previously.	4/8/2015 7:17 PM
62	One of the best mtb venues in the midwest. Excellent on almost all counts..!	4/8/2015 3:18 PM
63	thank you for the opportunity to comment	4/8/2015 11:02 AM
64	The WMMBA wants to help.....please! We love this park, we want what's best. For the environment, the state budget and for these various user groups. If trail improvement and expansion doesn't happen (for free,,) it's on you!	4/7/2015 8:48 PM
65	Please but up street signage that will direct people to mountain biking parking area.	4/7/2015 3:46 PM



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66	We have been coming to Yankee Springs for over 40 years. They use to have frisbee golf, a play area, even a ball field for the kids to get a game going. There are a few swings up by the beach. In fact I believe they are the same swings my kids swang on 40 years ago. The camp ground floods. I remember that happening 40 years ago. The sites need to be made larger. Even if it means taking some out. The fire pits are right on top of you neighbors. It's time to revamp Yankee Springs. The bathrooms were a great improvement. Shut the campground down for a year and redesign it.	4/7/2015 5:08 AM
67	I would like to see more commitment to the MTB trails.	4/6/2015 9:49 PM
68	Stop logging and cleanup the dead-fall trees throughout to prevent forest fires.	4/6/2015 7:59 PM
69	Keep the bike trail, add to it please. No equestrians they destroy and disrupt everyone else.	4/6/2015 4:50 PM
70	We love YSRA! It feels more like a northern Michigan park. We're from Indianapolis and we can cut our round trip driving time by four hours by not going so far north. We are currently in the process of relocating to the Kalamazoo area and will be visiting YSRA way more than just once a year!	4/6/2015 1:28 PM
71	Leverage our natural Yankee Gem to help our state! Increase tourism-speak with Merrell Trail Planners in Rockford, MI for our new modern technology mountain bike trail plan. Help Michigan. Thank you.	4/6/2015 11:13 AM
72	If you ask for an email address, you really should have a privacy policy. Or better yet, a simple statement that quickly says what you will/won't use it for. Thanks!	4/6/2015 9:57 AM
73	Thank you for having such a wonderfully maintained area.	4/6/2015 9:27 AM
74	outside of an expanded trail system I would ask that you keep it wild. It's a beautiful area that we enjoy 300+ days a year	4/6/2015 7:27 AM
75	I miss having managed trails that were accessible to jeeps. I enjoyed slowly driving back in to more secluded areas for picnics and nature walks.	4/5/2015 9:22 PM
76	I have been camping there since I was a child, am now 61 and retired. have taken my kids and grandkids many times over the years.continue to enjoy the camp every summer when we return to Michigan.	4/5/2015 9:16 PM
77	We visit the park almost every weekend to fish and walk our dog. We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful place to go so close to home. We appreciate all those that keep the park available to us. THANK YOU SO MUCH. Would be very interested to know the plans/progress with the park.	4/5/2015 8:55 PM
78	It is an amazing area, try to keep the natural beauty.	4/5/2015 7:02 PM
79	There is a park officer that is very aggressive towards the bikers	4/5/2015 6:47 PM
80	Thank you for all of your excellence in running this beautiful and well managed park!	4/5/2015 6:34 PM
81	Planning is a good idea, interested in hearing more. What method of communication will be provided to keep us in the loop, such as web site, facebook, etc.?	4/5/2015 4:03 PM
82	I love it. Did not like the hikers confrontation this winter though which your officers could have better mitigated. I simply left area...	4/5/2015 1:18 PM
83	Keep up the great work!	4/5/2015 12:55 PM
84	Thank you for all the work!	4/5/2015 12:41 PM
85	My impression of Yankee is that there's a general lack of an organizing presence. It seems that the many facilities can be accessed so readily from so many directions that it is nearly impossible to control. Because of this, the communication on signage and information around the park has a general theme of "don't do". Long lists of the things I shouldn't do while I'm there...rather than an organizing force that is helping to get people behind the things they SHOULD DO while they're at Yankee.	4/5/2015 12:33 PM
86	fix the roads	4/5/2015 10:30 AM
87	High speed boating and general lack of rule following by boaters makes for the most unpleasant part of our visits. Can't let the kids kayak because of high speed boaters too close to the swimming area.	4/5/2015 6:00 AM
88	I would like to see better maintainance on the equestrian trails. Less ruts which are dangerous horse back riding. Better signage on trails . Cut offs on the 9 mile and better maintainance on it.. its dangerous	4/4/2015 11:21 PM
89	Enforce keeping bikers off the trails they shouldn't be riding on.	4/4/2015 10:16 PM
90	Mountain biking trails and orienteering course development and maintenance! This is a rare place indeed!	4/4/2015 9:24 PM

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91	Thank you. We enjoy the best kept secret in michigan trails!	4/4/2015 9:22 PM
92	It is a good idea to employ an experienced trail builder when planning and improving a trail system.	4/4/2015 9:16 PM
93	Appreciate the way the entire area is divided up for iindividual rec and sports	4/4/2015 8:28 PM
94	Updated camp grounds & bath houses is a must to keep people coming back.	4/4/2015 8:18 PM
95	Allow loca restaurants to deliver into the campground area.	4/4/2015 8:02 PM
96	Love it there	4/4/2015 7:09 PM
97	Management planning will only work if users and staff work together and communicate. Whether it is improvement to the beach areas, trails, parking and other facilities the public's needs should be most important.	4/4/2015 2:59 PM
98	Maintain ALL trailheads in winter. If you want year around use, access should be granted all year around.	4/4/2015 9:31 AM
99	Yankee is an amazing resource & we (residents of Michigan) are lucky to have access to it. I would like to see the management planning proceed in a COOPERATIVE fashion -- let's get all park users working together to make a great park even better :)	4/4/2015 8:38 AM
100	Enhance future role of North Country Trail in Yankee Springs. Offer trailside primitive camping for thru hikers.	4/4/2015 8:13 AM
101	I prefer the more spread out, not so busy areas. Actually being able to experience the nature part is a necessity.	4/3/2015 11:44 PM
102	I have no major issues or complaints, I actually would like to spend more time at Yankee such as camping and swimming more.	4/3/2015 11:42 PM
103	Love it. You guys do an awesome job. The fat bike trails this past winter were a blast. Keep up the good work!	4/3/2015 10:42 PM
104	Love the NCT. Add some backpacking campsites	4/3/2015 10:30 PM
105	I just appreciate your efforts and the good relationship you have with the mountain bike community. Please don't let a few bad apple riders change your minds on new trails.	4/3/2015 9:22 PM
106	I have gone to different parks like Brown County, IN and Copper Harbor, MI and I am amazed with the epic trails and great camping. They are always adding new and well designed trails. They have become great destinations and a great compliment to the local economies.	4/3/2015 8:52 PM
107	You need more staff	4/3/2015 8:42 PM
108	All the potential in the world for mountain bike trails. Yankee could become a world class mountain bike destination with some work.	4/3/2015 8:37 PM
109	Allowing designated trails for all uses. Bike only, hiking only and equestrian only.	4/3/2015 8:12 PM
110	Happy to see the needs of taking the time to see users thoughts and opinions.	4/3/2015 8:07 PM
111	Very glad to have this resource and for the effort put into to make it available for us to use. Updates to modernize and renovate some of the current, existing features would be nice, but they are satisfactory and work for the time being.	4/3/2015 8:01 PM
112	Please work with the local MMBA/IMBA chapter to add more trails to this trail network.	4/3/2015 7:56 PM
113	MORE MOUNTAIN BIKING	4/3/2015 7:36 PM
114	Thanks for getting my opinion.	4/3/2015 7:33 PM
115	Lack of deer in the area, need better management. And need to put a stop to people pulling over and shooting (target practice), needs to be governed, bullets flying every where. Makes people not want to hike or bike there.	4/3/2015 7:16 PM
116	more input from mountain bikers	4/3/2015 7:16 PM
117	More trails would be awesome	4/3/2015 4:59 PM
118	Focus on key growth and revenue. Mountain bikers have higher per capital income than other sports at Yankee. They are also very pro-active in volunteer efforts for improvments	4/3/2015 4:51 PM
119	The survey covered everything for me.	4/3/2015 4:28 PM
120	Thank you for allowing mountain bikers to have trails to ride	4/3/2015 4:06 PM
121	Thanks for taking interest in it	4/3/2015 4:03 PM

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122	More mountain biking. Beer. And mountain biking and beer.	4/3/2015 4:03 PM
123	Reservations are difficult. I've stayed up to midnight six months out and everything on the water was still gone. I'm told you got to reserve a month and then cancel what you don't want. Is this true???	4/3/2015 3:55 PM
124	Need to have the SWMMBA at your hip if not already doing that.	4/3/2015 3:36 PM
125	Better mtb trails and camping facilities could create a destination mtb trail system. A loop length of 25 to 30 miles would be fantastic.	4/3/2015 3:32 PM
126	Cooperation and partnership need to be stressed with leadership. You have a group with a desire to improve opportunities and facilities, spend money, create something better and you keep rebuking them. Almost purposely living up to the DNR = Do Not Recreate standard.	4/3/2015 3:16 PM
127	I wish there was a more efficient and effective process for personnel of the MMBA that are trained in trail building to obtain the necessary permits to make changes, improvements, and additions to the existing bike trails.	4/3/2015 2:22 PM
128	We just love the recreation area. We spend a lot of time there. We live very close, and can walk or bike there. This is why we moved here. I would like to see bike paths along Briggs road for biking safety. Also concessions in the parks. Even a restaurant would be nice.	4/3/2015 2:05 PM
129	I love Yankee Springs because it has a culture where people from all the varying recreational sports can share the same space and get along very well while doing it. A lot of that culture is due to your efforts. Thank you for everything you guys do!	4/3/2015 1:50 PM
130	The mountain biking trails are awesome! Keep up the good work!	4/3/2015 1:19 PM
131	None	4/3/2015 1:15 PM
132	Yankee Springs has a volunteer force ready and willing to help but are most often hampered by managements willingness to change	4/3/2015 12:24 PM
133	Thank you for your management and asking our (users) opinions.	4/3/2015 12:10 PM
134	Seems like Yankee Springs management defaults to telling people what they can't do rather than spending time encouraging people to use the property. Why so negative? Surely Yankee would benefit from encouraging responsible Park usage.	4/3/2015 11:38 AM
135	The West Michigan Mountain Biking Alliance is a very actively expanding its membership and is well positioned to provide lots of volunteer hours maintaining and building multi-use natural surface trails which are also well liked by x-country skiers, hikers, and runners, and all these user groups co-exist well and in many cases have existing relationships.	4/3/2015 11:28 AM
136	Possibly trails in addition areas.	4/3/2015 10:48 AM
137	North County National Trail should be the center of the planning. With the tremendous growth in hikers. Trail camping is essential or shelters.	4/3/2015 10:44 AM
138	All access all year. Plow our parks!	4/3/2015 10:42 AM
139	I've always thought the park rangers do an excellent job there and are very friendly staff.	4/3/2015 10:18 AM
140	There are multiple state parks in michigan that are working well with multi use systems and trails. Fort Custer, Mayberry to name two. It is laughable that we have a 1950's attitude for yankee springs, as to growth, when we draw people thought out MIA, and from nearby states. Additional trails and service doesn't mean more work for the staff, it means less environmental impact. Also, most of the trails are actually maintained by volunteer groups working with the dnr.	4/3/2015 10:09 AM
141	Andrew is doing a poor job in supporting bikers wants and needs. Replace him.	4/3/2015 10:08 AM
142	The deep lake campground has some spectacular sites. Would be an even better place to stay if there was power and modern bathrooms.	4/3/2015 10:07 AM
143	Keep maintaining the hiking trails as they are currently maintained and I'll be a happy camper!	4/3/2015 10:01 AM
144	Please fund improvements to the mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 9:45 AM
145	Na	4/3/2015 9:40 AM
146	Thanks for all you due	4/3/2015 9:39 AM
147	It's great to see a team who is looking to improve upon the park.	4/3/2015 9:32 AM

