

# Appendix B

## August 2016 On-Line Survey Results

Cannon Valley Trail  
On-Line Survey Results - Complete

374 Respondents  
789 Comments

### Question #1

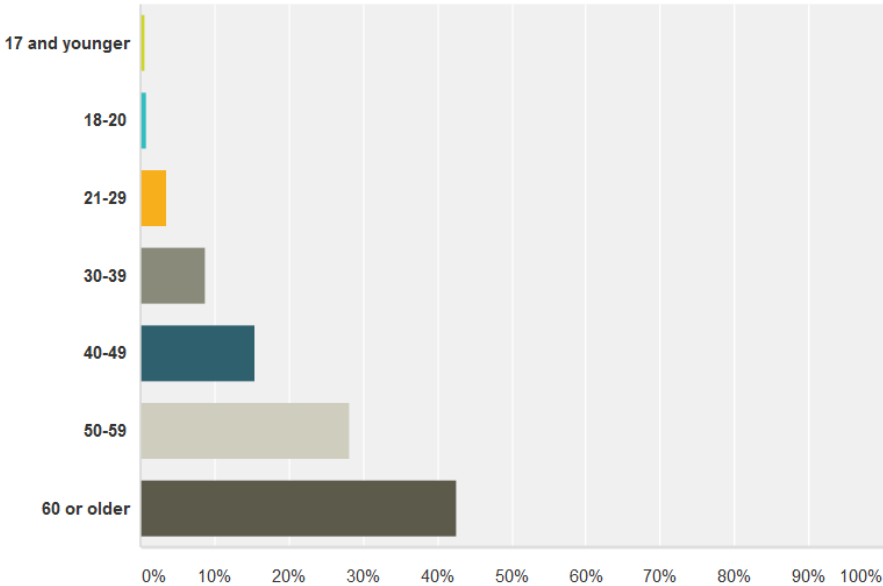
In what ZIP code is your home located?

58	Red Wing	16%
65	Cannon Falls	17%
	Other Goodhue	
16	County	4%
11	Hastings	3%
25	Northfield	7%
9	Rochester	2%
57	Mpls/St. Paul and West/North Suburbs	15%
92	South/East Suburbs Only	25%
19	Other Minnesota	5%
13	Wisconsin/Iowa	3%
8	<u>Other States</u>	<u>2%</u>
373		100%

**Question #2**

**What is your age?**

Answered: 373 Skipped: 1

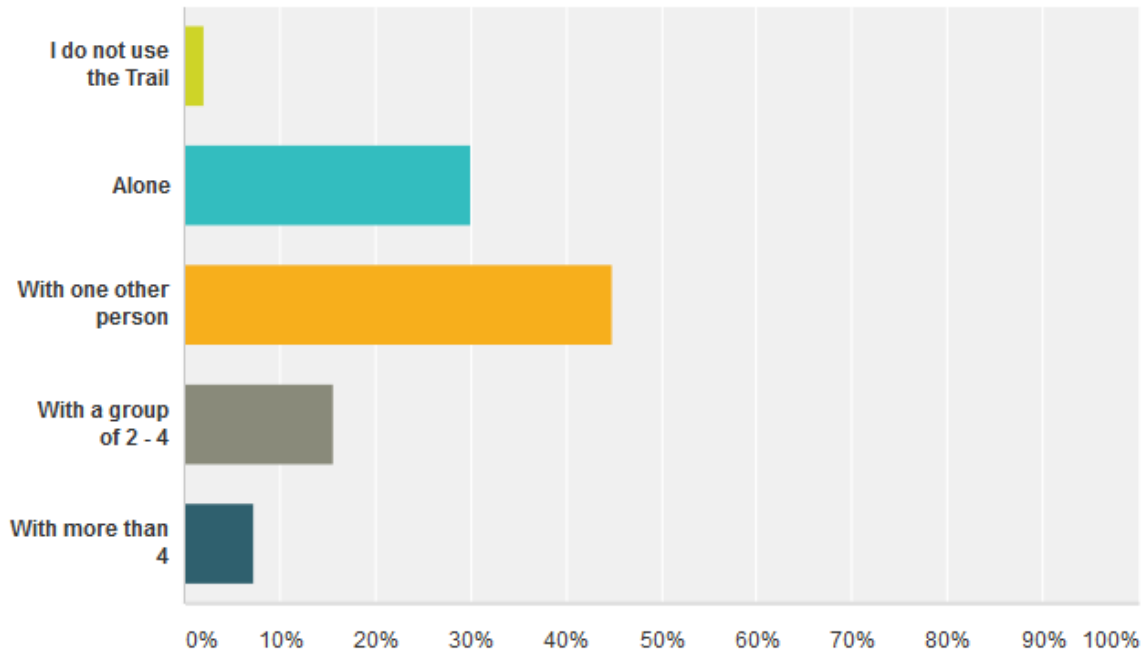


Answer Choices	Responses
17 and younger	0.54% 2
18-20	0.80% 3
21-29	3.49% 13
30-39	8.85% 33
40-49	15.55% 58
50-59	28.15% 105
60 or older	42.63% 159

### Question #3

## When I visit I am usually -

Answered: 372 Skipped: 2

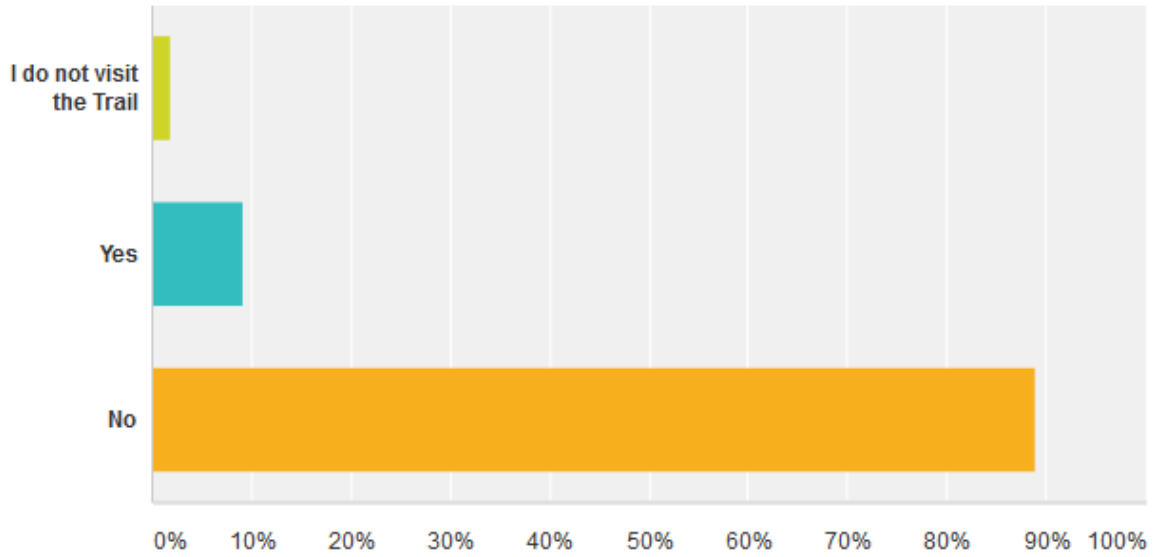


Answer Choices	Responses
I do not use the Trail	2.15% 8
Alone	30.11% 112
With one other person	44.89% 167
With a group of 2 - 4	15.59% 58
With more than 4	7.26% 27

**Question #4**

**When I visit, I am usually with someone under the age of 16**

Answered: 371 Skipped: 3

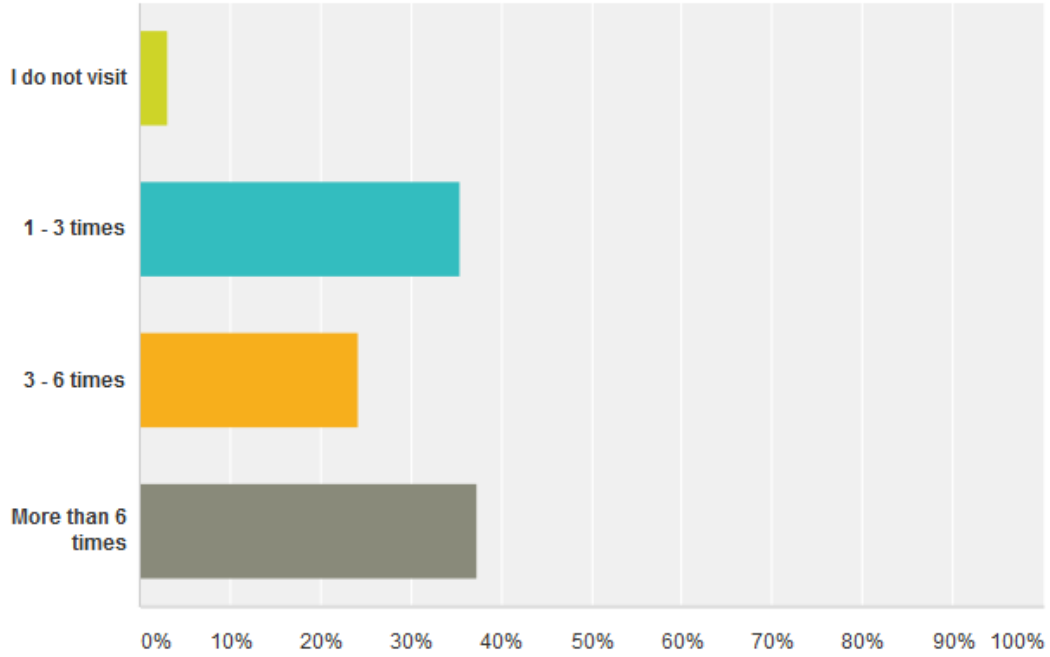


Answer Choices	Responses
▼ I do not visit the Trail	1.89% 7
▼ Yes	9.16% 34
▼ No	88.95% 330

**Question #5**

**How many times do you typically visit the Trail in a year?**

Answered: 373 Skipped: 1

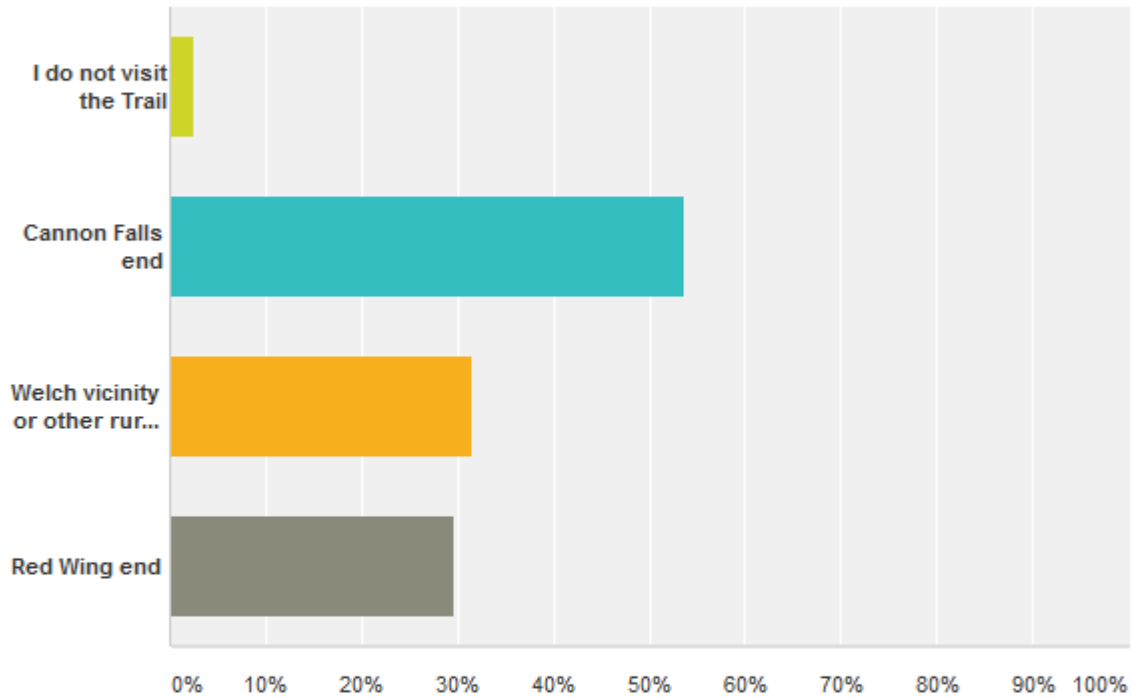


Answer Choices	Responses
▼ I do not visit	3.22% 12
▼ 1 - 3 times	35.39% 132
▼ 3 - 6 times	24.13% 90
▼ More than 6 times	37.27% 139

## Question #6

**When you visit, where do you most often begin your trip on the Trail? If it varies somewhat equally, check all that apply.**

Answered: 374 Skipped: 0

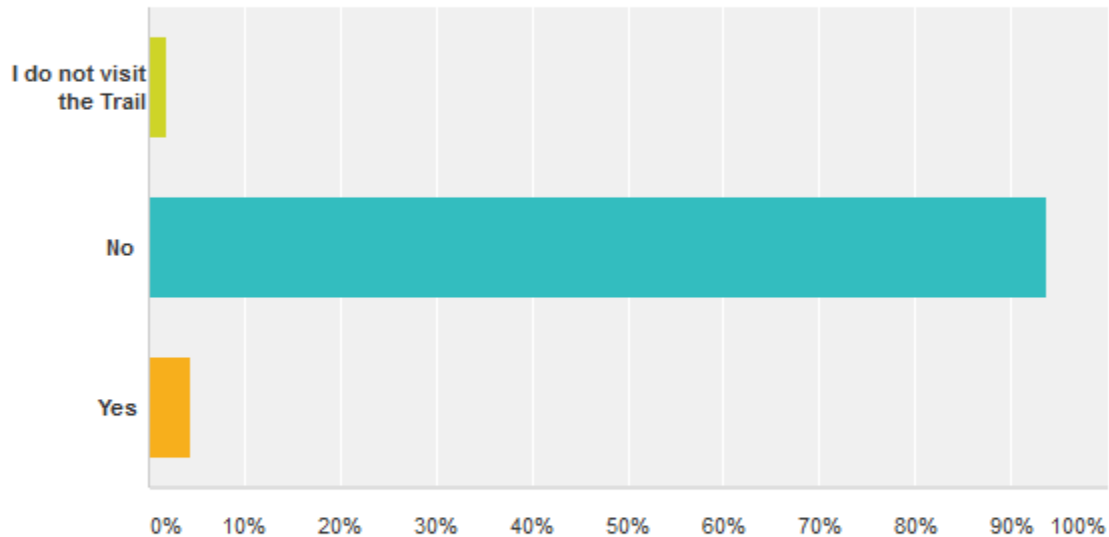


Answer Choices	Responses
I do not visit the Trail	2.41% 9
Cannon Falls end	53.74% 201
Welch vicinity or other rural location	31.55% 118
Red Wing end	29.68% 111

## Question #7

### Have you ever had trouble finding the Trail access you were looking for? If so, where and what was the problem?

Answered: 372 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
I do not visit the Trail	1.88% 7
No	93.82% 349
Yes	4.30% 16

#### 24 Comments:

- I think it would be nice to use solar lighting for evening walks
- Not seeing the sign at dusk.
- You have Pissed away more tax money on this bullshit then any other tree hugger project in goodhue county
- I wouldn't know where to park/start on the Cannon Falls side.
- Cannon Falls cannot continue to try and stuff the Farmers Market, Winery visitors, and Trail guests into the downtown city parking lot.
- ) You don't provide Paypal 2) You can NOT register living abroad ( your only option of country of residence is USA ; you make it sound as if Trump is already in power ). You just made prepurchase from abroad is impossible. So much for hospitality ! ; btw , you did it again in your zip-questions . Another country or shorter zipcode : no thanks , please stay away. We are not interested in your opinion.
- Yes, the parking in Cannon Falls is to crowded, we like to park in the lot on the west side of the river, The Red Wing end is hard to find the trail head.
- No ,I live nearby, but having biked trails in all 50 states, finding trail heads is the biggest problem

