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Executive Summary

This visitor study report profiles a systematic random sample of Congaree National Park (NP) visitors during May 2–15, 2011. A total of 450 questionnaires was distributed to visitor groups. Of those, 313 questionnaires were returned, resulting in a 69.6% response rate.

Group size and type	Fifty-four percent of visitor groups consisted of two people and 16% were visiting alone. Sixty-four percent of visitor groups consisted of family groups.
State or country of residence	United States visitors were from 40 states and Washington, DC and comprised 94% of total visitation during the survey period, with 54% from South Carolina. International visitors were from 9 countries and comprised 6% of total visitation.
Frequency of visits	Seventy-six percent of visitors visited the park once in the past 12 months and 62% were visiting the park for the first time in their lives. Twenty percent had visited 4 or more times in their lifetime.
Age, ethnicity, race, and educational level	Thirty-three percent of visitors were ages 56-70 years, 28% were 21-40 years old, 12% were ages 15 years or younger, and 5% were 71 or older. Four percent were Hispanic or Latino. Ninety-one percent of visitors were White and 4% were Black or African American. Forty-one percent of respondents had completed a graduate degree and 31% had a bachelor's degree.
Physical conditions	Eight percent of visitor groups had members with physical conditions affecting their ability to access or participate in activities and services.
Awareness of park programs	Fifty-nine percent of visitor groups were aware, prior to their visit, of the various programs offered at the park.
Knowledge of wilderness	Fifty-seven percent of the respondents said they were aware of congressionally designated wilderness before their visit to the park. Forty-six percent of visitor groups said they learned about wilderness while at the park.
Non-native species management	Fifty-two percent of the respondents were aware of the policy regarding removal of non-native species. Most visitor groups (83%) were in support of removal of non-native plants and 73% were supportive of removal of non-native animals.
Scientific research and education in the park	Forty percent of the visitor groups noticed scientists working or scientific markers or equipment being used in the park. Through programs or products, 25% of the visitors learned about the results of scientific studies conducted at the park.
Information sources	Most visitors (91%) obtained information about the park prior to their visit. Of those visitors, 50% used the park website and 30% obtained their information from friends/relatives/word of mouth.
Park as destination	Seventy-four percent of visitor groups said the park was their primary destination and 21% said it was one of several destinations.
Primary reason for visiting the area	Twenty-nine percent of visitor groups were residents of the area (within a 1-hour drive of the park). The most common primary reasons for visiting the park area among non-resident visitor groups were to visit the park (65%) and visit friends/relatives in the area (12%).

Executive Summary (continued)

Overnight stays	Forty percent of visitor groups stayed overnight away from home either in the park or the area. Of those visitors that stayed outside the park (within a 1-hour drive), 49% stayed 1 night and 21% stayed for 2 nights.
Accommodations	Of those visitor groups that stayed outside the park (within a 1-hour drive), 83% stayed in a lodge, hotel, motel, vacation rental, or B&B.
Time spent at park and in the area	Fifty percent of visitor groups spent 3 - 4 hours in the park, while 36% percent spent 1 - 2 hours. Thirty-nine percent of visitors stayed in the park area (within 1-hour drive) for 1 - 2 hours, while 36% spent 3 – 4 hours. The average length of stay in the park was 6.1 hours. The average length of stay in the area was 38.1 hours, or 1.6 days.
Activities	The most common activities were walking/hiking (82%), visiting the visitor center (71%), and birdwatching (24%).
Use of park trails	The Elevated Boardwalk Trail was used by 81% of the visitor groups and the Low Boardwalk Trail was used by 62%.
Information services and facilities	The information services and facilities most commonly used by visitor groups were the park brochure/map (86%), assistance from park staff (78%), and the visitor center exhibits (74%).
Visitor services and facilities	The visitor services and facilities most commonly used by visitor groups were the boardwalks (89%), restrooms (86%), and parking areas (83%).
Protecting park attributes, resources, and experiences	The highest combined proportions of “extremely important” and “very important” ratings of protecting park attributes, resources, and experiences included native wildlife (90%), natural quiet/sounds of nature (89%), clean water (88%), and clean air (87%).
Elements affecting park experience	Thirty-one percent of visitor groups reported that encountering small numbers of visitors on the trails added to their trip experience. Airplane noise detracted from 12% of the visitor groups’ experiences.
Expenditures	The average visitor group expenditure (inside and outside the park within a 1-hour drive) was \$199. The median group expenditure (50% of groups spent more and 50% of groups spent less) was \$55. The majority of expenses were for lodging (30%) and gas and oil (21%). The average total expenditure per capita was \$106.
Future visit	Fifty-nine percent of visitor groups were interested in canoeing/kayaking on future visits and 50% were interested in bird walks. Eighty-eight percent of visitor groups were interested in learning more about the park on future visits.
Overall quality	Most visitor groups (95%) rated the overall quality of facilities, services, and recreational opportunities at Congaree NP as “very good” or “good.” No visitor groups rated the overall quality as “very poor.” One percent of groups rated the overall quality as “poor.”

For more information about the Visitor Services Project, please contact the Park Studies Unit at the University of Idaho at (208) 885-7863 or the following website <http://www.psu.uidaho.edu>.

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Introduction

This report describes the results of a visitor study at Congaree National Park (NP) in Hopkins, SC, conducted May 2–15, 2011 by the National Park Service (NPS) Visitor Services Project (VSP), part of the Park Studies Unit (PSU) at the University of Idaho.

As described in the National Park Service website for Congaree National Park: “Welcome to the largest remnant of old-growth floodplain forest remaining on the continent! Experience champion trees, towering to record size amidst astonishing biodiversity...Congaree National Park houses a museum quality exhibit area within the Harry Hampton Visitor Center, a 2.4 mile boardwalk loop trail, over 20 miles of backwoods hiking trails, canoeing, kayaking, fishing and more...As a designated Wilderness area, International Biosphere Reserve, Globally Important Bird Area, and the largest intact tract of old-growth floodplain forest in North America, Congaree National Park is home to a variety of ongoing research and education projects.” (<http://www.nps.gov/cong/index.htm>, retrieved October, 2011)

Organization of the Report

This report is organized into three sections.

Section 1: **Methods**. This section discusses the procedures, limitations, and special conditions that may affect the study results.

Section 2: **Results**. This section provides a summary for each question in the questionnaire and includes visitor comments to open-ended questions. The presentation of the results of this study does not follow the order of questions in the questionnaire.

Section 3: **Appendices**

Appendix 1: *The Questionnaire*. A copy of the questionnaire distributed to visitor groups.

Appendix 2: *Additional Analysis*. A list of sample questions for cross-references and cross comparisons. Comparisons can be analyzed within a park or between parks. Results of additional analyses are not included in this report.

Appendix 3: *Decision rules for checking non-response bias*. An explanation of how the non-response bias was determined.

Presentation of the Results

Results are represented in the form of graphs (see example below); scatter plots, pie charts, tables, and text.

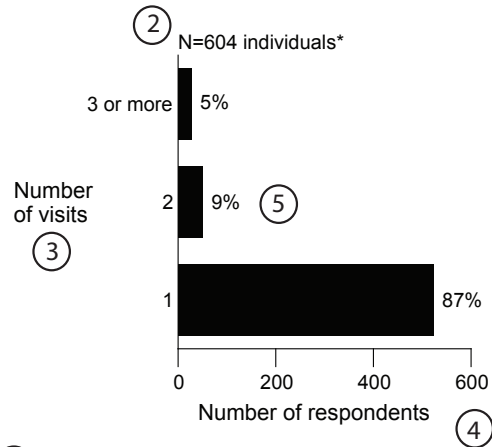
SAMPLE

1. The figure title describes the graph’s information.
2. Listed above the graph, the “N” shows the number of individuals or visitor groups responding to the question. If “N” is less than 30, “**CAUTION!**” is shown on the graph to indicate the results may be unreliable.

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3. Vertical information describes the response categories.
4. Horizontal information shows the number or proportion of responses in each category.
5. In most graphs, percentages provide additional information.



① **Figure 14.** Number of visits to the park in past 12 months

Methods

Survey Design and Procedures

Sample size and sampling plan

All VSP questionnaires follow design principles outlined in Don A. Dillman's book *Mail and Internet Surveys: The Tailored Design Method* (2007). Using this method, the sample size was calculated based on park visitation statistics of previous years.

Brief interviews were conducted with a systematic, random sample of visitor groups that arrived at the visitor center during May 2–15, 2011. Visitors were surveyed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. During this survey, 456 visitor groups were contacted and 450 of these groups (98.7%) accepted questionnaires. (The average acceptance rate for 228 VSP visitor studies conducted from 1988 through 2010 is 91.5%.) Questionnaires were completed and returned by 313 respondents, resulting in a 69.6% response rate for this study. (The average response rate for the 228 VSP visitor studies is 72.6%.)

Questionnaire design

The Congaree NP questionnaire was developed at a workshop held with park staff to design and prioritize questions. Some of the questions were comparable with VSP studies conducted at other parks while others were customized for Congaree NP. Many questions asked visitors to choose answers from a list of responses, often with an open-ended option, while others were completely open-ended.

No pilot study was conducted to test the Congaree NP questionnaire. However, all questions followed Office Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines and/or were used in previous surveys; thus, the clarity and consistency of the survey instrument have been tested and supported.

Survey procedure

Visitor groups were greeted, briefly introduced to the purpose of the study, and asked to participate. If visitors agreed, they were asked which member (at least 16 years old) had the next birthday. The individual with the next birthday was selected to complete the questionnaire for the group. An interview, lasting approximately two minutes, was conducted with that person to determine group size, group type, age of the member completing the questionnaire, and how this visit to the park fit into their group's travel plans. These individuals were asked their names, addresses, and telephone numbers or email addresses in order to mail a reminder/thank-you postcard and follow-ups. Participants were asked to complete the questionnaire after their visit, and return it in the Business Reply Mail envelope provided.

Two weeks following the survey, a reminder/thank-you postcard was mailed to all participants who provided a valid mailing address (see Table 1). Replacement questionnaires were mailed to participants who had not returned their questionnaires four weeks after the survey. Seven weeks after the survey, a second round of replacement questionnaires was mailed to participants who had not returned their questionnaires.

Table 1. Follow-up mailing distribution

Mailing	Date	U.S.	International	Total
Postcards	May 23, 2011	423	18	441
1 st replacement	June 7, 2011	198	8	206
2 nd replacement	June 27, 2011	174	0	174

Data analysis

Returned questionnaires were coded and the responses were processed using custom and standard statistical software applications—Statistical Analysis Software® (SAS), and a custom designed FileMaker Pro® application. Descriptive statistics and cross-tabulations were calculated for the coded data; responses to open-ended questions were categorized and summarized. Double-key data entry validation was performed on numeric and text entry variables and the remaining checkbox (bubble) variables were read by optical mark recognition (OMR) software.

Limitations

As with all surveys, this study has limitations that should be considered when interpreting the results.

1. This was a self-administered survey. Respondents completed the questionnaire after the visit, which may have resulted in poor recall. Thus, it is not possible to know whether visitor responses reflected actual behavior.
2. The data reflect visitor use patterns at the selected sites during the study period of May 2–15, 2011. The results present a ‘snapshot in time’ and do not necessarily apply to visitors during other times of the year.
3. Caution is advised when interpreting any data with a sample size of less than 30, as the results may be unreliable. Whenever the sample size is less than 30, the word “**CAUTION!**” is included in the graph, figure, table, or text.
4. Occasionally, there may be inconsistencies in the results. Inconsistencies arise from missing data or incorrect answers (due to misunderstood directions, carelessness, or poor recall of information). Therefore, refer to both the percentage and N (number of individuals or visitor groups) when interpreting the results.

Special conditions

The weather during the survey period was a sunny, warm and humid, interspersed with occasional cool, rainy days. No special events occurred in the area that would have affected the type and amount of visitation to the park.

Checking non-response bias

Five variables were used to check non-response bias: participant age, group size, group type, park as destination, and participant travel distance to the park. All variables were found to be significantly different between respondents and non-respondents (see Tables 2 - 5). The results indicate some biases occurred due to non-response. Visitors at younger age ranges (especially 40 and younger), who came from the local area (within 50 miles radius), and visitors traveling with friends were under-represented in the survey results. See Appendix 3 for more details on the non-response bias checking procedures.

Table 2. Comparison of respondents and non-respondents by average age and group size

Variable	Respondents	Non-respondents	p-value (t-test)
Age (years)	50.21 (N=312)	39.29 (N=136)	<0.001
Group size	2.43 (N=307)	2.73 (N=133)	0.027

Table 3. Comparison of respondents and non-respondents by group type

Group type	Respondents	Non-respondents	p-value (chi-square)
Alone	49 (16%)	18 (13%)	0.003
Family	196 (64%)	69 (51%)	
Friends	47 (15%)	34 (25%)	
Family and friends	14 (5%)	11 (8%)	
Other	1 (0.3%)	4 (3%)	

Table 4. Comparison of respondents and non-respondents by primary destination

Destination	Respondents	Non-respondents	p-value (chi-square)
Park as primary destination	216 (70%)	113 (84%)	0.011
Park as one of several destinations	74 (24%)	18 (13%)	
Unplanned visit	18 (6%)	4 (3%)	

Table 5. Comparison of respondents and non-respondents by distance from home to park

Distance	Respondents	Non-respondents	p-value (chi-square)
Within 50 miles	117 (39%)	76 (57%)	0.009
51-100 miles	30 (10%)	12 (9%)	
101-200 miles	36 (15%)	9 (7%)	
201 miles or more	108 (36%)	32 (24%)	
International visitors	12 (4%)	5 (4%)	

Results

Group and Visitor Characteristics

Note: Non-response bias was detected during data analysis; therefore some results should be interpreted with caution. See Appendix 3 for more details on the non-response bias checking procedures.

Visitor group size

Question 19b

On this visit, how many people were in your personal group, including yourself?

Results

- 54% of visitor groups consisted of two people (see Figure 1).
- 16% were alone.

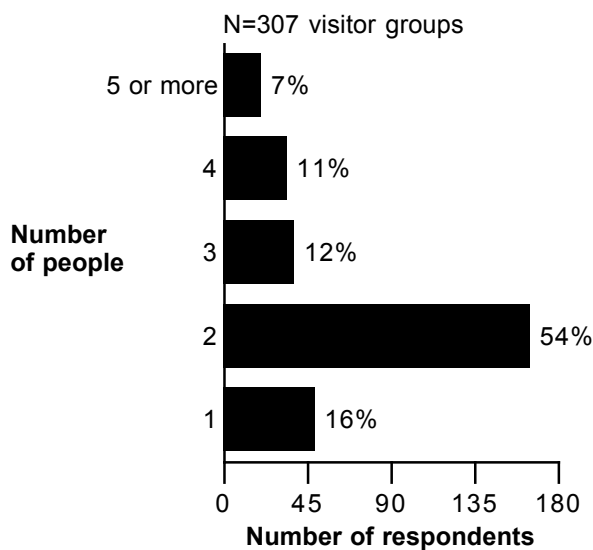


Figure 1. Visitor group size

Visitor group type

Question 19a

On this visit, what kind of personal group (not guided tour/school/other organized group) were you with?

Results

- 64% of visitor groups consisted of family members (see Figure 2).
- No “other” group types (<1%) were specified.

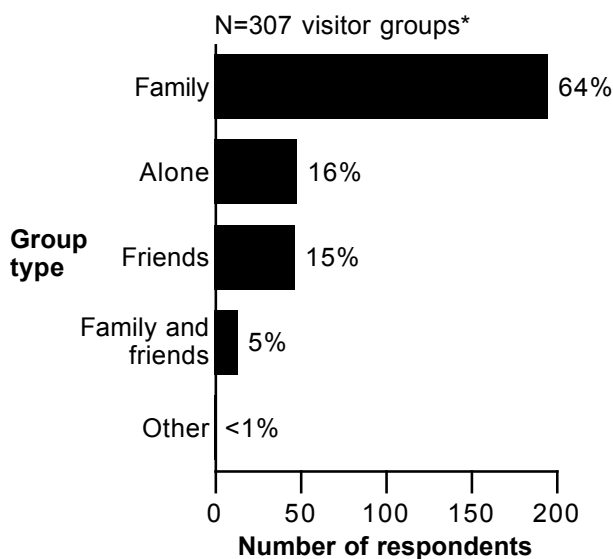


Figure 2. Visitor group type

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Visitors with organized groups

Question 18a

On this visit, were you and your personal group with a commercial guided tour group?

Results

- 1% of visitor groups were with a commercial guided tour group (see Figure 3).

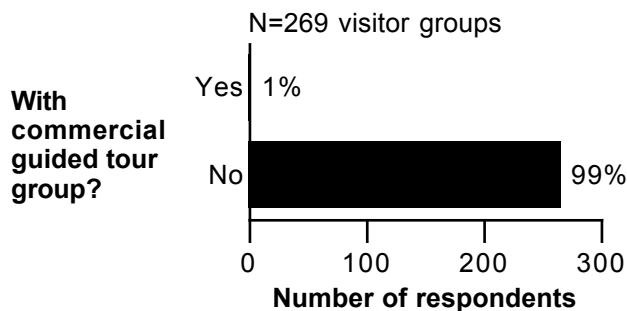


Figure 3. Visitors with a commercial guided tour group

Question 18b

On this visit, were you and your personal group with a school/ educational group?

Results

- 3% of visitor groups were with a school/educational group (see Figure 4).

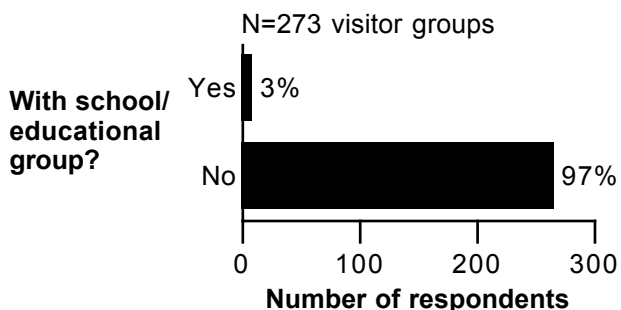


Figure 4. Visitors with a school/educational group

Question 18c

On this visit, were you and your personal group with an “other” organized group (scouts, work, church, etc.)?

Results

- 2% of visitor groups were with an “other” organized group (see Figure 5).

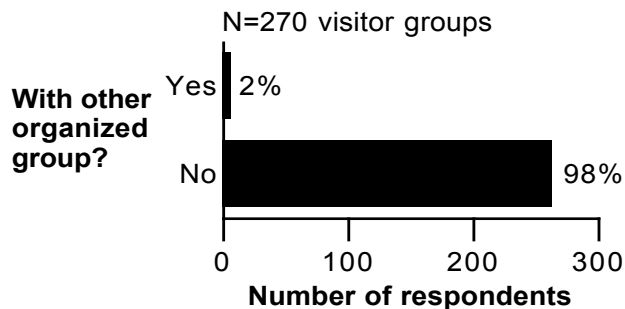


Figure 5. Visitors with an “other” organized group

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Question 18d

If you were with one of these organized groups, how many people, including yourself, were in this group?

Results – Interpret with **CAUTION!**

- Not enough visitor groups responded to this question to provide reliable results (see Figure 6).

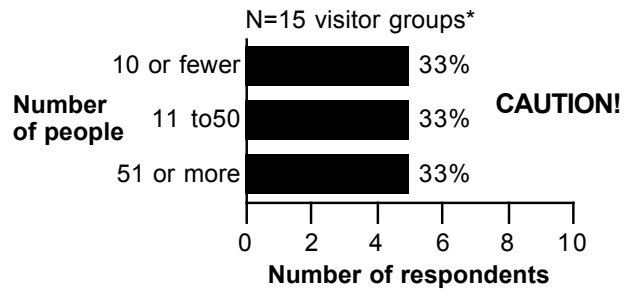


Figure 6. Organized group size

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United States visitors by state of residence

Question 20b

For you and your personal group on this visit, what is your state of residence?

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Results

- U.S. visitors were from 40 states and comprised 94% of total visitation to the park during the survey period.
- 54% of U.S. visitors came from South Carolina (see Table 6 and Figure 7).
- 6% came from North Carolina and 5% were from Florida.
- Smaller proportions came from 37 other states and Washington, DC.

Table 6. United States visitors by state of residence

State	Number of visitors	Percent of U.S. visitors N=638 individuals	Percent of total visitors N=680 individuals
South Carolina	347	54%	51%
North Carolina	41	6%	6%
Florida	32	5%	5%
Pennsylvania	22	3%	3%
Georgia	21	3%	3%
California	19	3%	3%
Ohio	17	3%	3%
Michigan	13	2%	2%
Tennessee	11	2%	2%
Maryland	10	2%	1%
New York	10	2%	1%
29 other states and Washington, DC	95	15%	14%

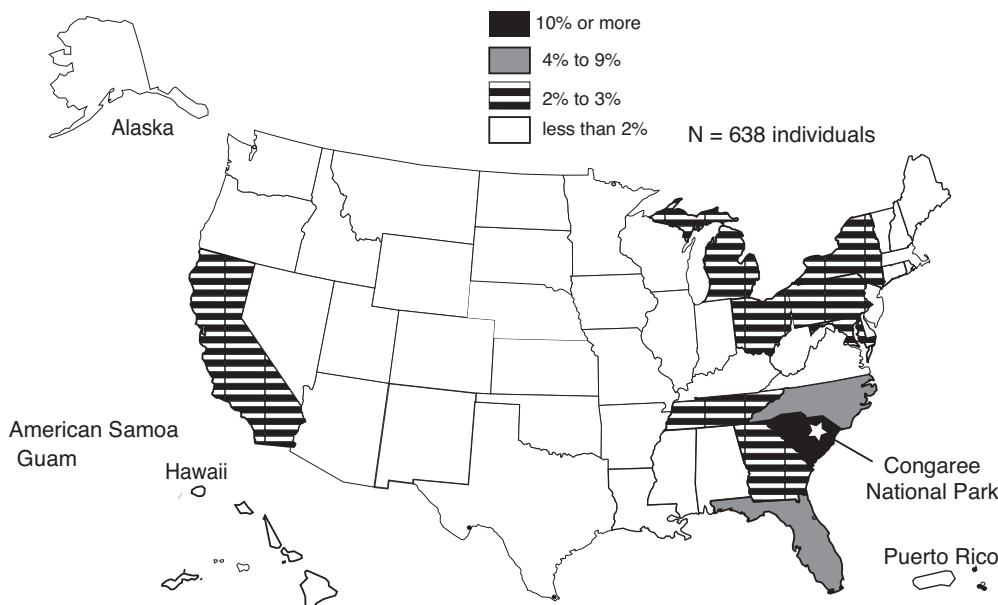


Figure 7. United States visitors by state of residence

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Visitors from South Carolina and adjacent states by county of residence

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Table 7. Visitors from South Carolina and adjacent states by county of residence

Results

- Visitors from South Carolina and adjacent states were from 49 counties and comprised 66% of the total U.S. visitation to the park during the survey period.
- 34% came from Richland County, SC (see Table 7).
- 22% Came from Lexington County, SC.
- Small proportions of visitors came from 47 other counties in South Carolina and adjacent states.

County, State	Number of visitors N=420 individuals	Percent*
Richland, SC	141	34
Lexington, SC	92	22
Kershaw, SC	18	4
Greenville, SC	16	4
Charleston, SC	13	3
Buncombe, NC	11	3
Mecklenburg, NC	9	2
Aiken, SC	8	2
Iredell, NC	8	2
Sumter, SC	8	2
Orangeburg, SC	7	2
York, SC	7	2
Oconee, SC	6	1
Blount, TN	5	1
Greenwood, SC	5	1
Cobb, GA	4	1
Gwinnett, GA	4	1
Spartanburg, SC	4	1
Cherokee, GA	3	1
Clarendon, SC	3	1
Florence, SC	3	1
Horry, SC	3	1
Jasper, SC	3	1
Madison, GA	3	1
25 other counties	36	8

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International visitors by country of residence

Question 20b

For you and your personal group on this visit, what is your country of residence?

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Results

- International visitors were from 9 countries and comprised 6% of total visitation to the park during the survey period.
- 31% of international visitors came from Germany (see Table 8).
- 17% were from Australia.
- Smaller proportions of international visitors came from 7 other countries.

Table 8. International visitors by country of residence

Country	Number of visitors	Percent of international visitors N=42 Individuals*	Percent of total visitors N=680 individuals
Germany	13	31	2
Australia	7	17	1
Canada	6	14	1
Italy	4	10	1
India	3	7	<1
The Netherlands	3	7	<1
Austria	2	5	<1
Switzerland	2	5	<1
United Kingdom	2	5	<1

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Number of visits to Congaree NP in past 12 months

Question 20c

For you and your personal group on this visit, how many times have you visited Congaree NP in the past 12 months (including this visit)?

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Results

- 76% of visitors visited the park once in the past 12 months (see Figure 8).
- 17% of visitors visited two or three times.

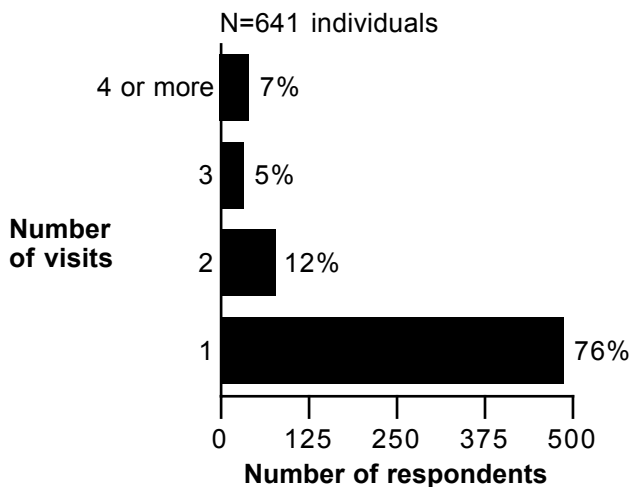


Figure 8. Number of visits to park in past 12 months

Number of lifetime visits to Congaree NP

Question 20d

For you and your personal group on this visit, how many times have you visited Congaree NP in your lifetime (including this visit)?

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Results

- 62% of visitors were visiting the park for the first time (see Figure 9).
- 20% had visited 4 or more times in their lifetime.

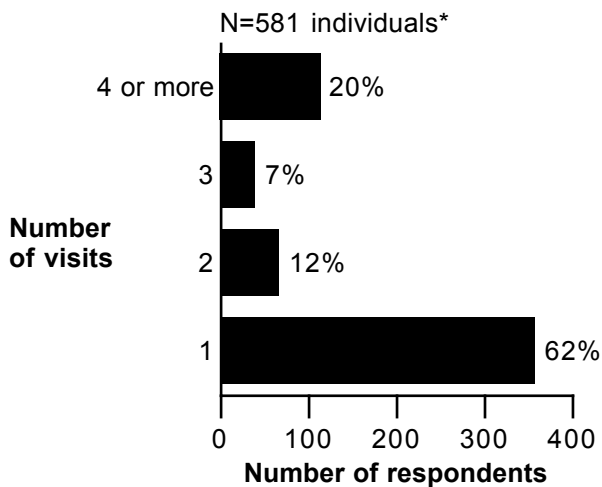


Figure 9. Number of visits to park in lifetime

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Number of visits to other national parks in past 12 months

Question 20e

For you and your personal group on this visit, how many times have you visited other national parks in the past 12 months (including this visit)?

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Results

- 35% of visitors had visited other national parks once in the past 12 months (see Figure 10).
- 25% had visited other national parks 5 or more times.

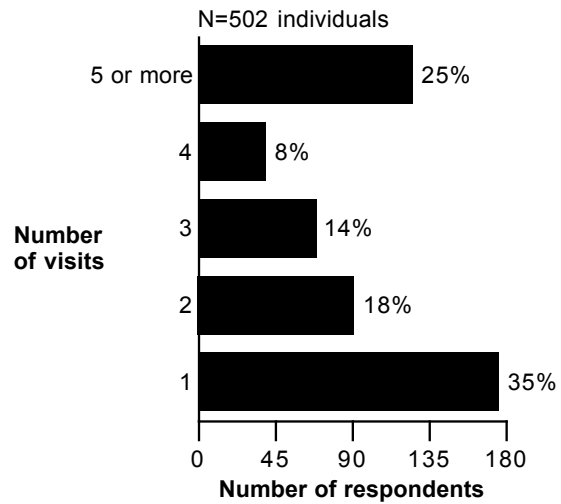


Figure 10. Number of visits to other national parks in past 12 months

Number of lifetime visits to other national parks

Question 20f

For you and your personal group on this visit, how many times have you visited a national park in your lifetime (including this visit)?

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Results

- 35% of visitors had visited other national parks between 1 and 5 times in their lifetime (see Figure 11).
- 25% had visited other national parks 21 or more times.
- For 9% of visitors, this was their first visit to any national park.

