

RAILS TO TRAILS OF CENTRAL PA INC



Trail User Survey Report

The Lower Trail

Summer 2008

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Rails to Trails of Central Pa., Inc. 2008 Lower Trail Users Survey

Background:

Who is using the Lower Trail? Where do they come from? Why are they using it? How did they find out about it? How much money are they spending on trail-related items? Rails to Trails of Central Pa., Inc. wanted to know the answers to these questions and many others. Through the financial assistance of the Allegheny Mountains Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Allegheny Ridge Corporation, Rails to Trails undertook a project to upgrade its signature trail brochure and conduct a survey of trail users during the 2008 trail season, running from April through October. This report summarizes the results of that survey.

Methodology:

The survey was conducted passively by making survey forms available at each of the Lower Trail's trailheads. After completing the form, participants would mail them back to Rails to Trails or deposit them in locked receptacles at the trailheads. 1,025 forms were distributed; 485 were returned representing a total of 1,382 trail users.

Forms were color-coded to indicate from which trailhead users had obtained the survey form.

Results:

Responses to the survey were heavy through May, June, July and August with almost half the users reporting they use the trail in the afternoons. Over a quarter frequent the trail in the mornings while evenings see the least heavy use of the trail. Nearly half the respondents use the trail on weekdays and weekends while 32 per cent use it exclusively on weekends. Just under 20 per cent use the trail exclusively on weekdays.

An average of just over 2 and a half people were reported in each party with men and women being split almost equally. Thirty-four per cent of the users were between the ages of 36 and 55 while 32 per cent were 56 and older. Twenty per cent were less than 16 years old, demonstrating the family recreational opportunities provided by the Lower Trail

Of the 485 responses, 271 came from Zip codes outside of Blair County, including surveys from parties traveling from Maryland, New York, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Iowa, Wisconsin, Texas, Colorado and Arizona. Of those who responded to the survey, 38 per cent learned of the trail by word of mouth while 18 per cent learned of it through the Lower Trail brochure. Road signs, the RTTCPA Web site and newspaper coverage accounted for just under 28 per cent of trail users' awareness.

By far the largest contingent of users – 60 per cent – ride bikes on the trail. Just over 25 per cent walk. Other reported uses include running, canoeing or kayaking, cross-country skiing and horseback riding. Most people use the trail for health and exercise or recreation and relaxation. A large percentage of respondents also reported they just enjoy nature. Bird watching,

photography, fitness training and wildlife watching also registered among the activities trail users engage in.

Economic Impact:

Trail users reported an average expenditure of nearly \$400 a year on purchases that were influenced by their trail activities, though that figure may be impacted by 6 survey respondents who indicated the trail influenced their purchase of a vehicle. Most purchases were related to bicycles, bike accessories and clothing and footwear. Safety equipment was also among the items most frequently purchased.

On a per-use basis, the survey showed trail users spent an average of \$27.21 on trail-related purchases including beverages, candy, ice cream and snack foods, sandwiches, meals and gasoline. Only 9 per cent of those who responded to the survey indicated their trip involved an overnight stay in a bed and breakfast, campground or hotel/motel, but those who did stay in a commercial facility spent an average of 3.3 nights at an average cost of \$62.06. The average expenditure per night is somewhat skewed by the 7 per cent of respondents who either stayed at home or with friends and relatives overnight.

General Questions

The condition of the Lower Trail was well received with 91 per cent rating its maintenance as either good or excellent, with 70 per cent giving it an excellent rating. The survey showed the Alfarata trailhead is the most frequently used followed by Williamsburg and Flowing Spring. Few respondents use the Covedale trailhead while just 9 per cent indicated they most frequently use the Mount Etna trailhead.

Disturbingly, only 21 per cent of those responding to the survey reported they are members of Rails to Trails of Central Pennsylvania. Since the operation, maintenance and expansion of the trail is heavily dependent on membership dues, the results of the survey indicate a need to interest more trail users in joining RTTCPA.

Summary:

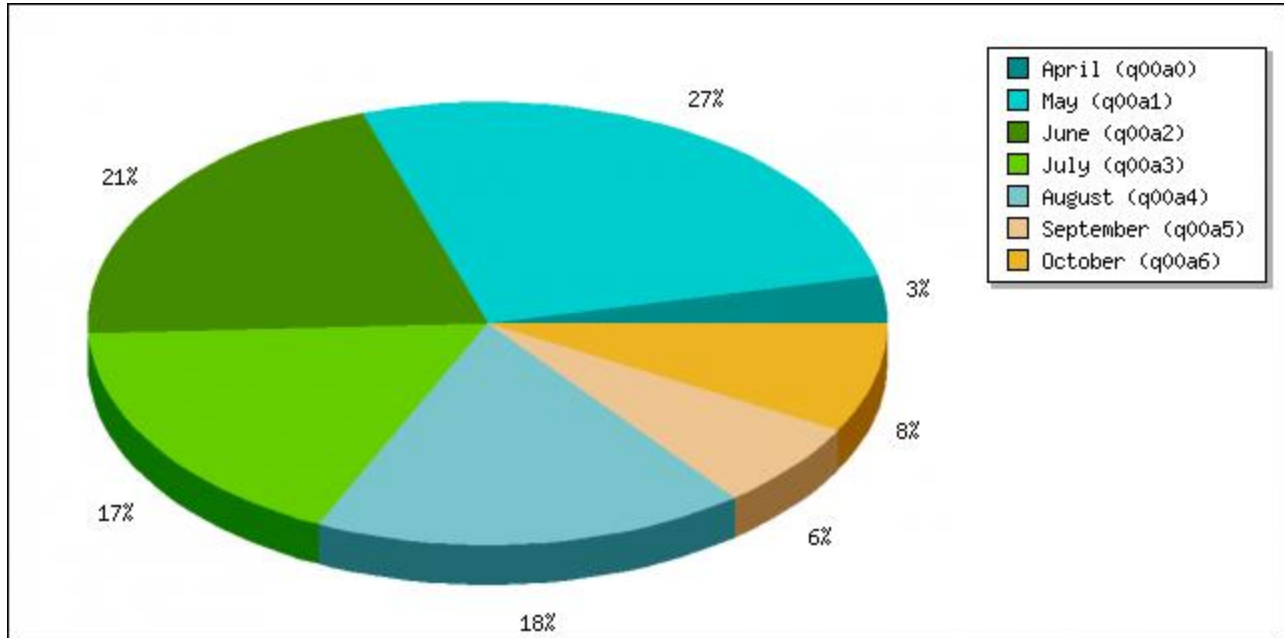
The Lower Trail survey shows that the trail, run entirely by volunteers, has a significant impact on the economy and quality of life of the community. It is well regarded, but under-supported by those who use it and its appeal draws users from far beyond the boundaries of Blair County.

Specific information on individual survey questions follows along with an appendix listing the individual comments provided by survey respondents.

Information 1.

Month the survey was completed?

