

Blackhawk Lake 2007 User Survey Results (compiled January 2008)

A lake protection and management plan is being developed by the Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area, in cooperation with Iowa County and the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources. As the plan is developed, we would like to obtain your input. Please check the answers that apply to the questions below. You may check more than one answer.

The results will be summarized and included in the management plan and as a handout at the park office. You may also request that a copy of the results be mailed to you. Thank you for your participation!

1. How many times did you visit Blackhawk L in 2007?

	<u>No of Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 time	18	7%
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-5 times	80	48%
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 or more times	69	41%

2. Why did you visit Blackhawk Lake?

<input type="checkbox"/> It is close to my home.	107
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been here before and enjoyed my stay.	117
<input type="checkbox"/> I learned about it on the website.	6
<input type="checkbox"/> It was recommended it to me.	36
<input type="checkbox"/> It has good facilities.	119
<input type="checkbox"/> It is beautiful and serene.	122
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing is good.	79
<input type="checkbox"/> I like to go swimming.	74
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

3. What activities did you participate in when you visited Blackhawk Lake?

<input type="checkbox"/> Camping	157
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	121
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating	97
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	111
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife observation	90
<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	85
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	95
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

4. What is your perception of the water quality of Blackhawk Lake?

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	34	18
<input type="checkbox"/> Good	83	45
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	13	7
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> It depends on the time of year	54	29

5. What influences your perception of the water quality of Blackhawk Lake?

	<u>No. of Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Clear water	88	
<input type="checkbox"/> Green water	43	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amount of aquatic plants	58	
<input type="checkbox"/> Smell	27	
<input type="checkbox"/> Depth	28	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing success	46	
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating experience	28	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

6. Management actions are being considered for Blackhawk Lake, which can cause different kinds of changes in the lake. Which changes do you feel would improve your experience at Blackhawk Lake the most?

<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce algae, which will keep water clearer in late summer.	104	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prevent sediment from coming in the lake, which keep it deeper.	49	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase the number of larger game fish to catch.	42	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase the number of fish for kids to catch.	30	
<input type="checkbox"/> Limit the amount of aquatic plants.	37	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		

7. Would you be in favor of adding seasonal sites?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	54	67%
<input type="checkbox"/> No	46	56%

8. Please rate the following item (1=poor, 5=excellent)

<input type="checkbox"/> Beach	3.78
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabins	4.01
<input type="checkbox"/> Trails	4.02
<input type="checkbox"/> Bathrooms/showers	4.23
<input type="checkbox"/> Staff	4.42
<input type="checkbox"/> Overall experience	4.56

9. Would you be in favor of a shooting range within 500 yards of the campground?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	154	92%
<input type="checkbox"/> No	12	7%

 Maybe

Comments _____

9a. If no, what are your concerns?

<input type="checkbox"/> Safety of campers/hikers	140	88%
<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive noise	135	81%
<input type="checkbox"/> Need to close hiking trails	106	63%

9b. If yes, why? _____