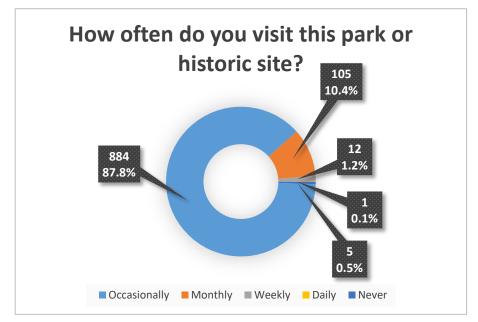
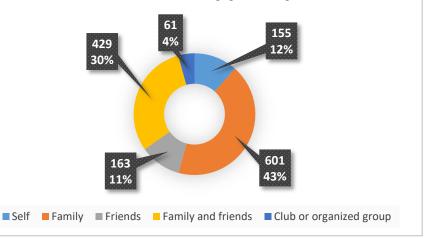
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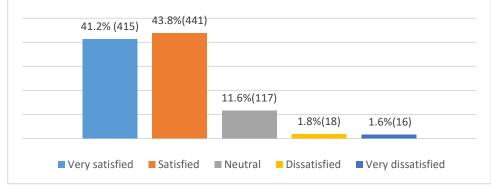




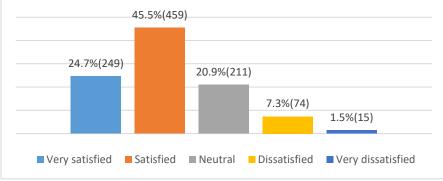
When you visit this park or historic site, who usually joins you?

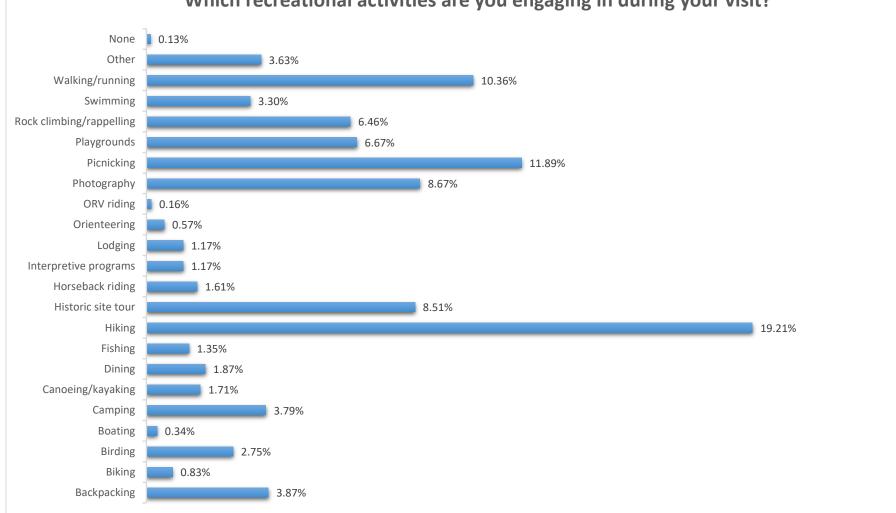


How satisfied are you with the recreational activities this park or historic site offers?

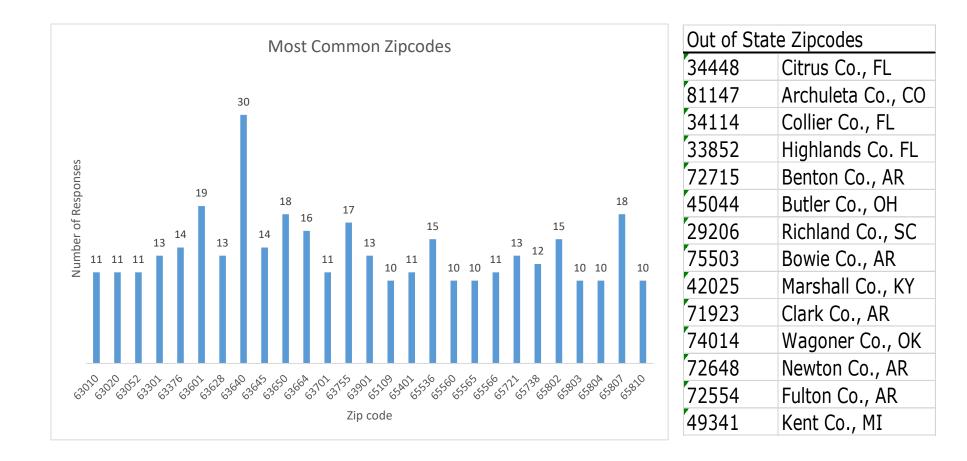


How satisfied are you with the infrastructure and amenities this park or historic site offers?





Which recreational activities are you engaging in during your visit?



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?

Trends:

Leave as Is, Camping, longer trails, playground, food trucks

- **1.** Camping.
- 2. Perhaps more information about the geological formation of the landscape and the historical significance of the area.
- **3.** More rock climbing routes would be great.
- Supervised rock climbing/rappelling.
- Food opportunities for purchase, and more picnic areas.
- 6. Camping.
- Needs to be more picnic tables and a playground for children.
- 8. Camping.
- The park needs some updating on the trail. A couple new spur trails would be nice & more parking.
- Park seems run down trails and steps are very worn. I think for the number of people that visit the trails could be expanded a more modern restroom added. The playground needs to be modernized.
- **11.** Better bathrooms, covered picnic area, camping.
- **12.** Camping, Full Hook up Campsites.
- **13.** Nothing, I like it the way it is.
- 14. Usually at Elephant Rocks, we just walk the trail. It would be nice if other activities could be added. Such as camping, bike trails. Not sure what other possibilities there are.
- **15.** More parking.
- **16.** More parking more trails.

- 17. Biking!
- **18.** Nothing else needed.
- **19.** Interpretive programs!
- 20. Nothing.
- **21.** More information about the park and formations.
- 22. Camping area.
- **23.** It would be nice to be able to download an audio tour.
- 24. Camping. I know Johnson shut ins is right down the road but it gets so busy.
- **25.** Nothing. Leave it alone.
- **26.** Interpretive Programs.
- 27. Nicer playground.
- **28.** It would be nice to see camping areas put in here, if possible.
- **29.** Camping or backpacking.
- **30.** None.
- **31.** A campground would be great.
- **32.** I think it's great as is!
- **33.** Rock climbing.
- **34.** I wouldn't change anything. It's perfect the way it is.
- **35.** Another trail to the other quarry lake on the southeast side of the park.
- **36.** Would love for it to have full hookup campground.
- **37.** I like things the way they are currently.
- **38.** Nothing. It's perfect the way it is. Please don't change anything.
- **39.** Nothing. Let nature be the star.
- **40.** More picnic areas, water stations
- **41.** A sign indicating the scenic view or highest point on the rocks.
- **42.** Food truck.
- 43. Camping.
- **44.** More parking, campsites would be amazing! Year round flushable bathrooms.
- **45.** Camping.
- **46.** None.

