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Inclusive Spaces Audit Tool

Field Observation Worksheet

Purpose: The Inclusive Spaces Audit Tool Field Observation Worksheet is a tool for outdoor recreation providers to record observations at an outdoor recreation site, trail, facility, etc. It is intended to help providers take concrete actions to make outdoor spaces more welcoming, inclusive, and accessible. This worksheet is designed to facilitate discussion and reflection on-site. Use the area below each question to document notes and follow-up items.

How are underrepresented people celebrated and represented in the physical spaces: displays, signs, statues, monuments, etc. How frequently are they represented?

How are people welcomed when they first arrive at the site/trail? (e.g. passive signage and messaging, staff greetings, etc.)?

How, if at all, do educational materials and signage at the site/trail detail interpretive info, hazards, mileage, trail difficulty, etc.?

- Is this information accessible to the visually impaired, non-English speakers, etc. through features like pictograms or multilingual signage?

What policies are in place to mitigate communication barriers between staff and visitors?



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If applicable, what genre(s) of music are typically played at your space via public-facing speaker systems?

How do amenities and programs take accessibility into account to help users/visitors navigate and recreate at the site/trail?

- I.e., adaptive outdoor equipment, ramps, or adjustable heights of tables,
- Tactile information (braille) on key signage for people that are blind.
- Spaces between seats, tables, displays that allow for anyone in a wheelchair, with a guide dog, or assistive walking devices to navigate comfortably.

Does the site/trail offer age neutral or intergenerational activities? Futsal, pickleball, playground equipment that can be used by adults.

Does the site/trail have gathering hubs that foster connections?

Actionable Recommendations

What three specific, tangible actions are recommended for this site/trail?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.