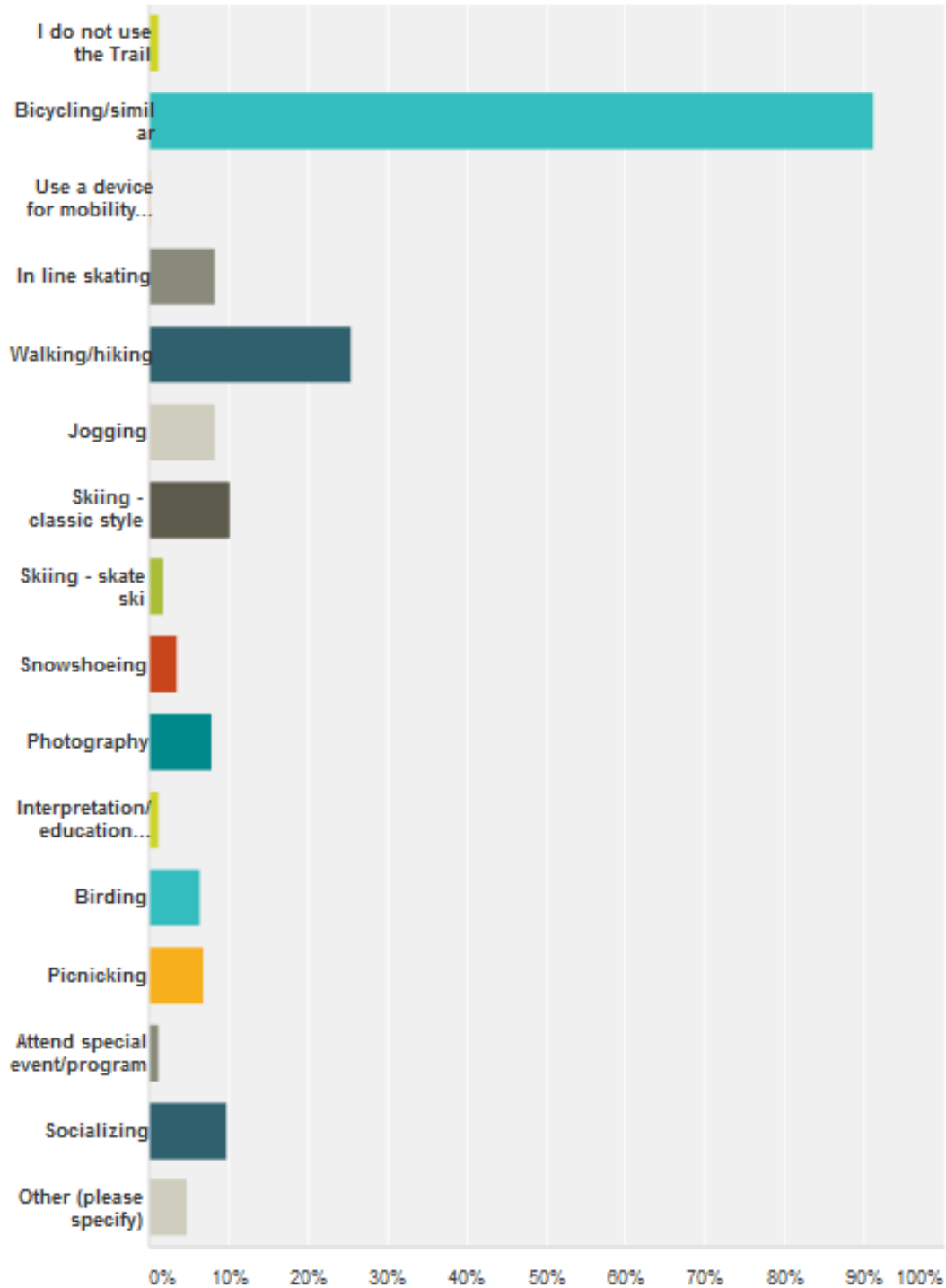
- I visited for the first time and had problems figuring out Cannon Falls Trail head. I know there are maps on website, but maybe you could provide static list of trail heads. Wayfinding signs as you enter Cannon Falls would be helpful.
- It would be nice to have better access from Sunset Trail (between CF and Welch)
- Cannon Falls trail access is a ways from the large parking lot in the city. A trail connection or larger parking at the actual trailhead would help.
- Welch. Google Map
- I walk from my apt's little access
- Welch
- we like to park by the ballfields. For people meeting there the first time they have trouble finding it. A sign might be nice.
- Access to the Cannon golf club and the dakota count campground would be very beneficial!
- It is not at all evident to an outsider how to get to the trailhead. You need better directional signs. Also, going through the city park is a pain in the neck, so directional signs should show people a way through town. You should also include maps and information on your website about how to get to the beginning of the trail--not the trail in the city park..
- Not so much trouble, but we parked near the winery which is where the website indicates. I wasn't aware the actual start of the trail was a short ride through town. We will most likely be parking on the street closer to where the trail actually begins in the future.
- Only on the Red Wing end.
- Better trail markings
- The Cannon Falls entry point appears to be an abandoned area, and the unpaved dirt path that leads onto the trail proper is confusing for first-time riders. I have more often parked near the Cannon Falls city trail, and then ridden on to the Cannon Valley trail from there.
- could not find the Cannon Falls entrance
- Better signage on Red Wing end.
- Want to bring my dog



## Question #8

In what activities do you typically participate in on the Trail? Check all that apply.

Answered: 374 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
I do not use the Trail	1.34% 5
Bicycling/similar	91.18% 341
Use a device for mobility assistance, such as a wheelchair, electric assist bicycle, and similar	0.27% 1
In line skating	8.29% 31
Walking/hiking	25.40% 95
Jogging	8.29% 31
Skiing - classic style	10.16% 38
Skiing - skate ski	1.87% 7
Snowshoeing	3.48% 13
Photography	8.02% 30
Interpretation/education activities	1.34% 5
Birding	6.42% 24
Picnicking	6.95% 26
Attend special event/program	1.34% 5
Socializing	9.89% 37
Other (please specify) <b>Responses</b>	4.81% 18

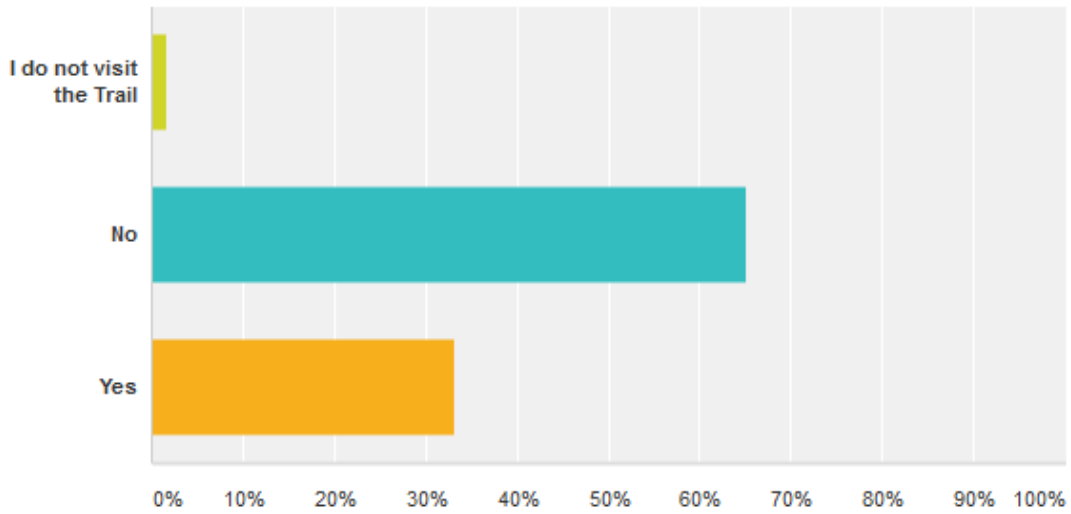
### 18 Comments:

- Dirt bike
- Geocaching
- wildlife viewing, native plant identification, eat at local restaurant
- Fall colors
- You don't want me there ! I could do a lot of this on the trail
- fun social interaction with others who also love the trail
- ice cream at Trout Scream Cafe, of course!
- Winter hiking.
- shopping
- Weekly Thursday rides with the Twin Cities Bike Club
- Eating at a restaurant
- combined skate, canoe back to car in Red Wing
- geocaching
- Have only used trail once for biking - I could see doing X-country skiing in future
- relaxing
- Food in Welch or red wing
- Eating a meal out in CF or RedWing.....maybe catch a movie, stop at Trout Scream for food or ice cream, sometimes tubing.
- I hike

**Question #9**

**Do you ever combine/coordinate your visit to the Trail with other nearby recreational activities?**

Answered: 373 Skipped: 1

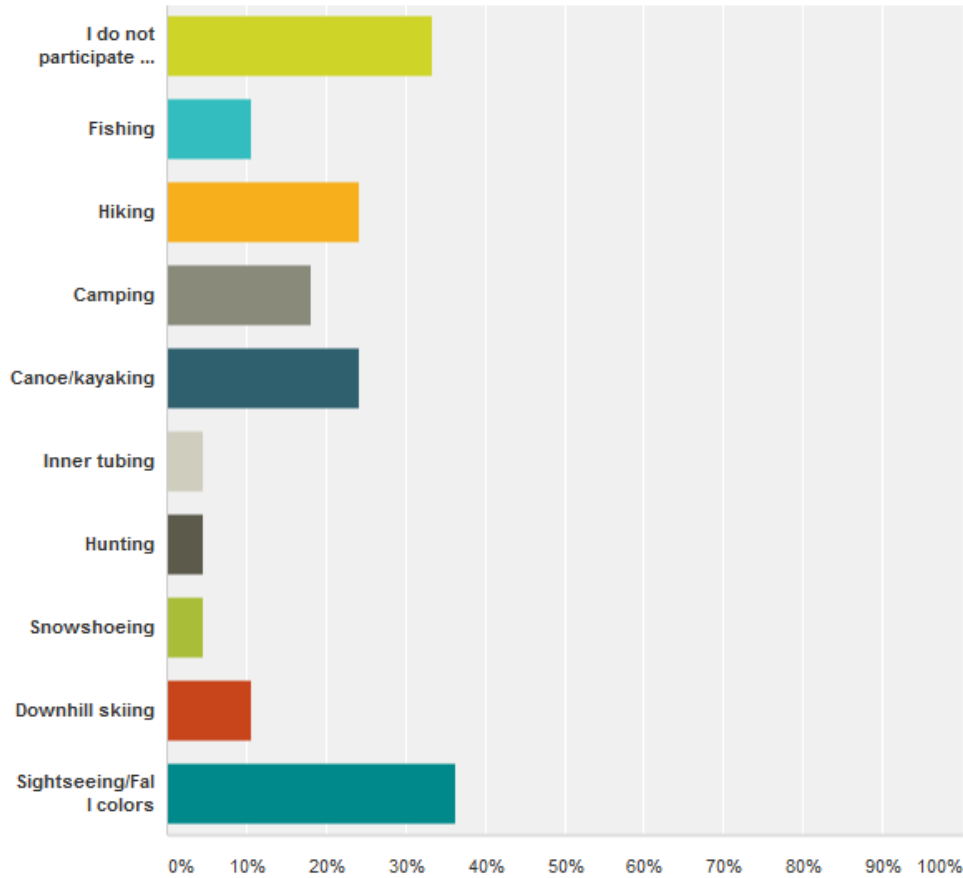


Answer Choices	Responses
▼ I do not visit the Trail	1.61% 6
▼ No	65.15% 243
▼ Yes	33.24% 124

## Question #10

If you answered Yes to Questions #9, what other activities do you participate in? Check all that apply.

Answered: 66 Skipped: 308



Answer Choices	Responses
I do not participate in other activities	33.33% 22
Fishing	10.61% 7
Hiking	24.24% 16
Camping	18.18% 12
Canoe/kayaking	24.24% 16
Inner tubing	4.55% 3
Hunting	4.55% 3
Snowshoeing	4.55% 3
Downhill skiing	10.61% 7
Sightseeing/Fall colors	36.36% 24

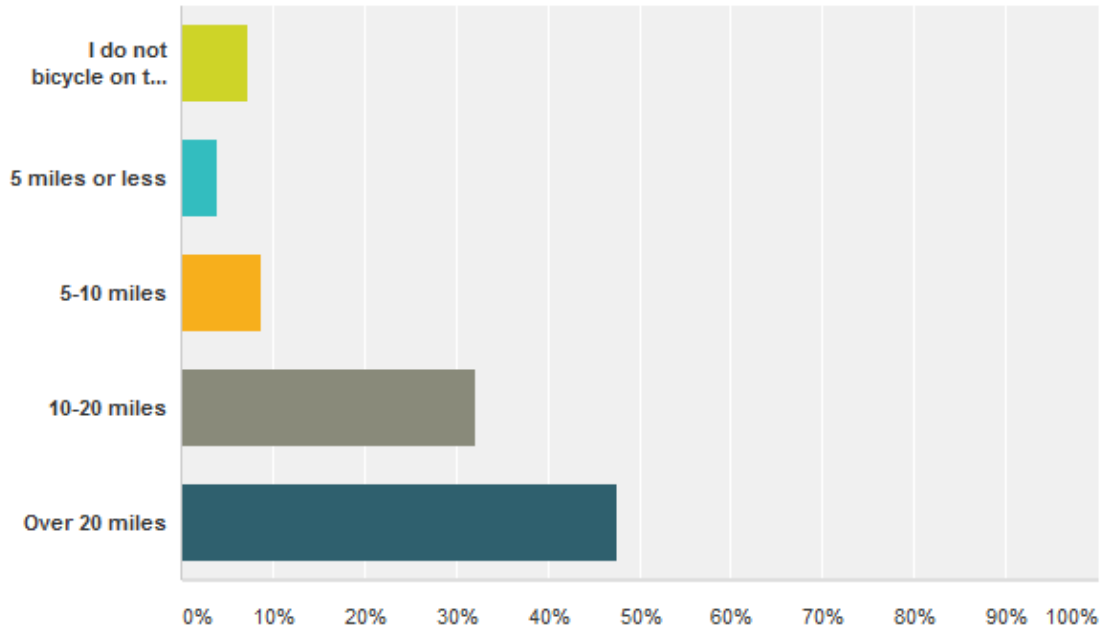
#### 45 Comments:

- Lunch at local rest.
- stopping in Welch for an Ice Cream Cone
- Lunch/snacks--would love more options.
- Foraging for morels
- Ice cream at Trout Scream
- Visiting Cannon River Winery
- Historical sites & natural preserved areas
- Ice cream at Welch
- Golf
- Archeological sights
- Dining out, shopping (Red Wing), antiquing
- Use to tube when the welch campground was open, but that has closed.
- Eating near by
- Eating and drinking
- We typically spend a long weekend at Red Wing hotel and then make another day trip in Fall.
- Winery
- Cannon Valley Fair. Hubbell House restaurant
- dining
- Visiting Brewery
- we did geocaching once
- This does not allow one to check all that apply, so: Camping; Photography;Sightseeing/Fall colours/similar
- I use the trail to reach the YMCA to work out and swim
- strawberry picking near Hastings
- Playgrounds
- Visit Red Wing
- We usually start in Welsch and ride either to Cannon Falls or Red Wing. In Cannon Falls we enjoy stopping at the winery for refreshment. In Red Wing we enjoy going to the Harbor Bar for refreshment and food. Then we ride bike to Welsch
- Winery and lunch
- Beer
- Cannon Valley winery
- shopping, sightseeing, winery
- check all that apply did not work
- Golf
- Shopping, dining
- Get lunch/food in Welch or Cannon Falls
- This question only allows me to pick one answer. We kayak, hike, and fish
- sightseeing, shopping, fall, spring
- Treasure Island Casino
- Spend time in Red WIng
- hiking, fall color,camping sightseeing fall color
- dining in Cannon Falls
- eating lunch
- golf
- A beer and music at the bar in Welch
- Bird and butterfly watching
- This question would not allow me to check more than one!

**Question #11**

**For bicycle riders, how far (round trip) do you usually travel on the Trail?**

Answered: 369 Skipped: 5

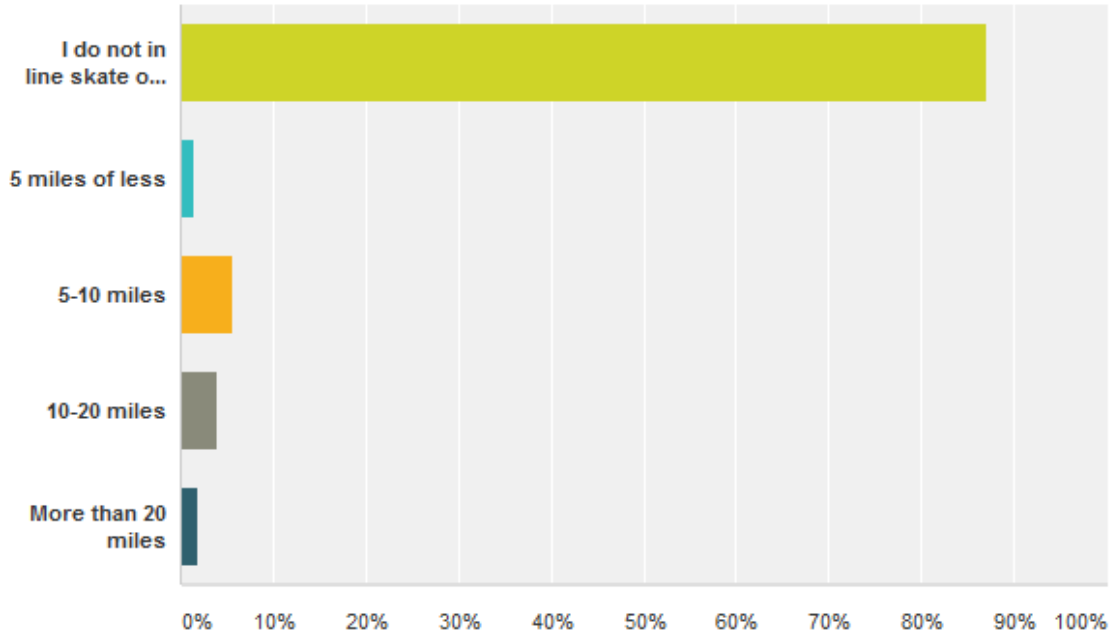


Answer Choices	Responses
▼ I do not bicycle on the Trail	7.32% 27
▼ 5 miles or less	4.07% 15
▼ 5-10 miles	8.67% 32
▼ 10-20 miles	32.25% 119
▼ Over 20 miles	47.70% 176

## Question #12

For in line skaters, how far (round trip) do you usually travel on the Trail?

