

Open House Input Report

Sep 30, 2018

This is a report of all input received from the Public Open Houses held on Aug 1, 2018 in Dover, TN and on Aug 7, 2018 in Benton, KY.

You, Your Community and a Changing America

1. Tell us about (what first brought you/how you came to know/your first meaningful experience at) Land Between the Lakes.	
1	In high school, we took my first canoeing trip in LBL. However for the last 20 years, I have come to Jonathan Creek area with my in-laws. They have been coming to LBL for over 30 years. Side Note: We visited the Bison Prairie & were surrounded by bison (in the car). We were late to a meeting but it was totally worth it for the experience and was a wonderful talking point about the beauty of LBL. It made us enjoy the moment & slow down in life.
2	I moved here 28 days ago and chose the area because of the wildlife, recreation, hunting, and fishing options.
3	My family lived there all of their lives. We had a 250 acre farm and we still love LBL and always want to support it.
4	I was born in LBL and moved out in 1968.
5	My family lived in LBL before it was LBL. We have enjoyed the facilities offered.
6	I live in Grand Rivers, KY. LBL has been a part of my life since my youth. I distinctly remember visiting Empire Farm with a school group in my early elementary years. Additionally, my children have spent many hours with me enjoying all the land has to offer.
7	Hunting, fishing and camping
8	A friend. Word of mouth.
9	I recall going to my great grandmother's house in Model around 1966.
10	I remember camping as a kid, going to Empire Farm, and the Silo Overlook.
11	When it was taken by the US Government to create Land Between the Lakes.
12	I remember fishing, bird watching, and watching the wildlife.
13	Through one of the volunteers - Dick Cook
14	We read in a brochure. A friend invited us to a meeting at Bugle Corps.
15	I googled state parks to determine where my sister and I would spend the weekend. This location had the most variety for a short trip.
16	Buddy got me fired up about snag fishing.
17	For almost 50 years I've been coming to LBL for recreation and learning experiences.
2. How do you and your community benefit from Land Between the Lakes?	

1	My family is rejuvenated by the outdoors & experiencing the lakes and the land.
2	Being new, I would assume the tourism benefits.
3	It's a wonderful place. A lot of nature and held my family's home for many years. Great place.
4	Hunting, Fishing, and the trails
5	We use the recreational facilities. We take advantage of Brandon Spring, Homeplace, and Planetarium with both school and church groups.
6	With Grand Rivers being at the northern entrance, my community has benefitted by the tourism LBL generates in the area.
7	Camping
8	For me, it is a source of getting out in nature and history.
9	Now, I take my kids camping like I used to as a kid myself.
10	It is a source of environment and provides an escape from a too lousy world.
11	We benefit tremendously from the recreational opportunities.
12	Homeplace is a valuable memory.
13	It brings in many visitors, therefore it is an economic boost. Very educational.
14	Our church groups visit and enjoy the activities. I enjoy every activity I volunteer at.
15	Preservation of the natural resources and natural habitats, I think that is a huge asset.
16	LBL is a beautiful area blessed with being isolated by lakes and has great woodlands and wildlife for enjoyment. I spend much of my time at LBL on a road bike. Seeing the woodlands, mammals, birds, and reptiles are great experiences for me.

3. What are the social, environmental, and economic issues most relevant and significant to you and your community? How can Land Between the Lakes help address these issues and improve your quality of life?

1	It would be great to see increased conservation & promotion of the native wildlife to promote love of the environment.
2	If tourism continues/improves, I would assume it would benefit the area residents too.
3	Have more campgrounds and places like Brandon Spring and the Nature Station. They are very educational for the kids.
4	We are limited in the opportunities available due to being in a rural community. LBL serves our schools and families as a source of recreation, education, and pride in the beauty it offers.
5	I believe LBL under utilizes the area schools and the students. I spent summers at the youth station volunteering. It is such a shame this programming has gone by the wayside. It could create a lifelong love of the area if children were more involved at a young age.
6	Promote LBL as widely and positively as possible.
7	The outdoor activities for both kids and adults to do are most significant.
8	LBL needs to keep the promises made when the land was taken.

