

Morton County Parks & Trails Master Plan Survey

Directions: place an “x” or fill in the circle next to your selections. Please take the time to answer all questions, unless the question does not apply to your experience. For open-ended questions, please be as detailed as possible and offer as many examples or comments as you would like.



1 Do you reside in Morton County?

- Yes
 - No
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2 If you answered yes to question 1, please answer the following. Which city/town do you reside closest to in Morton County?

- Almont Fort Rice Mandan
 - Breien or Solen Glen Ullin New Salem
 - Flasher Hebron St. Anthony
 - Other, please list
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3 In general, what types of outdoor activities do you, and those in your care (i.e. children), most frequently engage in? (select all that apply)

- Walking or hiking Visiting a playground Range shooting
 - Running Outdoor sports (football, softball, etc.) Hunting
 - Horse riding Fishing/boating Snowmobiling
 - Camping Mountain/off-road biking BMX biking
 - Picnicing Road/paved trail biking Riding OHVs (off-highway vehicle)
 - Others, please list
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4 If you, or those in your care, engage in outdoor activities, what is the primary reason you do so?

- For health and fitness
 - To enjoy the beauty of the outdoors
 - Because I enjoy the particular activity/activities I engage in
 - For my kids/family to be active outdoors
 - Other, please list
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5 If you have visited a Morton County park or trail in the past year, which park/trail did you visit (select all that apply)?

- Breien Centennial Park
 - Crown Butte Dam
 - Danzig Dam & Storm Creek
 - Fish Creek Dam
 - Fort Rice Recreation Area & Campground
 - Gaebe Pond (New Salem)
 - Graner Park
 - Harmon Lake Recreation Area
 - Heskett Power Plant Public Fishing Stairway
 - Little Heart Boat Ramp
 - Little Heart Shooting Range
 - Missouri River Natural Area & Trailhead (Mandan)
 - Nygren Dam
 - Sweet Briar Lake
 - Multi-use paved trail along Hwy 1806, north of Mandan
 - Roughrider Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trail
(located along Hwy 1806, between Little Heart and Fort Rice Campground)
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6 During a typical year, how many times do you visit a Morton County park?

Never/I don't know

Once

A few times

Often

7 Is the following statement true for you? "I don't generally visit Morton County parks, but I visit other parks (such as City of Mandan Parks, State Parks, etc.)"

Yes

No

8 While visiting a Morton County Park, which activities do you, or those in your care, engage in (select all that apply)?

Walking or hiking

Using playground equipment

Camping

Mountain biking

Boating/fishing/using boat ramp

Shooting range

Swimming

Using picnic shelter/picnicing

Kayaking

I have never visited a Morton County Park or I don't remember

Other, please list

9 If you have visited a Morton County park or trail in the past year, how would you rate your overall experience at the park or trail? (If you have reviews for multiple parks, please list them in the comment box under 10.)

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

Very poor

10 What factors contributed to the rating you provided? Please describe your experience.

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11 If you have visited a Morton County park or trail in the past year, how safe did you feel while using the park?

- Very safe
- Somewhat safe
- Neither safe nor unsafe
- Somewhat unsafe
- Very unsafe

12 What factors, related to your experience at the park or trail, contributed to the rating you provided?

13 What type of facility would you, or those individuals in your care, use most often if it were available in Morton County near where you live (choose your top 3 choices)?

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| <input type="radio"/> Additional paved multi-use paths | <input type="radio"/> Wood-chip/soft-surface running trail | |
| <input type="radio"/> Designated horse riding trail | <input type="radio"/> Additional designated hiking trails | |
| <input type="radio"/> Additional playground equipment | <input type="radio"/> Additional snowmobile trails | |
| <input type="radio"/> Designated Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) trail | <input type="radio"/> Landscaped park (i.e. walking paths, gardens, benches, etc.) | |
| <input type="radio"/> OHV park | <input type="radio"/> Skateboard park | <input type="radio"/> BMX track |
- If the multi-use trail connection between Hwy 1806 and Harmon Lake were paved and had improved safety features at the Hwy 1806 crossing
- Additional Missouri River public boat access (if you choose this option, you are encouraged to suggest a preferred location for this type of boat access, in the comments section of this question)
- Others, please list / comments

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14 Which statement best represents your feeling about the availability of outdoor recreation opportunities in Morton County (for this question, consider your opportunities on both public facilities and private land that may be available to you)?

- There are plenty of options for outdoor recreation near me.
 - There are some outdoor recreation options available to me, but there is not an adequate selection to suit my interests.
 - I know there are outdoor recreation facilities in Morton County, but they are all too far away, or inconvenient, for me to use.
 - I don't have much interest in using outdoor recreation facilities.
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15 How far do you believe is a reasonable distance from work or home for you to reach outdoor recreation facilities?

- I would not choose to visit a park/trail, no matter what the distance was from home or work
 - Less than 1 mile
 - Up to 5 miles
 - Up to 10 miles
 - Up to 20 miles
 - No matter how far the distance from home or work, I would follow through on my plan to visit a specific park/trail
 - Other distance, please list
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16 Which statement best represents your preferred approach to planning for Morton County outdoor recreation facilities?

- Morton County should not provide facilities or should provide fewer outdoor recreation facilities.
 - Morton County should focus on maintaining the facilities it currently manages and not expand the park/trail system.
 - Morton County should invest in expanding outdoor recreation facilities to better serve County residents, if such expansion can be paid for through means other than tax increases (such as grants, donations, and/or user fees).
 - Morton County should invest in expanding outdoor recreation facilities, and I'm willing to see that reflected in higher taxes for county residents.
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17 Roughly how much would you be willing to see your property taxes increase for the purpose of expanding park facilities, such as those facilities you may have chosen in question 13?
[please note this question is intended to gauge public opinion only and does not represent any intent by the County to raise property taxes to fund outdoor recreation facility expansion]

- \$5 per year
- \$10 per year
- \$25 per year
- Other amount, please list.

18 Below, please share any additional comments you may have that can assist in planning for the future of Morton County parks, trails and recreational facilities? (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

19 What is your age? (optional)

- Under 18 18 – 29 30 – 45
- 46 – 55 56 – 65 66 – 75
- Over 75