

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Monday, April 28

South Toledo Bend State Park

Improvements to existing facilities/amenities

- RV sites need to be leveled.
- Overflow parking is needed in the campground.
- A mud bog should be added to the OHV trail.

New facilities/amenities

- More lodging amenities, e.g. cabins and 'glamping,' should be considered.
- The Office of State Parks should consider the acquisition of Bass Haven for day-use.
- Additional water amenities to be considered include a pool, water playground, a second (day-use) fishing pier, and second (day-use) beach area.
- A golf course should be considered.
- The park should look into having a concession stand or restaurant on-site.
- The gift shop should be reinstated, offering tee shirts, hiking medallions and park patches for sale.

Outreach/programming

- There needs to be an outreach effort to the local school system, to encourage field trips to the park.
- Interpretive programming should incorporate area history (e.g. construction of the reservoir and its economic impact).
- The Eagle Trail walks should be continued.
- There should be outreach efforts to soldiers at Fort Polk, promoting the park as a family-friendly destination.
- Partnerships with local religious organizations need to be developed, to offer the park as a venue for church functions (the local Chamber may be able to assist with these efforts).

Miscellaneous

- The park is a 'hidden asset' and should be promoted/marketed more.
- Senior Passes need to be publicized more.
- The park should prepare for an anticipated increase in visitation, due to the opening of the OHV trail.
- A marketing plan should be created, for the promotion of the OHV trail.
- Satellite receivers could be provided to campground hosts, to answer guests' questions about weather conditions or other park questions without having to go to/contact the front office.