Answered: 271 Skipped: 103

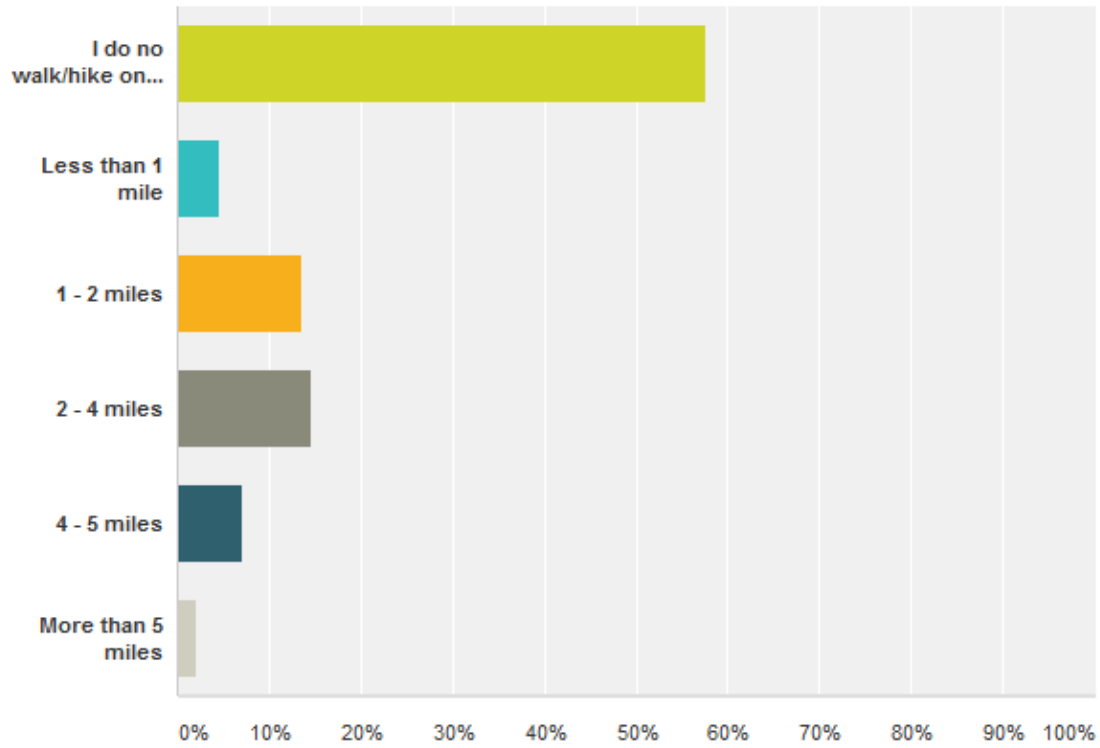


Answer Choices	Responses
I do not in line skate on the Trail	87.08% 236
5 miles of less	1.48% 4
5-10 miles	5.54% 15
10-20 miles	4.06% 11
More than 20 miles	1.85% 5

**Question #13**

**For walkers/hikers, how far (round trip) do you usually travel on the Trail?**

Answered: 279 Skipped: 95



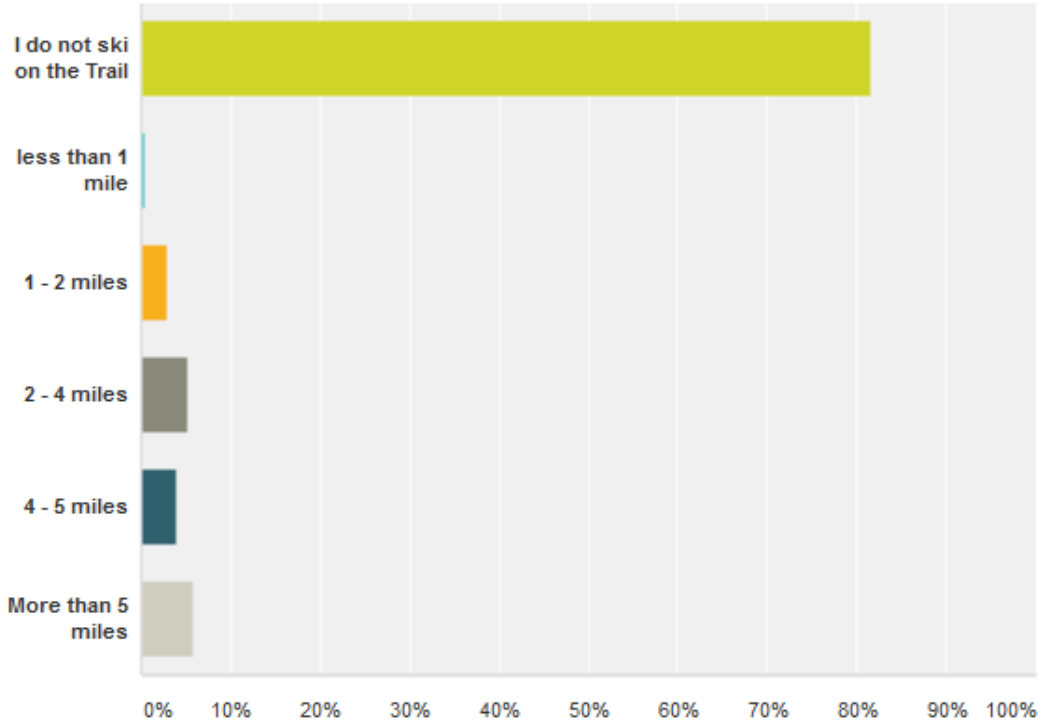
Answer Choices	Responses
I do no walk/hike on the Trail	57.71% 161
Less than 1 mile	4.66% 13
1 - 2 miles	13.62% 38
2 - 4 miles	14.70% 41
4 - 5 miles	7.17% 20
More than 5 miles	2.15% 6



**Question #14**

**For skiers, how far (round trip) do you usually travel on the Trail?**

Answered: 271 Skipped: 103

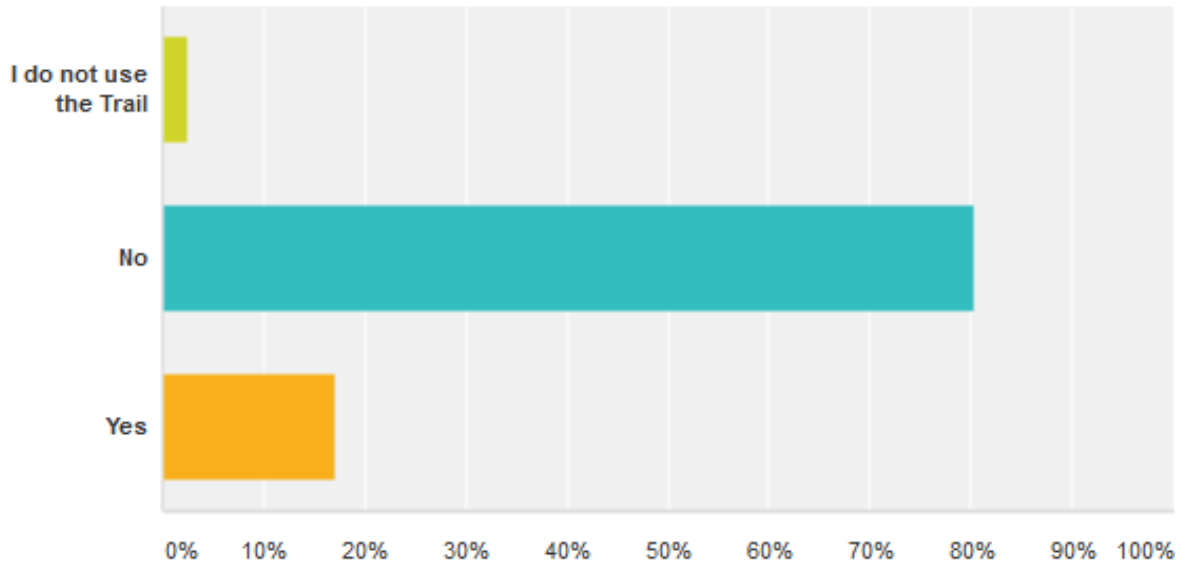


Answer Choices	Responses
▼ I do not ski on the Trail	81.55% 221
▼ less than 1 mile	0.37% 1
▼ 1 - 2 miles	2.95% 8
▼ 2 - 4 miles	5.17% 14
▼ 4 - 5 miles	4.06% 11
▼ More than 5 miles	5.90% 16

**Question #15**

**For all users, are there any physical impediments to your enjoyment of the Trail?**

Answered: 356 Skipped: 18

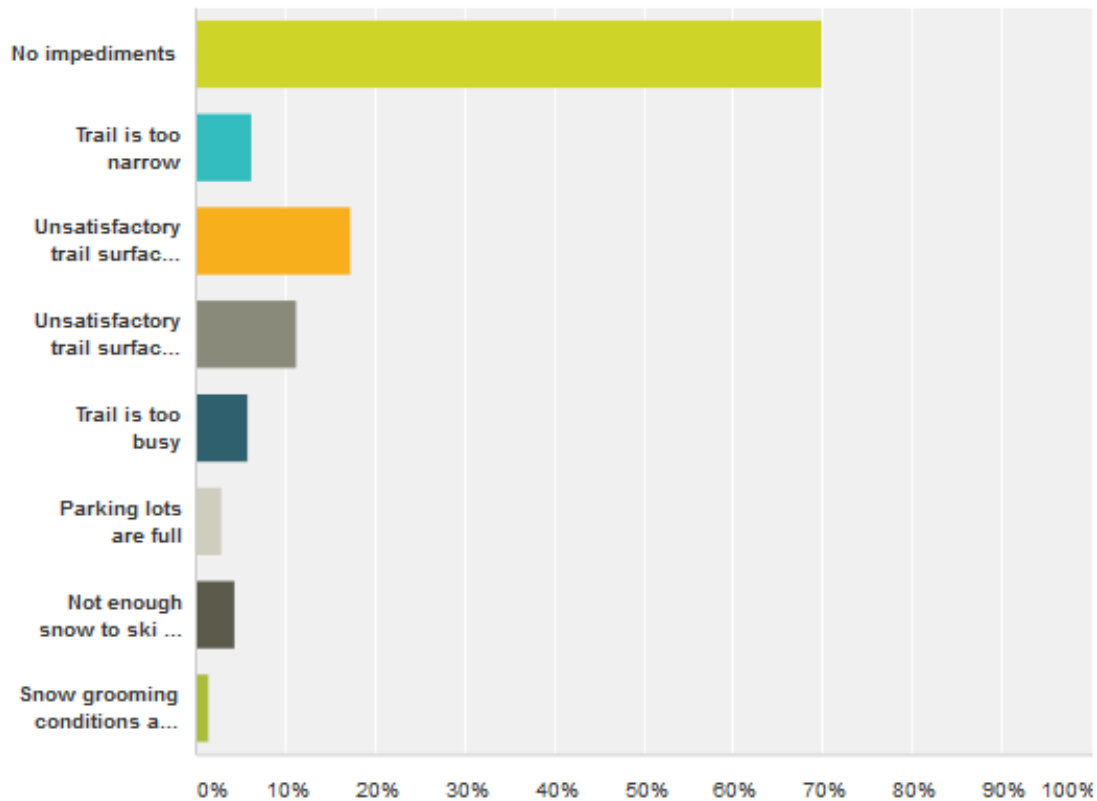


Answer Choices	Responses
I do not use the Trail	2.53% 9
No	80.34% 286
Yes	17.13% 61

## Question #16

What are the physical impediments you have encountered? Check all that apply.

Answered: 276 Skipped: 98



Answer Choices	Responses
▼ No impediments	69.93% 193
▼ Trail is too narrow	6.16% 17
▼ Unsatisfactory trail surface condition - potholes, cracks, rough patches	17.39% 48
▼ Unsatisfactory trail surface - leaves, sticks, debris	11.23% 31
▼ Trail is too busy	5.80% 16
▼ Parking lots are full	2.90% 8
▼ Not enough snow to ski or snowshoe	4.35% 12
▼ Snow grooming conditions are unsatisfactory	1.45% 4

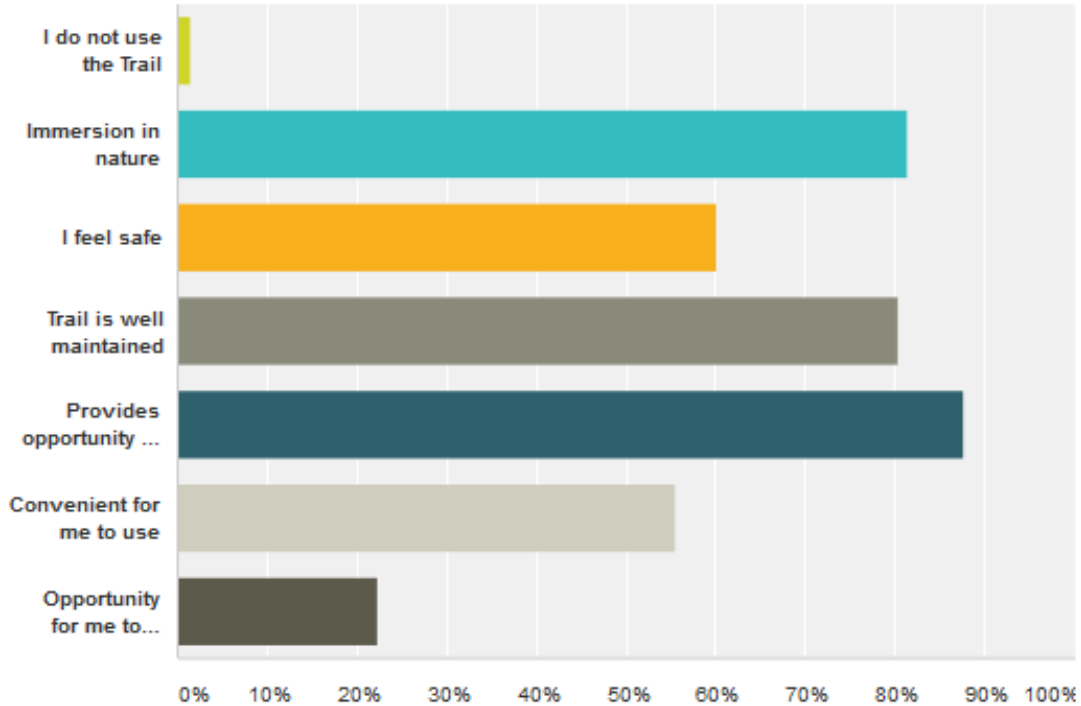
### 35 Comments:

- homeless people living on edge of trail
- Only when rollerblading
- The first 3-miles starting from Red Wing has many sections with a series of very jarring cracks. Same for the section along the Welch Village Ski properties.
- I would like to ride a "fat bike" on it in the winter- even without snow...
- YOU ( your website, your payment option, your ZIP-code exclusions, your isolationism
- I often commute home from work at Prairie Island by bicycle . Trail access from the Highway would be a plus.
- I think the trail is great. However I feel like it could be improved by making it wider.
- Weekends only. The trail is far less congested on most weekdays.
- Hard to skate ski when snow on trail is moved by classic style skiers
- expensive problem: drinking water at Welch isn't very good
- Acts of nature - stones and mud from heavy rains / occasional tree limbs. I am pleased that the support people take care of these problems quite quickly. Thank You!
- Especially closer to Red Wing
- Cracks and Pot holes over filled and not smooth to trail surface
- I believe there could also be educational factors along the way. More kid Friendly... birds in the area, Eagles, Snakes informational interesting facts....
- Parts of the trail like to stay wet, but what do you do... North slope trail placement, shade from the cliffs.
- Pot hole material got all over me and my bike just after a wooden bridge. There were cones, but no caution sign
- cracks in the pavement which create discomfort to my body
- 1.Maintenance vehicles blocking trail. 2. Trail torn up for maintenance.
- The reason we never start in Red Wing is because the parking lot is too small...often full.
- other riders 1 time
- Crossing the busy street by target
- Trail has some cracks that are bumpy, They need fixing. One bridge needs a little ramp bump bump.
- debris on the trail can make roller blading dangerous for us
- Some rough patches
- I am a skate skier but have learned not to use the Cannon Valley trail because it is way too narrow and forces me to mess up the traditional trail. A skate trail has to be at least 6 feet wide.
- Floods
- Gravel roads require stopping in skates, surface should be smoother
- Some of the leaning trees that overhang the trail are questionable.
- A (relatively small) number of riders who bike too fast and/or carelessly
- sand washouts, gravel, having to get off bike to walk it across mounds, bridge entrys are rough with higher than comfortable edge to trail, tough on a road bike, not everyone rides cross bikes or mountain bikes with big tough tires
- Many sections need repavement. I'd like to see this be a priority.
- I would like a proper changing room, like one would find at a beach. I don't like driving in my bike togs.
- Few rough patches. Better tasting water would be good.
- ruts, holes, cracks; It's hard on the wheels and butts w/out coccyx!
- Children

## Question #17

What makes the Trail experience valuable to you? Check all that apply.

