

Jasper County Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey



Jasper
County
South Carolina

Welcome to the Jasper County Parks & Recreation Master Plan!

We are excited to have you join us as we embark on a journey to shape the future of our community's parks, community centers, boat launches, and recreational facilities.

Our aim is to develop a comprehensive and inclusive plan that enhances the quality of life for everyone in our community. We recognize the crucial role that park and recreational opportunities play in fostering community engagement, promoting physical activity, improving mental well-being, and providing spaces for families, friends, and neighbors to connect.

NOTE: The County currently manages Sergeant Jasper Park, Cherryhill Park, several community centers, and multiple boat landings. A map of these County owned and maintained facilities is provided below. Only these facilities should be considered when filling out this survey.

We appreciate your time. Every question is important. Please complete the full survey so we can include the results. Your responses will help determine future park and recreation investments to better serve our residents. Surveys must be completed by October 6 in order to be included in the analysis.

Please return your paper survey to one of the following locations:

Sergeant Jasper County Administration Building
1458 Red Dam Rd. Hardeeville, SC 29927
Hours Daily 8:00 am-6:00 pm

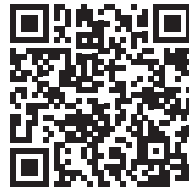
Jasper County Administration Building (front desk)
358 Third Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936
Hours M-F 9:00 am-5:00 pm

If you prefer to mail the survey you can send it to:

Jasper County Parks & Recreation
1458 Red Dam Road
Hardeeville SC, 29927

If you prefer, you may complete the survey online on Jasper County's website:

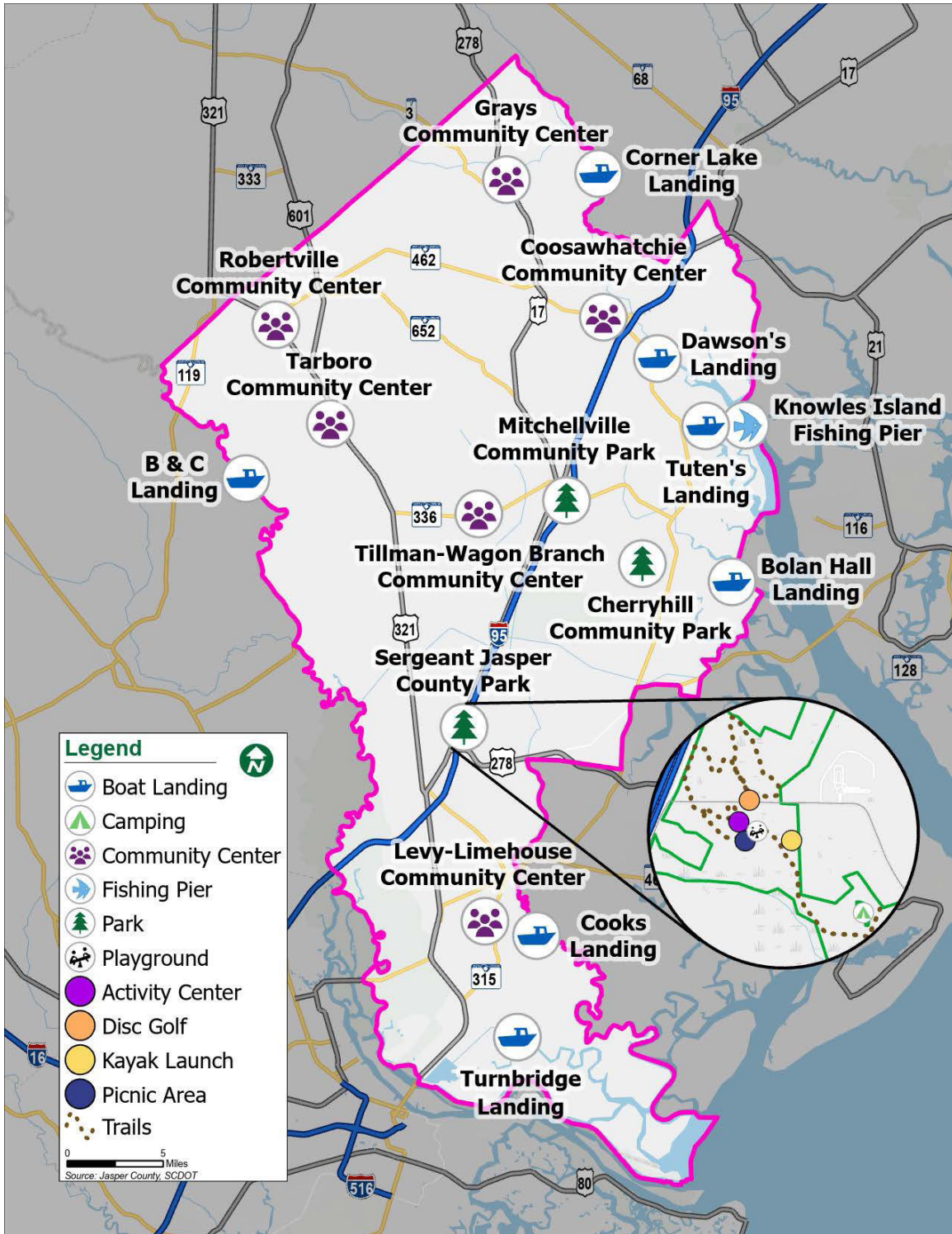
<https://www.jaspercountysc.gov/parks-recreation/master-plan>



