

SEM VISITOR INTERCEPT SURVEY

INTERCEPT OPENING SCRIPT

"Hello, I am working with Rocky Mountain National Park conducting a 5-minute survey to improve visitor experiences in the park. Are you a park employee, or have you or anyone in your personal travel group taken a Visitor Survey at Rocky Mountain recently?"

- ☐ No - visitor is eligible for survey
- ☐ Yes - previously participated in survey
- ☐ Yes - park employee
- ☐ Language barrier / unable to communicate
- ☐ Ineligible for another reason (please specify): _____

➔ If the visitor **is eligible**, continue below. If the visitor is ineligible, record the reason, and thank them for their time.

May I ask you some questions about your Rocky Mountain experience?

➔ If the visitor says **NO**, read the following script:

Ok, may I ask three quick questions?

- ➔ If the visitor says **NO**, thank them for their time.
- ➔ If the visitor says **YES**, ask the non-response bias questions:

1. "Are you a permanent or seasonal/second home resident of the local area around Rocky Mountain?"
2. "Do you currently live in the United States?"
3. "On this trip away from home, have you [and your personal group] stayed, or will you stay overnight away from your permanent residence either in Rocky Mountain and/or within the local area? (Please refer to map of local area)"

➔ If the visitor says **YES**, read the following script:

Before we begin, I would like to let you know that this survey has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget. It is important to note that a Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB control number. The control number for this collection is 1024-0224 and this number is valid through 5/31/2023. Secondly, your participation is voluntary, and your name will never be connected with your individual responses. This survey will only take about five minutes of your time today.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION and PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: The Paperwork Reduction Act requires us to tell you why we are collecting this information, how we will use it, and whether or not you have to respond. We are authorized by the National Park Service Protection Interpretation and research in System (54 USC §100702) to collect this information. The routine uses of this information will be for the benefit of NPS Managers and Planning staff in Rocky Mountain in future initiatives related to the visitor use and resource management within the site. The data collected will be summarized to evaluate visitor uses and expectations during their visit at Rocky Mountain. Your responses to this collection are completely voluntary and will remain anonymous. You can end the process at any time and will not be penalized in any way for choosing to do so. All contact information collected for the purpose of the follow-up survey will be destroyed at the end of the collection period and no personal identifiable records will be maintained or stored for any purposes. Data collected will only be reported in aggregates and no individually identifiable responses will be reported. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number (1024-0224). We estimate that it will take about 5 minutes to complete this on-site questionnaire. You may send comments concerning the burden estimates or any aspect of this information collection to: Dr. Jake Jorgenson, RRC Associates, at jake@rrcassociates.com (email); or Bret Meldrum, NPS Chief of Social Science Program, at bret_meldrum@nps.gov (email).

1. Are you a permanent or seasonal/second home resident of the local area around Rocky Mountain? (Please refer to map of local area)
 - ☐ Yes, I am a permanent resident
 - _____ What is your ZIP code in the local area?
 - ☐ Yes, I am a seasonal/second home resident
 - _____ What is your ZIP code in the local area?
 - ☐ No, I am not a permanent or seasonal resident of the local area around Rocky Mountain
2. (If not permanent or seasonal resident) Do you currently live in the United States?
 - ☐ No
 - What is your country of origin? _____ (tablet survey includes drop-down list)
 - ☐ Yes
 - What is the ZIP code of your permanent residence? _____ zip code
3. (If Permanent or Seasonal Residence = NO) Was your visit to Rocky Mountain the primary purpose for your overall trip away from home?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - Was your visit to Rocky Mountain...? _____
 - ☐ The primary reason you came to the local area
 - ☐ One of two or more equally important reasons you came to the local area
 - ☐ An incidental or spontaneous stop
4. (If Permanent or Seasonal Residence = NO) How many days are you planning to spend in the local area (including the days you spend in Rocky Mountain) on this trip away from home? (Please refer to map of local area)

_____ days
5. On this trip away from home, have you stayed, or will you stay overnight away from your permanent residence in Rocky Mountain and/or within the local area? (Please refer to map of local area).
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
6. (If Overnight = YES) On this trip, what type(s) of accommodations do you expect to use while in the local area, including any nights spent in Rocky Mountain? Please mark (●) all that apply
 - ☐ Backcountry Camping in Rocky Mountain
 - _____ # of nights

- ☐ Camping in Rocky Mountain
 - _____ # of nights
 - In which campground(s) did you or will you stay?
 - ☐ Aspenglen Campground
 - ☐ Glacier Basin Campground Standard Campsite
 - ☐ Glacier Basin Campground Group Campsite
 - ☐ Longs Peak Campground
 - ☐ Moraine Park Campground
 - ☐ Timber Creek Campground
- ☐ Camping outside Rocky Mountain in the local area
 - _____ # of nights
- ☐ Lodging outside Rocky Mountain in the local area (e.g., hotels, cabins, vacation rentals, glamping)
 - _____ # of nights
- ☐ Unpaid accommodations (e.g., family and friends)
 - _____ # of nights

7. (IF ACCOMMODATION = Camping/backpacking in Rocky Mountain) What time did you arrive in Rocky Mountain on the first day of your stay?

_____ Hour (1-12) ☐ AM ☐ PM

8. (IF ACCOMMODATION = Camping/backpacking in Rocky Mountain) What time of day do you plan to leave Rocky Mountain on the last day of your stay?

_____ Hour (1-12) ☐ AM ☐ PM

9. Including yourself, how many people are in your personal group as you visit Rocky Mountain?

Note: Your personal group is you and companions with whom you visited Rocky Mountain on this trip, such as a spouse, family, friends, etc. This does not include the larger group that you might have traveled with, such as a school, church, scout, or tour group.