- **47.** The only thing I can think of is possibly swimming, but not sure if that can be accommodated safely (of course if this was added, this might cause huge traffic jams...).
- **48.** Camping.
- **49.** No other. Why mess up what we have there with more and more and more. No.
- **50.** Camping.
- 51. More exhibits about the history of the park. Especially Information about the quarry process and the men who worked there.
- **52.** Nothing leave it as is.
- **53.** A few more hiking trails would be nice.
- 54. Camping and geocaching are our main outdoor lives. It'd be nice to have some sites at Elephant Rocks for our little camper.
- **55.** None.
- 56. None.
- 57. Camping.
- **58.** It's not clear how to get access to fish at the lakes.
- 59. None.
- **60.** A more updated playground that is accessibility friendly but otherwise nothing else needs to be changed.
- 61. I don't feel like anything is missing. This park is a giant playground and has many things to see and do if you are looking for a beautiful adventure.
- **62.** It is great the way it is.
- **63.** Camping opportunities.
- **64.** Need more camping sites as they are full most weekends.
- **65.** None.
- 66. More parking.

- 67. None necessary it's a great park and really well maintained. There's camping available at Taum Sauk & Johnson Shut-ins nearby so people wanting to stay in the area are more than able to do so.
- **68.** I think it needs to be left as is, we camp at Johnson Shut-Ins & visit Elephant Rock while camping there.
- **69.** I think it's a great park as it is. There are always plenty of visitors, so clearly it's a great experience for Missourians and a site than many frequent.
- **70.** Designated area for bouldering.
- **71.** Camping, kayaking in the quarry pond.
- **72.** Fishing.
- 73. Nothing.
- 74. More parking & more trails for exploring. Build an observation tower for viewing the park from above.
- **75.** Camping walk-in / primitive only (no RV).
- **76.** More playground, more and better restrooms, and a store too.
- **77.** Maybe more informative guides and signs.
- 78. None.
- **79.** A lot of the signs posted on the walking trail are worn out or just not there anymore.
- **80.** The park has well developed trails
- **81.** More handicapped access / walking amenities.
- 82. None.
- 83. Leave it the way it is!
- 84. None.
- 85. None.

- 86. I think the park is great although it does fill up fast. I can't complain about people visiting however. Maybe a longer trail there too if there's anything worth walking through. I know bell is close but it would be cool to have alternative routes to explore safely.
- 87. Mountain bike trails.
- **88.** Camping would be nice.
- 89. More hiking trails with backcountry sites.
- 90. None.
- **91.** None.
- **92.** Let it alone. Don't touch it. It's perfect. Quit being greedy.
- **93.** None.
- 94. Better directions in the park Restrooms. Shaded picnic areas
- **95.** Nothing. Leave it as it is. Adding any amenities will just make it more overrun, which will lead to abuse.
- **96.** Longer trails and a more develope
- **97.** self-guided history and nature to
- **98.** I don't feel anything is missing. It's perfect as is!
- **99.** None
- 100. None.
- **101.** Nothing missing.
- **102.** Electric sites for Camping.
- 103. Nothing.
- **104.** It's perfect!
- **105.** Splash pad would be very nice, food options like local food trucks.
- **106.** None! This is a beautiful location, when we have out of town visitors this is where we go!
- **107.** More lodging.
- **108.** More trails to hike.
- 109. None.

- **110.** Camping? Swimming? Maybe add a swim hike after the hike is drained. Not sure
- 111. Limited camping does seem logical for this area and I've always wondered why it's missing. We visit when we camp at the shut ins.
- **112.** I would enjoy being able to climb some of the larger boulders using a rope and traditional climbing gear. It is known as "clean climbing", it follows leave no trace ethics with no bolts or damage to the rock.
- **113.** Nothing. It is amazing the way it is!
- **114.** None.
- **115.** Awesome the way it is! One our favorite places to go for a day trip or for a short excursion when camping at Johnson shut ins.
- **116.** Visitor center.
- **117.** Horseback riding!!!
- 118. Camping.
- **119.** N/A.
- **120.** Connect it to the Ozark Trail! I know it's only slightly off trail, but a spur would go hard.
- **121.** Absolutely nothing needs to be added to this park.
- **122.** None.
- 123. None.
- 124. None or it will become too crowded. We already visit on weekdays so there's not so many people there. We've visited for the last 40 years. It's about the natural beauty and peaceful feeling.....both will be ruined by drawing more people with more recreational activity.
- **125.** None.
- **126.** More trails.

- **127.** Leave Elephant Rocks exactly how it is. Don't change a thing.
- **128.** I like it the way it is. It feels natural and undisturbed compared to other sites yet it's still very easily accessible.
- **129.** Honestly I wouldn't change a thing.
- 130. Camping.
- **131.** Available local guides.
- 132. None.
- 133. Maybe a bit more information on the history of the rocks and park.
- **134.** Nothing like it as it is.
- 135. None-leave as is.
- **136.** The rocks are the star.
- **137.** N/A.
- **138.** More interpretive programs, limited camping opportunities (small organized groups only?).
- **139.** Allow animals.
- **140.** nothing...it is Perfect just the way it is.
- **141.** Just keep the current facilities clean, repaired and updated.
- 142. None.
- 143. None.
- 144. Mountain bike trails.
- **145.** My family of 6 enjoyed this park immensely.
- **146.** More lodging.
- **147.** More on the history of the quarry and information on the rock formations.
- 148. Nothing!
- 149. Nothing.
- **150.** Rock climbing.
- **151.** None, it's great the way it is. Unless you can add more property around it and add more trails.
- **152.** The park is perfect as is, leave it be.

