

2019 LRRP Master Plan Survey Results

Q1

Please rank your top 5 reasons for visiting the park. (Please rank 1-5 with 1 being the top priority)											
	1	2	3	4	5	Total					
Walking	9.59%	7	39.73%	29	20.55%	15	23.29%	17	6.85%	5	73
Trail Hiking/Running	34.41%	32	36.56%	34	11.83%	11	9.68%	9	7.53%	7	93
Playground	27.78%	10	13.89%	5	22.22%	8	22.22%	8	13.89%	5	36
Dog Walking	18.42%	7	13.16%	5	44.74%	17	5.26%	2	18.42%	7	38
Bird Trail	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	8.33%	1	50.00%	6	41.67%	5	12
Private Event	8.33%	1	8.33%	1	25.00%	3	25.00%	3	33.33%	4	12
Butterfly Garden	0.00%	0	20.00%	5	24.00%	6	24.00%	6	32.00%	8	25
Program	20.00%	4	10.00%	2	25.00%	5	20.00%	4	25.00%	5	20
Picnic/Shelter Reservation	9.09%	2	13.64%	3	31.82%	7	22.73%	5	22.73%	5	22
Solitude	14.00%	7	18.00%	9	26.00%	13	16.00%	8	26.00%	13	50
Group Camping	0.00%	0	16.67%	1	33.33%	2	33.33%	2	16.67%	1	6
Mountain Biking	70.00%	42	6.67%	4	1.67%	1	6.67%	4	15.00%	9	60
Accessible Walking Loop	4.17%	1	12.50%	3	16.67%	4	33.33%	8	33.33%	8	24
Other (please specify)											12
										Answered	122
										Skipped	2

Q2

How would you rate the following reasons for your visit to the park? (1 = Strongly Agree to 5 = Strongly Disagree)											
	1	2	3	4	5	Total					
Enjoy nature	70.34%	83	6.78%	8	10.17%	12	3.39%	4	9.32%	11	118
Reduce stress	54.24%	64	16.10%	19	16.10%	19	6.78%	8	6.78%	8	118
Have fun	64.10%	75	13.68%	16	3.42%	4	5.98%	7	12.82%	15	117
Exercise	61.34%	73	13.45%	16	9.24%	11	5.88%	7	10.08%	12	119
Quality family experience	38.83%	40	8.74%	9	19.42%	20	7.77%	8	25.24%	26	103
Other (please specify)											9
										Answered	124
										Skipped	0

Q3

If funding were available, how would you rate the following possible facility or program changes? (Rank 1-5 with 1 being the top priority)											
	1	2	3	4	5	Total					
Improve and/or expand the trail system	62.73%	69	10.91%	12	10.00%	11	7.27%	8	9.09%	10	110
Expansion of environmental education programs	16.28%	14	24.42%	21	29.07%	25	23.26%	20	6.98%	6	86
Improve existing facilities	15.05%	14	45.16%	42	25.81%	24	10.75%	10	3.23%	3	93
Develop new facilities not currently in place	11.96%	11	14.13%	13	23.91%	22	35.87%	33	14.13%	13	92
Other (please specify)											19
										Answered	120
										Skipped	4

Q4

If funding were available for construction of new (or renovation of existing) facilities, how would you rank the following potential facility improvements? (Please rank 1 - 5 with 1 being the top priority)

	1	2	3	4	5	Total					
Expand the children's playground area	25.00%	21	28.57%	24	27.38%	23	17.86%	15	1.19%	1	84
Expand the paved walking loop	15.38%	12	38.46%	30	32.05%	25	7.69%	6	6.41%	5	78
Develop new multi-use trails (hiking/cycling/equestrian)	65.38%	68	5.77%	6	9.62%	10	3.85%	4	15.38%	16	104
Add additional picnic shelter space for large events	2.78%	2	19.44%	14	25.00%	18	40.28%	29	12.50%	9	72
Other (please specify)											16
										Answered	117
										Skipped	7

Q5

Overall, how satisfied are you with the current facilities and program offerings?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Very Satisfied	39.02%	48
Somewhat Satisfied	41.46%	51
Neither Satisfied or Dissatisfied	17.89%	22
Somewhat Dissatisfied	1.63%	2
Very Dissatisfied	0.00%	0
	Answered	123
	Skipped	1

Q6

Please rank the following potential program opportunities you would like to see at the park. (Please rank 1 - 5 with 1 being top priority)

