



Public Input Survey for 2014-2018 Master Plan

St. Joseph County Parks & Recreation Commission

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The St. Joseph County Parks & Recreation Commission is updating its 5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan for 2014-2018. We are soliciting input from the public to help develop goals and specific action items to pursue during this period.

The mission of the St. Joseph County Parks & Recreation Commission is to provide nature areas, boat and canoe launch sites, camp sites and well maintained recreational sites and facilities that will be useful and appealing to residents and visitors alike. The Commission was established in 1969 and seeks to develop large, natural resource-based regional parks that are typically the responsibility of county units of government.

St. Joseph County Parks & Recreation owns or leases and manages eight parks with approximately 415 acres of land. These parks are:

1. Cade Lake County Park & Campground; 97 acres; Fawn River Township
2. Hoshel Canoe Park; 9 acres; Lockport Township
3. Margaret Feek Recreation Area; 36 acres; Leonidas Township
4. Meyer Broadway Park; 160 acres; Fabius Township
5. Rawson's King Mill Park; 12 acres; Leonidas Township
6. Sweder Nature Preserve; 3 acres; Fabius Township
7. Timm County Park; 95 acres; Florence Township
8. Wahbememe Historical Monument; 1 acre; Mottville Township

Please complete the following survey, and add any additional comments in the spaces provided.

What is your zip code? _____ Township? _____

Gender M F Age: _____

How often do you or your family visit a county park in St. Joseph County, Michigan?

___ Daily ___ Weekly ___ 2 x/ Month ___ Monthly
___ Every 2 – 6 months ___ Every 6 – 12 months ___ Once per year ___ Never

Which parks have you visited during the past year? (select all that apply)

___ Cade Lake County Park & Campground ___ Hoshel Canoe Park
___ Margaret Feek Recreation Area ___ Meyer Broadway Park
___ Rawson's King Mill Park ___ Timm County Park
___ Wahbememe Historical Monument ___ None of the above

Which parks do you visit most often? (select one or two)

___ Cade Lake County Park & Campground ___ Hoshel Canoe Park
___ Margaret Feek Recreation Area ___ Meyer Broadway Park
___ Rawson's King Mill Park ___ Timm County Park
___ Wahbememe Historical Monument ___ None of the above

For each park you have visited, describe what additions or improvements you think are needed.

Cade Lake County Park & Campground _____

Hoshel Canoe Park _____

Margaret Feek Recreation Area _____

Meyer Broadway Park _____

Rawson's King Mill Park _____

Timm County Park _____

Wahbememe Historical Monument _____

When you have visited St. Joseph County Parks, have you or has anyone else been challenged by barriers to accessibility?

Yes No If yes, please explain where, and what the challenge or barrier was. _____

What are your main interests or pursuits in outdoor recreation?

Walking/running/hiking Playgrounds Wildlife/nature
 Swimming Biking Fishing
 Canoeing Boating/Water Skiing Athletics/Sports
 Winter Activities (snow tubing/skiing) Camping
 Other: _____

What recreational pursuits that you are interested in are not available in our county parks?

What parks & recreation facilities would you like to see added or developed for county parks in the future?

Multi-use trails Swimming beaches Splash pads Bmx bike trails
 Disc golf Natural areas Canoeing/kayaking Picnic Shelters/Pavilions
 Indoor recreational/meeting facilities Purchase more land/preserve natural areas
Other: _____

What do you think will be the best way to fund public parks & recreation in the future:

Donations User fees/admission fees County General Funds with no user fees
 County-wide Parks & Recreation Millage Private sponsorship

Is there anything else you would like to say or suggest for us to consider in the development of the five-year master plan? If so, please enter it here. _____

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your input and suggestions. Please mail this form to St. Joseph County Parks & Recreation, P.O. Box 427, Centreville, MI 49032, or drop it off at the County Courthouse, 125 W. Main St., Centreville, or the Parks Office, 602 E. Main St., Centreville (between the fairgrounds and the Sheriffs's Dept.).