



## Tennessee State Parks

### Park Strategic Management Planning Public Meeting

#### Response To Comments

#### Big Hill Pond 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 an online survey. The public participation meeting was held at the Big Hill Pond State Park Visitor Center on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:30pm.

#### Summary of Public Comments

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation received **2 public comments** specific to the draft Strategic Management Plan for Big Hill Pond State Park. Respondents are supportive of continued trail improvement and are interested in development of mountain bike trails. One respondent also suggested promoting the frisbee golf course more to draw tourism into the community.

#### Department Response:

The Department appreciates the public's engagement and their thoughtful input regarding the future of Big Hill Pond State Park. All comments received through the public meeting and online survey were thoroughly reviewed and evaluated by Tennessee State Parks leadership. Each suggestion was considered in the context of the park's mission, existing



site conditions, operational needs, and the goals and strategies outlined within the Strategic Management Plan.

Public interest in continued trail improvements, the potential development of mountain bike trails, and increased promotion of recreational opportunities aligns with the Department's commitment to providing diverse, high-quality outdoor experiences. These suggestions will be considered as the park advances its long-term management priorities and explores opportunities to enhance visitor engagement while upholding natural and cultural resource stewardship.