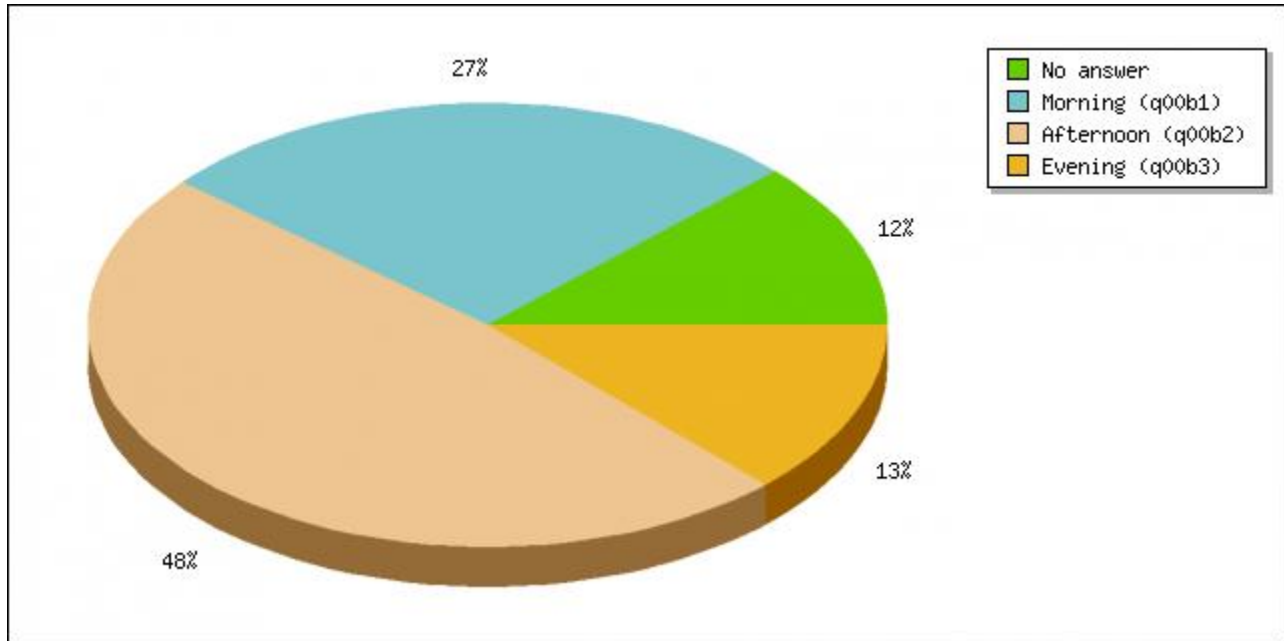
- a. April
- b. May
- c. June
- d. July
- e. August
- f. September



Information 2.

What time was the survey was completed?

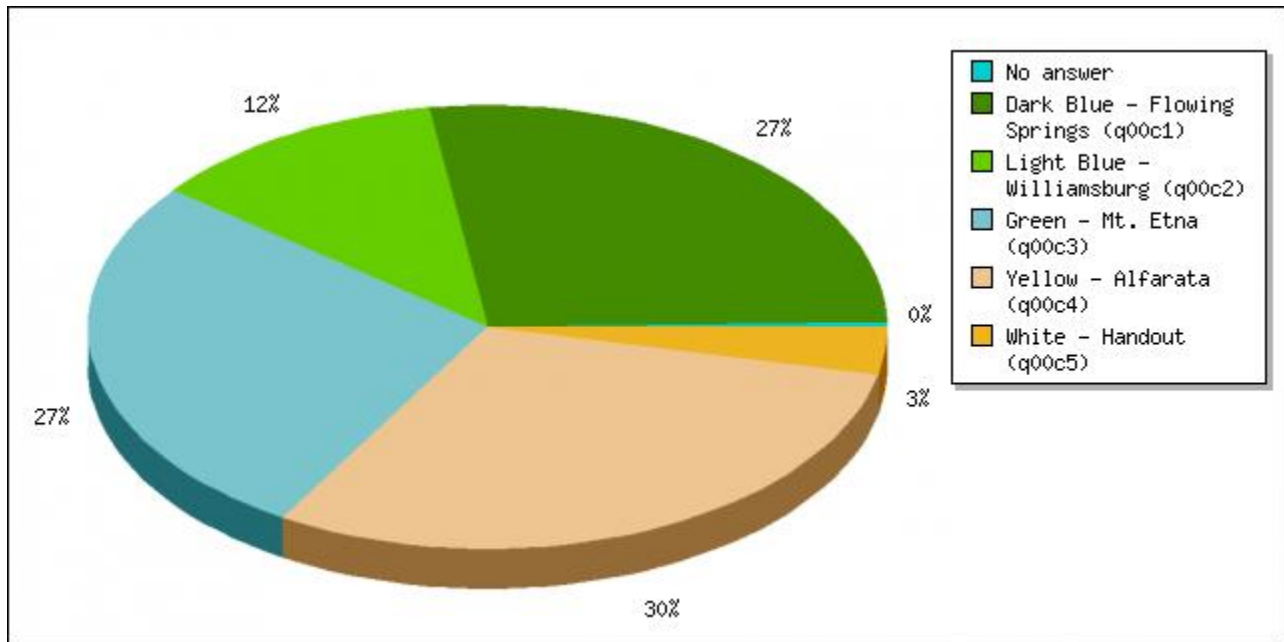
- a. Morning
- b. Afternoon
- c. Evening



Information 3.

At what trailhead was the survey completed?

- a. Flowing Springs
- b. Williamsburg
- c. Mt. Etna
- d. Alfarata
- e. Handout



Question 1.

How many people are in your party?

Sum	1382
Average	2.521898
First Quartile	2
Second Quartile	2
Third Quartile	3
Fourth Quartile	60
Maximum	60
Minimum	1

Question 2.

What is your zip code?

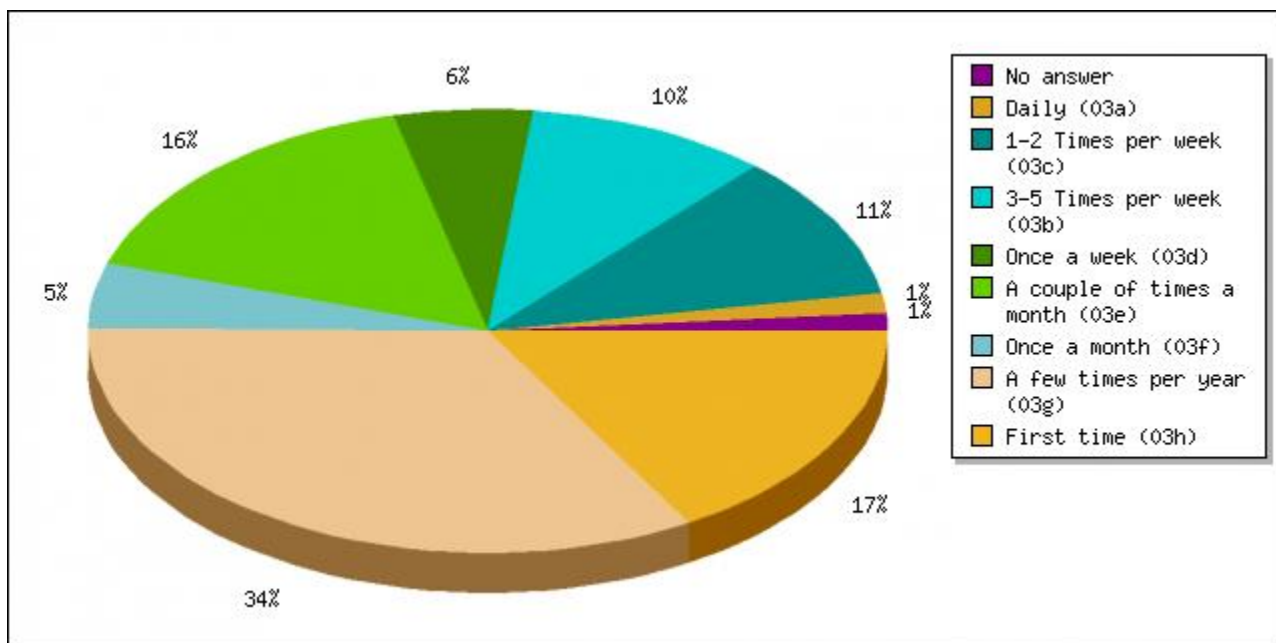
Zip	Count
16648	60
16652	40
16601	39
16686	28
16693	23
16635	23
16803	23
16801	17
16673	6
17066	5
16877	5
16617	4
15905	3
16875	3
16866	3
16868	3

Total Unique Zip Codes: 149

Question 3.

How often do you use the trail?

