

# National Capital Region Visitor Survey

## [Park Site Name Here] 2020

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## SECTION 1: YOUR PAST USE OF [Park Site Name Here]

Please tell us about your past visitation to [Park Site Name Here]

- a. How many **days in the last month** (30 days) have you visited the park? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. How many **days in the last year** (12 months) have you visited the park? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. How many **years** (total) have you visited the park? \_\_\_\_\_
1. On your most recent visit, how long did you and your personal group spend visiting [Park Site Name Here]? Please list partial hours / days as  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of hours, if fewer than 24 hours

OR

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of days, if 24 hours or more

- On your most recent visit, [Park Site Name Here] was the primary destination
  - On your most recent visit, [Park Site Name Here] was one of several destinations
  - On your most recent visit, [Park Site Name Here] was not a planned destination
2. On your most recent visit to [Park Site Name Here], which of the following sites did you and your personal group visit? **Please mark all that apply.**

Specific park site areas listed here

3. On your most recent visit, what kind of personal group (not guided tour/school group) were you with? Please mark **only one**.

- Alone
- Family
- Friends
- Friends and family
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2: YOUR MOTIVATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

4. On your most recent visit, what was the primary reason that you and your personal group visited [Park Site Name Here]? Please mark **one**.

- Business
- Passing through – unplanned visit
- To recreate
- To visit [Park Site Name Here]
- To visit other NPS site
- To visit other area attractions
- To visit friend/relative in the area
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Note to Reviewers: Below is a list of activities that generally occur in the parks of the National Capital Region. The surveys in each location will be adapted to be park/site specific.**

5. Which activities have you and your personal group participated in within **[Park Site Name Here]**? Please mark **all** that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Attended ranger-led programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking
<input type="checkbox"/> Auto-tour	<input type="checkbox"/> Learn about historic events
<input type="checkbox"/> Bird watching	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography/videos
<input type="checkbox"/> Camping	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking
<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy nature	<input type="checkbox"/> Scenic driving
<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy history	<input type="checkbox"/> Star gazing
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) _____

5b. Which one of the above activities is the primary activity in which you and your personal group have participated in at **[Park Site Name Here]**?

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### SECTION 3: YOUR RECREATION PREFERENCES

6. a. Please mark **all** the services and facilities that you and your personal group **used** during your most recent visit **[Park Site Name Here]**.  
 b. Next, for only those services and facilities you and your personal group **used**, please rate their importance from 1-5.  
 c. Finally, for only those services and facilities that you and your personal group **used**, please rate their quality from 1-5.

**Note to Reviewers: Below is a list of services/facilities/attributes that generally occur in the parks of the National Capital Region. The surveys in each location will be adapted to be park/site specific.**

Service / facility used	If used, how important? <i>1 = Not at all important 2 = Slightly important 3 = Moderately</i>	If used, what quality? <i>1 = Very poor 2 = Poor 3 = Average</i>

	<i>important</i> 4 = <i>Very important</i> 5 = <i>Extremely important</i>	4 = <i>Good</i> 5 = <i>Very good</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> No services/facilities used	n/a	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> Bathrooms	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Handicap accessible trails	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking trails	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Parking lots	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Center	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
<input type="checkbox"/> NPS map	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic structures	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Kiosks - informational signage	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ranger-led programs	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5

7. a. For all park attributes listed below, please rate how **important** they are for maintaining a quality park experience.  
b. Next, for all park attributes listed below, please rate their **quality** during your most recent visit to **[Park Site Name Here]**.

<b>Attributes and Resources</b>	<b>How important?</b> 1 = <i>Not at all important</i> 2 = <i>Slightly important</i> 3 = <i>Moderately important</i> 4 = <i>Very important</i> 5 = <i>Extremely important</i>	<b>What quality?</b> 1 = <i>Very poor</i> 2 = <i>Poor</i> 3 = <i>Average</i> 4 = <i>Good</i> 5 = <i>Very good</i> 6 = <i>Cannot rate the quality</i>
Historical preservation	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5 6
Recreational access	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5 6
Clean air	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5 6
Clean water	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5 6
Opportunities for solitude	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5 6
Opportunities for family bonding	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5 6
Natural sounds	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5 6
Nature preservation	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5 6

#### SECTION 4: INFORMATION AND AWARENESS

8. Prior to your visit, were you aware that **[Park Site Name Here]** is managed by the National Park Service (NPS)?

Yes

No

Not sure

9. a. Would you or any member of your personal group prefer to receive information about **[Park Site Name Here]** in languages other than English?

Yes

No

b) If YES, which language(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

#### SECTION 5: ABOUT YOU

10. Do you live in the United States? (please check one and fill in the appropriate blank)

a. Yes (what is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_)

b. No (what is your country of origin? \_\_\_\_\_)

11. What year were you born? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What is your gender? (*select one*)

Male

Female

13. What is the highest level of school you have completed? (*select one*)

Less than high school

Some college

Graduate or professional degree

Some high school

Two year college graduate

Do not wish to answer

High school graduate

Four year college graduate

14. For you only, are you Hispanic or Latino?

Yes

No

15. Which of these categories best indicates your race? Answer only for yourself. Please select **one or more**. (*select all that apply*)

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Asian

White

Black or African American

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

16. Which category best represents your annual household income? **Please mark only one.**

- Less than \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$34,999
- \$35,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 to \$199,999
- \$200,000 or more
- Do not wish to answer

17. Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?

- Never served in the military
- Only on active duty for training in the Reserves or National Guard
- Now on active duty
- On active duty in the past, but not now

18. Is there anything else you would like to add related to your experience and the management of **[Park Site Name Here]**? Please share below.

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