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148	Love it!	4/3/2015 9:24 AM
149	More mountain bike trails	4/3/2015 9:17 AM
150	I like that the park has changing areas for bikers along with bathroom options.	4/3/2015 9:09 AM
151	Other mtn biking trail systems, that have worked together with their respective land managers, have brought great gains to their communities....both financial and overall enjoyment. It would be nice to see this happen in Yankee Springs.	4/3/2015 8:44 AM
152	We are lucky to have such a beautiful park so close to GR and it could be some thing exceptional with some facilities improvements and more trails.	4/3/2015 8:27 AM
153	YAY	4/3/2015 8:27 AM
154	Let move forward with the biking community	4/3/2015 8:23 AM
155	Adding more mountain bike trail would make Yankees spring more of a destination ride. Which would bring more money to the park and state	4/3/2015 8:22 AM
156	Hard to get a straight answer from the current dnr officers on approval for anything. Would be nice to have them be aligned.	4/3/2015 8:12 AM
157	Better communication with dnr. They need to listen to what people want at yankee	4/3/2015 8:02 AM
158	Well this a great start. Let's start with allow bikes to see more of this great area. ??	4/3/2015 8:01 AM
159	Find funding to encourage school groups	4/3/2015 7:55 AM
160	Keep the park natural and beautiful, it's not a vacation spot for city folk, and shouldn't have the trappings and traffic of the city.	4/3/2015 7:52 AM
161	Please keep options available for all different interests. Having separate hiking, biking and equestrian trails allows enthusiasts to coexist without conflict.	4/3/2015 7:47 AM
162	Super resource that is a jewel in the area, but could be enhanced by utilizing the resource as a recreation destination.	4/3/2015 7:41 AM
163	Please take Fat Biking seriously, as the numbers of Winter Fat Bikers continued to grow, Yankee Springs is a great potential location for an ideal Winter experience.	4/3/2015 7:36 AM
164	As I said Andru is disingenuous in working with user groups. Says yes we can do things and then when it comes times, put up roadblock after roadblock. It's time to get true leadership at Yankee.	4/3/2015 7:29 AM
165	Beautiful area. Certainty one of the best mtb trail options we have in the lower peninsula.	4/3/2015 7:27 AM
166	The area is scenic and absolutely beautif. There is so much potential to creat a world class trail system utilizing all the propert and terrain. Look at Brown County and the investment they made in their trail system and the return in traffic, volume and camping/ revenue	4/3/2015 7:13 AM
167	This is such a beautiful area and has so much opportunity to draw more visitors if it were developed with recreation in mind. This would have a positive impact on the area financially as well as sharing the beauty of the area with others.	4/3/2015 6:38 AM
168	Give the west Michigan mtn bike association more authority to re route sections of the mtn bike route.	4/3/2015 6:00 AM
169	Thanks for grooming fat bike trails this past winter!!	4/3/2015 12:40 AM
170	I would not like to see more restrictions on activities in this area. I would like to see more trail sharing with the exception of equestrian because hooves cause soooo much damage to the trail and the droppings are not fun to hike/bike around. This area is well managed; I enjoy the trails and love this area!!	4/3/2015 12:11 AM
171	expand game areas-stock lakes better-restrict high speed boating times	4/2/2015 11:52 PM
172	Stop whatever plan you're commencing immediately. This is taking the park and area l the completely wrono direction. Things were fine up to the past few years.	4/2/2015 11:21 PM
173	The supervisor and staff are great! My favorite state park	4/2/2015 10:17 PM
174	It's a true treasure! Let's take care of it!	4/2/2015 9:37 PM

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175	YSRA has some great lakes, but in many respects they are too small to attract paddlers. By connecting some of them via water trails and portage trails you could create a unique experience for paddlers in the region and create a challenging but fun outdoor adventure to many weekend warriors.	4/2/2015 7:27 PM
176	I don't like that the camping is only 100% reserve and would like to see it go back to 80%. I think you would have it full still because right now people reserve it for the weekend and then very few are there during the week.	4/2/2015 7:01 PM
177	Please please address the sanitation issue as it effects the whole lake.	4/2/2015 2:11 PM
178	Been going to the area for 30 years. It's a beautiful asset for the state so any improvements will only boost it's desirability.	4/2/2015 1:11 PM
179	Dredge the lake more often, it gets a little mucky. Otherwise, it is a great park!	4/2/2015 10:18 AM
180	We love this park!! We call it our own backyard playground and swimming pool since we are only 4 miles from it!	4/2/2015 9:41 AM
181	Pleased with the security in the park and on the water.	4/2/2015 7:11 AM
182	Love the area, Seems like a lot of people don't know all of the options and area that are available.	4/1/2015 10:08 PM
183	I have no information about your purposes for this management planning process. That might shed some light on what direction you are headed in. My biggest concern would be if there is any plan to let some of this tremendous asset become private property. That would be an awful loss.	4/1/2015 9:58 PM
184	good park	4/1/2015 9:43 PM
185	Stay diligent in managing inconsiderate campers.	4/1/2015 9:08 PM
186	There are some surprisingly remote place you can walk to. Those should be preserved. Would like to see the fishing improved through management for bigger fish. The mountain bike trails seem very popular, I see them being used every time I go.	4/1/2015 9:07 PM
187	Thank you for asking for users input.	4/1/2015 8:53 PM
188	there is a need to make the campground available to both rvs and tents maybe set aside certain sites for the different types. also a dog friendly area beach/park would be a good idea.	4/1/2015 7:20 PM
189	bathroom at hall	4/1/2015 6:16 PM
190	On the last day of the "planning process", is the property to be sold at a loss and turned into a big gravel pit?	4/1/2015 4:58 PM
191	I hope this area is always here for us, it is my favorite park! Please keep it as rustic as possible and open up the Deep Lake Campground's group camp to private campers and I will always come back.	4/1/2015 4:04 PM
192	More SPACIOUS campsites at the far end	4/1/2015 3:22 PM
193	Make the campground sites larger!	4/1/2015 1:41 PM
194	I believe if there were more miles of horse trails people would spend more then a week-end at YS	4/1/2015 1:27 PM
195	The Halloween weekends the park should be decorated for the event of the weekend. Also full hook up would be great I know some of the State Campgrounds have full hookup makes it much nicer camping	4/1/2015 1:19 PM
196	I wish you would reopen the other rustic camping site, in the south part of the park, I believe off of Yankee Springs road.	4/1/2015 1:10 PM
197	The educational programs at the park are wonderful and allow the whole family to participate and learn. The campground is second to none and the area is useful for all kinds of activities.	4/1/2015 12:43 PM
198	My spouse and I very much enjoyed our visit to Yankee Springs this past October. The facilities were clean and well-kept, and the campground manager was courteous and helpful. We enjoyed the hiking trails and exploring other parts of the recreation area.	4/1/2015 12:15 PM
199	My family has camped here for generations, its one of the best park systems (along with Ludington) in Michigan, keep up the good work for the generations to come.	4/1/2015 11:52 AM
200	Andru, Joe and Sara (Game area) have been great to work with and we hope to continue to enhance the environment at the campground and on the trails through cooperation of the DNR and The Friends Group.	4/1/2015 11:49 AM

