

Missouri National Recreational River Visitor Study



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Visitor:

Thank you for participating in this study. Our goal is to learn about the expectations, opinions, and interests of visitors to Missouri National Recreational River. 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 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 Lena Le, NPS, Visitor Services Project Assistant Director, Park Studies Unit, College of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 441139, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83844-1139, phone: 208-885-2585, email: lenale@uidaho.edu.

We appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Steven Mietz

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DIRECTIONS

At the end of your visit:

- 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.

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- 5. Drop it in a U.S. mailbox.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: The Paperwork Reduction Act requires us to tell you why we are collecting this information, how we will use it, and whether or not you have to respond. This information will be used by the National Park Service as authorized by 16 U.S.C. 1a-7. We will use this information to evaluate visitor services cooperatively managed by Missouri National Recreational River. Your response is voluntary. Your name and contact information have been requested for follow-up mailing purposes only. When analysis of the questionnaire is completed, all name and address files will be destroyed and will in no way be connected with the results of this survey. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. We estimate that it will take about 20 minutes to complete this. You may send comments concerning the burden estimates or any aspect of this information collection to: Lena Le, NPS Visitor Services Project, College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho, P.O. Box 441139, Moscow, ID, 83844-1139; email: lenale@uidaho.edu

Your Visit To Missouri National Recreational River

NOTE: In this questionnaire, your **personal group** is defined as you and anyone with whom you are visiting the park, such as a spouse, family, friends, etc. This does not include the larger group that you might be traveling with, such as a school, church, scout, or tour group.

Missouri National Recreational River is comprised of two free-flowing stretches of the Missouri River. The park protects a total of 126 river miles and adjacent shoreline between Fort Randall Dam near Pickstown, South Dakota and Ponca State Park in northeast Nebraska, excluding Lewis and Clark Lake (the reservoir behind Gavins Point Dam), which is managed by South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks. The park also includes the last eight miles of Verdigre Creek where it flows into the lower Niobrara River and the last 20 miles of the lower Niobrara River where it flows into the mainstem Missouri River near Niobrara State Park and Niobrara, Nebraska.

1.	a)		r to your visit, was your personal group aware that a recreational area ed Missouri National Recreational River existed?						
		0	Yes	Ο	No → Go to Question 2				
	b)				onnaire, was your personal group aware that nal River is a unit of the National Park Service?				
		Ο	Yes	0	No				
	c)	Miss		•	onnaire, was your personal group aware that nal River is a part of the National Wild & Scenic				
		Ο	Yes	Ο	No				
2.	N	Nation	al Recreational F	River th	ers a variety of extended programs at Missouri at may require more than a one-time commitment. in which you would be interested in participating.				
	()	Not interested in	extend	ded programs → Go to Question 3				
	()	equipment and h	elping	ns (learning how to use observation skills/ do park science, such as helping with bird/ counting native/non-native plants, etc.)				
	()	Community prog	rams					
	(O Volunteer activities							
	()	Workshops/semi	nars/P	ark Institute programs				
	()	Other (Please sp	ecify)					

3.		ior to this visit, how did your personal group obtain information about № ational Recreational River? Please mark (●) all that apply in column (a	
	b) If	you were to visit Missouri National Recreational River in the future, how ur personal group prefer to obtain information about the park? Please that apply in column (b).	, v would
	a) Pr i	or to this visit b) Prior to future	visits
	0	Did not obtain information prior to visit → Go to part b of this questi	on
	Ο	Friends/relatives/word of mouth	Ο
	0	Inquiry to park via phone, mail, or email	0
	Ο	Local businesses (motels, restaurants, outfitters, etc.)	Ο
	0	Missouri National Recreational River Headquarters in Yankton, SD	0
	Ο	Missouri National Recreational River website: www.nps.gov/mnrr	Ο
	Ο	Other websites and/or social media (Please specify below)	Ο
Th	is visit	Future visits	
	Ο	Newspaper/magazine articles	Ο
	Ο	Other organizations' visitor centers (e.g., Corps of Engineers, Yankton Chamber of Commerce, Nebraska or South Dakota State Park, Corps of Discovery Welcome Center off Hwy 81 in Nebraska, e	O tc.)
	0	Previous visits	Ο
	Ο	School class/program	Ο
	Ο	Television/radio programs/DVDs	Ο
	Ο	Travel guides/tour books (AAA, etc.)	0
	Ο	Other (Please specify below)	Ο
Th	is visit	Future visits	
	,	rom the sources marked in column (a), did your personal group receive ope of information about the park that you needed?	e the
	C	O Yes → Go to Question 4	
		NO, what type of park information did your personal group need that wailable? Please be specific.	vas not

