

## **Belle Isle Park Off-Site Survey**

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*This survey is being conducted by the Detroit Recreation Department and four private groups that support Belle Isle - the Friends of Belle Isle, the Belle Isle Botanical Society, the Friends of Belle Isle Aquarium and the Belle Isle Women's Committee. Your responses will help the City and its private supporters to set priorities for Belle Isle management and capital improvements. We want to know what you think!*

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### Questions

**1. In good weather, how often do you use Belle Isle Park? (Circle one)**

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|-----|--------------|-----|-------------|
| 1.1 | once a year  | 1.4 | everyday    |
| 1.2 | once a month | 1.5 | never       |
| 1.3 | once a week  | 1.6 | other _____ |

**2. If you answered "never," why not? \_\_\_\_\_**

\*If you answered "never," skip to question 16\*

**3. What days do you usually visit the park?**

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|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 3.1 | holidays only      | 3.4 | weekends only         |
| 3.2 | weekdays only      | 3.5 | weekdays and weekends |
| 3.3 | no particular days | 3.6 | other                 |

**4. When you visit the park, how long do you stay? Circle number.**

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|-----|----------------|-----|-----------------|
| 4.1 | 1 hour or less | 4.3 | 3 to 6 hours    |
| 4.2 | 1 to 3 hours   | 4.4 | 6 hours or more |

**5. When you visit Belle Isle Park, how do you get there? Circle one.**

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|------|--------|-----|---------|
| 5.1. | by car | 5.3 | by bus  |
| 5.2  | I walk | 5.4 | by bike |

**6. When you visit Belle Isle Park, how many people do you bring with you? \_\_\_\_\_ (number)**

**7. Please describe who comes to Belle Isle Park with you.**

- 7.1 alone  
 7.2 friends  
 7.3 family/spouse  
 7.4 organized group  
 7.5 other \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Here is a list of possible park activities that you might engage in at the Park. Please check which ones you have done, or which ones you think you might like to do the next time you visit.**

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|----------------------------|---|--|
| 8.1 Picnic                 | 8.11 Watch sports<br>(list _____)           | 8.19 Visit Conservatory                    |
| 8.2 Exercise               | 8.12 Attend a special event<br>(list _____) | 8.20 Use Blue Heron Lagoon<br>Nature trail |
| 8.3 Use Athletic Fields    | 8.13 Socialize                              | 8.21 Cruise in your car                    |
| 8.4 Use the Beach          | 8.14 Fish                                   | 8.22 Barbeque                              |
| 8.5 Use Kids Row           | 8.15 Fly kites                              | 8.23 Walk your dog                         |
| 8.6 Games (ex. Frisbee)    | 8.16 Visit Yacht Club                       | 8.24 Sunbathe                              |
| 8.7 Kayak/Canoe            | 8.17 Visit Nature Zoo                       | 8.25 Use the waterslide                    |
| 8.8 Swim/Play in the water | 8.18 Visit Dossin Museum                    | 8.26 Use the giant slide                   |
| 8.9 Stroll/walk            |   | 8.27 Other _____                           |
| 8.10 Run/jog               |   |  |

**9. Here is a list of facilities in the park. How many times during the past year have you visited each of these? Check one column for each facility.**

|   | Once a YEAR | Once a MONTH | Once a WEEK | Almost EVERYDAY | Never | I didn't know it existed. |
|---|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------------|
| 1. Sunset Point                         |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 2. Scott Fountain                       |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 3. Picnic Shelters                      |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 4. Conservatory/Gardens                 |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 5. Dossin Museum                        |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 6. Kid's Row- Playscape                 |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 7. Athletic Fields                      |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 8. Beach/Bathhouse                      |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 9. Detroit Yacht Club                   |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 10. Driving Range                       |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 11. Nature Center                       |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 12. Fishing Piers                       |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 13. Blue Heron Lagoon<br>(nature trail) |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 14. Forest Nature Trails                |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |
| 15. Other                               |             |              |             |                 |       |                           |