Answered: 368 Skipped: 6



Answer Choices	Responses
I do not use the Trail	1.36% 5
Immersion in nature	81.52% 300
I feel safe	60.05% 221
Trail is well maintained	80.43% 298
Provides opportunity for exercise	87.77% 323
Convenient for me to use	55.43% 204
Opportunity for me to socialize	22.28% 82

### 23 Comments:

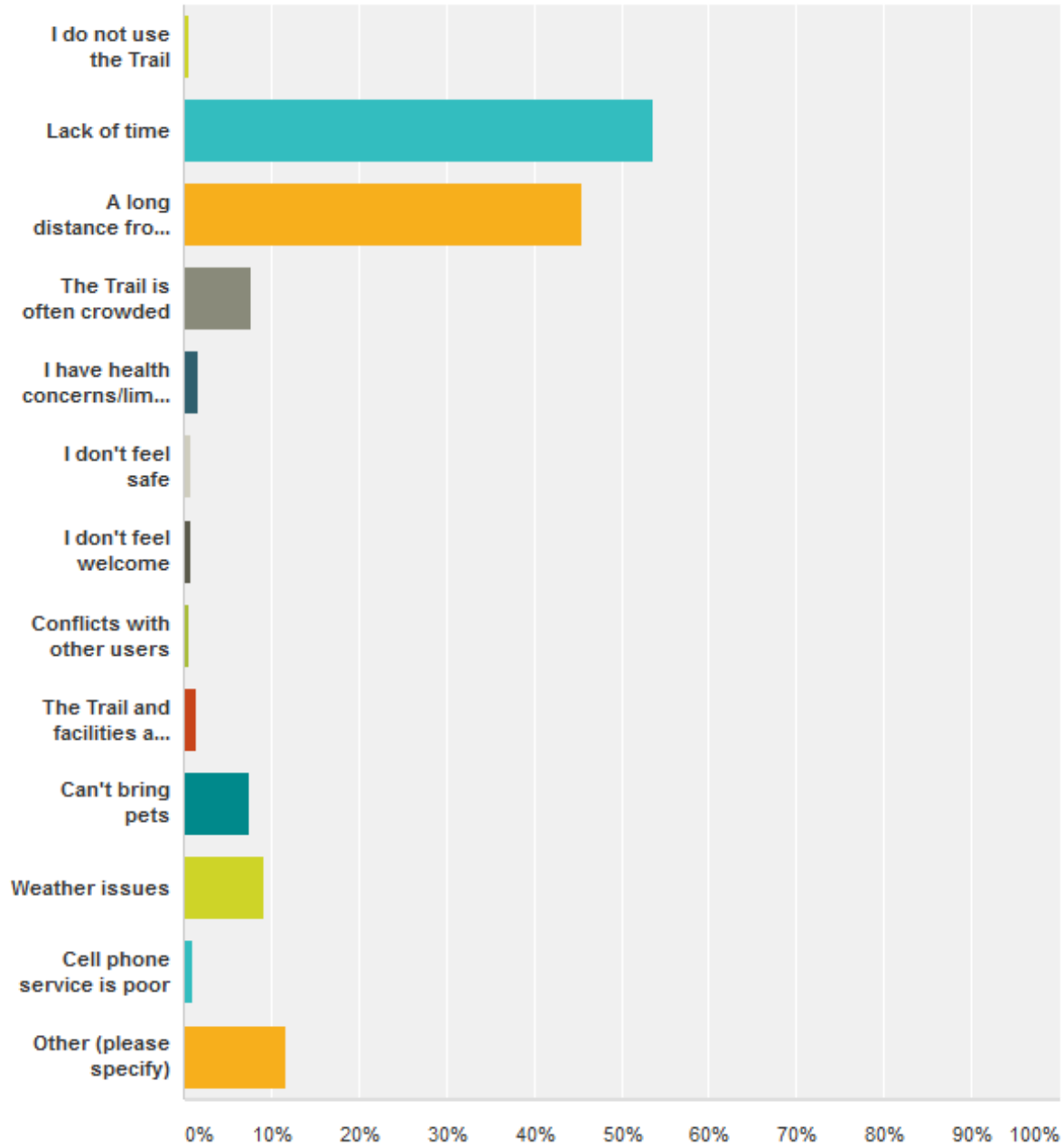
- there is no value, sandwich packing, water drink en, suburb driving tree huggers, bring all there own shit with, They do not spend money in any community they take advantage of
- Generally feel safe--some sections in Red Wing are sketchy, heard too many stories of creeps actually approaching women on their own.
- I would use it , but you don't allow me to...
- As an alternate (longer) option to/from work at PINGP that gets me away from the noise/heat/wind/debris of the highway.

- Location is good. It's "away" for us but not too far. A good day trip.
- Its a beautiful trail. We like that you can stop in Welch and get an ice cream cone and in CF you can go to the winery, shop, the park, etc.
- Mid connecting point with friends from away
- Until I retired, I used the trail to commute to work in Red Wing - invaluable!
- I have been using it for a long time.
- Excellent maintenance...if you don't believe it, go to the Sakatah trail and compare
- Not crowded
- it is an old railroad trail
- My wife gambles at Treasure Island and I ride the trail (and sometimes the Hay Creek Trail also)
- Trail is mostly in shade and usually protected from wind.
- Preservation of bits of its railroad history.
- A break for lunch with fellow bikers at Nick's Diner in Cannon Falls.
- I enjoy the fact there is not vehicle traffic to worry about. It is peaceful and beautiful ride in the fall.
- Canopy of trees and nice going along the river. Welsh also has nice picnic area for lunch.
- Shaded and generally protected from the wind, with shallow gradient
- trail doesn't have car traffic
- trail in maintained to the best of what can be, the washouts are an issue, rough spots could be better, bridge transitions from trail to bridge are higher than should be
- Beautiful beside Cannon River.
- Solitude

**Question #18**

**What limits you from visiting the Trail more often? Check all that apply.**

Answered: 350 Skipped: 24



Answer Choices	Responses
I do not use the Trail	0.57% 2
Lack of time	53.71% 188
A long distance from home	45.43% 159
The Trail is often crowded	7.71% 27
I have health concerns/limitations	1.71% 6
I don't feel safe	0.86% 3
I don't feel welcome	0.86% 3
Conflicts with other users	0.57% 2
The Trail and facilities are not maintained well enough	1.43% 5
Can't bring pets	7.43% 26
Weather issues	9.14% 32
Cell phone service is poor	1.14% 4
Other (please specify) <b>Responses</b>	<b>11.71%</b> 41

#### 41 Comments:

- Cost for a family of 4 for bicycle permits
- I'd really appreciate more well groomed scenic overlook areas on the trail. Some of the benches are either falling apart or their view is completely obscured by trees.
- Not enough access points (because we don't go far, we would like to be able to access different sections more easily)
- people bring their dogs on trail and scare the kids
- I don't like the rubber they use to fill cracks.. tough for rollerblading
- Will not walk at certain times due to being female and alone.
- Can only bike on the trail for half of the year with it being restricted in winter.
- Please no pets! Please more trails and trails that connect to each other. More primitive camping and connecting to towns in between.
- No limits..could use it 24/7 if I wished
- again : your website, payment scheme, zip-code requirement, country of residence exclusions,.. And you probably don't even realize it.
- The option of entering the trail at other locations would help with the "lack of time".
- Cannon Falls community is for the most part, indifferent about having visitors in "their" town
- We like to ride multiple trails. But like riding the Cannon Valley Trail.
- Being able to walk a dog on a leash on Weekdays Only. Summer weekends are too busy for dogs.
- love the trail. wish Northfield had it
- It is a days trip and connecting with my friend limits my use
- It is 45 minutes from home, but not a big deal.
- It's busy on weekends as it should be..... so I normally stay away on weekends
- just the hassle of getting all the kids' bikes together on the hitch and getting everyone coordinated to go
- I live in Washington, so can only use it when I'm back visiting family
- retired so go when I feel like it, weather not a huge factor

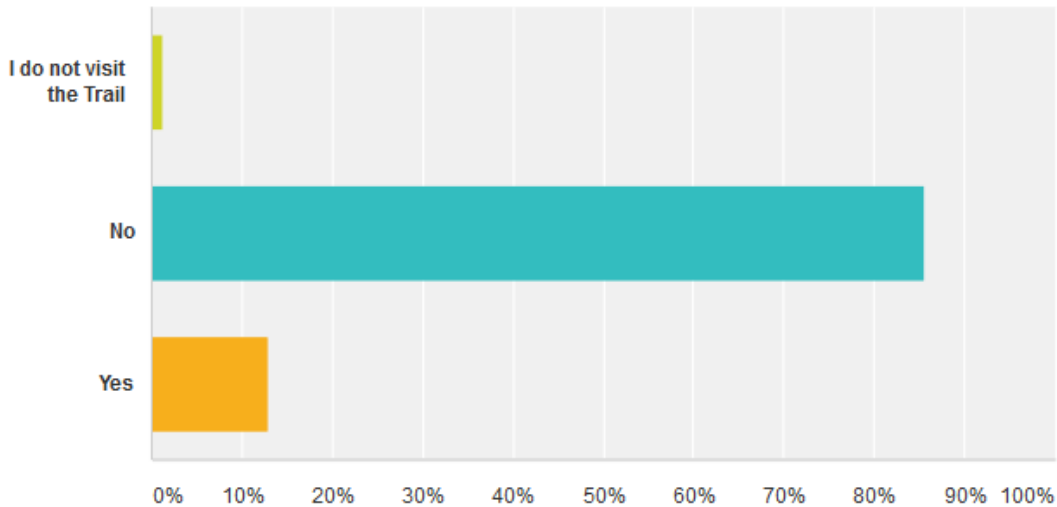


- I would prefer limited pet access "on" the trail but maybe there could be sections in the vicinity for pets. People just aren't responsible and if a dog is unleashed or even leashed and jumps out at you on the trail, it is dangerous. Also, the whole area should be non-smoking.
- too busy on week-ends
- Cost to use
- we moved from Hastings to Maplewood so it is a longer drive
- During the winter I skate ski and due to the narrow grooming pattern, cannot use the Cannon Valley trail.
- So many other trails to bike in the state.
- We like to carry our Chihuahua in a back pack. If the dog can't come with, then we have to find someone to leave the dog with when we visit the trail. to
- We live in Maryland and just recently were able to visit the trail for the first time while on a trip home ot Minnesota - when in Minnesota we typically are in Minneapolis but brother-in-law just moved to Northfield so may visit more often in future and for other activities
- I don't have bike rack for my car, so I must ride a fair distance from my house to the trail.
- Children not supervised by parents stopping in dangerous spots on trail no awareness of other riders
- we try not to go on weekends when there are so many families, children and crowded. we choose to bike county roads at those busy times
- none
- I answered these questions based on when I lived in the 55124 zip code. I've now moved; I actually have only used it once this year because I live farther.
- NO limits
- Some years, I don't think I'll use it enough to by a pass. In those cases, it's hard to stop and pay, and I'll ride somewhere that's lower or no cost.
- I would also inline skate on the trail, but the aging surface and debris on the trail keeps me away.
- Not enough points of entry with parking
- The trail passes my place of employment so i am able to utilize it during my breaks.
- We live in Brooklyn Park
- Distance from home St. Paul

## Question #19

### Have you ever had a safety concern when visiting the Trail?

Answered: 370 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses
I do not visit the Trail	1.35% 5
No	85.68% 317
Yes	12.97% 48

#### 50 Comments:

- When I am on the trail I do not always feel safe. Especially in early morning or evening hours. W
- The homeless peoples that live on the Cannon Falls end of the trail are cause for concern.
- I met folks on the trail that were just off the trail and just hanging out.....same bunch more than once and I felt rather uncomfortable.
- Rowdy partiers on the trail...
- A few years ago a lady was "clothes lined" and knocked off her bike by some kids and that was a concern for awhile.
- Would like more mile markers placed. Maybe every 1/4 to 1/2 mile
- Wouldn't use the Red Wing side on my own. Haven't heard anything to be nervous about the Cannon Falls side.
- Occasionally, there will be strange people on trail, usually around the east side of city softball fields.
- Too narrow
- nothing specific- just general safety nerves
- Men on bikes that looked like meth heads on part of the trail.
- People not stopping at roads to watch for cars. Especially near Welch station.
- 1)Wash-outs, high water. 2)I was once with other cyclists who both wiped-out on a bridge that was extremely slippery with some biological growth. It was a bad scene. 3) Also dodging bunnies,raccoons (especially in the dark morning-not that I wish anything to be done about this!) 4) Statistically trail riding

is more dangerous than on public roads.(Effective Cycling, John Forester, MIT Press- this is especially true of those that parallel public roads unlike the CVT.)

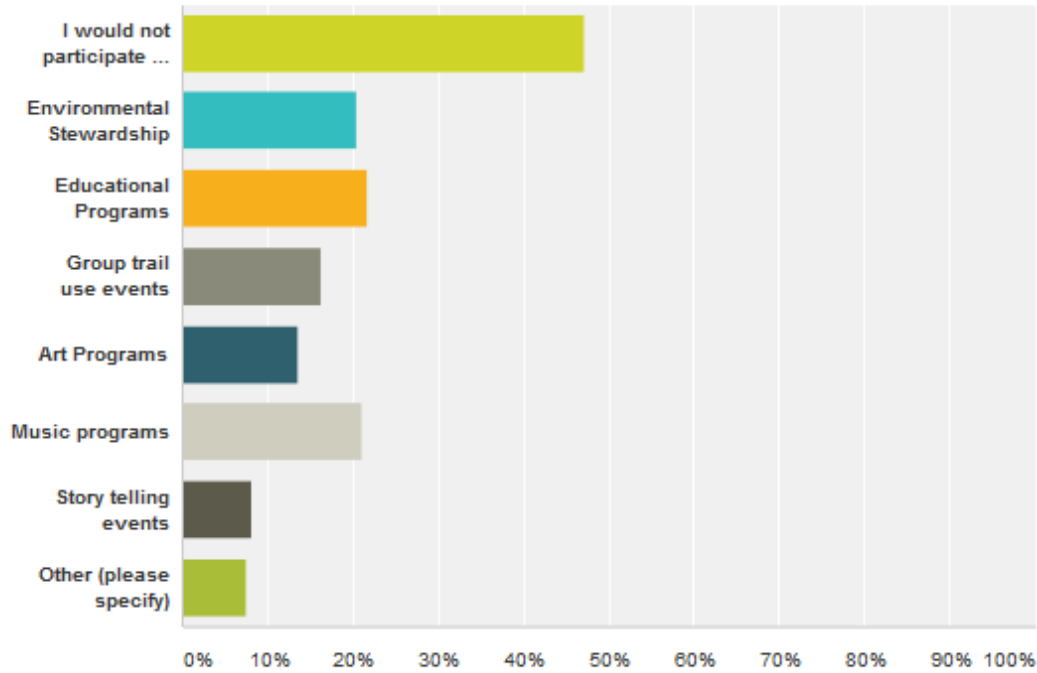
- Unmarked patches of soft gravel, unmarked wet bridges, sand, gravel and debris not swept away
- Sometimes when it's crowded you really have to watch out for other bicyclists, especially kids.
- Every time I am biking alone and sometimes I have encountered random men that aren't out for a walk but walking the trail and they seem to be suspicious. Being out on the trail alone makes me feel unsafe, I have talked to my husband about a whistle or something. Wish there was more security or emergency towers or something along the trail.
- On occasion of a weekday evening or late afternoon, there may be people in the Welch parking area that don't appear to be there to use the trail. I'd probably never use the Trail alone at those times of day.
- Yes, some of the older bridge decks can get very slippery for both walking and biking. At a minimum warning signs would help.
- Riding on the trail during deer hunting season
- During the hunting season, there appears to be lots of hunters on and near the trail.
- One time I was biking and it became very dark (no moon). I was worried I would run into a deer, bunny, snake, etc. but I was my fault. I talked the entire time while biking so the animals would hear me.
- uneducated or rude riders, but not often at all.
- On week days, dog walkers aren't careful about keeping their dogs on a leash or under control if they are on a leash (i.e. they have multiple dogs or the leash is 10 ft. long).
- I think that the trail should be widened to improve safety.
- contractor in Cannon Falls was working on rebuild area near Mile post 0. Has equipment on paved part of trail and I rode (slowly) onto grass on opposite side from work to continue. Boss was immediately and openly belligerent and threatened to attack me - saying I was not allowed there. No signs were posted about any construction, detour or trail closing. I rode on to CF police and filed a report before returning and riding on a parallel street. I chose not to press charges. What a jerk! His coworkers silently watched his display.
- falling due to sand, sticks or temporarily patched spots
- Crazy damn Rock Chuck and a crazy 'coon! :-) Neither wanted to give up the trail... I love Nature!
- When large groups like school groups use the trail but do not ride single file and take over the trail. It is most discouraging to see adults leading these groups ignore basic guidelines for biking.
- bikers sometimes being rude when there's a lot of them & I'm the only walker
- Only on very busy crowded weekends. Possibility of oncoming bikers veering into us.
- Stopped bicycles in middle of trail, children on bikes veering in front of me
- A child biker turned right in front of me
- Lack of cell phone service in the event of an emergency.
- Bunny suicides.
- The only trouble I have had is when large school groups come to the trail. The kids ride in large bubbles, three across, and don't know how to let a faster rider pass-- also true of the adults with them. Either swerve around, aren't listening, don't know what "on your left" means
- Ignorant people not using the trail properly. (i.e.-stay to the right)
- crowded weekends, amateur riders
- Crossing the street by target is hard with toddlers on bikes
- Trail is too narrow. Most trails on former rail beds that I ride are 4 feet wider
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- homeless people wandering the trail
- I was caught in a tornado while on the trail. Had to seek refuge in the restroom building at the Welch Station area. I had to try to ride to trailhead in Cannon Falls by riding up to Vasa then West on a state highway. Needed help from a State highway worker.

- but I do not go alone
- Early season. Small icy spots. Good sense is every person's responsibility.
- There have been non trail users sitting on the benches waiting for someone they are meeting. They usually sit about a mile after the start of the Cannon Falls bike trail around 5 pm, we have noticed. I don't feel safe around them.
- Some portions are extremely close to the high cliffs with no guard rails in case of an accident.
- Our car was broken into at the trail head in Red Wing on an early Sunday morning. There is not a lot of traffic then. We would like to see a camera installed there to deter these people!
- Children stopped in middle of trail around a curve
- 2 men that looked high on hard drugs followed a friend of mine until she returned to red wing
- People stop, and don't get completely off the trail.