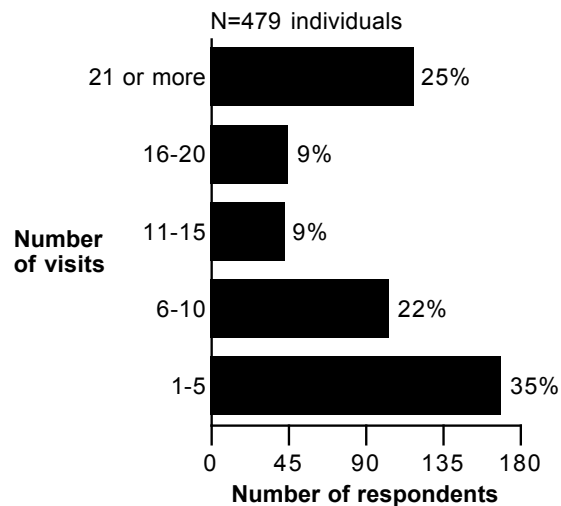


Figure 11. Number of visits to other national parks in lifetime

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Visitor age

Question 20a

For you and your personal group on this visit, what is your current age?

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Results

- Visitor ages ranged from 1 to 97 years.
- 33% of visitors were 56 to 70 years old (see Figure 12).
- 28% were 21-40 years old.
- 12% were 15 years old or younger.
- 5% were 71 years or older.

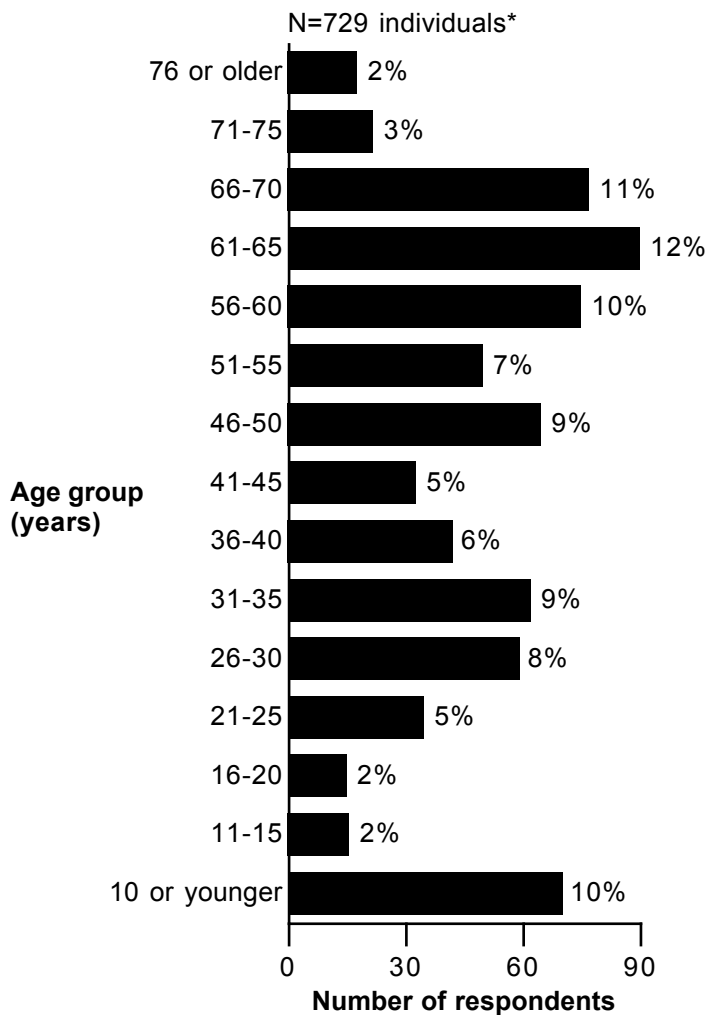


Figure 12. Visitor age

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Visitor ethnicity

Question 23a

Are you or members of your personal group Hispanic or Latino?

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Results

- 4% of visitors were Hispanic or Latino (see Figure 13).

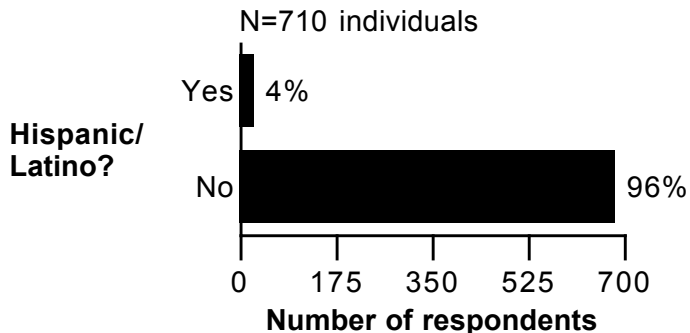


Figure 13. Visitors who were Hispanic or Latino

Visitor race

Question 23b

What is your race? What is the race of each member of your personal group?

Note: Response was limited to seven members from each visitor group.

Results

- 91% of visitors were White (see Figure 14).
- 4% were Black or African American.

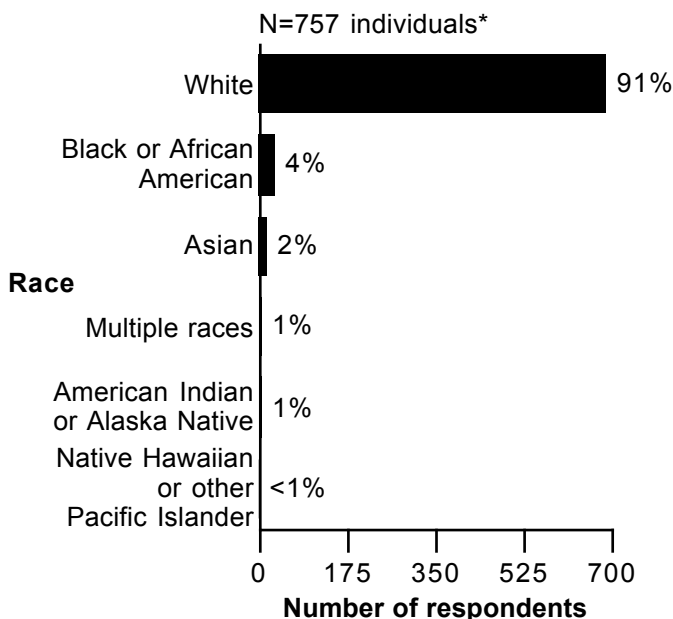


Figure 14. Visitor race

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Visitors with physical conditions affecting access/participation

Question 22a

Does anyone in your personal group have mobility or other physical impairments?

Results

- 8% of visitor groups had members with mobility or other physical conditions (see Figure 15).

Have mobility or other physical conditions?

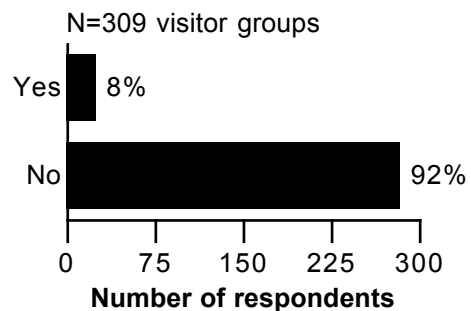


Figure 15. Visitor groups that had members with mobility or other physical conditions

Question 22b

If YES, did anyone in your personal group have a physical condition that made it difficult to access or participate in park activities or services?

Results – Interpret with CAUTION!

- Not enough visitor groups responded to provide reliable results (see Figure 16).

Have difficulty accessing services/ participating in activities?

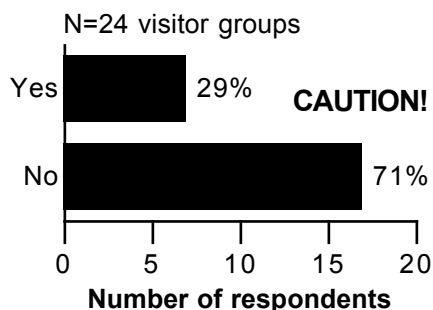


Figure 16. Visitor groups that had a member with physical conditions affecting access to services or participation in park activities

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Respondent level of education

Question 21

For you only, what is the highest level of education you have completed?

Results

- 41% of respondents had a graduate degree (see Figure 17).
- 31% of respondents had a bachelor’s degree.

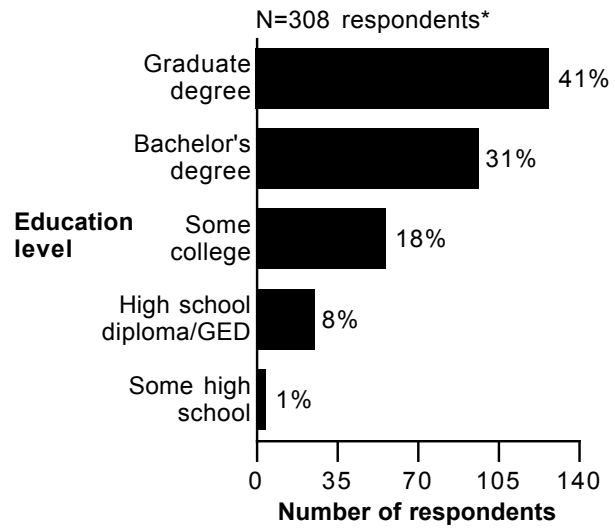


Figure 17. Respondents’ level of education

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Household income

Question 25a

Which category best represents your annual household income?

Results

- 54% had an income between \$50,000 and \$149,999 (see Figure 18).

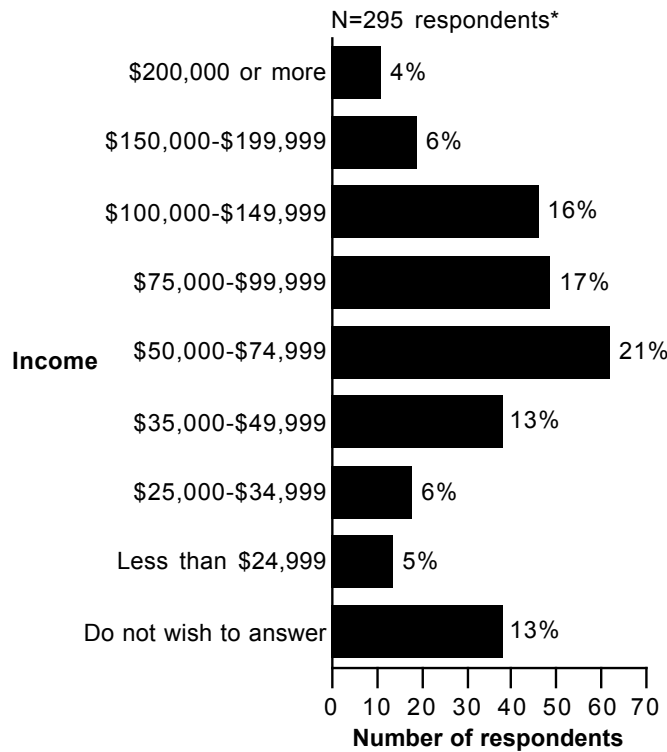


Figure 18. Respondents' level of income

Household size

Question 25b

How many people are in your household?

Results

- 58% of respondents had two people in their household (see Figure 19).
- 16% had one person.

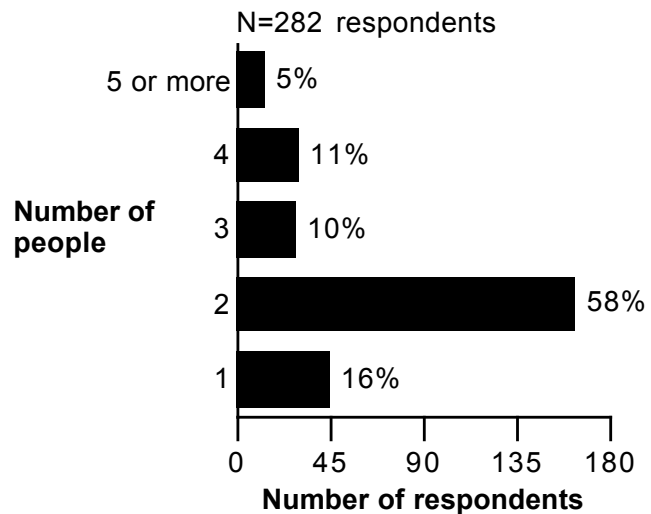


Figure 19. Number of people in household

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Awareness of park programs

Question 2

Prior to your visit, were you and your personal group aware of programs (ranger-led walks, canoe trips, presentations, school group tours, etc.) offered in Congaree NP?

Results

- 59% of visitor groups were aware of programs offered at the park (see Figure 20).

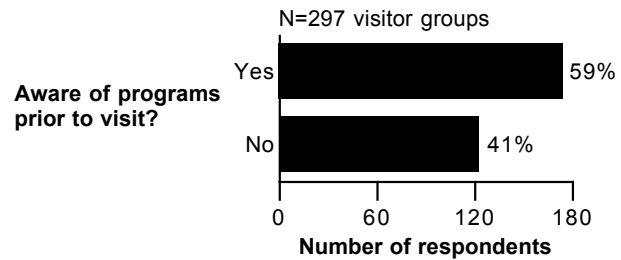


Figure 20. Visitor groups that were aware of programs in Congaree NP

Park name change and decision to visit

Question 3a

In 2003, Congaree Swamp National Monument became Congaree National Park. Did this name change have any effect on your decision to visit?

Results

- 15% of respondents said their decision to visit was affected by the name change (see Figure 21).

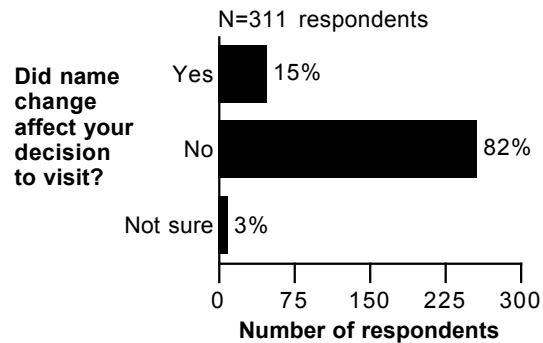


Figure 21. Respondents for whom the name change affected decision to visit

Question 3b

If YES, what effect did it have? (Open-ended)

- 48 respondents commented on the effect of the park’s name change (see Table 9.)

Table 9. Effect of name change on decision to visit (N=48 comments)

Comment	Number of times mentioned
Goal is to visit all parks/as many as possible	26
Raised awareness/motivated our visit	6
National park status is a draw	4
Added significance/elevated status	3
Made it more attractive to visit	3
It is a national park	2
Had great experiences with other national parks	1
National monument to national park	1
To me a monument is a statue or building	1
Wanted to support it even more	1

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Knowledge of congressionally designated wilderness

Question 4a

Prior to your visit, were you aware of what congressionally designated wilderness is?

Results

- 57% of respondents were familiar with congressionally designated wilderness (see Figure 22).

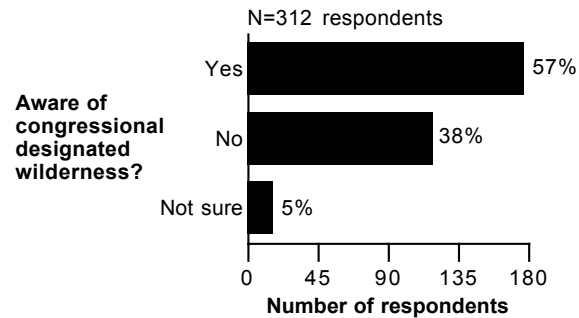


Figure 22. Respondents who were aware of what congressionally designated wilderness is

Question 4b

If NO, did you and your personal group learn about congressionally designated wilderness during your visit?

Results

- 46% of visitor groups said they learned about wilderness at Congaree NP during their visit (see Figure 23).

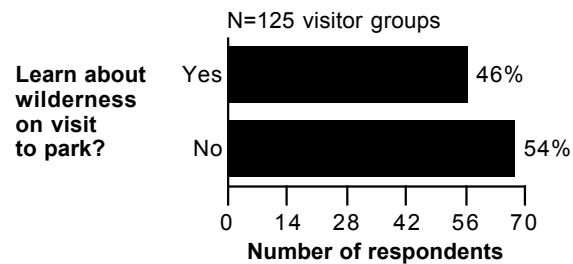


Figure 23. Visitor groups that learned about congressionally designated wilderness at park

Park policy to remove non-native species

Question 5

The National Park Service has a policy to control or remove non-native plants and animals from within park boundaries. Non-native species occupy an area that is not part of their natural, historic range, and often originated from another continent or region. Many of these species are invasive and damage park resources. Were you aware of this policy prior to your visit to Congaree NP?

Results

- 42% of respondents were aware of the policy to remove non-native species (see Figure 24).

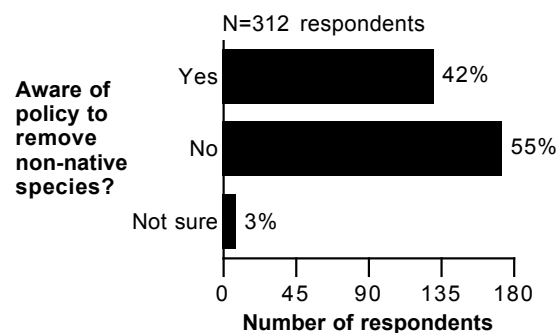


Figure 24. Respondents aware of park policy regarding non-native species

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Support for policy to remove non-native species

Question 6

Would you and your personal group be supportive of the control and removal of non-native species at Congaree NP?

Results

- 83% of visitor groups were supportive of the removal non-native plants (see Figure 25).
- 73% were supportive of the removal of non-native animals (see Figure 26).

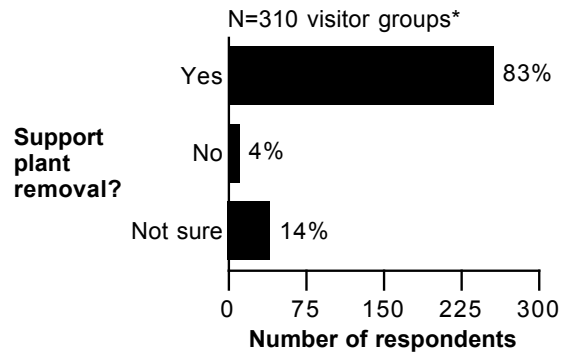


Figure 25. Visitor groups supporting the removal of non-native plants

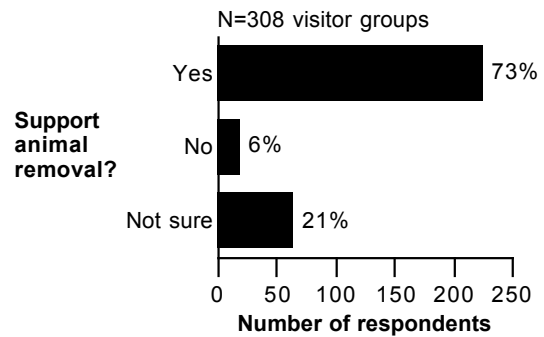


Figure 26. Visitor groups supporting the removal of non-native animals

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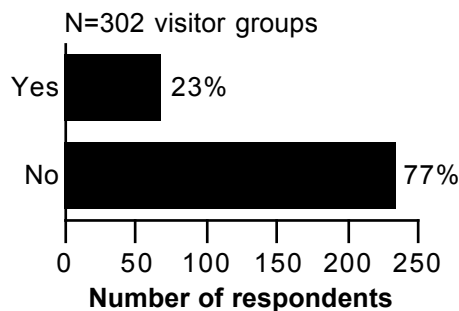
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Awareness of research and education in the park

Question 15a

Prior to this visit, were you and your personal group aware that Congaree NP is the home to the Old-Growth Bottomland Forest Research and Education Center, one of 21 centers nationwide?

Aware of research & education center before visit?



Results

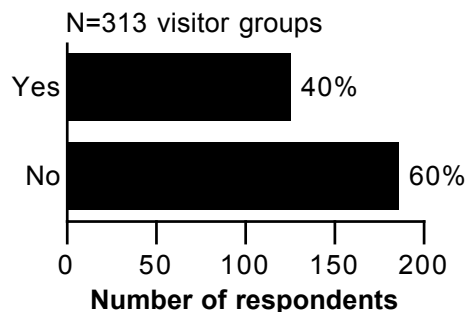
- 23% of visitor groups were aware of the Old-Growth Bottomland Forest Research and Education Center before visit (see Figure 27).

Figure 27. Visitor groups that were aware of the Old-Growth Bottomland Forest Research and Education Center before visit

Question 15b

Did you and your personal group notice any scientists, scientific markers, or scientific equipment at work while you were in the park?

Notice scientists or scientific equipment?



Results

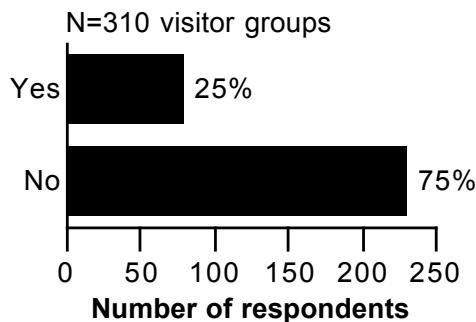
- 40% of visitor groups noticed scientists, scientific markers, or scientific equipment at work in the park (see Figure 28).

Figure 28. Visitor groups that noticed scientists, scientific markers, or scientific equipment at work during this visit

Question 15c

Did you and your personal group – through programs and products – learn about actual results of scientific studies in the park?

Learn about scientific results?



Results

- 25% of visitor groups learned about research results through programs and products while in the park (see Figure 29).

Figure 29. Visitor groups that learned about current scientific results in the park

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Trip/Visit Characteristics and Preferences

Information sources prior to visit

Question 1

Prior to your visit, how did you and your personal group obtain information about Congaree NP?

Results

- 91% of visitor groups obtained information about Congaree NP prior to their visit (see Figure 30).
- As shown in Figure 31, among those visitor groups that obtained information about Congaree NP prior to their visit, the most common sources were:

50% Park website
 30% Friends/relatives or word of mouth
 22% Previous visits

- “Other” sources (5%) were:
 - Air National Guard that constructed roof
 - Book on SC gardens
 - Columbia Parks
 - Life goal to visit all NPs
 - National Park passport book
 - New English Hiking Holidays
 - Richland recreation trip
 - Santee Birding Festival
 - State Fair
 - Teacher Ranger program
- Other websites used (5%) were:
 - Google.com
 - Backpack.com
 - Terragaleria.com
 - USA.rese.de
 - Carolina Tourism board
 - Columbia Visitor’s website
 - Georgia Tourism board
 - National Park Traveler

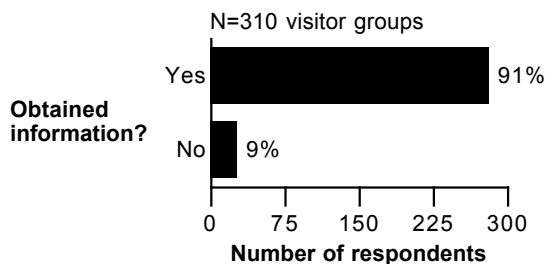


Figure 30. Visitor groups that obtained information prior to visit

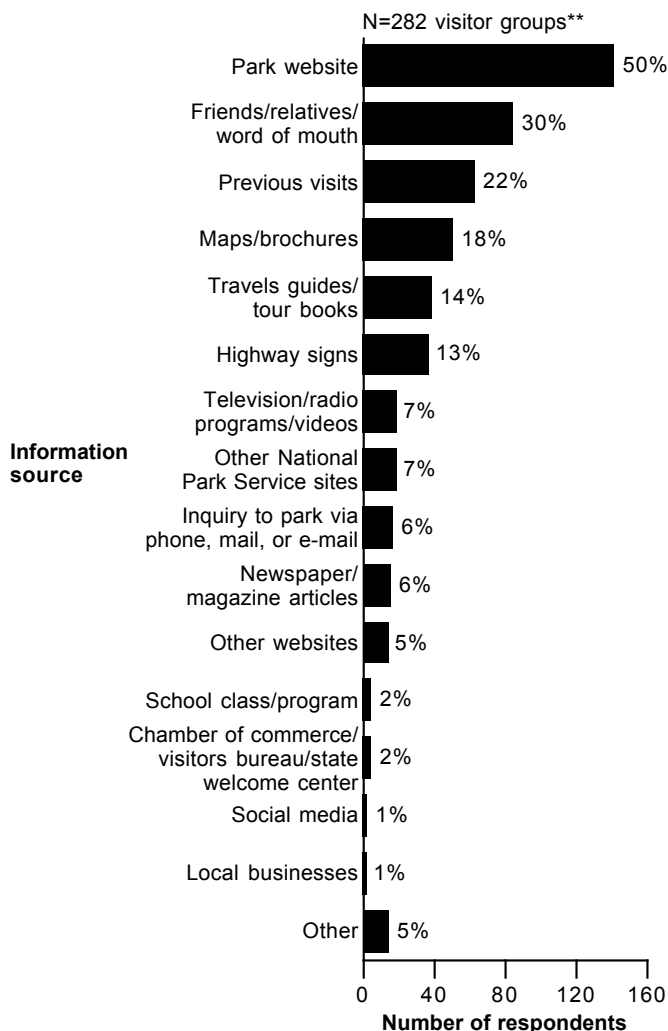


Figure 31. Sources of information

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Park as destination

Question from on-site interview

A two-minute interview was conducted with each individual selected to complete the questionnaire. During the interview, the question was asked: “How did this visit to Congaree NP fit into your personal group’s travel plans?”

Results

- 74% of visitor groups indicated that the park was their primary destination (see Figure 32).
- 21% said the visit to Congaree NP was one of several destinations.

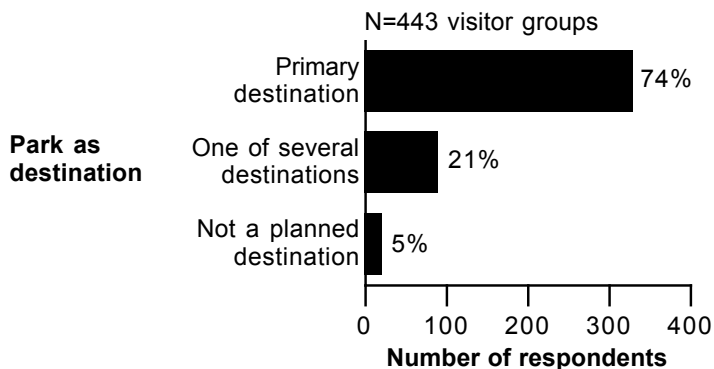


Figure 32. How visit to park fit into visitor groups’ travel plans

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Alternate recreation site

Question 24a

On this trip, if you and your personal group had not chosen to visit Congaree NP, what other recreation site would you have visited instead? (Open-ended)

Results

- 58% of visitor groups (N=180) responded to this question.
- Table 10 lists the places that visitor groups indicated as potential alternative sites they would have visited instead of Congaree NP.

Table 10. Alternate recreation sites (N=180 comments)

Site	Number of times mentioned
None	43
Riverbanks Zoo	19
Another state/national park/forest	11
Don't know	9
Multiple sites listed	9
Unspecified location	8
Sesquicentennial State Park	6
Francis Beidler Audubon Forest	5
Harbison State Forest	5
Columbia Riverwalk	4
Great Smoky Mountains National Park	4
Lake Murray	4
Myrtle Beach	4
Riverfront Park	4
Poinsett State Park	3
Santee NWR	3
Beach	2
Charleston, SC	2
Ft Jackson	2
Other locations	33

Question 24b

How far is this alternative site from your home?

Results

- 56% of the visitor groups indicated that they would travel up to 50 miles from their home to visit the alternate site (see Figure 33).
- 27% would travel more than 201 miles.

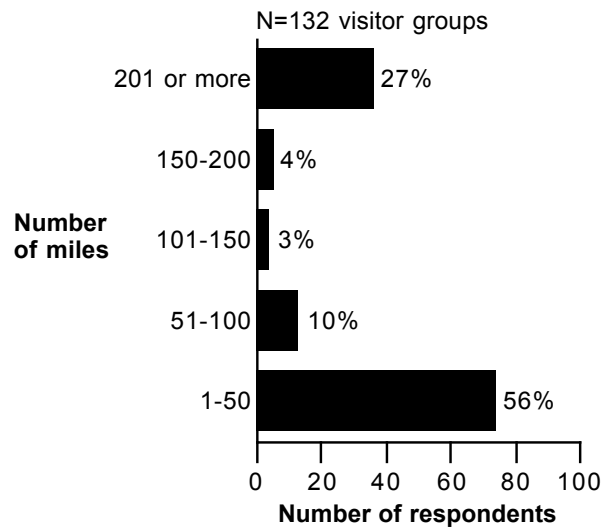


Figure 33. Number of miles to alternate recreation sites

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Primary reason for visiting the park

Question 7

On this trip, what was the primary reason that you and your personal group came to the Congaree NP area (within 1-hour drive of the park)?

