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Theodore Roosevelt National Park Visitor Survey

Thresholds Questionnaire 2018



To be completed by field staff:

ID _____ Travel party ID _____ Tracker number _____ Date _____
Location _____ Field staff _____

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Number (1024-0224). We estimate that it will take about 15 minutes to complete and return this on-site questionnaire. You may send comments concerning the burden estimates or any aspect of this information collection to: Dr. Ryan Sharp, Assistant Professor, Park Management and Tourism, 221 Throckmorton, Manhattan, KS 66506, Kansas State University (address) or ryansharp@ksu.edu (email); or Phadrea Ponds NPS Information Collection Coordinator at pponds@nps.gov (email).

SECTION 1: YOUR VISITS TO THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK

1. Please tell us about your past visitation to Theodore Roosevelt National Park.
 - a. Including today, how many **days in the last month** (30 days) have you visited Theodore Roosevelt National Park? _____
 - a. If you visited Theodore Roosevelt National Park for only one day, how many hours did you spend in the park? _____ hours
 - b. Including today, how many **days in the last year** (12 months) have you visited Theodore Roosevelt National Park? _____
 - c. Including today, how many **years (total)** have you visited Theodore Roosevelt National Park? _____

SECTION 2: YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK

2. Using the scale below, please rate the level of crowding you experienced at Theodore Roosevelt National Park today. Please circle the number that best matches your response:

Not Crowded	Barely Crowded	Slightly Crowded	Moderately Crowded	Crowded	Very Crowded	Extremely Crowded
-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3

3. Please indicate if you have experienced any of the following during this visit or a previous visit to Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

	Experienced during a <u>previous visit</u> to the park	Experienced <u>during current</u> visit to the park
Chose not to visit <u>the park</u> because there were too many visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Chose not to visit your desired <u>places in the park</u> because there were too many visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chose not to engage in your <u>desired activities</u> because there were too many visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changed the <u>times or days</u> that you visited the park because there were too many visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 3: YOUR EXPERIENCE AT THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK

4. Please rate each photograph in Binder 1 by indicating how acceptable you think it is based on the conditions displayed. A rating of -4 means the conditions displayed are “very unacceptable”, and a rating of +4 means the conditions displayed are “very acceptable”. (Circle one number for each photograph.)

	Very Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Moderately Unacceptable	Slightly Unacceptable	Neither acceptable or	Slightly Acceptable	Moderately Acceptable	Acceptable	Very Acceptable
Photo 1	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 2	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 3	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 4	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4

- a. Which photograph looks most like the conditions you experienced today during this visit?

Photo number:

- b. Considering the conditions in Binder 1 that you indicated you experienced today, please rate the degree that those conditions either increased or decreased the quality of your park experience.

	Extremely decreased the quality of my experience	Decreased the quality of my experience	Did not improve or detract from the quality of my experience	Increased the quality of my experience	Extremely increased the quality of my experience
The conditions in Binder 1 that I experienced today	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- c. Which photo (if any) displays the conditions where you believe park managers should take action to improve the conditions displayed in Binder 1?

Photo number:

- None of the conditions in the photographs are so unacceptable that park managers should take action to improve the conditions displayed in Binder 1

- d. Which photograph (if any) displays the conditions that are so unacceptable that you would no longer use the area displayed in Binder 1?

Photo number:

- None of the conditions in the photographs are so unacceptable that I would no longer use the area in Binder 1

- a. Which photograph (if any) in Binder 1 shows the highest level of use you believe that park managers should allow? In other words, at what point should visitor use be limited? (If use should not be limited at any point represented by the photographs, or not restricted at all, you may indicate that)

Photo number: None of the conditions in the photographs are
 _____ so unacceptable that visitor use should be
 R limited

Visitor use should never be limited
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5. Please rate each photograph on **Binder 2** by indicating how acceptable you think it is based on the conditions displayed. A rating of -4 means the conditions displayed are “very unacceptable”, and a rating of +4 means the conditions displayed are “very acceptable”. (Circle one number for each photograph.)

	Very Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Moderately Unacceptable	Slightly Unacceptable	Neither acceptable or	Slightly Acceptable	Moderately Acceptable	Acceptable	Very Acceptable
Photo 1	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 2	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 3	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 4	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
Photo 5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4

- e. Which photograph looks most like the conditions you experienced today during this visit?

Photo number:

- f. Considering the conditions in Binder 2 that you indicated you experienced today, please rate the degree that those conditions either increased or decreased the quality of your park experience.