**Question #20**

**In what activities or programs would you participate in if they were available? Check all that apply.**

Answered: 331 Skipped: 43



Answer Choices	Responses
I would not participate in any activities or programs	47.13% 156
Environmental Stewardship	20.54% 68
Educational Programs	21.75% 72
Group trail use events	16.31% 54
Art Programs	13.60% 45
Music programs	21.15% 70
Story telling events	8.16% 27
Other (please specify)	<a href="#">Responses</a> 7.55% 25

**25 Comments:**

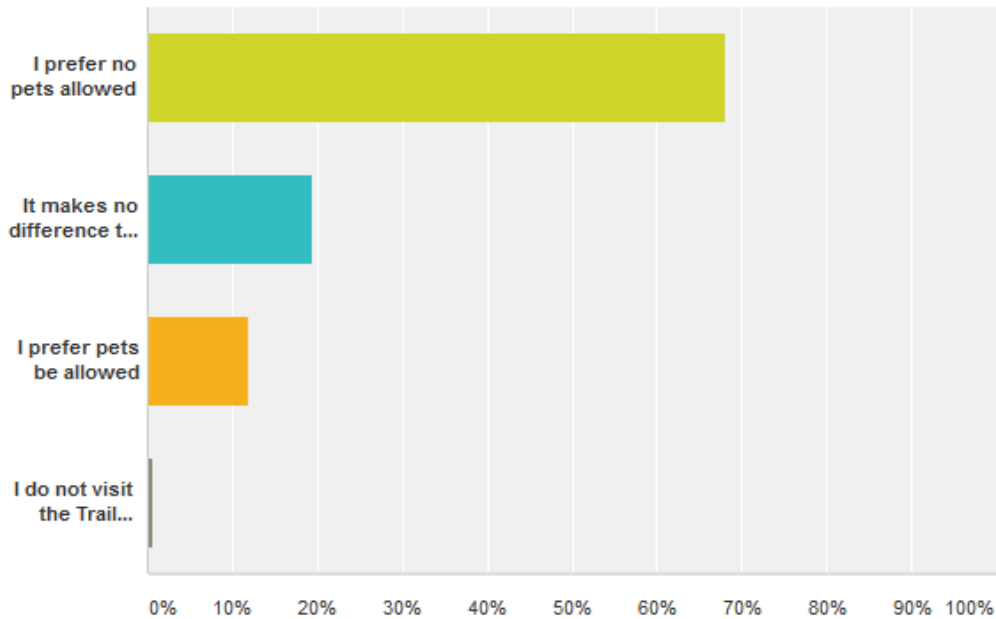
- Would love to see a running clinic on the trail
- All of the above appeals to me but whether I could participate depends on when they are offered.
- ATV, SNOWMOBILING
- Archeological dig
- Picnics or ice cream socials
- Geographical and historical background of the area - especially the digs
- I bike mainly during the week so not as crowded

- I would love to have a wine tasting, or cheese tasting, or something like that.
- depends on dates/times/fees etc.
- Would love to have a campground on the trail instead of in the vicinity. Why can't Hidden Valley Campground be resurrected?
- Would volunteer to help maintain the trail or help the CVT program in any way needed.
- I almost checked Stewardship and Educational programs ... but specifics matter. The other stuff--meh.
- Live in AZ so N/A
- Plant id
- not sure, but looking forward to what you offer!
- food
- I like listening to music at the Welch station.
- Social events to meet like-minded people
- Birdwatching
- We always look for other Tandem Bike Riders
- be great to have food truck at end of trail in red wing
- Ski lessons
- Geology of the area
- Kid-friendly programs if the weather was nice
- Again, distance issue

## Question #21

### Cannon Valley Trail does not allow pets (except for service animals and hunters using the Trail to access off-trail areas). What is your opinion of the No Pets rule?

Answered: 367 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses
I prefer no pets allowed	68.12% 250
It makes no difference to me if they are allowed or not	19.35% 71
I prefer pets be allowed	11.99% 44
I do not visit the Trail because of the No Pet rule	0.54% 2

#### 73 Comments:

- It would be nice to bring our dog along but not all people properly pick up after their pets and I think that would become an issue.
- We walk our dogs every day and have to avoid the trail due to no pets allowed.
- if they are allowed, I would want the owner/walker to be held responsible to ensure they clean up their messes
- I would use the trail more if they allowed pets.
- We would visit the trail much more often if pets were allowed. That is the main reason we don't visit very often. I'd be willing to pay a premium fee to be allowed to bring my dog.
- I would be in favor of allowing pets with heavy penalties for failure to clean or loose pets.
- Only because people don't pick up after them--on the Hay Creek Trail you have to constantly dodge piles of poo.
- as long as they are in a lesh
- I would like to be able to walk our dog on the trail.

- as long as people cleaned up after their pets and had them on a leash
- We would love to be able to have our dog ride along in her Tail Wagon trailer.
- Pets would be good IF they were leashed or totally under control- non peak hours/mid-week for example
- Pets would interfere with biking riders.
- Love dogs but love the freedom to ride without the worry of dogs on leashes.
- I don't believe people can be relied upon to clean up after their pet, or keep them out of others' way. Unless you have the manpower to enforce proper attention to pets on the trail, the rule should remain.
- I have a dog myself but honestly, so many people don't pick up after their pets and it spoils things. However, for those who live on or near the trail it might be nice to allow pets for some portion of the trail. Just a thought.enice
- This trail can be quite busy on weekends and I feel pets would be a hazard. I have a pet and would not take her there. There are plenty of other places to walk your dog in and around the towns. Not to mention dog parks
- Trail is busy and pets have potential to be in the way. Or jump out in front of you
- If allowed must be on leashes and controlled so not impeding others movement
- Pets would be fine if confined to carriers on trail or leash at rest stops.
- I prefer pets be allowed but, understand the problems that can occur when people are not responsible with their pets.
- Would use trail less if pets were allowed they present a great danger for bicyclist since pet owners never controll their animals and often ignor leash regulations
- Pets can easily get in the way of bikers. I love pets, but the trail is not a place for them.
- Pets with bicycles and rollerbladers is not a good combination!!
- I think it's a good idea because a biker might hit an animal and cause several injury to the biker and/or animal.
- can you imagine pets on leashes as you come up from behind at 12 mph? safety issues !!!
- I appreciate not having to look out for dogs along the trail, despite the fact that I have a dog and walk her often (on other trails)
- There are so many other places you can bring pets and it is nice not to have to worry or bother about pets, nor see animal poop on the trail
- Require leashes and pet waste pickup
- I would be ok with pets riding in a trailer or basket but not on a leash. I have frequently encountered people on a trail with the leash across the whole width of the trail and the person had ear buds and can't hear my approach.
- Pets would make the biking trail dangerous, and would limit my enjoyment of the trail.
- I believe this is stupid. people have their pets on the trail all the time-its not regulated so why have the rule! Serious Bikers ride in the street anyway, it seems.
- If pets are on short leashes with attentive owners giving respect to bikes moving along at a reasonable speed.
- While I perfer no pets, I would understand if pets were allowed.
- Even with the No Pet rule, too many times we've had dogs loose or leashed run or move in front of our bikes.
- Pets would make the trail less safe for bikers. There are plenty of other places for pets and owners to use.
- We have very small dogs that ride in a basket on our bikes. We quit biking on this trail because of this, even though it is a very nice and well groomed trail
- My only concern if the rule was changed would be enforcement of leash laws and cleaning up after your pet.
- I have a service dog but I prefer not having his vest on because I worry about him getting too hot

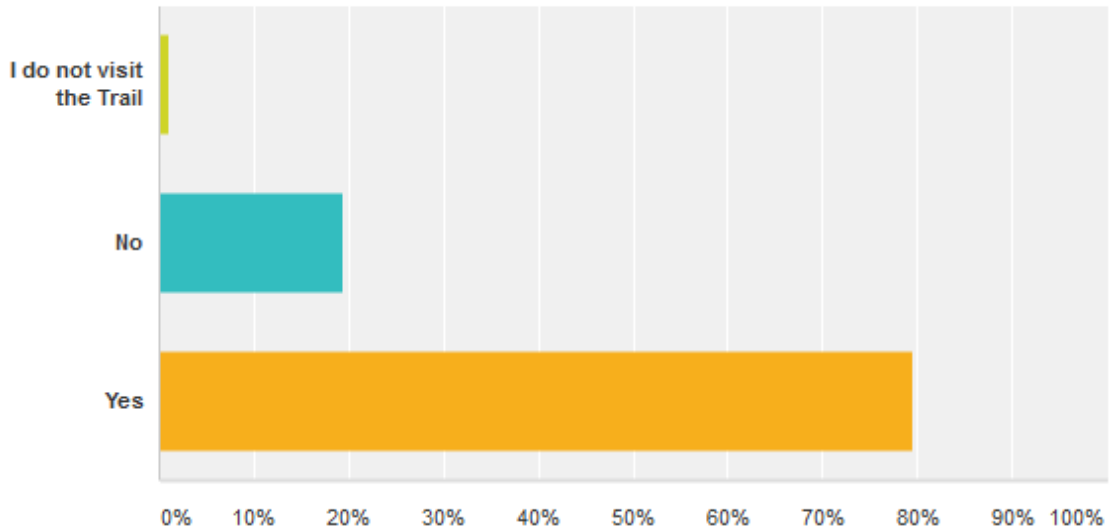


- I strongly prefer no pets--no worries about dogs off leash or on long leash impeding my travel on the trail--it is one recreational place I can go where I don't have to worry about dogs. I also appreciate not having dogs impede my birding when I am birding on the trail. And, no dog poop to worry about on the trail surface!
- As long as they are leashed and not in the way of bikers.
- I do not think biking is safe when pets are allowed on the trail
- Pets are allowed in the Metro areas. Pets are important to people - I think this policy needs to be changed.
- I like to bring my dog with me and make sure I clean up after my pet. Bags and trash can would need to be provided.
- winter users should be allowed pets
- You can't guarantee owners will pick up after their dogs or that a dog is well behaved around strangers or children
- Enforced: dogs must be restrained
- Riding bikes and pets,even if leashed, are incompatible. It's a safety issue.
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- I would be concern riding a bike with pets around. It would become a big hazard and I would be concern about how owners would control their pets.
- Worried that a pet would dart into the path of a bike causing injury to the rider.
- Dogs are great but they don't belong on a narrow trail...they would cause an accident I'm sure.
- pets can be really dangerous for biking
- As long as long as the animal owners picked up after them
- I don't see why pets aren't allowed as long as they are kept on a leash and don't get in the way of bikers.
- Pets are a danger to bike riders... can get in their way and cause an accident
- I have nothing against pets - just owners and their lack of respect for other trail users. Not everybody loves their pet and their behavior.
- I love dogs, but I have had three accidents involving them on other trails
- Dogs NEVER belong on a trail with skaters & bikers ! ALWAYS dangerous for skaters AND the dog(s)
- I think it would be unsafe for bikers if pets are allowed.
- As long as they are well-behaved and leashed, being managed by the owner, so that everyone else felt safe, including those of us who may want to bring our own pet.
- dogs and bikes don't mix
- Pets and bikes just don't mix well. If there were separate biking and walking paths, then pets would be okay. I like dogs and own one but also like my biking.
- Pets would only make the trail unsafe and busier when biking.
- However, if people would like to walk their pets during less used times, keep them in control and clean up after them, I have no problem
- "No pets" is critical for in-line skaters and bikers.
- As long as pets are under control, I know people enjoy walking our local trails with their dogs.
- It would be okay if people who bring pets would be very concious of etiquette, but I don't see that happening. I ride other trails, and people are walking dogs, and the leash goes completely across that trail, in the way.
- I understand the need for this rule but I love pulling my 13# Jack Russell terrier behind on a Burley!
- It is best to stick to no pets. Once you start allowing pets, there are too many people that like to bend the rules and not clean up after them.
- I prefer no pets allowed since the Trail is narrow.
- I don't think it is a good idea for pets. I've seen some leashed and that was fine for me walking, but with all the bicycles on the trail, the animals would be at risk also.
- Pets are OK - but owners don't pay attention to others.

**Question #22**

**For your typical visit, do you visit local businesses such as gas stations, restaurants, ice cream shops?**

Answered: 372 Skipped: 2

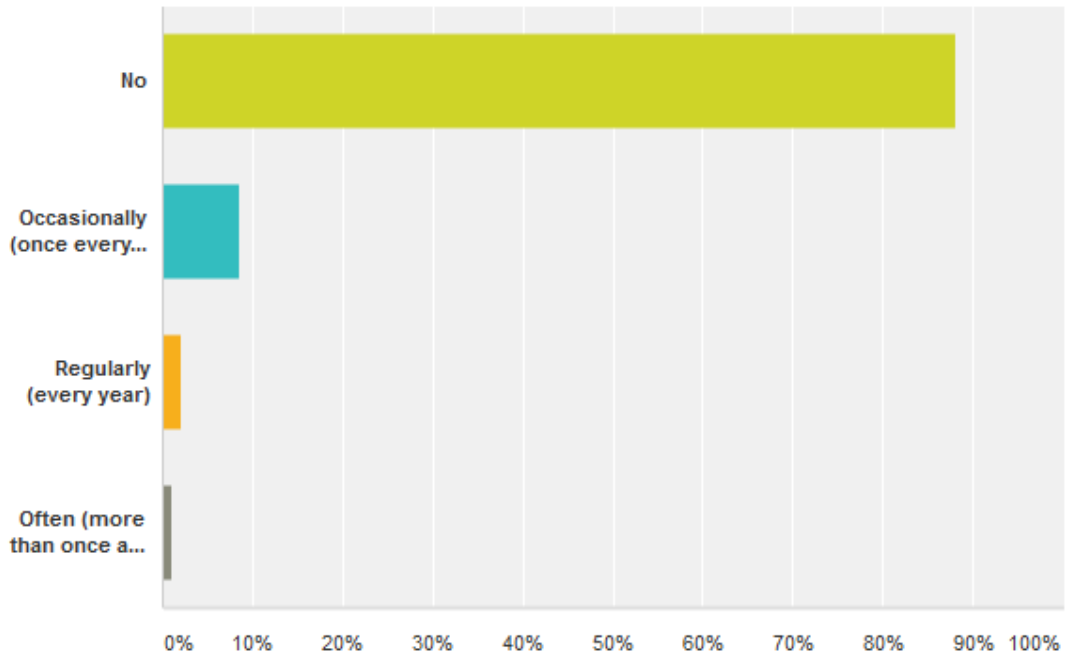


Answer Choices	Responses
▼ I do not visit the Trail	1.08% 4
▼ No	19.35% 72
▼ Yes	79.57% 296

**Question #23**

**Do you ever spend a night in a local hotel, motel, campground, bed and breakfast related to your visit to the Trail?**

Answered: 371 Skipped: 3

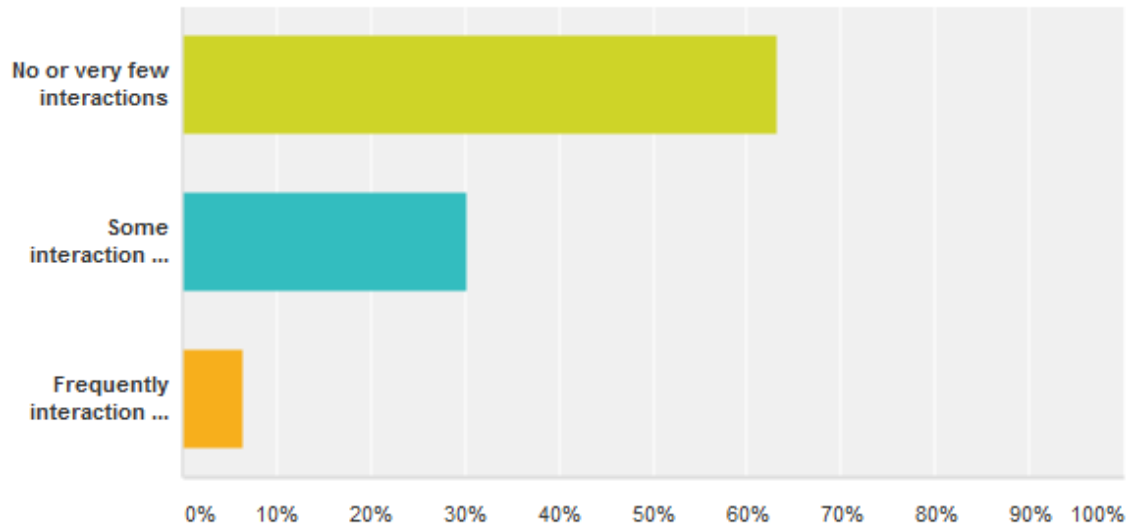


Answer Choices	Responses
▼ No	88.14% 327
▼ Occasionally (once every year or two)	8.63% 32
▼ Regularly (every year)	2.16% 8
▼ Often (more than once a year)	1.08% 4

## Question #24

### How often does your visit involve some interaction with Trail staff or volunteers?

Answered: 370 Skipped: 4

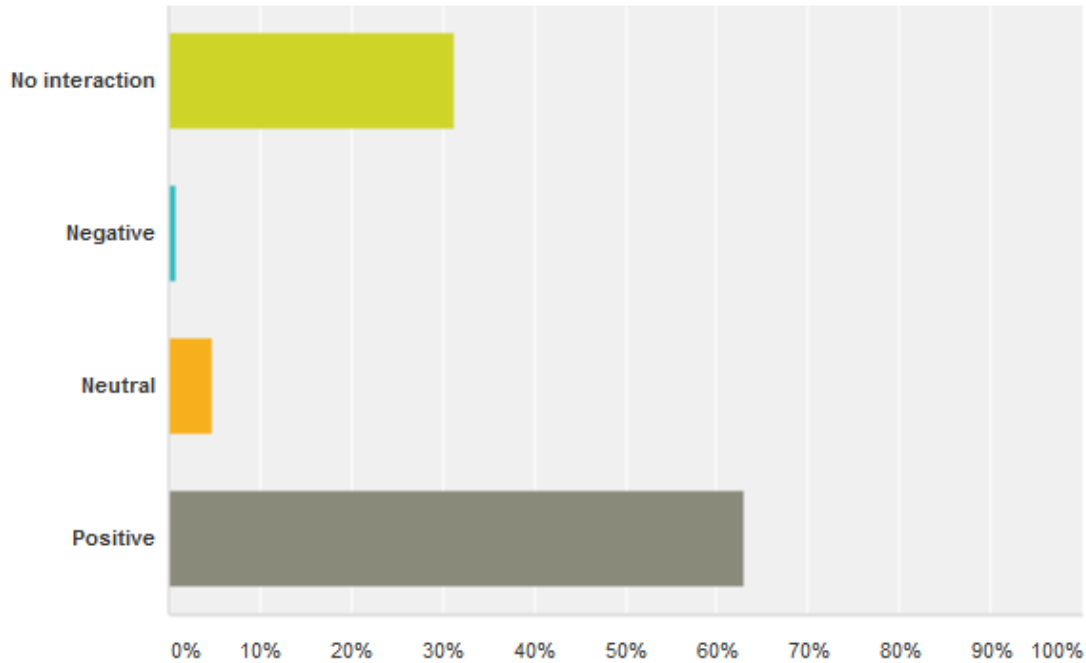


Answer Choices	Responses
▼ No or very few interactions	63.24% 234
▼ Some interaction - up to 50% of my visits	30.27% 112
▼ Frequently interaction - over 50% of my visits	6.49% 24

## Question #25

### How would you rate the average quality of your interaction with Trail staff or volunteers over the last year or two?

Answered: 371 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
No interaction	31.27% 116
Negative	0.81% 3
Neutral	4.85% 18
Positive	63.07% 234

#### 59 Comments:

- Staff are always friendly and answer questions
- Brief interaction while staff/volunteer checks that I have a trail pass
- A volunteer greets me in a positive way/
- Stopping to visit with Scott R or other staff folks
- A question or friendly comment
- getting maps, finding out what is new.
- Staff members and volunteers are always very helpful and friendly, with local knowledge.
- Trail workers are always courteous without exception.
- A typical interaction for me would be to ask for some attention paid to a particular trail condition that concerns me; for instance, I stopped a trail worker to ask that gravel strewn across the trail for some time be swept off, which he did.