- **153.** Anything that won't change the natural beauty of the rocks would be fine with me.
- **154.** I feel elephant rock is perfect as is. This is my favorite state park, there's just enough rocks and boulders to get lost in and climb for hours. Couldn't ask for more.
- **155.** Please do NOT add camping to this state park.
- **156.** It would be nice to see some formal programming options.
- **157.** Swimming. I used to swim here; but that activity was stopped. I should resume.
- **158.** Rock climbing because there are so many rocks and there is no water because in the summer it would be nice for a water fountain to cook off in or something to cool off in.
- 159. It's been a while since I last visited this park but I remember thinking I wish there were more trails. Loved walking around the big rocks though. Very fascinating.
- 160. Please do not change the park!!
- **161.** Nearby RV camping.
- 162. Perhaps an informational kiosk about the old railway at that site. Similar to the one at the trailhead/parking lot re the rock formations.
- **163.** A way for people with mobility issues to experience being on the big rocks.
- **164.** N/A.
- **165.** Guided climbing programs?
- **166.** Leave it alone keep it primitive and natural!

- 167. Allow swimming and fishing in the quarries again. Those were wonderful memories from my childhood and early adolescence. Allowing visitors after dark as MDC does would make for amazing star viewing (astronomy) as well.
- **168.** A museum/ visitor center.
- **169.** It's a great place to visit before you go to Johnson's Shut-Ins.
- 170. Water feature.
- 171. Nothing.
- **172.** Enhance and upgrade the trails. Include additional historical and educational information.
- 173. We love climbing to the top of the big rocks, have a group photo and photos of the view for the top.
- **174.** Swimming.
- 175. I think limiting access would be a good idea. I have been there before when the parking lot is completely full, cars are parking on the sides of park roads and parking along side the highway.
- 176. Concessions
- **177.** Need more picnic area with better grills,
- **178.** None, because it would take away from the enjoyment of nature.
- 179. Camping.
- **180.** Open longer hours so you can watch the sunset
- **181.** Nothing. I think the Braille is a nice touch.
- **182.** Maps of trails to the highest point.
- **183.** Leave it as is.
- **184.** Nothing. It's a great place to visit as is.
- **185.** I believe just walking, climbing on the rocks and picnicking, is enough.

- 186. None.
- **187.** Camping sites like Johnson Shut ins.
- **188.** Tell more of the History of the area, including the rail access, & other significance of the area.
- **189.** Playground.
- **190.** A swinging bridge.
- **191.** None.
- **192.** It is excellent just as it is.
- 193. Camping.
- **194.** Nothing. The park is great already.
- **195.** Camping.
- **196.** More kid friendly. Playground.
- **197.** An excellent place for field trips.
- 198. None leave as is.
- 199. None.
- 200. Camp sites.
- 201. Guided tours.
- 202. None leave it as it is.
- **203.** Nothing, it is perfect just the way it is!
- **204.** They could use a visitor center promoting Missouri tourism, restaurants or other places...with better restroom facilities and vending machines.
- **205.** Do not change this park in any way. It is absolutely perfect as is.
- **206.** I would love to see an RV park on this site. I am the great granddaughter of AJ Shehan who owned the quarry on the site. I would love to see a trail to the Shehan quarry site.
- 207. None.
- 208. it's perfect!!!
- 209. Nothing.
- 210. None.
- **211.** Playgrounds.
- **212.** It's beautiful the way it is.
- 213. None, leave it be.
- **214.** Longer hiking trails. Being able to access the water.

- **215.** Disability-friendly activity.
- **216.** It would be nice to have more picnic table. Tables along trail and place to sit and rest along the trail.
- 217. Camping.
- **218.** None.
- **219.** Full hookup camping sites.
- **220.** Nothing... the park is great and should not be changed.
- **221.** Rv campground with water and electric.
- **222.** Bathrooms.
- 223. Need camping.
- 224. None.
- **225.** None, perfect the way it is!
- **226.** Maybe add birding in some capacity.
- **227.** No changes.
- **228.** Continue to allow the regulated bouldering. Maybe have some designated areas and signage for bouldering.
- 229. None.
- **230.** Nothing should be changed.
- 231. More pathways.
- 232. Don't mess with it.
- **233.** I do love this place.
- 234. None.
- 235. I wish that there were longer hikes- maybe 10 miles? Also, when you first enter getting up on the rocks- there is a drop off into water below. With little kiddos they like to run ahead and could easily fall.
- 236. Camping.
- **237.** Camping, Swimming, playgrounds.
- **238.** Geocaching or a scavenger hunt. Star-gazing, maybe a full-moon night walk.
- 239. None! Leave it alone!
- **240.** Traditional climbing/ sport climbing.

- **241.** I would LOVE a few reservable walk in tent sites!!!
- **242.** I can't think of anything that would make it better.
- 243. Very few places to sit down. Almost no picnic tables or areas for picnicking.
- 244. None
- **245.** I love the simplicity of this site.
- 246. None, leave it be.
- 247. None please leave it the way it is Natural beauty.
- **248.** I love it as is. Would love better bathrooms though.
- 249. None
- 250. Nothing needed! Perfect as is!
- 251. None.
- **252.** it should stay the same as it always has been, why change what nature created.
- **253.** Orienteering, more hiking trails.
- **254.** Allow traditional roped climbing.
- **255.** Ok.
- **256.** Expand the accessibility. We bring our 9 year old son who is wheelchair bound. We are grateful for the accessibility already there and would love to let him explore more.
- 257. None.
- 258. None.
- **259.** Elephant Rocks is perfect. It is such a wonderful place to inspire awe in youth and myself.
- **260.** Easier access for older people.
- **261.** Nothing. It is perfect the way it is.
- **262.** None .. this park is loved for the natural that it is . Don't change things that are working, after all it is the # 3 in the state and loved.
- 263. None.
- 264. More trails.
- **265.** More trails, more benches, mud and debris on trails.

- **266.** Swimming. Would be a great place to swim after hiking.
- **267.** None.
- 268. A snack bar.
- 269. None.
- 270. Camp sites.
- 271. More trails might be good that maybe exposes more rocks and/or remnants of the quarry/mining operations. Mountain bike trails are always fun.
- **272.** A bike trail would be nice.
- 273. Basic cabins with just electricity and two beds like in Devils Den State Park in Arkansas (camper cabin). They are affordable, not crowded, and encourage outdoor sports all year long. There are so few options in the area.
- **274.** The trails could be updated and cleaned up more regularly.
- 275. None.
- 276. Nature Center.
- 277. I am a geologist. Interpret the quarry. Interpret more of the St. Francois Mountains, igneous rocks and Missouri granite types and how they formed. How it relates to JSI. It is a small park. Do not cover up nor destroy more of rocks. Continue to allow free roaming at the park. That is why we come and bring our students.
- 278. None.
- 279. some type of water play\pool and cabins near park for lodging
- **280.** More History and specifics on the rock.
- **281.** None.
- 282. None.
- 283. None.
- **284.** More parking and a campground.
- **285.** Picnic and camping areas.

