

Disclosure Statement
Assessment of Tick-borne Disease Risk in and around Greenbelt Park
Greenbelt Park Visitor Survey

Background:

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is working with the National Park Service to better understand tick-borne diseases, in particular Lyme disease, at Greenbelt Park. Lyme disease is the most commonly reported tick-borne disease in Maryland and in the United States.

Purpose:

We want to determine how often visitors encounter ticks at Greenbelt Park and the knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding tick-borne diseases in Greenbelt Park visitors.

Procedures:

We are asking all park visitors to complete a survey about activities in the park, exposures to ticks, and tick prevention practices. The surveys will be completed anonymously.

Potential risks:

We have not identified any risks from completing this survey.

Benefits and compensation:

Your responses will help us understand how often visitors encounter ticks at the park and to plan ways to protect visitors from ticks and their diseases. There is no financial compensation for participating.

Confidentiality:

Your responses will be kept confidential.

Right to refuse or withdraw:

This survey is completely voluntary. There are no consequences if you decide not to complete this survey.

Contact:

If you have any questions about the survey or tick-borne diseases, please contact Erin Jones at the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (410-767-6031, ejones@dhmh.state.md.us), or visit us on the web at www.MarylandTickOff.org.

Thank you!