

Don Robinson State Park Annual Public Meeting

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On Thursday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m., Don Robinson State Park held its annual public meeting. Representatives from several invited groups, such as the Sierra Club, Cedar Hill Fire District and two chapters of Missouri Master Naturalists, helped add to the total of the 18 attendees. Also, in attendance were many neighbors of the surrounding area. This was one of the highest attended public meetings at Don Robinson State Park.

Park Facility Manager Erik Otto began with an introduction to the park's mission, amenities, resources and staff who were present. Present staff included Ed Schott, manager of the Lower Meramec Management Unit; Sergeant Mike Gozia (Rangers); Maria Potter, deputy regional director; and Greg Combs, regional director. After a brief history of the park, the meeting covered completed projects, ongoing projects, and future projects taking place at Don Robinson State Park. Please see agenda for details covered during the meeting.

Several visitors voiced their appreciation for all the natural resource stewardship work taking place in the park. Many visitors came with interest in equestrian trails at Don Robinson State Park. Questions asked were regarding horses and wanting horse trails in the park. Park staff emphasized the higher quality of the surrounding LaBarque Creek watershed and the park itself, made awareness of the Conceptual Development Plan for the park, and provided information about future plans at Robertsville State Park for the Ozark Trail that would provide equestrian use. Visitors appreciated the in-depth information provided.