- **286.** Roped climbing on taller boulders
- **287.** N/A.
- **288.** Campgrounds.
- **289.** Close it down, it's not very exciting at all.
- **290.** I enjoy what is available, but my only suggestion is to add steps down to the swimming hole. Not everyone is able to climb down the rocks.
- 291. None.
- **292.** Recreationally, it is perfect as it is.
- 293. None.
- **294.** More rock climbing areas.
- **295.** Get the water fountains working again.
- **296.** None.
- **297.** Bigger playground for the kids.
- **298.** Is swimming the quarry an option? That would be a fun place to cool down.
- **299.** Guided hikes, kayaking in quarry, permit camping.
- **300.** An occasional park ranger to answer questions. The post info is great, but personal quality education would be awesome.
- **301.** Lodging/cabins.
- **302.** None.
- **303.** Camping sites for RV's with 50amp electric and water.
- 304. More parking.
- **305.** More information posted like on the old rail depot and information on how the site was founded
- 306. Campground
- **307.** Nothing as you don't want to ruin the natural environment.
- **308.** The natural beauty is enough.
- **309.** Primitive Camping.

- **310.** In recent years, it has started being a much less safe and less secure area. Not sure of why the shift from purposeful visitors to those with criminal intent. As a person with a disability, I feel unsafe there alone and never did in the last three decades of visiting.
- **311.** More info about how it was formed.
- **312.** More places to picnic around the rocks instead of just at the entrance.
- **313.** There are giant rocks to look at, what else do you need? I always enjoy reading about the history of an area especially any Native American history. It might be nice to update the signs at the beginning of the trail and add more Native American historical facts.
- **314.** More picnic tables, better walking paths, and better signage throughout the trail.
- **315.** Gift shop with refreshments.
- **316.** Open the lookout towers back up.
- 317. None.
- 318. Camping.
- **319.** More Marked Trails or biking.
- **320.** more opportunities for small children to play.
- **321.** Maybe a learner spot for rock climbing.
- 322. None.
- **323.** More non paved trails around the park.
- **324.** Camping hookups.
- 325. None.
- **326.** Perfect as is.
- **327.** The park is perfect as it is.
- **328.** None. We go for nature. Leave it as it us.
- 329. More parking.
- 330. Tour guides

- 331. Dining
- 332. A visitor center, maybe have small electric vehicles, better trails.Also, to see the park better, the trees need to be trimmed back.
- **333.** More picnic areas for large groups.
- **334.** Camping, but I know space might be limited to offer that. Cleaning the quarry lakes that have signs stating raw waste.
- **335.** Elephant rocks is out in the middle of no where. It would be nice if there was some camping or lodging with the park. Also flushing toilets would be nice.
- **336.** My kids love climbing around on the rocks, so I hope you don't take that away. More trails would be nice, a playground.
- 337. Any way to do rock climbing routes? It's a relatively simple install of anchors (to clip to). Or there is a less invasive option of cam or stoppers.
- 338. None. Great place to visit.
- **339.** It would be great to see a few more camping areas nearby, though I know this is a huge developmental task that depends on demand. Otherwise, what could enhance the experience of beautiful Missouri landmarks?
- **340.** More trails, and a bike trail would be nice.
- **341.** I had not heard of this park.
- **342.** Maps with trail guidance and historical information inside for each important feature. Identify best photo ops. Updated picnic area.
- 343. Camping.
- **344.** We think it is truly perfect the way it is.

- **345.** Better trails with clear signage.
- **346.** After dark hours to be able to enjoy sunrise, sunset and stargazing.
- **347.** Swimming.
- **348.** Developed campground with at least electric service at campsites
- **349.** Clean/spruce up the kids playground. Looks kind of neglected when I've taken friends kids there. Also anything that enhances picnic grounds is welcome.
- **350.** Nothing, it's perfect the way it is.
- **351.** We love visiting this park, my husband's family is originally from Bellevue's and he grew up playing on those rocks!
- **352.** Could use more picnic tables.
- **353.** Leave Elephant Rocks alone. It's perfect the way it is.
- **354.** None.
- **355.** It is good as it is!
- **356.** Updated the interpretive historical signs.
- **357.** Nothing is missing.
- **358.** Add nothing, but always improve the necessities.
- **359.** Updated visitor center.
- 360. None
- **361.** None it's ok by me.
- 362. Would like to be able to ride horses there. Maybe add some trails.
- 363. Camping.
- **364.** More picnic tables around the parking area for more families to eat a lunch.

Also, we tried to get waters from the vending machines but wasn't able to get water.

- **365.** In some places it can be easy to get "lost" or stuck up on top of big rocks and not know how to get back down to the trail. I wish in some places it was better marked.
- **366.** NA.
- **367.** It needs more activities closer to it like Bennett springs.
- **368.** More things to do.
- **369.** Have an actual orienteering "course" or hike available. Maybe like a geocaching course to lead to the next point coordinates.
- 370. NONE.
- 371. None.
- **372.** Maybe a hosted event for big solar events such as super moons.
- **373.** Traditional climbing, camping, and swimming.
- **374.** More kids play grounds and more picnic areas.
- 375. Camping.
- **376.** Camping with electric and hookups.
- **377.** Horseback riding.
- **378.** None, our state needs to be more natural not cleared like alot of the Mark Twain.
- **379.** Picnic areas. Camp sites.
- 380. Camping.
- 381. Don't add anything!
- **382.** Happy the way it is.
- 383. None.
- **384.** more trails through the woods away from the rocks.
- **385.** Camping, more hiking trails.
- **386.** Welcome center.
- **387.** More history about how the place.
- 388. N/A
- **389.** Bike trails separate from hiking trails would be a great addition considering the interest in biking already within the area.

- 390. Zip lines.
- **391.** New hiking trails to other areas.
- 392. None.
- **393.** More picnic areas.
- **394.** None.
- **395.** Allowing camping and ropes climbing would be awesome. The rocks are so cool! There's so much more to enjoy than can be safely bouldered.
- **396.** I think this site in its raw beauty fills its role perfectly. There is no need to add anything artificial for people to enjoy it.
- **397.** Camping
- **398.** Do Not change anything.
- **399.** More support on maintenance of climbing routes and camping sites.
- **400.** Camping/overnight passes.
- **401.** Longer trails.
- 402. Swimming.
- **403.** More informational guided tours.
- 404. Night events.
- 405. None.
- 406. None.
- **407.** None, the park's features are the attraction. Don't spoil it.
- 408. More places to rest.
- **409.** None, the recreational activities are great the way they are.
- **410.** A nice little restaurant or coffee shop would be nice.
- **411.** None.
- **412.** Bolt repairs, trimming around boulders.
- **413.** More parking. Year round actual bathrooms. Better gazebo with info.
- **414.** It's great, nothing is needed.
- 415. None.
- 416. Fishing.
- **417.** More trails off the asphalt path. Short wooded hike paths so that you can explore the woods without getting lost.