9	LBL can develop better connections with the nature environment to reduce stress, etc... The habitat needs more management to control carp and other invasive species. Also, they need to improve habitat via controlled burns.
10	Woodson Chapel Road needs attention.
11	Haven't pulled a road ditch or graveled the roads in 20 years except timber. If they can't take care of it, then give/sell it back.
12	Not maintaining roads.
13	Forest Service won't cut trees down. Makes it cemetery fund.
14	Have not kept agreement to maintain roads.
15	Too many seasonal campers.
16	Education is a very important mission.
17	Views are important.
18	Boost for business surrounding the LBL. Needs to continue in every way possible.
19	It improves my quality of life. I love socializing with the younger generation, keeps me thinking and feeling younger. Takes my mind off of losing my husband, keeps me thinking positive. Keepint he prices reasonable to young couples can afford to come to LBL.
20	Inclusivity, no matter origin or background - everyone can hike, camp, walk, or just enjoy nature. And physical health and the encouragement of physical activities. I am not sure if 5K's or trail runs happen there on a regular basis, but it is a beautiful place to host such events.
21	Preserve the large trees. Stop the logging. Allow the woodlands to return to old growth timber. This is a most important issue for me.
4. Being as specific as possible, how must Land Between the Lakes adapt to a changing America to better serve future generations?	
1	More bank fishing and main trails.
2	The purpose of LBL is to provide scenery and lifestyle that doesn't exist in so much of our world. It needs to expand on the qualities it can offer to draw more people to our area.
3	It is very important to utilize current technology to maintain constant contact with society in general, but primarily the youth.
4	Advertise.
5	Having better cell phone service. We are a tech society and younger generations want a mix of outdoors with a touch of tech.
6	By keeping the promises.
7	Provide more options that favor kayaks, birders, as opposed to just bass fisherman and hunters.
8	Disc Golf should be added at Hillman Ferry.

9	We must find ways to emphasize the significance of learning about history, environment and protecting wildlife. Put down the phones and Ipads.
10	I think you're top notch and you're doing a good job keeping up with the times.
11	Advertise more on social media and television.
12	Although the visitor load does not appear to be high to me at this time, keep in mind that it will grow and challenges accommodating numbers may appear. As in Great Smokey Mountains National Park.
Other general comments.	
1	Do you have a website/app for a smartphone that could direct people to opportunities/options in LBL?
2	Would like to see Fort Henry upgraded.
3	U.S. Forest Service came within a hair of forcing the tearing down of a pavilion at Woodson Chapel.

The Essence of Land Between the Lakes

1. If you could take only one picture of Land Between the Lakes, what would it be of? Why would you select this picture?	
1	My family is buried in LBL at the Hicks cemetery and at the Sills cemetery. I have yet to find one of them. We appreciate roads to allow access.
2	My favorite thing to see in LBL is the beauty of the land. Upon every visit, I take many pictures of the beautiful flowers, water scenes, and the wildlife. I could not name ONE single thing I would photograph.
3	The Homeplace, Nature Station, and all of the wonderful family activities available.
4	Hematite Lake and Brandon Spring because I have fond memories of exploring each place as a child and as an adult.
5	I would capture the bison, osprey, and fossil island.
6	I would take a picture of the bison on the Elk & Bison prairie because I love watching them.
7	Too many to choose from.
8	I would go to the middle of the lake and, on one of those mornings when the mist is coming off the lake, take a photo of the many wooded points ending at the lake in the area around Rushing Creek/Ginger Bay. It is a beautiful snapshot of the enormous amount of undeveloped public we are so lucky to have in the middle of the country.
9	Wildlife (eagles, bison or elk)
10	Owls. I love owls, learning and teaching about them
11	The Homeplace "quilt" house with oxen in the yard suited up for work and Smokey Bear on the front porch in a rocking chair with a couple of time-period dressed staff and a couple of park rangers. A couple of the seated individuals would be holding maps of the area (one a lake and one a map of trails, etc.) facing the photographer.
12	Sunrise on the lake
13	A photo containing mostly woodlands with a bit of a small clearing at the edge. Much of the beauty is connected to the vast wooded areas! Margins with, and clearings, help support an array of wildlife.
2. In your opinion, what is most unique about Land Between the Lakes? Why is this particular feature outstanding or exceptional?	
1	The history and culture represented there. The area was protected to provide a glimpse into these things for future generations. The sacrifice of the original residents should be honored with adequate upkeep and care.
2	The area is rich in heritage that is very colorful and unique. This alone makes the area exceptionally meaningful to the families and their relatives for the stories the lands holds for them. It is also very beautiful.
3	Homeplace is the most unique and has low cost family activities.
4	The hiking trails are the most unique because they are accessible, but also still natural.
5	I can visit family cemeteries (Matheny) with my children to experience part of their heritage and past.

