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HONEYMOON ISLAND AND CALADESI ISLAND STATE PARKS

**10.18.2021 Public Meeting
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

From: [Christine Christopher](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Honeymoon Island
Date: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:01:43 AM

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Please allow us (yearly pass holders) the ability to go on the island during off hours once again. It was a great time to go look at the stars, fish, etc.

Thank you
Christine Brandes

Sent from my iPhone

From: [debra o"regan](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: improvements for Honeymoon Island
Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 12:14:58 PM

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As a longtime annual family pass holder for Honeymoon Island, I would like to make a few of the following suggestions for improvement to the beach areas.

Garbage/ waste receptacles located on the actual beach area - many people leave trash on the beach and don't or won't carry it to the cans in the parking areas.

Buckets provided in parking areas where beach access paths are for people to use to pick up trash on the beach and then return when leaving the beach with garbage receptacles at the same location as buckets. Signage placed on structure with the buckets explaining the reason for and to encourage their use.

I've seen these place in beach areas in southern Florida and they are very effective.

From: [debra o'regan](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: comment re: Caladesi and Honeymoon Islands
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 2:28:33 PM

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I sent one email already but have an additional comment for the upcoming meeting. I would like to address the waterway between the Honeymoon causeway and Caladesi Island. There are many kayakers and SUP people using this area and motor boats and jet skis/wave runners zoom through this area making it potentially very dangerous - would like to suggest that this area is posted as a "no wake zone" to protect everyone ! Kayaks and SUPs trying to cross from the Dunedin Causeway to Caladesi take their life in their hands doing so ! Thank you for your consideration.
Debra O'Regan

From: [maxzima22](#)
To: [Degagne, Demi](#)
Subject: Query re Honeymoon-Caladesi Webinar
Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:58:07 PM

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Demi -

I unfortunately had to leave the presentation early. Is it possible to get the slide of current demographics as well as the map of proposed changes? I recall that two of the proposed modifications are budgeted. However, what would be the sources of funding for others?

I found the viewer concern about climate change pertinent and I also wonder about impact of the proposed J Hotel on traffic across the causeway and westwardward. Will the average Dunedin resident have reasonable access to local beaches?

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Sent via my Samsung Galaxy, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 4:07 PM

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Subject: Honeymoon Island public meeting 10-18-2021

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Tyler,

As per your presentation of the proposed ten year outlook improvements for the parks, I would like to address the kayak launch on Honeymoon Island.

I have five recommendations and one comment.

1. The tentative location is nice. A kayak launch with a graded entry is best for a majority of kayakers. For the graded surface, sand or another forgiving material is preferred, because it will not scratch or damage kayaks. The material used should be easy to repair or replace after storms.
2. The launch width should accommodate several kayaks with consideration for people loading hatches at one time. and extend out far enough to allow for normal tide fluctuations.
3. An improved pathway from the parking area to the kayak launch will facilitate moving kayaks manually or with wheels. The parking area will need to be modified, possibly enlarged due to sharing with the nature center and consideration for kayak trailers addressed.
4. Amenities could include a staging area near the launch to help with group paddles, fresh water point, picnic tables, trash cans, restrooms, and while I'm at it a covered pavilion.
5. A parking pass for overnight parking would allow for kayak camping on the local spoil islands. At present you can get an overnight causeway parking pass for two nights from the city of Dunedin. This parking policy could attract kayakers.
6. A floating dock or any dock configuration is not a preferred way to launch a kayak and will not attract the kayakers launching from the Dunedin causeway

Ian Brown

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From: [laurie a](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Honeymoon Island Unit Management Report - comment on Kayak Launch
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:11:42 AM

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Hi,

Regarding the installation of a kayak launch at the nature Center - considering the health of the seagrass beds in St. Joseph sound - this may not be a good idea.

More human traffic could endanger wildlife that feed at the oyster beds.

the increased human traffic will also increase the trash in and around the water.

I think that any money for improvement should be put toward repairing the seawall.

Thank you,

Laurie Angyn

From: [T.Northrup](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: Honeymoon Island Suggestions
Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 5:52:31 PM

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I apologize for the submission date, I feel it important to suggest 2 items. Your decision to include in planning or discussions.

1. Oasis Beach handicap access path for wheel chairs. There is a nonprofit organization willing to donate to this effort with the actual mat ramps. I have literally helped handicapped elderly struggle to get out of the soft sand water. It was no easy feat, I felt it my civic duty to not stand by and watch. I have used these ramps ins Ocean City, MD and Virginia Beach, VA. Providing a curb cut and access to the ramp would be so beneficial to our aging and mobile disabilities residents and tourists. Please consider this change.

2. Bring back the swings to the beach! My first experience with Honeymoon Island included sitting in the swing bench and enjoying the waterfront sights and sunset. I was a tourist visiting with no beach chair. It is how I remembered your beautiful beach! So many people ask, where are the swings? Please, please, please bring more of the swings out. Simply for the tourists and folks who aren't able to walk in the sand. I would bet you could get businesses and volunteers to assist you with this project. Just ask your locals via signage at your entrance.

Thank you for your time and a wonderful beach facility!
Teresa Northrup

Sent from my iPad