



**Ozark Mountain State Park  
CDP Public Meeting #1 Comments  
2019**

**Comments/suggestions regarding Ozark Mountain State Park:**

1. An excellent meeting. Great presentations and excellent feedback from participants.
2. Ozark Mountain State Park
  - a. Like the movement of opening in phases.
  - b. Remain true to the nature and cultural direction you are on for the park/planning.
  - c. Excellent presentation by staff. Chris was very informative.
  - d. Given the parks uniqueness, is there any strong thought to being a “research park”? Or have the strong focus on research/education with passive and limited recreational use? ... And development.
  - e. Like Ben’s example of private partnerships for infrastructure development not just this park but all parks.
3. I am in favor of proceeding with the conceptual plan and then development of plan as manpower and finances are available.
  - a. I am for proceeding with early development of a few trails for use of public as soon as possible.
  - b. Good open meeting of information and allowing Q&A.
4. We are concerned about...
  - i. Road from 76 to here
  - ii. Single cars at trestle from sycamore church to here – widen and upkeep
  - iii. Grounds keeper hired or work campers that exchange camping for work.
  - b. Wants:
    - i. RV camping with full hookups
    - ii. Horse trails
    - iii. Walking trails
    - iv. Biking trails
    - v. ATV trails?
  - c. Benefits:
    - i. Visitors get to use and stay in Missouri nature.
    - ii. Income potential to support the park is high
    - iii. The park would bring income to Branson shows and restaurants
    - iv. I know a couple high visitors and will speak to them.



5. Given how many developed campgrounds are in the area I would like to see minimal development at this park. Maybe some primitive campsites and a vault toilet. Keep the rules the same as Henning – no mountain bikes or horses. This glad habitat is too important to protect so we shouldn't risk damaging the natural environment.
6. We would like to see cabins and campsites; horseback trails
7. A plan to burn is great, especially where the cedar is taking over.
  - a. We are hoping the names of some of the parks historical site will keep their original names, such as Willard's Cabin, Onion Gap, Jones Lookout, Garber School House, and Jones Home Site.
8. Love the partnership with the community concept.