Accessibility Awareness for State Park Professionals

For Outdoor Developed Areas

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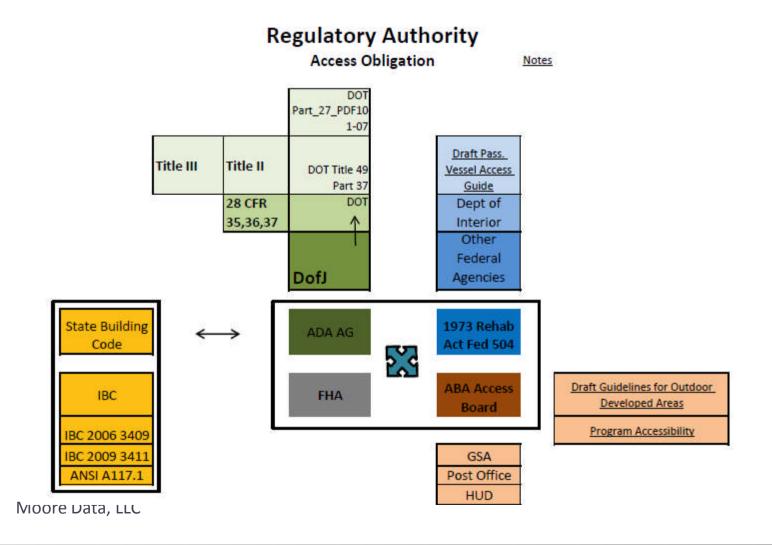
Agenda

Accessibility Awareness

- Understanding the framework for outdoor developed areas (trails)
- Becoming aware of your perceptions of persons with disabilities
- Tools for access
- Evaluating trail accessibility
- Combining awareness with access to answer the question, "Where can I go?"

Foundation of Outdoor Access

Draft Final Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas:



ADA Definition of Disability

- ADA Section 902 Definition of Disability
- (b) Regulatory Definition A physical or mental impairment means
- (1) any physiological disorder, or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: **neurological**, musculoskeletal, special sense organs, respiratory (including speech organs), cardiovascular, reproductive, digestive, genito-urinary, hemic and lymphatic, skin, and endocrine; or
- (2) any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities.

- Demographics
- Prepare
- Listen
- Communication
- Invisible
- Hidden
- Observe
- Question what you see!
- Context
- Perspective
- Don't touch me!
- Trust

Survey Answers

Do you know anyone who is disabled?

Yes 92% No 8%

Have you assisted a disabled person in the last year?

Yes 97% No 3%

Do you think that at some point in your life you will be disabled?

Yes 60% No 40%

If you had to be disabled, which would you choose?

Mobile 15%, Hearing 43%, Speech 39%, Vision 0%, Cognitive 3%

Most people who park in a disabled spot are faking it.

Yes 15% No 85%

Provide an example of a disability which is easily hidden from public view.

Cognitive 35 %, Hearing 46%, Bio 9%, Prosthesis 6%, Speech/Vision 4%

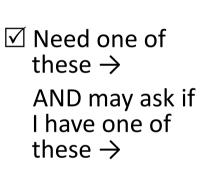
Should people with disabilities be able to access the outdoors?

Yes 97% No 3%

Other Power Driven Mobility Device **OPDMD**

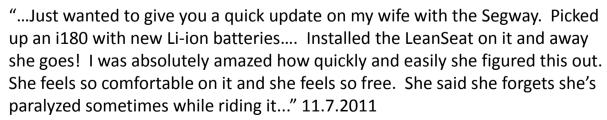
- Flectronic Personal Assistive Mobility Device (EPAMD) Segway[®]
- Think "Power Chair"
- I'm not walking out...
 - Birding
 - Photography
 - Family
 - Wildlife
 - Fresh air
 - Peace and quiet
 - Outdoor sports

AND may ask if I have one of these \rightarrow









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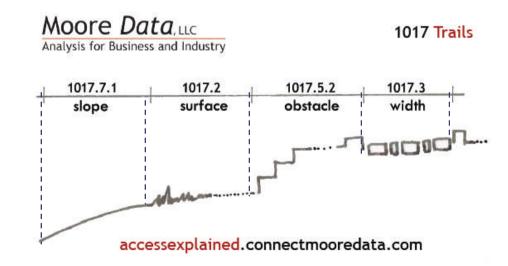


Evaluating Accessibility

"Describes a site, building, facility, or portion thereof that complies with these guidelines."

If it doesn't, it's not accessible!

- Outdoor Developed Areas
 - 1017 Trail- The Basics Card
 - Simple Evaluation
 - Surface✓
 - − Width✓ *
 - Obstacle✓ *
 - Slope✓

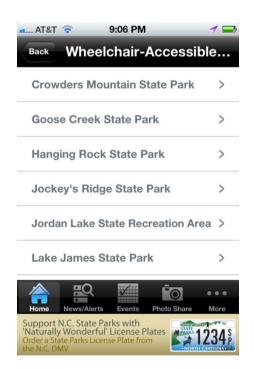


☑ Accessible - * OPDMD (Access) – Outback (Access) - NA (No Access-stairs)

Pocket Ranger™

- North Carolina- Leader
 - Ground Truth Data
 - Maintenance Staff
 - Four Point Evaluation
 - Example Jockey's Ridge
 - Make Additions
 - Add Parks
 - Measure
 - Length (Yards)
 - Time
 - Cost







Where can I go?

- It is ALL about the customer and how well the park's offer, matches the customer's capability.
 - Communicate with and understand your customer.
 - Evaluate outdoor trails.
 - Understand and communicate the accessible options.
 - Jockey's Ridge
- Putting the pieces together
 - Results in satisfied park-goers, campers, reduced egress events, and preferred choice for extended family events, tours and gatherings....

Thank you

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