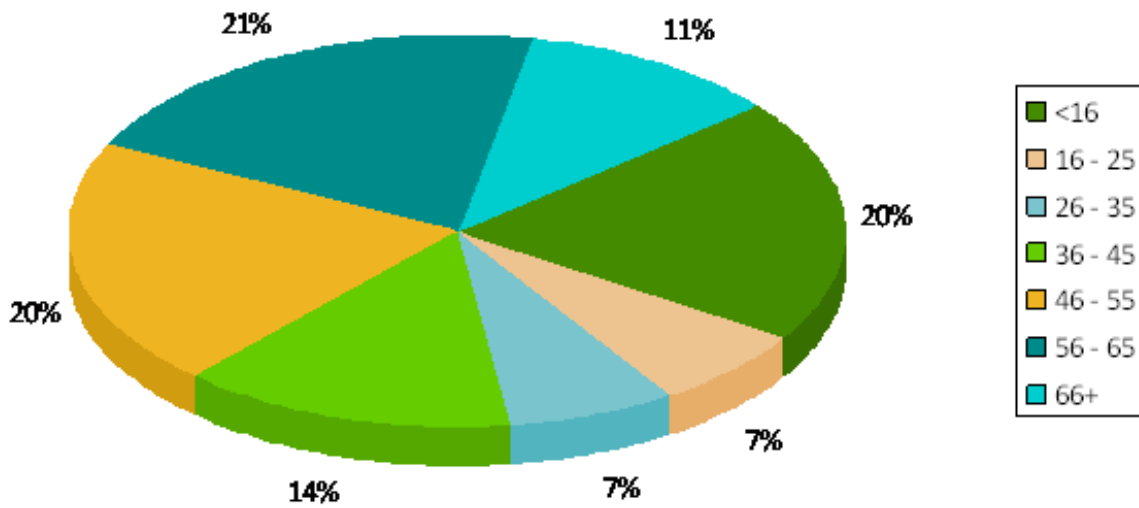
- a. Daily
- b. 1-2 days a week
- c. 3-5 days a week
- d. Once a week
- e. A couple of times per month
- f. Once a month
- g. A few times a year
- h. First time



Question 4.

How many people in your party are in each age group?

a. <16	279
b. 16-25	91
c. 26-35	98
d. 36-45	191
e. 46-55	283
f. 56-65	289
g. 66+	149
Total	1,380



Question 5.

How many people of each gender are in your group?

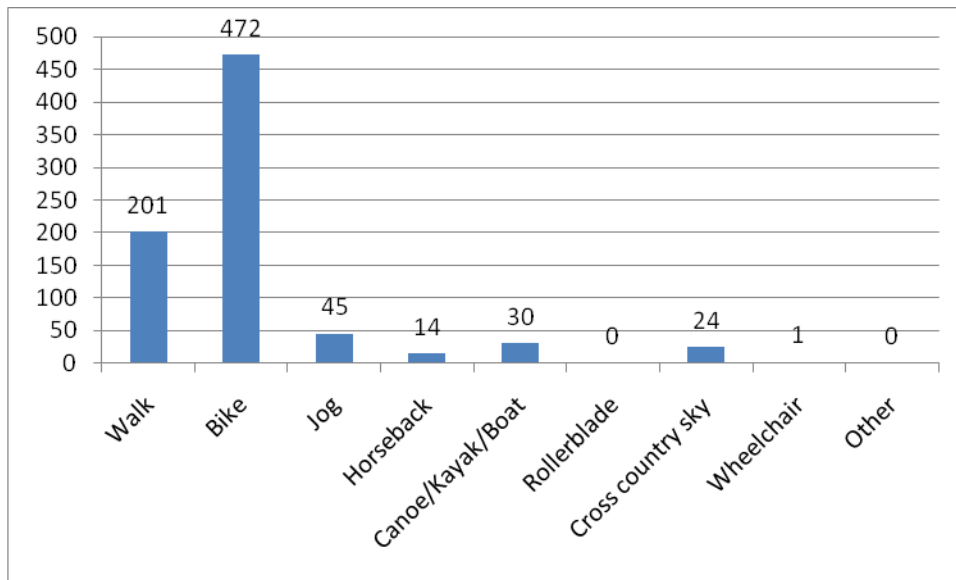
- a. Male
- b. Female

Total males:	701
Total females:	666
Males per group	1.442387
Females per group	1.37037

Question 6.

How do you traverse the trail?

- a. Walk
- b. Bike
- c. Jog
- d. Horseback
- e. Canoe/Kayak/Boat
- f. Rollerblade
- g. Cross country ski
- h. Wheelchair
- i. Other

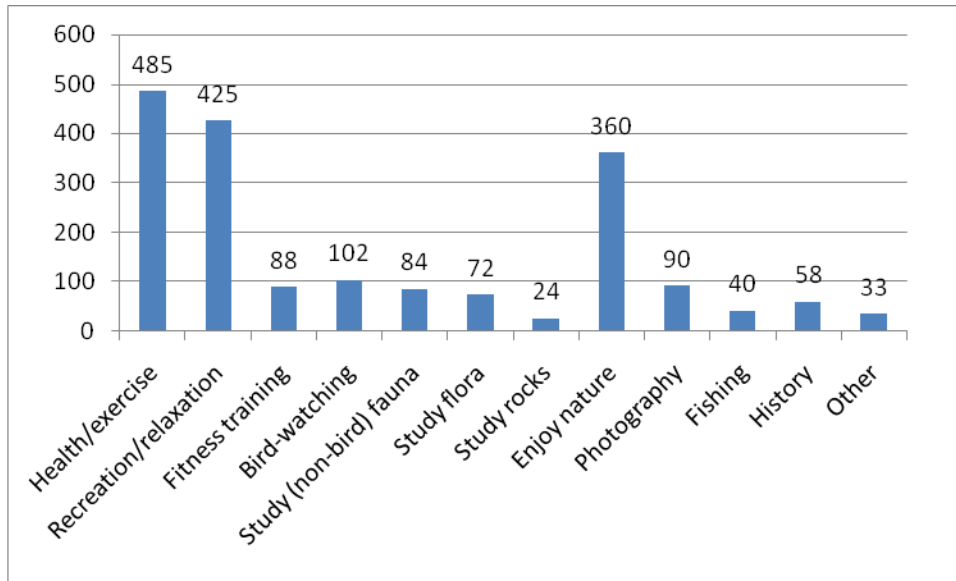


Walk	201
Bike	472
Jog	45
Horseback	14
Canoe/Kayak/Boat	30
Rollerblade	0
Cross country sky	24
Wheelchair	1
Other	0

Question 7.

For what reasons do you use the trail?

- a. Health and exercise
- b. Recreation/relaxation
- c. Fitness training
- d. Bird-watching
- e. Study (non-bird) fauna
- f. Study flora
- g. Study rocks
- h. Enjoy nature
- i. Photography
- j. Fishing
- k. History
- l. Other