Surveys are due by October 6, 2024 in order to be included in the analysis.

Thank you for your interest and participation!

Jasper County Parks and Recreation Facilities Map



1) Do you live in Jasper County?

- a. Yes
- b. No, but I work in Jasper County*
- c. No, I live elsewhere and do not work in Jasper County*

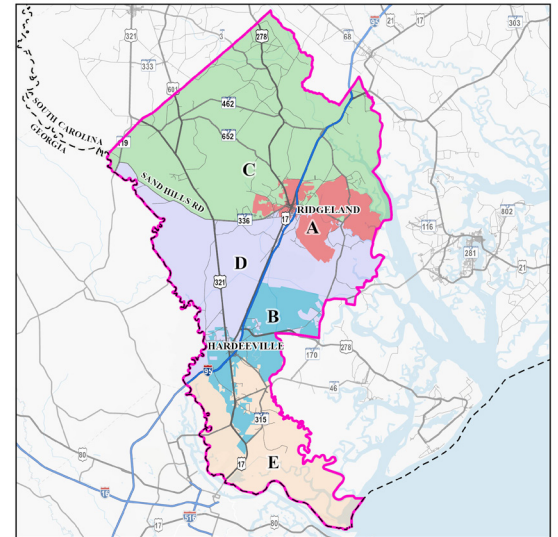
****If you answered b or c, please skip to Question 4.***

2) How long have you lived in Jasper County?

- a. Less than 5 years
- b. 5 to 10 years
- c. 11 to 20 years
- d. More than 20 years

3) Please indicate where you live in Jasper County - refer to map to the right.

- a. Town of Ridgeland
- b. City of Hardeeville
- c. Northern Jasper County (north of Tillman Road / Sand Hills Road)
- d. Central Jasper County (between Tillman Road / Sand Hills Road and 278/I-95)
- e. Southern Jasper (south of 278/I-95)



4) During a typical year, how many times do you or any member of your household visit Jasper County Parks & Recreation facilities?

- a. 1-4 times a year
- b. Once a month
- c. Every other week
- d. Once a week
- e. 2+ times a week
- f. We do not visit these facilities

5) What keeps you or your family from visiting any Jasper County Parks and Recreation facilities more often? Check all that apply:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too far from home | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities feel unsafe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I/We use other city, town, private, or HOA facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> I/We feel unwelcome |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not aware of the facilities, programming, or locations | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of restrooms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities are not well maintained | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities are old or outdated | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of ADA accessibility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities lack the amenity I/we would like to have access to | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of transportation to get to the facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above | <input type="checkbox"/> Language / cultural barriers |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities are not age appropriate |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Park hours do not fit my/our schedule |
| | Other: _____ |

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6) Rate your satisfaction on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being “Very Unsatisfied” and 5 being “Very Satisfied” for the following Jasper County Parks & Recreation amenities by checking the corresponding number. Please check “N/A” if you do not have an opinion or the item is not applicable to you.

