



Tennessee State Parks

Park Strategic Management Planning Public Meeting

Response To Comments

Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park

The 10-year individual Park Strategic Management Plans for Tennessee State Parks are part of the overall planning processes within the department and are developed to guide the management and direction of each park. These plans steer continued success of each park and influence long term innovation by the park staff. Building on Tennessee State Parks' strong foundation they seek to address the various challenges anticipated for each park. The Strategic Management Plans present a strategic and actionable strategy for the next 10 years.

This response to comments document is shared publicly as a record of comments that were made at a public information meeting as well as online.

Location: Meeman-Shelby Forest Visitor Center

Date: 11/12/24 at 5:30pm

Public Comments:

Scuba Steve likes state parks.
We love Meeman park & cabins!!
Roads are only partially repaired. Potholes have become excessive to the point of damaging vehicles. The public pool was the best summertime resource and is deeply missed. There's no swimming anywhere in the park. Bring the pool back.
"The TN State Park system provides beautiful and tranquil spaces to recreate and exercise safely in the woods. Single track trails are the best and most immersive way that this is experienced. We would love to see the continued maintenance of existing trails and the creation of new hiking as well as mountain bike trails that allow us to traverse through these gorgeous spaces! Take it from a local trail builder and volunteer, mountain bike access does not mean the trail is extreme or rowdy. Simple paths or dual access trails are a beautiful way to traverse and enjoy the land. This serves Meeman Shelby particularly well because so many of us ride our bikes to and through the park. It would be even better if we could cut through a wooded off road or double track trail as well as a single track trail. Thanks for everything! "



"Signage lagging? How and how to get here? And where things are in the park. So I don't know where hiking trails are. And biking trails. There's one that I know of that scared me to death, though. Just needs more signage and where to get to #1 point to another point. Here's one that I would like to know with the renovation of campground. Are the parking pads going to be level and smooth with the ground? Where they gonna be? Anchor Breakers and to have to step down all the time. You. That's the issue. Something to look at it while you're building the campground."

I'd like to see at least the river Rd. repaved and The picnic tables replaced the ones that need it, and the the grills that used to be beside them.

I would like to see more trash cans at the lake... I fish there and there's usually see a log track fisherman with their lines and you know empty Bay packages and stuff. And I think really the only way to solve that is to be more trash cans and property.

Response from Tennessee State Parks:

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park Strategic Plan review process. Your comments and concerns were reviewed and considered by the Tennessee State Parks management and leadership team. We appreciate your support of the park and hear your feedback on the roads, swimming options, trails, wayfinding signage, and day use areas.

Attached is a copy of the final plan. Your input is instrumental, and we appreciate your commitment to making the park even better. Thank you for being a vital part of this collaborative effort to enhance Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park.