Results

- 29% of visitor groups were residents of the area (see Figure 34).
- As shown in Figure 35, the primary reasons for visiting the area (within a 1-hour drive of the park) among non-resident visitor groups were:

65% Visit the park
12% Visit friends/relatives

- “Other” primary reasons (3%) were:

Brought four elementary students to observe filming crew
Fort Jackson graduation service
Get exercise
Junior Ranger Camp Program registration
Military trip in the area
RV overnight parking
USC graduation
Vacation

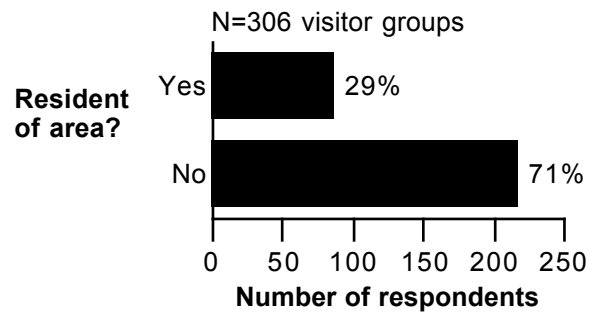


Figure 34. Residents of the area (within a 1-hour drive of the park)

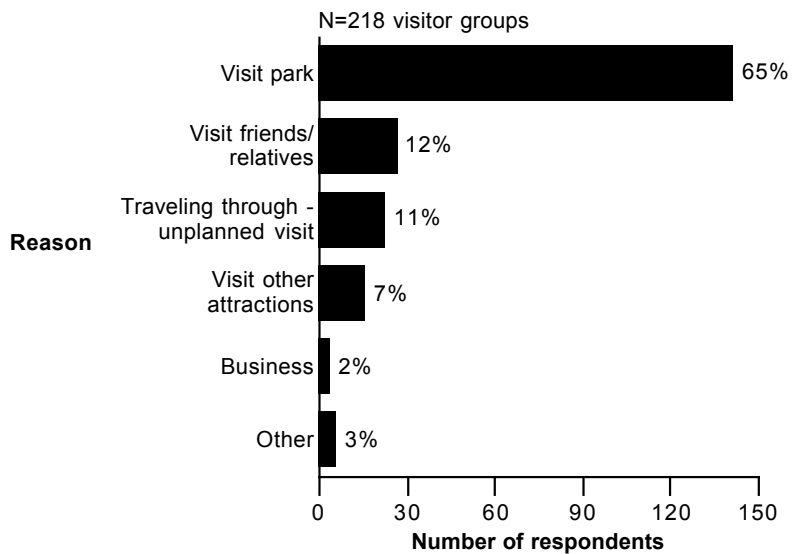


Figure 35. Primary reason for visiting the park area (within a 1-hour drive of the park)

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Number of vehicles

Question 12

On this visit, how many vehicles did you and your personal group use to arrive at the park?

Results

- 93% of visitor groups used one vehicle to arrive at the park (see Figure 36).

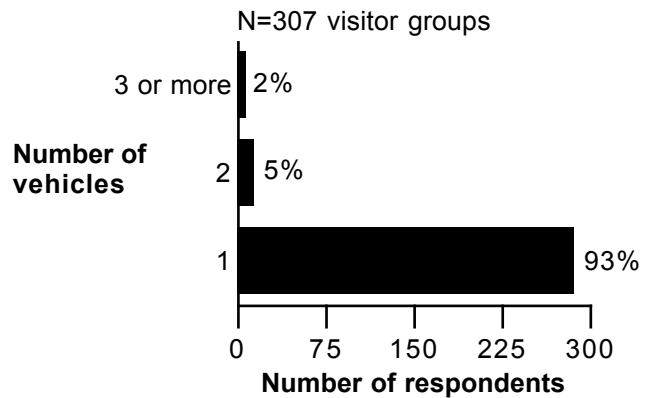


Figure 36. Number of vehicles used to arrive at the park

Overnight stays

Question 9a

On this trip, did you and your personal group stay overnight away from your permanent residence either inside Congaree NP or within the nearby area (within 1-hour drive of the park)?

Results

- 40% of visitor groups stayed overnight away from home either in the park or the area (see Figure 37).

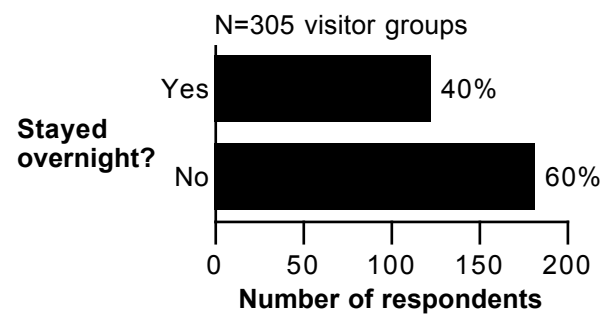


Figure 37. Visitor groups that stayed overnight in the park or within 1-hour drive of the park

Question 9b

If YES, how many nights did you and your personal group spend inside the park?

Results – Interpret with CAUTION!

- Not enough visitor groups responded to provide reliable results (see Figure 38).

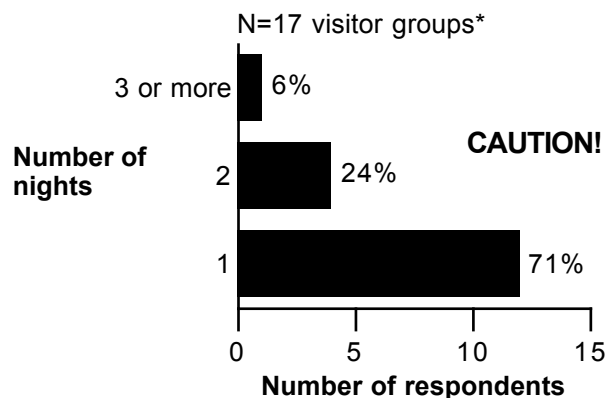


Figure 38. Number of nights spent inside the park

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Question 9c

If YES, how many nights did you and your personal group spend outside the park within 1-hour drive?

Results

- 49% of visitor groups stayed one night outside the park within a 1-hour drive of the park (see Figure 39).
- 34% stayed two or three nights.

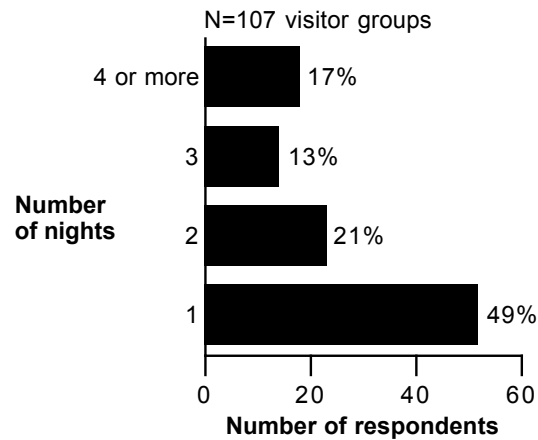


Figure 39. Number of nights spent in the area outside the park (within a 1-hour drive of the park).

Accommodations used inside the park

Question 9b

In which types of accommodations did you and your personal group spend the night(s) inside the park?

Results

- Interpret with **CAUTION!** Not enough visitor groups responded to this question to provide reliable results (see Figure 40)
- Table 11 shows the number of nights spent in accommodations inside the park.

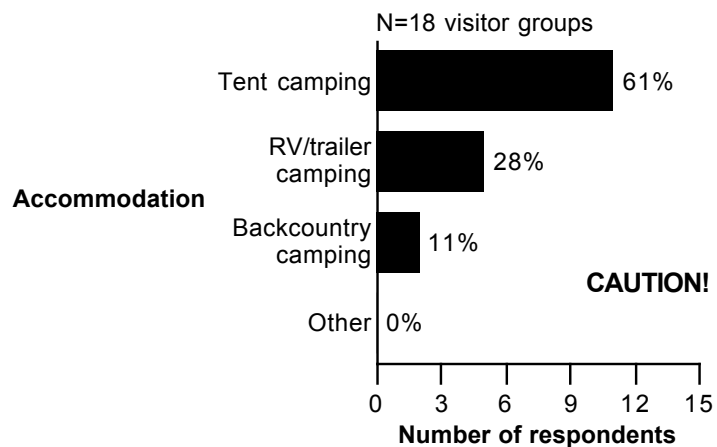


Figure 40. Accommodations used inside the park

Note: Some visitor groups indicated they used an accommodation without specifying the number of nights; therefore, the N in Figure 40 and in Table 11 is different.

Table 11. Number of nights spent in accommodations inside the park – **CAUTION!** (N=number of visitor groups that specified the number of nights in each type of accommodation)

Accommodation	N	Number of nights (%)			
		1	2	3	4 or more
RV/trailer camping	5	80	20	0	0
Tent camping	10	70	20	10	0
Backcountry camping	2	50	50	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0

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Accommodations used outside the park

Question 9c

In which types of accommodations did you and your personal group spend the night(s) outside park within 1-hour drive?

Results

- 72% of visitor groups stayed overnight, in a lodge, hotel, motel, rented condo/home, or bed & breakfast (see Figure 41).
- Table 12 shows the number of nights spent in accommodations outside the park within a 1-hour drive of the park.
- “Other” accommodations (3%) were not specified.

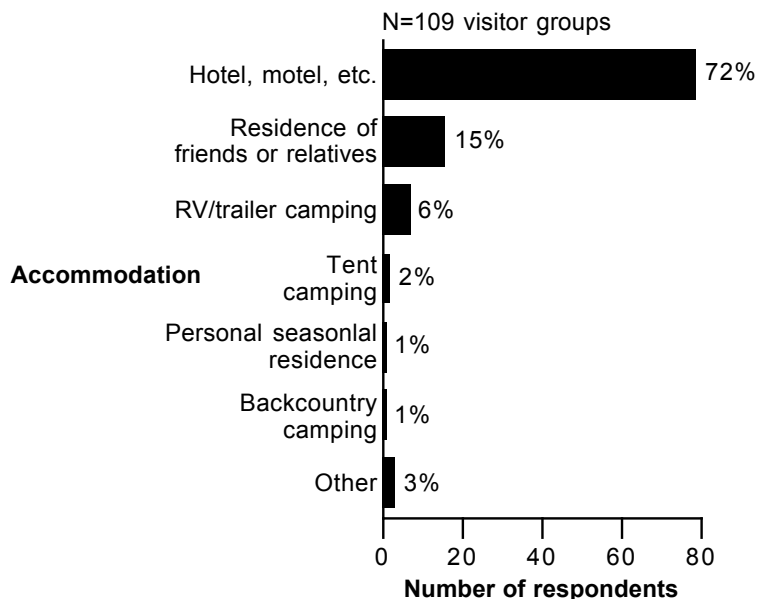


Figure 41. Accommodations used outside the park within a 1-hour drive

Note: Some visitor groups indicated they used an accommodation without specifying the number of nights; therefore, the N in Figure 41 and in Table 12 is different.

Table 12. Number of nights spent in accommodations outside the park within a 1-hour drive (N=number of visitor groups that specified the number of nights spent in each type of accommodation)

Accommodation	N	Number of nights (%) *			
		1	2	3	4 or more
Lodge, hotel, motel, cabin, rented condo/home, or bed & breakfast	79	53	22	13	13
RV/trailer camping – CAUTION!	7	29	14	14	43
Tent camping – CAUTION!	2	0	50	50	0
Backcountry camping – CAUTION!	1	0	100	0	0
Personal seasonal residence – CAUTION!	1	100	0	0	0
Residence of friends or relatives – CAUTION!	15	33	27	20	20
Other – CAUTION!	3	33	0	0	67

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Length of stay in the park

Question 13b

On this visit, how long did you and your personal group spend visiting Congaree NP?

Results

Number of hours if less than 24

- 50% spent three to four hours in the park (see Figure 42).
- 36% of visitor groups spent one to two hours.
- The average length of stay for visitor groups who spent less than 24 hours was 3.2 hours.

Number of days if 24 hours or more

- Interpret with **CAUTION!** Not enough visitor groups responded to provide reliable results (see Figure 43).

Average length of stay for all visitors

- The average length of stay in the park for all visitor groups was 6.1 hours.

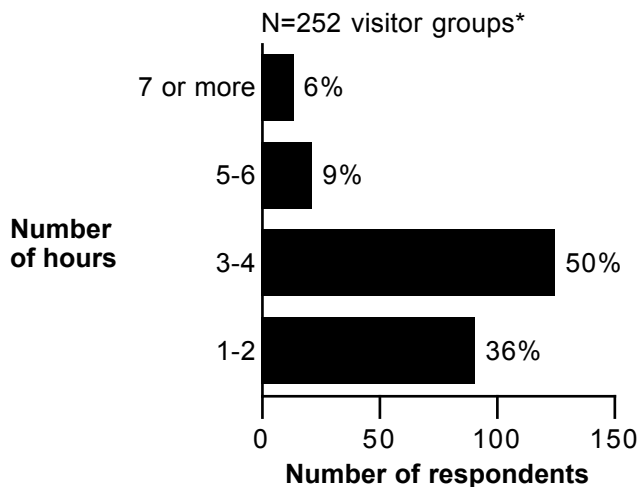


Figure 42. Number of hours spent in the park

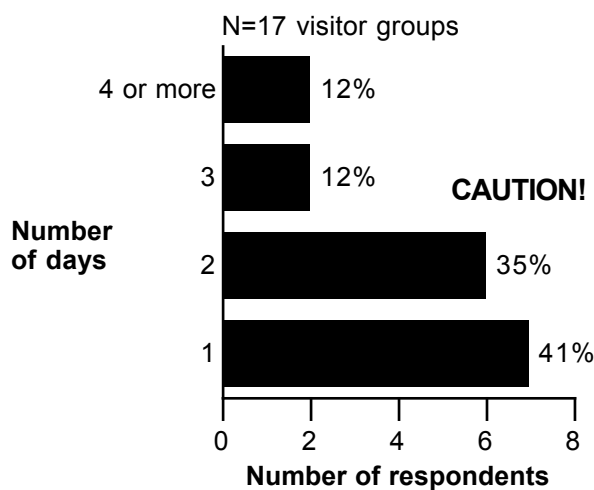


Figure 43. Number of days spent in the park

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Length of stay in the park area

Question 13a

How long did you and your personal group stay in the Congaree NP area (within 1-hour drive of the park)?

Results

- 33% of visitor groups were residents of the area within a 1-hour drive of the park (see Figure 44).

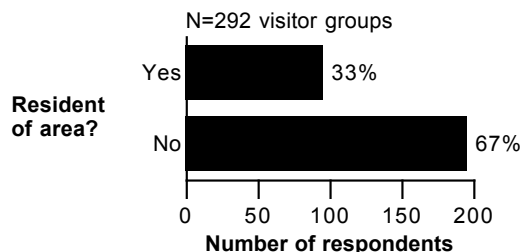


Figure 44. Residents of the area (within a 1-hour drive of the park)

Number of hours if less than 24

- 39% of visitor groups spent one to two hours in the park area (see Figure 45).
- 36% spent three to four hours.
- 14% spent seven or more hours.
- The average length of stay in the area for visitor groups who spent less than 24 hours was 4.1 hours.

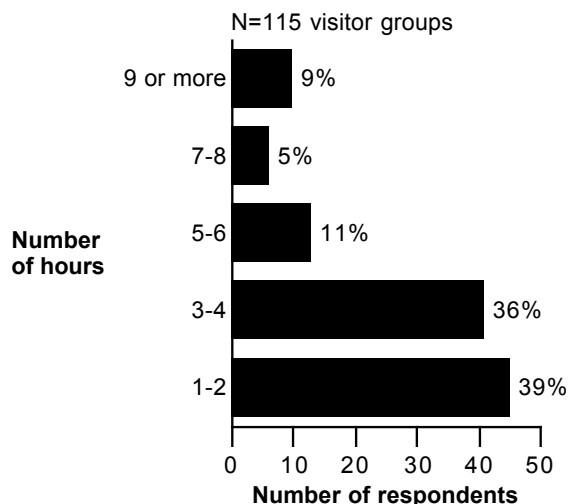


Figure 45. Number of hours spent in the park area (within a 1-hour drive of the park)

Number of days if 24 hours or more

- 59% of visitor groups spent one to two days in the park area (see Figure 46).
- 25% spent three to four days.
- 16% spent five or more days.
- The average length of stay for visitor groups that spent 24 hours or more was 3.6 days.

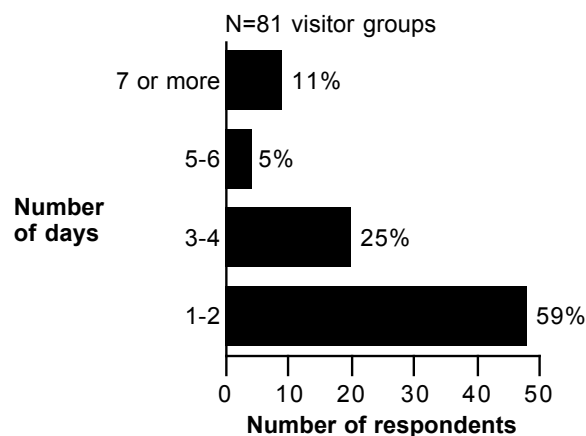


Figure 46. Number of days spent in the park area (within a 1-hour drive of the park)

Average length of stay for all visitors

- The average length of stay for all visitor groups was 38.1 hours, or 1.6 days.

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Sites visited in the Congaree NP area

Question 8

On this visit, which sites did you and your personal group visit in the Congaree NP area (within 1-hour drive of the park)?

- As shown in Figure 47, the sites most commonly visited in the Congaree NP area were:

- 26% South Carolina state parks
- 25% University of South Carolina
- 22% State Capitol

- The least visited site was:

- 1% National Advocacy Center

- “Other” sites (20%) visited are shown in Table 13.

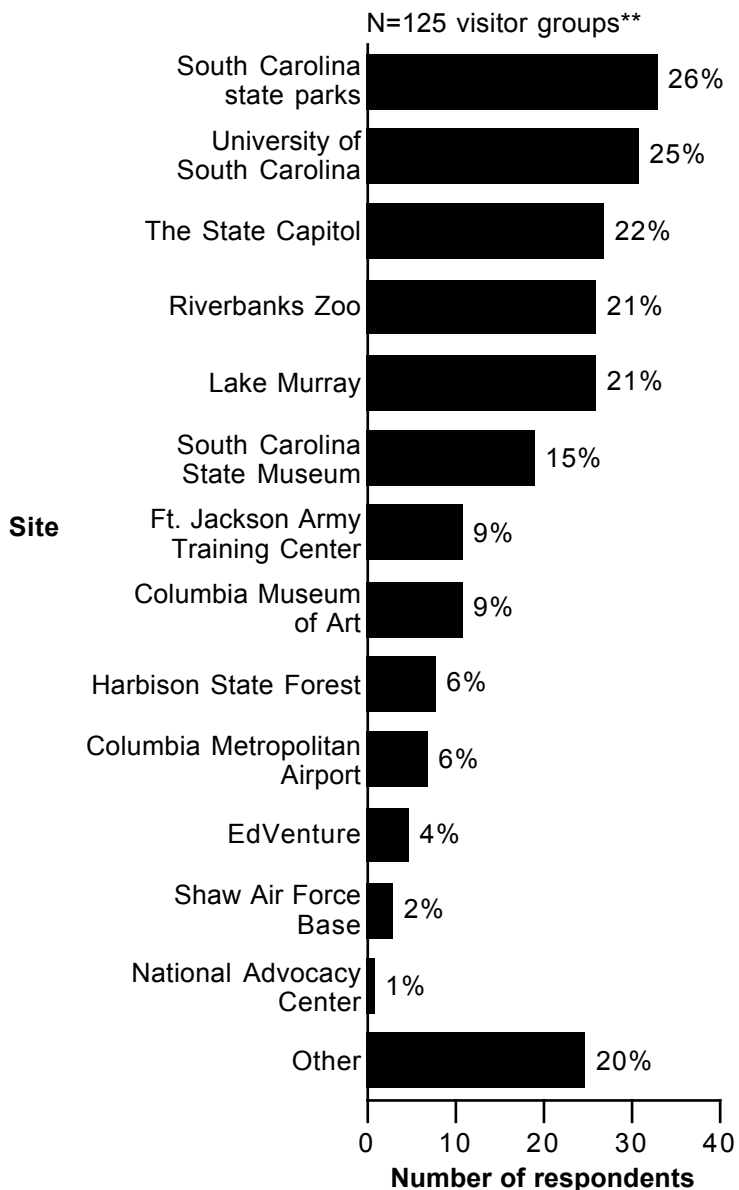


Figure 47. Sites visited in the park area (within a 1-hour drive of the park)

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Table 13. “Other” sites visited in the park area

Site	Number of times mentioned
Congaree River	2
Darlington Raceway	2
Swan Lake and Gardens	2
Blue Ridge Mountains	1
Broad River	1
Cayce Park	1
Charleston	1
Charleston Orangeburg Rose Festival	1
Darlington	1
Eastover	1
Fort Sumter	1
Francis Beidler Audubon Forest	1
G-Mart	1
Harbison Mall	1
Kohl's department store	1
Lexington County Museum	1
National battlefields	1
Orangeburg Edisto Memorial Park	1
Poinsett State Park	1
Riverwalk	1
Saluda River	1
Santee	1
State farmers market	1
Sumter	1
Woodgone Woodworking Store	1

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Activities within the park

Question 11

On this visit, in which activities did you and your personal group participate within Congaree NP?

Results

- As shown in Figure 48, The most common activities which visitor groups participated in were:

82% Walking/hiking
 71% Visiting the visitor center
 24% Birdwatching

- “Other” activities (3%) were:

Photography
 Obtaining NP passport stamp

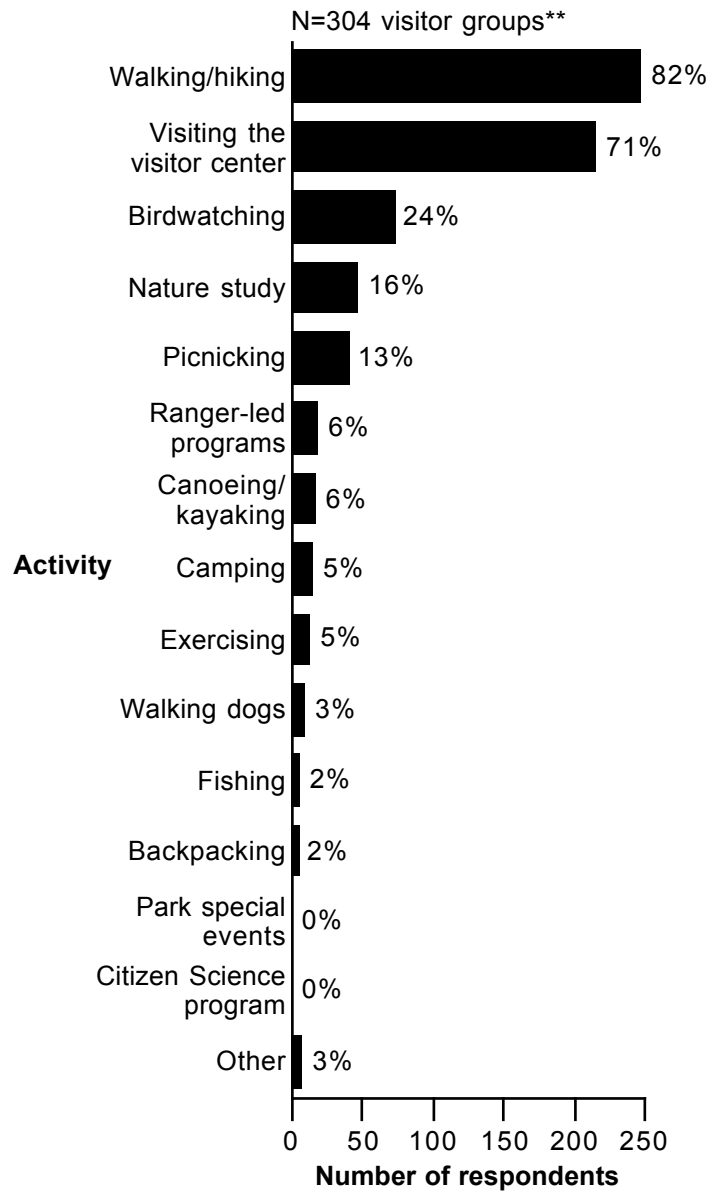


Figure 48. Activities on this visit

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Use of park trails

Question 10a

On this visit to Congaree NP, did you and your personal group walk/canoe/kayak any park trails?

Results

- 92% of visitor groups used a trail in Congaree NP (see Figure 49).

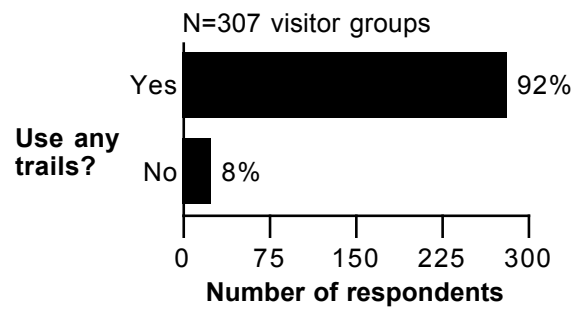


Figure 49. Visitor groups that used park trails

Question 10b

If YES, which of the following trails did you and your personal group walk/canoe/kayak on this visit?

Results

- As shown in Figure 50, of those visitor groups that used park trails, the most commonly used trails were:

81% Elevated Boardwalk Trail
 62% Low Boardwalk Trail
 30% Weston Lake Loop Trail

- The least used trail was the Kingsnake Trail (2%).

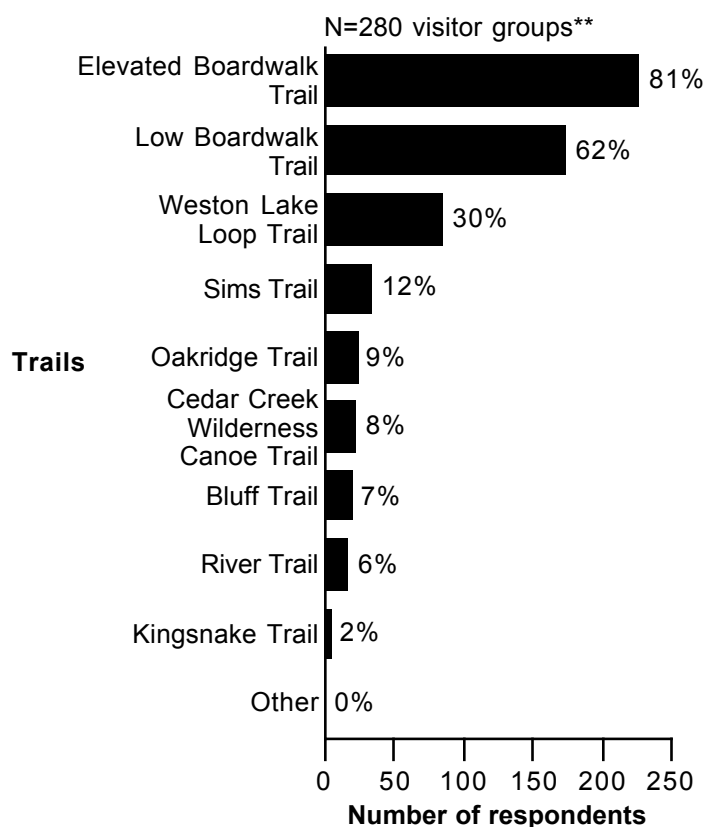


Figure 50. Trails used in Congaree NP

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Ratings of Services, Facilities, Attributes, Resources, and Elements

Information services and facilities used

Question 16a

Please indicate all of the information services and facilities that you or your personal group used at Congaree NP during this visit.

Results

- As shown in Figure 51, the most common information services and facilities used by visitor groups were:

86% Park brochure/map
 78% Assistance from park staff
 74% Visitor center exhibits

- The least used service/facility was the Junior Ranger program (3%).

