

## 2022 Montauk State Park Public Meeting Agenda

### Introductions

#### DNR DSP:

Kaylyn Dalbom - Park Superintendent  
Pete Hovey-Assistant Superintendent  
Park Ranger-Kendall Wright  
Park Naturalist-Kristie Nelson  
Administrative Support-Melinda Cramer  
Maintenance Staff-  
Regional Director – Justin Adams  
Deputy Director – Brian Stith

#### Other Montauk Staff:

Tom Whelan—MDC Montauk Hatchery Manager  
Gregg Mendenhall—ExplorUS General Manager, Montauk Lodge

Park is operated on a partnership with MDC, ExplorUS and DNR and is one of three trout parks in Missouri that is operated by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

#### Park Statistics:

Visitation – Over 600,000 people visited Montauk in the past year  
Camping nights sold from May 2021 to May 2022- 26,959  
Lodging Units Sold-8,797 from May 2021-April 2022

Montauk State Park is continually one of the busiest parks in the Missouri State Parks system.

**Total Park Acreage: 2,920**

**Total Full-Time Staff: 12**

#### New staff members hired (within the last 6-7 months) name and title:

Melinda Cramer-Administrative Support  
Kristie Nelson-Senior Park/Historic Site Specialist  
Pete Hovey-Assistant Superintendent  
Riley Walton-Specialized Trades Worker  
Preston Willbanks-Maintenance/Grounds Technician  
Clint Akers-Maintenance/Grounds Technician  
Kendal Wright-Park Ranger #30

#### SM&R Projects past year:

1. Maintenance staff installed all new toilets with auto flush in both shower houses.
2. New auto-flush toilets installed in the Hatchery Restroom and New Shelter House RR.
3. New doors installed on both the Men's, Women's, and single showers at the Loop 4 Shower House.
4. New doors were also installed on the Hatchery Restroom.
5. Motel 1 and 18 were remodeled with wallpaper removal, and knockdown applied, new light fixtures, and new paint. Motel 18 was remodeled twice due to a water leak over the winter.
6. Almost a complete upstairs remodel on one of the park residences, including paint, carpet, wallpaper removal, and shower install.

7. New FRP board, and outlets were installed in the Loop 2 Shower House restrooms
8. Ozarks District Construction Crew and Montauk Maintenance Crew worked on stabilizing flooring in Cabins 13/14, 16/17, 18/19, and 20/21 over the winter. New carpeting was installed in two units and new laminate in two of the bathrooms.
9. Lodge Kitchen lights were replaced with new LED fixtures.
10. Regional construction crew removed and installed new shingles on Sleeper Cabin 16/17 and sleeper cabin 18/19.

**Ongoing/Upcoming projects:**

1. New fuel pumps installed at the Maintenance Shop.
2. New tin, flashing, and siding ends will be replaced on the springhouse room of the Montauk Mill.
3. New garage door to be installed in the woodworking bay at the Maintenance Shop
4. New parking lot lights will be installed at the Searcy Building parking lot, Montauk Lodge, and bicycle trail between the lodge and the campground.
5. Pot holes throughout the park will be patched with cold mix.
6. New gutters will be installed on Sleeper Cabins 16/17 and 18/19.
7. Removal of rotten material in the wall of the mill on the north wall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
8. Tree health survey-ongoing
9. Installing electronic door locks on all cabins/motel rooms in conjunction with ExploreUS and Montauk Lodge.
10. Partnering with County Road District to make improvements to county roads within the park.