6	Just experiencing nature. I love nature.
7	LBL gives insight of simpler times. It was simpler times when the work was harder and also heartache occurred whenever the land was taken from the families.
8	That though it is a large reservoir, it still keeps some of the wild qualities of rivers such as the current that changes and changes fishing.
9	Elk - Bison Prairie
10	Banding Hummingbirds. It's unbelievable how they can band these little birds.
11	The variety of the landscape
12	Quietness and beauty
13	Mostly separated and isolated by water. Large area. Wildlife - much of which also benefits from the adjacent waters.

3. Please finish this statement. Land Between the Lakes is the only place I can go to.....	
1	...reflect, relax, and enjoy the glory of God as we see our Earth in a natural state. It must be maintained so that it can be enjoyed for years to come.
2	...clear my head.
3	...get away from the phone, work, and also relax.
4	...relax and enjoy nature.
5	...hide from society.
6	...enjoy equine trails and fellowship with others.
7	camp with a large group of friends.
8	see unique wildlife
9	getting away from home, socializing with people, away from TV's, computers and iPhones.
10	see the best of KY's state parks in a day (minus caves - unless those are there too and I am unaware).
11	separate from crowds. See vast areas of woodlands intact. Enjoy outdoor activities and see an array of wildlife.

4. Looking ahead 15 years from now, what is your vision for Land Between the Lakes?	
1	To offer quality services for tourists and local residents. School children should be able to continue to enjoy the educational opportunity and cultural experience the Homeplace, Piney, Brandon Spring, and all other facilities offer.
2	It would be awesome to see a car tour that marks the important places in LBL. The historical significance of the land and landmarks is immeasurable.
3	Expand on family activities.
4	I would hope that the hiking trails were still maintained and improvements were made to Brandon Spring

5	My vision is to still have a great place for people to enjoy the many things that LBL offers.
6	LBL needs more fun days and activites and maybe more for the public on Earth Day.
7	Small campgrounds will increase in number. People who camp are often escaping cities yet the major campgrounds seel like small cities.
8	Elk range freely in LBL.
9	Pristine wilderness
10	I hope it stays the same.
11	More people walking, hiking and biking around.
12	Same as now.
13	Fields in which Bison are kept: should be kept mowed more neatly, they are full of cocklebur, horseweed and crabgrass, pay attention to pH and fertility, sow fescue and give up on this Big Bluestem idea. People wish to see the animals in a verdant green field, not one which is full of weeds. The NPS adopted this idea of "restoring" native grasses in Cades Cove and its beauty has diminished since the 1960's. It appeared much more attractive with mowed fescue and cattle.
Other general comments.	
1	Woodson Chapel Road needs attention and improvements.
2	Maintain all roads leading to cemeteries.

Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Experiences

1. Identify the places you typically recreate on the map and indicate the types of activities that you engage in while at these locations.	
1	We make family day trips and visit the Homeplace, Nature Staion, Planetarium, and the Elk & Bison Prairie and enjoy them very much.
2	Most places I go are out in the woods.
3	Wildife viewing is important to me.
4	Devils Backbone area is my favorite hunting area
5	Hunting Area 15 - favorite hunting area
6	Hunting Area 13 - favorite hunting area
7	Boswell Landing - favorite camping area
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10	Ginger Bay - like to play at the bluffs
11	Hughes Bay - like to launch boat from there
12	Grays Landing - like to launch boat from there
13	Area off Road 402 - like to squirrel hunt there
14	Neville Bay - like to launch boat from there
15	Redd Hollow - camping
16	Rushing Creek - used to camp there, now day use
17	Piney Campground - camping
18	Elk and Bison Prairie
19	Nature Station
20	Eagle Watching Locations
21	Turkey Bay OHV Area
22	Nature Station
23	Elk and Bison Prairie
24	Homeplace
25	Homeplace
26	Elk and Bison Prairie
27	Nature Station
28	Golden Pond Visitor Center
29	Woodlands Trace - road biking