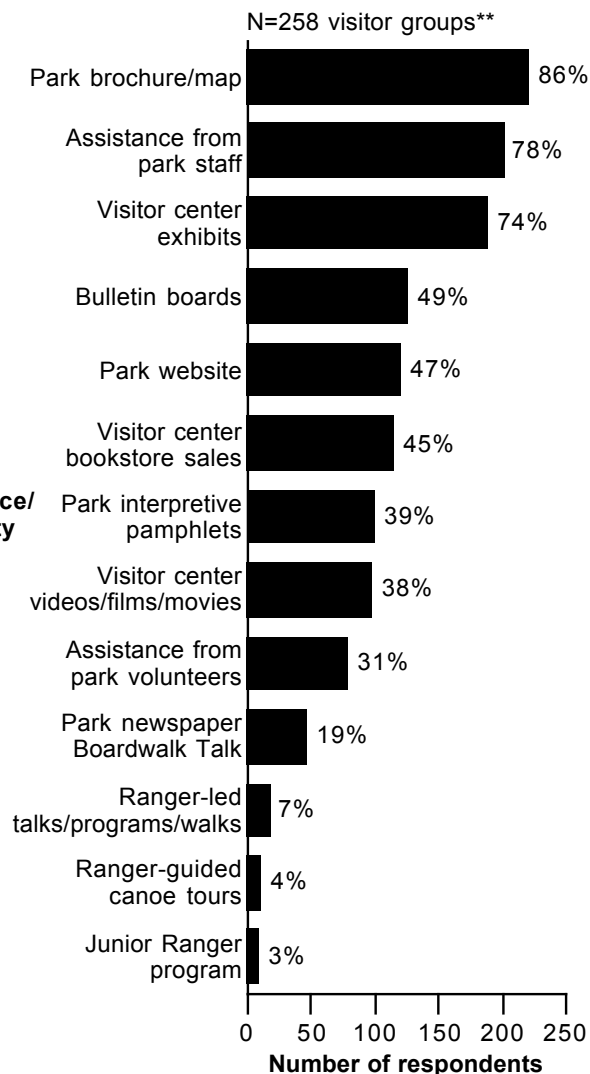


Figure 51. Information services and facilities used

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Importance ratings of information services and facilities

Question 16b

For only those services and facilities that you or your personal group used, please rate their importance to your visit from 1-5.

- 1=Not important
- 2=Somewhat important
- 3=Moderately important
- 4=Very important
- 5=Extremely important

Results

- Figure 52 shows the combined proportions of “extremely important” and “very important” ratings of information services and facilities that were rated by 30 or more visitor groups.
- The services and facilities receiving the highest combined proportions of “extremely important” and “very important” ratings were:

- 90% Park brochure/map
- 89% Park interpretive pamphlets
- 86% Park website

- Table 14 shows the importance ratings of each service and facility.
- The service/facility receiving the highest “not important” rating that was rated by 30 or more visitor groups was:

- 3% Assistance from park volunteers

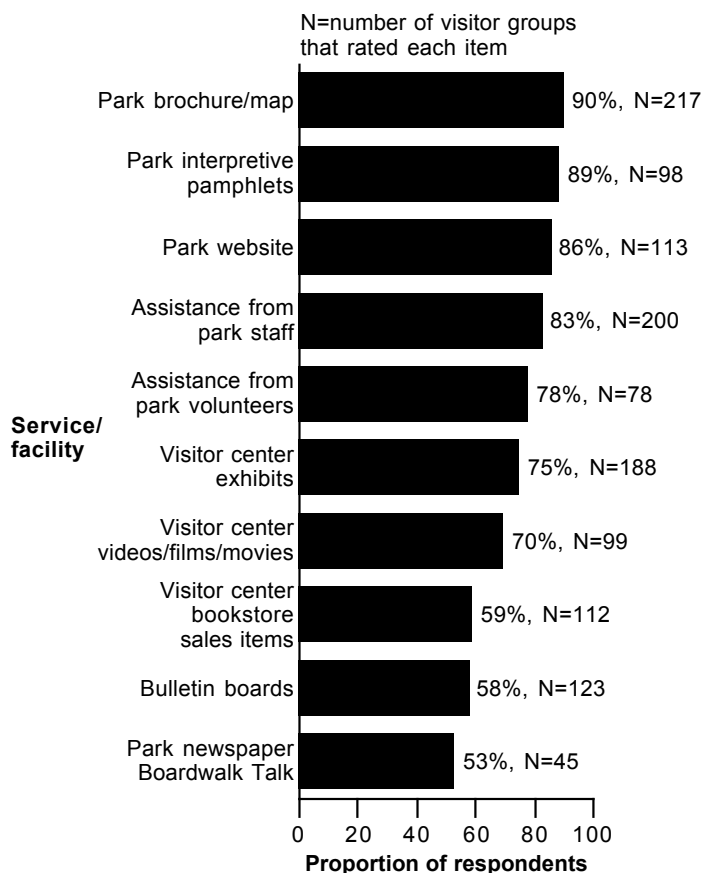


Figure 52. Combined proportions of “extremely important” and “very important” ratings of information services and facilities

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Table 14. Importance ratings of information services and facilities
(N=number of visitor groups that rated each service and facility)

Service/facility	N	Rating (%)*				
		Not important	Somewhat important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Assistance from park staff	200	1	3	14	39	44
Assistance from park volunteers	78	3	5	14	45	33
Bulletin boards	123	1	7	34	33	25
Junior Ranger program - CAUTION!	9	11	0	33	22	33
Park brochure/map	217	0	2	8	35	55
Park interpretive pamphlets	98	0	1	10	37	52
Park newspaper <i>Boardwalk Talk</i>	45	0	13	33	29	24
Park website (nps.gov/cong)	113	0	3	12	31	55
Ranger-led talks/ programs/walks - CAUTION!	18	0	0	17	39	44
Ranger-guided canoe tours - CAUTION!	11	0	0	0	46	55
Visitor center bookstore sales items	112	1	10	30	37	22
Visitor center videos/films/movies	99	0	5	24	46	24
Visitor center exhibits	188	1	2	22	43	31

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Quality ratings of information services and facilities

Question 16c

For only those services and facilities that you or your personal group used, please rate their quality from 1-5.

- 1=Very poor
- 2=Poor
- 3=Average
- 4=Good
- 5=Very good

Results

- Figure 53 shows the combined proportions of “very good” and “good” ratings of information services and facilities that were rated by 30 or more visitor groups.

- The services and facilities receiving the highest combined proportions of “very good” and “good” ratings were:

- 98% Assistance from park volunteers
- 95% Assistance from park staff
- 91% Visitor center exhibits
- 85% Park brochure/map

- Table 15 shows the quality ratings of each service and facility.

- The services/facilities receiving the highest “very poor” rating that was rated by 30 or more visitor groups were:

- 1% Park brochure/map
- 1% Visitor center bookstore sales items

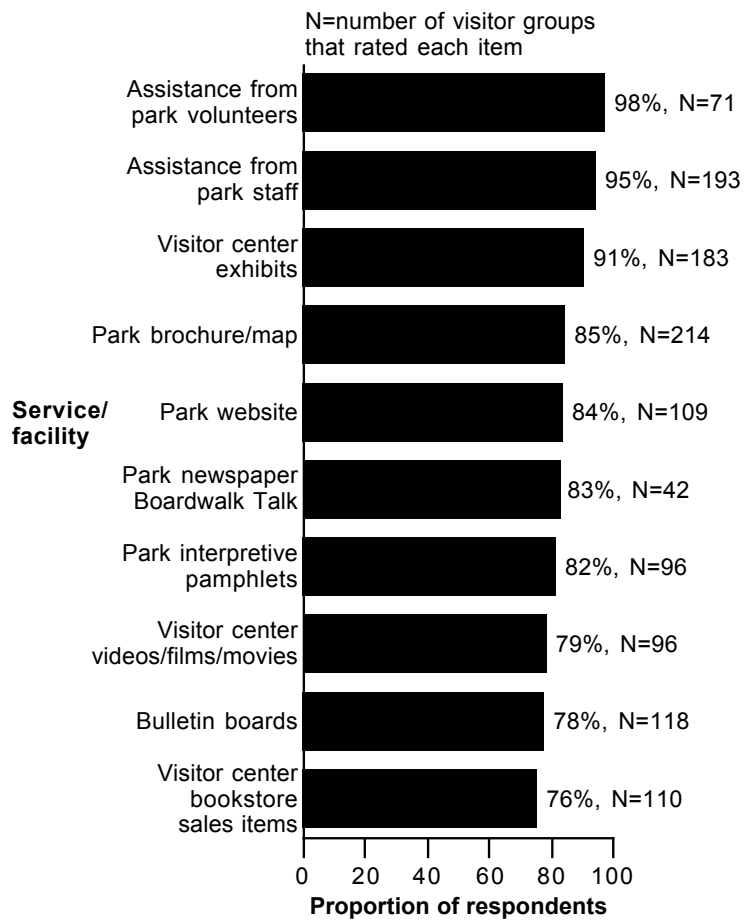


Figure 53. Combined proportions of “very good” and “good” ratings of information services and facilities

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Table 15. Quality ratings of information services and facilities
(N=number of visitor groups that rated each service and facility)

Service/facility	N	Rating (%)*				
		Very poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very good
Assistance from park staff	193	0	1	4	18	77
Assistance from park volunteers	71	0	1	0	15	83
Bulletin boards	118	0	1	21	42	36
Junior Ranger program - CAUTION!	7	0	0	0	43	57
Park brochure/map	214	1	3	11	37	48
Park interpretive pamphlets	96	0	1	17	36	46
Park newspaper <i>Boardwalk Talk</i>	42	0	0	17	40	43
Park website (nps.gov/cong)	109	0	1	15	45	39
Ranger-led talks/ programs/walks - CAUTION!	15	0	0	7	33	60
Ranger-guided canoe tours - CAUTION!	9	0	0	0	33	67
Visitor center bookstore sales items	110	1	1	22	38	38
Visitor center videos/films/movies	96	0	4	17	32	47
Visitor center exhibits	183	0	1	9	37	54

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Mean scores of importance and quality ratings of information services and facilities

- Figures 54 and 55 show the mean scores of importance and quality ratings of information and facilities that were rated by 30 or more visitor groups.
- All information services and facilities were rated above average.

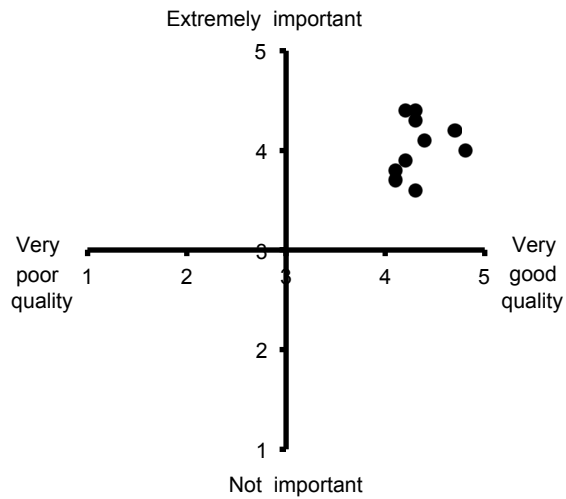


Figure 54. Mean scores of importance and quality ratings of information services and facilities

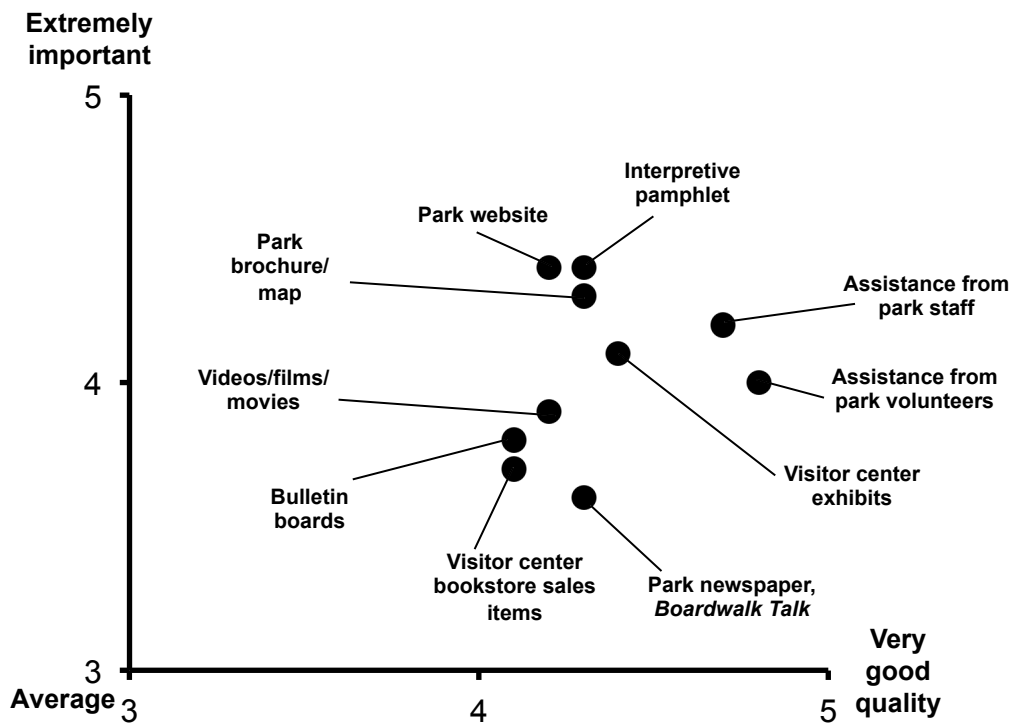


Figure 55. Detail of Figure 54

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Visitor services and facilities used

Question 17a

Please indicate all of the visitor services and facilities that you or your personal group used at Congaree NP during this visit.

Results

- As shown in Figure 56, the most common visitor services and facilities used by visitor groups were:

89% Boardwalks
 86% Restrooms
 83% Parking areas

- The least used service/facility was:

2% Backcountry camping

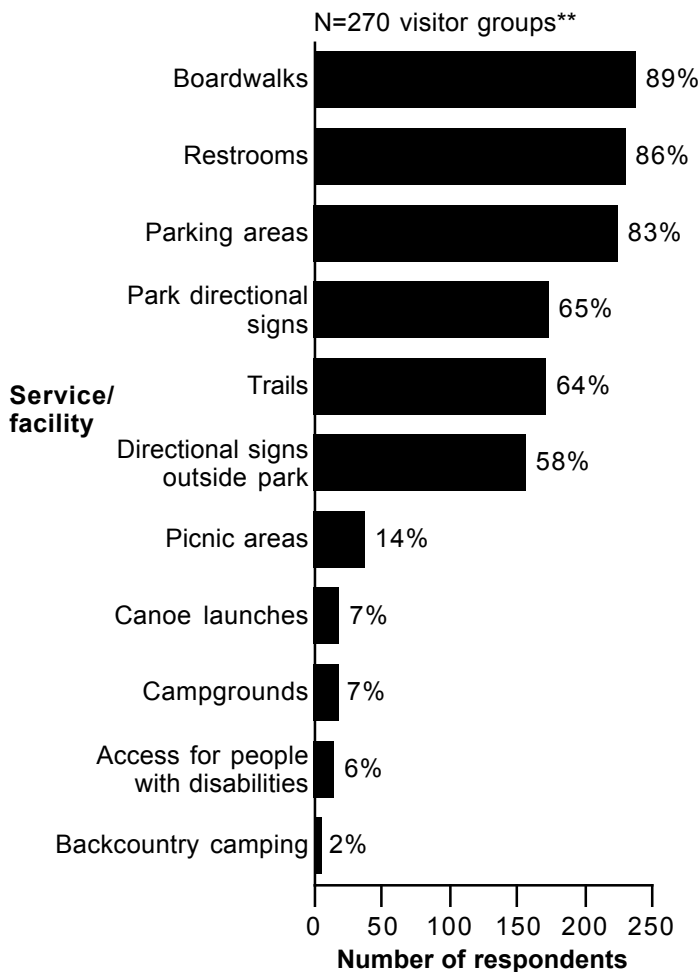


Figure 56. Visitor services and facilities used

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Importance ratings of visitor services and facilities

Question 17b

For only those services and facilities that you or your personal group used, please rate their importance to your visit from 1-5.

- 1=Not important
- 2=Somewhat important
- 3=Moderately important
- 4=Very important
- 5=Extremely important

Results

- Figure 57 shows the combined proportions of “extremely important” and “very important” ratings of visitor services and facilities that were rated by 30 or more visitor groups.
- The visitor services and facilities receiving the highest combined proportions of “extremely important” and “very important” ratings were:
 - 98% Trails
 - 94% Park directional signs
 - 89% Restrooms
 - 88% Directional signs outside the park
- Table 16 shows the importance ratings of each service and facility.
- The service/facility receiving the highest “not important” rating that was rated by 30 or more visitor groups was:
 - 2% Boardwalks

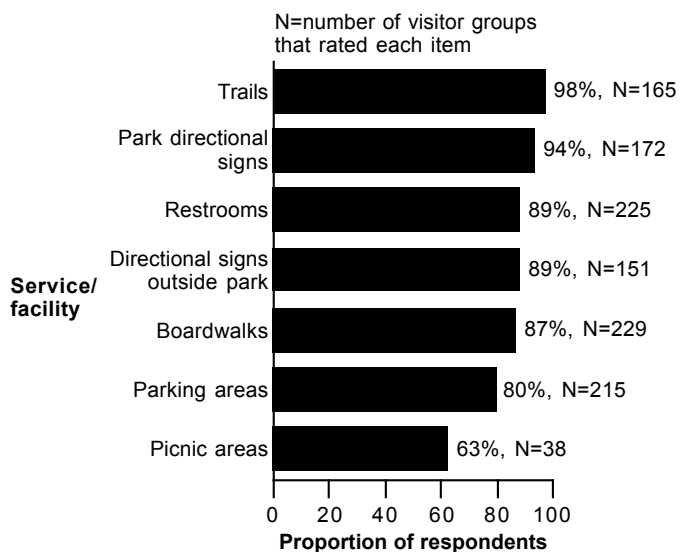


Figure 57. Combined proportions of “extremely important” and “very important” ratings of visitor services and facilities

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Table 16. Importance ratings of visitor services and facilities
(N=number of visitor groups that rated each service and facility)

Service/facility	N	Rating (%)*				
		Not important	Somewhat important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Access for people with disabilities - CAUTION!	16	0	0	0	31	69
Backcountry camping - CAUTION!	5	0	0	0	0	100
Boardwalks	229	2	1	10	27	60
Campgrounds - CAUTION!	18	0	0	0	33	67
Canoe launches - CAUTION!	19	0	0	11	32	58
Directional signs outside of park	151	0	1	10	32	57
Park directional signs	172	0	1	5	34	60
Parking areas	215	1	4	16	34	46
Picnic areas	38	0	0	37	26	37
Restrooms	225	0	1	10	28	61
Trails	165	0	0	2	29	69

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Quality ratings of visitor services and facilities

Question 17c

For only those services and facilities that you or your personal group used, please rate their quality from 1-5.

- 1=Very poor
- 2=Poor
- 3=Average
- 4=Good
- 5=Very good

Results

- Figure 58 shows the combined proportions of “very good” and “good” ratings of visitor services and facilities that were rated by 30 or more visitor groups.
- The services and facilities receiving the highest combined proportions of “very good” and “good” ratings were:
 - 98% Boardwalks
 - 95% Trails
 - 95% Restrooms
- Table 17 shows the quality ratings of each service and facility.
- The service/facility receiving the highest “very poor” rating that was rated by 30 or more visitor groups was:
 - 5% Directional signs outside park

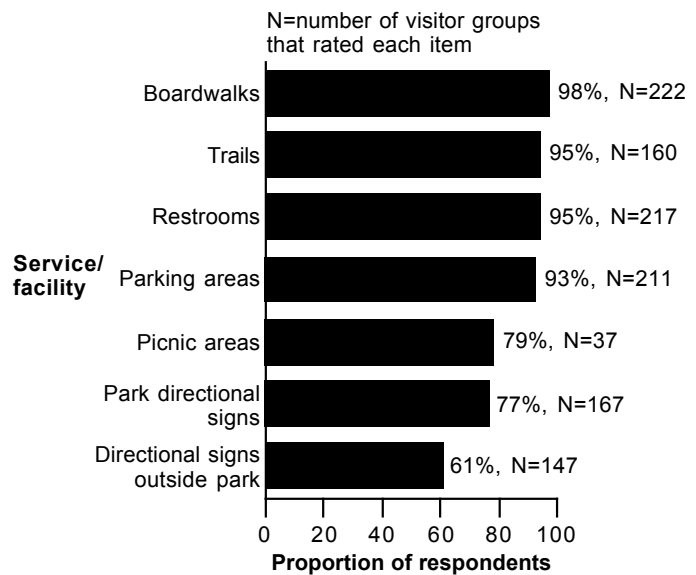


Figure 58. Combined proportions of “very good” and “good” ratings of visitor services and facilities

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Table 17. Quality ratings of visitor services and facilities
(N=number of visitor groups that rated each service and facility)

Service/facility	N	Rating (%)*				
		Very poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very good
Access for people with disabilities - CAUTION!	16	6	0	6	38	50
Backcountry camping - CAUTION!	5	0	0	40	20	40
Boardwalks	222	1	0	1	21	77
Campgrounds - CAUTION!	18	6	0	33	28	33
Canoe launches - CAUTION!	18	0	6	50	28	17
Directional signs outside of park	147	5	10	23	29	32
Park directional signs	167	3	2	17	35	42
Parking areas	211	1	0	6	34	59
Picnic areas	37	0	3	19	41	38
Restrooms	217	0	1	5	29	66
Trails	160	1	1	4	29	66

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Mean scores of importance and quality ratings of visitor services and facilities

- Figures 59 and 60 show the mean scores of importance and quality ratings of visitor services and facilities that were rated by 30 or more visitor groups.
- All visitor services and facilities were rated above average.

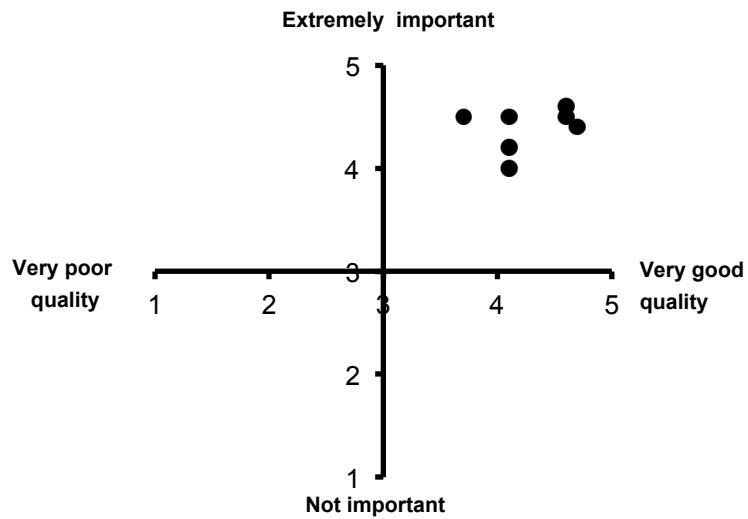


Figure 59. Mean scores of importance and quality of visitor services and facilities

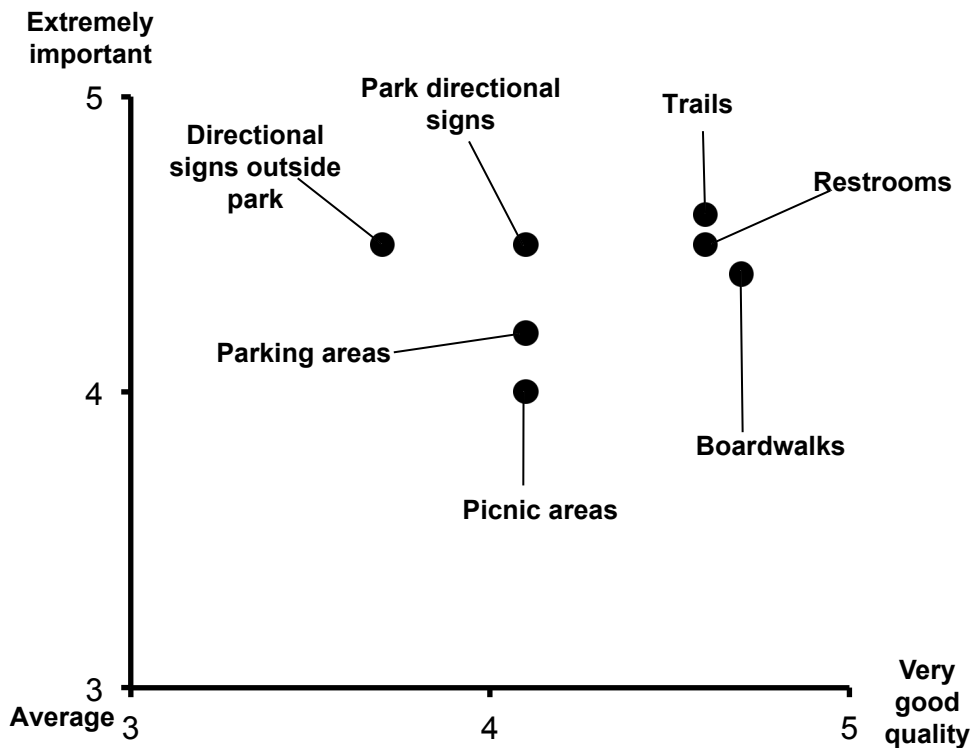


Figure 60. Detail of Figure 59

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Importance of protecting park attributes, resources, and experiences

Question 14

It is the National Park Service’s responsibility to protect Congaree NP natural, scenic, and cultural resources while at the same time providing for public enjoyment. How important is protection of the following resources/attributes in the park to you and your personal group?

- 1=Not important
- 2=Somewhat important
- 3=Moderately important
- 4=Very important
- 5=Extremely important

Results

- As shown in Figure 61, the highest combined proportions of “extremely important” and “very important” ratings of protecting park resources and attributes included:

- 90% Native wildlife
- 89% Natural quiet/sounds of nature
- 88% Clean water

- Table 18 shows the details of each resource/attribute and their ratings.

- The resource/attribute receiving the highest “not important” rating was:

- 11% Clear night sky

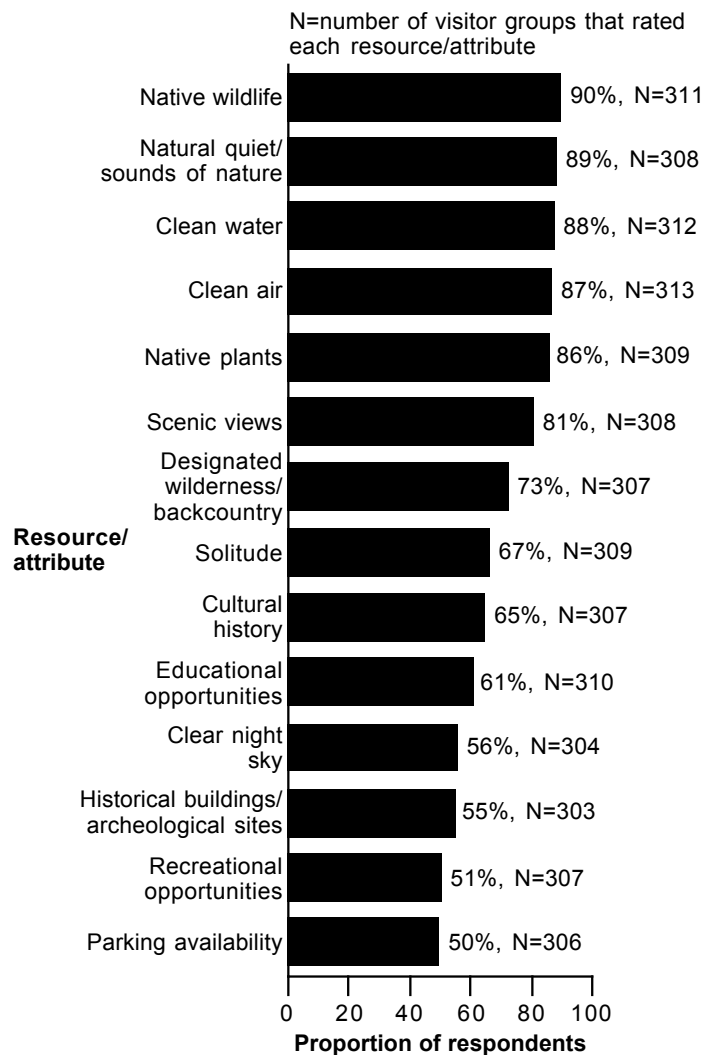


Figure 61. Combined proportions of “extremely important” and “very important” ratings of protecting park resources and attributes

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Table 18. Visitor rating of importance of protecting park resources and attributes (N=number of visitors that rated each resource/attribute)

Resource/attribute	N	Rating (%)*				
		Not important	Somewhat important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Clean air (visibility)	313	2	3	9	35	52
Clean water	312	2	2	9	31	57
Clear night sky (star gazing)	304	11	7	26	22	34
Cultural history (photographs/artifacts/oral histories)	307	4	9	22	37	28
Designated wilderness/backcountry	307	3	5	19	30	43
Educational opportunities	310	3	8	27	36	25
Historic buildings/archeological sites	303	6	12	27	29	26
Native plants	309	2	4	9	35	51
Native wildlife	311	1	3	5	34	56
Natural quiet/sounds of nature	308	1	2	8	27	62
Parking availability	306	3	14	33	33	17
Recreational opportunities	307	5	14	30	34	17
Scenic views	308	2	2	16	38	43
Solitude	309	3	4	27	29	38

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Elements that affected park experience

Question 29

Please indicate how the following elements may have affected you and your personal group’s park experience during this visit to Congaree NP?

