



### Weaverville Parks and Recreation Master Plan Needs Assessment Survey

The Town of Weaverville maintains two beautiful parks, **Lake Louise Park** and **Main Street Nature Park**, each unique in its characteristics. While the Town does not fund recreational program staffing, it offers passive recreation opportunities in both parks. For this purpose, we define passive recreation as those activities such as trails for walking or hiking, playground equipment and open spaces for picnics.

This survey will provide the foundation for the Town's first Parks and Recreation Master Plan. While the Town already has many recreational opportunities within its own parks, we want to make them even better! By completing this survey you will help us understand what you like, don't like, and what we can do better. Even if you don't use our parks and trails, your feedback is valuable!

1. Which park do you visit most often?

- Main Street Nature Park
- Lake Louise Park
- I have not visited either park.

2. Do you use recreation facilities offered by a private provider (i.e. Golds Gym, YMCA, etc.)?

- Yes
- No

3. If yes, please tell us why you use other recreational facilities.

- They are closer to my home.
- They offer better facilities.
- They offer recreation programming and active recreation opportunities.
- They feel safer or have better hours of operation.
- I was not aware that the Town offered passive parks and recreation activities.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please respond to the following statements:

	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
• I feel that the Town's parks, equipment and facilities are maintained well.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
• I feel safe in visiting the Town's parks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
• Parking is adequate at the parks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
• The Town offers enough special events at its parks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
• The Town's existing park facilities need renovations or improvements. (Examples: restrooms, playground equipment, community center, picnic pavilions, outdoor exercise equipment.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
• Indoor recreation and activity spaces are sufficient within the Town.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
• Outdoor recreation spaces are sufficient within the Town.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The **Main Street Nature Park** provides opportunities for walking, dog walking, and bird watching. It also serves as a demonstration facility for creating natural habitats for flora and fauna. The Town's Conservation Board has, in recent history, been responsible for making recommendations to the Town regarding the use of park facilities, development of park infrastructure and restoration of the native plant community. The following questions are directly related to the Main Street Nature Park.

5. Do you or anyone in your household visit the Main Street Nature Park in downtown Weaverville?

- Yes
- No

6. If you answered no to the previous question, please indicate why not below.

- I'm not interested.
- I lack information about the park.
- The park is too crowded.
- There is a general lack of parking.
- There are better opportunities elsewhere.
- The park is not pet friendly.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. How often do you (or anyone in your household) visit the Main Street Nature Park?

- Never
- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly

8. How would you rate the Main Street Nature Park for passive recreation (i.e. walking, dog walking, bird watching, etc.)?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

9. Please indicate which activities your or anyone in your household participates in at the Main Street Nature Park. You may check multiple activities.

- Picnics
- Walking / Hiking
- Dog walking
- Bird watching
- General nature viewing
- Not applicable
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Please check any of the following new facilities that you feel are needed at the Main Street Nature Park, given that it will remain the Town's primary open space for nature-related types or recreation activities.

- No new facilities need; Meets my needs
- Picnic shelters
- Special events
- Rental spaces
- Accessibility improvements
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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The Town of Weaverville maintains **Lake Louise Park**, which consists of the lake itself, which may be used for fishing, children's playground equipment, outdoor exercise equipment, a gravel walking trail, picnic pavilions/shelters, access to Reems Creek for passive recreation including hiking/walking, dog walking, photography, bird watching, etc. A beautiful waterwheel and fountain accent this property. The park also houses a community center, historically known as the Clubhouse. The Town cannot permit full use of the community center at this time because the structure does not meet building codes and is not accessible for those with disabilities (i.e. it is not ADA accessible).

11. Do you or anyone in your household visit Lake Louise Park?

- Yes
- No

12. If you answered no to the previous question, please indicate why not below.

- I'm not interested.
- I lack information about the park
- The park is too crowded
- There is a general lack of parking.
- There are better opportunities elsewhere.
- The park is not pet friendly.
- Not applicable.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

13. How often do you (or anyone in your household) visit Lake Louise Park?

- Never
- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly

14. How would you rate the Towns' current amenities at Lake Louise Park?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

15. Please check any of the following activities you or anyone in your household participates in at Lake Louise Park.

- Picnics
- Trail walking
- Dog walking
- Bird watching
- General nature viewing
- Children's playground equipment
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Fishing
- Tailgate Market
- Town-sponsored events (Examples: July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, Veterans Day Observance, 9/11 Patriots Day Observance, etc.)
- Not applicable
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

16. Please check any of the following new facilities that you feel are needed at Lake Louise Park.

- No new facilities need; Meets my needs
- Adaptive disability fitness equipment and spaces
- Spaces for fitness classes (Examples: yoga, dance, martial arts, gymnastics, summer kids' activity programs, etc.)
- Multi-purpose sports courts (Examples: Basketball, Volleyball, Pickleball, Tennis, etc.)
- Open space for yard recreation (Examples: Horseshoes, Cornhole, Bocce, Topple Tower, Ladder Ball, etc.)
- Greenways
- Splash pad
- Amphitheater
- Additional parking
- Accessibility improvements
- Sidewalks
- Additional restrooms
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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17. Would you like to provide additional comments regarding the Town's parks and recreation amenities?

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18. About you (optional)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Are you a resident and/or own property in the Town of Weaverville

- Yes
- No

20. What is your age?

- 17 years or younger
- 18-44 years
- 45-54 years
- 55-64 years
- 65-69
- 70 years or older

21. Which of the following best describes your employment status?

- Employed full-time
- Employed part-time
- Self-employed
- Unemployed – Looking for work
- Unemployed – Not looking for work
- Retired
- Student
- Military
- Prefer not to answer
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

22. What is your household income?

- Under \$24,000
- \$24,000 - \$49,999
- \$50,000 - \$74,999
- \$75,000 - \$99,999
- \$100,000 - \$124,999
- \$125,000 - \$149,999
- \$150,000 - \$174,999
- \$175,000 or higher

23. Which of the following best describes your gender identity?

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

24. Which of the following best describes your race and ethnicity?

- African American
- Asian
- Caucasian
- Latino
- Native American
- Prefer not to say
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

25. How many people, including yourself, currently live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this survey by **October 20, 2017**. You may submit the completed survey via the following:

Complete online at:  
Mail to: Survey, Town of Weaverville, PO Box 338, Weaverville, NC 28787  
Email: [survey@weavervillenc.org](mailto:survey@weavervillenc.org)  
Hand deliver: Town Hall, 30 South Main Street, Weaverville