

# Lonoke County Park Suggestions

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### Purpose

- To examine Lonoke County demographics, park users, and park systems and to recommend suggestions.

### Background of County

- Major cities in Lonoke County include Cabot, Ward, Austin, and Lonoke.
- Primary industries of employment in Lonoke County include (Data USA, n.d.):
  - Health Care and Social Assistance
  - Retail Trade
  - Educational Services

### Background of Population

- The median resident age is 36.8 years old (Citi-Data.com, n.d.).
- Popular forms of recreation in Lonoke County include (Bradley, 2022):
  - Walking
  - Fishing
  - Hunting
  - Sightseeing (By Car/Vehicle)
  - Camping
- Lonoke County park users reported that not having enough availability was the main dissatisfaction with Lonoke County parks (Bradley, 2022).



Bridge at Cabot Community Pond Development (provided by Rayna Van Keuren)

### Suggestions for Cabot Community Pond Development

- Make current playgrounds more wheelchair accessible (Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, 2023, p23-24).
- Repair wooden bridges to prevent incidents.
- Add additions to the men's and women's bathroom to increase comfort, appeal, and accessibility (Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, 2023, p23-24).
  - Add mirror above sink
  - Add wooden stall walls to increase privacy
  - Add feminine product disposal bins

### Suggestions for Lonoke Ball Park

- Extend paved road so that the fields can be accessed by wheelchairs (Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, 2023, p23-24).
- Consider fencing in electrical equipment to prevent incidents.

### Suggestions for Anthony Schmidt Memorial Park

- Replace the unsafe/unusable playground features.
- Create paved pathways to allow accessibility (Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, 2023, p23-24).
- Add a multi-use pavilion to encourage more park users.
- Add a men's and women's bathroom that can supply drinking water.
- Increase the number of trash cans in the park.

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