

Appendix C

(On-site Survey Instrument)

2006 Coopers Rock Recreation Study
West Virginia University

Survey Number _____ Date: _____ Time of Interview: _____ Gender _____

Interviewer Script Hello, I am (name), of WVU's Recreation, Parks and Tourism Program. We are conducting a study for the WV Division of Forestry of visitors to the Coopers Rock State Forest. The information visitors give us will be used to help forest managers better serve the visiting public and protect the area's natural and cultural resources. You have been selected as part of a random sample of visitors to participate in this survey. Participation is voluntary and if you choose to participate, everything you tell us will be kept strictly confidential. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. May we proceed with the interview?

1. Is this your first visit to the Coopers Rock State Forest ____ No ____ Yes

IF respondent has visited previously:

2. During the last twelve months, how many days have you spent recreating at the CRSF? _____

3. During the last twelve months, how many days have you spent recreating at other outdoor recreation areas within a two hour drive of your home? _____

4. How many years have you been recreating at the CRSF? _____ (total years)

5. Do you recreate at the CRSF as often as you like? ____ no ____ yes

IF NO, what constrains you most from recreating at CRSF? _____

Questions 6 and 7. These questions pertain to this trip to the Coopers Rock State Forest only:

6. In what activities on this list do you participate in while at Coopers Rock? (Check box for all that apply)		7. Which of those is your primary recreation activity while at Coopers Rock? (Check only ONE Box)
Question 7		Question 8
	Bird Watching	
	Camping	
	Cross Country Skiing	
	Educational – Field Trip	
	Fishing	
	Hiking	
	Horseback Riding	
	Hunting	
	Mountain Biking	
	Nature Study or Observation	
	Photography	
	Picnicking	
	Sight Seeing	
	Scouting areas for hunting	
	Snow shoeing	
	Technical rock climbing/rappelling	
	Trail running	
	Wildlife Observation	
	Walking/exercising your dog	
	Geo-caching	
	Mushroom/berry gathering	
	US military activities	
	Trail Blazing	
	Other-(Please Describe)	

8. Which trails or other areas do you utilize? If a regular user, indicate most frequently used trails/area.

Trails/areas _____

Most frequently used _____

9. Here is a list of possible reasons why people recreate at Coopers Rock. Please check the importance of each item as to why you recreate at Coopers Rock State Forest.

Reason	Not at all Important	Somewhat Important	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important
To be outdoors					
For relaxation					
To get away from the regular routine					
For challenge or sport					
For family recreation					
For physical exercise					
To be with my friends					
To experience natural surroundings					
To develop my skills					

10. How did the number of people you saw during your visit to CRSF compare with what you expected to see?

- _____ A lot less than you expected
- _____ A little less than you expected
- _____ About what you expected
- _____ A little more than you expected
- _____ A lot more than you expected
- _____ You didn't have any expectations

11. How crowded did you feel at CRSF during your visit [Circle one number]

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Not at all Crowded		Slightly Crowded		Moderately Crowded			Extremely Crowded	

12. If you felt at all crowded, please indicate which trails or areas where you felt crowded.

Trails/Areas _____

13. Please list those features that particularly CONTRIBUTED to your enjoyment (wildflowers, views, wildlife, etc.) as

well as any aspects of the forest that DETRACTED from your enjoyment:

FEATURES WHICH:

CONTRIBUTED

DETRACTED

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

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- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

14. During your visit, did you have any conflicts with others? ___ yes ___ no

14a. If you experienced conflict, please identify who, besides yourself, was involved:

Check all that apply	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hikers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mountain bikers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vehicles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forest staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dogs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjacent property owner(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Horseback riders
<input type="checkbox"/>	Educational groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	Illegal ATV users
<input type="checkbox"/>	Climbers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunters
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bird watchers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other-(identify):

14b. If you experienced conflict, please describe the nature of the conflict.

15. Does Coopers Rock State Forest meet your expectations when it comes to available recreational opportunities?

___ no ___ yes

16. Please tell us what areas you believe Coopers Rock management should focus on to improve your overall recreational experience.

17. Other Comments:

18. **What is your age?** _____ years
19. **Including yourself, how many people are in your group today?** _____
20. **Which racial/ethnic group(s) do you identify with?** Circle all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native
<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list)	

21. **Which of the following reflects your total household income before taxes, for the last year?** Circle one.

<input type="checkbox"/> Under \$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-70,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110,001-130,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$170,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001-30,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70,001-90,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130,001-150,000	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$30,001-50,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90,001-110,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150,001-170,000	

22. **What is the highest level of schooling you have completed?** Circle one

<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 9 th grade	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate degree
<input type="checkbox"/> 9 th grade to 12 th grade, no diploma	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree
<input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate or professional degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Some college, no degree	

23. **What is your zip code/postal code?** _____ Visitor is from other country (list)

24. **Do you consider yourself to be currently living in an urban, suburban or rural area?**

Urban Suburban Rural

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS STUDY!!!!