

# Visitor Comment Card Data Entry Tutorial



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# Overview of Comment Card Survey Process

- Read overall information of the Comment Card Program on the NRM Gateway <https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/employees/commentcard/commentcard.cfm>
- The Comment Card Survey process involves three steps:
  1. Develop a survey plan using the Survey Schedule Generator that you can download from the Comment Card page.
  2. Conduct the comment card survey at the locations and on the dates indicated in your schedule using the standard procedures described in the Comment Card page documentation.
  3. Enter survey responses into the Comment Card Database using the Data Entry System. **This set of slides describes the data entry process.**

# Accessing Comment Card Survey Tools, Procedures, Data Entry, and Documentation on the NRM Gateway

All current comment card survey procedures, tools and documentation, including the data entry system can be accessed through the Comment Card Main Page on the NRM Gateway at:

<https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/employees/commentcard/commentcard.cfm>

## Customer Comment Card Program

Headquarters POC: [Recreation Management Support Program](#)

**NEW: No separate survey process for Visitor Centers.** Visitor Centers are no longer considered as stand-alone PSAs; thus there is no more need to conduct a separate survey process for them. Visitor Centers are now included in the list of all PSAs in the Survey Calendar Generator and use the same Comment Card images.

### Optional and Mandatory Year:

2021-22 is OPTIONAL year to conduct Comment Card Survey. The last mandatory year was 2018-19. Please see the most current [memorandum for details](#). Below is the schedule for the next six years based on the requirement to conduct the surveys every three years:

- 2021-22 (April to May) ☐ Optional
- 2022-23 (April to May) ☐ Mandatory
- 2023-24 (April to May) ☐ Optional

# Link to Data Entry – Comment Card Main Page, NRM Gateway

## Survey Card Images:

Leftover survey cards should NOT be used. The OMB Control #: 0710-0019 has been renewed and the expiration date of 02/28/2021 has been extended to 02/28/2022 for new cards.

Customization is required before printing the cards. Please download and follow the Printing Instructions properly for the comment card survey.

Printing Instructions and Comment Card Images:

- Comment Cards in English (for all PSAs, including visitor centers)
  - [Printing Instructions](#)
  - [Comment Card Image](#)
- Comment Cards in Spanish\* (for all PSAs, including visitor centers))
  - [Printing Instructions](#)
  - [Comment Card Image](#)

## Data Entry:

The last day to enter data collected as part of the 2020-21 survey year is 30 June 2021. After this date, the 2020-21 data entry tools will be taken offline and the 2021-22 data entry tools will be brought online.

- [Survey Tools and Procedures](#)
- [Data Collection Procedures](#)
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- [Program Summary](#)
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- [Data/Results Archive](#)
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**The Customer  
Comment Card  
Program home  
page, NRM  
Gateway**

**The data entry system can be accessed  
through the Access to Data Entry link.**

# Accessing Data Entry System

## Access to Data Entry

You are asked to classify each response to the question “What improvements would you like during data entry. The data entry process will proceed more quickly if you familiarize yourself with the classification categories before imputing 2020-2021 Comment Card Survey data for the first

[Review Classification of Visitor Suggestions](#)

[Data Entry Tutorial](#) (Contributed by Scott Moore, NWW, updated by Christine Wibowo, ERDC)

[Enter Data Entry System](#) 



Items are restricted to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and will open in a new window.

**1. Before entering data, you should familiarize yourself with the classification options for categorizing visitor suggestions.**

**2. Click here to access the Data Entry System Login screen.**

# Login Screen

## Introduction

This is the data entry system for the Recreation Area Comment Cards including Visitor Centers since Visitor Centers are no longer considered as stand-alone PSAs. Once you log in, you can select which set of comment cards you will be entering.

You may also view the submission results [here](#).

## Log in

Note: Users can use their Rec-Assessment User ID to log in.

User ID:  Password:

Type in your User ID  
and Password, then  
click on "Log In" button.

## New Users

Note:

**Please enter the following information:**

Name:  Phone:

Email:

# Select Recreation Area for All PSAs for Data Entry

The screen below appears immediately after you successfully log in.

- Click on “Recreation Area Submissions” which also includes submissions for Visitor Centers since Visitor Centers are no longer considered as stand-alone PSAs.