- **418.** camping area
- **419.** None
- **420.** Interpretive programs/guided walks

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?

Trends:

Leave as Is, parking, restrooms, benches/tables, Visitor Center, maps/interp panels, food truck/snack bar, shelter

- **1.** Trail maps and history.
- 2. I really wish you would get robust Wi-Fi for the entire park.
- **3.** More restrooms
- 4. Better bathrooms; more picnicking areas; more trails.
- 5. cell service is spotty, parking is a challenge
- 6. Drinking water, internet hotspot. I always get lost leaving because I can't get directions.
- 7. A restroom near the far-end of the walking trail would be nice.
- 8. More parking with larger spaces for today's SUVs and trucks.
- **9.** All park bathrooms could be a bit better but at least they are there! Add hand washing areas.
- **10.** Better restrooms, more restrooms.
- **11.** More bathrooms with running water.
- **12.** More parking.
- **13.** Cell range needed.
- 14. Enhanced restroom facility, Camping, Full Hook up Campsites.
- **15.** Sometimes there needs to be more bathrooms.
- **16.** More parking, better picnicking area.
- **17.** More parking and open 24/7 for star gazing.
- **18.** Small store or concession area.
- **19.** Nothing else needed.

- **20.** More bathrooms? Even pit toilets. More parking. Overnight camping.
- **21.** Nature center. Flush toilets.
- **22.** Better and more bathrooms.
- **23.** Additional restrooms.
- 24. Better restrooms.
- **25.** Visitor Center.
- 26. I feel the playground could be added to.
- **27.** Address parking problem.
- **28.** Better bathroom situation.
- 29. None
- 30. Campsites.
- **31.** A larger parking lot for busy days.
- **32.** Visitor Center. RV camping.
- 33. Leave it as is.
- **34.** More parking and bathrooms.
- **35.** More restrooms & parking. More trails.
- **36.** More restroom facilities.
- **37.** It's perfect the way it is.
- **38.** The restroom and water are severally outdated.
- **39.** Better restrooms.
- 40. None.
- 41. Pit potty needs updated or have year round flushable bathrooms and add a pit potty in the back of the park. Add in a first aid station... (I carry my first aid with me but I'm sure other groups don't) the information board needs to be updated as well. Some things are difficult to read.
- **42.** Additional Bathrooms. Visitor center with seasonal programming. Snack shop. More parking if additional amenities are added.
- 43. None.
- **44.** some parking addition for campers/RV's, perhaps down by (outside?) the entrance.
- **45.** Better bathrooms.

- **46.** Food truck in summer.
- **47.** Ranger station.
- This state park is such a treasure but really needs upgrades such a visitor's center / nature center, campground, upgraded restroom facilities.
- 49. Camping.
- **50.** For how many years has the water system been "under improvement"?
- **51.** Cafe and bathrooms.
- **52.** Campground.
- **53.** More drinking fountains. Morebetter picnic tables and a better playground area.
- 54. Nothing.
- **55.** Additional parking.
- **56.** Improved restrooms.
- **57.** I don't feel that any amenity is missing.
- **58.** A visitor's center with snack bar. Imagine, a nice 3-D map of the Rocks!
- 59. None.
- 60. None.
- 61. Parking gets very tight during busy times. I'm not sure there should be more but something to consider. Camping would be good to add if possible. Johnson Shut Ins is almost always full during on-season.
- 62. None.
- **63.** I think the bathrooms could be a little more updated, but it's not absolutely needed.
- 64. Another bathroom
- 65. Bathrooms.
- **66.** Working toilets.
- 67. More bathrooms!
- **68.** Campgrounds including water.
- **69.** Lodging would be great.
- **70.** Possibly additional restrooms.
- **71.** Better walking paths that are maintained. Updated signage and interpretative signs.

- **72.** More parking would be nice.
- **73.** None, they have a snack bar & picnicking facilities which are sufficient for Elephant Rocks.
- 74. None at this time.
- **75.** Restrooms are sorely in need of modernization. Design an ADA loop. Add more grips for others with mobility challenges.
- **76.** Signs that give more details about the rocks and the old train house.
- **77.** Bathrooms are in need of expansion and updating.
- **78.** A small campground with a shower house would be nice.
- **79.** Nothing.
- **80.** Better facilities and ladders for easier rock climbing.
- **81.** Basic camp shower house.
- 82. Extra parking is needed.
- 83. Better restrooms.
- **84.** Restrooms halfway through the trail.
- **85.** Better bathrooms.
- **86.** A nice camp ground with electric and water.
- 87. Parking is very limited and sometimes we can't go because it's full.
- **88.** It's very nice as is.
- **89.** Designs that preserve/protect/ channel the foot traffic to preserve the off trail activities.
- **90.** None
- **91.** None
- **92.** The park is developed enough. No further development is needed.
- **93.** Additional parking would be nice.
- 94. Added above.
- **95.** Vault toilets are rough when the flushing units are closed.
- 96. More restrooms would be nice.
- **97.** Again, just adding camping would be great.

- **98.** I feel like there could be access to flush toilets all year. More parking, I would love to be able to camp with full hookup or at least electricity.
- **99.** Better bathroom facilities.
- **100.** The last time we went the water fountains were not working.
- 101. None.
- 102. Drinking water.
- **103.** Needs another restroom facility for the number of people who come through.
- 104. Nothing.
- **105.** None.
- **106.** My wife always complains about the bathroom facilities.
- **107.** Pavilions.
- **108.** Restrooms.
- **109.** The restrooms are disgusting!
- **110.** Leave as is.
- 111. Benches.
- **112.** More bathrooms.
- **113.** Better restrooms.
- **114.** Camping.
- **115.** Restrooms open all year.
- 116. none.
- **117.** Nothing missing.
- 118. Electric sites.
- 119. Nothing.
- 120. None.
- **121.** Bathroom year round.
- **122.** Upgrading the bathrooms is my only suggestion. My kids don't like using them because they smell.
- **123.** We like to use the park when it's cold because I not thrilled with snakes but the restrooms are always closed.
- 124. None.
- **125.** More bathrooms.
- **126.** I think the state should buy the abandoned quarry on the other side of the county road behind the active quarry. It has many of the same boulders and

history with fantastic sheer walls for Rock Climbing.