30	Road 206 - road biking
31	Fort Henry Road - road biking
2. What is the single most important thing that Land Between the Lakes could do to help you more meaningfully participate in outdoor recreation?	
1	Give information about outdoor recreation to the schools.
2	Bring in more activities and fun days.
3	Get public meeting in Cadiz.
4	Make Mind Mixer easier to find.
5	Reach out to Cadiz media.
6	Create train maps for gravel roads with mountain bike consideration.
7	Bicycle trails and camping areas along the Trace for bicyclists coming through LBL.
8	More face-to-face interaction with backcountry campers.(Talk to people).
9	Better maintenance in the backcountry area's.
10	Better enforcement of backcountry rules.
11	More emphasis on the Fort Henry site.
12	Camp store on the Trace for gas/supplies.
13	Kayak launching and landing areas that are designed for beach landings.
14	Need more access to fishing from the banks.
15	Need more attention on road conditions.
16	Riding expereince like" Tail of the Dragon".
17	More access for shore/bank fishing.
18	More access for deep wood hunters to remove deer.
19	Remote cabins for hunters to reserve.
20	Public shooting range closer to Dover. (Bow range too)
21	Private companies to provide lumch cruises along LBL shore.
22	Extend the Central Hardwoods Trail to the communities.
23	Trail guides display trail rating and elevation and access to parking for Honker Lake trail.
24	Re-open Rushing Creek Campground
25	Develop Colson Hollow into a reservable campsite comparable to Piney/Hillman's Ferry. Connect a trail head from Colson Hollow to Turkey Bay to allow off-roaders to have a reservable campground option. This will bring in more people from greater distances. One main trailhead will be minimally invasive to any wildlife in the area between Colson Hollow and Turkey Bay.

26	Open left side of the guard shack at Turkey Bay for new registrations, and allow year passes to enter on the right. Keep traffic flowing in, rather than allowing it to get backed up on the Trace. Currently only using one side of the guard shack to gain entrance. On busy days, this causes traffic to be at a stand still on the Trace, making hazardous conditions for other motorists. If they try to pass, there is a possibility of an accident from oncoming traffic.
27	Build 8 electric or electric/water sites at Turkey Bay. Current rate: 8 @ \$8 = \$64/day. Campsites w/ electric: 8 @ \$20 = \$160/day. Campsites w/ electric/water: 8 @ \$24 = \$192/day. Projections based on 100 nights: Current rate = \$800. Electric only = \$2,000. Electric + Water = \$2,400
28	Turkey Bay Survey, Question 1: On average, how many times a year do you enjoy Turkey Bay? 139 responses. More than 10 = 42.4%. 5-10 times = 23%. 3-5 times = 22.3%. 3 times or less = 12.2%.
29	Turkey Bay Survey, Question 2: Do you camp at Turkey Bay? 141 responses. Yes = 40.4%. No = 32.6%. Sometimes = 27%.
30	Turkey Bay Survey, Question 3: Do you purchase a year pass at Turkey Bay? 137 responses. Yes = 59.1%. No = 37.2%. Other = 3.7%.
31	Turkey Bay Survey, Question 4: Would you like to see more camping upgrades at Turkey Bay? If so, check all that you would like to have at Turkey Bay. 140 responses. More Water Faucets = 59 (42.1%). More Bathrooms = 86 (61.4%). Electrical Hook-ups = 76 (54.3%). Full Hook ups = 57 (40.7%). Shower Houses = 109 (77.9%). Designated (marked) Campsites = 50 (35.7%). More Picnic Tables = 48 (34.3%). No Changes = 7 (5%).
32	Turkey Bay Survey, Question 5: Would you like to see upgrades and/or improvements made to Turkey Bay? 141 responses. Yes, I would like to see improvements for Turkey Bay = 93.6%. No, it is fine the way it is = 6.4%.