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201	I have friends who live closer than I do and they are very involved in the horse trail part of it. they have done a great job with the equestrian camp area. My children grew up going horse camping almost every weekend. Yankee was my first experience for horse camping and I've been hooked ever since. Rustic is good. I prefer that. When I go camping I want a camping experience not to feel like I'm visiting a subdivision in the woods.	4/1/2015 11:48 AM
202	In other states, parks offer four season cabins for couples and/or families that expand use especially in non-summer seasons. Also if accessibility to the rapidly growing bike trail system in Michigan could be part of future planning, I think overnight stays by touring cyclist would be encouraged.	4/1/2015 10:53 AM
203	Plan goals need to reflect existing use of the area plus growth around resources that are unique to the property/constituent base	4/1/2015 10:40 AM
204	This park has a major problem every time it rains hard.	4/1/2015 10:30 AM
205	Playground areas	4/1/2015 10:30 AM
206	A State treasure that needs some TLC	4/1/2015 10:16 AM
207	Swimmers itch is the only reason I would choose another park over Yankee springs.	4/1/2015 10:01 AM
208	need to improve upland bird hunting	4/1/2015 9:54 AM
209	making some lots on channel handicap only i expect will mean these prime lots will remain unbooked for many of the prime summer camping days. This i belive will result in lost revenue for park. We reserve 6 months in advance to get a channel lot and can see no reason why a handicaped person cannot do the same if they want one of these prime lots.	4/1/2015 9:50 AM
210	I believe you could profit from allowing atv use. There are many atv rider groups that organize senic rides at state parks across michigan and it would bring those riders/campers to this area as well	4/1/2015 9:40 AM
211	beautiful park. busy during peak season.	4/1/2015 9:24 AM
212	Fish management could be a lot better. DNR police watch 20 ft boats cross the lake at 80 mph, while harassing old guys trying to fish.	4/1/2015 9:17 AM
213	The only complaint I hear about the park is that the camping area needs work on keeping the water drained from the inner portion of the camping area and a little more security at night,	4/1/2015 9:12 AM
214	Again I would like to see at least 20 camping sites that you can get once you get to the park its really hard for us to plan 6 to 8 months in advance for camping	4/1/2015 9:11 AM
215	More Camping More Mountain Biking More ski trails	4/1/2015 9:10 AM
216	We enjoy the rustic camping and hiking at Deep Lake. Please don't remove a primitive camping area.	4/1/2015 8:57 AM
217	Camping check-in: Most of the time there is not a campground employee available for check-in. That's not an issue if you are familiar with the campground, but it would be to a first time user. Firewood is not always available.	4/1/2015 8:46 AM
218	Would like to see fall camping options offered.	4/1/2015 8:24 AM
219	Good luck. I know you have a difficult job pleasing everyone.	4/1/2015 7:49 AM
220	Don't like reservation system for Deep Lk. It's still our favorite park	4/1/2015 7:48 AM
221	Campgrounds needs to be worked on. After a rain a lot of sites have standing water.	4/1/2015 7:46 AM
222	Extend the camping area	4/1/2015 7:41 AM
223	Would like to see cabins like on chief noonday at other lakes that are more fishable like fish lake.	4/1/2015 7:31 AM
224	I feel about half of the camping sites are rather close and they all are square to the roads, some other State campgrounds like Muskegon's are on a slight angle making it easier and safer to back into and pull out of. As mentioned I feel additional fishing piers would only enhance the park, the main one is in the bayou and fishing there is limited to only a few species of fish, mainly small Panfish and Bullheads. Also some of the camp sites are unlevel with old stumps , roots and ruts making it harder to level you camping rig, and being a tripping hazard.	4/1/2015 7:16 AM
225	I'd like to see new primitive camping areas established	4/1/2015 6:39 AM
226	ORV use, would bring more people to the area. I understand it also creates other issues but I feel it is something that should be definitely be considered as an option.	4/1/2015 6:00 AM

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227	I've been pleased with the upkeep and management of the park.	4/1/2015 5:50 AM
228	The cabins and the rustic campground should be improved and expanded. The road to get to the rustic area is almost impassible without a 4x4.	4/1/2015 12:07 AM
229	Can't wait to camp there this summer!!!	3/31/2015 10:46 PM
230	We feel blessed to have such a large beautiful area to enjoy in so many ways!	3/31/2015 10:07 PM
231	INCREASE POWER TO CAMPSITES. You have 10 campsites on one 80 amp circuit while most of the RV's in the park have 30 to 50 amp service. In the summer the breakers trip every few minutes Other Michigan parks do not have this problem.	3/31/2015 10:06 PM
232	Too many hunters push deer onto private land	3/31/2015 10:04 PM
233	It's a great place to go in the summer. Some things are getting a bit run down and need some attention at some point. Like the roads by boat launch and Murphy's point. I also mentioned previously how the picnic pavillion and beach are in need of work. Thanks for the chance for input.	3/31/2015 10:02 PM
234	I would like to see the bathrooms in the State Park open about 2 weeks earlier for the campers. There are plenty of campers up there in late April	3/31/2015 9:38 PM
235	too hard to get reservations during peak camping time...lol	3/31/2015 9:22 PM
236	Would like more equestrian trails	3/31/2015 9:20 PM
237	Very friendly and helpful at check-in and check-out. Better signage for what is where in the whole rec area would be nice.	3/31/2015 9:19 PM
238	I have none, we always have a great time when we go there.	3/31/2015 9:06 PM
239	The use of the varied spaces seems to have been well planned, and apparently well cared for. If there are opportunities that haven't been used, I hope the management planning will include them.	3/31/2015 8:53 PM
240	Let me stress again, develop the ither side of the channel for more lakefront campsites.	3/31/2015 8:47 PM
241	Electrical improvements at the campground. Frequent brown outs/low voltage situations on hot days when lots of people are using their a/c.	3/31/2015 8:44 PM
242	Electric at Deep Lake would be nice	3/31/2015 8:44 PM
243	upkeep the trails accessible to public cleaner	3/31/2015 8:43 PM
244	Just keep the campground thriving. It is one of my all time favorite places to camp	3/31/2015 8:34 PM
245	Make rustic campground modern and keep Deep Lake a no wake lake for canoe/ kayak use	3/31/2015 8:27 PM
246	Wonderful	3/31/2015 8:24 PM
247	Good website camping reservations. Great boating.	3/31/2015 7:53 PM
248	We love, love, love it!!	3/31/2015 7:27 PM
249	Keep it as natural as possible	3/31/2015 7:04 PM
250	Would recommend regular bike trails connecting key locations and give families a safe path for biking.	3/31/2015 6:52 PM
251	New playground equipment in the campground would be nice	3/31/2015 6:52 PM
252	Love the scope/scale of the park and natural feel. Very nice for a downstate park. Feels more like UP.	3/31/2015 6:28 PM
253	Warmer showers	3/31/2015 6:26 PM
254	I am very thankful for the Friends group - Yankee Springs Trail Riders Assoc for all their dedication to the EQ campground and trails. I also thank the DNR staff at YSRA for their friendly cooperation and assistance in making this a truly nice EQ area. I hope that another 10 miles of trails can be added to make this a destination visitor campground to help pay it's way; rather than a day-riding area for those in the immediate area. People will travel from southern states when it's hot, to ride in the wooded areas of Michigan - but only if there are enough trails to keep them busy for several days. THANKS!	3/31/2015 6:15 PM
255	Love the area! Any enhancements would only make it better!	3/31/2015 6:09 PM
256	Fix up Deep Lake Campground	3/31/2015 6:07 PM

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257	We love the campground and have been coming for years.	3/31/2015 6:01 PM
258	The group camping idea for deep lake was a mistake since no one is ever there, especially on holidays!	3/31/2015 5:56 PM
259	I like it just the way it is. We camped here last summer and liked it so much, we are coming back again this summer.	3/31/2015 5:56 PM
260	plenty to do and see.	3/31/2015 5:55 PM
261	camping reservations are a mess,people book two weeks before a holiday and at a later date cancel the week before the holiday.maybe they wouldn't if they lost there deposit money.	3/31/2015 5:50 PM
262	Have smaller lakes be non gas motorized boats only	3/31/2015 5:41 PM
263	None	3/31/2015 5:36 PM
264	Most of the families staying in campground are families with dogs. It would be nice if they had a dog park for the dogs to burn off energy.	3/31/2015 5:35 PM
265	Love the area!!!!	3/31/2015 5:30 PM
266	i think they need to stop getting rid of all the trees	3/31/2015 5:17 PM
267	glad they are asking for input	3/31/2015 5:16 PM
268	We have spent many years camping at the state park - loved it all! So much that we purchased a home on the lake!	3/31/2015 5:15 PM
269	Keep doing what you're doing; it's a great area to take our friends and family when they are in town.	3/31/2015 5:12 PM
270	I've been going to Yankee springs for over 30 years. Spent lots of time camping and boating there growing up. We now bring our kids to do those things. It doesn't look too different now than it did 30 years ago. I hope it stays that way.	3/31/2015 5:09 PM
271	I'd love a job there.	3/31/2015 5:08 PM
272	eguestrain should be for equestrain only! very dangerous ot have none horse people camping there. horses are not an exhibit for others to come and pet with flip flops on.	3/31/2015 5:08 PM
273	kids are kids but too many are running wild with no adult supervisin, adults need to explain not to run through others camsitesm need more parent supervsion	3/31/2015 5:07 PM
274	nice job. How do we register for Halloween event we have tried for last few years but cant figure it out. Thanks	3/31/2015 5:06 PM
275	it is good that the management/planning of this area is looking towards the future in a better managed park while keeping within its budget and asking for public opinion and users of the area, instead of implementing any changes exclusively from Lansing	3/31/2015 5:05 PM
276	great place really enjoy running, and snowshoeing. Appreciate being able to have the organized trail races!	3/31/2015 5:04 PM
277	Would be nice to have Wi Fi	3/31/2015 5:04 PM
278	Excellent park!	3/31/2015 5:02 PM
279	I've been camping at Deep Lake since 1962. It's my favorite campground.	3/31/2015 5:00 PM
280	Thank You Yankee Springs DNR Staff and the YSTR	3/31/2015 4:52 PM
281	very nice are, too bad the modern sites are so hard to get and so crowded	3/31/2015 4:51 PM
282	Lots 50 and 52 are now listed as handicap sites. Seems those site would be closer to restrooms.	3/31/2015 4:50 PM
283	NEED MORE ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS AND FAMILIES WOULD BE A BIG HELP AT THE PARK AT NIGHT TIME FOR FAMILIES.	3/31/2015 4:48 PM
284	Please keep it similar the what it is now. It's the best.	3/31/2015 4:47 PM
285	My family and friends really enjoy the overnight cabins.	3/31/2015 4:45 PM
286	Reduce/remove organized camping area from deep lake. This is a travesty in that you are wasting/ taking away from so many to set aside for so few	3/31/2015 4:40 PM



