



When you visit, who usually joins you?



■ Self ■ Family ■ Friends ■ Family & Friends ■ Club or Organized Group

How satisfied are you with the recreational activities this park offers?



How satisfied are you with the infrastructure and amenities this park offers?





Which recreational activities are you engaging in during your visit(s)?

What recreational activity, if any, do you feel is missing and should be added to this park or historic site to enhance the visitor experience?

- 1. More mountain bike trails would be great.
- Disc Golf Course and expand the mountain bike trails. The Water Trail is great.
- **3.** Upgrade boat launch by the kayak rental area.
- more mtb trails, makes the drive out there more worth it I would visit more if the park had more miles of mountain bike trails
- Need to return to the 2 hour equipment rentals, as that's really close to the amount of time people want to use the equipment. Do appreciate that you have rentals, even though I only use it for paddleboards.
- 6. More mountain bike and hiking trails
- **7.** Additional mountain bike trails that could also be hiking trails
- 8. More mountain bike trails.
- 9. More mtb trails
- **10.** More mountain biking
- **11.** Camping with full hook ups
- **12.** More "beach" areas scattered throughout the lake
- **13.** This park has potential to rival other local mountain bike trails. I would love to see it expand on the current trail system (I was part of the volunteer group that added the extension last winter).
- **14.** I think it's great the way it is.
- 15. Not sure at this time
- Off leash dog area More hiking and mountain bike trails More campsites
- **17.** Horse trails would be awesome, but with the ATV activity, perhaps not feasible.
- 18. Frisbee Golf
- 19. Play area for kids who are camping

- **20.** a "old lady" mountain bike course -- easier than a regular course.
- 21. The canoe rentals are aluminum and cannot be safely or comfortably used in the summer sun. The swimming area is insect infested stagnant water. Stand up paddle boats are not ideal for summer heat or leisure.
- **22.** The canoe rentals are aluminum and cannot be safely or comfortably used in the summer sun. The swimming area is insect infested stagnant water. Stand up paddle boats are not ideal for summer heat or leisure.
- **23.** There is such a wide range of activities here while camping at the park
- 24. More hiking trails through the woods
- **25.** Better ORV trails that don't get washed out by the rains
- **26.** Add trails to backwater fishing areas. Tree sign noting the species type
- 27. plenty to do
- **28.** None there are enough recreational options already at this particular park.
- **29.** Better children's playground! More things for children that don't ride ATV to do!
- 30. More wild areas
- **31.** Stock some fish in the lakes
- **32.** Disc Golf course would be fantastic
- **33.** you do not need to add anything you need to work on what you already have, fill in some of the paths especially the main one it really has some deep ruts..
- **34.** Better walking trails would be nice. The playground needs some work as well.
- **35.** Additional picnic areas around the lakes and swimming area
- **36.** Could use even more kayaks. They are often all rented on holidays and nice weekends.
- **37.** Nothing to add to the park. We never went back b/c the ATVs were ridden

late past dark, very loud vehicles, loud drivers yelling & cursing.... NOT family-friendly.

- **38.** We do road biking. Would be nice to have more paved paths
- **39.** Can't think of anything at this time.
- **40.** Expanding the ORV section, particularly to include 4x4/Jeep tracks
- 41. Paved bike trail
- 42. Permit wider SXS on the trails
- **43.** I've been coming to the park from spring to fall since 2014 monthly and ride orv's. In the past few years the trails have become super over grown with what I believe to be Bradford pears. It tears you up to ride 80% of the trails. Maybe set up a trail cleaning weekend or hire some summer help to clean trails??? I personally know a bunch of people that won't come to the park because of this issue. And I'm not far behind then. I love finger lakes and hate to see all those trails be lost.
- **44.** Stayed there while attending a festival. Will stay there again this year
- 45. Mountain bike specific trails
- **46.** Add more camp and RV sites along with more bathrooms.
- **47.** Swimming, walking trails separate from motor cross trials.
- **48.** It has many activities. The lake is small but for most kayakers is large enough.
- **49.** Cleaner swimming area. Many netted off like St. Joe's
- **50.** Maintenance of the motocross track at Finger Lakes State Park is poor, if not non-existent. We have been camping at this park a couple times each year over the last 3 years and the track riding conditions have degraded, to instances that cause unsafe riding due to extreme storm water rutting of the track.