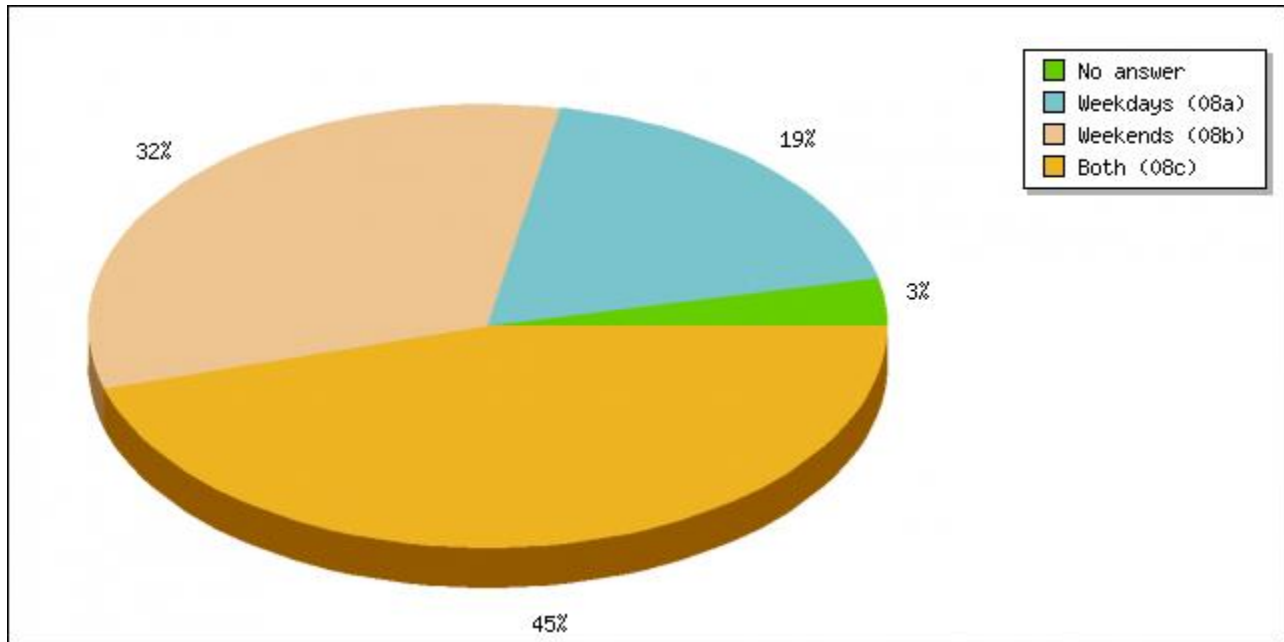


Reason	Count
Health/exercise	485
Recreation/relaxation	425
Fitness training	88
Bird-watching	102
Study (non-bird) fauna	84
Study flora	72
Study rocks	24
Enjoy nature	360
Photography	90
Fishing	40
History	58
Other	33

Question 8.

Generally when do you use the trail?

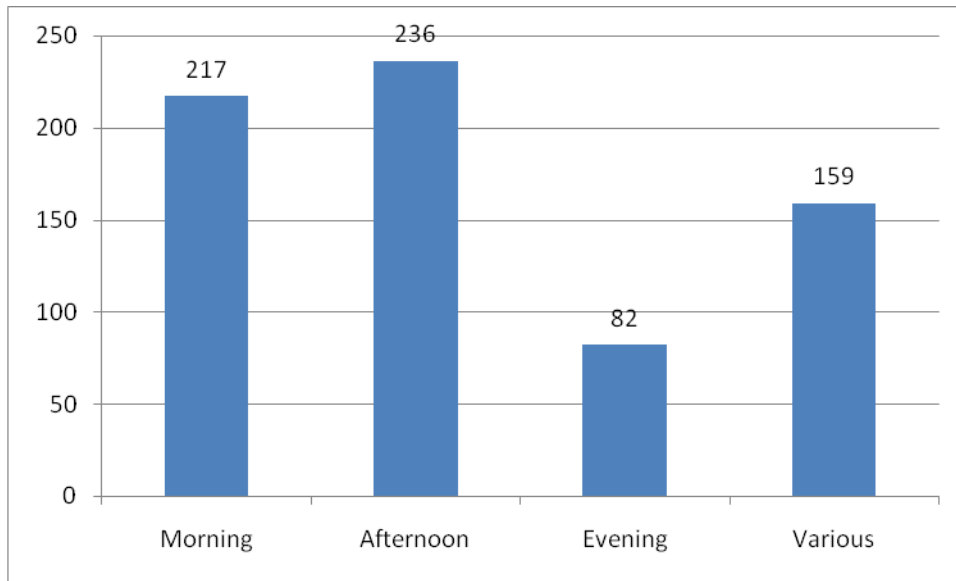
- a. Weekdays
- b. Weekends
- c. Both



Question 9.

What time of day do you use the trail?

- a. Mornings
- b. Afternoons
- c. Evenings
- d. Various

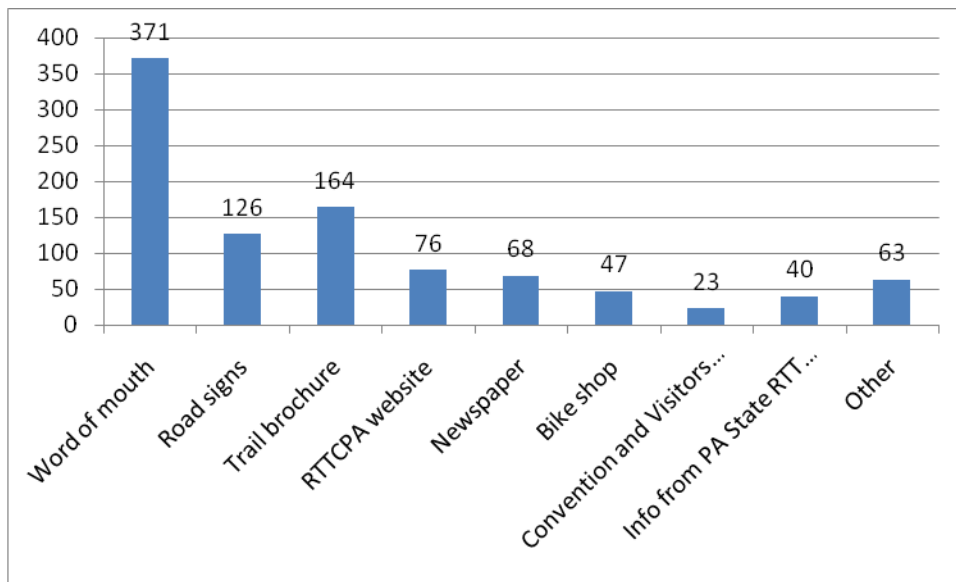


Morning	217
Afternoon	236
Evening	82
Various	159

Question 10.

How did you hear about the trail?

- a. Word of mouth
- b. Road signs
- c. Trail brochure
- d. RTTCPA website
- e. Newspaper
- f. Bike shop
- g. Convention and Visitors Bureau
- h. Info from PA State RTT Conservancy website
- i. Other

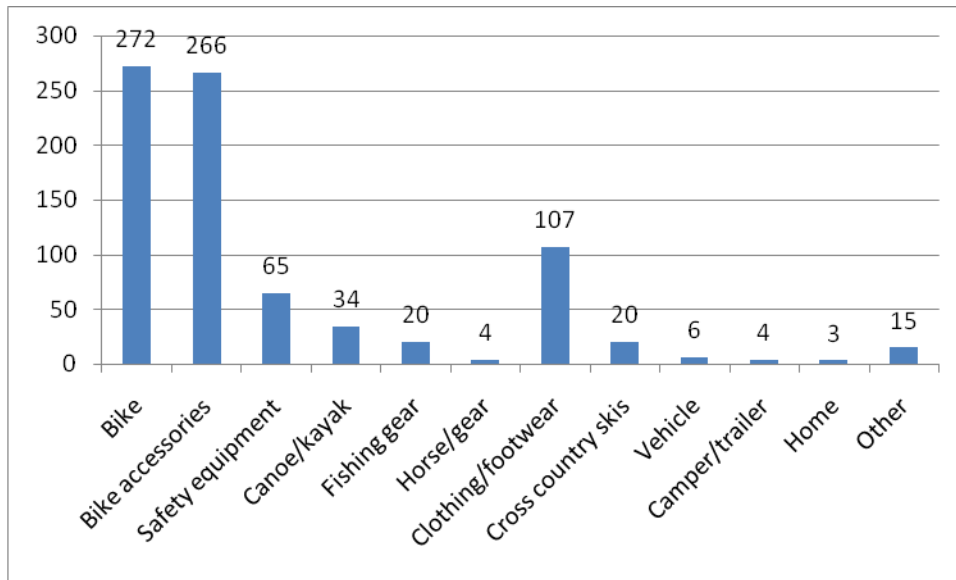


Word of mouth	371
Road signs	126
Trail brochure	164
RTTCPA website	76
Newspaper	68
Bike shop	47
Convention and Visitors Bureau	23
Info from PA State RTT Conservancy website	40
Other	63

Question 11.

What purchases have you made that were influenced by the trail?

- a. Bike
- b. Bike accessories
- c. Safety equipment
- d. Canoe/kayak
- e. Fishing gear
- f. Horse/gear
- g. Clothing/footwear
- h. Cross country skis
- i. Vehicle
- j. Camper/trailer
- k. Home
- l. Other



Bike	272
Bike accessories	266
Safety equipment	65
Canoe/kayak	34
Fishing gear	20
Horse/gear	4
Clothing/footwear	107
Cross country skis	20
Vehicle	6
Camper/trailer	4
Home	3
Other	15

Question 12.