4.	On this visit, how much total time (both on land and on the river) did your personal group spend visiting Missouri National Recreational River? Please list partial hours or days as $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, or $\frac{3}{4}$.							
	Number of <u>hours</u> (if less	Number of hours (if less than 24 hours)						
	Number of <u>days</u> (if 24 ho		re)					
5.	. Missouri National Recreational River was established to preserve and protect the free-flowing river and its outstanding scenic, natural, cultural, historic, fish and wildlife values, while providing for public enjoyment. On this visit, how important was the protection of the following attributes/resources to your personal group? Please mark (•) one answer for each attribute/resource.							
	Attribute/resource	Not at all important	• •	Moderately important	•	Extremely important		
	Clean air/visibility	0	0	0	O	0		
	Clean water	0	0	0	Ο	0		
	Cultural features	Ο	0	0	0	O		
	Dark, starry night sky	Ο	0	0	Ο	0		
	Educational opportunities	Ο	0	0	Ο	Ο		
	Geologic features	Ο	0	0	Ο	Ο		
	Historic landscapes/structures	Ο	0	0	Ο	Ο		
	Historic towns	Ο	0	0	Ο	Ο		
	Natural quiet/sounds of nature	0	0	0	Ο	Ο		
	Pastoral/agricultural landscapes	0	0	0	Ο	Ο		
	Plant diversity	0	0	0	Ο	Ο		
	Recreational opportunities (floating, hiking, camping, etc.)	0	Ο	0	Ο	Ο		
	Scenic views and natural/wild landscapes	0	Ο	Ο	0	Ο		
	Solitude	Ο	0	0	Ο	0		
	Wildlife (including fish)	0	0	0	0	0		

b)

a)

- 6. a) As you were planning this trip to Missouri National Recreational River, which activities did your personal group **expect** to include on this visit? Please mark (●) **all** that apply in column (a).
 - b) On this visit, in which activities did your personal group **actually participate** within Missouri National Recreational River? Please mark (●) **all** that apply in column (b).

Expected activities	Activities on this vis	
0	0	Attending ranger-led talks/programs
O	Ο	Archery
Ο	Ο	Bicycling
Ο	Ο	Camping
Ο	Ο	Creative arts (photography, painting, writing, etc.)
Ο	Ο	Enjoying natural quiet
Ο	Ο	Fishing
Ο	Ο	Hiking
Ο	Ο	Horseback riding
Ο	Ο	Hunting
Ο	Ο	Motorized boating
0	0	Non-motorized boating (canoeing, kayaking, etc.)
Ο	Ο	Picnicking
Ο	Ο	Recreational sports (Frisbee, disc golf, etc.)
Ο	Ο	Researching/studying history
Ο	Ο	Swimming/playing in the water
Ο	Ο	Viewing wildlife/birds
Ο	n/a	Other – Expected (Specify)
n/a	0	Other – Done on visit (Specify)

c) Which **one** of the above activities was **most important** to your personal group on this visit? Please list only **one** response.

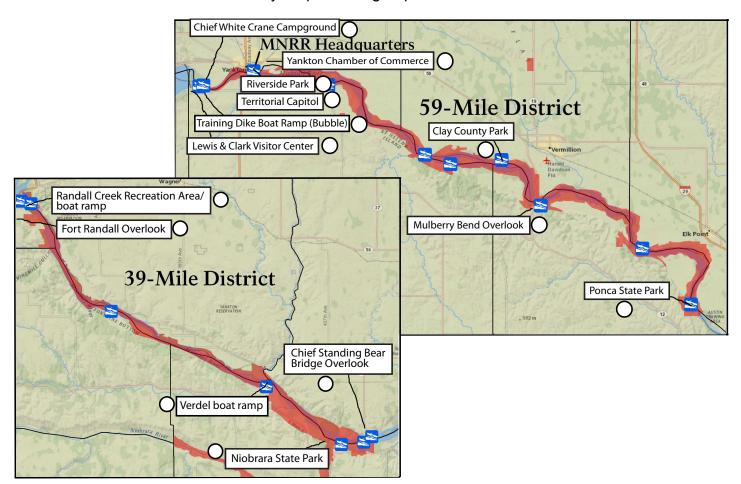
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Topic:

c) How could the exhibits be improved to enhance your experience? For each exhibit your personal group viewed, please specify its location and topic, and your recommendations.

Exhibit location and topic Location:	Recommendations for improvement			
Topic:				
Location:				
Topic:				
Location:				
Topic:				
d) Please suggest topics to ac personal group would find i	ld or delete, or specific types of exhibits that your nteresting.			

9. On the map below, please mark (●) **all** the locations in Missouri National Recreational River that your personal group visited.



- 10. a) If you were to visit the park in the future, please mark (●) **all** the types of ranger programs that your personal group would be interested in attending.
 - b) For the programs that your personal group would be interested in attending, what time of the day should the program start? Please list one for each program.
 - c) For the programs that your personal group would be interested in attending, what would be the **most suitable program length**? Please list **one** for each program.

a) Ra	nger program	b) Start time	c) Length
Ο	Not interested in any ranger programs → Go	to Question 1	1
0	Art & Artists in the Park programs		
Ο	Citizen Science/Service Learning programs		
0	Cultural demonstrations & storytelling – dancing, drumming, weaving, beading, pottery, etc.		
Ο	Fishing clinics		
Ο	Junior Ranger/children's activity programs		
Ο	Letterboxing/geocaching		
Ο	Living history/costumed interpretation		
Ο	Overnight camping trips with a ranger		
0	Ranger talks/campfire program at campgrounds		
Ο	Ranger-led bicycling programs		
Ο	Ranger-led canoe/kayaking programs		
Ο	Ranger-led outdoor hikes/walks/talks		
Ο	Stargazing/astronomy programs		
0	Talks or seminars on various topics/Park Institute programs by scientists or subject matter experts – one to multiple days		
0	Other (Please specify below)		

		w would your personal group like to be informed about the availability and edule of ranger programs? Please mark (●) all that apply.
	0	Announcement by campground hosts
	Ο	Bulletin boards/announcements Where?
	0	Local newspaper/radio
	0	Park website www.nps.gov/mnrr
	0	Rangers inviting people while walking through campgrounds and on trails
	0	Schedule of events flyers Where?
	0	Social networking media (Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, etc.)
	0	Other (Please specify)
11.	topics	were to visit Missouri National Recreational River in the future, which s would your personal group be most interested in learning about? Please (•) all that apply.
	Ο	Not interested in learning about the park → Go to Question 12
	Ο	Art inspired by the river – music, drawing, poetry, writing, etc.
	Ο	Astronomy
	Ο	Birds and wildlife, threatened and endangered species, etc.
	Ο	Different types of work done by National Park Service employees
	0	Early exploration, trade, and settlement along the Missouri River, including the Steamboat Era, Lewis & Clark Expedition, homesteading, etc.
	О	Global climate change/sustainable practices
	Ο	Leave No Trace/low-impact recreational and camping skills
	Ο	National parks of America/world
	Ο	Native American cultures of the area – current and past
	Ο	Park research/scientific studies conducted in the park
	Ο	Plants – native and non-native
	Ο	Threats to water quality and consistent quantity
	Ο	Variety of recreational opportunities and activities available
	Ο	Other (Please specify)

12. Please mark (●) **all** the communities along the Missouri River from Spencer, NE and Pickstown, SD to Sioux City, IA in which your personal group obtained support services on this visit.