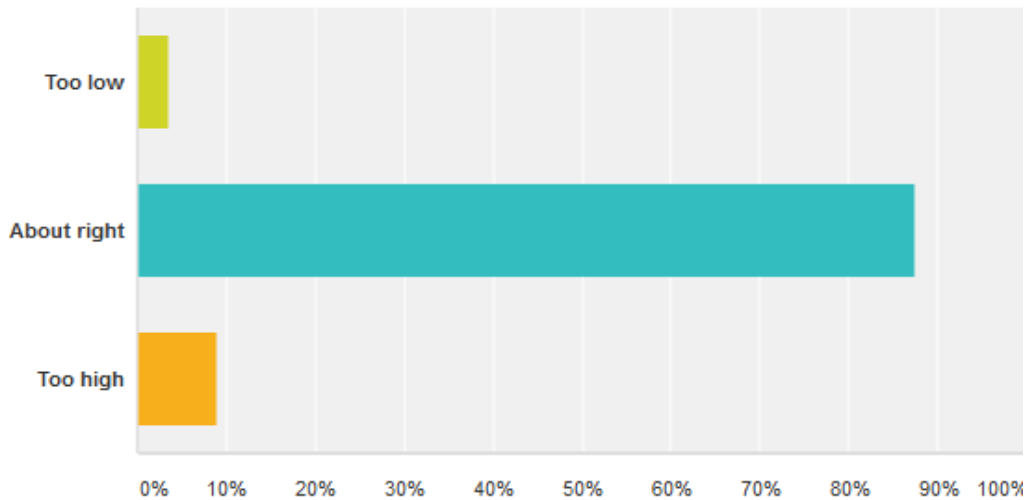
- They're always really friendly and helpful! One time years ago we took a group of boy scouts and insisted they all have helmets. Along the trail there was someone handing out coupons for free ice creams to everyone who had a helmet... we didn't know they would be there doing that, but what a great reinforcement that was!ong the t
- Hi --- . How is everything going. Trail looks great. Keep up the good work. We really appreciate it.
- The reason I say this is because my Dad lives in upper burnside and when I get on the trail, I come down where it Y's off to either go to RW or CF, if there is a staff person there , there have been a couple of occasions where they have yelled after me If I have a pass. I dont really care to be harassed on the trail. If I need a pass I'll surely get one, as I have almost every year since the trail opened.
- Asking for help on finding a place to eat...
- Wave and a hello
- A greeting, or maybe a question about trail conditions. Your staff is always very pleasant.
- I've represented the CVWP table at an event with great support, and had always friendly and professional help from staff in Welsh and the Anderson access in Red Wing.
- buying pass
- As Friends of the Trail, the interaction is mostly Hi and Thanks for volunteering!
- I have bought the shirts most years
- VERY POSITIVE...the workers always take time to be polite, courteous and answer questions
- Usually asking for local information
- They are always very friendly, but since I buy an annual pass, and live in the area, I don't go up to the booth always.
- Report issues on the trail. Compliment them on the maintenance of the trail. Just a greeting.
- They're always VERY friendly and helpful!
- Usually just passing by and waving. Have reported downed tree to Welch Village crew early AM (this June) and they had it sawed up right away.
- Friendly, informative.
- The people have always been very friendly.
- trail pass check in at Cannon Falls end. Always very friendly!
- heard the history of the trail. Enjoyed talking with the staff member.
- Staff have always been accomidating and friendly. We usually ride during the week when maintiance may take place. They always move equipment to the side so we can safely pass.
- saying hi, occationally explaining my dog, chatting somemore then wishing each other a wonderful day
- Wave at maintenance workers. Pleasant interactions with office staff and trail director.
- Trail staff will alert us to hazards or other large groups of bikers that we might encounter that day.
- A wave to someone in a vehicle, or a person on foot thanking me for showing the annual pass prominently
- The trail staff are awesome! Courteous, helpful, respectful. Service vehicles always pull way over and stop to let riders pass
- VERY POSITIVE I often share information about maintenance
- I live in Welch, MN so nice to talk to the Trail staff!
- Super nice, friendly, and helpful volunteers!
- Chatting about how busy the trail is, any plans to widen.
- Chatting about how busy the trail is, any plans to widen.
- They are all so friendly and helpful
- All interaction I had with volunteers has been exceptional. I always enjoyed talking to them. Thank you for all the work you are doing. I know how difficult it can be.
- workers in vehicles pull to the side, wave or greet us verbally
- Just buying the trail pass at Welch Village. In Cannon Falls we pay at the box.
- Buying trail pass or passing by maintenance workers

- When I have they have been very friendly and helpful
- Maintenance and work repair
- brief discussion
- Brief conversations with staffers regarding trail maintenance, and future plans and issues
- Very friendly helpful
- Didn't have small bills to buy pass at trail head. This reason was reasonable to the staff we ran into 5 miles in. He made change and sold us the day pass. very pleasant fella!!
- greeting, buy trail pass, inform them of a problem on trail somewhere
- We usually ride during the weekdays (retired) and sometimes meet staff as they are working the trail. We've always had very positive experiences and we make sure to let them know how much we appreciate the good care they take of the trail.
- greeting of staff at work on the trail.
- once when someone in group had flat tire they gave person ride to car.....very kind and helpful
- Check-point stations is the only time we have met staff on the trail and we have annual passes, so we don't stop to chat.
- They are curious on mowers and vehicles and pull over as I go past them.
- basically only when I get to Welch to buy a wheel pass
- Friendly, informative

## Question #26

The Trail charges a fee for bicycling and in line skating for those age 18 and older. A season pass is \$25/year and a daily pass is \$4. For the season pass, what is your opinion of the \$25 fee?

Answered: 358 Skipped: 16



Answer Choices	Responses
Too low	3.63% 13
About right	87.43% 313
Too high	8.94% 32

### 72 Comments:

- Need a family rate...
- For a household with 4+ members over 18, \$25/year per person is a little pricey. The option to purchase a family package would be much appreciated.
- I feel it's too high mostly because I don't understand the annual costs associated with maintenance of the trail. It would help if I knew what my \$25 did in relation to the actual annual cost of maintenance.
- I have four family members over 18 and we don't use the trail very often because of the no pets rule. I haven't bought a pass the last two years because it's too expensive for the amount we'd use it. We need to be able to walk our pets.
- should be a \$100
- \$20.00 would be perfect
- Thought it was dumb when it started but thank God no one listened to me
- reduce for C.F. residence
- For us that would be too high because we'd have to make sure we got there at least 6 times to pay for it. We probably wouldn't make it there that many times in a season.
- Biking in the winter could charge more.



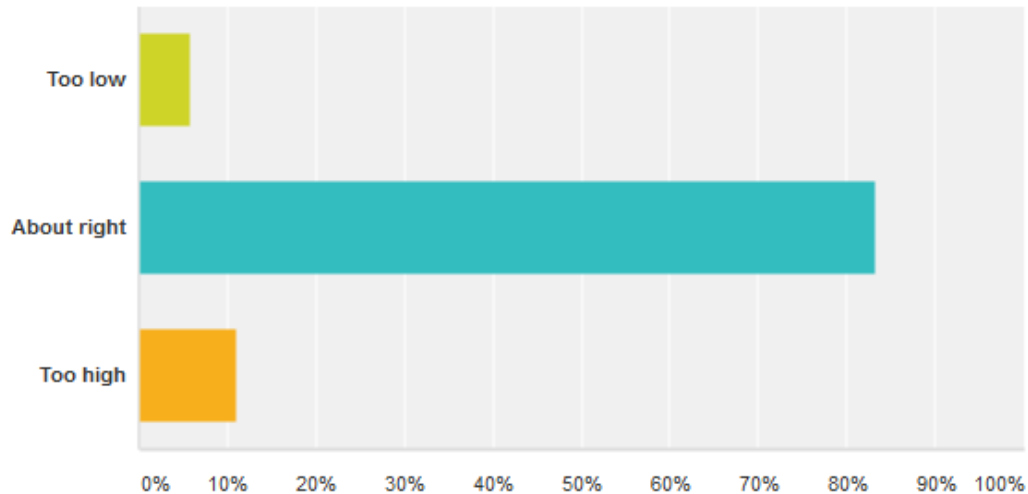
- the fees may discourage young families or persons that are tight on money (minimum wage jobs, lost a job)
- We are glad to pay.
- discriminating ; where are your waiver policies.
- 4 dollars is a bargain
- It is doubtful that most users will come out ahead using the \$25 fee. I do it to support trail upkeep. I have had trouble finding a place that sells the annual pass. Frustrating. It is tempting to skip it. Why not list sellers at the trail head? How about places like Four seasons sports in RW...etc.? I Finally got mine at the Depot...often not open.
- I'm happy to pay this fee, even more, in exchange for consistent trail maintenance and cleaning.
- We have no problem with charging a fee as long as it keeps the trail clean, safe, and in good repair.
- Would like to see some of the trail conditions taken care of better, see our money going to good use. Security or something like emergency towers would be great as well.
- For maintaining the trail and the times I use it, I feel its fair. Its comparable to other bike trails I've been on
- I pay for a season pass..even if I don't plan to use it.. I want the trail to remain open and in good shape
- What are the fees used for. This is the only trail that charges a fee
- Is fair to have one
- I will only do a day pass at that seasonal fee.
- The \$25 goes to support the trail and ensures that I use it.
- With the fee being charged, I think there should not be any defects in the surface.
- With high variance of use among season pass holders, \$25 seems about right.
- I feel it could be higher? 30.00
- I almost exclusively use the trail to commute to work (from the Red Wing trailhead to out by the "Shoe"), could there be some commuting "incentive" that would make the trail less expensive to use and would be one less thing for a potential commuter to deal with?
- \$25 for riding it 30 to 40 times a year is a terrific deal...
- Even if I only "break even", I see it as a good way to support the trail
- For people with money the fee is fair for attracting new users and those without as much disposable income it is a barrier for use.
- I get a reduced fee through work. That is just about right. Any more would probably not pay for itself for the number of times we use the trail.
- Why do staff at the kiosk ignore bikers without passes? A sign with "Pay for Trail Pass Ahead" might get the attention of those who do not have passes.
- Suggest 20.00 season.
- are there rates for seniors
- More signage to explain the reasons why wheel passes are required, then more people will understand the need and uniqueness of funding for the trail. There will always be some freeloaders though unfortunately
- A great bargain for my 20 or so rides every year.
- It feels about right, wouldn't want to limit community use, but would like more donation opportunities that offer some sort of recognition even for some lower amounts
- Trail should seek state funds as well, similar to other trails in the state that do not charge a trail fee
- Did not know you had to do that.... I usually go on the trail off of pioneer/haycreek.... didnt know you need a pass
- initially we were not aware of fee and did not have appropriate amount of money to put in envelope, nor do we carry a checkbook. Only use credit cards usually
- I would still purchase an annual pass if it were doubled
- If I were a resident I would probably get a season pass, the \$20-\$25 range seems appropriate.

- I would pay more for a better trail conditions/surface/clear of debris.
- We also pay additional donation as we appreciate the maintenance of the trail.
- I'd be willing to pay more if it contributed to better trail maintenance.
- N/A
- Needs to be enforced
- It's too high for me since I come only a few times a year.
- As someone who uses the trail 3-4 times, per week, I would pay more, but I think few other riders would. So I contribute to Friends of the CVT instead.
- There should be an option to print a free pass if you can not afford. Or as a promotion for certain events.
- should be \$10-\$15
- I think you can easily double the price of a season pass. \$25.00? Really it is nothing. We always buy the season pass even though we use the trail 2 or 3 times per year. We understand it costs money to maintain the trail. Again thank you
- If it was \$20 I would get it even if I did not expect to be on the trail over 5 times.
- We have observed better maintenance of the trail compared to those not charging a fee.
- We do not buy the season pass since only visit the trail once or twice a year.
- we do not buy a season pass
- Fair price for the quality of the trail, maintenance work, etc.
- My company participates in the corporate discount - thanks for offering that program.
- I think \$25 is acceptable if it goes towards trail maintenance
- daily or annual washes out for us
- I don't mind paying for the excellent condition of the trail
- If it was lower, I would probably buy one. But at the price, I would need to go there more often to make it worth the price and I just don't have the time.
- I hope it stays that way for a while
- Although I have yet to use the trail this season and have not yet purchased a pass, the fee is very reasonable considering what a great trail it is.
- If the fee needed to rise to maintain current level of service on and to the trail I'd be in favor of increasing it.
- I've had a season pass for years, because I like supporting the trail as long as it is so well maintained. But now, since I won't be on the trail as often, I might not continue my season pass.
- I prefer the daily use fee.
- fee seems reasonable.
- I'd probably pay up to \$50 for a season pass.
- I think it is reasonable, but it does make me more likely to choose a different trail.
- No

## Question #27

### For the daily pass, what is your opinion of the \$4 fee?

Answered: 363 Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	Responses
Too low	5.79% 21
About right	83.20% 302
Too high	11.02% 40

#### 47 Comments:

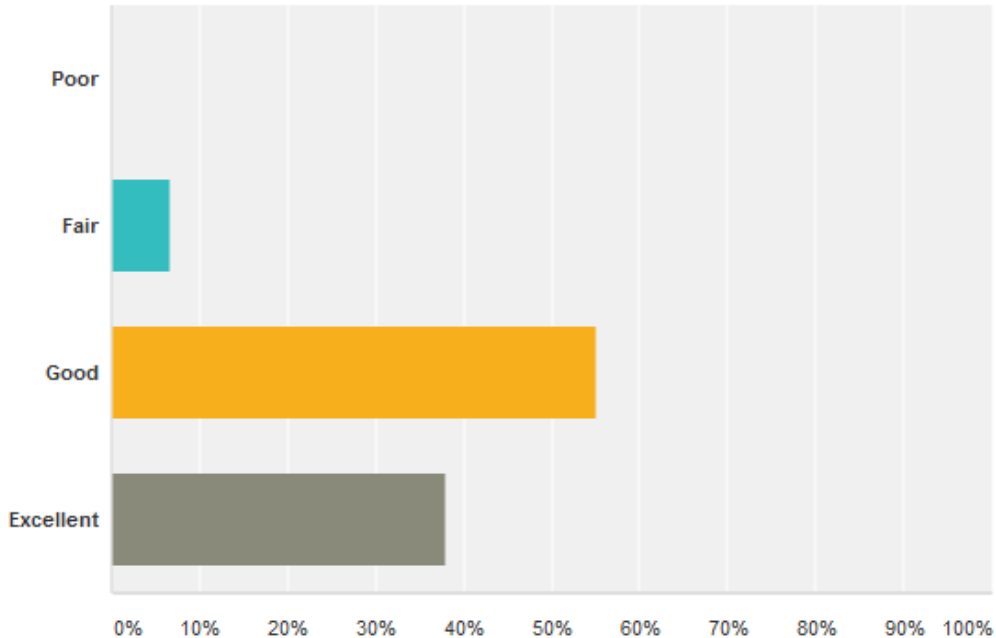
- Need a family rate...
- see question #26
- \$5 would not change usage at all, \$10 would be too much.
- \$100
- I think it is strange to charge a tandem bike for 2 people since it is only 2 wheels and is called a "wheel pass."
- Same as above
- If the daily fee were any higher, we would think twice before coming there and might choose to go somewhere else like a state trail instead.
- I always buy a season pass
- if it's paid discounted by the bike rental shops
- See above
- If it were higher even more would be tempted not to pay.
- It needs to be kept low for those who might not afford to come otherwise. For ourselves, we would still come if it were a couple of dollars more than that.
- I feel that's a little high....but I understand why, people may feel, well I'll just buy an annual pass if I know I'm going to be on the trail again, etc.
- How about \$5?