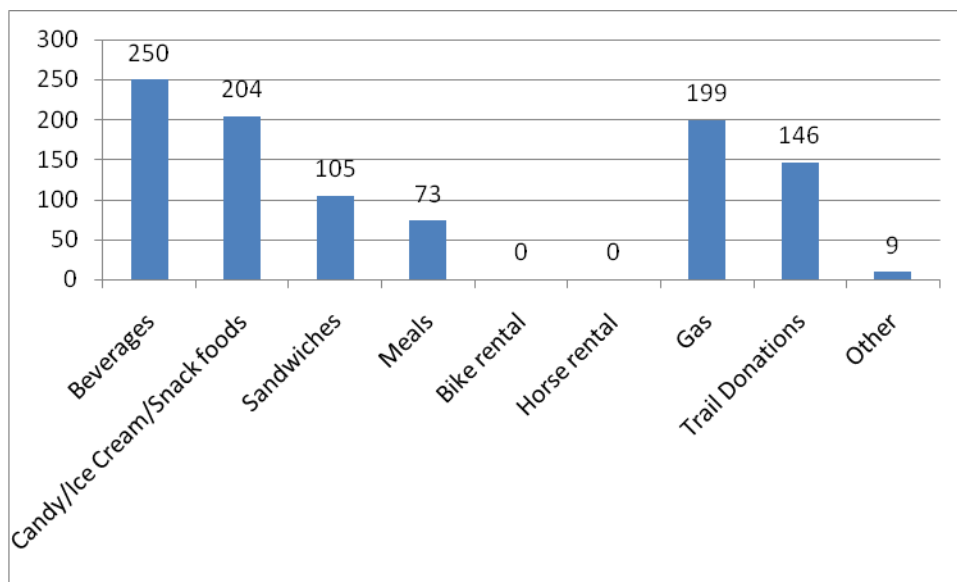
Roughly how much did you spend on the items above in the past year?

Sum	117983.5
Average	398.5929
Minimum	0
First Quartile	100
Second Quartile	200
Third Quartile	350
Fourth Quartile	18000
Maximum	18000
Standard Deviation	1266.375

Question 13.

In conjunction with your most recent trip to the trail, which items below did you purchase?

- a. Beverages
- b. Candy/Ice Cream/Snack foods
- c. Sandwiches
- d. Meals
- e. Bike rental
- f. Horse rental
- g. Gas
- h. Trail Donations
- i. Other



Beverages	250
Candy/Ice Cream/Snack foods	204
Sandwiches	105
Meals	73
Bike rental	0
Horse rental	0
Gas	199
Trail Donations	146
Other	9

Question 14.

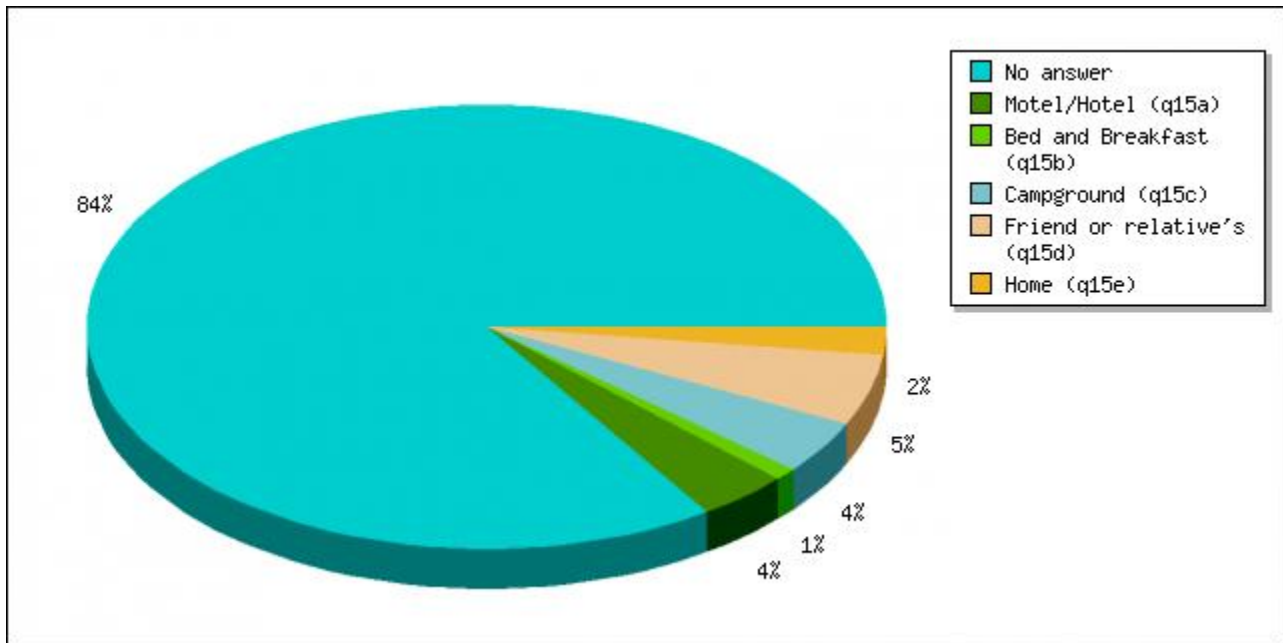
Approximately how much did/will you (your group) spend on the items above on this visit?

Sum	9114.8
Average	27.20836
Minimum	0
First Quartile	5
Second Quartile	14
Third Quartile	25
Fourth Quartile	600
Maximum	600
Standard Deviation	52.81204

Question 15.

Did/will your visit to the trail involve an overnight stay in one of the following types of accommodations?

- a. Hotel/motel
- b. Bed and breakfast
- c. Campground
- d. Friend or relative
- e. Home
- f. Other



Question 16.

How many nights did/will you stay in conjunction with your visit to the trail?

Sum	267
Average	3.296296
Minimum	0
First Quartile	1
Second Quartile	2
Third Quartile	4
Fourth Quartile	27
Maximum	27
Standard Deviation	4.004511

Question 17.

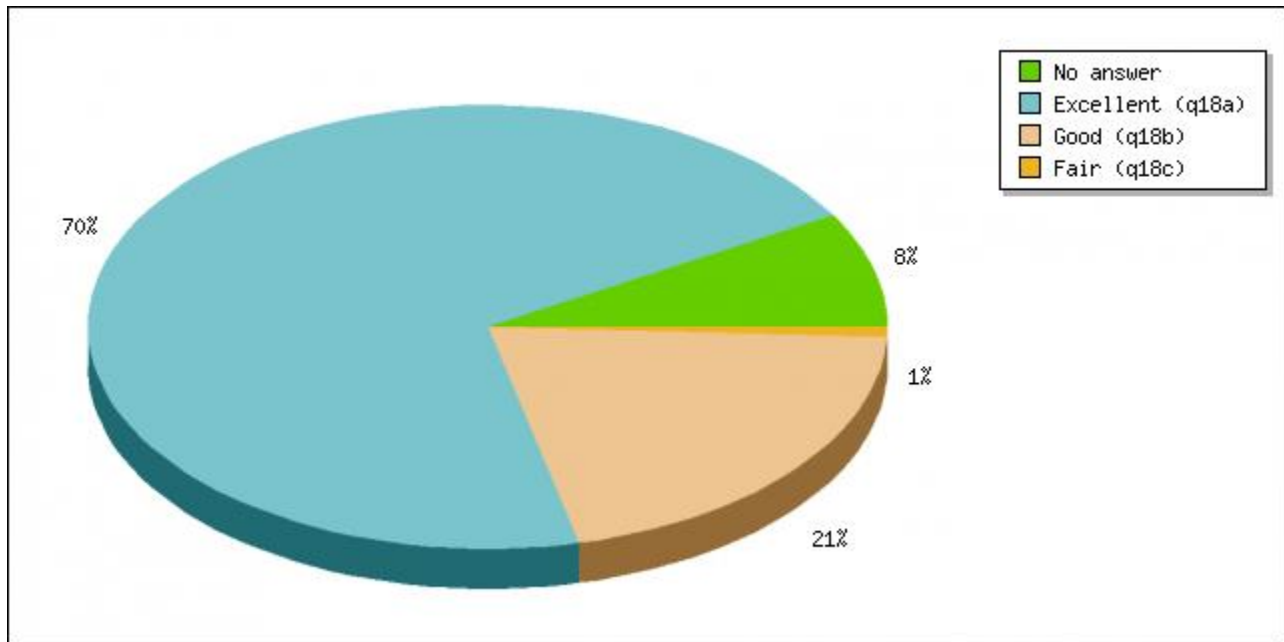
Approximately how much did you spend on overnight accommodations per night?