	1	2	3	4	5	Total					
Environmental Education (classes/workshops/lecture series, etc)	33.72%	29	19.77%	17	33.72%	29	9.30%	8	3.49%	3	86
Programs Promoting Physical Fitness (walking/running/cycling, etc)	43.43%	43	27.27%	27	21.21%	21	4.04%	4	4.04%	4	99
Arts and Crafts	4.11%	3	26.03%	19	17.81%	13	50.68%	37	1.37%	1	73
Special Events (concerts/5K race, etc)	29.03%	27	30.11%	28	23.66%	22	11.83%	11	5.38%	5	93
Other (please specify)											7
										Answered	113
										Skipped	11

Q7

In planning for future programming opportunities at the park, on which of the following should the park focus? (Rank 1 - 4 with 1 being the primary focus)

	1	2	3	4	Total				
Youth	40.43%	38	21.28%	20	22.34%	21	15.96%	15	94
Teens	13.04%	12	31.52%	29	30.43%	28	25.00%	23	92
Adults	49.51%	51	20.39%	21	23.30%	24	6.80%	7	103
Seniors	9.09%	8	23.86%	21	18.18%	16	48.86%	43	88
							Answered	112	
							Skipped	12	

Q8

How would you respond to the following? (1 = Strongly Agree to 5 = Strongly Disagree)									
	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Weighted Average		
I would prefer the park stay primarily as it is, in terms of programs and facilities.	24.35%	28	24	33	19	11	115	2.66	
I support development of new educational information about the park (e.g. trail brochures, interpretative signage, mobile applications)	34.21%	39	30	34	7	4	114	2.18	
I support development of new facilities at the park. (e.g. Playground, shelters, trails, programming facilities.)	53.45%	62	10	22	8	14	116	2.16	
							Answered	120	
							Skipped	4	

Q9

Would you support an increase in fees to support expanding program offerings and facilities at the park?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	60.18%	68
No	39.82%	45
	Answered	113
	Skipped	11

Q10 Are there needs or gaps in our programs, facilities, or operations that are not being met currently?

- 1 a few more miles of bike trails would be awesome!
- 2 dog park would be nice
- 3 This place has everything I need.
- 4 Would love to have more information on local history.
- 5 Driveway has a lot of potholes :(
- 6 Not aware, I only trail run here.
- 7 Have warm restrooms
- 8 Hours of the park could be with sunrise/sunset, as often it is closed on the weekends with still hours of sunlight left.
- 9 Trail maps / markers could be better.
- 10 Would love to see more paved trails and a new playground!
- 11 more program opportunities for adults without children
- 12 Not enough mountain bike trails
- 13 Not sure but I would visit the park more if there was more mileage and if there was more challenging trails. It would be interesting to know how many people in Orange and Durham County utilize the park for biking vs running vs hiking, etc and engage more people who live closer. For those of us who live further away- the motivation to visit the park is to have a good, long ride, i.e. have ~15 miles instead of 8.
- 14 equestrian trails
- 15 N/a
- 16 More education and programming to get older kids outdoors - middle and high schoolers. Hiking, gardening, nature, outdoor games etc
- 17 We love Tiny Trekkers. Are there programs for my kids as they grow?
- 18 Park staff and supervisor are rarely in the park office. I believe there needs to be more oversight as to how Park staff spend their time during the day considering they are paid by the residents taxes.
- 19 I feel, to further increase Triangle wide visitation, that adding trail mileage that is available in the 'preservation' labeled property originally envisioned for equestrian use at the park's conception, that more multi-use trail mileage would not only expand the appeal to a larger regional groups to mountain bikers but also any multi-user...trail runners, hikers, walkers, dog walkers birders, youth children etc. I think the biggest asset to a park are it's trails.
- 20 Equestrian
- 21 No
- 22 Tiny Trekkers is great for the little ones, but weekend and homeschool education programs would be super welcome. Also, we really loved the mud event you had a few summers ago.

Q11 Please provide any additional comments or suggestions for the park below

1 A nice park and nature preserve in rural area of the Orange and Durham communities

2 nice park

3 This is a gem of the county. So peaceful and quiet most days and so much wildlife. I run here a lot and always see something new and interesting. It feels more like a nature preserve than a county park. Less is more sometimes.

4 I would ride the trails more but it's a 30 minute drive and the trails that are there only take about an hour to ride. If there were more trails, the park would get more visitors

5 The trail markers are confusing

6 re: #9, fees question above. Are there fees now? I WOULD contribute \$ for maintenance of current facilities and trail work , and have often thought about stopping at the office to ask about "donating" something, but never have - is there an online way to ante up? Prefer NOT expansion; although more trails would be nice, they already run over each other, given the acreage available, heh.

7 Love to see more bike trails

8 I love these trails

9 Fix and maintain what you have now before spending on new stuff. Fix the driveway and parking lot!

10 Question 15 - needs comment section. Would be MUCH more often if the rain didn't close the trails all the time.

11 I'd love more mountain bike trails!

12 Beautiful, well maintained park

13 Question 7- this really depends on the population within 5 miles of LRRP- are there a lot of seniors or more youths? Is one of these groups not being met through other programs/locations in the area? This is what I would focus on then. Obviously, it would be nice to focus on all ages of people but see where the unmet need is with the locals.