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Comment Card Surveys" in a large serif font on a dark brown background. Below this, there is a light gray sidebar on the left with a "Comment Cards" header and a date "8/12/21". The main content area has the title "Comment Card Surveys" and a list item: "• [Recreation Areas Submissions](#): Enter/review visitor comment card surveys". A black arrow points from a yellow text box on the right to the "Recreation Areas Submissions" link. The yellow box contains the text: "Data entry for all PSAs (Visitor Centers are no longer considered as stand-alone PSAs)". At the bottom left, there is a footer that reads "Webdate: February 2006".

**Comment Card Surveys**

**Comment Cards**

8/12/21

- [Recreation Areas Submissions](#): Enter/review visitor comment card surveys

**Data entry for all PSAs  
(Visitor Centers are no longer considered as stand-alone PSAs)**

Webdate: February 2006

# Select Your Project

## Comment Card Surveys

**Comment Options**

- [Main Menu](#)
- [Data Results/Archive](#)

### Recreation Area Comment Cards

[Select a New Project for a Comment Card Session](#)  
(If the project is shown below, it will not be available as a new project to select.)

Click the link to select your project.

## Recreation Area Comment Card

**Comment Options**

- [Menu](#)

*Step 1: Select a project from the list (projects are listed alphabetically using the names appear in OMBIL).*

ABIQUIU DAM  
Alabama River Lakes Multi-Purpose Project  
ALAMO LAKE DAM, AZ  
ALBENI FALLS DAM  
ALLATOONA LAKE  
ALMOND LAKE  
ALUM CREEK LAKE  
ALVIN R BUSH DAM

This page will show up.

Select the project for which you want to enter data.

# Data Entry Form - Survey Plan Option

## Comment Card Surveys

Comment Options

[Menu](#)

Comment Cards

DWORSHAK D AND R  
WALLA WALLA  
NORTHWESTERN  
DIVISION

Comment Menu

[Start New Card](#)  
[Edit Card Data](#)  
[Edit Comments](#)  
[Summary Table](#)

### Recreation Area Comment Card

DWORSHAK D AND R

What survey plan option did you elect?

- ☒ Separate surveys for camping and day-use visitors
- ☐ Day-use survey only
- ☐ Camping survey only
- ☐ Day-Use Non-Fee
- ☐ Combined survey of camping and day-use visitors
- ☐ Combined survey of camping and day-use visitors with low sample option
- ☐ No survey

If you selected option 6 (low sample option) or 7 (no survey), enter justification below:

N/A

Next ....

This page appears only one time for each project. Please answer carefully.

As per your generated Survey Calendar, which is based on the visitation (day use and camping).

Please enter the justification or comment as needed.

# Your Elected Survey Plan Option

## Comment Card Surveys

### Comment Options

- [Menu](#)

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AND R  
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NORTHWESTERN  
DIVISION

## Recreation Area Comment Card

Thank you for answering the questions.

**[Start Entering Comment Card Data](#)**

Click this link to start  
with your data entry.



# Data Entry Form

## Recreation Area Comment Card

**Project:** DWORSHAK D AND R

**Survey Date:**   
(mm/dd/yy)

**Scheduled Survey:**

**Recreation Area:**

[Add a Recreation Area not in list on left](#)

Begin inputting the survey results from the comment cards to the electronic form by area.

You can add a recreation area not listed.

### Previous visits to this recreation area:

1. Is this your first visit to this recreation area?

☐ Yes ☒ No

2. If not, how many other times have you visited this area in the last 12 months?  (Enter number)

### Use of park facilities at this area:

Did you do any of the following *at this recreation area during your current visit*?

- ☐ Stay overnight in campground
- ☐ Use restrooms or showers
- ☐ Use swimming beach
- ☐ Use a recreation trail
- ☐ Use picnic facilities
- ☐ Use boat or facilities *at a marina*
- ☐ Launch a boat
- ☐ Other

When you have entered all visitor and rating data, click on "Next Comments ..." to enter visitor response to the first of two open-ended questions.

### How did you hear about this recreation area?

- ☐ Family/Friend
- ☐ Map/Brochure
- ☐ www.corpslakes.us
- ☐ Highway/Road Signs
- ☐ Info/staff at local business
- ☐ Info/staff at local motel

# First Open-Ended Question: “What did you *like most* about this area?”

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Recreation Area Comment Card

Project: DWORSHAK D AND R

What did you *like most* about this area?

Next ...

Type verbatim visitor response in this space. Then click on “Next”.