33	<p>Rushing Creek was the very first campground opened at Land Between the Lakes (LBL) in 1964. It sits about two-thirds down lake from the dam near the KY/TN border. It was a small but beautiful campground with nice facilities. A boat ramp on the bay to the north (Jones Creek) offered deeper water access, though many simply utilized the gravel access on the south side of the bay to launch shallow draft boats. There was a basketball court, picnic shelter, flush bathrooms and the best designed shower house for our hot, humid environment. It was totally open with no roof. During the day the sun beat down and completely dried the concrete floor and the shower stalls. The walls did not reach the ground and were fiberglass panels that also allowed light in. Unlike the usual concrete block fungus factories seen in most federal campgrounds, this structure survived many years mostly due to not holding hot, humid air in. The small campground host building was where our group met 3 wonderful hosts over the years. One, Jimmy, even died there. They found him at his post, an apparent victim of a heart attack. He was the host that told us how Rushing Creek Campground had been used during the Vietnam War. Servicemen returning to Fort Campbell were brought to stay at Rushing Creek to recover after returning from their tour of duty. He explained there had even been a diving board mounted on the concrete pile that stands at the mouth of the bay. We have camped at LBL for the past 30 years. Our group of friends found Rushing Creek after the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) took the water hydrant and pit toilet out of Redd Hollow. We all had small children and camping without those two items was not feasible. We were devastated when we also lost Rushing Creek. The flood and windstorm did damage that was not irreversible. This is a property that can still be reverted to at least the lake access category. While all of us would like to see it reopen with showers and toilets we could accept that the dollars needed to rehab the bathroom and shower house might not be available. To return it to lake access status would require only vegetation removal and control. In that same vein I think all the lake access sites should have permanent pit toilets put in place similar to the one at Colson Hollow Group Camp. I think you would find visitor use would increase substantially while improving sanitation. The Management Plan call to a need to "promote and increase support for dispersed day-use and extended stay activities in anticipation of increased demand in dispersed recreational and educational activities and experience". There are two huge, mega campgrounds that sit at opposite ends of Kentucky Lake. There needs to be more, not less camping opportunities through the length of the lake, primarily because a lot of us prefer a smaller, less developed campground but also because it makes better use of the recreational opportunities available along this huge reservoir. The plan states that "Backcountry areas are popular among visitors seeking more solitude and/or easy access to the lakes" and that the service needs to provide "more opportunities for accessing dispersed recreation and semi- primitive experience". Reopening Rushing Creek would provide a perfect opportunity to achieve these stated goals and make a link with the past by reopening LBL's first campground, one that is very much missed by many who love returning to Kentucky Lake. Whenever we return to Kentucky Lake we make at least one run up to Rushing Creek. We often run into other fishermen and find they have stories similar to ours; memories of many years camping at Rushing Creek and sorrow at seeing it locked up.</p>
34	Nothing
3. What is the single most important thing that Land Between the Lakes could do to help you, your family, or your organization participate in environmental education programs?	
1	School grants.
2	Get public meeting in Cadiz.
3	Make Mind Mixer easier to find.
4	Reach out to Cadiz media.
5	Reopen "Empire Farm". It provided information we can use today.

6	Use the bulletin boards more, they often seem to have generic and limited data.
7	None
8	Advertise more about the things they have available for organizations and families.
4. What are your ideas for engaging youth in the outdoors? How can Land Between the Lakes help facilitate local young people to participate in outdoor recreational activities?	
1	Schools programs and special programs that would target that age child.
2	Having more fun days and activities.
3	Have programs for specific grade levels and try to get as many regional schools to participate.
4	Offer day camps (you might already do this)
5	The Nature Station is doing a good job
6	Offer them jobs that would help them appreciate the outdoors. Advertise.
7	Reach out to schools with photo, video, live animal presentations, especially in urban areas.
5. What are your ideas for exposing and educating youth about the natural world? How can Land Between the Lakes better engage local young people through environmental education offerings?	
1	Very Important.
2	Having more activities and contests where you learn more about history back when would be engaging.
3	I think you need to partner with local/regional schools. One group that would benefit are high school students that fail classes. A summer credit recovery program would be a valuable resource.
4	You doing a good job when over 2000 people show up for the Hummingbird Fest.
5	Advertise at schools and through organizations.
6	Incentives or progression programs that would require multiple points or times of participation to achieve a certain status or level.
7	Possibly send small teams of LBL personnel to schools and community centers in nearby populations.
Other general comments.	
1	We enjoy learning most about the cemeteries, special programs, and the family and community history.
2	National Wildlife Refuge has banned neonicotinoid pesticides and no longer allows its sharecroppers to plant GMOs. We live across the road from Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge. Honeybees are back after many years as well as noticeable increase in plant/insect biodiversity around our home and on our land. Great idea!