10. Please indicate whether you feel there are “too many,” “the right amount,” or “not enough” of each of the following things in the park.

|                         | Too many | Right amount | Not enough | Don't know |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Places to buy food      |          |              |            |            |
| Benches                 |          |              |            |            |
| Drinking Fountains      |          |              |            |            |
| Restrooms               |          |              |            |            |
| Waste Receptacles       |          |              |            |            |
| Signs and Information   |          |              |            |            |
| Things to do            |          |              |            |            |
| Play areas for children |          |              |            |            |
| Park security presence  |          |              |            |            |
| Parking Areas           |          |              |            |            |
| Entrances to the Park   |          |              |            |            |
| Shady Areas             |          |              |            |            |
| Picnic Shelters         |          |              |            |            |

11. How much of a priority do you think the following improvements to Belle Isle should be given?

|  | High | Moderate | Low | No Opinion |
|--|------|----------|-----|------------|
| <b>Preserve, restore and improve...</b>  |      |          |     |            |
| (1) Signage to make it easier to find your way.....                            | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (2) Fishing piers.....   | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (3) The Flynn Pavilion.....  | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (4) Picnic shelters.....   | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (5) The Band shell.....  | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (6) The Carillon Tower.....  | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (7) The White House (park staff H.Q.).....                                     | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (8) The former stables (the maintenance buildings behind the white house)..... | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (9) The Conservatory.....  | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (10) Gardens and plantings, and trees.....                                     | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (11) Nature Trails.....  | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (12) The Forest.....   | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (13) The Casino.....   | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| <b>Re-open...</b>  |      |          |     |            |
| (14) The Aquarium.....   | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (15) The Golf Course.....  | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (16) Canals for canoeing/kayaking.....   | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (17) The Boat Club for public use.....   | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| <b>Create new...</b>   |      |          |     |            |
| (18) Create a Physical Fitness course.....                                     | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| (19) Create the Radio Control Courses.....                                     | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |
| <b>Other</b>   |      |          |     |            |
| (20).....  | [ ]  | [ ]      | [ ] | [ ]        |

12. We'd also like to know how YOU feel about certain aspects of the park, such as the condition of the facilities, so that the park can be improved. Please indicate whether you feel each of the following is good, average, or poor in this park.

|                   | Good | Average | Poor | Don't know |
|-------------------|------|---------|------|------------|
| Security          |      |         |      |            |
| Cleanliness       |      |         |      |            |
| Noise levels      |      |         |      |            |
| Landscaping       |      |         |      |            |
| Quality of Food   |      |         |      |            |
| Food Selection    |      |         |      |            |
| Maintenance       |      |         |      |            |
| Lighting at night |      |         |      |            |

13. What is the most important improvement that should be made to the park?

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14. What is the best thing about this park? Please describe.

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15. What is the worst thing about this park? Please describe.

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16. How do you think Belle Isle Park should be funded and supported?

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*Past research has shown that people of different ages and sexes view things differently. Please tell us a little bit about yourself. This information is, of course, anonymous and confidential.*

17. **Please circle your gender:**

17.1 Female                      17.2 Male

18. **What year were you born?** \_\_\_\_\_

19. **What is your race/ethnicity? You may select more than one.**

|      |                                   |      |  |
|------|-----------------------------------|------|--|
| 19.1 | American Indian or Alaskan Native | 19.5 | Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander |
| 19.2 | Asian                             | 19.6 | White                                  |
| 19.3 | Black or African American         | 19.7 | Middle Eastern descent                 |
| 19.4 | Hispanic or Latino                | 19.8 | Other _____                            |

20. **What language(s) do you speak in your home?** \_\_\_\_\_

21. **What is the zip-code of your residence?** \_\_\_\_\_

22. **How did you find out about this survey?** \_\_\_\_\_

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OPTIONAL:

23. If you would like to **get involved or volunteer at Belle Isle Park** , may we contact you in the future? If so, please give us your name and contact (address, telephone number, and/or email) in the space below.

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