



FIELD DAY NOTES - STATION 1

PROJECT: Ottawa Sands County Park

MEETING DATE: July 18, 2020

Note: Red = less than 1 mile, Yellow = 1-5 miles, Green = 5-10 miles, Blue = over 10 miles

PRESERVE

Red

- Preserve everything except invasive species
- Dark sky. Don't add lights
- People like the way it is now. No cabins, tents.
- No camping
- Keep everything natural. No development. No camping
- No outside fish
- Nature beauty, no cars, bikes
- As is
- Keep the park as it is - completely natural. Pls no camping
- Clean water

Yellow

- Keep it as natural as it is now - but provide modern bathrooms and a picnic area and parking area
- Keep a balance between natural and developed areas.
- Preserve the park as natural as possible. No campgrounds!
- Preserve the whole site
- No camping
- No camping
- Preserve lake
- Preserve the natural aspect of trails
- Preserve natural elements
- Preserve the wildlife
- Keep it natural possibly pave one path for handicaps
- Night sky (appropriate lighting)

Green

- The lake (in as undisturbed condition as possible)

Blue

- All of it
- No access to River
- Keep as natural as possible

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- Keep it essentially as is. Not much improvement; definitely no camping
- Lake + vistas
- Clean water. Natural environment
- No RVs, no motorized boats on Ottawa Sands Lake
- The lake
- Views, tree canopy, dark sky, no RV camping

ENHANCE

Red

- Good as is
- Handicap path
- Enhancements: signs to I.D. plants, No camping, NO motorized anything, NO pavement
- Pave trail around lake
- Hiking trails
- Envision: I'd like to bike hear but I think it would not be good for the park
- If you put some kind of quiet air in the lake the fish could grow
- Connecting walking trail down to K-L Dunes and up to Hoffmaster
- Envision: add a fishing pier where the docks are

Yellow

- Handicap access to lake
- Connection to Kitchell Dune
- Place gravel to make paths more walkable
- Possible swimming
- A nice campground by the lake
- Improve trail around lake
- Playground (for older kids)
- Provide some stopping/destination points - to rest
- Benches by the lake
- Paved trail ADA
- Let people/kayaks into the water
- Signs: native vs invasive plants

Green

- The natural shoreline along the Grand River
- More trails, would love to see scenery areas

Blue

- Wooded trails/narrow, programs for kids
- Good signage - well marked trails. Keep it natural.
- Native vegetation
- Swimming
- Clear out invasive plant species. Promote natives
- Enhance environ. for animals
- More bark trails
- Spotted napweed out, captured lake (even if created by sand mining)
- Lake needs name

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- Zip line (across lake?), paddle boats. To limit traffic on lake; no outside boats due to contamination concerns
- Trails

TRANSFORM

Red

- Good as is
- Art stations, adult supervision of camping
- Permit kayaking and canoe in Sag and lake
- No spotted knapweed
- Shouldn't be here, too many deer, eating out the trilliums, spotted knapweed
- Avoid "the tragedy of the commons", supervise camping
- Environmental camping

Yellow

- Back path very wet
- Nothing has to go
- Access to water for kayaks
- Tent camping
- Permanent Restrooms (like at Rosy Mound), outhouses near the "dock" end of the park, near the channel
- Make breasting dolphins (docks) to be usable for fishing off them

Green

- The dolphins into a point of water access

Blue

- Yes to adventure camping
- Mooring of boats, keep walking paths as fundamental, no RV camping, tent/pop-up ok
- Make handicapped accessible
- Trails
- Interpretation
- River shoreline
- Geocaching, playground, bike connections from Ferrysburg/Spring Lake
- Beach on west facing side of beach