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287	I like this park because the camping lot are bigger and more wooded then ours in Michigan. They don't necessarily pack people in like sardines!	3/31/2015 4:37 PM
288	We mostly use the gunlake campground. It is nice and the modern bathrooms are in good condition and kept pretty clean. Hot water in some of the showers is not so hot, in fact took a cold shower or two there in the past	3/31/2015 4:36 PM
289	This is the number one campground we visit every year (for the last 20 years), due to the lake frontage, the variety of recreational activities, the scenic beauty and size of the park/campground area, along with the proximity to our home (about 50 miles).	3/31/2015 4:36 PM
290	Had to make a reservation, see the same people every year who think they own the park and boat launches in the channel. Some people have way too many dogs in cages or on too long of a leash and they come at you when you are walking.	3/31/2015 4:34 PM
291	New equestrian trails	3/31/2015 4:34 PM
292	Very anxious to begin working with Andru and his people for the betterment of the park.	3/31/2015 4:30 PM
293	Love the camping, hiking, and kayaking (we bring our own). The shallow lake is great for kids.	3/31/2015 4:29 PM
294	I think the yankees spring campsite is way to crowded. I would like to see less spaces avaialble.	3/31/2015 4:28 PM
295	newer parking	3/31/2015 4:11 PM
296	Won't be back	3/31/2015 3:54 PM
297	This natural area needs to be protected. No fracking	3/31/2015 3:50 PM
298	N/A	3/31/2015 3:44 PM
299	Improved paved biking trails and road shoulders for bikers would greatly enhance recreational road biking throughout the park. A connection to the Paul Henry trail would also improve access.	3/31/2015 3:41 PM
300	Please review your survey... The map doesn't show and the questions are leading.	3/31/2015 3:36 PM
301	We enjoy the park in the spring and Fall	3/31/2015 3:34 PM
302	having children fishing and playing on the boat launch is a problem for boaters and unsafe for children!!	3/31/2015 3:31 PM
303	Would like to see more educational and recreational programs for adults and for children. More publicity of events it does offer.	3/31/2015 3:30 PM
304	This park is such a wonderful natural habitat to enjoy for all ages. PLEASE adequately fund this beautiful place. The roads in the camp ground need repair and the buildings in the state park are showing some major deterioration. Some of the trails are neglected as well.	3/31/2015 3:29 PM
305	We love deep lake - keep the campground rustic!	3/31/2015 3:23 PM
306	park could use better boat parking area and perhaps a nice area for kayakers. trails always seem to be narrow and not well groomed.	3/31/2015 3:22 PM
307	Doing a great job ! My selfish self would love more mt bike trails	3/31/2015 3:20 PM
308	This is not just a Recreation Area but a place where people come to live on the lake. It is one of our "Pure Michigan: areas that we need to keep for future generations.	3/31/2015 3:17 PM

# Appendix C—Planning Team Summary

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

## **Overview of Planning Team Meetings**

**Team Meeting #1 Long Lake Outdoor Center (November 11, 2014)** – The Planning Team’s kick-off meeting was an opportunity for Planning Team members to introduce themselves to one another, review the General Management Plan schedule, receive an overview and tour of Yankee Springs, discuss the park and its significance features, and review the Supporting Analysis.

**Team Meeting #2 Yankee Springs Township Hall (January 20, 2015)** –The Planning Team met and reviewed the Statements of Significance, discussed potential stakeholders, and looked over current resource maps. They conducted a management zone exercise, brainstormed public input questions, and went over the Supporting Analysis

**Team Meeting #3 Yankee Springs Township Hall (March 5, 2015)** – The Planning Team met and reviewed the Statements of Significance, Management Zone Map, and identified Action Goals. The team also reviewed the Support Analysis, refined questions for the public survey and the stakeholder list. They also discussed the upcoming stakeholder workshop.

**Team Meeting #4, Go-To-Meeting (June 8, 2015)** – The Planning Team finalized the Statements of Significance and revised the Draft Management Zones. The team discussed the input and comments from the stakeholder input workshop as well as the survey results. They revised the Action goals, and discussed potential dates and venues for the Public Input Open House

**Team Meeting #5, Go-To-Meeting (June 22, 2015)** – The Planning Team reviewed input and comments received Stakeholder Input Open House. The Planning Team discussed the input and revised the draft action goals and survey results, and discussed the upcoming Public Open House Meeting. The team decided that a draft of the General Management Plan would be shared at the following meeting.

**Team Meeting #5.2, Go-To-Meeting (November 30, 2015)** – The Planning Team reviewed the draft General Management Plan and made minor revisions to the document, maps, and action goals. The upcoming Public Meeting, including the process and participation strategies, were also discussed.

**Team Meeting #6, Go-To-Meeting (March 16, 2016)** – The Planning Team met and discussed the input received from the Public Input Open House, and how feedback could be reflected in the plan. Minor revisions to the Action Goals and clarifications to the maps were made. The Team received an overview of the final steps in the process, as well as projected timeline.

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## **Team Meeting #1**

**Location: Long Lake Outdoor Center**

**9:30 AM – 4 PM**

Meeting Attendees: Andru Jevicks (Unit Manager), Joe Jandernoa (Unit Supervisor), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Matt Lincoln (Planning Assistant), Rollie Johnson District Supervisor), Joe Strach (Regional Planner), Ray Fahlsing (Unit Manager), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Gregg Smith (Fisheries Biologist), Sgt. Jeff Rabbers (Conservation Officer Supervisor), Shana Ramsey (Park Interpreter), Sara Schaefer (Wildlife Biologist), Bryan Russell (Forst Fire Officer), Peter Rose (Geologist), Cynthia Watson (Property Specialist), Mardy Stirling (Clearzoning), Sheila Starks (Clearzoning)

1. Introductions and Review of Agenda
2. Review of the Schedule
3. Overview of General Management Planning Process by Debbie Jensen
4. Park Overview Presentation by Andru Jevicks
5. Park Tour
  - a. Yankee Springs Recreation Area –800,000 to 900,000 visitors each year.
  - b. Gun Lake Campground – The modern campground includes up to 200 sites, restroom facilities, electrical service and an improved boat ramp. A popular and heavily used campground that is attractive to families and campers wanting modern facilities. Issues at the Gun Lake Campground include flooding, problems with pumping water out of the area, and an excessive geese population creating and water quality and E.coli issue.
  - c. Murphy's Point – Located at the southwest corner of the recreation area was largely constructed on a wetland. The area includes a beach, Murphy's Point shelter and a toilet building, swing set, and a large paved parking area. The area is not widely visited but is a popular mooring spot for lakefront homeowner. The parking lots and roads leading to Murphy's Point are in poor condition, with vegetation encroaching into the paved surfaces.
    - Park management has discussed the possibility of allowing the land to revert back to its natural state.
    - Under an existing agreement with the Township, the park is charged for its sewerage usage based on the number of parking spaces. Due to the low daily and intermittent

- use of the parking spaces at Murphy's Point, the park management has discussed reducing the number of spaces in order to lower the sewerage charges.
- d. Discussion about the use of a trolley to provide connectivity with the surrounding communities.
  - e. Chief Noonday Outdoor Center – A historic property includes three lodges (Crane House - recently named Jee-Jak Wigwam, Deer Lodge, Bear Den) and two small cabins (Chickadee and Chipmunk). There is a dining hall and kitchen complex along with accessory service facilities. The buildings are single-story, wood framed structures with gabled roofs. Some of the buildings have the original rustic cedar plank roof. In recent years, the park has replaced some of the cabin roofs due to water damage.
    - Discussion regarding its use as an educational youth services facility and the possibility of more service based organizations using the facility and assisting with maintenance.
  - f. Roosevelt Beach – Very popular in the 1940s and 1950s. The shelter area was used as a bath house and concession area. The shelter roof is in need of repair.
  - g. Rustic Campground – Includes 120 scenic sites and vault toilets.
  - h. Equestrian Campground – Includes 25 rustic sites for campers with horses. The campground includes hitching posts, information kiosks, group fire pit and vault toilets.
6. Significance Statements Exercise. The team was asked to write down five things that they believe make Yankee Springs Recreation Area unique and significant.
- a. Historic
    - i. Historic Outdoor Centers and Cabins: Chief Noonday and Long Lake
    - ii. Yankee Bill National Site
    - iii. CCC Camps – only one of four in the State of Michigan
    - iv. Native American history and role in creating the park
    - v. Geological significance
    - vi. Stagecoach stop at Yankee Hill
  - b. Rare Geological Occurrences and Formations
    - i. Devil's Soup Bowl is a geologically significant site
    - ii. Unique glaciated topography resulting in unique formations
    - iii. Rolling terrain and many special features
    - iv. Unique natural resources – “up-north” feel in southern Michigan**
  - c. Rare and Endangered Species
    - i. Large block of closed canopy forest
    - ii. Historical basis in tree planting program through the CCC program
    - iii. Fen
    - iv. Home to a large number of rare/protected species including federal listed species such as the EMR, Mitchell's Satyr, Karner Blue, massasauga rattlesnake
  - d. Wide variety of lodging options
    - i. Modern and rustic cabins, modern, rustic, group and equestrian campsites

- ii. Camping opportunities are spread throughout the park providing a varied experiences
    - iii. Boat docking available at some campsites
    - iv. Scenic campground is surrounded by water
  - e. Proximity and Relationship
    - i. Approximately 22,000 acres of recreation and wildlife land in southwest Michigan (Yankee Springs Recreation Area and Barry State Game Area)
    - ii. Relationship with Berry State Game Area and Gun Lake
    - iii. Mass of area provides a large area of natural setting described as “uninterrupted wilderness,” “up-north feel”
    - iv. Close to Gun Lake, popular all-sports lake. Provides only major public land on the shores of Gun Lake.
    - v. Gun Lake Area community is supported by the Recreation Area by bringing tourism to the area
  - f. Trails
    - i. Multi-use recreational opportunities with exclusive trail use (e.g., equestrian, foot and bike traffic are separate)
    - ii. Highly sought after for group activities such as triathlons, trail races, adventure activities. Demands balancing between active recreation and protection of sensitive areas.
    - iii. Wide variety of trails offered for year around activity and usage (hiking, skiing, mountain biking, equestrian and north Country Trail)
    - iv. Trails are connected with Berry State Game Area and extends to Fort Custer Recreation Area, nearly 30 miles to the east.
    - v. Good relationship with bike and equestrian friends.
    - vi. Nationally recognized Mountain Bike Trails
  - g. Recreational Opportunities
    - i. 800,000 to 900,000 visitors annually
    - ii. Nine lakes within recreation area
    - iii. Wide variety of recreational opportunities from solitude to highly active
7. Issues and Priorities
- The following issues and priorities were noted and discussed:
- Gun Lake Fishing Pier/Dock
  - Flooding campgrounds
  - Protection of Natural Features, i.e. Massasauga Rattlesnake
  - Protect Historic Properties/Sites
  - Erosion at Devil’s Soup Bowl
  - Illegal use of trails
  - Repair/rebuild Roosevelt Shelter
  - Replace Shop Building

- Roads and parking in site (campground/beach)
- Upgrade playground equipment
- Upgrade Chief Noonday structures
- Equestrian campground improvements
- Gun Lake Peoples Trail (Round Lake trail)
- Sewer lines are beyond their useful life, need replacement to resolve water quality issues
- Trolley System
- Parking by Hall Lake launch
- Resident's houses (reuse or remove)
- Boat trailer parking in campground
- Boat mooring
- Geese
- Beach accessibility
- Lake water quality (avoid beach closures)
- Encroachment issues by neighboring residents
- Erosion on Mountain Bike trails