- **127.** Nothing.
- **128.** Running water in bathrooms.
- **129.** Maybe running some water stations along the trail or just a good fill station near the entrance point. Adding much to the site would take away from the natural charm it has. So many great memories made there with our kids!
- **130.** Visitor center info on the granite and ruins.
- **131.** Better restrooms.
- **132.** Maybe post more signs and historic info.
- **133.** The parking situation is very problematic. This is well known and it's unfair. There has to be a way to make room for more visitors to enjoy this amazing place on a daily basis.
- **134.** Better bathrooms or maybe a visitor center.
- **135.** N/A.
- **136.** Additional trails and historical information never hurt.
- **137.** Access to restrooms & water year round.
- **138.** Handwriting station.
- **139.** Primitive camping facilities for tents and small camping trailers (pop-up, tear drop size).
- 140. None.
- **141.** Year 'round bathrooms. More parking.
- **142.** Would like to see a visitor center.
- **143.** Leave Elephant Rocks exactly how it is. Don't change a thing.
- 144. Park office.
- 145. None.
- **146.** Same as above I couldn't think of anything that may add to it.
- **147.** Perhaps an adventure playground. There might be

children along that aren't quite big enough to climb the rocks.

- **148.** Anything for sitting or having lunch.
- 149. Additional sanitary facilities.
- 150. None.
- 151. I believe it needs better signage of when the trails are that lead off the concrete path. Sometimes it was hard to tell where the path lead or if it was a path at all. But we enjoyed all the trails we walked!
- **152.** Keep it natural as possible. Natures playground.
- **153.** A larger parking lot would be nice.
- **154.** Updated signage along the walkways.
- **155.** Nothing. Perfect as is.
- 156. None. Keep it like it is
- 157. None.
- **158.** Granted, I have not visited the park for a few years, but I believe parking is still a problem. Add more parking or perhaps a gate-controlled (one in, one out) system? Also, more toilets.
- **159.** None, it is perfect.
- **160.** Make sure drinking is open and available throughout the year.
- **161.** Perhaps more parking/bathrooms this is a very popular park.
- **162.** None.
- **163.** Please update the bathrooms and make them more family friendly, soap and water always available, and a stool for young children would be wonderful.
- 164. Better bathrooms.
- 165. None.
- **166.** Self guided tour information you can listen to or use a qr codes to listen about the park and areas of interest.

- 167. All season bathrooms.
- **168.** Could use more bathrooms, parking, picnic areas.
- 169. Nothing!
- **170.** A few more bathrooms.
- 171. None.
- **172.** More restrooms.
- **173.** A snack bar with drinks.
- 174. More bathroom locations other than the trail head. Maybe more trash cans so people don't throw trash on the grounds.
- **175.** Parking is often difficult and dangerous, additional lots would increase accessibility and safety.
- **176.** The area needs more bathrooms as well.
- 177. Nothing.
- **178.** Nothing. The park is a very good day trip as it is.
- **179.** It would be nice to have a water fountain.
- 180. This is a really cool park. I would have purchased a drink, snack and souvenir when I visited if it were available.
- **181.** Please do not change the park!
- **182.** Improved restrooms.
- **183.** Playground could be updated slightly.
- **184.** Perhaps a public restroom.
- **185.** I think pavillions where the picnic tables are to block the sun if needed.
- **186.** Better year-round toilet facilities.
- 187. None.
- **188.** A map of the most interesting parts to go to would be wonderful. My kids ran up the rocks and we went around the Quarry, and never made it out to the engine house, partially because we didn't know it was there.

- **189.** water feature of some sort. improved picnic facilities.
- 190. Nothing.
- 191. Nature inspired themed inclusive playgrounds for multiple generations that is completely wheelchair accessible. Include this near upgraded and additional picnic areas. Add pavilions and tables.
- **192.** None
- **193.** The bathrooms usually smell pretty bad. During the warm weather months on weekends, the park is overcrowded, and we hardly ever see a Park Ranger.
- **194.** Bathroom at the backside of the park.
- **195.** a closer set of bathrooms and some offsite parking for campers....overflow parking.
- **196.** Campgrounds.
- **197.** Picnic and parking, as well as well maintained restrooms.
- **198.** Bathrooms.
- **199.** Please let us watch sunrise or sunset here.
- **200.** You definitely need more parking for peak times.
- 201. Leave it as is.
- 202. Nothing.
- 203. None.
- **204.** Camping sites like Johnson Shut ins.
- **205.** More picnic areas along the paved trail with trash cans for rest breaks for seniors.
- **206.** More restrooms.
- 207. Year-round bathroom.
- 208. Drinking water/water.
- **209.** I enjoyed the pictures and history of the park.
- **210.** More of this information and pictures would be great.

- **211.** water or bathroom at the 1/2 way point of the rocks.
- **212.** More bench seating for older people.
- **213.** More restroom facilities with flushing toilets.
- **214.** None.
- **215.** None leave as is.
- **216.** None.
- 217. Designated places to rest, sit, picnic, etc.
- 218. Snack Shack/Gift Shop
- **219.** Needs water, rest benches, more restrooms.
- 220. NOTHING, IT IS PERFECT JUST THE WAY IT IS!
- **221.** None.
- **222.** Gate design is horrendous.
- 223. I would love to talk to someone about an updated visitor center. I have a lot of history on the quarry and would love to contribute.
- **224.** Expanding the parking lot and adding a store with souvenirs and snacks would be great.
- **225.** They need to add plumbing and fix the water fountains!!
- 226. None.
- **227.** More bathrooms.
- 228. None.
- **229.** More picnic tables, and bathrooms.
- **230.** I believe the vendors there should be serviced more, most the time I am unable to get water due to sold out or not working machine.
- **231.** More parking. Better signage along the trails.
- **232.** More bathrooms.
- 233. N/A
- 234. More trails and longer ones. More Picnic tables and large wooden play equipment for children. With bridges, towers and slides.

- **235.** More disability accessibility.
- **236.** More place for the young and old to sit and rest.
- **237.** Fix the bathrooms.
- **238.** A small store for souvenirs and refreshments.
- **239.** Restrooms with flush toilets and sinks.
- **240.** Better toiletries options.
- **241.** A bit more parking might be helpful.
- 242. Putting fresh drinking water access throughout the park to refill water bottles.
- **243.** RV campground with water and electric.
- 244. The playground is a bit sad there and is dangerous for little kids but that's not the reason we come to ER!
- 245. More picnic areas.
- 246. Basketball court.
- 247. Could use more/nicer bathrooms.
- 248. None.
- 249. None.
- 250. No changes.
- **251.** Bathrooms seem to always be closed when I've visited.
- **252.** Vending machine.
- 253. Better bathrooms.
- **254.** More Parking.
- **255.** More Signs encouraging placing trash and gum properly with trash cans.
- **256.** Easy way to access the Old Railroad Engine House and ways to see the granite quarry.
- **257.** Make sure there is plenty of clean restrooms.
- **258.** Quality paths. Quality signage.
- 259. Nothing.
- **260.** N/A.
- **261.** Parking.
- **262.** Water in the restrooms.
- **263.** Better restroom facilities. The ones that are there are like

ones from the 50s. You have issues with yellow jackets, flies, etc. in the fall because people leave the doors to these restrooms open.