3	We are losing land to ride on overtime. Land has not been added or re-opened as land has been restored-OHV
4	Access to cemeteries are important especially the roads to them.
5	Road 361 to Rushing Creek Cemetery needs work to access it as it has lots of trees overhanging on the road.
6	Road 129 to Woodson Chapel needs work to access cemetery.
7	Road to lower Devil's Elbow needs work.
8	Piney seasonal camping should be in ONE section.
9	I have a concern at Piney Campground that underage people drive golf carts recklessly.

Environmental Education Poll

What topics do you most enjoy learning about at LBL? Are there other topics of interest that would benefit you, your family, or your organization?

10	Total Number of Participants
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Number of Votes	Possible Answer
9	Recreation Activities (camping, using trails, viewing wildlife, paddling, etc.)
9	Animals
9	Cultural History
4	Plants
3	Hunting and Fishing
4	Land Management Activities (prescribed fire, farming, timber management, etc.)
2	Recycling/Sustainability
0	Are there other topics that would benefit you, your family or organization?
	Other topics
	Manitaining cemeteries and the roads to them.

Recreation Survey

12	Number of Participants
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1. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the outdoor recreation services and amenities offered at Land Between the Lakes?

Number of responses

9	Very Satisfied
3	Somewhat Satisfied
0	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
0	Somewhat Dissatisfied
0	Very Dissatisfied
	Please tell us why you provided this rating:
	Very valuable to our community & schools
	Youth Station offered so many opportunities for youth. It's a shame it doesn't exist anymore.
	Nature, beauty, and peace.
	Prefer a smaller campground but none on the lake offer water, bathrooms, ice, showers. Previously available at Rushing Creek.
	You offer many different activities
	We loved this area. There was a large variety of things to see, had we had more time, we would have hiked more. The variation in the landscape is beautiful from the water to the prairies to the wooded areas. We liked the diversity as well, the Planetarium was a welcome escape from the hot sun, and we enjoyed speaking with all park staff.

2. To what extent do the recreation services, facilities and offerings at Land Between the Lakes meet your needs?

Number of responses	
9	Fully Met
2	Somewhat Met
0	Neither Met nor Not Met
1	Somewhat Not Met

0	Not Met
	Please tell us why you provided this rating:
	Provides for our needs of educational programs for the students
	See above. I also enjoyed Empire Farm & the Silo Overlook.
	This year tent campers were unable to reserve lakeside spots in advance. Tent campers were the only loop(s) where these lakeside spots were all removed from reservations.
	I'm very interested in the Nature Station and Homeplace.
	It was a very pleasurable visit even though it was hot. I love it.
	We loved this area. There was a large variety of things to see, had we had more time, we would have hiked more. The variation in the landscape is beautiful from the water to the prairies to the wooded areas. We liked the diversity as well, the Planetarium was a welcome escape from the hot sun, and we enjoyed speaking with all park staff.

3. Overall, how would you rate your level of enjoyment while visiting Land Between the Lakes?

Number of responses	
11	Very Satisfied
1	Somewhat Satisfied
0	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
0	Somewhat Dissatisfied
0	Very Dissatisfied
	Please tell us why you provided this rating:
	Love all areas!
	I always had a wonderful experience with each visit.
	I love Wranglers and all the horses.
	I would like to return to Rushing Creek Campground.
	I'm very satisfied
	It is a beautiful area and I am glad it is preserved for future generations.
	We loved this area. There was a large variety of things to see, had we had more time, we would have hiked more. The variation in the landscape is beautiful from the water to the prairies to the wooded areas. We liked the diversity as well, the Planetarium was a welcome escape from the hot sun, and we enjoyed speaking with all park staff.