- **51.** Add an area for Drones and remote control air craft
- **52.** More hiking/biking focused trails
- **53.** The trails should be wider to accommodate side by sides. There's a large demand for more park systems with this compatibility, and not enough Missouri state parks available. This would increase usage and keep people local supporting the areas around it.
- **54.** This park was not as described. The "lake". Was more like a big pond with so much vegetation we could not fish.
- **55.** My only complaint would be the dirt bike trails that are adjacent to the campsites. They're a mess! I'd suggest only one entrance to campsite for dirt bikes. They're also loud and obnoxious!
- 56. Maybe a safe archery site?
- 57. RV Park could use sewer at each site
- **58.** Frisbee Golf
- **59.** More boat access areas
- 60. Bigger swim area
- 61. More camp sites
- **62.** Not enough good hiking trails. Camping sites could be better developed.
- **63.** Can't think of any activity that is not already there for us.
- **64.** More things for the kids to do like additional playgrounds/areas, splash pad
- 65. More bike trails
- **66.** A trail leading from the campground to the Kelley Branch Mountain bike trail is needed.
- **67.** There are no walker specified trails. Motocross trails are not walker friendly. They are filled with ruts and one must always be fearful of motorcyclists who may not see the walker. There is plenty of land. I would love to see walking paths and

also bike paths that connect the lakes.

- **68.** Dog swimming beach, dog agility course
- **69.** More areas for only mountain biking. The focus is on ATVs, but not everyone can afford or has access to the proper equipment. Mountain biking is a cheaper alternative.
- 70. more hiking trails, more water access
- **71.** More dedicated mountain bike/hiking trails would be amazing!

What infrastructure or amenity, if any, do you feel is missing and should be added to this park or historic site to enhance the visitor experience?

- The parking area at the boat launch can get crowded and dangerous on busy days. Or provide additional areas for boat launching.
- 2. Easy access for kayaks to the other lakes in the park
- **3.** Better and cleaner restrooms facilities would be nice.
- For the canoe trail, a few easily accessible (by boat) picnic areas would be very nice.
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- 6. More full service hookups for RV
- **7.** St. Joe State Park in Park Hills, MO is a good example of amenities that could be offered.
- 8. Adding more campsites
- **9.** Bathroom near the boat launches instead of a portable pot
- 10. More camp sites
- 11. More camp sites
- 12. Appreciate the upgrades that have been attempted for the bank over by the kayaks. Would be fun to have some sort of kayak launch though (not just getting in, but an actual launch so I could go airborne...haha!)

- **13.** More mountain bike and hiking trails. Playground areas
- 14. Better drainage of existing mountain bike trail. Or bridge / walkways After rain the trail stays muddy for a long time and is unusable (especially the new addition to the trial.
- **15.** More hiking and mountain bike trails.
- 16. More mtb trails
- **17.** Improve the swimming beach , more mountain biking trails
- **18.** Improved restrooms. Toiles by Kelley Branch

trail don't flush.

We love the newest addition to the mountain bike

Trail. We would love to have more trails to ride.

- **19.** Additional mountain bike trails would be nice.
- **20.** Camping with full hook ups
- 21. More restrooms
- **22.** More parking for trailers at the boat ramp
- 23. Full hookup camping Picnic shelter RC off road area
- 24. Since you're asking, a swimming pool would be fabulous! Swimming in the lake isn't always advisable and the swimming areas seem are unsupervised, meaning they attract people who are "enjoying the park a bit too much". We've had to leave with our kids because of lewd, drunken behavior. A swimming pool would provide a safer option for young families.
- **25.** A large lodge building that could be rented out for events
- **26.** Shade structures around beaches and parking lots.
- 27. Add some boat landings along the waters edge so we can get out and walk. Multiple places.
- **28.** Many of the Missouri state parks have old playground equipment that could use updating.