Sum	3165
Average	62.05882
Minimum	0
First Quartile	23
Second Quartile	50
Third Quartile	100
Fourth Quartile	180
Maximum	180
Standard Deviation	46.12479

Question 18.

In your opinion, the maintenance of the trail is:

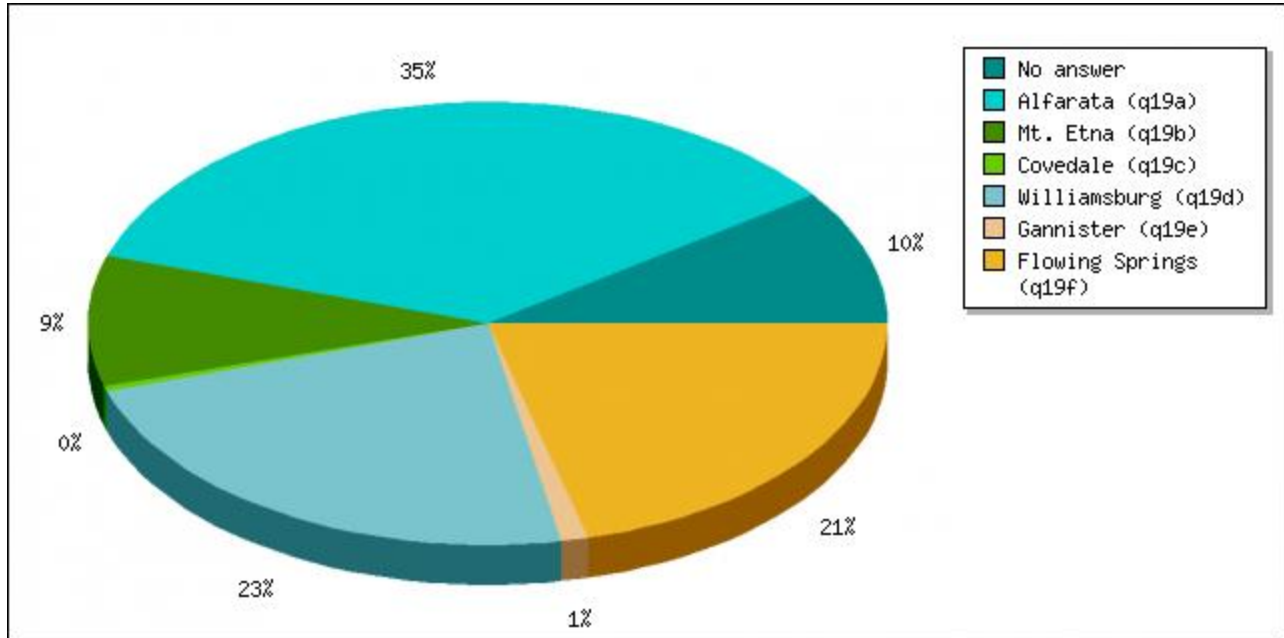
- a. Excellent
- b. Good
- c. Fair
- d. Poor



Question 19.

Which trail access point do you use the most often?

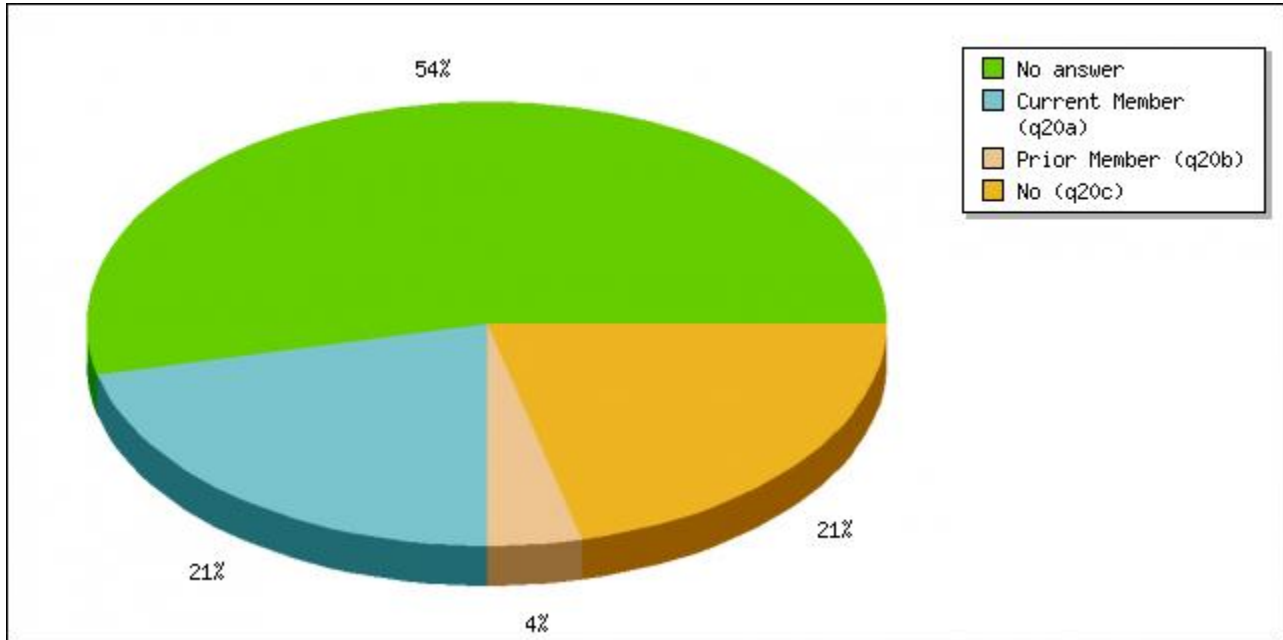
- a. Alfarata
- b. Mt. Etna
- c. Covedale
- d. Williamsburg
- e. Gannister
- f. Flowing Springs



Question 20.

Are you a member of RTTCPA?

- a. Yes
- b. Prior member



APPENDIX A Comments or Suggestions

1. Bottled Water from the Martins near Waterstreet. Ate lunch at OIP in Williamsburg and bought bottled water at Martins in Williamsburg.
2. This is a fine, easy to navigate, very scenic rail trail.
3. Send info on joining Rails-to-Trails of Central Pa.

1. Horse riders need to keep off the finished crushed limestone!
2. Enjoy friendliness of most fellow trail users.

2 hours 9 minutes for 32 miles --fastest trail I've been on this year, have done the Pine Creek, Lehigh Gorge, Lycoming County, Toby Creek Clarion County, Ghost Town Trail.

A bar restaurant

A beautiful place. Continue. Amen.

A guy suggested asking Congress for money to run trail to Huntingdon. I say make it a work project for volunteers groups if they already have the route decided or, if official groups do it, make welfare people come cut and build the trail.

After the bike ride I went to Roaring Springs and stopped at Country Beefers.

Alexandria Restaurants.

Awesome trail. If possible, extend it through Hollidaysburg!

Beautiful!

Business patronized:

- Eat at Dave's Dream in Hollidaysburg.
- Get Gas at Sheetz in Hollidaysburg.

It would be nice if the trail were extended on original right of way, requiring a couple of bridges to be installed towards Hollidaysburg.

Businesses were all closed on Monday.