- With the fee being charged, I think there should not be any defects in the surface.
- I recommend \$5 instead of \$4 because most folks have a Five that they would freely spend on a Latte.
- \$5
- At least 5 since under 18 are free.
- Especially since you don't charge for kids, although \$4 might be a bit high for young adults in their 20's
- I don't think you should raise it. If you raised the pass, I wouldn't drive down to use it.
- I think you could go to \$5 but \$ 4 is reasonable.
- suggest 3.00
- Maybe encourage more season pass purchasing... Take the cost of the daily pass off of a season pass
- Always buy the season pass due to frequent visits.
- \$3 "sounds" better
- see above note
- Although I'm fine with the \$4 daily fee, my expectations of the trail conditions go up when there is a fee (resurfacing when appropriate, clearing the trail of debris, facility quality, etc.)
- Raise to \$5.00. Most people don't carry one dollar bills.
- Needs to be enforced
- I'd prefer going back to \$2 or \$3. \$4 is getting a bit much.
- \$3 would be great.
- Please do not raise fees for senior citizens. Some in my senior biking group would skip our annual Cannon Trail ride.
- should be \$2-\$3
- If there is a group/family riding together I would have a max of \$25
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- I think the daily fee is about right. You may be able to push the price to \$5, but that would be about right.
- Not many trails in MN require trail passes and are just as good or better like the Lanesboro Root River trails which we love.
- Reasonable price for the experience.
- I am happy to pay a fee to help support the maintenance and improvement of the trail.
- The excellent maintenance is well worth the fee
- Like that kids are free
- Good low price to attract 1st time users and those that need to travel to use it. not sure trail maintenance should be paid by 1 time a season users.
- Good, though I think \$2-\$3 would attract more people.
- I'd be willing to pay more if it would help afford repaving the bumpy spots
- I always have a season pass.
- I think if you had an app where you could pay online, that would be awesome.
- Easier to pay \$5 than find the #1 bills.

## Question #28

How would you generally rate the condition of the Trail (not support facilities such as trail heads)?

Answered: 361 Skipped: 13



Answer Choices	Responses
Poor	0.28% 1
Fair	6.65% 24
Good	55.12% 199
Excellent	37.95% 137

### 43 Comments:

- Cracks arr hard on in-line skaters (family members have had their wheels stick and got hurt)
- Too narrow, otherwise very well maintained
- Best in state
- It would be great if the trail were wider, but I know that would be a major upgrade.
- The cracks seem to have become worse this year. (see comment in question 16 above)
- I have no opinion
- some garbage in some areas near towns
- don't know
- As an inline skater, I've had many concerns over the years, but none more than two years ago, a very active time for me on the trail that, sadly, ended in September when I hit something (unknown), fell and broke my clavicle. Looking back, I'd been keeping a mental list of concerns that summer. The trail between Welch Station and mp 8 had a fine layer of sand the entire summer; I had to slow down and shuffle across it every day. Gravel stretching across the trail at mp14, right at the top of the rise coming

out of the cow pasture; this was there for weeks before I found a trail worker to clean it off. Twice I came across trail workers hosing off bridges and leaving them, with no cones to warn riders; this is EXTREMELY dangerous (even to bikers) and left me shaken. Generally, it feels to me like trail sweeping is a low priority for you, something done when you have the time; I strongly believe it should be a daily task--especially in wooded areas. I skate understanding that I'm undertaking reasonable risk in doing so; when I skate for an hour, dodging debris the entire time, I no longer feel that is reasonable. You need to meet me in the middle, guys!

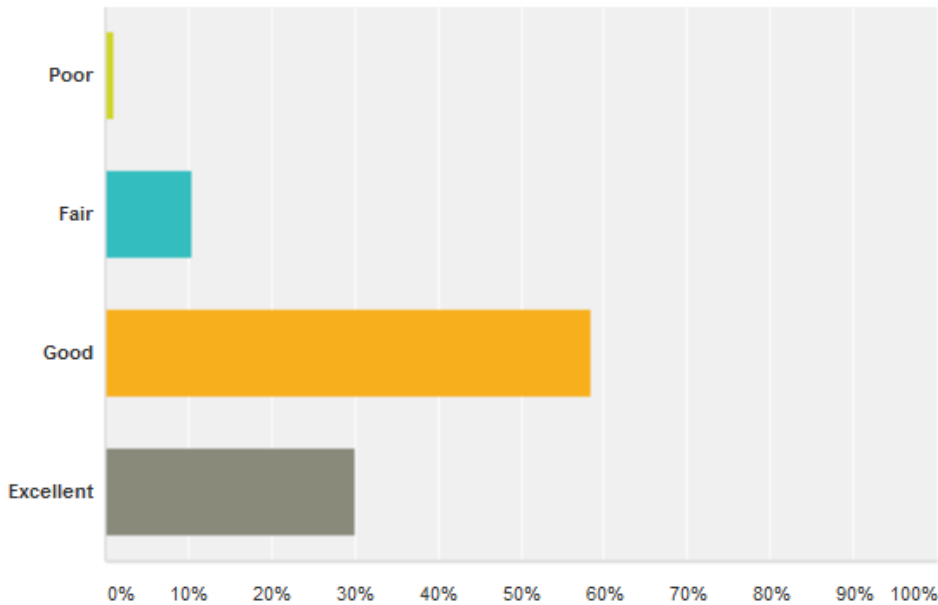
- Very good conditions even despite the mud slides I see on there regularly when there's a good rain. I think there's a couple spots on the trail on the RW end they just need to put bridges over those areas instead of continuing to spend money and staff time cleaning them up. The new area down by Welch before the highway is very nice, they did a great job there.
- A lot of cracks and some areas have sand
- I wish there was a way to more completely fill the deep cracks across the trail.
- Appreciate quick response to storms and cleanup
- Staff work valiantly at maintenance, but the extreme weather of recent years really takes a toll.
- Flooded sections seem to be fixed in a timely way. Always a challenge.
- Typical trail wear and repair, and weather related damage are to be expected.
- Would be excellent except for the wash out areas/sediment after big rains
- surface getting pretty rough.
- Starting to have more cracks than when I first rode 10 years ago.
- The trail itself is great, the starting point in CF is lousy
- Best maintenance around. Beats the heck out of trails in the Seattle area, which is known to be a very bike friendly culture.
- There are areas that are rather bumpy.
- It was a bit sandy on a portion of the Red Wing side of the trail, but it seemed like something was under construction so I was ok with it.
- some rough pavement areas make it tough for in-line skating in particular. Some areas near washes always end up covered with gravel after rains.
- Its been a few years so I don't feel I can answer this.
- Far better than most of the rAils to trails in the area.
- The surface is generally in very good condition but the washout areas sometimes have sand residue
- Best of any trails I have ridden in Minnesota and Wisconsin. After a storm, debris is quickly removed.
- I enjoy the trail when I come to Red Wing for a visit. I particularly enjoy the shade the trees provide, but they also decrease seeing obstacles on the trail such as crack, tree branches, etc. I would recommend that consideration be given for resurfacing the trail.
- I often add the Hay Creek Trail to my ride and am amazed at the contrast in debris removal, asphalt quality, etc.
- One of the main reasons I come down from Eagan and well worth the cost of admission!
- If possible, it'd be nice to pave the trail as it crosses dirt or stone roads. It's hard on my road bike tires. The actual trail is nice.
- See # 26
- needs some updating, maybe complete repave?
- excellent for biking, good for roller blading
- The part in town is getting rougher... but it's still good.
- Has some areas of repair needed but they do get addressed. Overall the trail is in very good condition
- The problems we see are mostly the same-needed culverts for the washes after storms.
- I mostly skate the trail so tree duff is often a concern. I have learned which sections are typically clear of twigs.

- Miles near Redwing are rough and bumpy. So are some near Cannon. Middle of trail seems in best condition.
- some spots are excellent, some only fair.
- I'd love to have "just swept" notifications posted online. Then I'd get on the trail with my rollerblades.
- Only problem we have encountered are a few sandy washout spots. It is nature - there are bound to occasionally be sticks, etc - just ignore those comments if you get them :)

**Question #29**

**How would you generally rate the condition of facilities such as trail heads, parking, restrooms, signs, etc.?**

Answered: 363 Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	Responses
Poor	1.10% 4
Fair	10.47% 38
Good	58.40% 212
Excellent	30.03% 109

**23 Comments:**

- Trail heads and parking. Don't know about restrooms or signs.
- I have no opinion
- tell you maybe later
- Men's room is stinky at the mid point rest area. Always a lot of urine on the concrete floor. I would rather pee in the woods??????

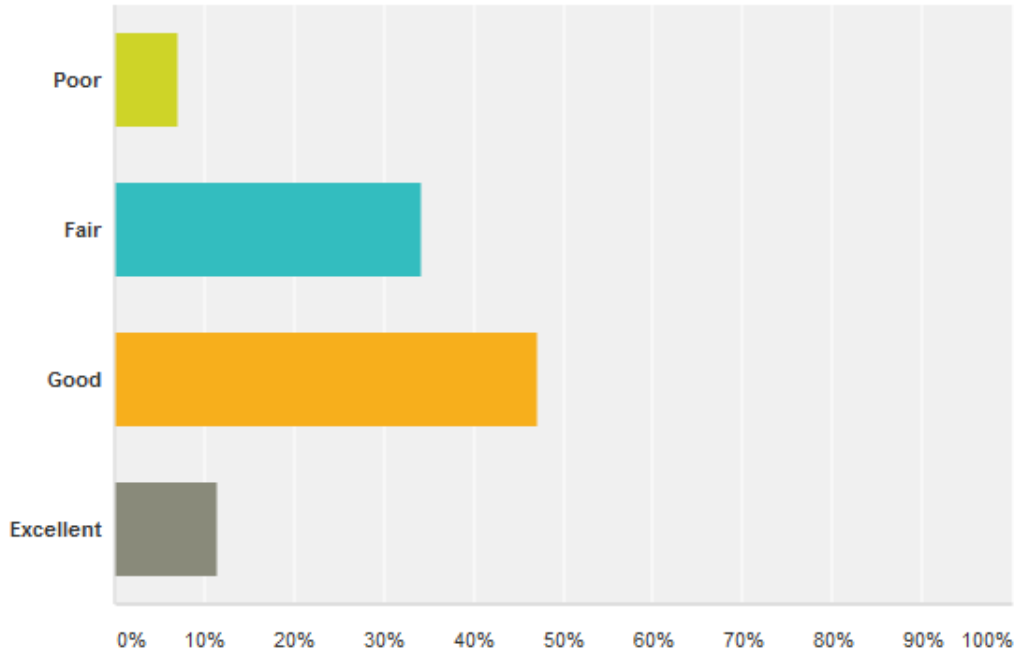
- I really like the Cannon starting point, it is nice because the outhouse there is always pretty clean and it is in a location where people are around. The Welch location restrooms seem a little outdated and with no lighting it makes it tough to go in.
- Good signs. I do know I have been in upper AP anderson park and have seen people up there who were confused where the trail is. They had parked in the lower AP and biked up the hill trying to find the trail. I dont pay much attention to the signage to be honest, as I'm from RW
- The port-a-pots are convenient, but would benefit from better cooling.
- need to be sure sanitizer is stocked along w/tp
- Trail heads can be hard to find and parking is crowded. Like the Welch trail head.
- Wish the restroom at Welch had running water and flushable toilet.
- Expensive idea: pave Welch parking lot.....
- And the new rest areas are very nicely done
- I wish there were a few signs alerting bikers to upcoming stops or points of interest. I often saw stuff after whizzing by.
- Restroom at welch needs renovation ! otherwise parking, etc, is good.
- Would be nice if there were a few more 'rest areas' for shelter when those thunder storms arrive out of nowhere. For example, at 5 mile intervals.
- I wish the bug control was better in the portapotty. I know chemicals are not good, but is there an organic way to get rid of all the spiders that coat the walls?
- Red Wing and Cannon Falls should have a large restroom like Welch, suitable for changing clothes after a sweaty bike ride.
- Need more restrooms, and please put a restroom with a flush toilet, sinks and running water at the Cannon Falls trail head, Welch station and Red Wing trail head. Please also put a decent water fountain at Welch and Cannon Falls. Also, there needs to be parking closer to the beginning of the trail in Cannon Falls. Going through the city park is not acceptable. Wayfinding signage for how to get to trail beginning is nonexistent in Cannon Falls.
- Nice improvements in the past few years, especially with the repair stations and pumps.
- Better bathrooms please
- restrooms are poor
- Restrooms could be improved
- Red Wing needs a better trail head with more parking and a restroom other than a portapotty. Welch is good. Cannon Falls is working on one from what I read so that is good.
- We rode twice in the spring this year and the porta-potty at Red Wing trailhead had not yet been installed...seems like it should go out as soon as the weather allows cycling. Also it could get checked more often for TP or needing pumping.
- womens bathrooms - not private enough stalls (gaps)



## Question #30

### For skiers - how would you generally rate the quality of the groomed snow surface?

Answered: 70 Skipped: 304



Answer Choices	Responses
Poor	7.14% 5
Fair	34.29% 24
Good	47.14% 33
Excellent	11.43% 8

#### 26 Comments:

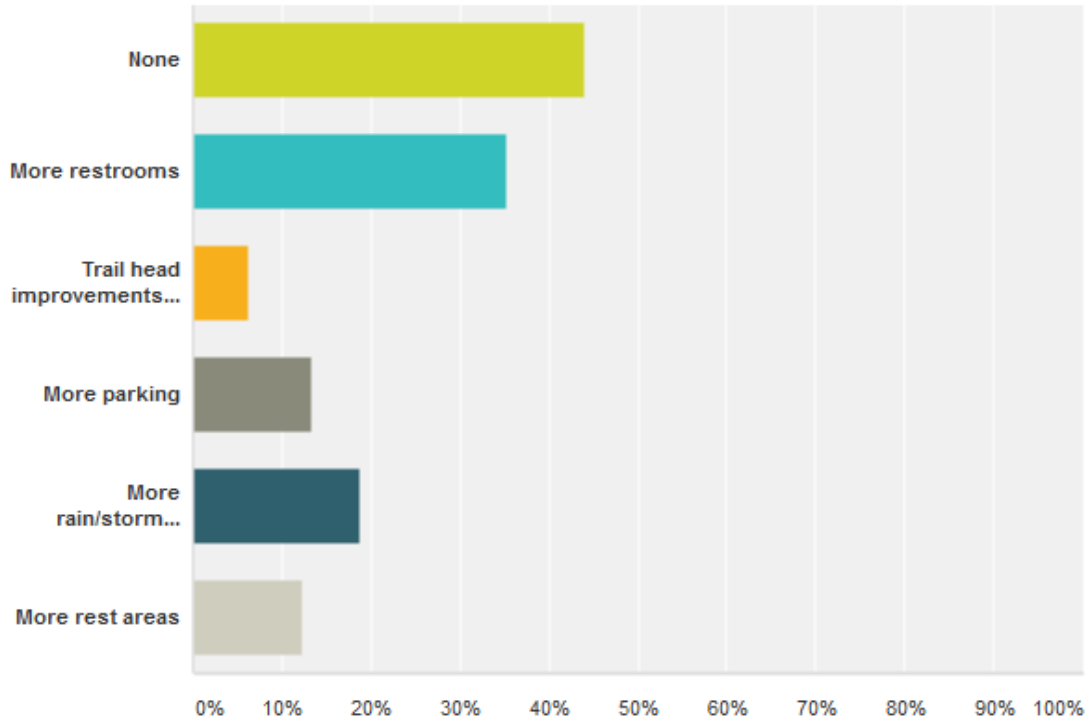
- Not a skier
- don't ski
- Possibly not wide enough for both skate and classic tracks.
- I have no opinion
- every winter is different and I also downhill ski, snowmobile, and ice fish, so conditions have to be perfect for each particular sport and it is grab the opportunity when available. Night time cross country skiing is very cool (solar lighting or candles) when conditions are right otherwise trails should be dark without light pollution.
- Every year I tell myself I need to get up there and ski but never manage to get there. One day...! The problem is that without a place to change, we have to drive home 40 miles in sweaty clothes, in the winter, this is always difficult. So we tend to ski close to home or else at parks where there's a place to change.y di yo
- don't ski
- I dont ski

- Hard to skate ski when snow on trail is moved by classic style skiers
- Have only done once and wasn't very good that day. Would do more if better conditions.
- The amount of snow varies so much it is tough to say. I start from the Red Wing side and walkers do a lot to the trail on that end to degrade the ski tracks.
- snow is scarce, of course, but there should not be skating on this trail, it is not wide enough for sharing..
- dont ski
- Skate deck is often too narrow and groomed unevenly, making skating very difficult. Disappointing to get all geared up and out to the trail to find poor conditions.
- do not use the trail to ski
- I don't ski
- Don't ski
- I do not use the trail for skiing.
- It's way too narrow for skate skiers to use. Either widen the skate skiing portion (needs to be at least 6 feet wide) or just do two traditional tracks.
- ?
- Don't ski the trail
- Snow conditions determine how well the grooming sets up. Not really within the control of the groomer.
- I have not yet skied the trail.
- do not ski
- Unknown
- n/a

**Question #31**

**What facilities or services do you believe are important to add to the Trail?**

Answered: 315 Skipped: 59



Answer Choices	Responses
None	44.13% 139
More restrooms	35.24% 111
Trail head improvements (please list in "other" below)	6.35% 20
More parking	13.33% 42
More rain/storm shelters	18.73% 59
More rest areas	12.38% 39

**60 Comments:**

- I have no opinion
- We wish for flush toilets at the Welch trail head.
- more information on natural sites along the way (name of rivers/streams, tree & plant identification, geology of the area, history)
- trail head parking at Red Wing end
- A couple of picnic tables & / or benches (with backrest) every 3-5 miles or so ... one in the shade & the other in the sun.
- more signage for distance to locations along the trail. Also to food and beverage stops.
- More water stations