Results

- Table 19 shows that the element that detracted from the greatest number of visitor groups was airplane noise (12%).
- The element that added the most to visitor experiences was encountering small numbers of visitors on the trail (31%).
- Other elements that detracted from visitor experiences included:
 - Mosquitoes (17 visitor groups)
 - Noisy school children (4 visitor groups)
 - People smoking on boardwalk (1 visitor group)
 - Dog barking at campground (1 visitor group)

Table 19. Effects of different elements on the park experience (N=number of visitors that rated each element)

Element	N	Rating (%)*			
		Detracted from	No effect	Added to	Did not experience
Airplane noise	297	12	26	1	62
Automobile noise	297	4	29	0	67
Gunshots from neighboring lands	297	2	16	0	82
Noise from park staff activities	298	1	21	0	78
Train noise	296	1	17	1	81
Other visitors' activities	297	10	58	4	29
Small number of visitors on trails	295	0	54	31	15
Large number of visitors on trails	290	8	24	2	66
Small number of visitors canoeing/kayaking	289	0	17	5	79
Large number of visitors canoeing/kayaking	289	1	15	1	84
Impact of wild pigs	296	7	14	10	69
Other	109	23	10	8	59

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Expenditures

Total expenditures inside and outside the park

Question 26

For you and your personal group, please estimate all expenditures for the items listed below for this visit to Congaree NP and the surrounding area (within 1-hour drive of the park).

Results

- 63% of visitor groups spent \$1-\$200 (see Figure 62).
- 12% spent \$201-\$400.
- The average visitor group expenditure was \$199.
- The median group expenditure (50% of groups spent more and 50% of groups spent less) was \$55.
- The average total expenditure per person (per capita) was \$106.
- As shown in Figure 63, the largest proportions of total expenditures inside and outside the park were:

- 30% Lodges, hotels, motels, cabins, B&B, etc.
- 21% Gas and oil
- 19% Restaurants and bars
- 12% All other purchases

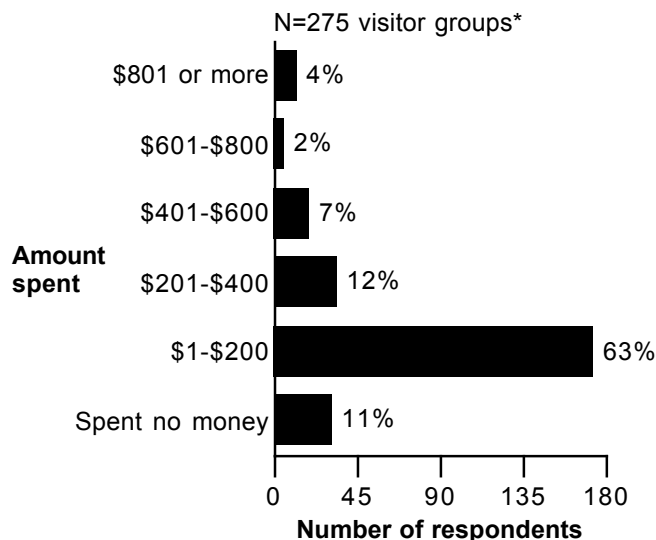


Figure 62. Total expenditures inside and outside the park

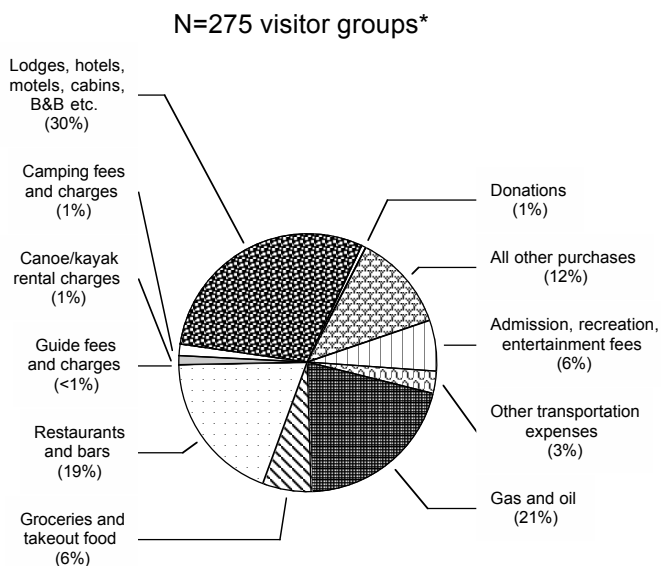


Figure 63. Proportions of total expenditures inside and outside the park

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Number of adults covered by expenditures

Question 26c

How many adults (18 years or older) do these expenses cover?

Results

- 59% of visitor groups had two adults covered by expenditures (see Figure 64).
- 20% had one adult covered by expenditures.

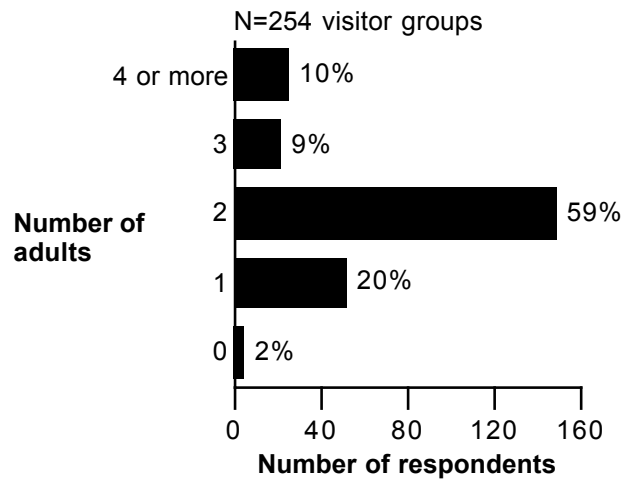


Figure 64. Number of adults covered by expenditures

Number of children covered by expenditures

Question 26c

How many children (under 18 years) do these expenses cover?

Results

- 80% of visitor groups had no children covered by expenditures (see Figure 65).

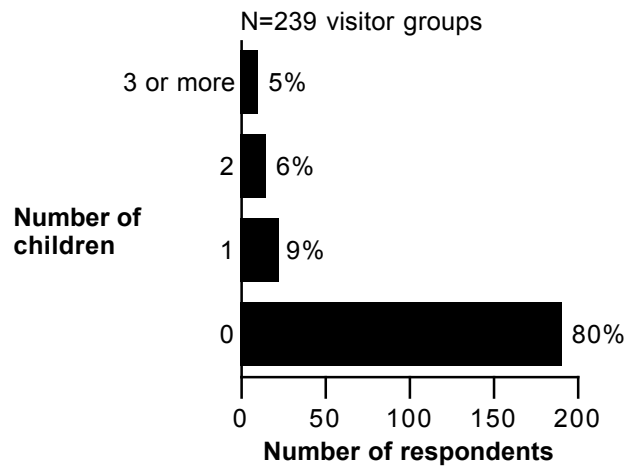


Figure 65. Number of children covered by expenditures

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Expenditures inside the park

Question 26a

Please list your personal group’s total expenditures inside Congaree NP.

Results

- 48% of visitor groups spent no money inside the park (see Figure 66).
- 42% spent between \$1 and \$25.
- The average visitor group expenditure inside the park was \$10.
- The median group expenditure (50% groups spent more and 50% of groups spent less) was \$2.
- The average total expenditure per person (per capita) was \$9.
- As shown in Figure 67, the largest proportion of total expenditures inside the park was:

87% All other purchases

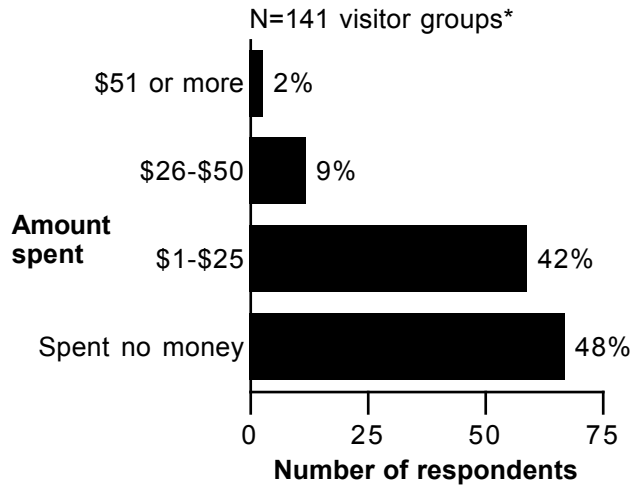


Figure 66. Total expenditures inside the park

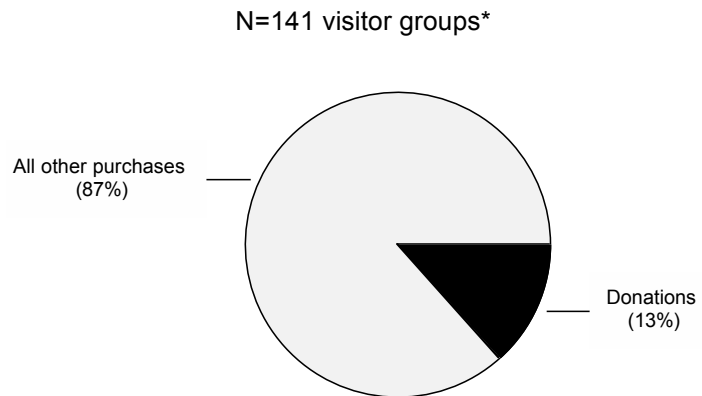


Figure 67. Proportions of total expenditures inside the park

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All other purchases (souvenirs, film, books, sporting goods, clothing, etc.)

- 52% of visitor groups spent no money on other purchases inside the park (see Figure 68).
- 24% spent \$1-\$10.

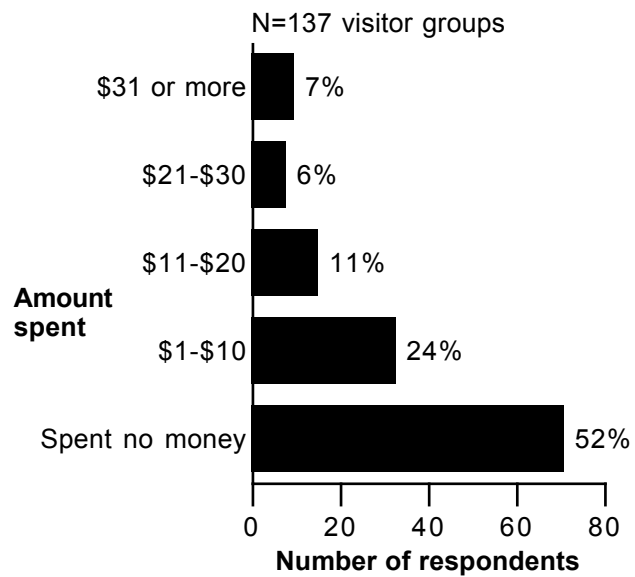


Figure 68. Expenditures for all other purchases inside the park

Donations

- 81% of visitor groups spent no money on donations inside the park (see Figure 69).
- 17% spent \$1-\$10.

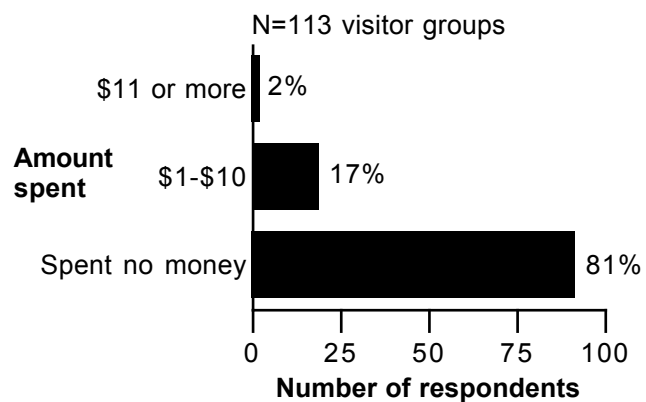


Figure 69. Expenditures for donations inside the park

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Expenditures outside the park

Question 26b

Please list your group’s total expenditures in the surrounding area outside the park (within 1-hour drive of park).

Results

- 61% of visitor groups spent \$1-\$200 (see Figure 70).
- 14% spent \$401 or more.
- The average visitor group expenditure outside the park was \$203.
- The median group expenditure (50% groups spent more and 50% of groups spent less) was \$54.
- The average total expenditure per person (per capita) was \$120.
- As shown in Figure 71, the largest proportions of total expenditures outside the park were:

- 30% Lodges, hotels, motels, cabins, B&B, etc.
- 21% Gas and oil
- 20% Restaurants and bars

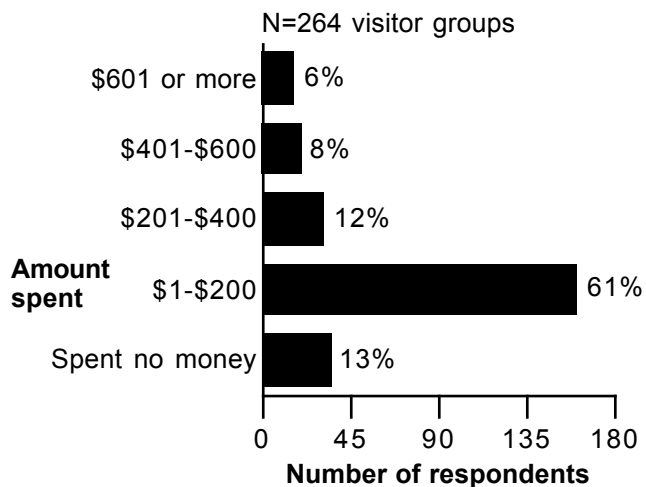


Figure 70. Total expenditures outside the park within a 1-hour drive

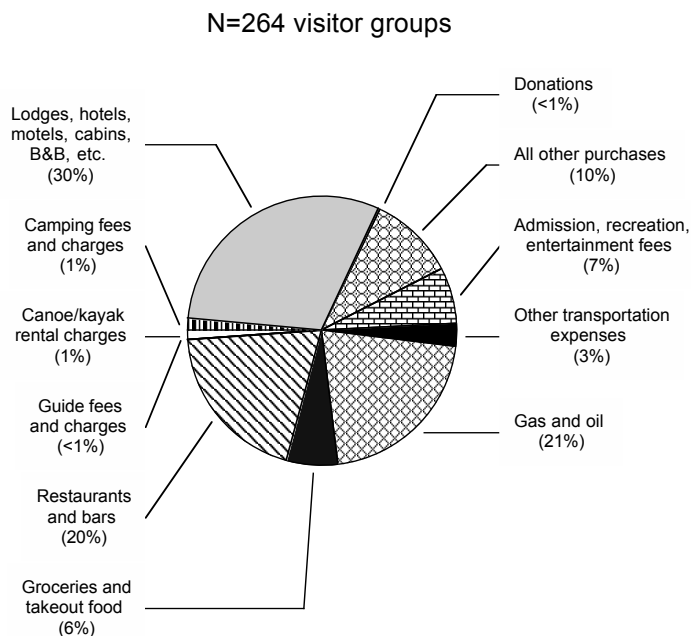


Figure 71. Proportions of total expenditures outside the park within a 1-hour drive

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Lodges, hotels, motels, cabins, B&B, etc.

- 63% of visitor groups spent no money on lodging outside the park (see Figure 72).
- 27% spent \$1-\$200.

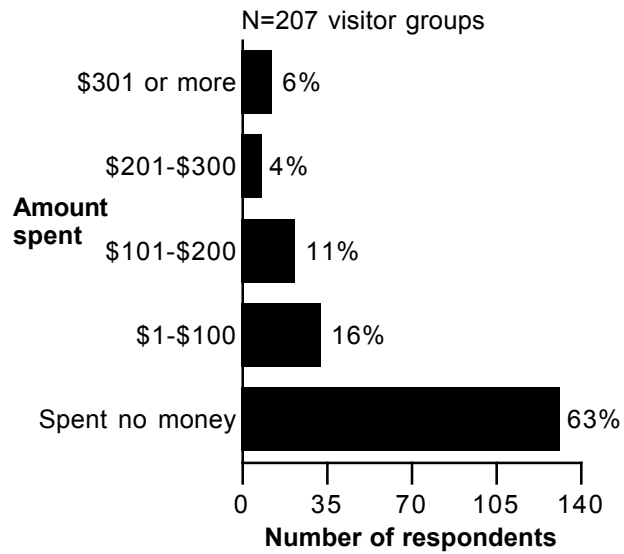


Figure 72. Expenditures for lodging outside the park

Camping fees and charges

- 94% of visitor groups spent no money on camping fees and charges outside the park (see Figure 73).

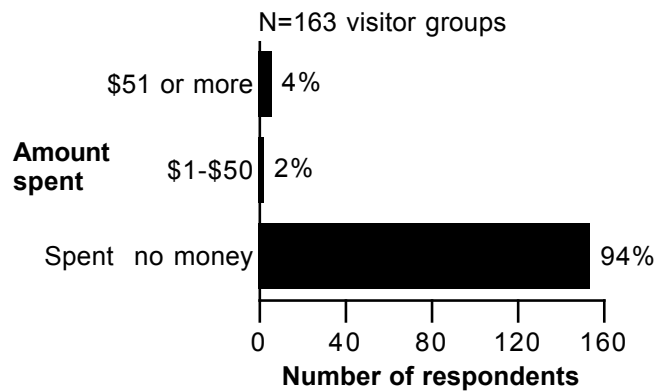


Figure 73. Expenditures for camping fees and charges outside the park

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Canoe/kayak rental charges

- 97% of visitor groups spent no money on canoe/kayak rental charges outside the park (see Figure 74).

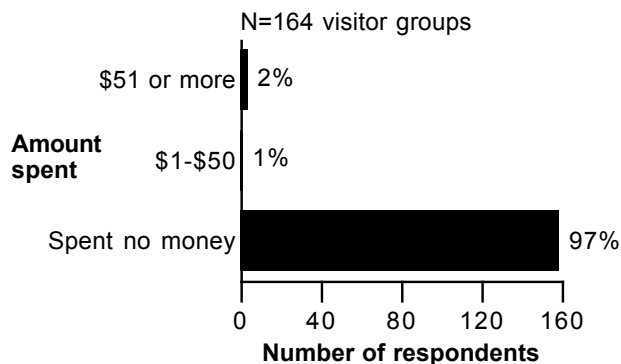


Figure 74. Expenditures for canoe/kayak rental charges outside the park

Guide fees and charges

- 99% of visitor groups spent no money on guide fees and charges outside the park (see Figure 75).

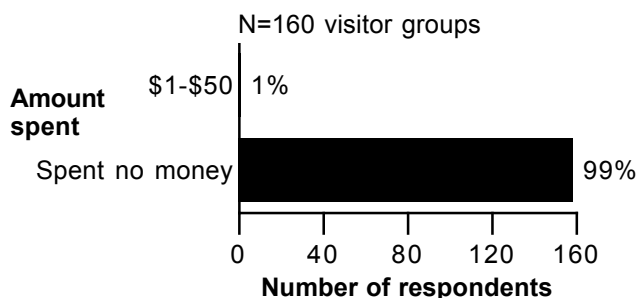


Figure 75. Expenditures for guide fees and charges outside the park

Restaurants and bars

- 45% of visitor groups spent no money on restaurants and bars outside the park (see Figure 76).
- 34% spent \$1-\$50.

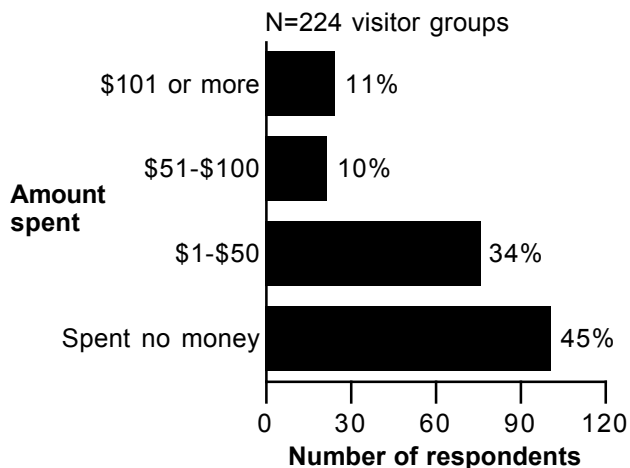


Figure 76. Expenditures for restaurants and bars outside the park

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Groceries and takeout food

- 54% of visitor groups spent no money on groceries and takeout food outside the park (see Figure 77).
- 39% spent \$1-\$50.

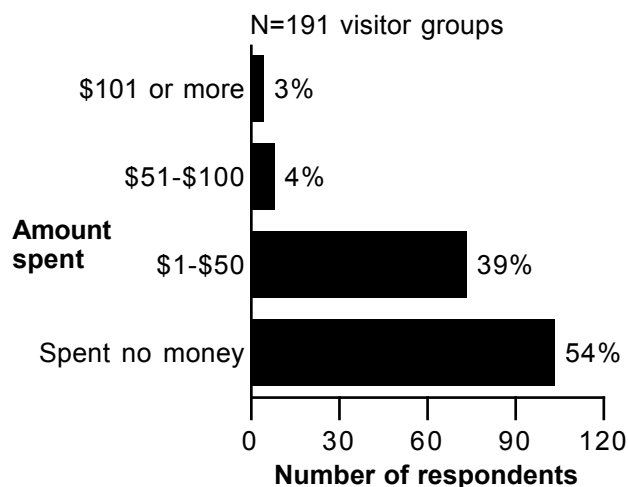


Figure 77. Expenditures for groceries and takeout food outside the park

Gas and oil (auto, RV, boat, etc.)

- 60% of visitor groups spent \$1-\$50 on gas and oil outside the park (see Figure 78).
- 18% spent no money.

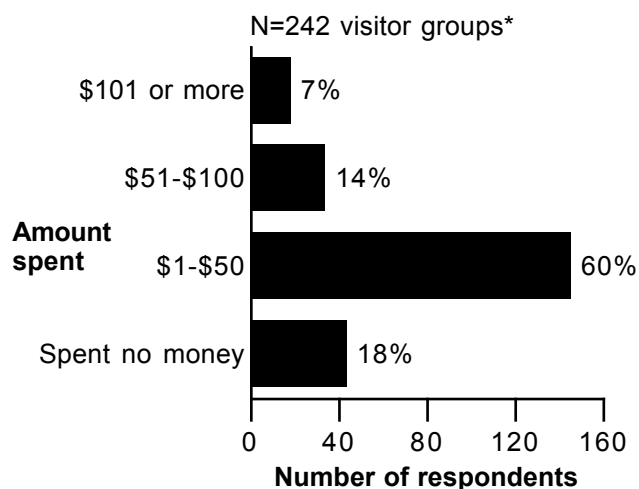


Figure 78. Expenditures for gas and oil outside the park

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Other transportation (rental cars, taxis, auto repairs, but NOT airfare)

- 91% of visitor groups spent no money on other transportation outside the park (see Figure 79).

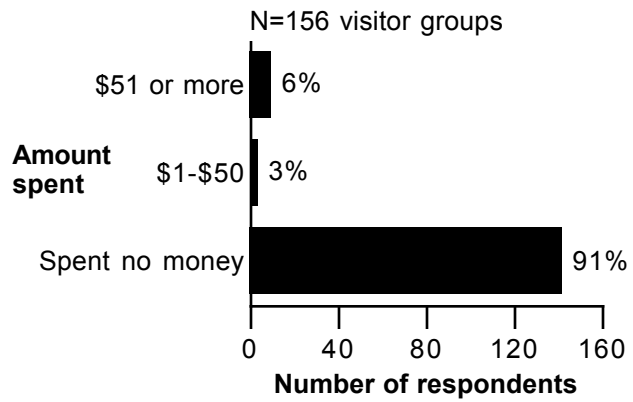


Figure 79. Expenditures for other transportation outside the park

Admission fees

- 89% of visitor groups spent no money on admission, recreation and entertainment fees (see Figure 80).
- 9% spent \$1-\$50.

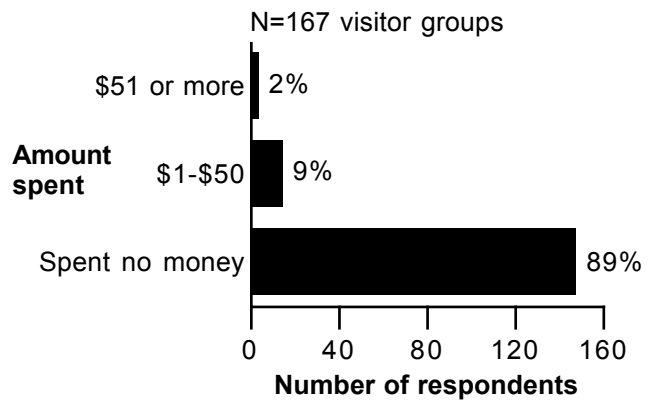


Figure 80. Expenditures for admission, recreation, entertainment fees outside the park

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All other purchases (souvenirs, film, books, sporting goods, clothing, etc.)

- 71% of visitor groups spent no money on all other purchases outside the park (see Figure 81).
- 21% spent \$1-\$50.

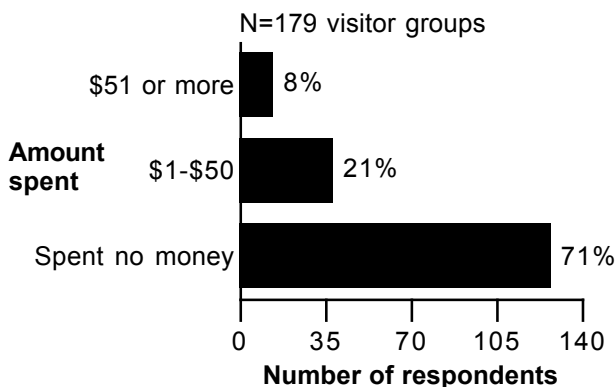


Figure 81. Expenditures for all other purchases outside the park

Donations

- 94% of visitor groups spent no money on donations outside the park (see Figure 82).

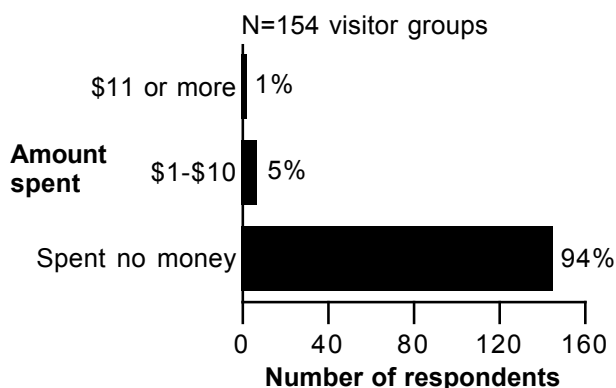


Figure 82. Expenditures for donations outside the park

Unpaid vacation/unpaid time off

Question 25c

Did your household take any unpaid vacation or take unpaid time off of work to come on this trip?

Results

- 12% of visitor groups took unpaid vacation or time off work to come on this trip (see Figure 83).

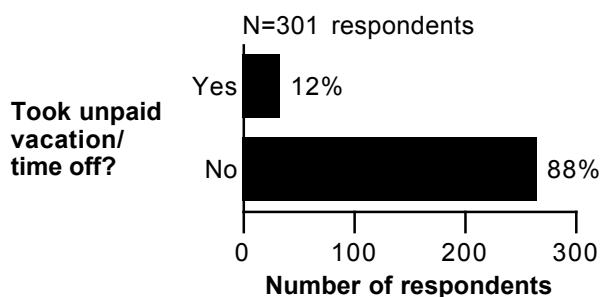


Figure 83. Unpaid vacation/time off used to make trip

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Preferences for Future Visits

Likelihood of future visit

Question 28

Would you and your group be likely to visit Congaree NP again in the future?

Results

- 75% of visitor groups indicated that they would be likely to visit Congaree again in the future (see Figure 84).
- 17% of visitor groups were not sure about visiting the park in the future.

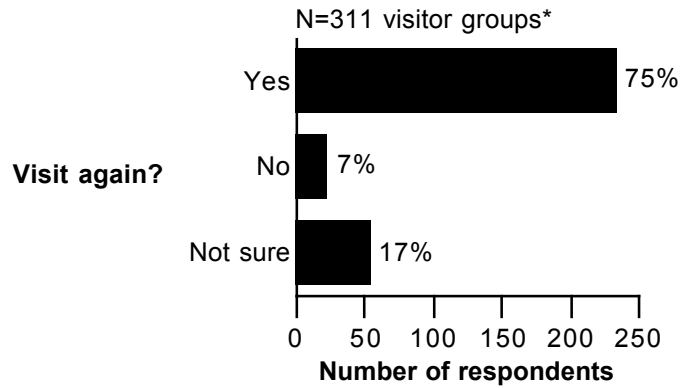


Figure 84. Visitor groups that would likely return to Congaree NP in the future

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Preferred activities and programs on future visits

Question 30

If you were to visit Congaree NP in the future, which types of organized activities and programs would you and your personal group like to have available?