	1 - Very Unsatisfied	2 - Unsatisfied	3 - Neutral	4 - Satisfied	5 - Very Satisfied	N/A
Upkeep and maintenance of park facilities						
Cleanliness of park facilities						
Location of park facilities						
Amenities available at park facilities (i.e., playground equipment, shelters, type of equipment)						
Bathrooms at park facilities						
Security and safety at park facilities						
Parking at park facilities						
ADA accessible programming offered at the park facilities						
ADA accessible equipment and trails at park facilities						
Age-appropriate programming and equipment						
Registration process for recreation programs						
Park hours						
Distance to reach a park amenity						
Community Center Fees						
Community Center (indoor spaces)						
Boat landings						

7) Have you or a member of your household rented a community space (for example: gazebo, picnic shelter, banquet hall)?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I did not know that was an option
- d. I am not sure

8) If you responded “Yes” to Question 7, please describe your experience.

9) How far are you willing to travel to a Jasper County Parks and Recreation facility?

- a. Up to 5 minutes
- b. Up to 10 minutes
- c. Up to 15 minutes
- d. Up to 20 minutes
- e. Up to 25 minutes
- f. Up to 30 minutes

10) Check all the ways you currently learn or would like to learn about Jasper County Parks Department programs, activities, and events from the list below. Check all that apply.

- Banners at parks and local facilities
- Emails from Jasper County
- Flyers and handout materials at the facilities
- Friends and neighbors
- Communicating through my child's school
- Newspaper and/or community publications
- Jasper County social media (Facebook and Instagram)
- Jasper County website
- Jasper County mailer/newsletter
- Local news (TV)
- Local news (Paper)
- Local news (online)
- Local radio

Other: _____

11) Which three communication sources from Question 10 do you MOST PREFER to get information regarding Jasper County Parks & Recreation programs, activities, and events?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

12) Listed below are amenities that are currently offered in the community or MAY be offered in the future. Rate how well your needs for each facility or amenity are met on a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 being "Need Not Met" and 4 being "Need Fully Met." Select "No Need" for any items that do not apply to you.

	1 - Need Not Met	2 - Need Partially Met	3 - Need Mostly Met	4 - Need Fully Met	No Need
All existing facilities					
Large community parks (regional attractions that draw in users from the area)					
Natural areas/conservation areas (mostly naturally wooded or wetlands areas)					
Open green space (regularly maintain lawn areas)					
Picnic areas and park shelters					
Outdoor public art					
Playground areas					
Fishing areas					
Boat launch areas					
ADA accessible amenities					
Walking trails					
Pump track/BMX trails (bicycle)					
Paved bicycle trails					

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12) CONTINUED - Listed below are amenities that are currently offered in the community or MAY be offered in the future. Rate how well your needs for each facility or amenity are met on a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 being "Need Not Met" and 4 being "Need Fully Met." Select "No Need" for any items that do not apply to you.

	1 - Need Not Met	2 - Need Partially Met	3 - Need Mostly Met	4 - Need Fully Met	No Need
Diamond sport fields (baseball, softball, kickball, etc.)					
Rectangle sports fields (soccer, lacrosse, flag football, futsal, etc.)					
Disc golf courses					
Mini golf courses					
Golf/Par-Three course					
Outdoor basketball					
Outdoor tennis courts					
Outdoor pickleball courts					
Splash pad					
Canoeing, kayaking, and paddle board activities					
Nature center					
Community gardens					
Tent and cabin camping					
RV camping					
Community centers					
Indoor courts (all types)					
Indoor fitness/wellness spaces					
Other:					

13) Which THREE facilities/amenities from the list in Question 12 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

14) Have you visited another community and been impressed by a particular public amenity (park, trail, facility, playground, etc.)? If so, please provide the name and location of that amenity and what you liked MOST about it!

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15) Rate your support on improving the following amenities on a scale from 1 - 5 with 1 being “Not Supportive” and 5 being “Very Supportive.”