- **29.** More sites on the upper level with electric, add water to the sites
- **30.** Would be nice to have water available at the sites, as opposed to having to fill your camper's tank up when you arrive.
- **31.** Internet Newer bathrooms with ventilation
- 32. Full 50a hookups for camping
- 33. store
- 34. More camp sites.
- 35. Wifi
- **36.** Water and sewer hook ups at each camping slot
- 37. A kayak and canoe dock is missing from the park (that or signs need to inform kayakers and canoers to use the dock by the beach instead of the boat dock). I think the boat dock should be strictly for boats. Kayaks and canoes should have an entirely separate dock to use.
- 38. More electric camping sites
- **39.** Work on the riding paths some of them are dangerous to ride on fill in the deep ruts
- 40. None at this time
- **41.** We visit with an RV. It would be great to have water and sewer available at electric campsites.
- **42.** Can't think of anything at this time.
- 43. More full hookup campsites
- **44.** In my experience everything infrastructure is usually great!
- **45.** full hook up camp sites
- 46. repair the wifi
- 47. Update camping sites
- 48. Clearly marked trails
- **49.** need a bigger, more well stocked camp store/ outfitter store.
- 50. More bathrooms and Wi-Fi.
- **51.** Water in the camp ground. You have to drive to the entrance and fill jugs. It would also be nice to have a shower.
- 52. more electric sites
- 53. Easier entry to ORV from RV sites.
- **54.** More launch points or maybe a boat rinse station.
- **55.** While the campground amenities are fair, the visitor experience could be

enhanced by offering electrical and water service at additional camp sites. Camping pads (pavement / gravel areas) are showing environmental deterioration due to age and will soon require improvements.

- 56. Docks to fish on
- **57.** More campgrounds and especially more electric sites
- **58.** Dedicated women's shower room rather than both being unisex!!
- 59. More electrical sites
- **60.** We could have used more information.
- **61.** More 30/50 amp electricity camping spots are needed.
- **62.** More sites with water and or sewer.
- **63.** Just needs to be updated plus add wash stations for orv riders
- **64.** A picnic Shelter. Full Hook up and Pull through RV sites are needed.
- **65.** Not enough good hiking trails. Camping sites could be better developed. Kayaking only on one small area in relation to lakes available. Might be nice to have a quiet section of camping area where non-OTV campers could stay.
- 66. Hiking trails
- 67. More mountain biking trails
- **68.** Put in more 50 amp camping spots or restructure what is there so more can be added.
- 69. Playgrounds for kids
- 70. More full hook-up sites.
- 71. A park shelter
- **72.** The camper/rv pad I stayed on seemed a bit in disrepair and very unlevel
- 73. Signage is lacking can be hard to navigate. Couldn't find the beach. Campsites hard to navigate at first try.
- **74.** Campground rv sites need to be updated.
- **75.** Full campground hook ups would be nice
- **76.** A trail leading from the campground to the Kelley Branch Mountain bike trail is needed.
- **77.** Fishing access is quite limited. The north lake can only be fished on the east side.

Make a path on the opposite side with bank fishing. There are multiple lakes but relatively little space to fish from the bank. Many lakes along the park road have no place to park and bank fishing is impossible with no path. I would like to see more parking areas with walking paths to designated bank fishing areas on the smaller lakes. Handicap accessibility must also be considered.

- **78.** Improved campsites for tent campers. Currently sites are mostly for RVs and trailers with lots of pad and little or no grass or flat area to put tents on. Some sites with space for tents have open water drainage pipes going through the area to put a tent. Don't cater just to the motor sports and non-tent campers, please.
- **79.** Better bathroom facilities in the off season.
- **80.** longer hiking trails, more water access, swimming beach-type area
- 81. The road infrastructure is long, but obviously unavoidable due to preservation of the lakes and the land. With more trails, it may be possible to improve the parking access within the infrastructure. A similar example is Binder. If Finger Lakes can make Kelly's Branch a central hub to trails, and not string parking across the park, it would be keen!

Do you have additional comments or suggestions regarding this park or historic site?