	Extremely decreased the quality of my experience	Decreased the quality of my experience	Did not improve or detract from the quality of my experience	Increased the quality of my experience	Extremely increased the quality of my experience
The conditions in Binder 2 that I experienced today	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- g. Which photo (if any) displays the conditions where you believe park managers should take action to improve the conditions displayed in Binder 2?

Photo number:

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- None of the conditions in the photographs are so unacceptable that park managers should take action to improve the area in Binder 2

h. Which photograph (if any) displays the conditions that are so unacceptable that you would no longer use the area in Binder 2?

Photo number: None of the conditions in the photographs are so unacceptable that I would no longer use the area in Binder 2
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b. Which photograph (if any) in Binder 2 shows the highest level of use that you believe park managers should allow? In other words, at what point should visitor use be limited? (If use should not be limited at any point represented by the photographs, or not restricted at all, you may indicate that)

Photo number: None of the conditions in the photographs are so unacceptable that visitor use should be limited
 _____ O R

Visitor use should never be limited
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6. We would like to know your opinions about the number of large animals that you viewed within one-hour at Theodore Roosevelt National Park during this visit. For this question, a "large animal" is considered a bison, elk, deer, sheep, etc. Using the scale below, please rate the acceptability of the number of large animals that you viewed within one-hour at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. A rating of -4 means the number of large animals viewed in one hour is "very unacceptable", and a rating of +4 means the number of large animals viewed in one hour is "very acceptable". (Circle one number for each photograph.)

	Very Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Moderately Unacceptable	Slightly Unacceptable	Neither acceptable or	Slightly Acceptable	Moderately Acceptable	Acceptable	Very Acceptable
0 large animals viewed within one-hour	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
2 large animals viewed within one-hour	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
4 large animals viewed within one-hour	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
6 large animals viewed within one-hour	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
8 large animals viewed within	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4

one-hour 10 large animals seen within one- hour	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
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a. During an average hour of your park experience, which condition listed below is most like what you experienced today?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 large animals viewed within one-hour | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 large animals viewed within one-hour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 large animals viewed within one-hour | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 large animals viewed within one-hour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 large animals viewed within one-hour | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 large animals viewed within one-hour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please specify the average number of animals seen within one-hour | |

b. Considering the average number of large animals that you viewed within one-hour at Theodore Roosevelt National Park during your visit today, please rate the degree that those conditions either increased or decreased the quality of your park experience.

	Extremely decreased the quality of my experience	Decreased the quality of my experience	Did not improve or detract from the quality of my experience	Increased the quality of my experience	Extremely increased the quality of my experience
Average number of large animals seen within one-hour at Theodore Roosevelt National Park during your visit today	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

c. Which condition listed below do you believe would require park managers to take action to change the wildlife viewing experience at Theodore Roosevelt National Park?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 large animals viewed within one-hour | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 large animals viewed within one-hour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 large animals viewed within one-hour | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 large animals viewed within one-hour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 large animals viewed within one-hour | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 large animals viewed within one-hour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None of these conditions required park managers to take action to change the wildlife viewing experience | |

d. Which condition listed below is so unacceptable that you would no longer visit Theodore Roosevelt National Park?

- 0 large animals viewed within one-hour
- 2 large animals viewed within one-hour
- 4 large animals viewed within one-hour
- None of these conditions are so unacceptable that I would no longer use the area

- 6 large animals viewed within one-hour
- 8 large animals viewed within one-hour
- 10 large animals viewed within one-hour

7. We would like to know how long you think it is acceptable to have to wait for parking at Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Please rate the acceptability of each of the following lengths of waiting times for parking. A rating of -4 means the time is “very unacceptable”, and a rating of +4 means the time is “very acceptable”. (Circle one number for each line.)

	Very Unacceptable	Unacceptable	Moderately Unacceptable	Slightly Unacceptable	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	Slightly Acceptable	Moderately Acceptable	Acceptable	Very Acceptable
No waiting time for parking	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
5 minutes	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
10 minutes	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
20 minutes	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
30 minutes	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
1 hour	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4
2 hours	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4

a. How long of a wait is so unacceptable that you would no longer visit Theodore Roosevelt National Park?

- 5 minutes
- 10 minutes
- 20 minutes
- None of these conditions are so unacceptable that I would no longer use the area
- 30 minutes
- 1 hour
- 2 hours

b. On average, how long did you wait to find parking on this visit?

- 0 minutes
- 5 minutes
- 10 minutes
- 20 minutes
- 30 minutes
- 1 hour
- 2 hours

14. Which category best describes your total household income in U.S. dollars during 2017 before taxes? *(select one)*

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$24,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to \$74,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 to \$199,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 to \$34,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 to \$99,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35,000 to \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 to \$149,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not wish to answer |

**Thank you for your help with this survey!
Please return it to the person who gave it to you.**