Businesses patronized (not just this trip but trail related trips):

- The Martins Minute Mart.
- Several pizza shops (can't recall their names)
- The Ice Cream Trailer by the trail.
- The Dollar General
- also the grocery store by the Dollar General and Main Street Cafe.

Businesses patronized:

- The Dream Family Restaurant
- US Hotel Restaurant and Tavern
- Iron Corbel Inn
- Sinking Valley Country Club.

Businesses patronized:

- Bike shops, and outdoors shops (like Dick's, Appalachian Outdoors, REI, EMS)

Businesses patronized:

- CC's Wings and Things

Trash receptacles are needed.

Businesses patronized:

- Ice Cream Store
- Subways for dinner.

Have mystery tours on the trail and have more paths to the sites along the trail. Very pleased with the new brochure and having them available at the trailheads. Would like to see it connected to Canoe Creek State Park.

Businesses patronized:

- Lake Raystown.

Businesses patronized:

- Local restaurants
- WalMart,
- Giant Foods
- Rite Aid.

Businesses patronized:

- Lunch at the Alexandria Cafe.

Businesses patronized:

- Main Street Cafe'

Businesses patronized:

- Main Street Cafe or Dairy Treat is usually a favorite stop.

This is a beautiful, relaxing trail.

Businesses patronized:

- Martins convenience store.

Businesses patronized:

- Martins General Store

Businesses patronized:

- Martins General Store in Williamsburg

Businesses Patronized:

- Martins General Store in Williamsburg for food & gas
- Paisano's on Rt.22

Businesses patronized:

- Martins General Store in Williamsburg.

Businesses patronized:

- Marzoni's.

Trail is the best maintained I've ever biked on. No major potholes, no water laying on trail, grassy areas are trimmed, and benches everywhere it seems.

Businesses patronized:

- Millers Greenhouse.

Businesses patronized:

- Pedal Power Bike Shop
- Sheetz

Businesses patronized:

- Sometimes I stop for an ice cream at Canoe Creek State Park.

Businesses patronized:

- Spruce Creek Outfitters

Businesses patronized:

- Canoe Creek State Park
- Gearharts

We love the trail. We often took our 14 year old Husky for rides in his bike trailer. This is one of our favorite trails!

Businesses patronized:

- Dick's Sporting Goods Store

Businesses patronized:

- Martins
- Ice Cream Stand in Williamsburg

Businesses patronized:

- Martins
- Main Street Cafe.

Businesses Patronized:

- Martins General Store in Williamsburg

Businesses patronized:

- Martins in Williamsburg
- Ice Cream Stand in Williamsburg.

Businesses patronized:

- Nic's
- Martins.

Businesses patronized:

- C C's Wings & Things.

Haven't checked the website lately but do have positive memories of it.

Businesses patronized:

- Spokes-n-Skis.

We love the trail!!

Businesses patronized:

- Eat at Dave's Dream in Hollidaysburg every visit.
- Get gas at Sheetz in Hollidaysburg, always a good price.

I know there is a missing bridge problem but it would be wonderful if you could go into Hollidaysburg - (extend the bike trail along the original railroad right of way.) We ride from end to end and there is nothing (no stores or places to buy food at either end. Other trails have collected money for new bridges and we like the town of Hollidaysburg and those who live there would use the trail and not even have to drive. The Lower Trail is one of our favorite trails.

Clean up leaves and blacktop- the stones get in your shoes and make your legs itchy-makes using the trail uncomfortable and irritating!

Could have better road signs.

Businesses patronized:

- Dave's Dream

Did not spend any this year but have spent money on purchases for trail related products.

Don't like the snakes

Drove from Johnstown and Indiana and got gas at Sheetz. Ate in Altoona would have eaten in Alexandria but no restaurants were open.

Extend the trail to Huntingdon.

Fantastic trail--Beautiful and well maintained and clean.

First time in about 10 years. Used to come 1 or 2 times a year when visiting from Boston. Plan to use more often now that we live here.

For the people that cannot walk you could make the trail smoother.

Good drainage, no problems despite recent rains. As first time users from the Lancaster Canoe Club, we were very impressed by the trail and the opportunities for river access at Williamsburg and planned for other points.

Good Job Thanks.

Good Job, beautiful site.

Great enjoyment!

Great Trail

Great Trail --- Did the whole thing.

Great trail except for the horse pooh.

Great Trail!!

Have dogs leashed.

Have some sort of "trolley" service if you go from one end to another (16Miles) otherwise 32 miles is very long.

Horse trailer parking is often an issue. Today happened to be an event I was unaware of and when I came back my horse trailer was parked in because I need more room to pull out than a car. Maybe special spots. I don't mind backing up and moving around but there was no way out.

Businesses patronized:

- Hoss's
- Sam's Club
- Lowe's
- Sheetz
- Wal-mart
- Home Depot

I always use the trail when I come home to Williamsburg to visit my family. The trail is a wonderful thing for all.

I am very thankful for such a lovely well maintained trail in my backyard. I appreciate all the work of the volunteers.

I like the new signs to remind horseback riders to stay on grass.

I love the nature walk; we walk on weekends. I hope it always stays here.

I really enjoy the trail. Along with the great bike ride, the historic info is a nice touch.

I really use Mt. Etna, Ganister and Flowing Springs Trailheads equally.

I sometimes stop at the convenience stores in Williamsburg and Alexandria, but most times I bring everything I need with me. The trail is really too short to draw people in for overnight stays in the area, unless they're planning to ride another local rail trail (like the Ghost Town) the next day. Extending the trail farther would bring in more tourist for overnight lodging, 32 miles is easily done in one day. I'd like to see it extended out to the 6 through 10 Trail on the New Portage railroad bed.

I thought the trail was excellent!

I was very happy with the trail surface and width. It was well maintained and the other users I encountered were friendly and courteous. I will recommend a ride to this trail to my friends. Thanks.

I was very surprised to see that the grass is maintained.

I would love to know how to get a trail started in Mifflin County.

It was great!

It was our first visit...We'll be back!

It's great...keep up the good work!!

Jogging is a fad that was created in the 1970's. I am a serious and competitive runner and therefore do not refer to the sport as jogging but rather running. I think most people would prefer that terminology as it is more accurate.

Keep growing.

Keep it up. Thanks!

Larger potties

Latrines should be emptied/cleaned more often. Should have some source of drinking water.

Let people know that electric wheelchairs are allowed on trails. I had to ask around and find out for my aunt.

Love the friendly people. It is good to be in an activity where so many people you see are smiling and happy!

Love the tarred trail in Williamsburg; it is easier to bike. It's great having the porta potties, Thank you. Also the benches are nicely spaced. The shade is great- makes it feel cooler.

Lovely scenery, polite cyclist

Businesses patronized:

- Main Street Café
- General Store on Route 22

Looking forward to seeing trail extended.

Businesses patronized:

- Main Street Café
- Joe's in Tyrone
- Martins
- Waterstreet Flea Market

Make more paths to the river.

Businesses patronized:

- Martin General as needed.
- Note: There is a new restaurant on west Second Street that serves all kinds of food and is moderately priced. It is an OIP restaurant.

Businesses patronized:

- Martin's in Williamsburg
- Water Street Flea Market Ice Cream Stand.

I love the Lower Trail and use it as often as possible. The only negative factor is the dogs not leashed, not friendly because of negligent owners. I have pepper spray at the ready if needed.

Member of Juniata Valley Audubon

Met Merle Chamberlain as we biked. Delightful fellow. Heard all about the trail history and upkeep effort--Great Job--this was a pleasure to ride. Keep riding Merle!!

More directions for users on how to negotiate on-coming traffic. Maybe signs.

Need to add more shale in some parts or needs raked.

NICE!

Nothing! It's just too great for suggestions!

Noticed a lot of trash (beverage containers, plastic containers, etc. on the horse trail) Please request your patrons not to litter.

On my travels (by car) around the country I like to ride a trail in the AM or early PM, then drive to a motel near the next trail in PM. Have biked about 50 different trails in eastern US in the last 5 years. First rode the Lower Trail in June of 04, and again this June & July. Hope to do it again before I am too old.