## 2nd Open-Ended Question: “What *improvements* would you like to see in this area?”

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Comment Card Surveys". On the left is a sidebar with three sections: "Comment Options" containing a "Menu" link; "Comment Cards" containing a list item "DWORSHAK D AND R WALLA WALLA NORTHWESTERN DIVISION"; and "Comment Menu" containing links for "Start New Card", "Edit Card Data", "Edit Comments", and "Summary Table". The main content area is titled "Recreation Area Comment Card" and shows "Project: DWORSHAK D AND R". Below this is the question "What *improvements* would you like to see in this area?". A "Step 1" instruction reads "Enter entire text of comment(s) received". There is a large text input field with a vertical scrollbar. Below the input field is a "Next ..." button. Two yellow callout boxes with black arrows provide instructions: one points to the input field saying "Type verbatim visitor response in this space.", and the other points to the "Next ..." button saying "Click 'Next' button to classify suggestion offered by visitor."

**Comment Card Surveys**

**Comment Options**

- Menu

**Comment Cards**

- DWORSHAK D AND R WALLA WALLA NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

**Comment Menu**

- [Start New Card](#)
- [Edit Card Data](#)
- [Edit Comments](#)
- [Summary Table](#)

**Recreation Area Comment Card**

Project: DWORSHAK D AND R

What *improvements* would you like to see in this area?

Step 1. Enter entire text of comment(s) received

Next ...

Type verbatim visitor response in this space.

Click "Next" button to classify suggestion offered by visitor.

# Categorize Visitor Improvement Indicated in Question:

“What *improvements* would you like to see in this area?”

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### Recreation Area Comment Card

Project: DWORSHAK D AND R

What *improvements* would you like to see in this area?

Suggestions for improvements will be classified to relate them to future budget needs.

**Step 2.** Select the one category that best describes the first suggestion for improvement in comments received. [Print the Classification Instructions and Definitions for reference before beginning data entry](#)

Main Category

Select

FAC - Roads & Parking

FAC - Boat Ramps/Courtesy Docks/Piers

FAC - Buildings Restrooms/Shower Houses

FAC - Camp/Picnic Sites

FAC - Signs

FAC - Other Facilities

SVC - Facility Cleaning

SVC - Facility Mowing

SVC - Visitor Assistance

SVC - Park Attendant/Park Host

SVC - Reservations

SVC - Repairs

OTH - Miscellaneous Comments

OTH - No Comment or Suggestion Offered

OTH - Inappropriate or Offensive Comment Was Not Entered

Next ...

1. Note: Click here to print a reference copy of the category definitions.

2. From the dropdown list, double click your best choice.

3. You have now completed entering data for this comment card. Click “Next” or “Start New Card” to begin entering data for the next card.

Webdate: March 2006  
[Technical Problems](#)

**After each data entry, please verify that the rating and comment data you have just inputted to the database is correct and complete.**

**Click “Start New Card”  
to return to the  
beginning of data  
entry and start with a  
new card to enter.**

**Click “Edit Card Data”  
to review and edit  
your data at any time.**

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# Submitting Final Data

After you have entered and verified the data for all comment cards associated with the current survey year, you should submit the completed data for the project.

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Comment Card Surveys". On the left is a sidebar with "Comment Options" including "Main Menu", "Data", and "Results/Archive". The main content area is titled "Recreation Area Comment Cards" and contains a section "Select a New Project for a Comment Card Session" with a note that projects shown below are not available for selection. Under the heading "DWORSHAK D AND R", there is a list of actions: "Enter New Rec Area Comment Card", "Review/Edit Completed Data Entries", "Review/Edit Comments", "Start Over" (which removes all entered data), and "Submit Visitor Comment Card Data Entries for this Project" (selected once all cards are entered). Below this is a "View Summary Table" section, which includes a note that the table includes both submitted and unsubmitted data, and a link to "DWORSHAK D AND R". A yellow callout box on the left states: "Submit data by clicking here only when all data for the survey year has been entered." with an arrow pointing to the "Submit Visitor Comment Card Data Entries for this Project" link.

**Comment Card Surveys**

**Comment Options**

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- [Results/Archive](#)

**Recreation Area Comment Cards**

Select a New Project for a Comment Card Session  
(If the project is shown below, it will not be available as a new project to select.)

- **DWORSHAK D AND R**
  - [Enter New Rec Area Comment Card](#)
  - [Review/Edit Completed Data Entries](#)
  - [Review/Edit Comments](#)
  - [Start Over](#) - Removes all entered data for this project
  - [Submit Visitor Comment Card Data Entries for this Project](#) - Select once all cards are entered
- **View Summary Table**  
*Table of includes both submitted and unsubmitted data for the project*
  - [DWORSHAK D AND R](#)

**Submit data by clicking here only when all data for the survey year has been entered.**