	1 - Not Supportive	2 - Somewhat Not Supportive	3 - Neutral	4 - Supportive	5 - Very Supportive
Develop new indoor recreation space (courts)					
Develop more public art					
Develop new park amenities (i.e., shelters, splash pads, pavilions, playground)					
Develop fields with synthetic turf for multi-use, year-round activity					
Expand walking trails system					
Develop more outdoor active recreation facilities (outdoor courts, fields)					
Connect neighborhoods with multi-use trails (i.e., golf cart, bike, stroller)					
Improve/maintain existing parks					
Improve/maintain existing boat launches					
Improve/maintain community centers					
Improve/add restroom facilities					
Acquire additional land for parks and recreation					
Expand natural areas/conservation areas (mostly naturally wooded, wetlands, etc.)					
Develop more educational opportunities within park facilities					

16) Which THREE improvements from the list in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Please refer to the Jasper County facilities map on Page 2 for Questions 17 and 18.

17) Rate how well your needs for each facility or amenity at boat launch areas specifically are being met on a scale from 1 to 4 with 1 being "Need Not Met" and 4 being "Need Met." Select "No Need" for any items that do not apply to you.

	1 - Need Not Met	2 - Need Partially Met	3 - Need Mostly Met	4 - Need Fully Met	No Need
Bathrooms					
Parking					
Pier or shoreline fishing					
Non-motorized boat launch (kayak, canoe, paddle board)					
Educational material					
Safety lighting					
Emergency phone					
Shelter					
Picnic area (seating area)					
Primitive camping (tent camping)					

18) Rate how well your needs for each facility or amenity at community centers specifically are being met on a scale from 1 to 4 with 1 being "Need Not Met" and 4 being "Need Met." Select "No Need" for any items that do not apply to you.

	1 - Need Not Met	2 - Need Partially Met	3 - Need Mostly Met	4 - Need Fully Met	No Need
Bathrooms					
Parking					
Children's play area					
Educational material					
Kitchen areas					
Outdoor picnic area					
Open lawn area					

19) Should Jasper County Parks and Recreation Department be active in environmental education?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. No opinion

20) Should Jasper County Parks and Recreation Department develop programming or park areas around culturally or historically significant sites (think memorials, cemeteries)?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. No opinion

21) If you had a budget of \$100 for services provided by Jasper County Parks & Recreation department, how would you allocate the funds? Please make sure your total adds up to \$100.

- \$ ____ Development of new parks
- \$ ____ Development of new park amenities at existing parks (ex: shelters, playgrounds, fields)
- \$ ____ Development of new walking and biking trails
- \$ ____ Improvements/maintenance of existing parks amenities, trails, boat launches & community centers

22) If identified improvements exceed the current park funding budget, would you support the County using a park bond (money issued to Jasper County requiring payback with interest over a specified period of time) for development, renovation, and operation of parks?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. No opinion

23) Do you have any suggestions for how the Jasper County Parks & Recreation Department could serve you better? Please be specific.

24) What is your age group?

- a. Under 12
- b. 12-17
- c. 18-24
- d. 25-34
- e. 35-44
- f. 45-54
- g. 55-64
- h. 65-74
- i. 75+

25) Counting yourself, how many people in your household are the following ages? Write in the number next to each corresponding age range:

- a. Under age 5: ____
- b. Ages 5-9: ____
- c. Ages 10-14: ____
- d. Ages 15-19: ____
- e. Ages 20-24: ____
- f. Ages 25-34: ____
- g. Ages 35-44: ____
- h. Ages 45-54: ____
- i. Ages 55-64: ____
- j. Ages 65-74: ____
- k. Ages 75+: ____

26) Which race or ethnicity best describes you?

- a. American Indian or Alaskan native
- b. Asian / Pacific Islander
- c. Black or African American
- d. Hispanic / Latic American
- e. White / Caucasian
- f. Multiple ethnicity / Other
- g. Prefer not to answer

27) What is your gender?

- a. Female
- b. Male
- c. Transgender
- d. Non-binary
- e. Other: _____
- f. Prefer not to answer

28) Which of the following best describes your total annual household income?

- a. Under \$25,000
- b. \$25,000-\$49,999
- c. \$50,000-\$74,999
- d. \$75,000-\$99,000
- e. \$100,000 or greater
- f. Prefer not to answer

29) Do you live in a homeowners' association (HOA) community?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I do not know

30) Do you rent or own your primary residence?

- a. Rent
- b. Own

31) Are you a parent or main caregiver of a child or children under the age of 18?

- a. Yes
- b. No

32) Are you an employee of Jasper County, Town of Ridgeland, or City of Hardeeville?

- a. Yes
- b. No

33) If you would like to stay up to date on project progress, please provide your email address below.