8. Discussion Regarding Supporting Analysis – Mardy discussed the major topic areas contained in the draft supporting analysis and requested assistance from the team in their area of expertise. The following team members offered to review the following sections of the draft document with a target completion date of December 15, 2014.
  - A.8 Historic and Cultural Resources: Lisa Gamero
  - A.7 Natural Resources (Endangered Species): Ray Fahlsing
  - A.7 Natural Resources (Geology): Peter Rose
  - A.5 Recreational Resources: Andru Jevicks/ Mardy Stirling
  - A.9 Educational and Interpretation: Andru Jevicks/ Mardy Stirling
  - A.9 Park Use Statistics: Debbie Jensen
  - A.4/A.5 Land Ownership and Legal Mandates: Debbie Jensen
9. Review of Supporting Analysis – the team provided comments based on their area of expertise.
10. Mardy will send out a doodle poll to schedule the next Planning Team Meeting. The team discussed the next meeting date between January 6-16, 2015 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

## **Yankee Springs Recreation Area General Management Planning**

### **Team Meeting #2**

**Location: Yankee Springs Township Hall**

**January 20, 2015**

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Meeting Attendees: Andru Jevicks (Unit Manager), Joe Jandernoa (Unit Supervisor), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Joe Strach (Regional Planner), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Sara Schaefer (Wildlife Biologist), Peter Rose (Geologist), Cynthia Watson (Property Specialist), Dave Birchler and Mardy Stirling (Clearzoning)

1. Review of Agenda
2. Review of the Kick-Off Meeting Summary - The Planning Team reviewed and reached consensus on the meeting summary.
3. Statement of Significance – D. Birchler went through the draft significance statements that were developed from Planning Team comments at the initial meeting. The Planning Team reviewed and provided input for the draft statements of significance.
4. Resource Map Review – The Planning Team reviewed and provided input for the resource maps. Specific comments included
  - a. Boundary issues – PRD manages land currently shown as wildlife – Andru will help with the mark-up of the boundary map.
  - b. Road issues – The resource maps show roads that are either no longer open to the public or have been removed from service. These should be identified and corrected on the resource maps.
  - c. It was noted that several Pittman Robertson funded parcels have mountain bike and equestrian trails. The Planning Team discussed the options of removing the trails, transferring Federal interest, or seeking a “grandfather” exception.
  - d. Issues with snowmobile trails. They are not designated within the park. The Planning Team will determine how the resource map should reflect roads used by snowmobiles and what, if any trails should be reflected as “designated” trails.
  - e. Trails should not appear on Funding Source resource map.
5. Stakeholder Review – The Planning Team discussed the selection of stakeholders and the methodology for conducting focus groups. M. Stirling reviewed the names/organizations that had been provided by the Planning Team prior to the meeting with additional stakeholders noted.
6. Management Zone Exercise – D. Birchler described the management zones and the level of resource protection and visitor activity within each zone. The Planning Team split into two groups and developed a conceptual management zone map.
  - a. Team One highlights included adding cultural overlays at several important sites, including the outdoor centers, Devil’s Soup Bowl and Long Lake Native Rice Beds.



- b. Team Two highlights included expanding the equestrian camp as Developed Recreation; putting the outdoor center and mountain bike staging area into Natural Resource Recreation; Maintaining the area NE of Hall Lake to old road bed as Primitive (this was noted as the only untouched area within the park); Chief Noonday as Developed Recreation due to its intensity of use.
- 7. Public Input Survey Discussion – M. Stirling discussed the next steps in developing the survey questions and asked the Planning Team to consider specific questions prior to their next meeting.
- 8. Supporting Analysis Follow-up Discussion – M. Stirling discussed the information that had been provided and asked the Planning Team to review the portions of the document specific to their areas of expertise.
- 9. The Planning Team discussed possible dates during the last week of February or the first week of March. M. Stirling will send out a meeting request.

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### **Team Meeting #3**

**Location: Yankee Township Hall**

**March 5, 2015**

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Meeting Attendees: Andru Jevicks (Unit Manager), Joe Jandernoa (Unit Supervisor), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Joe Strach (Regional Planner), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Sgt. Jeff Rabbers (Conservation Officer Supervisor), Cynthia Watson (Property Specialist), Dave Birchler and Mardy Stirling (Clearzoning)

1. Review Meeting #1 and # 2 Summary – The Planning Team reviewed and revised the meeting summary.
2. Review of the Statement of Significance – The description of the stage coach history was revised, accommodations were expanded to include rustic and modern, and the North Country National Scenic Trail name was corrected.
3. Draft Management Zone Review – The Management Zone exercise from Team meeting #2 was reviewed. The Team concurred that Group Two's zone areas came closest to reflecting the desired designations and there was consensus to:
  - Illustrate a larger area for the equestrian camp
  - Eastern massasauga rattlesnake habitat map should be added to resource maps, if available
  - Deep Lake Campground should remain rustic and the boundary between zones needs to run parallel with the wetland edge
  - Chief Noonday Outdoor Center should include a cultural overlay
  - Group 1 proposal for the Gun Lake Campground, including future expansion area, to be Developed Recreation was selected by consensus
  - Team determined that the historic Native American rice beds do not require a Cultural Overlay
  - Area north of Gun Lake Campground: Primitive for the northerly wetland, Backcountry for the southerly wetland. Remainder of this area Natural Resource Recreation except for the area to allow for future expansion of the modern campground which would be Developed Recreation
  - Snowmobile use will be addressed in the survey – formally closing the area would require a Director's Order. The only real need is for a commuter route through the park. Without a designated route, concern was expressed that damage could result within the Primitive Zone
4. Action Goal Identification – Team Wish List Activity. Prior to beginning the discussion, Yankee Spring's Township Supervisor, Mark Englerth introduced himself to the Team and spoke briefly about public safety and improving facilities within YSRA.
  - Upgrade sewer and electrical systems

- New shop building needed near headquarters
- New Equestrian Campground
- Fishing pier upgrade/replacement on Gun Lake
- Complete renovations of:
  - Chief Noonday Outdoor Center
  - Long Lake Outdoor Center
- Repurpose former Manager's residence
- Partner with North Country Trail to repurpose former Manager's residence
- Expand Roosevelt Beach
- Restore Roosevelt Beach building
- Allow end of Murphy's Point to return to natural condition
- Correct campground drainage problems
- Find area for campers to store boat trailers (currently being resolved)
- Additional mooring posts or equivalent options to tie up boats
- Evaluate designated trail system (Note that this should be a part of this General Management Plan)
- "Cleanup" all easements and rights-of-way in the GIS database
- Upgrade/replace playground equipment
- Upgrade Day Use area bathroom facilities
- Install additional picnic shelters in the Day Use Area
- Seek partnership to develop and use the Chief Noonday Outdoor Center as a youth camp (Note to consider partnering with building trades classes to upgrade buildings)
- Complete vegetative cover mapping
- Identify exemplary aquatic communities
- Roads/parking lot improvements
- Restore Deep Lake Fen to condition that allows reintroduction of Mitchell's satyr
- Increase area of park under prescribed fire management
- Explore wild rice reintroduction with Tribes (Note to find ways to control power boats and carp)
- Additional lodging options, i.e., Yurts, camper cabins at campground waterfront

5. Lunch

6. Draft Action Goals Foundation and Format Activity

### **General Action Goals**

- Develop and update stewardship plan (Natural Resource Plan) – 3-5 Years
- Follow the requirements of Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) upon approval for the Eastern massasauga rattlesnake – 1 Year
- Update Emergency Plan - Ongoing (Annual Review)
- Develop a Wildfire Plan – 3-5 Years

- Park staff to meet annually with local fire department to evaluate the existing conditions - Ongoing (Annual Review)
- Continue working with volunteers on invasive species control, with a strong emphasis on early detection and rapid response. Monitor roads, trails, and any new development sites for possible invasive species introductions - Ongoing
- Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources - Ongoing
- Explore opportunities for exchange of lands between Yankee Springs and Barry State Game Area, within the GMP project boundary and following logical road boundaries. - Ongoing
- Continue to provide quality interpretation and education and explore opportunities to expand programming - Ongoing
- Make every reasonable effort to achieve universal access for development opportunities - Ongoing
- Work with Townships to coordinate trail connections in the region

### **Primitive Action Zone**

#### *Natural Resources*

- Restore fen to support Mitchell's satyr habitat (Deep Lake fen)

### **Backcountry Action Zone**

#### *Natural Resources*

- Restore Hall Lake fen
- Pursue invasive species control with the Native American tribes at Devil's Soup Bowl
- Restore views from Grave's Hill with vegetation management (strategic vista creation)

#### *Recreation Opportunities*

- Abandon and rehabilitate unneeded user created bike trails
- Improve partnership with mountain bike organizations to maintain, restore trails
- Develop beginner mountain bike trail near Deep Lake

#### *Education/Interpretation Opportunities*

- Electronic Education/Interpretation using Podcast/GPS interpretive message or other virtual interpretation "app" for Devil's Soup Bowl

### **Natural Resource Recreation**

#### *Recreation Opportunities*

- Develop beginner mountain bike trail near Deep Lake

7. Supporting Analysis Discussion – The Team discussed the draft Supporting Analysis and additional information and pictures were requested for the Recreation Resource section.
8. Review the Public Input Survey. The Team brainstormed some of the uses for the survey information as a way to focus on the types of questions to be included. The Team suggested revisions to the survey.
9. Refine List and Select Stakeholders – The Team reviewed and revised the list of stakeholders. Additional names were added to the list with discussion regarding current representation for local organizations.
10. Discuss and Schedule Stakeholder Focus Group Workshop – The Team discussed the proposed Stakeholder Focus Group Workshop format, with a proposed morning and afternoon time slot of 1 ½ to 2 hours each, with two or three work tables for each session, depending upon the number who register. A date was proposed in late April and M. Stirling and D. Birchler agreed to secure a location first before firming up the date with D. Jensen.
11. Conclusion – The Team concluded at approximately 3:30 PM

## **Yankee Springs Recreation Area General Management Planning**

### **Team Meeting #4**

**Location: Go-to-Meeting/Remote**

**Monday, June 8, 2015**

**9:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

Meeting Attendees: Andru Jevicks (Unit Manager), Joe Jandernoa (Unit Supervisor), Rollie Johnson (District Supervisor), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Joe Strach (Regional Planner), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Peter Rose (Geologist), Cynthia Watson (Property Specialist), Sara Schaefer (Wildlife Biologist), and Dave Birchler, Mardy Stirling, Sheila Starks, and Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning).