**Upcoming in the next 1-2 years:**

1. Bond Project – Build Loop 5; approximately 30 full hook up campsites-design has been reviewed and is nearing the bid process for construction.
2. Upgrade Loop 4 to 50 amp electrical service-Currently in design phase, plan is to close Loop 4 back down at the end of this season on November 1, 2022 for construction.
3. New roof installed on Montauk Mill (2-3 years)
4. Possible remodel on Cabin 3-next off-season

**Upcoming projects on the horizon:**

1. Loop 4 Shower House replacement (2024)

**Natural History and Invasive Species Initiative**

1. Still a few feral hogs on the property-MDC manages an active trap on park premises
2. Staff continue to work on bush honey-suckle, multiflora rose, and autumn olive which is cut and then the stumps treated with herbicide.
3. *Sericea lespedeza* foliar sprayed prior to seed formation.
4. Garlic mustard, and perilla (beefsteak) mint are also target species.
5. Active mill preservation-ongoing; mill exterior siding to be cleaned and painted.
6. Naturalist and Seasonal Naturalist will be attending interpreter's training this month
7. Biological survey monitoring-species of birds, plants, and insects being monitored. (Kristie will provide update).

**Other Park Goals/Upcoming Programs:**

1. Park staff would like to form a Montauk State Park Friends Group if an interested individual can be found to partner with.
2. Expansion of our current hiking trails system into the northern area of the park.
3. Continue with prescribed burn regimen.
4. Creatures of Myth and Legend program 2:00 p.m. on May 28<sup>th</sup> in the field by the Mill.
5. Managed Deer Hunt first weekend in November, (November 5-6).

**Recycling Program**—started in 2019 at Montauk State Park continues to grow and is successful. Has moved to other camping parks in Missouri, and continues to be popular with our customers.

1. 4,983 pounds of aluminum cans were recycled from March 2021 to March 2022
2. 4,328 pounds of plastic was recycled from March 2021 to March 2022
3. Big thank you to our campground hosts for their hard work on our recycling program.

**Law Enforcement Updates—Ken Wright**

- What the Ranger Program does, why they are here
- What they look for in enforcement
- Any other questions the public might have?

**Other Topics of Discussion/Questions:**



# Montauk State Park

BY THE NUMBERS

LOCATION: Dent County

NUMBER OF ACRES: 2,920.12

ACRES IN ACTIVE STEWARDSHIP: 610

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME STAFF: 11

NUMBER OF PART-TIME STAFF: 9

VOLUNTEER HOURS:\* 6,291

2020 ATTENDANCE:\* 559,194

MILES OF TRAIL: 2.4

NUMBER OF STRUCTURES: 43

MILES OF ROADWAYS: 7.33

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL TOURS GIVEN:\* 5

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS PRESENTED:\* 104

STATE SALES TAX PAID:\* \*\* \$126,849.46

LOCAL SALES TAX PAID:\* \*\* \$67,552.97

TOTAL SALES TAX: \$194,402.42

BUDGET

SMALL MAINTENANCE & REPAIR BUDGET: \$63,400.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:\* 2

ANNUAL BUDGET: \$666,787.00

CAMPING & LODGING

NUMBER OF CAMPING NIGHTS SOLD:\* 21,136

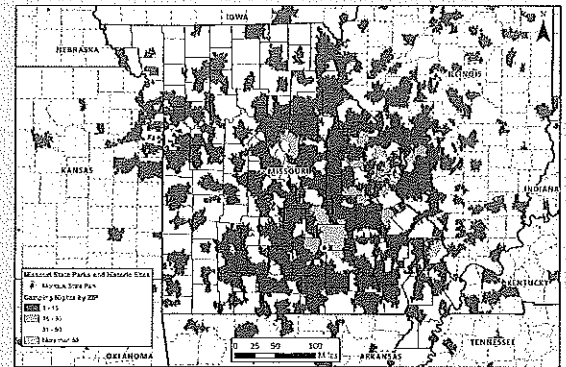
NUMBER OF LODGING NIGHTS SOLD:\* † 7,440

NUMBER OF CAMPSITES: 145

NUMBER OF LODGING UNITS:† 46

NUMBER OF OVERNIGHT GUESTS:\* † 65,983

CAMPING NIGHTS SOLD BY ZIP CODE: >>>>>>



SPECIAL EVENTS

MISSOURI STATE PARK EVENTS: 4

SIGNATURE EVENT: Montauk Mill Days

THIRD PARTY EVENTS: 1

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