## Profit By Walking in Your Customers' Shoes

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## Lesson 1: Be Accessible and Available.

#### Quick: Somebody give me your park's phone number.

I wanted to make a reservation for next August.
Did I reach either you or a member of your staff who is prepared to answer my questions and take my reservation?





# Lesson 2: Nip problems in the bud. Know what's going on.

It's a holiday weekend. Two people on site 192 had too much to drink and are getting loud around midnight. Do you (or your security) respond to quell the situation or sleep until the police arrive?









TripAdvisor gets 350 million users per month, who post 200 new reviews every minute. Campgrounds are listed under Specialty Lodging. Are you posting management responses to each review? Get started! www.tripadvisor.com/Owners

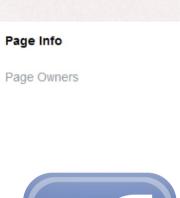


RV Park Reviews: 6 million users, 95% in the U.S., who have posted over 200,000 reviews. Each review has been read an average of 150 times so far! Get started! http://rvparkreviews.com

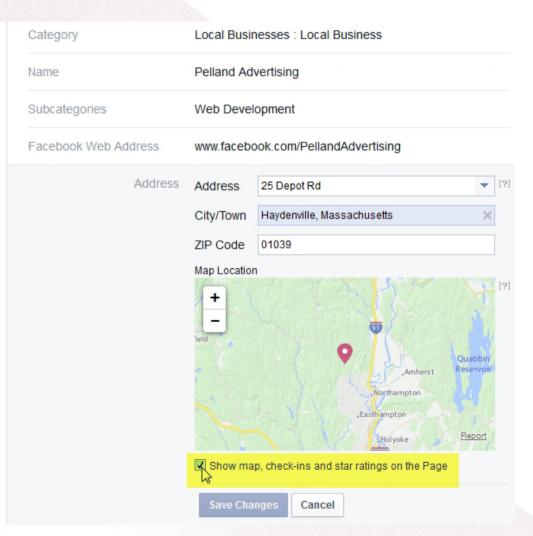


Find your park, "View Campground Details", "Own this Campground? / Claim it and Unlock Features". Get notified when there are reviews of your park, then RESPOND TO REVIEWS!

### How to make Facebook reviews disappear:







## Lesson 3:

Forget short-term income.
Think long-term profits!



### Why?

Do you prefer to have everybody arrive and check out at the same time and make them wait in line?

# Speed guest registration at Montage Deer Valley Hotel in Park City, Utah.

Disney FastPass+ Program: Reserve park experiences 30 days in advance!







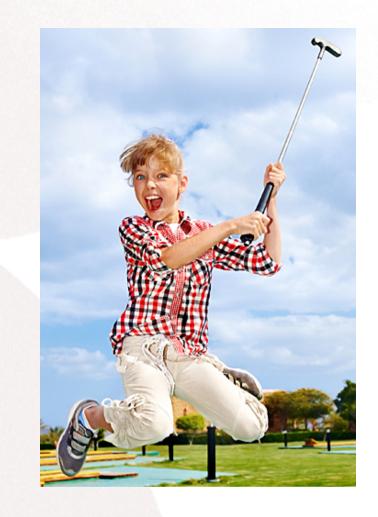
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The income that is generated by an empty mini-golf course or paddleboats tied to a dock.



Start thinking like the American Pickers: Break the Ice and Bundle.

### Break the ice!



Give away a few games of golf, and get some idle boats out on the water.

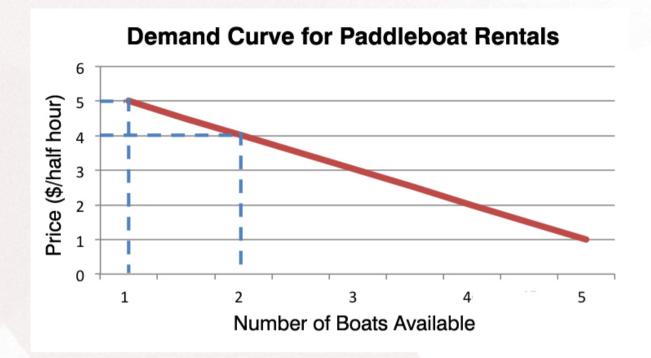


#### Bundle!

Offer an indirect discount to increase overall sales AND have happier guests.

#### Lesson 4:

Balance basic economics with human emotions.



# Find the right price that will maximize your income based upon Elasticity of Demand.



I didn't know you had .... Pre-sell add-ons when taking reservations and at the time of registration.

#### Amazon *Prime*™



Consider a card-based Rewards Program for your seasonals and frequent guests. Poll them to determine what benefits they would value. Give them reasons to return ... again and again!

### Thank You for Your Attention!

Feel free to contact me with any questions at any time. There is never a consultation fee or any obligation.

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