4. How likely are you to recommend Land Between the Lakes as a recreational destination to your peers, friends and family?

Number of responses	
11	Very Likely
0	Somewhat Likely
0	Neither Likely nor Unlikely
0	Somewhat Unlikely
0	Very Unlikely
	Please tell us why you provided this rating:
	I recommend LBL to several friends and family.
	I have visited and will continue to visit w/ family and friends often.
	I recommend it to visitors often, just recommended last week
	It is an interesting place to visit.
	I think that adults have every activity they could want at Land Between the Lakes, ATV's, horses, hiking, biking, "touristy" activities. I would like to make a quilt. I think a quilt workshop, if it is not already offered, for a weekend, is something that I would pay to do. Especially if we got to camp on the Homeplace grounds.

Environmental Education Survey

10	Number of Participants
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1. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with environmental education programs offered at Land Between the Lakes?

Number of responses	
6	Very Satisfied
2	Somewhat Satisfied
0	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
0	Somewhat Dissatisfied
0	Very Dissatisfied
	Please tell us why you provided this rating:
	My family has visited the Planetarium on many occasions & every show has been informative.
	I have taken my students to the Homeplace for several years and they enjoy learning about life on the farm in the 1850's.
	Not familiar with these programs
	The professionals are knowledgeable and know how to work with the public whether it be school children, tourists, or local people.
	It is educational and gives us a glimpse into what our past has contributed to our now and the future. Our children and grandchildren need to know about the past, our and their history.
	There needs to be more history about the towns and people that lived there.
	We did not seek this out during our short stay September 14-16, 2018.

2. To what extent do the environmental education services, facilities and offerings at Land Between the Lakes meet your needs?

Number of responses	
7	Fully Met
2	Somewhat Met
0	Neither Met nor Not Met
0	Somewhat Not Met

0	Not Met
	Please tell us why you provided this rating:
	Everything has always been great.
	We use what is available. We (schools and personally) take advantage of all facilities.
	I love the mature and the times when life was simpler and how family and friends bonded to one another.
	We did not seek this out during our short stay September 14-16, 2018.
	There is always room for improvement.

3. Overall, how would you rate your level of enjoyment while visiting Land Between the Lakes?

Number of responses	
10	Very Satisfied
0	Somewhat Satisfied
0	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied
0	Somewhat Dissatisfied
0	Very Dissatisfied
	Please tell us why you provided this rating:
	We go throughout the year and always see & experience something new.
	Beautiful area.
	It gets takes me away to another time.
	We loved this area. There was a large variety of things to see, had we had more time, we would have hiked more. The variation in the landscape is beautiful from the water to the prairies to the wooded areas. We liked the diversity as well, the Planetarium was a welcome escape from the hot sun, and we enjoyed speaking with all park staff.
	We just love it

4. How likely are you to recommend Land Between the Lakes as a destination for environmental education to your peers, friends and family?

Number of responses	
8	Very Likely

0	Somewhat Likely
0	Neither Likely nor Unlikely
0	Somewhat Unlikely
0	Very Unlikely
	Please tell us why you provided this rating:
	There are many different things to do for the whole family.
	It is a peaceful, pleasant retreat.
	Great place to see wildlife and to learn about the history of the LBL

