

Cape Henlopen State Park Proposed Gordons Pond Trail

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Comment Form

Comment online at

www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1204548/Cape-Henlopen-State-Park-Proposed-Gordons-Pond-Trail

In two prior public meetings regarding proposed improvements to the Gordons Pond Trail, the public overwhelmingly supported changes to unimproved sections of the existing trail. With the public favoring trail improvements, the Division of Parks and Recreation began detailed design, engineering and environmental review to develop trail construction plans. A trail plan developed to date is exhibited for public review.

Recreational trail users currently have access to a 0.7-mile crushed stone, 8-foot-wide trail that terminates at an observation platform overlooking Gordons Pond, and a 1.92-mile unimproved trail extending south from Herring Point is open seasonally. In developing the proposed improvements and extension of the Gordons Pond Trail, the Division of Parks and Recreation has evaluated natural and cultural resources, assessed existing trail conditions, and carefully weighed constraints and opportunities. Improving the trail from the observation platform to Herring Point will protect rare plant and animal species and dune habitats, as well as archeological sites, from wayward hikers and bikers trying to negotiate the current primitive and mostly unmarked trail. Please share your observations, insights and comments on the proposed trail. Comments you provide will be assessed and evaluated to finalize the trail's design.

1. How often do you use the trails in Cape Henlopen State Park? (check one)
Daily ___ Once per week ___ Once per month ___ Few times a year ___ Never ___
2. How often are you likely to use the Gordons Pond Trail? (check one)
Daily ___ Once per week ___ Once per month ___ Few times a year ___ Never ___
3. How often do you use trails in the Lewes-Rehoboth region?
Daily ___ Once per week ___ Once per month ___ Few times a year ___ Never ___
4. Rank your personal recreational and alternative transportation expected on the proposed Gordons Pond Trail: (1 =primary, 2=secondary, etc.)
Jogging/Running ___ Bicycle ___ Hike/Walk ___ Observe nature ___ Birding ___
Commuting ___ Other: _____

5. If you plan to use the Gordons Pond Trail, would you use it to access the following?
(check all that apply)

Area businesses ___ Area services ___ Parks ___ School ___ Beach ___
Neighborhoods ___ Work ___ School ___ List other: _____

6. If you do not currently use trails in Cape Henlopen State Park, what would encourage you to use trails in this park?

7. Additional thoughts, comments, observations:

Name: (optional) _____

Neighborhood: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Public comment period ends April 30, 2013

See www.destateparks.com/GordonsPond for
maps, plans and online comment form

Or return Comment Form to:

Park Resource Office, Division of Parks & Recreation
89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901