_____ Adults (18 years or older)

_____ Children (under 18 years)

10. What are the ages of each of the adults in your group? *Note: ages will be collected for a max of 6 adults per group*

	Your Age	Adult 2	Adult 3	Adult 4	Adult 5	Adult 6
Age (years)						

11. (If at least 1 child in the group) What are the ages of each of the children in your group? *Note: ages will be collected for a max of 6 children per group*

	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4	Child 5	Child 6
Age (years)						

12. Including yourself, how many people in your personal group split the trip expenses?

_____ number of people

13. Which communities have you already visited or do you plan to visit outside Rocky Mountain while in the local area? Please mark (●) all that apply

- ☐ Estes Park
- ☐ Grand Lake
- ☐ Denver
- ☐ Boulder
- ☐ Fort Collins
- ☐ Longmont
- ☐ Loveland
- ☐ Greely
- ☐ Granby
- ☐ Fraser
- ☐ Other (Please specify: _____)
- ☐ I do not plan to visit any communities in the local area

14. On this trip, do you plan to visit Rocky Mountain for more than one day?

☐ Yes

➤ **How many days do you plan to spend within Rocky Mountain on this trip?**

_____ Days

➤ **On how many different days do you expect to enter the park?**

_____ Different Days Entered Rocky Mountain (*tablet includes custom validation – number of different days must be less than or equal to total number of days spent within site, entered above*)

☐ No

➤ **Do you plan to spend one hour or more within Rocky Mountain today?**

☐ Yes

➤ **How many hours do you plan to spend within Rocky Mountain today?**

_____ hours (*validation requires a number between 1 and 24, whole numbers only*)

☐ No

➤ **How many minutes do you plan to spend within Rocky Mountain today?**

_____ minutes (*validation requires a number between 1 and 59, whole numbers only*)

15. Did you, or do you plan to, leave and re-enter the park today?

☐ Yes

➤ **How many times?**

_____ # of Times

☐ No

16. Which was the most recent entrance you used to enter the park? (Please refer to map of local area)

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| ☐ Beaver Meadows Entrance Station | ☐ Grand Lake Entrance Station |
| ☐ Fall River Entrance Station | ☐ East Inlet Trailhead |
| ☐ Wild Basin Entrance Station | ☐ East Shore Trailhead |
| ☐ Longs Peak Entrance | ☐ Sun Valley Trailhead |
| ☐ Lily Lake Trailhead Parking Lot – west side of Highway 7 | ☐ Tonahutu / North Inlet Trailhead |
| ☐ Twin Sisters Trailhead Parking Lot – east side of Highway 7 | ☐ Tonahutu Spur Trail |
| ☐ Lumpy Ridge Entrance | ☐ Other (outfitter private entrance, other trailhead, etc.) |
| | Please specify: _____ |

17. Considering your visit *today*, have you been to or do you plan to visit any of the following locations within Rocky Mountain? Please mark (●) all that apply

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| ☐ Bear Lake | ☐ Lily Lake/Twin Sisters |
| ☐ Sprague Lake | ☐ Lumpy Ridge |
| ☐ Trail Ridge Road | ☐ Adams Falls |
| ☐ Old Fall River Road | ☐ Milner Pass |
| ☐ Glacier Gorge | ☐ Alluvial Fan |
| ☐ Alpine Visitor Center/Trail Ridge Store | |

18. Which of the following forms of transportation did you use to arrive or enter Rocky Mountain?

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| ☐ Car, truck, or SUV (e.g., standard private vehicle) | ☐ Long-distance passenger bus |
| ➤ Number of people _____ | ☐ Bicycle |
| ☐ Recreational vehicle or motorhome | ☐ Electric bicycle |
| ➤ Number of people _____ | ☐ Motorcycle |
| ☐ Taxi/rideshare | ➤ Number of people _____ |
| ☐ Commercial tour bus | ☐ Walk/hike |
| ☐ Commercial tour van | ☐ Horseback |
| ☐ Shuttle | ☐ Other (Please specify: _____) |
| ☐ School bus or church bus/van | |

19. (If COMMERCIAL TOUR BUS OR VAN = SELECTED) Was your commercial tour bus or tour van booked as a package vacation?

Note: Package tours commonly include transportation, meals, lodging, and activities sold as a pre-set itinerary from a single company. You may have purchased a package tour directly from the company providing the service, or you may have worked with a travel agent who booked you on a package tour.

- ☐ Yes
- What is the total cost of the package vacation for your personal group? \$ _____
 - What is the total length of your package vacation? _____ days
 - Did your package vacation include lodging (e.g., hotels, lodges, house)? Yes, No, Unsure

- How many people in your personal group were on the package vacation? _____ people
☐ No

20. Are you a first-time visitor to Rocky Mountain?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
➤ Including this visit, how many visits have you made to Rocky Mountain over the past 12 months? _____ visits
➤ Including this visit, how many visits have you made to Rocky Mountain over the past five years? _____ visits *(tablet includes custom validation – visits in past 5 years must be greater than or equal to visits in past 12 months, above)*

21. How many visits have you made to other NPS sites over the past 12 months?

_____ visits

Interviewer script:

Thank you for your time. To record a more complete picture of your Rocky Mountain visit, we ask you to please take this mail-back survey and complete it after your trip. You can participate either by completing the paper form and mailing it in the postage-paid envelope, or online through a password-protected website. The website information is provided on a slip of paper inside the survey packet.

Because your opinion is important to us, we send replacement surveys if you lost your survey and reminders if you forgot to complete it when you returned home. Would you be willing to share your home address or email to send a reminder or replacement survey in the following weeks? Your information is confidential, and your results will be only reported in the aggregate.

First name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____