Moving Towards a More Sustainable Future

1. What does 'sustainability' or 'sustainable living' mean to you and why is it important?	
1	This is your terminology for you to define. What do you mean no money or commerce?
2	Holding on and teaching the important things we have learned from the past. Experiences, mistakes, etc.
3	The ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level. Avoidance of the depletion of natural resources in order to maintain an ecological balance.
4	Not depleting or harming the environment and natural resources. Suuport things that preserve our environment, parks, forests, etc.
5	Lasting or making last into the future.
2. Are you, or family members, currently involved in any activities that you feel contribute to the sustainability of your community, whether individually or through projects/partnerships/organizations? What can we learn from your experience?	
1	No
2	I try not to use products that are chemically harmful to my or my life. I don't eat food with a lot of chemicals to preserve the. I use organic foods and products.
3	Woods and Water's Land Trust, Humane Society, United Way. To encourage and to try to involve the community, get creative and get out there, sometimes you have to go to the people to get them to come to you.
3. What are your ideas on how Land Between the Lakes can practice sustainability?	
1	Set up historical Indian Village & levy and river boat similar to 1850 village
2	Aquarium featuring fish found in KY & Barkley lakes
3	Set up small town 1880 with merchantile/blacksmith/mills
4	Wild animal display similar to Elk & Bison for other animals
5	Feature Iron Industry from 1850 with Iron & charcoal sites. LBL could be attraction of history in area.
6	LBL experiance (visiting cemeteries of family) then out to other locations.
7	Decreasing footprint at different levels. It teaches sustainability you can take home aka "Life Skills".
8	Create donations based on wedding registry concepts.
9	Annual wishlist communicated to public through "Friends"
10	Birthday "In Lieu of Gifts" donations to HP, NS, etc...

11	Girl Scouts "Golden Award" similar to Eagle scout projects. Girl scouts emphasize "business side of fundraising"
12	Middle Tennessee Girl Scouts
13	Consider fee increase; \$1-2 dollars for groups and general admission. This is a reasonable consideration.
14	Current facilities area a good value for the price.
15	More monofilament recycle stations.
16	More promotion/visibility for clean-up days. (more local business) (Stewart Co. Standard)
17	Utilize the space more and have increased promotions and visability.
18	Composting.
19	Continue to offer and maintain the historical, environmental and wildlife aspects of LBL. Emphasize the benefits of the outdoors.
20	Keep up with what you're doing and your controlled burns.
21	They are doing it by preserving the area and recycling. They try to keep it clean and are doing a good job of it.
22	More recycling. I like tha reas that I saw to recycle, but make that more available. Promote less car traffic by linking some of the attractions together with trails for bikes, horses, etc.
4. How can Land Between the Lakes help you to lead a more sustainable life?	
1	"Fun Days" with families maybe at the Homeplace learning the history of LBL.
2	Active participants in farm activities.
3	LBL "Earth Day" activities.
4	Beehives for educational purposes and pollination.
5	Animal displays
6	More things like the Elk & Bison Prairie
7	Not sure, but they are a good example of sustainable living.
Other general comments.	
1	I appreciate the Homeplace as it has captured a moment in time.
2	Stability of looking at a point in history.
3	Clear information about planetarium descriptions.
4	Communication about Star Party as well as other specific celestial events.

Working Together

1. Have you ever partnered with Land Between the Lakes? If so, what was the best and worst part of this experience?	
1	I used to work information at Golden Pond and South Welcome. I met lots of nice people and a few not so nice.
2	Best: LBL has very nice people and it was a pleasure to give back to the natural enviroment. Worst: There were lots of silly rescriptions on what can be done to control invasive species and better manage the enviroment.
3	No
4	No
2. How should Land Between the Lakes engage citizens to continue participating in Land Between the Lakes' sustainability efforts?	
1	Get more people involved.
2	There is a still a deep seated anger amongst Dover citizens about losing their land to the government to become LBL. You have to overcome that issue I believe to really engage the citizens of Dover.
3	They should continue and increase the educatonal activities for kids regarding how the enviroment can be better managed for everyone's benefit including wildlife, native plants, etc.
4	Not sure
5	Because the preservation of all of our state and national parks is crucial, and encouraging active lifestyles is absolutely necessary.
3. Do you currently volunteer in support of public lands? If not, what is deterring you from doing so?	
1	I do whenever I can.
2	I have volunteered for the LBL trail clean up program. I worked on Devil's Backbone. I've been deployed a lot and missed a lot of other dates to participate.
3	Yes.
4	No. My age and health interfere with my doing a lot to help.
5	No, I honestly had not considered it.
6	No. Distance and available time. Live 60 miles away.
4. Is there anything else we should consider as we develop this sustainable strategy for Land Between the Lakes?	

1	Consider increasing the advertising and promoting.
2	Bring in more trash recycling opportunities.
3	Keep it simple.
4	Keep it for the people.
5	Be prepared for increased numbers of visitors in future years. So that they may not overwhelm visitor support systems, as in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park.