

PARK IDENTIFIED ISSUES

Cultural Resources

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- Expand the understanding of the cultural resources that make up Moccasin Bend and develop appropriate management prescriptions that meet stewardship objectives.
 - Expand the understanding of the cultural resources associated with recently acquired lands on the Lookout Mountain Battlefield. Develop appropriate management prescriptions that meet stewardship objectives.
 - Address the need for cultural landscape (historic scene) restoration, rehabilitation, and maintenance. Including:
 - field patterns and composition
 - forest patterns and composition
 - landscape features (e.g. fencing, buildings, monuments)
 - roads and trails
 - Determine the level of stewardship efforts appropriate for historic resources that are associated with land-uses outside the period of significance.
 - Develop management strategies that provide an appropriate level of protection from resource damage or loss that may result from vandalism or inappropriate use.
 - Maximize the use of partnerships and volunteers in carrying out stewardship obligations.
 - Determine land acquisition needs and priorities associated with lands that contain core battlefield resources.

Natural Resources

- Expand the understanding of the natural resources that make up Moccasin Bend and develop appropriate management prescriptions that meet stewardship objectives.
- Expand the understanding of the natural resources associated with recently acquired lands on the Lookout Mountain Battlefield. Develop appropriate management prescriptions that meet stewardship objectives.
- Identify a strategy for addressing and controlling exotic plant species throughout the Park.
- Identify a strategy for protecting and rehabilitating the Cedar Glades community on the Chickamauga Battlefield.
- Expand the understanding of cave resources on the Lookout Mountain Battlefield.

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Visitor Experience

- Determine the level of facilities and access to resources required to support visitor enjoyment on the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District.
- Determine the level of facilities and access to resources required to support visitor enjoyment on recently acquired lands on the Lookout Mountain Battlefield.
- Evaluate and consider the alternatives presented in the Transportation Plan developed for the Chickamauga Battlefield and surrounding areas.
- Work with local leaders and community organizations to develop strategies that protect important Park values (e.g. viewshed protection, regional greenway systems).
- Assure opportunities for visitor enjoyment are balanced and not in conflict. The intent not to depreciate the role of Parks in recreational life, but to emphasize the role of education as it relates to Park purpose and significance.
- Assure educational opportunities offered by the Park are comprehensive and provide relevance and meaning to the changing face of our publics. Assure educational programs are delivered based on technologies consistent with the way our society communicates, finds community, learns, and thinks.
- Evaluate visitor progression through the Park (e.g. tour routes) to assure a quality and meaningful experience. Identify any changes or additions that may be required to more effectively tell the Park story.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of new Park uses such as GPS based recreational activities. Factors in considering Park uses include meeting the legislative intent of the Park, meeting articulated visitor experience objectives related to Park purpose, evaluating potential impacts to nationally significant natural and cultural resources, and the total cost to the National Park Service in managing the use.
- Evaluate the special park use program to assure permitted activities are adding value in meeting Park purpose and the legislative intent of the Park.
- Maximize the use of partnerships and volunteers in meeting educational objectives.
- Determine land acquisition needs and priorities associated with lands that are important to effectively tell the Park story.