- Not a fan of the constant gunfire from the shooting range, but I understand it's a multiple use property.
- 2. This park is always clean and I really enjoy paddling there.
- The ORV portion of the park is poorly maintained and motorcycles and side by side vehicles should have separate areas. Concerning the lake, the last time I rented a group of kayaks (6) every one of

the kayaks had holes that caused them to take on water and begin to sink. Essentially, this is a poorly maintained park, but it is 5 minutes from my home. When attempting to volunteer to keep trails cut back the efforts were destroyed by 65"+ vehicles so I quit trying.

- 4. Keeping the lake algae cleaner
- 5. What is your position on kayaking the lake? It just seems like no one, including me, ever thinks to do that. Appreciate the intro level kayaking class, maybe go to the lake and do some advanced skills like water entry. Also, how about atlatls?
- 6. I love this park. It's very nice while still feeling rustic. The mountain biking trail is great too! Such a pretty area!
- It's great that one can rent kayaks. But the mountain bike trail is discouraging to most riders. There is no easy loop. And the one bridge at the beginning has always been bad (unless it has been replaced).
- Need more camping and full hookup campsites
 More mountain bike trails
 Somewhere where you can swim with your dog
- **9.** Love this park! I'm not a huge ATV fan, but I respect that they need a place. For the most part, the park manages to host the ATV users while also providing a pleasant outdoor experience for others.
- **10.** I would like to see the gate open earlier, maybe 5 am particularly in the summer when dawn is earlier.
- **11.** Camping is hard with all the dirt bikes so close. Maybe put a new modern campsite on the opposite end of the park for families that would like peace and quiet.
- **12.** The beach is super gross to swim in.
- 13. Excessive herbicide use around every tree and post in campground, along beaches and gravel roadways. Wide bands of dead grass not only look uninviting and lazy, but I'm worried it may be harmful to the ecosystem when

sprayed right up next to the shoreline.

I saw Lake of the Ozarks SP using a string trimmer in their campground. Although more noise, it seems like a much more appealing option for weed control.

- **14.** Get the aquatic grass under control.
- **15.** Love the geocaches though one is extremely hard to get to
- **16.** My child contracted massive amounts of warts from the shower stall floors.
- **17.** My child contracted massive amounts of warts from the shower stall floors.
- **18.** Very clean dump and water fill up area for camping
- **19.** All in all, it's a nice park. Might be nice to incorporate a smaller play area nearer to the South most camping section. It's a bit of a walk to the playground for folks in that area.
- **20.** It might be nice to eliminate some of the weeds in the lake to improve fishing
- 21. full hook ups
- **22.** I wish four wheelers weren't allowed in the park. they ruin the experience for me.
- **23.** Stock it with bass that you can actually keep or change the size regulations on bass.
- 24. Park Ranger Jacob was THE BEST!
- **25.** Keeping the showers and bathrooms clean there are hug bugs and spiders in the building
- **26.** Would be cool to have info about the history of the lake/mines
- **27.** Not appropriate camping for families and non-ATV folks.
- **28.** Can't think of anything at this time.
- **29.** The campground streets get muddy from atv's. The ride in the streets even though they are not supposed to. It makes for a big mess.
- **30.** Love this park!
- **31.** More non-motorized bike trails
- 32. Lovely park
- **33.** Need to enforce the rules about not riding ORVs in the camp ground (with little kids running around) so many

people were speeding around the campground (faster than the posted 10mph), going up one-ways the wrong way. driving recklessly in the campground (wheelies, stunts, etc.)

