

Wharton State Forest Visitor & Vehicle Use Survey – Technical Questions

Q: I missed the Sept. 27 Virtual Public Meeting explaining the survey and mapping tool, is there a recording?

A: Yes, a recording of the meeting can be found here: https://youtu.be/dyT2mh_Rkto

Q: Can I take the survey on my cell phone or computer?

A: Yes, the survey can be completed on any device with a suitable browser. Many browsers work, although Chrome is suggested. The survey will function on any commonly used device (ie. Mac, PC, Android, iPhone, Google Pixel, etc). Please be sure your browser is updated to avoid error messages.

Q: How long will the survey be posted?

A: From 9:00 a.m. on September 28th to 11:59 p.m. on October 28th.

Q: Can I submit multiple surveys?

A: No, only one survey can be submitted per person per device. Multiple areas of interest can be identified in the mapping portion of the survey.

Q: Can I save my survey and complete it at a later time and/or date?

A: No, the survey must be completed in one session.

Q: Can I submit one survey for a stakeholder group?

A: We prefer that each individual complete their own survey. While the overall thoughts of the group may be the same, some of the other interest areas or demographic information may be different. You can include the group you are associated with in the Last Name field after your last name.

Q: What basemap is provided in the mapping tool?

A: This is a composite of 1997 U.S. Geological Survey Topographic Quadrangles, which were put together by the Pinelands Commission. You can change the basemap to other maps provided by ESRI using the Map Gallery tool button to the top right.

Q: Will we be able to submit lines to represent roads instead of polygons?

A: No. Only polygons may be submitted. Polygons can be used to draw a boundary around a road or circle an area of interest. Further, you can note in the comment box if a road segment or other features are of interest.

Q: If I map sensitive natural and/or cultural resource information, will this be shared with other visitors?

A: No, data submitted regarding sensitive natural and/or cultural resource information will not be shared.

Q: If I submit my own GIS data, do I have to submit a file for each site?

A: No, you can submit a file that contains multiple sites. It will be helpful if you can include attributes about that site within your data.

If you have a technical question that is not addressed within the FAQ, please send an email to parks@dep.nj.gov with “Wharton Survey” in the subject line