

**Open Ended Comments for Online Survey Section Two:  
Subsection – Barrier Free Access Questions**

**Question 18b: Related to Table**

**Question 18c: Related to Table**

**18b. What improvements should the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission prioritize to increase barrier free access (i.e. handicap accessibility) within the parks?**

NOTE: Spelling, grammar and punctuation have not been altered from original responses. Order may have been changed for grouping purposes.

**Trail Characteristics**

- longer paved bike trails
- Pavilion needs to have paved access to bathroom. I could not take my mother in wheelchair alone - very hard.
- Though there are ramps into and out of the buildings, some have high door sills and some chairs have to be lifted over them. Many of the chairs are very heavy to do this.
- Better seat along trails and good trail maintenance
- ERADICATION OF POISON IVY
- Wood chips or some other kind of hard surface for wheel chairs and walkers etc. to maneuver on.
- icy walkways in the winter months
- I have never been...but want to

**18c. Do you have any additional comments you would like to share regarding the barrier free access (i.e. handicap accessibility) within the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission park system.**

- I can walk easier on slopes rather than stairs, both would be nice.
- All restroom facilities should be accessible throughout. More paved trails in natural settings (not near roads but in woods and fields if possible).
- There should be more handicapped-accessible parking places near program venues.
- Yes restrooms need more bars at different levels for handicapped. also benches in shower for handicapped hard to take shower in wheel chair and get your cushion soaked
- Excellent to get down to beach in wheelchair or if enough stamina with walker. Hard to get around on other side of park with pavilions.
- I would like to see more information in the form that a blind person could read, such as brochures or sign boards.
- When using Porta Johns they should be handicapped accessible. The boat launches could be easier accessible to the handicap
- The more handicapped friendly, the better.
- ACCESS TO THE BLUFFS AT FLUSHING COUNTY PARK
- It might help by putting an adult in a manual wheelchair and try pushing that adult through Crossroads Village and through the houses. This will show you the places that need improvement.

- I would like portions to be fully handicapped accessible. However, it is not necessary that ALL portions of trails, etc. be handicapped accessible--that is just not the way nature is. If there is too much paving, trail clearing, etc., it detracts from the natural experience. Some of the best hikes I have taken take a bit of energy! I enjoy paths that are part of nature, don't mind wading through a small stream or climbing a hill or ladder, etc. Please don't make all trails boring, but please do make some trails fully accessible!
- Mostly parking.
- more restrooms and benches
- A few more Conductor's steps are needed for the railroad cars.
- Maybe some handrails in areas of the walking paths that slope or on a hill so people can hang on to them if they need to.
- Put wood chips on the ground at the BMX track.