- 34. Nice quiet park. I like it.
- **35.** More RV 50amp spots.
- **36.** It would be nice if the orv trails has a small dozer ran on trails . Even if just on the main loops around the park .
- **37.** Add a dedicated ORV wash station away from the campground area
- **38.** The orv trail system should be upgraded or at the least, marked with signage and a better trail map should be provided so that it is clearer where orv riding is allowed.
- **39.** Great parks but wish the trails were wider.
- **40.** We love to camp, but will take this one off our list. What a waste of \$ money.
- **41.** Just limit the dirt bikes destruction of the campsites!
- **42.** The kayak rental system is a mess. Kayaks in the wrong the wrong lockers.
- **43.** More camping sites would be nice since it's booked 6+ months in advance
- 44. Very clean park.
- **45.** If a camper does not have a 50 amp hook-up camper they should not be allowed to park in/reserve the 50 amp spots. There are not enough of them and when someone who does not need them park there, there is nowhere for a 50 amp to go. Not enough spots.
- **46.** I wouldn't change a thing. We really like this park.
- **47.** We have only camped here during the off season as we have heard it's super crowded and noisy with motor bikes and four wheelers during the regular season.
- 48. Lots of activities
- **49.** The swimming beach is black sticky tar feeling instead of pebble or sand.
- **50.** Debbie and her staff are amazing and do a terrific job.
- **51.** Hire PEOPLE to run the boat rental. Supply a store for rentals, tackle, snacks,

camping needs, ice, propane, etc. Make the beach a destination. One trip back there makes many not want to return. Suggestions include new shelters, bath house, clean up the swimming area, clean up the trash regularly.

52. Swimming area used to be great. Last many years it is invaded by scratchy lake plants like sea weed conifer. It sort of attacks you while swimming. Ruins whole area.

Kayaking lake needs areas where you can get out of boat and rest on shore or use a restroom.

- **53.** Richard Hudson rocks! The park looks great because of his hard work.
- **54.** Restrict horse and OTV access on some hiking trails.

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding Missouri state parks and historic sites?

- Enforce restrictions or develop trail infrastructure to allow for larger vehicles. Open up unused portions of the park to single track riders making it a safer environment for everyone.
- In general, appreciate all of them. A few are heavily used/abused, not sure what the answer there is. Maybe more volunteer opportunities that don't involve chainsaws - I'd love to help the women in nature program.
- **3.** I love the parks! Wish people would pack out what they pack in.
- 4. We have a great state park system
- 5. Loved all the MO state parks I've been to so far! Moving from MN next month largely due to the awesome access to the natural beauty of the area. The Katy Trail is another incredible asset to the state!
- 6. Keep up the great work
- 7. more full hook ups
- 8. We had a wonderful experience at the park and the camp host is excellent.
- 9. Can't think of anything at this time.

- **10.** Full hook up camp sites. Paved bike trails.
- **11.** Appreciate how well maintained state parks have been. Campground restrooms are immaculate.
- **12.** Love them. We're trying to visit/camp at all the MO State Parks. Need to make park stickers available for EVERY park.
- 13. I tried to register for a camp site at Mark Twain camp ground and was told I had to drive 7 miles for wifi to do it on line. However there was a camp host who could do it on site. Your employees needs to be better trained.
- **14.** Lower camping rates.
- **15.** Our Missouri state parks need help! Infrastructure is crumbling, especially at Edmond Babler State Park. So sad!
- **16.** Infrastructure rebuilding is needed in all parks, most building are 40+ years old.
- 17. We love Graham Cave state park and look forward to the leveling of camper sites. We loved the trails and area but the site for our R-pod was hard to back in to and I level.
- **18.** We travel extensively and Missouri State Parks are great. Lets keep them that way. There are several parks that need to keep up on maintenance.
- **19.** Fund them so you can maintain them. You have cut back on staffing them by outsourcing every aspect of operation. Pride of ownership is gone! You see it in everything from temporary camp hosts, trash service, grass cutting, cleaning crews, maintenance, to no one in the office or gate shack. No one in the park works for the state park system. They all work for another company who only cares about making a quick profit, not providing a beautiful recreation space that happens to be owned by the people of Missouri. The people of Missouri bought it and desire for the parks to be maintained by people whose job is to passionately for property for the people.
- **20.** Fix the new online reservation system. Doesn't work!

- **21.** Keep up the good work on the MX track! Thank you!
- 22. I would like to see more land stewardship activities (e.g., invasive species removal, controlled burns, glade protection, etc.) on state park lands. Rock Bridge Memorial SP is an example of a park with a good stewardship program.
- **23.** Doing a great job! Thanks!