1. Review Meeting #3 Summary – The Planning Team reviewed and accepted the Meeting #3 Summary. There was general discussion regarding the use of the term “park” versus “recreation area.” The consensus was to use recreation area when possible.
2. Review Statements of Significance – The Planning Team reviewed and made minor revisions to the Statements of Significance.
3. Draft Management Zone Review – Discussions on the accuracy and proper designation of zones took place.
  - The Team discussed the designation of Deep Lake Campground as Natural Resource Recreation and the limitations of that zone if there was a desire to modernize. It was suggested that some visitors would like to see a modern shower and restroom facility near Deep Lake without changing the rustic nature of the area. The Planning Team discussed which campgrounds would be modernized and whether the proposed zoning designation is in line with the desired level of development. Members noted that this was a 10 year plan and that the parks need a continuum of use levels. The consensus was to maintain the area as a rustic campground.
  - The Team discussed the need for additional mountain bike trails within the Backcountry zone. A. Jevicks reiterated that the primary focus should be on maintaining and improving current trails, not building out. Focusing on current trails would keep the density at an appropriate level. The opportunity of bringing in a trail expert to evaluate the current system could encourage better trail productivity.
  - It was noted that the mountain bike trails did not need to be extended but additional options provided. The biggest complaint received from mountain bike trail users was that there were not enough options, e.g., challenging trails versus beginner or novice trails.

- The Team reviewed the extent of the Scenic Overlay identifying the Devil's Soup Bowl. The extent will be reviewed and remapped as required.
  - The Planning Team discussed the area south and southwest of Hall Lake which is improved with a boat launch, small parking area and former manager's quarters. Safety concerns in the area had led to a work item proposal (WIP) being approved that would allow for the boat launch to be relocated to the west of Hall Lake and a parking lot constructed to serve the boat launch and the cross-country skiers. A. Jevicks will provide information on the area for future discussion with the team. It was suggested that the area off of Gun Lake Road be designated for the boat launch and zoned Developed Recreation. There was some discussion to remove the Primitive zone north of Gun Lake Road near Hall Lake, but consensus was to maintain the designation.
  - The Planning Team discussed the level of activity within this park and the Recreation Area system. It was suggested that the desires of equestrians should meet the threshold for a modern campground. It was recommended that a regional evaluation be undertaken and suggested that the current level of use is not sufficient to warrant expansion of the equestrian camp. The Planning Team discussed the appropriate zone designation for the equestrian campground. It was decided that the existing equestrian campground and the area to the southwest and west should be maintained as Backcountry and Natural Resource Recreation. This is consistent with the natural features in the area.
  - The Planning Team reviewed the equestrian trails and the equestrian's interest in a modern campground. It was recommended that the location/area where electrical service is available be designated as Developed Recreation
  - The unofficial snowmobile route is to be removed and the two-track road is to be marked as a Natural Resource Recreation Corridor.
  - Extend the designation of Developed Recreation and Cultural Overlay at Chief Noonday Outdoor Center to Chief Noonday Road.
  - The Developed Recreation zone for the Long Lake Outdoor Center should correspond to the lease agreement which will be provided by A. Jevicks.
  - The area shown on the wetland's map, bordering Gun Lake should be designated as Primitive.
4. Draft Action Goals – The Planning Team reviewed stakeholder comments, a summary of the on-line survey and a worksheet of draft action goals and suggested modification and additional action goals to add to the plan. The Planning Team discussed their next meeting and will start with a discussion of the online survey results. The supporting analysis was not reviewed during the meeting.
5. Public Input Open House - The team decided to host the Open House at the Yankee Springs Township Hall, if available, during an evening in August.

## **Yankee Springs Recreation Area General Management Planning**

### **Team Meeting #5**

**Location: Go-to-Meeting/Remote**

**Wednesday, July 22, 2015**

**10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

Meeting Attendees: Andru Jevicks (Unit Manager), Joe Jandernoa (Unit Supervisor), Rollie Johnson (District Supervisor), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Joe Strach (Regional Planner), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Peter Rose (Geologist), Cynthia Watson (Property Specialist) and Dave Birchler, Mardy Stirling, and Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning).

1. Review Meeting #4 Summary – The Planning Team reviewed and accepted the Meeting #4 Summary.
2. Review of Stakeholder Input Summary – The Planning Team reviewed and revised the Stakeholder Input Summary.
3. Review of Survey Results and Summary – The Team discussed some of the comments received through the online survey, e.g., expand parking areas for mountain bikers, install backcountry campsites for North Country National Scenic Trail (NCT) users. It was noted that the West Michigan Mountain Bike Alliance had heavily publicized the online survey resulting in greater representation of mountain bike trail users in the survey results. The Team suggested that this be noted in the survey summary. Other discussion points included:
  - Backcountry campsites suggested on the NCT (similar to Negwegon). A. Jevicks notes that in the past the former manager's residence was suggested as an overnight stop on the trail – the Long Lake cabins serve as a current option. He commented that he would discuss the need for overnight accommodations with the NCT.
  - The Team discussed the possibility of the manager's residence serving a dual function as a winter warming center and NCT meeting location and overnight accommodations.
  - Discussion regarding the campground flooding, sites too small for large trailers, 30 amp electric service is inadequate at the Gun Lake Campground. These are possible action goals to be discussed during the meeting.
  - The Team also discussed the option of creating a pet friendly water access area. A. Jevicks noted that the "designated beaches" do not permit dogs but there were no restrictions on other lakes.
4. Review Management Zone Map. The Team discussed the zone designations and the boundary lines.



#### *General Map Discussion:*

- D. Jensen noted that trails should be included on the maps as a generic line to provide better context within the recreation area. A detailed trails map noting the types of trails will be included as a resource map. It was also noted that there was an area of the park between Briggs Road and the west park boundary that should be designated as Primitive.

#### *Management Zone Map*

- The Team discussed the areas that were changed per the discussion that occurred at their last meeting.
- The Team discussed identifying the boating access sites on the map, using a symbol.
- The Team discussed the area noted as Developed Recreation for possible installation of a modern equestrian campground. The Team reviewed the conceptual plan that was provided at the Stakeholder Focus Group showing the campsites and amenities. A. Jevicks noted that he had discussed the options with representatives from the equestrian group. He suggested that it may be feasible in the future to provide modern amenities, such as electricity to the existing equestrian site. The Team concurred that the existing equestrian campground should be changed from Natural Resource Recreation to Developed Recreation. R. Johnson noted that because the utilities are located within the area proposed for Developed Recreation it would be advisable to maintain that zoned designation.
- The Team discussed the area noted as Developed Recreation at the entrance leading to the Deep Lake Campground. It was suggested that the Developed Recreation be expanded further to the west, possibly to an area currently occupied by a playground. A. Jevicks will review and make a recommendation for the Team's review.

#### *The Planning Team discussed the proposed project boundaries for Yankee Springs Recreation Area and the Barry State Game Area.*

- The property north of Baker Lake and northeast of McDonald Lake will be removed from the project boundary. Also proposed for removal was small area east of Gun Lake and an area on the south side of Briggs Road with access to Gun Lake.
- The land area with frontage on Norris Road, north of Chief Noonday Road is recommended to be retained and designated Primitive.
- The triangular area with frontage on Yankee Spring Road, Gun Lake Road and Norris Road is an inholding between Yankee Springs Recreation Area and Barry State Game Area. It was recommended that this area be retained and zoned Primitive.
- The Team discussed an area south of Chief Noonday Road and east of Vista Point Drive. The area is adjacent to the Yankee Springs Township Park. A. Jevicks described a recent Township initiative to install a 10 foot wide non-motorized pathway around Gun Lake that would include a connection within the park. A. Jevicks and D. Jensen will research the property and provide a recommendation. R. Johnson suggested that we show the proposed pathway.

- The Team recommended that the land area on the north side of Chief Noonday, to the west of the existing Natural Resource Recreation Zone not be included in the future project boundary. A. Jevicks noted that this property was part of a land trade between the Township and the DNR (Yankee Springs Recreation Area) for the Township Fire Station.
  - The Team recommended that the three areas located between Chief Noonday Lake and Long Lake be retained within the project boundary. The areas on the north side of Chief Noonday Road would be designated as Developed Recreation. The area on the south side of Chief Noonday Road would be designated as Primitive.
5. Draft Action Goals – The Planning Team reviewed stakeholder and survey comments. The Team reviewed the categories of Action Goals, Target Completion Date, Program Input From, and Responsible Program Position.
- General Action Goals
    - Include an action goal that would ensure that the NCNST be used for foot traffic only/Ongoing/Chief Noonday Chapter of NCNST-Park Manager/Park Manager
    - Language related to universal design be modified to provide “greater accessibility for visitors”
  - Primitive Zone
    - M. Stirling will send action goals to R. Fahlsing for review
  - Backcountry Zone
    - Check with R. Fahlsing regarding Hall Lake fen
    - Restoring views from Graves Hill was modified to 3-5 Years
    - Under Continue partnership with mountain bike organizations to maintain/restore trails - add the International Mountain Bike Association to the Program Input From category
  - Natural Resource Recreation
    - Move Action Goals identified in the Management Focus to the Developed Recreation due to General Management Zone Map changes
  - Developed Recreation
    - Modify language from universal design to improving accessibility
    - Add Upgrade electrical service at Gun Lake Campground/5-10 Years/park Manager-Regional Planner/Park Manager
    - Under Recreation Opportunities: Evaluate the demand and feasibility of providing equestrian campsites, change the Target Completion Date to 3-5 Years.

The Planning Team also discussed projects that may impact the Action Goals, specifically phase one of the Township initiated pathway plan and the Phase 100 study to upgrade electrical.

6. Supporting Analysis – The Planning Team was asked to complete a final review of the document and provide comments to D. Jensen or M. Stirling (Clearzoning).

7. Public Input Open House – D. Jensen described the approval and review process required prior to setting the public input open house. It was suggested that the Township Hall would be a good location for the open house.

# **Yankee Springs Recreation Area General Management Planning**

## **Team Meeting #5.2**

**Location: Go-to-Meeting/Remote**

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Meeting Attendees: Andru Jevicks (Unit Manager), Joe Jandernoa (Unit Supervisor), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Joe Strach (Regional Planner), Cynthia Watson (Property Specialist), Sarah Schaefer (Wildlife Biologist – Barry SGA), Mardy Stirling (Clearzoning), Jason Bibby (Clearzoning) and Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning).

1. Review Meeting #5 Summary – The Planning Team reviewed and accepted the Meeting #5 Summary with minor revisions.
2. Review Management Zone Map. The Team discussed the zone designations and the boundary lines.