O Did not use any services in listed communities

Go to Question 13

·	From		Communit From	y From	From St.
	Pickstown	In Yankton,	Gayville,	Spencer to Crofton,	Helena to Ponca,
Service	SD	SD	City, IA	NE NE	NE NE
Buy gasoline	Ο	0	Ο	Ο	0
Buy groceries	Ο	0	0	0	Ο
Buy photography/art supplies	Ο	0	0	0	Ο
Buy recreational equipment/ supplies	0	Ο	0	0	0
Eat a meal	Ο	0	0	0	Ο
Guide services (hunting, fishing, etc.)	0	Ο	0	0	0
Obtain travel/tourist information	Ο	Ο	0	Ο	Ο
Shop	Ο	Ο	Ο	O	Ο
Stay overnight in a campground/RV park	0	Ο	0	0	0
Stay overnight in a motel/hotel/B&B/etc.	0	Ο	0	0	0
Use sport facilities (golf course, archery range, etc.)	0	Ο	Ο	Ο	0
Visit art gallery/museums	Ο	0	0	0	Ο
Other (Please specify below)	Ο	Ο	0	Ο	0

^{13.} a) On this visit, did anyone in your personal group have difficulty accessing or participating in any park activities or services?

O Yes O No → Go to Question 14

b) If YES, in which park activities or services did the person(s) have difficulty accessing or participating during this visit? Please be specific.

14.	On this visit, was your personal group part of one of the following types of <u>organized</u> groups? Please mark (●) one for each .											
	a) Commercial guided tour group							0	Yes	0)	No
	b)	Sch	ool/e	educat	ional group			Ο	Yes	0)	No
	c)	Oth	er gr	oup (s	couts, work	, churc	h, etc.)	Ο	Yes	0)	No
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			Number of people in organized group									
15.	a)	On orga	this anize	visit, w ed grou	hich kind of up) were yo	persor with?	n <u>al</u> group (Please ma	not (guided to (●) one .	ur/scho	ol/d	other
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		0	F	amily			0		Family a	nd frier	nds	
		Ο	Other (Please specify)									
	b)	On	On this visit, how many people were in your personal group, including yourself?									
			Number of people in personal group									
	c)	On this visit, how many vehicles did your personal group use to arrive at and to visit the park? Please write "0" if you did not arrive by vehicle or use a vehicle to visit the park.										
		Number of vehicles used to arrive at the park										
				Numb	er of vehicle	es usec	l to visit th	ne pa	ark			
16.			u on ●) o		at is the higl	hest lev	el of educ	atio	n you hav	/e com	olet	ed? Please
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	0		Son	ne colle	ege							
17.				_	area such a nost membe							which or the following?
a) S	Spe	akin	g	Ο	English	Ο	Other (Sp	er (Specify)				
b) Reading O English O Othe					Other (Sp	ecif	- y)					

c) What services in Please specify a				langua	iges oth	er than	English	า?
O Service (S	Specify)					0	No	ne
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Member #4			0	Ο	0	0	0	0
Member #5			0	Ο	0	0	Ο	Ο
Member #6			0	Ο	0	0	Ο	Ο
Member #7			0	Ο	0	0	Ο	0
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b) How many p	eople are ir	n your house	ehold?		Numb	er of pe	ople	
20. a) Are members for each grou			p Hispani	c or La	tino? Pl	ease m	ark (●)	one
	Yourse	Member If #2	Member #3	Memb #4	er Mem #5		mber M #6	lember #7
Yes, Hispanic or Latino	Ο	0	Ο	0	0) (O	0
No, not Hispanic or Latino	Ο	Ο	Ο	0	C) (C	0

b)	b) What is the race of each member of your	personal group? Please mark (•) one
,	or more for each group member.	

	Yourself	Member #2	Member #3	Member #4	Member #5	Member #6	Membe #7			
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	Ο	0	0	0	0	0			
Asian	Ο	0	0	0	Ο	0	0			
Black or African American	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	0	Ο	Ο			
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Island	ler O	0	Ο	Ο	Ο	Ο	0			
White	Ο	0	0	Ο	Ο	Ο	0			
River, what would your personal group recommend or propose? 22. Is there anything else your personal group would like to tell us about your visit to Missouri National Recreational River?										
23. Overall, how w opportunities p River during th	rovided to yo	our person	al group a	icilities, se t Missouri	rvices, a Nationa	and recrea I Recreati	itional onal			
Very poor	Poor	Av	erage	Good	i	Very goo	d			
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