- **264.** None! Leave it alone!
- **265.** Better bathrooms when the newer ones are open throughout the year and having running water in general.
- **266.** Primitive camping spots.
- **267.** I can't think of anything at the moment.
- **268.** It's a miserable place in the extreme heat during summer months.
- **269.** I visited Elephant Rock for the first time in a couple years this summer and was disappointed that it seems as though the park is not being kept up like some of the other state parks. Bathrooms were dirty, path markers missing, stairs starting to get uneven, trash overflowing out of all receptacles.
- **270.** A cell tower, in case of emergency service is needed.
- **271.** Don't add anything.....
- **272.** None, leave it be.
- 273. None.
- **274.** Better bathrooms, and actually fixing the water fountains.
- 275. None.
- 276. None!
- 277. None.
- 278. The restrooms are almost always unusable. They need pumped out much more often. Add cooling stations for children along the trail.
- **279.** Better bathrooms and off season bathrooms.
- 280. None.
- **281.** Better and more water fountains. More restrooms.

- 282. It's been a while since I've been there, but good parking and bathrooms are always appreciated.
- **283.** Visitor kiosk could use a fresh update.
- 284. Expanded parking.
- **285.** Anything, anything, anything to prevent vandalism before it happens.
- **286.** Ok.
- Because of the accessible trail 287. already in place, this park is appealing to families who need it. Would you consider adding an adult changing table to the bathroom? Our son is too heavy for the baby sized ones, but there are adult ones in the market that sit lower to the around and are longer. They also fold up on the wall like the baby ones do. This allows individuals who are incontinent to be changed with dignity, rather than on a dirty bathroom floor where they can be seen if someone walks in.
- **288.** If there were funds available for rangers to patrol, it might lend to the safety of visitors. It is possible for youth to get into dangerous situations here if not closely supervised.
- **289.** Gift shop.
- 290. Nothing.
- **291.** Update the existing restrooms and add additional facilities.
- **292.** None.
- **293.** Nothing is missing. nothing should be added.
- **294.** Additional parking or limiting visitors during peak times.
- **295.** NA.
- **296.** Water fountains, better restrooms, more parking.
- **297.** There could be more picnic tables.

- **298.** Additional parking is needed.
- **299.** Possibly a campground and more handicapped accessible trails.
- **300.** Working drinking Fountains on the paths again.
- 301. A snack bar.
- **302.** Additional water stations.
- **303.** Better bathrooms.
- **304.** Additional areas for camping.
- **305.** Water play.
- **306.** It would be cool if Elephant Rocks had a campground to give more options for staying this area. We will typically try to hit Johnson Shut-ins and Elephant Rocks on the same trip. JSI is always so full in the summer months.
- **307.** More restrooms and picnic tables.
- **308.** See previous comment.
- **309.** Better bathrooms and water fountains.
- 310. Flush toilets.
- 311. None.
- 312. Nothing.
- **313.** Needs better bathrooms.
- **314.** More trails would be nice.
- **315.** more parking or a shuttle to Johnson's shut-ins.
- **316.** Bathrooms, nearby hotels or motels.
- **317.** Acquire more land from Missouri Red Quarries or other landowners for another set of parking spaces elsewhere. Maybe buy the other old quarry (where people shoot now) and set it up as a rock climbing/rappelling wall. Granite is better for that than rhyolite at JSI anyway. Contact the Mineral Area Gem and Mineral Society and work with them on any development or interpretation.

- **318.** None.
- **319.** see above.
- 320. None.
- **321.** Better restrooms.
- 322. None.
- **323.** Campground.
- **324.** I would love to see a state park camp ground adjacent to the existing park.
- **325.** Additional parking.
- **326.** More bathrooms.
- 327. Campsites.
- **328.** A water fountain.
- **329.** Free potable water to fill up water jugs.
- **330.** Running water and flush toilets with sinks would be really nice for as busy as it gets.
- **331.** I enjoy what is available, but my only suggestion is to add steps down to the swimming hole. Not everyone is able to climb down the rocks.
- 332. None.
- **333.** Improved/more restrooms, more water fountains.
- **334.** Better restrooms and water fountains.
- **335.** Better bathrooms.
- **336.** N/A.
- **337.** Get the water fountains working again.
- **338.** More restrooms would be nice.
- **339.** Bathrooms need improvement.
- **340.** I'd really like to see more wheelchair accessible trails.
- **341.** Better bathrooms.
- **342.** The park would benefit from better restroom facilities to accommodate the large crowds that utilize the park.
- 343. Camping
- **344.** Better Bathrooms
- 345. Maybe additional benches for older people to rest while walking trails. Possibility of a port-a-potty set up. That may

not be feasible, but it would be beneficial.

- **346.** Port-a-pottys in use instead of physical restrooms in 2021. Did not go in 2022 so restrooms might be open now.
- 347. None.
- **348.** Camping sites for RV's with 50amp electric and water.
- **349.** A visitor center.
- **350.** Campground.
- **351.** None.
- **352.** Area needs better marking for Direction.
- **353.** More tables in picnic areas.
- **354.** Grills & accessible picnic tables on accessible path of travel. A ramp or lift to get up higher to see what others see climbing. Even a video screen showing the current views of the day.
- **355.** A park store is needed.
- **356.** Overflow parking.
- **357.** Resurfacing the trails within the rocks.
- **358.** If it could be done without interfering with the natural landscape, a nearby lodge with cabins and a restaurant similar to the one at Echo Bluff would be nice.
- **359.** More bathrooms.
- **360.** Refreshments.
- **361.** Very disappointing that all the lookout towers are locked up.
- **362.** None.
- **363.** It has been several years since I was there but I recall that the bathrooms were pretty bad.
- **364.** visitor center.
- **365.** More playground equipment.
- **366.** Greater lodging choices.
- **367.** Bathrooms-maybe another one or more stalls.
- **368.** Visitor store. We needed sunblock and snacks that we

forgot last time & souvenir for our visit.