Results

- 75% of visitor groups were interested in attending organized activities or programs on a future visit to the park (see Figure 85).

- As shown in Figure 86, of those visitor groups that wanted organized activities/programs, the most preferred were:

59% Canoeing/ kayaking
 50% Bird walks
 49% Owl prowls

- “Other” activities/programs (3%) were:

Canoe shuttle
 Fishing
 Hunting to manage hogs
 Pig tours
 Plant identification

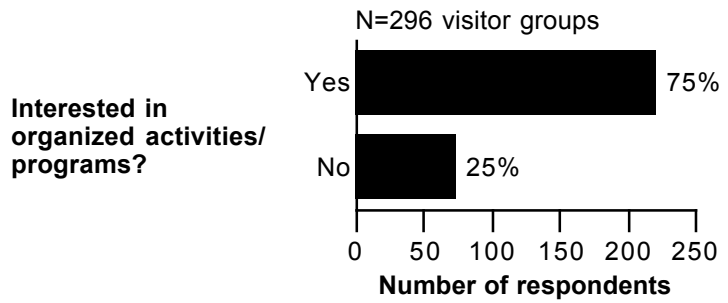


Figure 85. Interested in activities and programs

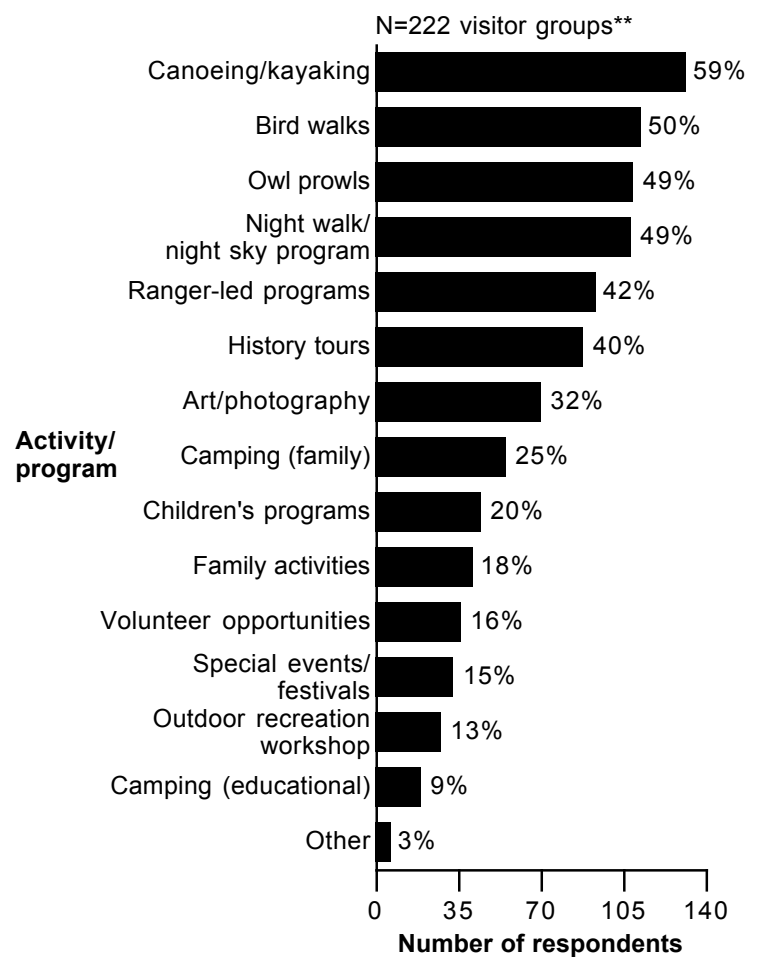


Figure 86. Preferred activities and programs

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Preferred topics to learn on future visits

Question 31

If you were to visit Congaree NP in the future, which subjects would you and your personal group like to learn about?

Results

- 88% of visitor groups were interested in learning about the park on future visits (see Figure 87).

- As shown in Figure 88, of those visitor groups that were interested in learning about the park, the most common topics were:

- 74% Plants/animals
- 57% Champion trees
- 56% Old growth floodplain forest
- 55% History

- “Other” topics (<1%) were:

- Cabins for overnight visits
- Everything
- Pigs (big ones)
- Walks

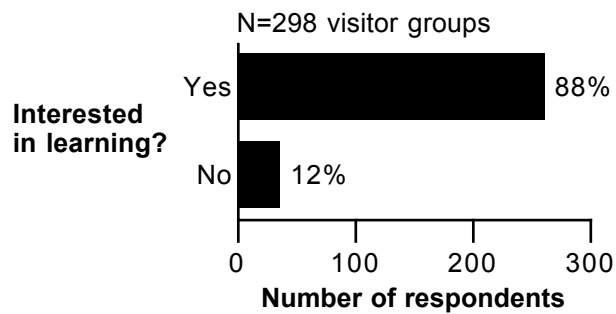


Figure 87. Visitor groups that were interested in learning about the park

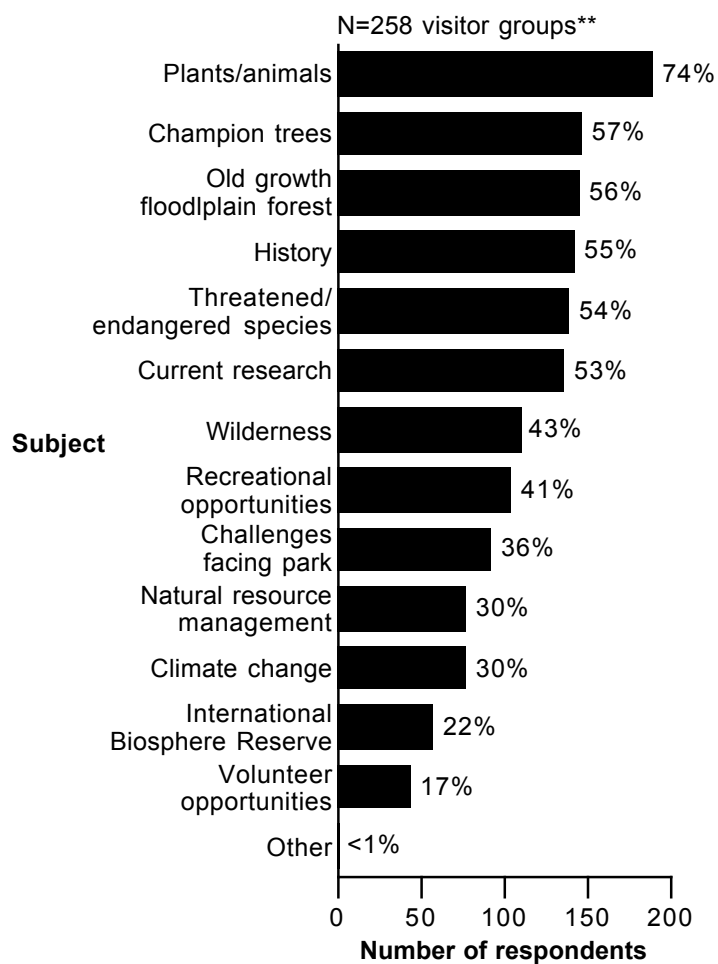


Figure 88. Subjects to learn on future visit

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Overall Quality

Quality of facilities, services, and recreational opportunities

Question 27

Overall, how would you rate the quality of facilities, services, and recreational opportunities provided to you and your personal group at Congaree NP during this visit?

Results

- 95% of visitor groups rated the overall quality of facilities, services, and recreational opportunities as “very good” or “good” (see Figure 89).
- 1% of visitor groups rated the quality as “poor.”
- No visitor groups rated the quality as “very poor.”

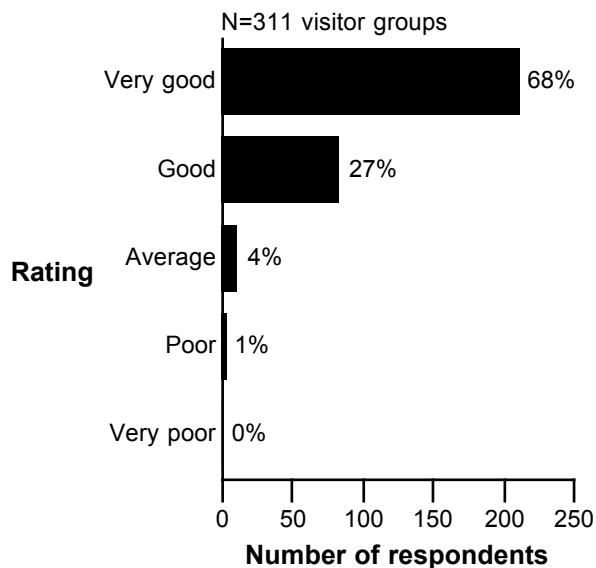


Figure 89. Overall quality rating of facilities, services, and recreational opportunities

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Visitor Comment Summaries

What visitors liked most

Question 32a

What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP? (Open-ended)

Results

- 88% of visitor groups (N=276) responded to this question.
- Table 20 shows a summary of visitor comments. A copy of hand-written comments can be found in the Visitor Comments section.

Table 20. What visitors liked most (N=446 comments; some visitor groups made more than one comment.)

Comment	Number of times mentioned
PERSONNEL (3%)	
Rangers/park staff	6
Helpful staff	4
Friendly rangers	3
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES (9%)	
Trail guide brochure	7
Guided canoe tour	5
Exhibits	5
Visitor center	3
Learning about trees	3
Learning about history	2
Learning about the park	2
Mosquito meter	2
Other comments	9
FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE (22%)	
Boardwalk	59
Trails	18
Clean trails	4
Cleanliness of park	3
Campground	2
Trail signs	2
Backcountry experiences	2
Other comments	7
POLICY/MANAGEMENT (3%)	
Uncrowded	9
Other comments	4

Table 20. What visitors liked most (continued)

Comment	Number of times mentioned
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (26%)	
Trees	22
Animals/wildlife	20
Giant trees	13
Wildlife observation	9
Plants	8
Old growth forest	7
Bird sightings/watching	5
Bird sounds/songs	4
Birds	4
Cypress trees	4
Natural diversity	4
Turtles	3
Seeing pileated woodpeckers	2
Seeing wild pigs	2
Other comments	10
GENERAL (38%)	
Quietness/peacefulness	43
Nature	25
Solitude	16
Beauty/beautiful park	13
Scenery	10
Atmosphere - clean/fresh	5
The swamp	5
Walking/hiking	5
Forest sounds	4
Different ecosystem	3
Beautiful scenery	2
Canoeing on Cedar Creek	2
Everything	2
Family activity	2
Fishing	2
Park is close to home	2
The forest	2
Unique environment	2
Weather	2
Wilderness	2
Other comments	19

What visitors liked least**Question 32b**

What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP? (Open-ended)

Results

- 64% of visitor groups (N=201) responded to this question.
- Table 21 shows a summary of visitor comments. A copy of hand-written comments can be found in the Visitor Comments section.

Table 21. What visitors liked least (N=210 comments; some visitor groups made more than one comment.)

Comment	Number of times mentioned
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES (5%)	
No signs identifying plants	2
Other comments	8
FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE (15%)	
Lack of directional signs to park	8
Fallen trees on trail	2
Inadequate signage for park on Bluff Road from Columbia	2
Litter	2
No after hours restroom facilities	2
Trail distances not clear on signage	2
Trail markers lacking at some intersections	2
Other comments	11
POLICY/MANAGEMENT (14%)	
Noisy school groups	5
Aircraft noise	4
Loud talking on trails	4
Bikes on boardwalk	2
The survey	2
Train noise	2
Other comments	10
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (49%)	
Mosquitos	88
Insects	6
Pig damage to forest	3
Snakes	3
Other comments	3
GENERAL (18%)	
Nothing to dislike	16
Rain	3
Heat	2
Humidity	2
Not enough time	2
Other comments	12

Significance of the park

Question 33

Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park? (Open-ended)

Results

- 76% of visitor groups (N=237) responded to this question.
- Table 22 shows a summary of visitor comments. A copy of hand-written comments can be found in the Visitor Comments section.

Table 22. Significance of the park (N=277 comments; some visitor groups made more than one comment)

Comment	Number of times mentioned
Preservation of bottomland old growth forest	38
Historic value/significance	15
Old growth forest	15
Large/old trees	14
Unique environment/habitat	14
Old growth forests are rare/vanishing	13
Important/significant	11
Natural beauty/setting	9
Old growth floodplain forest	9
Uniqueness	8
Beautiful place/park	7
Do not know	7
Educational value/significance	6
Nature preserved	6
Natural/pristine/untouched forest	5
Preserves an ecosystem/environment	5
Swamp	5
Biodiversity/species diversity	4
Champion trees	4
Historical preservation	4
Preservation of specific plant/animal species	4
Protected area in South Carolina	4
Wetlands are important	4
Wilderness is valuable	4
Wilderness preservation/protection	4
Wildlife sanctuary/protection	4
Example of lowland forest	3
Flora and fauna	3
Parks are important to protect wilderness	3
Bottomland floodplain	2
Educate future generations about biodiversity	2
For the benefit of future generations	2
Habitat preservation	2
Largest untouched forest	2
Southern swamp	2

Table 22. Significance of the park, (continued)

Comment	Number of times mentioned
To be protected	2
Unspoiled/untouched land	2
Variety of vegetation	2
Other comments	27

Planning for the future

Question 34

If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree National Park, what would you and personal group propose? (Open-ended)

Results

- 58% of visitor groups (N=181) responded to this question.
- Table 23 shows a summary of visitor comments. A copy of hand-written comments can be found in the Visitor Comments section.

Table 23. Planning for the future (N=235 comments; some visitor groups made more than one comment.)

Comment	Number of times mentioned
PERSONNEL (<1%)	
Comment	1
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES (21%)	
More ranger-guided canoe trips	5
Additional interpretive signs on trails	3
Family activities	3
More ranger-guided activities	3
More self-guided information	3
Educate the public about forest ecosystem	2
Emphasize uniqueness of Congaree	2
Improve park video	2
More information about plants and trees	2
Other comments	25
FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE (27%)	
Extended/additional boardwalks	12
More directional signs to the park	10
Expand trail system	8
Improve campground facilities	5
Backcountry campsites	4
Campsites for RVs	3
Access to wilderness areas/other park areas	2
Build aerial platforms for tree canopy observation	2
Easier/more fishing access	2
Expand camping facilities	2
Maintain trails	2
Improve trail signs	2
Other comments	10

Table 23. Planning for the future (continued)

Comment	Number of times mentioned
POLICY/MANAGEMENT (32%)	
Expand park boundaries	16
Publicize/educate the public about park/activities	14
Keep it as it is	12
Preserve/protect the park	9
Keep it natural	4
Publicize/educate locals about the park	4
Continue to protect the park/environment	2
Improve access	2
No development in immediate area	2
Shorter questionnaire	2
Other comments	8
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (8%)	
Remove wild pigs	6
Control mosquitos	2
Protect upstream water quality	2
Other comments	8
CONCESSIONS (5%)	
Sell mosquito repellent	4
Food services	2
Other comments	5
GENERAL (6%)	
Keep up the good work/good job	9
Other comments	6

Additional comments

Question 35

Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree National Park? (Open-ended)

Results

- 46% of visitor groups (N=145) responded to this question.
- Table 24 shows a summary of visitor comments. A copy of hand-written comments can be found in the Visitor Comments section.

Table 24. Additional comments (N=189 comments; some visitor groups made more than one comment.)

Comment	Number of times mentioned
PERSONNEL (12%)	
Staff was helpful	7
Staff was great/nice	5
Staff was friendly	5
Staff was knowledgeable/professional	3
Other comments	2
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES (7%)	
Enjoy ranger-led activities	2
Other comments	10
FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE (12%)	
Improve signage to the park	9
Enjoyed boardwalk	3
Facilities nice/well maintained	3
Other comments	9
POLICY/MANAGEMENT (6%)	
Charge entrance fee	2
Other comments	9
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (4%)	
Too many mosquitos	4
Other comments	4
CONCESSIONS (1%)	
Comments	2

Table 24. Additional comments (continued)

Comment	Number of times mentioned
GENERAL (58%)	
Enjoyed visit	34
Will return	17
Love the park	11
Thank you	10
Keep up the good work	8
Great park/place	6
Beautiful park	5
Park is a treasure	3
Park is accessible	2
Thankful for efforts to create and preserve park	2
Visit regularly	2
Other comments	10

Visitor Comments

This section contains visitor responses to open-ended questions.


32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Most of the Flora + Fauna

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitoes + other Nibbling insects + necessary sticky evil

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
As with all the NPs - the preservation of a remarkable ecosystem, and landscape.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Expand

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
See you next time.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
THE TREES! ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL. WANT TO VISIT THE CHAMPIONS... ALL OF THEM.

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
MOSQUITOS, NO WARRIORS THROUGH B/C THAT IS PART OF THE EXPERIENCE

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
THE TREES, NATURAL VEGETATION, WILDLIFE, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
LOOK INTO POND-RISING NEIGHBORING LAND

TO MAKE THE PARK BIGGER. THE HUMAN POPULATION IS GROWING AND LAND NEEDS TO BE KEPT AS A RECREATION.
35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
GREAT TIME. NEEDS IMPROVEMENT ON GIFT STORE. TO MUCH OPEN SPACE IN THE MUSEUM. LOVED THE WHOLE

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PARK AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE. WISH I COULD HAVE MET MR. HAMPTON.


32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
THE BOARD WALK - WALK WAS VERY NICE

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
OLD GROWTH FOREST - IT'S VERY IMPRESSIVE

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
? ELECTRICITY + DRINKING FOR B.V.'S

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
THANK YOU

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
NICE BOARDWALK

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
HAD TO FLEE BECAUSE OF ARMIGES OF MOSQUITOES

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
IT HAS A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
MOSQUITO CONTROL

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?


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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
*Peaceful Surrounding - beautiful
 colors, lack of crowds*
- b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Swamp life

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
*a few more water signs on walks
 continue to maintain and improve walks*

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
*We all enjoyed the boardwalk and
 appreciated the level of maintenance of walks*

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
the quiet atmosphere & shade

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
*Preserving area for educational purposes, the
 diversity, native animals & the water areas*

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
*Buildings to rent for overnight, snack bar in winter
 hot dogs, sandwiches*

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
this is what I like federal funds used for,


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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Elevated boardwalk
- b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
The tall trees

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Trees, plants, swamps

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
*Old growth forest, Tall trees -
 history*

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
*Improving access or information
 on Congaree*

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
*immensely enjoyed seeing
 forest.*

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Quiet & uncrowded

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Lack of labels on trees, shrubs etc

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Preserves virgin lowland forest and there is so little left

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Not sure. Maybe a viewing tower or platform to get into the canopy and better appreciate the size.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Very friendly staff

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
BIRDS - TRAIL - LAKE

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
MOSQUITOES -

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
PROTECT AREA

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
N/A

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
N/A

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Paddling Cedar Creek Wilderness Trail

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
There was no (prominent) trail marker where Cedar Creek makes a hard left downstream of Cedar Creek landing.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Extremely significant as a unique aspect of the American landscape.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

1) Interpretive plaques along trails. 2) Is there a way to manage (cut out climber) wild figs by removing them as part of the maintenance history of the park?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
We're so glad this is a national park! The rangers (including the law enforcement rangers) we encountered and the two volunteers we met were Thank you for your help! Please seal the questionnaire in the postage paid envelope provided and drop it in any U.S. mailbox.  Printed on recycled paper

of the 13 national parks I've backpacked through, Congaree NP is one of the best!
friendly and helpful

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Wildlife

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Discretional signs off of approach highways

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


Some things that qualified it as an Int'l Bios Reserve

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

If there is a desire to remove feral pigs (good luck on that) have good rationale + educate

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Had a great time on the trail we saw it on the way

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Quiet, wonder of smells, experience of bird sounds, kindness of Ranger

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

State map & GPS - very hard to figure out where main entrance - wish we had

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Largest untouched temperate forest - we were impressed as we found out we were in a park

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

Local folks - no one seemed to even know they had a Natl park next door.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Charge a small amount - \$1 pp - NITE
5 per vehicle, 20 yrs long pass & more valued

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When a tree, compliment to Fenner Rogger - tried so hard to get us on material left behind trip & sent us

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

the different insects and wildlife

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

Keep it as natural as possible

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Thank you! Thank you!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

WILDERNESS - TREES
OWLES

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

AGE OF TREES

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

ENJOY NATURE

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

National Park Staff
Good Boardwalk Trail

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Mosquitoes, but we could help that!

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

One of last old-growth forests in the East.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

Trail maintenance and preservation of open hours at the Park.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Quiet - the nature, the boardwalk

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Beautiful - untouched

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Maintain w/out change

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Nope

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
seeing a rescued 3-day old fawn (baby deer)

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
seeing school children

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
beautiful + peaceful park

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
please put more and better signs to go in and out of park.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Walking on the boardwalk & the interpretive signs on the boardwalk

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
the wooden film/video did not provide a good overview of the flora, fauna, geology & history of the park

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
It is hard for us to judge this on the basis of a short visit but the wetlands & tall deciduous forest seem to be of special significance

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
A focus on improved interpretation materials to support ranger activities - especially interpretive trails.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Signage for visitors - More brown directional signs improved (eg at Goddard). More brown directional signs provided and drop it in any U.S. mailbox.
(We needed to stop at the way at Goddard post office)

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Beauty, bird songs, wilderness, quiet from man-made noise (absence of), Park open 24 hours.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Large pigs are clogging forest floor. Not having a water spigot at the camp ground. Desk personnel did not know the directions by road between camp & trails.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
diversity - available in a way I could walk & paddle through to experience. Truly a national treasure. Thank you.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Better camping facilities. Canopy tours via zip line (if ecologically feasible). Pig removal. Upgrade educational experience at visitor center.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Have more of the children's books in particular that are specific to the ecology of the park - rather than general. 2 books like the little golden books - so kids (adults) can identify & learn about what they see in the park. Have the historian exhibits at the visitor's center teach more - way no general. 2

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
primal feel - giant trees - forest sounds
observing animals + birds - views

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
mosquitoes... but our repellent worked great
and nothing bit us.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
It is very unusual - untouched old growth forest and champion trees

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
post sign boards within the trail system for those who forgot to pick up a trail map - distances etc

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
It's protected and so well run!
I thank God

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
unique nature of the hikes


b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
bugs & no bikes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
southern swamp

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
canoe rental at the park.

35. Is there visit to Congaree NP?  to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Q34:
They should sell mosquito repellent at the national park gift store.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
old growth forest

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
The old growth bottom-land forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Public education of the forest
eco system

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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
32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
trails

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
not enough time

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
preserve old growth forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
keep up the good work

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
no

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Nature & Owl

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Too Hot

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Preserving the trees

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Camping & family activity events
certain times of year

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Solitude


b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

None

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Quiet


b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

aircraft noise

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

The kayak trip and seeing wild birds from
the water lake loop trail.

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?


we like it all! Ya hahah.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

The large variety of plants and animals
found here in this beautiful swamp

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
The boardwalk and information guide.

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Ruthless Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
It is a singular ecological habitat

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
OVER ALL EXPERIENCE OF


WALKING THE BOARDWALK

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
MOSQUITOES

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
LAST OF OLD GROWTH FOREST

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
LOTTERY HUNT FOR WILD PIGS

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
The Swamp!


b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
They closed the bathrooms at 4:58!
the mosquitoes!

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
The swamp is rare now.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Keep it the same

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Keep it up!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
The big trees

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
all the kids from schools on boardwalk
very loud.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
big old growth trees.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
more boardwalk trails

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Beauty & peacefulness

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
No mileage signs. If how far to Weston Lake took two hrs to walk - would not have gone that way!

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?


THE NATURE, THE QUIET CAMPGROUND, ATTENTIVE PARK STAFF

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, WHICH IS THE TOO EXTENSIVE FOR THIS SMALL NP. THE QUESTIONNAIRE IS BARELY CONSISTENT & TOO INTIMATE

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
THE GREAT NATURE

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
MANAGE MORE APPLICABLE QUESTIONNAIRES, LESS ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
SOLITUDE, WILD LIFE, VERY CLEAN TRAILS, CONSTANT BIRDSONG, INFORMATIVE STAFF.

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
NO PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
PRESERVED FORESTS FOR FUTURE BREEDING/NESTING FOR BIRDS.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
MORE TRAILS INTO UNEXPLORED REGIONS, MAINTAIN THEM TO CURRENT STANDARDS. BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
PARK, SURROUNDING FOR A SWAMP.

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Other (Please specify) _____


32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
The boardwalk - very wheelchair accessible

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
DEER FOR FLIES

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
The way Paper Companies are clearing land, Congaree NP MAY BE THE ONLY FOREST LEFT STANDING NEARBY

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Extend the boardwalk down to the river

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
I MISS IT AND THINK THAT I WILL GO TODAY


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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Loved boardwalk & other hikes - totally fun
were amazing

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
canoe tour not available the days we were there
disappointed to not see old cypress trees on Cedar Creek
33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Old growth forest needs to be protected, esp. in Eastern US

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
volunteers were very welcoming & friendly

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
THE QUIET ENVIRONMENT

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
NA

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
THE NATIVITY OF NATURE

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?


35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
NA

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
CLOSENESS, QUIET,

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
DISTANCES A LONG TRAIL NOT
SHOWN, TRAIL DISTANCE NOT CLEAR IF YOU
33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
MOVE
OLD GROWTH SWAMP
THAN
THOSE
TRAIL

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Need more signs pointing out different
things such as turtles, pig rootings
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etc. I realize budget cuts affect
all this (thanks)


32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
LEARNING ABOUT SWAMP HABITAT.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
NA

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
MAINTAINING VIRGIN SWAMP HABITAT

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
NO SURVEILLANCE

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
NO

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Weather / Boardwalk
- b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
N/A

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Wildlife preservation - untouched

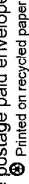
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

N/A

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

N/A

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
boardwalk + helpfulness of staff

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Extremely important

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

more awareness of NP outside South Carolina

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Love you guys!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Terrible nature preserve just is close to home. Will be best friends

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
The whole atmosphere, the trees, the swamp, the nature. The boardwalk accessibility, trails, wildlife.

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
School field trip was there. Love that they were there but not while I was visiting.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Because it is a beautiful landmark & preservation of history, being of our nation.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Preserving forever! It is such a special place.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

The wildlife was amazing. The place is so serene & beautiful amidst the

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Walking on Sassafras

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
old growth forest

34. If you were a manager, planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
maintain natural character of park

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
very helpful, expressed high level of interest
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in outlining opportunities for hiking, camping, canoeing in park

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
A quiet place to hike & visit with each other

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Difficulty finding Park - signage from Bluff Rd unclear - last 45 mins. website didn't give us
33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Unique foliage
"GPS
Swamp

34. If you were a manager, planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
My family has loved the Old Pond & the canoe trip & invited out of town guests to
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you us on these.

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
We loved walking the boardwalk, seeing the brochure and finding the sites indicated

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
The mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
It's a place to see nature preserved.

34. If you were a manager, planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
We liked the courtesy of the park personnel
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
relatively unspoiled nature

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
nothing

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

last stand of old growth forest

34. If you were a manager, planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

increase public awareness - identify key plant species

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
take if encountering wild pigs on trail
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Quietness, Solitude, Walking routes


b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
large trees, water, age

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Fenced area for some wildlife -

No dogs - interferes with natural wildlife area

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?


The ability to see wildlife in natural habitat

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
very significant

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
making more + longer hiking trails

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
I visit the park yearly, to hike + see nature

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Cleanliness of park


b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
After hours cars in parking lot

near tent camp sites

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Family activities

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
None

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

A WALK WITH NICE SCENERY

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

NOISE FROM SCHOOL GROUPS


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

PRESERVING UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

MORE BOARDWALKS + INTERPRETIVE SIGNS

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
- friendliness of the rangers, the beauty of the place, the clean and accessible public areas (picnic)

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
mosquitoes


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Preservation and education for residents & visitors (especially for the children)

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

continue the job well done!

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Boardwalks, swamp trees, quiet picnic area

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?


no sign leading to the park when coming from Columbia on Bluff

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

please add some road signs so that visitors know where to find

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the park's entrance!

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

walking on boardwalk

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?


nothing

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

To protect nature

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

the Big Trees

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Large School Groups To much Noise and running

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


good should preserve all areas like this in Nation

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

Campgrounds for Large Campers

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

mark roads to Park Better

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

SUBSTANCE, NATURE (PLANTS & ANIMALS)

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?