14 More mountain bike trail mileage even if it is multi-use, please.

15 It would be very nice to incorporate some horse trails. The park is in a prime location for many horse owners but currently does not offer horse trails. We have to haul reasonable distance is away I.e Umstead Park in Raleigh., to enjoy what we could be enjoying in our own backyard. i'm sure others in the equine community would even agree it would be worth paying a yearly fee to be able to ride horses and such beautiful scenery right near home.

16 I think new educational components would be great for the park.

17 Any need for Girl Scouts to do some projects there?

18 I would love to see additional trails, especially for mountain biking.

19 I travel from downtown Raleigh to use the MTB trails and skills park. The MTB trails are my only reason for visiting the area, but it allows me to also explore the area for other opportunities.

20 I'd like to see a "natural" play area like the museum of life has when you first go outside. There are lots of ideas on Pinterest.

21 Please provide more accountability on the park's supervisors time spent at the park. There have been many times when the park was not well maintained.

22 We really enjoy having birthday parties at the coveted picnic shelter. I would only add that on two occasions there was a wasps nest in the shelter. I would say just to be more diligent about checking for that because when we have parties we have many young children with us.

23 we love bringing the kids to Little River! It's got a bit of everything for them to do but still out in nature.

24 We love hiking with our dogs. I would love to see improvement in trail signage. We find it challenging to know what trail you are on at times.

Q12

Answer Choices	Responses	
Orange	33.33%	40
Durham	50.83%	61
Other (please specify)	15.83%	19
	Answered	120
	Skipped	4

Q13

Gender		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Male	44.17%	53
Female	55.83%	67
	Answered	120
	Skipped	4

Q14

Age		
Answer Choices	Responses	
Under 18	0.83%	1
18-25	4.17%	5
26-35	16.67%	20
36-45	36.67%	44
46-55	26.67%	32
56-65	13.33%	16
65+	1.67%	2
	Answered	120
	Skipped	4

Q15

Visits to park?		
Answer Choices	Responses	
1st Time	1.71%	2
Daily	9.40%	11
Weekly	13.68%	16
Monthly	36.75%	43
Occasionally	38.46%	45
	Answered	117
	Skipped	7

Q1 Other Top Reasons to Visit the Park (Q1)

- 1 Bathrooms
- 2 Trail run!
- 3 The Planets
- 4 Star Programs
- 5 Equine Trails is number one
- 6 Volunteering to maintain the trails
- 7 Needs equestrian trails
- 8 Horseback riding
- 9 4&5: sky watching parties
- 10 Tiny Trekkers
- 11 Hiking not running
- 12 Kayak/canoe

Q2 Rate the Reason to Visit the Park

- 1 I'm usually by myself...
- 2 Enjoy the quiet
- 3 Play Dates
- 4 Quality friend experience
- 5 learn about nature
- 6 needs equestrian trails
- 7 Horseback riding f
- 8 Bring our third grad classes 4x a year to watch the seasons change
- 9 to get my teens (and myself) off of their devices for a little while.

Q3 If funding were available, how would you rate the following changes?

- 1 expand the park!
- 2 The pavement into the park is a mess!
- 3 3- Improve the driveway / parking
- 4 Some fitness stations along the paved trail.
- 5 Honestly, I love LRT Park just the way it is.
- 6 Your webpage is down so I couldn't review current facilities, but a primitive camping area would be nice.
- 7 Add equine trails. The NC Horse Council has grants available for equine trail development
- 8 more stargazing!
- 9 More mileage of mtb trails would be nice- to justify driving 40 minutes to the LRRP
- 10 Needs equestrian trails
- 11 Horse trail access
- 12 Improve butterfly garden, more education regarding birds, butterflies, bees etc -nature and wildlife in the park
- 13 The trails at Little River are good but a bit short to justify the distance some have to travel to get there. If we had about double the distance, it would be pretty amazing and I'd be willing to help build it (as I did some features on the original trails).
- 14 I would like to have horse accessible trails as was in the original plan. Horseback riding
- 15 Improve and expand the playground and make it closer to the shelter so parents can watch their children from the shelter during parties. Our family rents the shelter for parties often in the spring and summer which creates revenue
- 16 It's wonderful just the way it is!
- 17 More playground equipment
- 18 Larger playground with swings!
- 19 Add on to the playground! Swings, more climbing structures, etc.

Q4 If funding was available for construction.