- **369.** Clean, fresh water restrooms.
- **370.** More non paved trails around the park.
- **371.** Restrooms with actual plumbing. Not a fan of port-a-potty style toilets.
- **372.** better restrooms.
- **373.** Better/ more bathrooms.
- **374.** None is needed.
- **375.** Add more benches for resting.
- 376. Nothing.
- **377.** More bathrooms than the ones at the parking lot.
- **378.** Ability to fill water bottles.
- **379.** More toilet facilities.
- **380.** Gift shop.
- **381.** More seating and play ground area.
- **382.** Parking is usually very tight and we have to park in unmarked places. Restrooms are limited, usually very smelly. More of each would be appreciated.
- **383.** Dining.
- **384.** Need more restrooms and picnic areas. Every time we have gone, the place was overcrowded and we had to picnic out of our trunk or on the ground.
- **385.** Could add some RV camping and should have a better parking lot. Always too crowded.
- **386.** I feel as though I wish there was one more bathroom somewhere closer to the rocks/along the paths of the trail.
- 387. Restrooms.
- **388.** Parking can be difficult.
- **389.** More updated restrooms
- **390.** Nice bathrooms.
- **391.** Rock climbing. The average age of humans in the USA is

rising and a study by North face shows 30% of people are interested in rock climbing. Also since the pandemic the percentage of the population using outdoor activities as their recreational activity has increased by 6.9 percent according to outdoorindustry.com

- **392.** None.
- **393.** Better bathrooms, better playgrounds, maybe disc golf.
- **394.** More advertising.
- **395.** Better trails.
- **396.** Better parking.
- 397. Nothing.
- **398.** More pavilions.
- **399.** Better restroom facilities
- **400.** Every place can always use more and cleaner bathrooms.
- **401.** developed campground with at least electric service at campsites.
- **402.** Bathrooms/ shower facilities.
- **403.** Walking trail to water's edge for a different view of the rock quarry.
- **404.** Needing cleaner Rest rooms. When it is busy it's hard to get into the rest rooms. Needs water fountains when warm out.
- **405.** Definitely needs restroom/wash areas. Also more parking would be nice.
- **406.** Leave it alone.
- 407. Parking.
- **408.** Nothing is missing
- **409.** A visitor Center.
- **410.** None.
- **411.** More picnic areas. Closer overnight camping. Bottle filler for water bottles.
- **412.** Have bathrooms open all year.
- **413.** Better bathrooms and maybe a bit bigger.

- 414. Showers.
- **415.** The water fountains through the park haven't worked in years. I would like to be able to fill a water bottle or fill my dogs water dish will walking through the park.
- More parking! If there is room 416. for it without taking away from the park land. More picnic tables with grills so we can cook hot doas/burgers or something rather than just bringing sandwiches or cold food. Especially since there aren't many restaurants close by. When we come we spend most of a day here, so these would be nice to add. I love the natural feel of the park though, so don't change it too much! Most people come to see/climb on the rocks. That's enough stuff to do.
- **417.** Lodging, a general store, playgrounds.
- **418.** More things added to do.
- **419.** Always expand pet facilities and walk ability.
- **420.** Better parking, or shuttle service from elsewhere during peak months.
- **421.** Please fix the braille and educational signs. We don't read braille, but the signs added information about the area and certain features that are otherwise missed.
- 422. NONE.
- 423. More parking.
- **424.** I didn't use any provided facility's at the time of visit unfortunately.
- **425.** Bathrooms with running water, better drinking water access.
- **426.** The ability to reserve the handicap picnic table area and

the picnic table area by the playground for family reunions.

- **427.** visitor/information center.
- **428.** Camping with electric.
- **429.** Better toilets.
- 430. None.
- **431.** Better bathroom.
- **432.** More parking.
- 433. None.
- **434.** More restrooms.
- **435.** I think it has a good amount and have been very satisficed with the bathrooms and vending.
- **436.** Pavilions to eat lunch, camper hookups.
- **437.** Signage for individual boulder names, other climbing/beta specific information.
- **438.** Better access to food.
- **439.** Nature center.
- **440.** More interactive historical activities.
- **441.** More bathrooms and parking. On nice days so many people are there that the bathrooms are almost always full and parking really isn't much of an issue.
- **442.** Small Primitive Campground with limited amenities.
- **443.** N/A.
- **444.** Better restroom facilities and parking.
- 445. None.
- **446.** The cell service is incredibly low which led to my party getting lost getting into the park.
- **447.** Ways to fill water bottles along the trail would be nice and maybe a restroom halfway around the loop somewhere would be helpful for families with young children.
- **448.** Rope bridge across quarry.
- **449.** More bathrooms with running water and vending machines.

- **450.** Restrooms are greatly appreciated.
- 451. None.
- **452.** Better hours, better restrooms.
- **453.** Better restroom facilities.
- **454.** Quality restroom facilities that actually function correctly.
- **455.** The bathrooms are almost always dirty. We do not even like to use them. For the amount of people that use this park it is important to have cleaner bathrooms. It also represents this park. Mothers need clean bathrooms to change children, and all people need to feel like they can enter bathrooms without entering an area that is covered in germs and dirt.
- 456. Nothing.
- **457.** Better bathrooms and playground with swings.
- **458.** Clearly defined and maintained climbing areas and camp sites.
- **459.** Sometimes parking is difficult.
- 460. Long trail.
- **461.** concession stand with limited menu hamburgers, hot dogs ect.
- **462.** Make an on site camp ground.
- 463. Bathrooms.
- 464. None.
- 465. None.
- **466.** Places to rest on the trail.
- **467.** The infrastructure at the park is aging. The existing pit toilets are over-used and usually emit a very foul odor when walking

by them on the main trail which is over 100 ft away. I have had to use them before and it is terrible as I have to hold my nose and try not to breathe. The toilets should be upgraded to a modern flush system to reduce the smell. Also, the park could use an actual pavilion to allow for better picnics, birthday parties, etc.

- **468.** A small museum showing the history of the area would be nice. There is so much history there, and so little is known about it.
- 469. None.
- **470.** More trash cans and bathrooms.
- **471.** Shelter, drinking water, rest rooms.
- **472.** more picnic shelters/ areas.
- 473. Camping.
- **474.** camping with shower/bathrooms.
- **475.** More parking lot spaces.
- 476. None.
- **477.** The trails could use some maintenance.
- **478.** Some sort of railing/step system should be put in place along the trail at the top of the cliff overlooking the water. It's extremely dangerous. The ground is smooth and sandy, which is so easy to slip on.
- **479.** Larger day use shelter and not enough restrooms to accommodate the visitation.