SOUND OF THE TREES

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

PARK BRACKERS AND TRIPS IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES,
CANOE TRIPS IN BEGINNING DALIN

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

THE SIZE OF TREES

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?


NONE

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

TO BE PROTECTED

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Scenery, quiet Trails

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Fallen Trees on path

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


Rarity of wetland ecosystem

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

ADD more acreage To wilderness

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Wonderful experience every Time

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Different ecosystem

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

nothing


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


Protect this ecosystem


34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?


Continue to protect the environment

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Clean trails, solitude, helpful staff
- b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
distraction by wild pigs
33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
last significant old growth forest in flood plain
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
expand trail system, improve canoe launch landings
35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
board walks + chance to see Swamp with dry feet.
- b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitos
33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Bio diversity - Education for future generations
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
The opportunity to see the natural habitat on well-kept trails and boardwalks
- b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Visitor Center could have had better identification of displayed species
33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
It's an excellent example of an environment and habitat that's disappearing in other places
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Expanding the Visitor Center (interpretatory films) and gift shop area (more maps, posters, calendars)
35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
It was really a great experience, and we're glad to visit there. Our son has already made a return trip
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
wilderness
- b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
We are foreigners.
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Take an entrance fee!
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
BOARDWALKS

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

NATURAL SETTINGS OF UNUSUAL WILDERNESS AND WILDLIFE

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

MODERN CAMPGROUND

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
the turtles in the water

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
MOSQUITOS


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

I DON'T KNOW

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

MAYBE WE COULD EXTEND THE BOARDWALK.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
NO.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
SCENERY

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Trying to find it from highway 601 sign.


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

TO TEACH FUTURE CITIZENS TO CARE FOR NATURE.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

• MORE EXPOSURE TO PUBLIC WITH EVENTS.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
NO

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
The beautiful nature.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Downing


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Preservation of nature.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

Keep it the same

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Great visit; nice staff


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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
BREATHE FRESH AIR, PARK OF FUTURE
WOODPECKERS FEEDING YOUNG, CLEAN FRESH
WATER, SOUNDS OF FOREST.
b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
HISTORY, PRESERVATION OF FOREST,
SAND & FAUNA

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
KEEP ON DOING WHAT YOU ARE DO
OUR GRANDKIDS CHILDREN CAN VISIT
AND CELEBRATIONS ON GOING

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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
32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Elevated trails

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Nothing

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
High because it is so unique!

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
NOT SURE

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
JUST A NOTE - THIS SURVEY WAS
TOO LONG.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
the boardwalk

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Can't wait to come back!!

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thanks!!


32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
the scenery to / to / to

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
An elegant is important bc
there is so little of it left.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?


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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
An eco system very different from home in California;
space visitation compared to major parks

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Lack of food/ models in immediate vicinity of park

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Unusually preserved high canopy eastern bottomland forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Conservation about water quality from upstream
Expand trails to Eastern half

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
This visit completed visiting all 46 NPs in 48 CONUS
sites. Fun to complete the list with a more obscure park
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Solo travel

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Nothing

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Saves the Champion trees

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
App Access to other parts of the
Park wherever possible

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Want to go back to help
be Ranger & Staff also

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Surreal atmosphere

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitoes "

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Cross functional view of nature

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
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35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
No, thank you

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
BOARDWALK

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
MOSQUITOS

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
NATURE

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
EVERYTHING GOOD

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
PRESERVES PART OUR HISTORY

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
TRY TO CONTINUE TO BUY MORE WOODLANDS.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
IT WAS GREAT! THANKS YOU.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
pristine, old growth timberland. The State (SC) as it was.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
trails were not marked at most intersections.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Old growth Floodplain forest.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Stew clear of booby/boobying left-wing political association.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP? Congaree a treasure

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Natural forest

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Ran prevented us from fully experiencing the park

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Old growth Flood plain forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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The walk

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
MOSQUITOS

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP? No

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
SOLITUDE

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
IT RAINED!

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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
32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
different vegetation

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
traces of visitor center signs on trails (with guide) no desks

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
A sample of the low lands

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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
32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
The boardwalk trail

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
The gorgeous nature there!

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
signs (!) to the park -> without the GPS it would have been very hard to find Congaree NP!

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
We really enjoyed our visit! u

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
32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
visiting center exhibits + boardwalk

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
boardwalk directions

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
good density

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Continue the way it is please

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Hope I can photograph

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Quit walk in woods and swamp

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Everyone should have the opportunity to explore unspoiled woods + swamp.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Keep park info available but do not force anyone to know all about the park.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
solitude once off the main trail

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
boy scouts!

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
offer wilderness camping

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
speaking with volunteers

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Nothing.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
this park is worthy of NP status. Congaree valley is not worthy.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Keep everything exactly as it is. Allow no further development.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Call "Ben Clock" at the Cornell lab of Ornithology and do some Bird projects

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
THE BOARD WALKS WERE EASY TO WALK THRU.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
The mosquito's

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
The old growth flood plain forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Making it a bigger NAT'L Park.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Maybe someone could of spared us a trail and drop it in any U.S. mailbox. Not for retaining but for something to do.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
solitude, only few other visitors, peace and quiet

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
lots of mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

The East is overpopulated and there is not much nature left so each park makes a difference!

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

- extend the boardwalk
- no killing of non-native animals (question 6b)

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

The mosquitoes were really bad but without them it wouldn't be a true swamp experience ☺

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Got the feeling of South Carolina's unique historical environment. Self guided tour was awesome. Like peacefulness of boardwalk.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
The bugs would have been better

the volunteer/staff survey person gave off "no"

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Learning of South Carolina's unique historical environment.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

More guided tours for all activities including weekdays.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Sell bug spray at the visitor center!

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Dear Nancy,
My parents and I have a really great time! Thx so much!!

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

The quiet atmosphere and minimum outdoor lighting
Many NPS Visitor areas are over lighted outside

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

The southern swamp & lowland habitat

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Our visit was not long enough to comment

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

find it
IT was a pleasing surprise to

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Say hello to David Chene for me if you see him
Don Carney former NPS employee at Pacific Falls

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

WILDLIFE & PLANT INTEREST
ECOLOGY OF CONGAREE -

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

MOSQUITOS! HA! HA!

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

OLD GROWTH OF UNIQUE TREES - VARIETY OF TREES/PUMPS IN THE PARK.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

PURSUe VISITOR EDUCATION THRU TV ADS & EASY ACCESS TO SELECT AREAS OF INTEREST -

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

PLEASE ARRIVE TO EARLY A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE ON BLUFF RD -


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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Private camping grounds

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Driving cars

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Champion trees & swamp

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Ward off wandering night time
cavs & campers

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Yes, one night fell campers came & set
up beside us creating noise light & vomiting
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Hiking the trails - seeing animals,
Making whistles with leaves

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitos

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Floodplain forests are an essential
eco system it's pretty

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Make information / guided tours
daily

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?


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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
THE TREES, SWAMP, AMPHIBIANS, THE WALKWAYS, TRAILS WERE
APPEALING AND WERE MAINTAINED (FOR BIT SURVEY)

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
MOSQUITOES

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
THE HISTORY AND BEAUTY OF THE LAND/TREES/WATERWAYS AND HOW
THE PARK CAME TO BE. TRAILS LIKE THIS ARE TOO FEW TO BE FOUND,
WE NEED MORE LIKE THIS.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
THE POSSIBILITY OF MORE BIKE TRAILS TO ALLOW MORE MOVEMENT
THROUGH THE PARK.


35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
THE PARK FACILITIES WERE GREAT. THE FACILITIES WERE IN GREAT
SHAPE. PLEASE KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK! CAN IT WAIT TO COME BACK
Thank you for your help! Please seal the questionnaire in the postage paid envelope provided and drop it in any U.S. mailbox.  Printed on recycled paper

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
The marsh

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitos

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Marsh

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Free bug spray

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Marshlands are in a position to much the
found a historic mascot that is a flying gnatcatcher
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Everything

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Nothing

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Had a Great time

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
THE BOARDWALKS AND VISITOR CENTER

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
THE DIRECTION SIGNS TO GET TO PARK - could be better

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Wish you had a DIORAMA OF PARIC (overview-top) and
THE SIGNIFICANCE TO US IS THAT'S A SWAMP.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT. ALSO THE TREES ARE
SPECIAL
KEEP PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE PARK AS A
GREAT RESOURCE TO LEARN ABOUT MANY AREAS THAT
CAN IMPACT THE GREATER AREA AROUND THE PARK AND

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
WE WILL BE BACK. THANKS
FOR TAKING CARE OF THE PARK.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
THE BANGORER LED FLYING TRIP

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Nothing - EXCEPTIONAL VISIT

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
PRESERVATION OF FLOOD PLAIN FOREST

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
PROMOTE ITS EXISTENCE - NOT ENOUGH

PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT IT AND ITS BEAUTY

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
STAFF WAS MOST HELPFUL & PROFESSIONAL

I'VE BEEN TO 3/4'S OF THE NATL PKS - ONE OF THE BEST!!
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Trees & birds

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Very important !!

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Maintained funding, good lobbyist

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Not a lot of camping sites. Thank you!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Exhibits

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Responsibility

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Preserve the growth
of the wilderness

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Expand the wild pigs

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mostly very quiet

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Some very noisy groups

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Peace & quiet

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
took a while to get to

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Preservation of unique ecosystem

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Expand camping facilities

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Peacefulness, Serenity, Natural Beauty access

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Those mosquito

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Historical value, ecosystems intact & beneficial to us.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Sustenance & maintenance of the park

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Enjoyed it. Thank you for supporting it.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
The huge trees and the trails

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Nothing

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
I don't live in USA so I can hardly talk about this subject

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
I am not competent in this subject

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
This scenery should be available online

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
THE TREES AND ITS PRESENTATION

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
NOT ENOUGH

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
OLD SOUTHERN TREES!

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
MORE BOARDWALKS, RIVER WALKS, EXHIBITS

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
ENCHANTING!!!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
The Boardwalk was easy to access w/ a stroller.

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
MOSQUITOES

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
To ~~provide~~ preserve our natural resources for future generations to enjoy

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
More Family Activities

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
ENVIRONMENTAL PURITY

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
No complaints

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Natural Heritage site

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Better signs outside park

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Good experience

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Birdwalk, Plants + Animals

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
So few wilderness areas left

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
FEATIFUL SCENERY ON CEDAR CREEK

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
3 MAJOR OBSTACLES ON CANOE TRAIL

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
PEISTINE FOREST / HABITAT

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Scenic, Peaceful, historic
Boardwalks were great

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Nothing - all positive

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Preservation of large trees

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Can't think of anything

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Easy to reach, good location

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
CATCHING FISH

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
MASQUILLO'S

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
HISTORY PERSERVE

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
MOORE FISHING ACCESS

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Kill THE BAGS

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
BEAUTIFUL PARK AREA
OPERATED

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
ADMINISTRATION


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

PROTECT OLD GROWTH TREES
& ASSOCIATED WILDLIFE

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Peaceful paddle
Pig tracks

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Blown down trees but wouldn't
have spotted tracks otherwise


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Every person should experience
the peace & beauty here we can't

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

Expand the borders of the park

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Solitude, easy access + maintenance of
Cedar Creek canoe trail.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Enjoyed the visit, no detriments.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


Value of landscape in its original,
undisturbed form.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

Keep adding more lands surrounding the core
forest.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Upped.
Keep up the good work. Minimize
disturbance.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

The Bluff Trail

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

The untouched wilderness

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

More PR

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Watching a raccoon catch minnows

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

MO. Squittos


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Some of the only bottomland forest like it in the country

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

Pretty low key NP compared to others we've been to but we like that

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

peace & quiet, nature mural at Visitor Center

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

clinging small children bikes on boardwalk

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


preservation of old growth forests

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

again access to fishing

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

We plan to visit again this fall

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Breathing clean air!

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

nothing


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

An icon of the southern forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

open more seats for activities, everything is already booked until July!

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

THE SWAMP

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

THE BUGS

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

PROTECT, PRESERVE, RESERVE.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

EXPANSION.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

GOOD WORK!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

boardwalks


b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

enjoyed boardwalks (hiking)

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

solitude, unique beauty, water - Swamp river trees, birds

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Saddened me to see that so many people

Litter such a beautiful place. I picked up a lot of

trash

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

preservation of old growth floodplain forest

hiking.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

to me.

expand the picnic area, educate park visitors

about litter + how much damage it does to plants + river

+ animals. This

is

crucial

at

this

park.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

The park was stunningly beautiful!

So glad we (Americans + govt) preserved

it

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

QUIET AND CALMNESS OF THE

FOR REST/SOUNDS OF NATURE

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

MOSQUITOES

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

PRESERVATION OF NATURAL FORESTS, FLORA

AND FAUNA


34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

CONSERVATION OF CERTAIN AREAL PLATFORMS (ON

TREES) FOR OBSERVATION ABOVE THE CANOPY OF TREES

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

NO COMMENTS

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

boardwalk trails - nice + relaxing - great

scenery @ scenery

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

nothing

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

protected area for the enjoyment of

citizens especially

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?


more places along boardwalk to look @

with nature. Also fun facts given along way

on boardwalk

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Loved it!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

jr Raags Program + scenery


b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

none very enjoyable

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

the trees

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

the mosquitoes


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

maintain

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

don't cut trees

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Experiencing Nature

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?


Eaten up by Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Swamp Land

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

seeing wildlife, setting

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?


mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

preserving a unique area

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?


The quiet solitude, The Scenery

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Able to visit the only National Park in S.C.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

NA

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

That S.C. has a place worth reserving for distinct use.


34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Awareness of the park to residents in S.C.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

I was not aware of the park until I

Saw a documentary about it on public TV.

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Excited to come back and walk the trails.

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

The trails

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

the lack of signs getting to the park


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

The trees & atmosphere

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

More signs

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

TREES

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

MISQUITEES

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


TREES AND OLD GROWTH FLECO PLAINS

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

WE HAD A GREAT TIME AND

LEARNED A GREAT DEAL.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
less crowded, old growth forest

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
old growth forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Enjoying Nature as a family

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
being tired

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

It is one of the last vestiges of a southern bottomland forest. We need to save it or destroy, the little that is left.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Expand its holdings. Ban all development in the immediate area. Protect the waters coming into the park

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Keep up the fight.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

The trail walk for adults kids I liked the water center best

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

the mosquito & put mosquito info more prominently on your website. let how bad you are that

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
natural beauty

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
to wear water

just continue protecting ~~water~~ native species.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

cypress trees

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

preserve nature

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Mosquito Control

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

no

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
BOARDWALKS, OPPORTUNITY TO WALK IN NATURAL AREA

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
NO SQUITTOS

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
VERY HIGH / UNIQUE

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
BETTER OFF-SITE MARKING OF LOCATION / ROUTES TO SITE

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
WILDLIFE

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
ALL WAS GOOD

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
PRESERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
learning why it is preserved as a NP

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
this survey is too long

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
small # of visitors, weather, large # of birds

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
mosquitoes


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

quite nice, but I'm not sure how well known this is nationwide

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

greater nationwide education

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

bald cypresses
alligators, birds

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Nothing

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

large growth cypres

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

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35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

No

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

We love the park - helpful people
but this is to much
Some of those questions are personal

Did not answer

questionair to long

Filled out what we could please

Stop sending this - can do no

more - Having problems - no

Walter Campbell / Corrine Campbell

time - need to be left alone

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Plants/animals - photography opportunities

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Mosquitos - ☹️

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

old growth - flood plain forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

no ideas at present

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

would like to see again in autumn

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Majesty of the old trees

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Mosquitos (our DEET didn't deter their ambitions)

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

The uniqueness of its particular geographical & topographical site

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Rid the park of the feral hogs

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

we thoroughly enjoyed it - better than expected

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

trail system

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

preservation of old growth cypress-tupelo swamp

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

the peaceful atmosphere

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

bugs

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

that it is a swamp

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

the size of the trees

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

role the land played in the war

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

maintain present condition, make it available to all

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

We enjoyed the natural beauty

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

The hike the park

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

I did not take full advantage of park resources - guided tours, etc.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Protected old growth forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

More marketing of the park
More self-guided info +

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

I will be less ignorant when I come back with a group

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* It may be available + I didn't ask.

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Learnings about the different kinds of trees

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
The mosquitoes - they drove us away

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Uniqueness. Should attract visitors to the area if promotion works

34. If you were a manager, planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

Services: products for people to purchase like bug repellent, cameras

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

We will return when the mosquitoes are less active with repellent

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Nature / Trees

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
No Rest Areas / Not Handicap Access

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

History

34. If you were a manager, planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

Staff Training / website update
in corp. upgrade of Park without damage!

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Nothing told in advance of what to expect!!!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
The morning was quiet

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
The self guided tour was a bit confusing at times, difficult to remember

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Preservation of trees + natural habitat for animals

34. If you were a manager, planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

I would propose more wooden maps + self guided tours + mile markers

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

It was great. The rangers at the visitors center knowledgeable + friendly

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Saw variety wildlife - pig, wood ducks, lizard, ducks

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager, planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Explanations/exhibits/beaches


b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Additional Boardwalks

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Cypress trees

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitos


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Unique and historical
"the way things were"

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Publicity - attract more visitors to
this unique place

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Virgin trees

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

preserving history

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

sell dry spray - directional signs
to Columbia from park

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Nature and kid-friendly boardwalk

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
N/A


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Prevent nature from being destroyed by development and
help instill appreciation of nature in young

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Keep politics out of the parks - primarily no liberal-
driven guilt trips about garbage or carbon dioxide

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP? Keep it great!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Very quiet, peaceful, calm, the animal sightings, able to choose variety of trails long & short.
- b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
I wish they could make certain parts of the board walk access to dogs.
33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
The impact of the wetlands to the environment, very crucial.
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Camping areas inside the park that are marked as designated.
35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Awesome experiences all the time, enjoy it all the time and I always recommend to others.
- Thank you for your help! Please seal the questionnaire in the postage paid envelope provided and drop it in any U.S. mailbox. Printed on recycled paper

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Quality of the old-growth forest.
- b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Noise from fighter jets.
33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
One of few places with a quality forest (not just trees).
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
More information available on plants & trees. Unique flora of the park.
35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Trees, wildlife, nature
- b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Old growth forest/ancient forest
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
keep up the good work
35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Beauty of nature
- b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
That it is a day trip? Can't visit more often.
33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
The very large trees
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Not change a thing.
35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Enjoyed our visit!!
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Relaxing with a band with 4 night stars from there

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Nothing unpleasant

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


very important because of old growth floodplains

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Maintain it as is

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Will visit again

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

THE LARGE TREES, AND BETUL BIT


b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

PRESERVING A TYPE OF NATURE THAT IS ENDANGERED IN FORESTRY

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?


b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

old growth trees

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

opportunity to view plants specimens up close in their natural environment.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Mosquitoes!

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


protection of natural/historic assets.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Take appropriate steps to preserve/maintain existence of Congaree NP.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Appreciate the opportunity to access this location/natural resource

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Nature

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
old growth trees

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
protect the land

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
scenery

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Very significant historically + ecologically

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Protection of the area

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
I know mosquitoes have their place in the ecosystem, but we felt rished as we were

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being hunted by the swarms of mosquitoes. Otherwise, it was a great day!


32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Board walk 680 yr olds in over group

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Not seeing wild pigs

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
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b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
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33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
plants / animals

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Trees & quiet

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
bugs

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
shorter questionnaire!!

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
the quiet, the trees, the view

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

old growth forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Outreach to inner-city kids & other that don't get to visit this extraordinary place

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

CAME TRIP WITH RANGER & VOLUNTEERS WAS EXCELLENT. MADE OUR VISIT PERFECT.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
N/A

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


Protection of wilderness areas.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Leave the park as nature as possible.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

A few more signs would have been nice on the boardwalk indicating length of

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trails & names of trails.

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

passport stamp program

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?


not much to do

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

parking area was terrible for visitors coming in a motorhome!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
 CANOE TRIP (RANGER-GUIDED)
 MOSQUITO METER U
 N/A
- b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
 N/A

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
 HABITAT - FLOODPLAIN FOREST
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
 ADD MORE SIGNS GUIDES OF PARK
 INCREASE CANOE TRIPS (RANGER-GUIDED)
35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
 VERY NICE PARK & GREAT STAFF

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
 Toonies Junior
 BONDOS (the wife) - and
- b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
 Maps in the swamp & bathrooms were locked at 7:30am
33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
 The Pys! & B.O.B.
 (d Tooness)
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
 More Tooness

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
 traffic safety rules.
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
 CANOE TOUR - WILD LIFE, BEAUTY
 OF CREEK (TREES ARE ALSO BEAUT.)
- b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
 MOSQUITOS (COMES W/ THE TOUR)

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
 WILD GROWTH GREAT / SWAMP LANDS
 FLORISSAN / WILD LIFE SANCTUARY
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
 ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS THAT GIVE
 SECS TO CAUSE AWARENESS OF THE
 IMPORTANCE OF THIS AREA
35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
 QUALITATIVE PART, ENJOYED OUR
 VISIT & WILL VISIT AGAIN

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
 Family time to explore
 peaceful nature
- b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
 An area of unspoiled land to
 experience nature
33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
 An area of unspoiled land to
 experience nature
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
 Perhaps additional
 boardwalk options. Great for kids

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
 N/A
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Walking in the midst of towering trees & hearing mostly natural sounds
- b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
a few mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


Preserves a unique ecosystem & is closest park to a metropolitan area.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Add more trails & add camping with restrooms & showers (no RVs)

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

We love Congaree NP!!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

I LOVE THE TRAILS.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

OTHER PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO GO THERE

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

IT IS VERY SIGNIFICANT FOREST WETLANDS AND BIRDS. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE THIS

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?


AWESOMENESS! BASICALLY

JUST MAINTAIN

WHAT IS THEIR.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

I LOVE IT!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Information about Chapin trees

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?


n/a

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Preserve environment of old-growth forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

The boardwalk trail & guide purple BT

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Small size of visitors store.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

It has saved the last hardwood forest


IN America from being destroyed.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Get rid of the pigs!

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

As replacement for wood on the boardwalk use plastic. lower maintenance cost.


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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Natural environment, not too crowded,
quiet, easy to walk
b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
NA

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Very significant due to loss of
wilderness lands in the US.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
More marketing if you want more
visitors. Personally, I was glad it was
not crowded.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
It was wonderful. Plan to return.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Near Virgin Timber

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
SKEETS ha ha

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
HIGH CANOPY, flood plain, A PLACE IN
SC for the PEOPLE.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Preservation to the fullest

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Very secretive place not well known
in the South East or anywhere.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
IT PAID BELONG TO THE INDIAN

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
IT PAID BELONG TO THE INDIAN

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
GIVE IT BACK TO THE INDIAN

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
NATURE, NICE BOARDWALK.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
WE'RE OFFERED A MAP BUT NOT DESCRIPTION
FOR NUMBERS ON BOARDWALK

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
TO PRESERVE NATURE WITH ITS VARIETY OF
SPECIES

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

I liked the history, the pass

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Nothing

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

I don't know about significance of the park, but I would like to.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Nothing

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Boardwalk
Birding

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Preserve bottomland hardwood forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Continue to preserve
Remove feral hogs

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

A treasure!
We hope our children will also enjoy it in the future

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Beauty

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

It was hot.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Need to be preserved

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Better signs to find the park

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Very pleasant

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Learning about the Cypress "trees"

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Having the tallest forest canopy in the South.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

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35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

We enjoyed our first visit & we will come back.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
being in the woods

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
mosquitoes?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
preservation of natural trees | led to people who bossing

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
shorter, easy access path to river

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
excellent visitor center! (we've seen it before, not this time though)

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Atmosphere

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
lots of people

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Not sure

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
boardwalk

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
signage to park & within (lack)

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
no enough national parks

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
more short trails

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
No

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
quiet on Sun trail

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
low signage & map, noise on boardwalk

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Saved & been walked

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
better signs, better publicity of park & depart.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Wanderful trail through bottomland forested swamp with wonderful wildlife - hawks & snakes
mosquitoes

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

contiguous old growth bottomland hardwood habitat with species diversity & preservation of this habitat

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Control purchasing food & manage to reduce impacts of invasive species

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Would like to canoe the river

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
beautiful

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

It is one of only 2 bottomland old growth protected areas in S.E. USA

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

guided canoe trips

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
we loved it.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Walking on the boardwalks, being in nature, swamp

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
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33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

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34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

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35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Beauty

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Don't know

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Nothing

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
No

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Displays at the visitor center

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

N/A

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

THE TALL TREES, THE SWAMP ITSELF

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

A WAY FOR ALL VISITORS TO ACCESS THE WILDERNESS AREAS

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

WE ENJOYED OUR VISIT BUT WOULD LIKE TO

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HAVE HAD HIKING GEAR WITH US TO TAKE BETTER ADVANTAGE OF THE PARK.

32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Quiet / sunny / nature (animals - birds) / up close

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Nothing

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

TO PRESERVE "OLD GROWTH"

and history

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

MAKE DAILY TRASH pickup

3 PCS PAPER IN SWAMP

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

THANK YOU

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Saw and heard wildlife

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Bicyclist on boardwalk

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Preservation of wilderness

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Incredible natural resource diversity

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Flood Plain Old Growth forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

More scientific research related to climate change and environmental threats; bring in school groups

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

I am so grateful that we have this NP. It is truly a hidden gem within the NP system

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Nature

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Pig Damage

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Very important

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
DIVERSITY OF THE ECOSYSTEMS

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED
ROCKY FLOOR NO SHADE ON THE
ADULTS LEADING TO THE PARK

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
FOREST / SWAMP COMBINATIONS

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
BANS ON CANOE / KAYAK TRIPS

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
NO

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Large Pine Trees

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Used everything

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Very Necessary. We need

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
less people / more wilderness
introduce native animals that
are gone.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Appreciate the beauty.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Beautiful scenery

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitos! But, not much one can
do about that...

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

The trees & very tall trees were very interesting

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Not a big enough area

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

It's prettiness; all the trees; tall trees; old growth forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Buying the land surrounding the park & preserving it for our future generations.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Don't sell out or shut the park down or downsize - EVER!!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

the forest built life

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

it's a natural forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Keep it the way it is

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

OLD GROWTH FOREST

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

TO LEAVE IT ALONE

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Minimal development and immediate wilderness feel

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

More jobs, but I could be some of my own backyard


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

It trust the NP service in making that assessment

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

People enjoyed the very short visit and will be back

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
BOARDWALK TRAILS

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
AFTER-HOURS RESTROOM FACILITIES

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
CHAMPION TREES

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
REMOVAL OF NON-NATIVE PLANTS & ANIMALS

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP WEBSITE CURRENT,
PARK NEWSPAPER SHOULD BE POSTED ON WEBSITE TOO.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
THE HELP FROM THE PARK RANGERS TO FIND THE CHAMPION TREES AND
SUGGEST THE BEST HIKE FOR A 3 HOUR VISIT

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
THE MOSQUITOES WERE INSANE, BUT THAT WAS TO BE EXPECTED AT
A SWAMP. THE RANGER EVEN OFFERED EXTRA BUG SPRAY IF NEEDED. ;)

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
THE TREES ARE INCREDIBLE. IT IS SO VITAL TO PRESERVE THESE
TREASURES FOR OUR PLANET AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
EXPANDING BOUNDARIES WHEREVER POSSIBLE TO PROTECT MORE TREES.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
THE BOARDWALK WAS FANTASTIC! WHAT AN ENDEAVOUR TO PROVIDE!
THIS MUCH ACCESSIBILITY ABOVE THE FOREST FLOOR - SIMPLY AMAZING!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
OUTDOORS

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
INSECTS

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
DON'T KNOW

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
DON'T KNOW

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
NO

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
WALKING, HIKING & BIRD WATCHING

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
n/a

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
ITS LOW COUNTRY HERITAGE

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
EMPHASIZE THE UNIQUENESS OF CONGAREE

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
the trees

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
air craft flows over

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
teaching history

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
protect it!

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
1 to 10 it was a 10

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Diverse wildlife viewing opportunities.

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Airplane noise

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Relatively undisturbed bottomland forest which is now protected from extractive industry to benefit future generations.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Buying additional property to further buffer the park. Eliminating wild pigs.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
the variety (and size) of trees and vines and birds

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
The world (of commerce + politics) is too much with us.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
It was close to Columbia - that's where we were staying

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
We was not prepared for anything.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
I'm not sure, however I believe it should be.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Be prepared. Schedule and plan.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

The signs entering the park was small and you only had one chance. We drove about 10 miles past park.
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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Everything but the biting insects-

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Person who designates signs and allow children/pets to go off trail or litter

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Get as much land as possible - New canoe/kayak opportunities

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Natural Beauty at the swamp and forest.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Load walking on trails

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

The old growth forest and record large tree.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

A \$5 entry fee

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP? Great Place.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
with life observations - Turtles, birds, epiphytic flowers (not identified), Ticks

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Tree size, age

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
More publicity (road side particularly)

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
The trees/forest

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
The mosquitoes.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

There aren't many truly natural, wild places left. This is one of them.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

More trails, more access points

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?