- 1 Expand the hiking trails
- 2 I leave alone
- 3 keep the bicycles off the walking trails. they go so fast us older folks worry we'll be run over by those kids
- 4 the bathrooms could use some updating
- 5 Improve Driveway / parking
- 6 Conservation of Little River programs
- 7 Dance Floor
- 8 Primitive camping site
- 9 please don't add more picnic shelters, the park is busy enough on the weekends
- 10 Develop Horse trails
- 11 Enhance parking
- 12 Consider wheelchair swing, accessibility
- 13 More mountain bike trails would bring the park closer to a critical mass where it would be more of a destination.
- 14 Equestrian trails!
- 15 add a natural play area in the shade
- 16 Don't change a thing.

Q6 Rank the potential program opportunities.

- 1 love the sky watching nights!
- 2 More Evening Programs
- 3 Hours that better align with daylight vs set times.
- 4 Equine Trails
- 5 equestrian trails
- 6 Horseback riding
- 7 more community events

Q12 County of Residence

- 1 Person
- 2 Person
- 3 Wake
- 4 Wake
- 5 Wake
- 6 Wake
- 7 Cary NC
- 8 Wake
- 9 Wake
- 10 Johnston
- 11 Franklin
- 12 Wake
- 13 Johnston
- 14 Wake
- 15 Alamance
- 16 Wake
- 17 Wake
- 18 Wake
- 19 Wake

LLRP Needs Assessment Survey Comparison

Comparison of similar questions from 2012 survey to the 2019 survey

2012 – 193 respondents 2019 – 124 respondents

Top five reasons for visiting the park?

Comparison of number one reason people visit

2012	Total	2019	Total
Mountain Biking	99	Mountain Biking	42
Trail Hiking/Running	27	Trail Hiking/Running	32
Walking	18	Playground	10

How would you rate the following reason to visit the park?

Comparison of top rated reason (Strongly Agree)

2012	Total	2019	Total
Have Fun	97	Enjoy Nature	83
Exercise	92	Have Fun	75
Enjoy Nature	89	Exercise	73

If funding were available, how would you rate the following possible facility or program change?

Comparison of top rated answers

2012	Total	2019	Total
Improve and/or expand trail system	144	Improve and/or expand trail system	69
Improve existing facilities	11	Improve existing facilities	14
Expand environmental education programs	10	Expand environmental education programs	14

If funding were available for construction or new (or renovation of existing) facilities, how would you rank the following?

Comparison of top rated answers

2012	Total	2019	Total
Develop new multi-use trails	95	Develop new multi-use trails	68
Expand childrens playground	22	Expand childrens playground	21
Expand paved walking loop	15	Expand paved walking loop	12

Please rank the following potential program opportunities.

Comparison of top ranked answer

2012	Total	2019	Total
Program promoting physical fitness	98	Programs promoting physical fitness	43
Environmental Education	29	Environmental Education	29
Special Events	27	Special Events	27

In planning for future programming opportunities at the park, on which of the following should the park focus?

2012	Total	2019	Total
Adults	78	Adults	51
Youth	63	Youth	38
Teens	25	Teens	12

How would you respond to the following?

Comparison of reasons 1-5 with 1 being Strongly Agree and 5 being Strongly Disagree

2012	Highest Rank 1-5	Highest Rank 1-5	Total
I would prefer the park stay primarily as it is, in terms of programs and facilities	1(28) 2(27) 3(63) 4(25) 5(23)	I would prefer the park stay primarily as it is, in terms of programs and facilities	1(28) 2(24) 3(33) 4(19) 5(11)
I support development of new educational information about the park (e.g. trail brochures,	1(35) 2(41) 3(50) 4(24) 5(24)	I support development of new educational information about the park (e.g. trail brochures,	1(39) 2(30) 3(34) 4(7) 5(4)
N/A		I support development of new facilities at the park (e.g. Playground, shelters, trails,	1(62) 2(10) 3(22) 4(8) 5(14)

Would you support an increase in fees to support expanding program offerings and facilities?

Combined the Two Questions in 2019			
2012	Total	2019	Total
Yes (programming)	120	Yes	68
No (programming)	60	No	45
Yes (facilities)	150		
No (facilities)	29		

County of Residence

2012	Total	2019	Total
Durham	53%	Durham	50.83%
Orange	46%	Orange	33.33%
Other	1%	Other	15.83%

Gender

2012	Total	2019	Total
Male	70.5%	Male	44.17%
Female	29.5%	Female	55.83%

Age*Comparison of top 3*

2012	Total	2019	Total
36-45	34.6%	36-45	36.67%
46-55	23.4%	46-55	26.67%
26-35	22%	26-35	16.67%

Visits to Park*Comparison of top 3*

2012	Total	2019	Total
Occasionally	37.0%	Occasionally	38.46%
Weekly	28.3%	Monthly	36.75%
Monthly	25%	Weekly	13.68%