### *General Map Discussion:*

- The Team discussed adding context to the NRC Project Boundary Zones Map by including the existing Management Zones in with a background at 50% transparency.

### *Draft Management Zone Map*

- The Team reviewed the trail layer and noted that the trail currently being used by equestrians should be formally addressed through an Action Goal.
  - The Team confirmed the total number of boating access sites on the map was correct.
3. Draft Action Goals – Using the stakeholder and survey comments as reference, the Team reviewed the categories of Action Goals, Target Completion Date, Program Input From, and Responsible Program Position.
    - Natural Resources
      - The Team discussed the action goal of following the requirements of the Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) upon approval for the Eastern massasauga rattlesnake. It was concurred to revise this to incorporate both potential CCAA requirements and the federally mandated Endangered Species Act.
      - Clearzoning indicated that they would make certain that all acronyms used to describe the responsible party within the Action Goals are explained.
  4. Updates to documents and next steps – The Team was notified they would be sent an email with summary meeting notes and edits to the draft documents for review and approval. D. Jensen

described the process for approval stating that she would need to obtain PRD Section Chiefs approval to proceed to Public Input Open House. Clearzoning would subsequently post the draft Plan to project website.

5. Public Input Open House – The Open House has been tentatively scheduled for January 28, 2016 from 6pm to 8pm at the Yankee Springs Township Hall. The Open House will include a brief presentation of the GMP planning process followed by an overview of the management zones and draft action goals. Active participation will involve prioritization of the action items presented for further refinement of the plan. The Team discussed methods to allow the public to prioritize the draft Action Goals while dissuading individuals from putting multiple stickers on one goal. Concerns were expressed about the validity of the results when there is a predominate interest group involved. Clearzoning will work with D. Jensen on alternate methods for data collection.

## **Yankee Springs Recreation Area General Management Planning**

**Team Meeting #6  
Go-to-Meeting/Remote  
Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Meeting Attendees: Andru Jevicks (Unit Manager), Joe Jandernoa (Unit Supervisor), Debbie Jensen (Management Plan Administrator), Ray Fahlsing (Stewardship Unit Manager), Lisa Gamero (Cultural Resource Analyst), Joe Strach (Regional Planner), Cynthia Watson (Property Specialist), Rollie Johnson (District Supervisor), Dave Birchler, Jason Bibby, and Karen Zarowny (Clearzoning).

1. Review Meeting #5.2 Summary – The Planning Team reviewed and accepted the Meeting #5.2 Summary with minor revisions.
2. Review Public Input Open House Summary and website/emailed comments. The Team discussed the feedback received at the Public Input Open House on January 28<sup>th</sup>, and emphasized the importance considering any modifications to the draft with a balanced approach.
3. Review of the Management Zone Map. The Team reviewed map and made minor modifications, including:
  - Change the Yankee Springs Inn Site from Primitive to Natural Resource Recreation to better represent activity in that area
  - Define the width of trail buffers on maps and apply them consistently
  - Modifying the shading of Baker Lake to match other bodies of water
4. Review of 10-Year Action Goals. Minor modification and reassignment of action goals were made by the Team.
5. Review General Management Plan. The Team reviewed the GMP and made minor revisions, including the correction in the number of Lakes, mentioning the unique attribute of group camping, modified Wildlife Map.
6. Next Steps Discussion. D. Jensen discussed the progress of the plan and how it will be under final review from the Advisory Committee in June. The Team will review the draft before it is sent to the Committee.

## **Appendix D—Barry County ORV Ordinance**

An Ordinance allowing Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) to travel on some Barry County roads came into effect on May 1, 2016. The Recreation Area, including all park roads, are closed to ORVs, along with non-designated County roads and highways. A copy of the Ordinance follows, including a map illustrating those roads where ORV use is permitted.

## **BARRY COUNTY ORV ORDINANCE**

Adopted by the Barry County Board of Commissioners on January 26, 2016.

Amended March 23, 2016

Amended April 12, 2016

AN ORDINANCE authorizing and regulating the operation of Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) on roads in Barry County, providing penalties for the violation thereof, and for the distribution of public funds resulting from those penalties pursuant to 2008 PA 240, as amended, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

### **THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF BARRY, MICHIGAN, DO ORDAIN:**

#### **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

As used in this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. "County" means the County of Barry.
- B. "Direct supervision" means the direct visual observation of the operator with the unaided or normally corrected eye, where the observer is able to come to the immediate aid of the operator.
- C. "Driver's license" means an operator's or chauffeur's license or permit issued to an individual by the Secretary of State under Chapter III of the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300, as amended, MCL 257.301 to 257.329, for that individual to operate a vehicle, whether or not conditions are attached to the license or permit.
- D. "Maintained portion" means the roadway and any shoulder of a road.
- E. "Operate" means to ride in or on, and be in actual physical control of, the operation of an ORV.
- F. "Operator" means a person who operates or is in actual physical control of the operation of an ORV.
- G. "ORV" means a motor-driven off-road recreation vehicle capable of cross country travel without benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. ORV includes, but is not limited to, a multitrack or multi-wheel drive vehicle, an ATV, a motorcycle or related 2-wheel vehicle, a vehicle with 3 or more wheels, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, or other means of transportation. ORV does not include a golf cart, a snowmobile, a farm vehicle being used for farming, a vehicle used for military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement purposes, a vehicle owned by a utility company or an oil or gas company when performing maintenance on its facilities or on property over which it has an easement, a construction or logging vehicle used in the performance of its common function, or a registered aircraft.



- H. "Road" means a county primary road or county local road as described in Section 5 of 1951 PA 51, as amended, MCL 247.655.
- I. "Safety Certificate" means a certificate issued pursuant to 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.81130, or a comparable ORV safety certificate issued under the authority of another state or a province of Canada.

## **SECTION 2. DESIGNATED ROADS.**

- A. An ORV may be operated only on the far right on the maintained portion of a road on the designated County roads listed in Appendix A, incorporated by reference.
- B. An ORV may not be operated on the road surface, roadway, shoulder or right-of-way of any State or Federal highway in Barry County, including but not limited to M-37, M-43, M-50, M-66, M-78, M-79, M-89 and M-179, except as indicated in paragraph (C) of this section.
- C. A person operating an ORV on a designated County Road may cross an excluded road as indicated in paragraph (B) of this section for the sole purpose of continuing travel on the designated County Road. The crossing of the excluded road shall only be performed if the operation can be done safely and only at a right angle. The operator shall bring the vehicle to a complete stop before proceeding across the excluded road and shall yield the right-of-way to oncoming traffic.
- D. A township board of a township in the County may adopt an ordinance authorizing the operation of ORV's on the maintained portion of 1 or more roads located within the township, pursuant to MCL 324.81131(3), or to close any roads within the boundaries of the township to the operation of ORVs permitted by the County, pursuant to MCL 324.81131(4).
- E. An ORV may not be operated on any City or Village road surface, roadway, shoulder, or right-of-way in Barry County, unless allowed by City or Village ordinance.
- F. An ORV may not be operated within any State Game Area or State Park and Recreation Area located in Barry County, except for those roads listed herein or unless allowed by the State Game Area or State Park and Recreation Area.
- G. An ORV may not be operated on any linear trail park, such as the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail, in Barry County.
- H. The Board of County Road Commissioners may close up to 30% of the linear miles of county roads located within the county to the operation of ORV's that would otherwise be authorized for ORV operation pursuant to this ordinance, or a township Ordinance under MCL 324.81131(3), but only when the Road Commission determines closing is necessary to protect the environment or if the operation of ORV's poses a particular and demonstrable threat to public safety.

### **SECTION 3. OPERATING CONDITIONS.**

Except as set forth herein or otherwise provided by law, an ORV meeting all of the following conditions may be operated on a designated road in the County:

- A. At a speed of no more than 25 miles per hour, or a lower posted ORV speed limit.
- B. With the flow of traffic.
- C. In a manner which does not interfere with traffic on the road.
- D. Traveling single file, except when overtaking and passing another ORV.
- E. While displaying a securely attached white-lighted headlight and red-lighted taillight with brake light at all times.
- F. By a person not less than 12 years of age.
- G. An ORV shall not be operated pursuant to this ordinance during the period of 30 minutes before sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise or when visibility is substantially reduced due to weather conditions unless displaying a lighted headlight and lighted taillight.
- H. A child who is less than 16 years of age shall not operate a 3-wheeled ORV.
- I. The ORV shall be equipped with a braking system that may be operated by hand or foot, capable of producing deceleration at 14 feet per second on level ground at a speed of 20 miles per hour; a red brake light, brighter than the taillight, visible from behind the vehicle when the brake is activated, and a throttle so designed that when the pressure used to advance the throttle is removed, the engine speed will immediately and automatically return to idle.
- J. The ORV shall be equipped with at least one mirror securely mounted and positioned on the ORV in such a manner to be able to clearly view traffic approaching from behind.
- K. Each operator and passenger must wear a crash helmet and protective eyewear approved by the United States Department of Transportation unless the vehicle is equipped with a roof that meets or exceeds standards for a crash helmet and the operator and each passenger is wearing a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt.
- L. While the ORV is equipped with a spark arrester type United States Forest Service approved muffler in good working order and in constant operation.
- M. Pursuant to noise emission standards defined by law.
- N. ORVs must not be operated in a manner that will cause damage to the road surface or shoulder. In this regard, prohibited activity includes but is not limited to actions such as "fishtailing" and spinning of tires that disperses gravel and creates ruts and other damage.

#### **SECTION 4. LICENSE; SAFETY CERTIFICATE.**

A person less than 18 years of age shall not operate an ORV on a road in the County unless the person is in possession of a valid driver's license or unless the person is under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian and has in his or her possession an ORV Safety Certificate.

#### **SECTION 5. REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE.**

Unless a person possesses a valid driver's license, a person shall not operate an ORV on a road in the County if the ORV is registered as a motor vehicle, and either is more than 65 inches wide or has three wheels.

#### **SECTION 6. EVIDENCE.**

In a court action in this state, if competent evidence demonstrates that a vehicle that is permitted to operate on a road, street, or highway pursuant to the Michigan Vehicle Code was in a collision on a roadway with an ORV that is not registered under the Code, the operator of the ORV shall be considered prima facie negligent.

#### **SECTION 7. PENALTIES.**

Any person who violates this ordinance is guilty of a municipal civil infraction, and shall pay a civil fine of not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$500.00. In addition, a court may order the person to pay full restitution for any damage to the environment, a road, or public or private property damaged as a result of the violation.

