

LaGrange County Master Park Plan Public Survey

Please take a moment to help us improve your experiences in LaGrange County parks. When you're done, please mail the questionnaire back using the self-addressed stamped envelope provided or bring it by the Parks Office. The results of this survey will be added to the information being gathered for the LaGrange County 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

All results gathered in this survey will be anonymous and all information is completely confidential. No information from these surveys will be used for any purpose other than park planning.

The survey can also be found online. Find the link marked "Public Survey" at www.lagrangecountyparks.org.

Please submit this survey no later than: September 1, 2012

PARK USE

1. Which LaGrange County parks have you visited?

(check all that apply)

- Atwood Beach
- Cedar Lake Beach
- Dallas Lake Park
- David Rogers Memorial Park
- Delt Church Park
- Duff Preserve
- Maple Wood Nature Center
- Pine Knob Park
- Scott Mill Park
- Shishewana Lake Beach
- Wall Lake Beach

2. How often do you use LaGrange County parks?

(check one)

- Weekly
- Once or twice a month
- Once or twice a year
- Never

3. How would you rate the physical condition of LaGrange County parks and facilities? (check one)

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Poor

4. What facilities do you use in LaGrange County parks? (check all that apply)

- Archery range
- Beach access
- Boat and canoe landings
- Dallas Lake Beach
- Disc golf
- Maple Wood Nature Center
- Picnic areas and shelters
- Playgrounds
- Trails
- Other: _____

5. What types of activities do you use LaGrange County parks for? (check all that apply)

- Archery
- Biking
- Bird or nature watching
- Boating or canoeing
- Dog walking
- Festivals
- Fishing
- Folk music jam sessions
- Geocaching
- Informal sports
- Interpretive programs
- Picnicking
- Socializing
- Swimming
- Walking or jogging
- Other: _____

PROGRAMS and ACTIVITIES

6. What LaGrange County parks programs do you participate in? (check all that apply)

- Art and craft classes
- Festivals
- Guided nature walks
- Hunter safety classes
- Interpretive programs
- Summer camps
- Swim lessons
- Other: _____

7. How do you learn about park program and facility offerings in LaGrange County? (check all that apply)

- Community guide
- County website
- Don't hear about offerings
- Flyers from church or community group
- LaGrange Standard & News* or other newspapers
- Local radio stations
- Notices through schools
- Park emails
- Park Facebook page
- Park newsletter
- Park website
- Posters
- Word of mouth
- Other: _____

ACCESSIBILITY and PARTICIPATION

8. What is the single greatest factor that prevents you from using the parks or programs more often? (check one)

- Can't afford the programs
- Lack of interest/don't want to
- Lack of time
- Not enough offerings
- Poor health/mobility
- Too far away
- Other: _____

9. I would like to see LaGrange County parks add the following things: (check all that apply)

- Benches
- Climbing wall
- Covered picnic shelters
- Dog park
- Frisbee golf course
- Grills or outdoor cooking areas
- Ice skating
- Improved lighting
- Improved parking
- Play equipment
- Restrooms
- Shelters/gathering areas
- Trails and paths for walking/jogging/biking

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ACCESSIBILITY and PARTICIPATION

9. I would like to see LaGrange County parks add the following things: (check all that apply) CONTINUED

- Volleyball court
- Youth programs/activities
- Other: _____

10. I would like to see LaGrange County parks add new programs and activities for the following age groups: (check all that apply)

- < 5
- 5 - 11
- 12 - 18
- 19 - 24
- 25 - 64
- 65 +

11. If you or someone in your family or care has a disability, please rate the accessibility of LaGrange County parks and facilities. (check one)

- Not applicable
- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Poor

12. Which of these physical barriers restrict or prevent your using the parks or programs? (check all that apply)

- None
- Not applicable
- Lack of accessible parking and ramps
- Lack of accessible play equipment
- Parks too far away
- Physical access to parks or facilities
- Safety concerns
- Other: _____

13. What specific accessible amenities would you like to see in LaGrange County parks? Please include the specific park location, if applicable. (write in space provided)

PARK FUNDING

14. Would you like LaGrange County to invest more money in the parks? (check one)

- Yes
- No
- Depends on investment (please explain below)

15. How would you like LaGrange County to pay for park land acquisition, expansion and development? (check all that apply)

- Use existing budget
- Municipal bonds
- New taxes/fees
- Donations
- Grants

16. Are you willing to pay for improvements in LaGrange County parks using any of the following methods? (check all that apply)

- Yes, small increase in program fees
- Yes, small increase in facilities fees
- Yes, small yearly county park user tax
- No, can't afford to pay anything for parks
- No, unwilling to pay anything for parks

GENERAL COMMENTS

17. If you could change one thing about LaGrange County parks, it would be? (write in space provided)

18. Please share any additional comments.

ABOUT YOU (optional)

19. What is your approximate age? (check one)

- < 18
- 19 - 30
- 31 - 50
- 51 - 64
- 65 +

20. What is your gender? (check one)

- Male
- Female

21. Where do you live? (check one)

- Howe
- LaGrange
- Mongo
- Shipshewana
- South Milford
- Stroh
- Topeka
- Wolcottville
- Other: _____

22. What is your approximate annual household income? (check one)

- < \$20,000
- \$20,000 - \$49,999
- \$50,000 - \$79,999
- \$80,000 +

23. If you would like to be updated about LaGrange County parks, please provide your preferred method of contact:

- Email: _____
- Mailing Address: _____

(End)

For more park information, please visit
www.lagrangecountyparks.org
Thank you for your participation!