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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
FRIDAY TRAILS, GOOD TRAILS, QUIET EXCEPT FOR F-16 FLYOVER
- b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
CANNOT TAKE OFF ANYTHING

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
"ALL" THE PARKS ARE IMPORTANT TO SAVE "WILD" AREA. THIS PARK DOES THAT.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
I DONOT KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THE PARK TO ANSWER THAT INTELLIGENTLY.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
JUST KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
helpful staff, beautiful trails

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
mosquitoes (not much you can do about that in a swamp!)

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
unique forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
keep it the way it is

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
it's a great visit!


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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
The boardwalk was awesome
- b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
MOSQUITOS

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Wild - Conservation

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
nothing

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
thanks for all the hard work - it was a great experience

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
wildlife

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Rained very hard when we camped

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Old growth flood plain is rare

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
More board walk

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
we loved it. Great staff, very cool park.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
SOLITUDE

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
MOSQUITOS WERE A NUISANCE

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
NATURAL SETTING

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
The forest and the mosquitoes on the road.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Trailing the trail people on heavy leeches.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Protection of old growth forest and flood control.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Try and educate as many people as possible why we need to protect areas like this.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
The staff is doing a great job with what they have to work with. Keep up the great job.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
SMALL NUMBER OF VISITORS

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
MOSQUITOS

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
PRESERVE OLD GROWTH FOREST

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
I DON'T KNOW

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
NO

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Elevated Boardwalk Trail
w/ printed guide

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
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33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Preserving Natural Woodland forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Small Cafe or Snack Shop

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Very nice facilities.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

THE TREES

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

HOSQUITOS

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


ONE OF A KIND OLD GROWTH TREES

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

PROVIDE BUG SPRAY OR AT LEAST MAKE SURE GUESTS KNOW ABOUT THE HOSQUITOS

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

WE ENJOYED OURSELVES. BETTER SIGNAGE FROM NOV 601

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Peaceful, unique environment

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Snake encounter on the elevated boardwalk.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


It is one of a kind, a national treasure worth protecting

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Raise awareness of park

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

We can wait to go back for another visit.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

SOLITUDE

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

UNIQUE FOREST

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

ADD NON-SKID TO SLOPES OF BOARDWALK, SLICK WHEN WET.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

The quietness


b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

The Old Growth

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

the quiet atmosphere

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

not enough trail maps

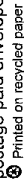
33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

protects animal habitat

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

serenity

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

mosquitoes, lack of signs to get in and out - they got two post for over 2 hours

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

like karst

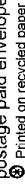
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

more adequate signs to get there and back

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

work on road markers

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

My group enjoyed the beauty and clean grounds of the NP!

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

limited fishing

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

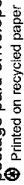
to preserve our natural swamp lands, creatures ect...

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

To stay planning of the grounds, trail markers.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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Trees

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

WYA

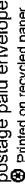
33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

great facility

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Beauty, condensation, solitude

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
lack of outside directions
signage

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
High significance

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
More interpretive programs

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
QUIET BEAUSQUAK

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
SA

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
antiquid

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
NO TRAILS

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
no

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
32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
NO SIGNAGE

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Beauty - no crowds

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
long walk to put kayaks in

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Old growth trees - protecting them

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Leave it alone

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Enjoyed it very much!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Boardwalk, Range

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

N/A

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Unique

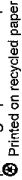
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

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35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

N/A

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Remote feeling

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

humidity

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

history

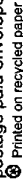
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

N/A

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

No

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Reading exhibit info + talking to Park Personnel

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Problem w mosquitos + other bugs

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Historic value / oldest / uniqueness / natural area

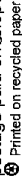
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Relate the significance of uniqueness

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

We love the "other worldly" aspects - unique like Everglades

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

It was such a pleasant surprise to find it. Glad to see such beautiful trees + ecosystem protected. Oats!!

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

N/A - Even the mosquitos were not a problem!

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

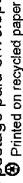
34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Let more people know about it.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Keep it protected. We are from Maine + may never be here again - but it's good to know it exists.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Boardwalks

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

No toilet at after-hours camping

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


Maintains an old growth wild space & watershed

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

easier access to canoe trips by park

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Thank you for your work

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Solitude, wildlife/plantlife, huge loblolly pines

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Nothing

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


History that occurred here, wildlife, plant life

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

More advertising around Columbia & the surrounding area; clear signs from highway

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

It was great, as always, thanks!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

Learning from the Ranger about the park -

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

People smoking outside entrance to visitors center

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


One of a kind

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

Nothing!

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Keep up the good work -

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

solitude of the surroundings
2 pileated woodpeckers

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

mosquitoes


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

preservation of Bald cypress tree forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

We want to come back with our kids + grandkids - camp canoe

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Birds - sightings and songs

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
N/A!

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Rare ecosystem and beautiful place

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Preserve it!

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
I liked the fact that you could camp anywhere in the park as long as you met the set distance requirements from the Oct.

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
No bike racks at Cannon launch, I left a bicycle at one launch - launched canoe at another then rode bike to get truck.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
It shows that large blocks of wilderness can exist close to major cities. And wetlands are important.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
A guided tour of the "champion trees" or at least a pamphlet of where in the park they are.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Kind and helpful! Everyone in the park was very

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
BACKCOUNTRY TRAILS

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
TRAIL NOISE

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
OLD GROWTH FORESTS

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
BACKCOUNTRY GROW CAMPING SITE, BETTER CANOE

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
TRAIL INFO

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
32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
WILDLIFE / KORMORANS / EXCELLENT FACILITIES

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
MOSCQUITOES, BUT IT IS A SWAMP

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
ONLY OLD GROWTH FOREST

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
COME ADDITIONAL VISITORS

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Excellent volunteer work

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
old growth and not lumbered

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
leave it as is

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
about living here.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
night sky & stars

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
bugs

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
great park - not Yosemite but good

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
slightly better family campsites

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Thanks

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
STAFF, BOARD WALK, MOVIE
VISITORS CENTER

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
MOSQUITOS

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
OLD GROWTH TREES

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
IT'S FINE THE WAY IT IS NOW.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
WE LOVE THE PARK AND
WILL TELL OUR FRIENDS ABOUT IT.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Enjoyed the ability to ~~be~~ borrow a wheelchair for my Grandpa, so we could see her around the park.

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
We were disappointed that we didn't see more larger birds.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Preserving the land of our ancestors

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
NOT SURE

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
Enjoyed seeing the turtles @ Washington and hearing my

Grandma tell us how they use to eat turtle legs.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
The hiking trails

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?
The mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Beauty

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
NA

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
No.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?
Observing the natural history + land preserved as it has been from times immemorial

b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Preservation of unique natural settings +

" + setting aside for present + future generations

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Keep up the great job you are doing

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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Fishing

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Canoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Natural Surrounding

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
Nothing

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
No

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
BIDED CANOE TRIP

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
PERFECT! BARKWOODS SELF GUIDED BROCHURE WAS VERY INFORMATIVE

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
N/A

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
UNIQUE PAVILION

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?
DIFFER CANOE TRIPS OR WEEK DAYS

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
WAS STILL WONDERFUL

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
unique beauty

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
canoe ramps

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
preservation of old growth biosphere

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
great!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Trees


b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Mosquitoes

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Tell all trees to tell Frank

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?


anything

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

to preserve

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

"Masovito-Meter"

Board walk with Interpretive Guide

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Not listed where to find the


described Champion Trees

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

Protection of large trees and hardwood forest / floodplain

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Trails,

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?


I do not know, but it is the only Natural Park within driving distance and that is helpful to us.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

A few more 1-3 mile trails.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Several times and The New Signs Look Great!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Turtles & trails


b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Mosquitos

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

The variety of trees and birds we got to see as well as other wildlife.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

We can't really think of anything because we enjoyed it all very much.


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

It is very significant for educating people about its importance for preserving specific species like the loblolly pines & other wildlife that inhabit this area.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

It is a wonderful park the way it is so just continuing to preserve it and making small improvements like creating a GPS guided tour app or coloring in the boardwalk numbers, loblolly pines & other wildlife that inhabit this area.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP? We wanted to say it is a beautiful park and we thank you very much - we had a great time. It was a wonderful experience & we will be back to the park!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

bridge magnet!


b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

the oldest trees live here.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Boardwalk

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

Snakes


33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

History and the proof that we value and protect our land

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

A movie that shows the park highlights and wildlife.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
but less roots & sunny green beetles

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

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33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

clean up fallen trees obstructing trails

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

we had to cut our visit short due to mosquitos

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

scenic setting, chance to see wildlife, boardwalk is stroller friendly, great for photography.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

gnats & mosquitos.

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

wonderful park with importance to South Carolina.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

more boardwalk trails, more info/advertising.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

wonderful park, wonderful staff. we love it here!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

enjoyed walking the trail, looking at the different trees, seeing wild figs esp. the figlets

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

A protected area in S.C., a unique special area for others to visit & enjoy

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

protection of more land to be included in the park

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

It's a wonderful park, proud S.C. has a national park

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

Rating leads to nature

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

nothing

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Ease of trails, trails clearly marked.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Other loud guests

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
ways to promote nesting.

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Hummed environment for us, we learned about new trees and birds

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
Competition

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
Yes - old growth; not

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Cypress trees

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
We love the sunset!

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?
Finding an "unknown" park to all of us.

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?
'Sketches'

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?
preservation of natural resources/habitats - a stop back in time to ~~the~~ Alston's time.

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?
Maintaining its natural features

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?
An unplanned visit that was most enjoyable, educational and fun.

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32. a) What did you and your personal group like most about your visit to Congaree NP?

solitude on trails

b) What did you and your personal group like least about your visit to Congaree NP?

lack of canoe rentals in park

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

rare old-growth forest

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP, what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Great Place!

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Appendix 1: The Questionnaire



Social Science Program
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Visitor Services Project

Congaree National Park Visitor Study



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Congaree National Park
100 National Park Road
Hopkins, SC 29061

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Visitor:

Thank you for participating in this important study. Our goal is to learn about the expectations, opinions, and interests of visitors to Congaree National Park. This information will assist us in our efforts to better manage this park and to serve you.

This questionnaire is only being given to a select number of visitors, so your participation is very important! It should only take about 20 minutes after your visit to complete.

When your visit is over, please complete this questionnaire. Seal it in the postage paid envelope provided and drop it in any U.S. mailbox.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Littlejohn, NPS VSP Director, Park Studies Unit, College of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 441139, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83844-1139, phone: 208-885-7863, email: littlej@uidaho.edu.

We appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Tracy Swartout
Superintendent

DIRECTIONS

- 1) Please have the selected individual (at least 16 years old) complete this questionnaire.
- 2) Answer the questions carefully since each question is different.
- 3) For questions that use circles (O), please mark your answer by filling in the circle with black or blue ink. Please do not use pencil.
- 4) Seal it in the postage paid envelope provided.
- 5) Drop it in a U.S. mailbox.

Like this: ● Not like this: ☒ ☓

Thank you!

PRIVACY ACT and PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT statement:

16 U.S.C. 1a-7 authorizes collection of this information. This information will be used by park managers to better serve the public. Response to this request is voluntary. No action may be taken against you for refusing to supply the information requested. Your name is requested for follow-up mailing purposes only. When analysis of the questionnaire is completed, all name and address files will be destroyed. Thus the permanent data will be anonymous. Please do not put your name or that of any member of your group on the questionnaire. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Burden estimate statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 20 minutes per response. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to Margaret Littlejohn, NPS Visitor Services Project, College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho, P.O. Box 441139, Moscow, ID, 83844-1139; email: littlej@uidaho.edu.

Your Visit To Congaree National Park

NOTE: In this questionnaire, your **personal group** is defined as anyone that you are visiting the park with, such as spouse, family, friends, etc. This does not include the larger group that you might be traveling with, such as school, church, scouts, or tour group.

1. Prior to your visit, how did you and your personal group obtain information about Congaree National Park (NP)? Please mark (●) all that apply.
 - Did not obtain information prior to visit → Go to question 2
 - Chamber of commerce/visitors bureau/state welcome center
 - Congaree NP website: www.nps.gov/cong
 - Other websites — Which one(s)? _____
 - Friends/relatives/word of mouth
 - Highway signs
 - Inquiry to park via phone, mail or e-mail
 - Local businesses (hotels, motels, restaurants, etc.)
 - Maps/brochures
 - Newspaper/magazine articles
 - Other National Park Service sites
 - Previous visits
 - School class/program
 - Social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
 - Television/radio programs/videos
 - Travel guides/tour books (such as AAA, etc.)
 - Other (Please specify) _____

2. Prior to your visit, were you and your personal group aware of programs (ranger-led walks, canoe trips, presentations, school group tours, etc.) offered in Congaree NP?
 - Yes
 - No

3. a) In 2003, Congaree Swamp National Monument became Congaree NP. Did this name change have any effect on your decision to visit?
 Yes No Not sure
- b) If YES, what effect did it have? Please be specific. _____
4. a) Prior to your visit, were you aware of what congressionally designated wilderness is?
 Yes No Not sure
- b) If NO, did you and your personal group learn about congressionally designated wilderness during your visit?
 Yes No
5. The National Park Service has a policy to control or remove non-native plants and animals from within park boundaries. Non-native species occupy an area that is not part of their natural, historic range, and often originated from another continent or region. Many of these species are invasive and damage park resources. Were you aware of this policy prior to your visit to Congaree NP?
 Yes No Not sure
6. Would you and your personal group be supportive of the control and removal of non-native species at Congaree NP? Please mark (●) **only one** for each option.
- a) Non-native plants Yes No Not sure
- b) Non-native animals Yes No Not sure
7. On this trip, what was the **primary** reason that you and your personal group came to the Congaree NP area (within 1-hour drive of the park)? Please mark (●) **only one**.
- Resident of the area (within 1-hour drive of the park) → **Go to Question 8**
- Visit Congaree NP
- Visit other attractions in the area
- Visit friends/relatives in the area
- Traveling through – unplanned visit
- Business
- Other (Please specify) _____

8. On this visit, which sites did you and your personal group visit in the Congaree NP area (within 1-hour drive of the park)? Please mark (●) **all** that apply.
- EdVenture Columbia Metropolitan Airport
- Lake Murray Columbia Museum of Art
- National Advocacy Center Ft. Jackson Army Training Center
- Riverbanks Zoo Harbison State Forest
- Shaw Air Force Base The State Capitol
- South Carolina State Museum University of South Carolina
- South Carolina State Parks
- Other (Please specify) _____
9. a) On this trip, did you and your personal group stay overnight away from your **permanent residence** either inside Congaree NP or within the nearby area (within 1-hour drive of the park)?
 Yes No → **Go to Question 10**
- b) and c) If YES, how many nights did you and your personal group spend in the following types of accommodations? Please write the number of nights stayed.
- b) Number of nights inside park** _____ **c) Number of nights outside park within 1-hour drive** _____
- n/a Lodge, hotel, motel, cabin, rented condo/home, or bed & breakfast _____
- _____ RV/trailer camping _____
- _____ Tent camping _____
- _____ Backcountry camping _____
- n/a Personal seasonal residence _____
- n/a Residence of friends or relatives _____
- _____ Other accommodations (Please specify below) _____
- Inside park _____ Outside park _____
10. a) On this visit to Congaree NP, did you and your personal group walk/canoe/kayak any park trails?
 Yes No → **Go on to Question 11**

b) If YES, which of the following trails did you and your personal group walk/canoe/kayak on this visit? Please mark (●) **all** that apply.

- Cedar Creek Wilderness Canoe Trail Bluff Trail
- Elevated Boardwalk Trail Kingsnake Trail
- Low Boardwalk Trail River Trail
- Oakridge Trail Sims Trail
- Weston Lake Loop Trail
- Other (Please specify) _____

11. On this visit, in which activities did you and your personal group participate within Congaree NP? Please mark (●) **all** that apply.

- Citizen Science program Backpacking
- Exercising (jogging, rollerblading, etc.) Birdwatching
- Nature study (other than birdwatching) Camping
- Ranger-led programs Canoeing/kayaking
- Visiting the visitor center Fishing
- Walking dogs Park special event
- Walking/hiking Picnicking
- Other (Please specify) _____

12. On this visit, how many vehicles did you and your personal group use to arrive at the park? Please write "0" if you did not arrive by vehicle.

_____ Number of vehicles

13. a) How long did you and your personal group stay in the Congaree NP area (within 1-hour drive of the park)? Please list partial hours/days as ¼, ½, ¾.

Resident of the area → **Go to part b of this question on next page**

_____ Number of hours **if less than 24 hours**

-OR-

_____ Number of days **if 24 hours or more**

b) On this visit, how long did you and your personal group spend visiting Congaree NP? Please list partial hours/days as ¼, ½, ¾.

_____ Number of hours **if less than 24 hours**

-OR-

_____ Number of days **if 24 hours or more**

14. It is the National Park Service's responsibility to protect Congaree NP natural, scenic, and cultural resources while at the same time providing for public enjoyment. How important is protection of the following resources/attributes in the park to you and your personal group? Please mark (●) **one** answer for each resource/attribute.

Resource/attribute	Not important	Somewhat important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important
Clean air (visibility)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clean water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clear night sky (star gazing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural history (photographs/artifacts/oral histories)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Designated wilderness/backcountry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Educational opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Historic buildings/archeological sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Native plants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Native wildlife	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural quiet/sounds of nature	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking availability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scenic views	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Solitude	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. a) Prior to this visit were you and your personal group aware that Congaree NP is home to the Old-Growth Bottomland Forest Research and Education Center, one of 21 centers nationwide?

Yes

No

- b) Did you and your personal group notice any scientists, scientific markers, or scientific equipment at work while you were in the park?
 Yes No
- c) Did you and your personal group – through programs and products – learn about actual results of scientific studies at the park?
 Yes No
16. a) Please mark (●) **all** of the information services and facilities that you or your personal group **used** at Congaree NP during this visit.
- b) For only those services and facilities that you or your personal group **used**, please rate their importance to your visit from 1-5.
- c) For only those services and facilities that you or your personal group **used**, please rate their quality from 1-5.

a) Information services/facilities used?	b) If used, how important?	c) If used, what quality?
Mark (●)	1=Not important 2=Somewhat important 3=Moderately important 4=Very important 5=Extremely important	1=Very poor 2=Poor 3=Average 4=Good 5=Very good

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| <input type="radio"/> Assistance from park staff | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Assistance from park volunteers | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Bulletin boards | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Junior Ranger program | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Park brochure/map | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Park interpretive pamphlets | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Park newspaper <i>Boardwalk Talk</i> | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Park website (nps.gov/cong) used before or during visit | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Ranger-led talks/programs/walks | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Ranger-guided canoe tours | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Visitor center bookstore sales items (selection, price, etc.) | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Visitor center videos/films/movies | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Visitor center exhibits | _____ | _____ |

17. a) Please mark (●) **all** of the visitor services and facilities that you or your personal group **used** at Congaree NP during this visit.
- b) For only those services and facilities that you or your personal group **used**, please rate their importance to your visit from 1-5.
- c) For only those services and facilities that you or your personal group **used**, please rate their quality from 1-5.

a) Visitor services/facilities used?	b) If used, how important?	c) If used, what quality?
Mark (●)	1=Not important 2=Somewhat important 3=Moderately important 4=Very important 5=Extremely important	1=Very poor 2=Poor 3=Average 4=Good 5=Very good

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| <input type="radio"/> Access for people with disabilities | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Backcountry camping | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Boardwalks | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Campgrounds | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Canoe launches | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Directional signs outside park | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Park directional signs | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Parking areas | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Picnic areas | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Restrooms | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Trails | _____ | _____ |

18. On this visit, were you and your personal group part of the following types of organized groups?

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Commercial guided tour group | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| b) School/educational group | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| c) Other (scouts, work, church, etc.) | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
- d) If you were with one of these organized groups, how many people, including yourself, were in this group?
 _____ Number of people in organized group

19. a) On this visit, what kind of personal group (not guided tour/school/other organized group) were you with?

- Alone
- Family
- Other (Please specify) _____
- Friends
- Family and friends

b) On this visit, how many people were in your personal group, including yourself?
 _____ Number of people

20. For you and your personal group on this visit, please provide the following. (If you do not know the answer, leave blank).

	a) Current age	b) U.S. ZIP code or name of country other than U.S.	c) Past 12 months	d) Lifetime	e) Past 12 months	f) Lifetime
Yourselves	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Member #2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Member #3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Member #4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Member #5	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Member #6	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Member #7	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

21. For you only, what is the highest level of education you have completed? Please mark (●) one.

- Some high school
- High school diploma/GED
- Some college
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate degree

22. a) Does anyone in your personal group have mobility or other physical impairments?

- Yes
- No → Go on to Question 23

b) If YES, did anyone in your personal group have a physical condition that made it difficult to access or participate in park activities or services?

- Yes
- No

23. a) Are you or members of your personal group Hispanic or Latino? Please mark (●) one for each group member.

	Yourselves	Member #2	Member #3	Member #4	Member #5	Member #6	Member #7
Yes, Hispanic or Latino	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No, not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

b) What is your race? What is the race of each member of your personal group? Please mark (●) one or more for you and each group member.

	Yourselves	Member #2	Member #3	Member #4	Member #5	Member #6	Member #7
American Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Asian	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Black or African American	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
White	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. a) On this trip, if you and your personal group had not chosen to visit Congaree NP, what other recreation site would you have visited instead?

b) How far is this alternative site from your home? _____ miles

25. a) Which category best represents your annual household income? Please mark (●) only one.

- Less than \$24,999
- \$25,000-\$34,999
- \$35,000-\$49,999
- \$50,000-\$74,999
- \$75,000-\$99,999
- \$100,000-\$149,999
- \$150,000-\$199,999
- \$200,000 or more
- Do not wish to answer

b) How many people are in your household? _____ Number of people

c) Did your household take any unpaid vacation or take unpaid time off of work to come on this trip?

- Yes
- No

26. For you and your personal group, please estimate all expenditures for the items listed below for this visit to Congaree NP and the surrounding area (within 1-hour drive of the park). **Please write "0" if no money was spent in a particular category.**

- a) Please list your personal group's total expenditures inside Congaree NP.
- b) Please list your personal group's total expenditures in the surrounding area outside the park (within 1-hour drive of the park).

NOTE: Surrounding area residents should only include expenditures that were just for this trip to Congaree NP.

EXPENDITURES

a) Inside park b) Outside park

- Lodges, hotels, motels, cabins, B&B, etc. n/a \$ _____
- Camping fees and charges n/a \$ _____
- Canoe/kayak rental charges n/a \$ _____
- Guide fees and charges n/a \$ _____
- Restaurants and bars n/a \$ _____
- Groceries and takeout food n/a \$ _____
- Gas and oil (auto, RV, boat, etc.) n/a \$ _____
- Other transportation expenses (rental cars, taxis, auto repairs, but NOT airfare) n/a \$ _____
- Admission, recreation, entertainment fees n/a \$ _____
- All other purchases (souvenirs, film, books, sporting goods, clothing, etc.) \$ _____
- Donations \$ _____

c) How many people do the above expenses cover?
 _____ Adults (18 years or over) _____ Children (under 18 years)
 Please write "0" if no children were covered by the expenditures.

27. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the facilities, services, and recreational opportunities provided to you and your personal group at Congaree NP during this visit? Please mark (●) one.

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Very poor | Poor | Average | Good | Very good |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

28. Would you and your group be likely to visit Congaree NP again in the future?

- Yes No Not sure

29. Please indicate how the following elements may have affected you and your personal group's park experience during this visit to Congaree NP. Please mark (●) only one for each element.

Affect your park experience?

	Detracted from	No effect	Added to	Did not experience
Airplane noise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Automobile noise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gunshots from neighboring lands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Noise from park staff activities (such as chainsaws, leaf blowers, generators, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Train noise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other visitors' activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small number of visitors on trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Large number of visitors on trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small number of visitors canoeing/kayaking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Large number of visitors canoeing/kayaking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Impact of wild pigs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (Please specify) _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

30. If you were to visit Congaree NP in the future, which types of organized activities and programs would you and your personal group like to have available? Please mark (●) all that apply.

- Not interested in organized activities/programs → Go on to Question 31
- Art/photography History tours
- Bird walks Night walk/night sky program
- Camping (family) Outdoor recreation workshop
- Camping (educational) Owl prowls
- Canoeing/kayaking Ranger-led programs
- Children's programs Special events/festivals
- Family activities Volunteer opportunities (ways to help the park)
- Other (Please specify) _____

31. If you were to visit Congaree NP in the future, which subjects would you and your personal group like to learn about? Please mark (●) all that apply.

- Not interested in learning about these subjects → Go to Question 32
- Challenges facing park Natural resource management
- Champion trees Old growth floodplain forest
- Climate change Plants/animals
- Current research Threatened/endangered species
- History Volunteer opportunities
(ways to help the park)
- International Biosphere Reserve Wilderness
- Recreational opportunities (canoeing/kayaking, fishing, camping, etc.)
- Other (Please specify) _____


32. a) What did you and your personal group like **most** about your visit to Congaree NP?

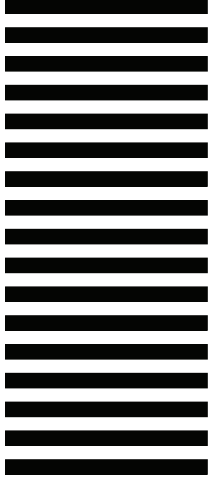
b) What did you and your personal group like **least** about your visit to Congaree NP?

33. Congaree NP was established because of its significance to the nation. In your opinion, what is the national significance of this park?

34. If you were a manager planning for the future of Congaree NP what would you and your personal group propose?

35. Is there anything else you and your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Congaree NP?

Thank you for your help! Please seal the questionnaire in the postage paid envelope provided and drop it in any U.S. mailbox.  Printed on recycled paper



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Appendix 2: Additional Analysis

The Visitor Services Project (VSP) offers the opportunity to learn from VSP visitor study data through additional analysis. Two-way and three-way cross tabulations can be made with any questions.

Below are some examples of the types of cross tabulations that can be requested. To make a request, please use the contact information below, and include your name, address and phone number in the request.

1. What proportion of family groups with children attend interpretive programs?
2. Is there a correlation between visitors' ages and their preferred sources of information about the park?
3. Are highly satisfied visitors more likely to return for a future visit?
4. How many international visitors participate in hiking?
5. What ages of visitors would use the park website as a source of information on a future visit?
6. Is there a correlation between visitor groups' rating of the overall quality of their park experience and their ratings of individual services and facilities?
7. Do larger visitor groups (e.g., four or more) participate in different activities than smaller groups?
8. Do frequent visitors rate the overall quality of their park experiences differently than less frequent visitors?

The VSP database website (<http://vsp.uidaho.edu>) allows data searches for comparisons of data from one or more parks.

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Appendix 3: Decision Rules for Checking Non-response Bias

There are several methods for checking non-response bias. However, the most common way is to use some demographic indicators to compare between respondents and non-respondents (Dey 1997; Salant and Dillman 1994; Dillman and Carley-Baxter 2000; Dillman, 2007; Stoop 2004). In this study, we used five variable group type, group size, age of the group member (at least 16 years old) completing the survey, whether the park was the primary destination for the visit, and visitor's place of residence proximity to the park to check for non-response bias.

A Chi-square tests were used to detect the difference in the response rates among different group types, whether the park was the primary destination for this visit, and visitor's place of residence and proximity to the park. The hypothesis was that there is no significant difference across different categories (or groups) between respondents and non-respondents. If the p-value is greater than 0.05, the difference between respondents and non-respondents is judged to be insignificant.

Two independent-sample T-tests were used to test the differences between respondent's and non-respondent's average age and group size. The p-values represent the significance levels of these tests. If p-value is greater than 0.05, the two groups are judged to be insignificantly different.

Therefore, the hypotheses for checking non-response bias are:

1. Respondents from different group types are equally represented
2. Respondents and non-respondents are not significantly different in term of proximity from their home to the park
3. Respondents and non-respondents are not significantly different in term of reason for visiting the park
4. Average age of respondents – average age of non-respondents = 0
5. Average group size of respondents – average group size of non-respondents = 0

As shown in Tables 3, 4, 5 and 6, the p-value for respondent/non-respondent comparisons are less than 0.05, indicating significant differences between respondents and non-respondents. The results indicate some biases occurred due to nonresponse. Visitors at younger age ranges (especially 40 and younger), came from the local area (within a 50 mile radius), and visitors traveling with friends were underrepresented in the survey results. Results of the study in this report only reflect the simple frequencies. Inferences of the survey results should be weighted to counter balance the effects of nonresponse bias.

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