#### **SECTION 8. ORV FUND.**

The County Treasurer shall deposit all fines and damages collected under this ordinance into a fund to be designated as the ORV Fund. The Barry County Board of Commissioners shall appropriate revenue in the ORV Fund as follows:

- A. Fifty percent to the Barry County Road Commission for repairing damage to roads and the environment that may have been caused by ORVs, and for posting signs indicating ORV speed limits, or indicating whether roads are open or closed to the operation of ORVs.
- B. Fifty percent to the Barry County Sheriff for ORV enforcement and training.

#### **SECTION 9. MASTER MAP.**

The County shall maintain a master map of all roads under the jurisdiction of the Barry County Road Commission upon which shall be indicated those roads and parts or sections thereof upon which the operation of ORV's is permitted and prohibited pursuant to this Ordinance. The County shall make such master map available for interested groups or organizations to make copies for distribution to the general public, but shall have no obligation to incur any expense associated with the making of such copies.

#### **SECTION 10. REPEALER CLAUSE.**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

#### **SECTION 11. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

This Ordinance shall in no manner affect pending litigation, either civil or criminal, founded or growing out of any Ordinance, Resolution, Order or parts thereof, hereby repealed, and this Ordinance shall in no manner affect any rights, claims, privileges, immunities or causes of action of the County, or other person, either criminal or civil, that may have already occurred, accrued or grown out of any Ordinance, Resolution, Order or policy, or any part thereof, hereby repealed.

#### **SECTION 12. VALIDITY AND SEVERABILITY.**

Should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such a holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

#### **SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall be effective on May 1, 2016.

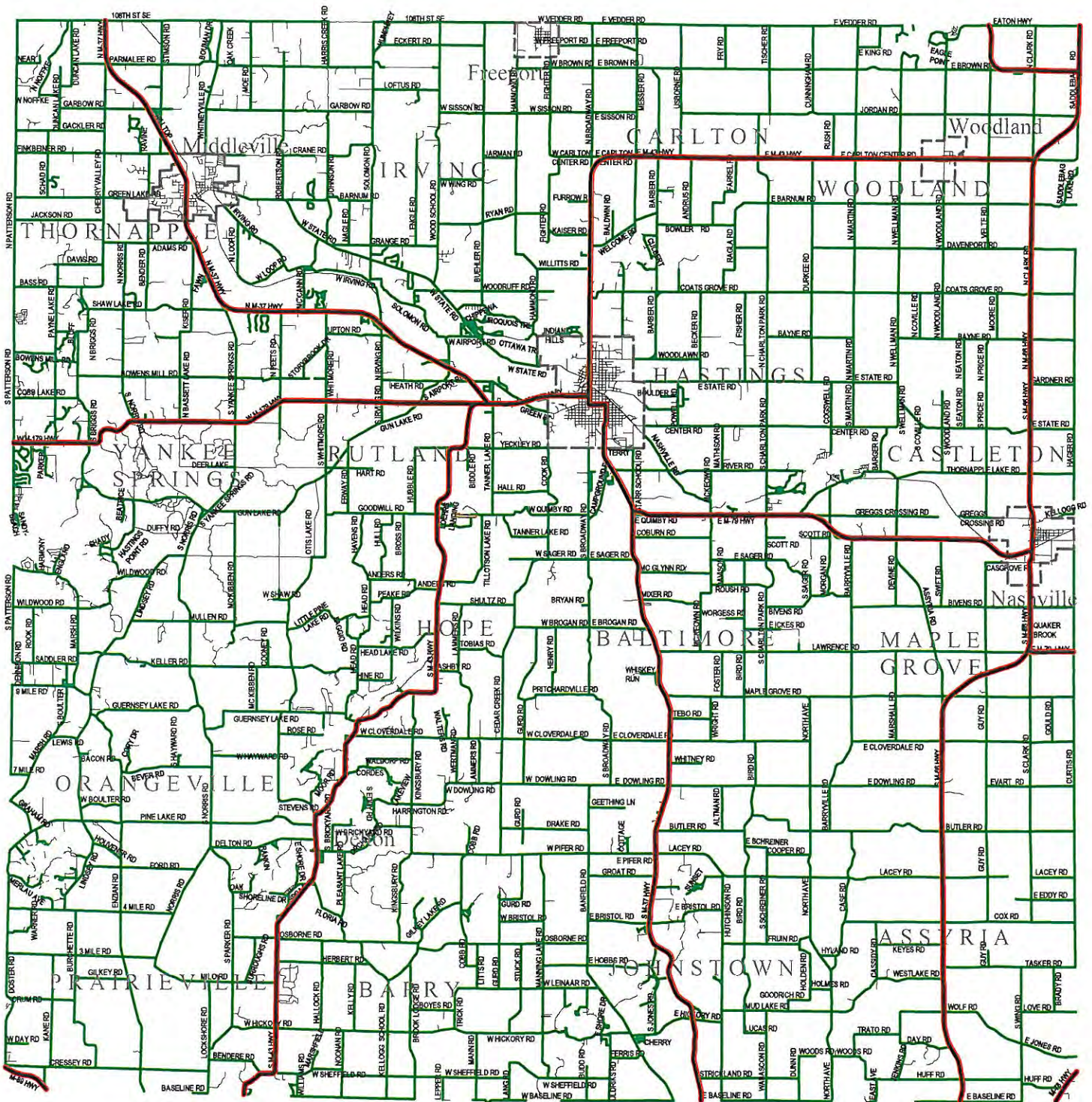
#### **SECTION 14. IMMUNITY CLAUSE.**

Subject to section 5 of 1964 PA 170, MCL 691.1405, this state, a board of county road commissioners, a county board of commissioners, and a local unit of government are immune from tort liability for injuries or damages sustained by any person arising in any way out of the operation or use, on the maintained portion or unmaintained portion of a highway, road, or street, of an ORV. The immunity provided by this subsection does not apply to actions of an employee of this state, an employee of a board of county road commissioners, an employee of a county board of commissioners, or an employee of a local unit of government that constitute gross negligence. As used in this subsection, "gross negligence" means conduct so reckless as to demonstrate a substantial lack of concern for whether an injury results.

## **APPENDIX A**

(Insert a list of all County Roads designated for ORV use)





# MAP LOCATOR

## BARRY COUNTY ORV MAP

- Permitted ORV Use
- Highways (ORV use not allowed)
- City, Village, Residential (ORV use not allowed)

BARRY COUNTY,  
MICHIGAN

**NORTH**  
**SCALE**  
**1" = 3 MILES**

BARRY COUNTY  
LAND INFORMATION  
SERVICES 4/16



Permitted County Roads  
for ORV Use

108TH ST  
1ST ST  
2ND ST  
3 MILE RD  
3RD ST  
4 MILE RD  
4TH ST  
7 MILE RD  
9 MILE RD  
ACCESS LN  
ACKERS DR  
ACKERS POINT DR  
ADAMS RD  
AGAMING ST  
ALTMAN RD  
ANDERS RD  
ANDRUS RD  
APPLE ST  
ARCHWOOD DR  
ARHANA CREST DR  
ARTHUR DR  
ASHBY RD  
ASSYRIA RD  
ASSYRIA-DEVINE RD  
AUBURN LN  
AUTUMN RIDGE DR  
BACHMAN RD  
BACON RD  
BALDWIN RD  
BANFIELD RD  
BARBER RD  
BARBER-COATS RD  
BARBER-WOODLAWN RD  
BARGER RD  
BARLOW LAKE RD  
BARRYVILLE RD  
BASS RD  
BAUER RD  
BAY DR  
BAY VIEW DR  
BAYNE RD  
BAYOU CT  
BEACON HILL DR  
BEATRICE AVE  
BEAUTERRA LN  
BECKER RD  
BEECH ST  
BEECHWOOD DR  
BENDER RD  
BENDERE RD

BEVER RD  
BIDDLE RD  
BIG BEND CT  
BIG PINE DR  
BIRD RD  
BIRGE THOMAS MEMORIAL RD  
BIVENS RD  
BLUFF DR  
BONIFACE POINT DR  
BOULDER DR  
BOUMAN DR  
BOWENS MILL RD  
BOWER RD  
BOWER-WOODS RD  
BOWLER RD  
BOYES RD  
BOYSEN RD  
BRADY RD  
BREESE LN  
BREEZY POINT DR  
BRENTWOOD LN  
BROADWAY-SAGER RD  
BROOK ST  
BROOKFIELD DR  
BROOKLODGE RD  
BROSS RD  
BRYAN RD  
BUDD RD  
BUEHLER RD  
BUNBURY LN  
BURCHETTE RD  
BURROUGHS RD  
BUSH ST  
BUTLER RD  
CAIN CREEK DR  
CAMBRIDGE ST  
CAMPGROUND RD  
CARGILL LN  
CASE RD  
CASGROVE RD  
CASSIDY RD  
CEDAR CREEK RD  
CEDAR ST  
CEDAR-SAGER RD  
CENTER RD  
CENTER ST  
CENTRAL AVE  
CHAIN-O-LAKES DR  
CHARLTON-MAPLE RD  
CHERRY LN  
CHERRY VALLEY RD  
CHIEF NOONDAY RD  
CHIPPEWA TRL

CHURCH RD  
CLELAND AVE  
COATS GROVE RD  
COATS-WOOLAND RD  
COBB LAKE RD  
COBB RD  
COBURN RD  
COGSWELL RD  
COOK RD  
COONEY RD  
COOPER RD  
CORDES RD  
CORY DR  
COTTAGE DR  
COUNTRY CLUB DR  
COUNTY LINE RD  
COX RD  
CRANE RD  
CRANE-JOHNSON RD  
CREEKRIDGE DR  
CRESSEY RD  
CRUM RD  
CRYSTAL WAY CT  
CULBERT DR  
CULVER RD  
CUNNINGHAM RD  
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E BRISTOL RD  
E BROGAN RD  
E BROWN RD  
E CARLTON CENTER RD  
E CASGROVE ST

E CLOVERDALE RD  
E DAY RD  
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ETHEL DR  
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FARM LN  
FARREL RD  
FAWN AVE  
FERRIS RD  
FIELDSTONE CT  
FIGHTER RD  
FINEVIEW BLUFF DR  
FINKBEINER RD  
FISHER RD  
FLORIA RD  
FORD POINT RD  
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FOSTER RD  
FOXGLOVE DR  
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FREDERICK DR  
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FRY RD  
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