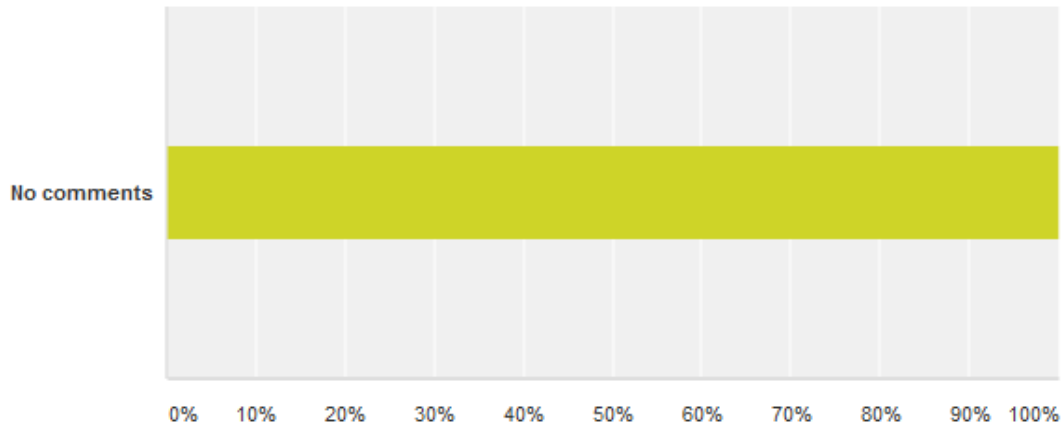
- It's fine as it is.
- Highway access. or access to PI at the train trestle on Collischann Rd. Can no longer get on/off at Collischann Rd.
- As mentioned earlier, a warming shed with a place to change would be nice. Maybe you have one and I don't know because I haven't been. And honestly I know this is a funding issue but I really dislike portable potties, they're always dirty, smelly, and in the sun they get so hot. hdnn issue e
- More water fountains along the trail
- I think there should be water at the Anderson Rest Stop
- I think it is perfect the way it is
- More sites with water.
- Permanent bathrooms
- Rest rest areas sprayed for mosquitoes?
- not necessarily large rest areas, but maybe a few more benches along the way
- Better signage, and more parking in Cannon Falls.
- Trail Maps at Trail Heads to show connections to Hay Creek and Lake Byllesby. Also, the old Planets Markers could be replaced with new ones, or perhaps with a Minnesota Historic Timeline that starts at Cannon Falls and goes to Red Wing. Every so often along the trail, a trail sign with an Historic Event, Date and Event Summary would be a nice addition, starting with first Indian settlement of the area. Perhaps some Plant Signs as well that identify Black Walnut, Ash and other trees and shrubs, and in some areas seasonal plants.
- see # 29
- Maybe more interpretive info i.e. on rail history, birds, animals
- SNACKS! How about snacks for sale at the Welch stop.
- Need better information about directions to other facilities, cafes, tourism destinations
- I don't like the starting point in CF for many reasons. Dangerous start (sharp curves, steep inclines), seems to be a hangout
- Portable rest rooms could stay up later in season and appear earlier in the spring.
- Maybe one area with running water and a bike tune-up station like there is in downtown Red Wing? Better access/markings for going into and around town on the bike.
- educational sectors.... for children and the wildlife acknowledgement in the area.
- I know there are multiple places to park on the Cannon Falls side, but when the main/first lot is full it makes it difficult to organize a group ride. As for the restrooms, if I remember right, both ends of the trail have porta potties... (If not, ignore. I've used the Welch restrooms though)
- Please do not give into pressure to allow pets. Accidents happen between leashes and bikes.
- access to drinking water
- Info to restaurants
- More water fountains.
- The Welch restroom can be very smelly at times but still a great place to change clothes after a sweaty ride.
- See my suggestions under "trail conditions rating."
- Plumbing in Welch restrooms would be so great, but not a super high priority.
- More parking at Red Wing, especially.
- Maybe an Interpretive sign at the historic Wabasha-Mendota military road crossing near Red Wing?
- I don't believe the Welch location has a rain or storm shelter other than the restrooms
- more mile markers
- Showers would be awesome
- Permanent Cannon Valley trail head bathrooms and changing facility, no satellites
- more benches overlooking river and bluffs
- I would like to see drinking water fountain along the trail. The Trail Head area looks it is not maintain and would appreciate some information on things to do in the towns (Cannon Falls and Red Wing) for when we get out of the trail.

- better rest area facilities at RedWing end of trail. Sometimes all of the benches are used.
- a snack bar?
- More benches to rest or enjoy nature
- More shade at the Red Wing trail head
- Needs better restroom and parking in Red Wing. Maybe even a nice picnic area.
- ?
- The tire pumps at the repair stations often don't work, especially at Welch
- A satellite in the middle would be nice??
- Flush toilets, but not immediately seen from the trail. Also fresh filtered water fountains.
- Although it's really not an issue, more clean friendly rest areas with bathrooms and water are always appreciated
- It is about a 20 mile trail through nature. Adding more "stuff" could take away the feeling of getting away. I travel 40 miles to be away from it all. I think the current set up is the right amount.
- Paving and smoothing trail is my top wish.
- more bike tool/pump stations along trail
- I'd like a bike specific campground.
- Water for sale would be great.
- Better trailhead facilities at the cannon falls and red wing ends example bathrooms with water and showers
- More drinking water locations.

## Question #32

### Do you have any other comments, concerns or suggestions for the improvement of Cannon Valley Trail?

Answered: 203 Skipped: 171



Answer Choices	Responses
No comments	100.00% 203

#### 125 Comments:

#### What Attracts Visitor

- It's a bit of paradise right in our back yards - we are very blessed to have it :)
- CVT is beautiful. I wish I knew the birds calls. It is pretty spring, summer and fall. Each has its beauty
- The interpretive programs along the trail have been important, and it would be nice to get email reminders of what's coming up. If I had a chance I'd volunteer to help at them.
- Don't "overdevelop" the trail. Keep it as a rural, natural experience.
- The CVT is an excellent regional resource. Keep it up.
- I do enjoy riding the trail the few times a year I come down. It has the best scenery of any trail in or near the Twin Cities.
- I love pounding out the miles on your trail without a lot of hills with gorgeous scenery on well-maintained trails!
- The Welch Station is a highlight for me. I would go so far as to say a small kiosk, even a snack bar would be welcomed.
- Please keep the isolated and natural feel to the trail when planning improvements.
- It is one of the prettiest trail I've ridden on. I wish I had more opportunity to use it.
- I really like the trail, and the green space that it preserves.

#### Maintenance

- Great trail! Well maintained.
- Keep the surface maintained and clean. It is your big edge over the state and other regional trails.
- I love that you've added maintenance stations (pumps, tools, etc.). It's a brilliant idea!
- Keep up the good work, and make those surfaces smooth with no debris :D

- Post when trail will be swept following storms
- Work on leveling cracks and pot holes to match trail surface
- Just the surface condition. Some of the bumps, ridges are big enough to trip on this year.
- Appreciate the website that lets us know trail conditions before driving to Cannon Falls for a bike ride. Encourage you to give in too much to pressure
- Love the trail, but better pavement maintenance would be nice, especially for in-line skating and roller skiing.
- just to blow off the debris as often as possible. Its a great trail and we love it.
- We love the trail and have positive feelings. Happy to see pumps added

## Suggested Improvements

- It's a very nice facility. Hopefully you can do something about those sections where we hit a crack every couple of seconds.
- cooperate with cannon falls and red wing to offer complementary services and attractions!
- wider would be nice if possible
- A wider trail, (10ft) would be nice but maybe not worth the expense. The Red Wing end of the trail is a little more bumpy than we have noticed in the past. The satellite restroom at the Red Wing end near Bench and West Main Streets should be serviced more often please.
- Wider trail. water at Anderson Rest Stop.
- Ideally the trail would be a Non-Smoking path.
- trail is very well maintained, but surface needs replacing. Width is not an issue, it is a more intimate experience at the current width.
- This is a lovely trail. I think offering snacks, or even light food on seasonable basis would be great. Look at what Mpls/St. Paul parks have done with seasonal restaurants.
- We love using the trail but are surprised at how "not bike friendly" Cannon Valley is. With many people coming to Cannon Valley as their half-way point in the ride, it'd be great if Cannon Valley had a bike lane in traffic, a deli or grocery that was accessible (bike parking, signs, healthy filling food) to the end of the trail. We did ride into town and ended up at the grocery store. We were very disappointed in the selection and the one bike rack available behind the far side of the store. I'd have to imagine other bikers would make good use of an establishment like this if it were available!
- Improve surface and with
- In Red Wing, add a map like the one in Cannon Falls to help locate restaurants.
- As stated above, the Cannon Valley Trail Association should consider resurfacing the trail. Those cyclists that use the trail on a daily basis know where the potholes and cracks are. The infrequent user of the trail does not. The trail is such that unimpeded travel can occur at 12-16 miles an hour.
- Make work on filling more of the cracks or think about doing an overlay in problem areas
- I love the trail. It is an excellent ride. I wish it were a little wider sometimes to allow for passing when desirable, but otherwise, it's great.
- Keeping the trail in good condition is the most important to me.
- It'd be nice if there were less teenagers hanging out at the parking lot in Cannon Falls.
- I would focus improvements on the trail it self rather than on the trailheads. If money was no object, then it would be great to have a wider biking trail and separate biking and walking trails near the cities at each end.
- For skaters, a slightly wider trail would be nice.
- With children there is only a small space we cover on the trail. Would be nice to have a couple more access points within cannon and red wing to enjoy more of it.
- Wider trail would be nice. Love your rest stops which are very nice

## Use/Uses

- The Cannon Valley Trail is such an important part of our community. I would love to see it funding dedicated to maintaining and improving it. Also, I hope the trail becomes more accessible to pet owners. I usually only have time to get out and exercise while walking my dogs. If those dogs were allowed on the trail, I would visit the trail much more frequently - perhaps as often as two or three times per week.
- Please consider allowing "Fat Bikes" on the trail system- especially in low snow seasons...
- I know you probably struggle with manpower and keeping up with all the weather challenges. I also know you advertise the trail as a great place to inline skate--I agree! But I wonder if you have anyone on your board lending a skater's perspective in regard to trail conditions, given the issues I've mentioned. They vary considerably from things that pose a danger to bicyclists, and while I've returned to skating after my accident two years ago, I found the trail once again littered with sticks, acorns (or something) and gravel, almost the entire route to mp8, where I turned around. I would be so appreciative if this were not the case; as stated earlier, I'd even pay more for my pass if it would pay for a daily trail sweep. I appreciate this opportunity to share some feedback, and I appreciate your interest in hearing it!
- Allow fat bikes (greater than 3.5" wide tires or something) in the winter. If narrow tire bikes are kept off, fat bikes do no more "damage" to a groomed trail than skate skis. I would pay double the yearly pass cost for this access.
- I like the trail. If I lived closer I would bike it more often.
- Collaborate with larger cycling organizations in Minnesota for events/increased ridership. Youth bike education? Bike maintenance workshops at the Welch station? Hi Scott! It's Bill Kautz by the way :-)
- It would be great to allow pets and also to have some fenced off-leash pet areas somewhere along the trail.
- It is a lovely trail and we do try to make it at least once a year. Welch is a nice place to park since it is halfway and can go to Red Wing and back and if you feel up to it then go to Cannon Falls and back.
- Love the trail. We always add a hotel stay in Red Wing and ice cream at Welch, sometimes tubing.

## Safety

- The trail is wonderful but I feel safer when I am with a group of people verses along.
- I think the trail would be safer if it was wider, especially if pets are allowed.
- Maybe signage to ride single file when meeting oncoming traffic.
- Would like more security on the trail somehow or have areas where volunteers are at certain points along the trail during the week as well as the weekends.
- Please encourage school group leaders to instruct their groups about oncoming trail traffic. I had a head-on collision in May of 2014 with a youthful rider...he couldn't move left...we collided in my right side ditch
- Continue to educate bikers on rules when meeting or passing hikers or bikers for safety

## Wheel Pass

- Get rid of the floppy orange license tags...try something else like RFID chips that can be attached to a bike.
- I use the trail about once a week at least in non-winter months. My husband joins me about once a month. We both have season passes and I feel \$50 for us to use the trail is affordable.
- There should be an option to print a free pass if you can not afford. Or as a promotion for certain events.
- Widening the trail. Discount \$4 fee to \$3 if wearing helmets. More educational signage around safety. For example, pictures of how a helmet should be worn- covering the forehead and a finger width between the strap and chin. Emphasis on obeying Stop signs at intersecting roads. I've seen several close calls cover the years with riders blowing through Stop signs. The educational messages have to have the proper tone so as to not seem too 'preachy'
- (Note: This comment and the one above are identical, however they were recorded in two separate survey responses so are included twice here). Widening the trail. Discount \$4 fee to \$3 if wearing



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- Consider getting local businesses to support the trail by offering discounts to cyclists who have a season pass, and then slightly increase the price of the season pass to generate more money for the trail
- It's difficult to know where to buy trail passes in town. Make passes easy to purchase from local businesses

## Complimentary/Thank You

- We love the trail!
- Keep up the good work! I love the trail and it is one of the main reasons I choose to live in Cannon Falls!
- I love the trail and am more than thankful that we have it
- Keep up the good work. CVT is my favorite trail in the region. It's just so beautiful!
- You folks are doing a terrific job and I am proud to be a "friend of the trail"!
- Just my above comment about adding some bridges to the areas that tend to get washed out on the RW side from rains. Love this trail. I've been on many and this and the Red Cedar are by far my fav!
- The trail is well maintained. Compared to State trails, it is excellent.
- Appreciate the effort to provide and maintain...thank you to all...fortunate to have nearby.
- The trail is a regional gem. Thank you for your great work!
- Keep up the great work!
- Love the trail
- We bike a lot. The Cannon Valley Trail is really great.
- We LOVE the Cannon Valley Trail. We have biked many trails in Minnesota but think the Cannon Fall Trail is the best!!
- love the whole trail. it is a gem. We have been riding it since before it was paved.
- Thanks for asking my opinion
- keep up the good work.
- Excellent beautiful trail
- Keep up the good work. The CVT is great.
- I am so thankful for the trail and all the hard work that volunteers put in to keep this wonderful trail.
- The CVT has changed my life--no kidding! When I moved to Cannon Falls 6 years ago I could ride to Wlch and back on a good day. With a gorgeous, off-road route to ride, I am now riding >1000 miles a year, just finished the MS TRAM, training for a century ride next month. Thank you thank you thank you for everything you do!
- I love the Cannon Trail and thank all who have made it possible!
- keep up the good work
- None...thanks for all your great work to keep this beautiful Trail so enjoyable!!!
- We have enjoyed our visits very much and will continue to increase the future.
- Super beautiful trail!! I thoroughly enjoyed biking this trail. I will be back again!!
- Keep up the good work. Even though it's far from my home it's still my favorite trail.
- Thanks for the great trail!
- You do a great job managing this resource!
- I love, love, love this trail! It's the best in the state of MN!
- Keep up the good work! Love our MN Rail Trails!
- Thanks for being a GREAT resource for a pleasant, uncrowded (on weekdays) place to skate & ride
- The trail is wonderful. Thank you for continuing to keep it well-maintained and adding new amenities.
- This trail is quite a jewel. Please keep up the good work!
- our group appreciates the money and work that goes into keeping the trail so nice. Thank you!

- You are doing a Great job. Thank you!
- You guys are doing a great job!
- I live in the Twin Cities and love coming down to the trail once a year. Always end up in Red Wing and then have lunch or dinner there. Love the trail and appreciate that it is always on sub great condition. Please keep up the good work!
- In general, we are big fans of the Cannon Valley Trail!
- We wish we could visit more often, but when we do we love the ride.
- great trail, great recreational resource.

## Connection/Extension

- connect with Rochester, Zumbrota, Wabasha, Plainview/Eyota, and all areas in between.
- There is rumor that the state DNR is buying old rail bed Hastings to RW for future trail. Would that connect the CVT to the Prairie Island area? Wouldn't that be great?!
- wish trail went from Cannon Falls to Northfield
- The CFTrail is one of the finest trails in Minnesota. Lengthening the trail is a very positive step for the future.
- Love the trail and wish I were closer, also wish it connected to the Sakata Trail.
- Love the trail, wish it was longer!
- We await the connecting Mill Towns Trail from Faribault to Cannon Falls
- get more trail, wasn't it supposed to connect down to Fairbault.
- Thanks for reaching out for community feedback, I hope you get a good number of responses. My only other thought is that I'd love to see the trail go to Northfield (or farther). Give the DNR a run for their trail length. :)
- Bring the trail all the way into Downtown Redwing on it's own pavement or street marked trail.
- The trail is nice but when I can use a trail like "hay creek" I go to hay creek
- I would love to see it extended once you get to cannon falls
- When will trail go beyond CF?
- Connect to more trails
- overall the trail is very nicely maintained the local communities need to support the opportunities presented from having this resource in their own "backyards" i.e. Lanesboro, MN & Root River Trail they have done a much better job intergrating the trail in to the community.

## Other

- If you could move the trail & river north maybe 50 miles ... that'd be nice :-)
- see all of the above ; screen your virtual access options for all interested ! !
- Question #10 does not work properly and let you make more than one choice. I would have also said tubing (Note: Question #10 had a technical glitch for about 2-3 hours before it was fixed).
- I keep coming back I've visited 21 times this year as of 7-28-16
- Don't take any negative comments too seriously. The trail is fine the way it is.
- close it down