One of the best places to catch huge trout in the winter time and Smallmouth Bass in the summertime.

Businesses patronized:

- Pedal Power
- Main Street Café
- Diner 22
- Martins
- Joe's
- Flea Market for ice cream.

People do not keep horses on grass. Do not take heed when told

Petition Congress to run it to Huntingdon. Dome Tent Campground should start up at Canoe Creek or Mt. Etna. Rent out for \$15.00 a night with a small grocery store. Have reservations online or by mail or phone. Run it from May 30th to October 15th. Have a small amphitheater with stage and have live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights with mainly country, & bluegrass music and square dancing, polka, and country line dancing. Also have nature slide shows.

Please don't open trail to ATV's/or other motorized vehicles. Please don't close the trail to horses any time soon.

Please petition Congress for monies to extend this trail to Huntingdon!!

Post signs asking pet owners to carry and use pooper scoopers. One half mile east and west of Williamsburg is a dumping ground for dog waste.

Businesses patronized:

- Purchased stuff at Martins General Store

Putting in Bird feeders/boxes at selected places along the trail would enhance wildlife to those who appreciate birding. It would also help as an asset to attract school children for educational opportunities, as well as the public in general.

Ramps.

Businesses patronized:

- Shopped at the fly fishing shop and ice cream shop

Businesses patronized:

- Shopped at: Flea Market
- Main St. Café
- Martin's

Signs for interest points such as locks.

Signs marking where the points of interest are, would be nice (if they are not already there). I was going fast and may have missed them.

Some parts of the trail could use more gravel. Our relatives come from Pittsburgh and Maryland to bike with us here. They spend their money on lunches too. We have bought 3 different racks over the years as well as bike accessories.

Some people do not ride horses on grass and refuse to do so when told.

Suggestion: Road sign at Route 453 & 22 intersection coming down the mountain a direction arrow would be very helpful. The Grab & Go have very friendly staff. Thanks for a great day!

Take trail to Hollidaysburg.

Thank you for all the great maintenance.

Thank you for providing such a great trail for running and biking. Keep up the good work.

Thank you we love this Rails to Trails

Thanks---miss the homemade Ice cream!

The section from Canoe Creek to Williamsburg, there are pavilions. If my family kept it clean and cleaned it up could we have one? We wanted to dedicate it to our grandchildren?

The trail is a beautiful asset to the town of Williamsburg, and my children and I thoroughly enjoy each trip we make down the trail. A highlight that may be a good project (scouts, etc.) would be to add informational signs (small) along the trail about wildlife & vegetation common to the area.

The trail is excellent. One of the nicest we use.

Businesses patronized:

- We will eat at Dave's Dream.

The trail network is one awesome form of family recreation. Thank You!

The trail could use a few signs riders to stay right and only pass on left.

The trails are improving. Keep up the great work.

There are some dangerous loose boards on bridge about 6 miles south of Alfarata.

There was a good bit of trash along the highway bank. I picked up what I could. Also there's a good bit of horse feces that my 2 1/2 year old about stamped in. I definitely love this trail otherwise.

This is a good one.

This is a great community resource. It is a remarkable amenity. Keep up the good work. It is very important.

This is our 1st time on the trail but we are going to use this often and bring friends and family here. It is wonderful.

This is pristine, beautiful and it's maintained by volunteers...it's in better shape than rails to trails in York PA. run by the county parks. Thank You it trail is wonderful, Praise God the Creator.

This is the nicest trail we have patronized in Pennsylvania.

Trail is very nice. Keep up the good work.

Usually stop at Water Street but didn't today. I plan to start using the trail much more often. It is a wonderful treasure to have in my own backyard. Thank you for all your great work.

Vandalism of signs and fences appears to have increased! Your facility in Williamsburg is Never open when we use the trail! Trail for the most part is in good shape---wet leaves in mid to late fall can be quite hazardous if traveling at any speed over 5 mph! Might be good to rake, sweep or blow the trail off. If one does fall and become injured to the point they can't ride out, there are no provisions to get help to them (cell phone signals are bad to not-existent in the areas that I checked.) I assume a call to 911 would be answered and reacted to if it were received! Maybe if you could install call boxes along the trail. More garbage cans and porta johns would be useful, maybe every 2 to 3 miles along the trail.

Very nice trail!

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Very nice trail! Wish we didn't live 50 miles away.

Very nice.

Very well kept. Liked frequent rest areas.

Very, Very enjoyable trail!

Visited Altoona area from shopping. Learned about trail from Raystown Visitors Center. It's nice, level, smooth, beautifully maintained trail. Our first visit but not our last!

We always love making a stop at "Uncle Bobs" pavilion-it is so well kept and beautiful.

We are first time users---Great trail enjoyed historical markers.

Businesses patronized:

- The Waterstreet Grill
- Soft Serve.

We are not members because we don't get a chance to bike enough to be members.

Businesses patronized:

- Paesano's has great pizza and ice cream!

We bring my handicapped brother to the trail on a 3 wheel recumbent bike/tricycle. Grass in center can be a mild problem. Otherwise, this is a wonderful, well maintained and thoroughly enjoyable trail!!!!

Businesses patronized:

- We frequently get ice cream at the Flea Market.
- Next time we plan to have dinner in Alexandria. Probably at the Main Street Cafe'.

Love this trail.

We have enjoyed this trail for years. We only wish we lived closer so we could enjoy using it more.

Thank you for taking good care of the trail.

We love it!

We love it! I couldn't believe something so nice was in this area. Thanks to the trail we found hobbies like biking, kayaking and cross country skiing. Thanks!

We love the trail.

We love the trails.

We loved it, what a great trail!

We marvel at what a wonderful trail this is. Congratulations on all that goes into it. Today we completed a 12 mile ride-- our best ever. We'll be back!

We really enjoy using the trail and appreciate having rail trails in our area. Unfortunately we don't live close enough to use this trail on a regular basis. We support your work and will consider joining Rails to Trails of Central Pa in the future. Not sure if anyone uses the trail for transportation, but you may want to include that choice on future surveys.

We really enjoyed our ride and will come back soon From McKeesport PA.

We really love using the trail for walking. We are sometimes a bit intimidated by speeding cyclists who come from behind without warning. Most ring a bell or call out to warn us. But we have also been startled, (not hearing their approach from behind), and even forced off into the grass on occasion.

Thanks!

We stayed near Heston to be close to this trail. Great trail doing more all week in the area.

We stopped to hike while driving between Shippensburg and Punxsutawney.

We thank you for providing us with a safe place to ride our bikes or to just walk.

We think this trail is just terrific!

We used to stop & get ice cream - gas station.

We were visiting the area while on vacation and picked up a brochure at the motel.

Businesses patronized:

- Today we stopped at Ways Fruit Market and spent \$60.00 on Cherries.
- We will probably stop in Duncansville for a late lunch.

We would like to paddle when the water is up. We usually stop and do the trail on our way to or from home (Pittsburgh) to visit family in State College. We like your new educational signs.

We would use the trail more often if it connected to Huntingdon. I hate to drive to exercise. Please expand the trail!!

We'd love to see this trail extended into Hollidaysburg.

We've been on many PA Rail Trails, the Lower Trail is very well maintained in comparison.

What a beautiful scene! Thanks to all who volunteer.

What a wonderful trail.

Wish Past to Present would re-open. Need more signage on trail or Historical Markers.

Wonderful trail--We have biked trails in York, Lancaster and in the Poconos. This is one of the Best! Enjoyed our days immensely!

Would be excellent if you remove grass in middle of trail.

Businesses patronized:

- Get ice cream along the road that leads to Huntingdon.

Would be nice to have a food place in Williamsburg.

Would be very interested in locations to rent bikes for use on the trail.

Would like a trash can at the starting point at Alfarata.

Would like to see permanent ice cream/sandwich shop with bike parts and accessories available to purchase.

Business's patronized:

- Martins in Williamsburg
- Flea Market at Waterstreet
- Sheetz in Hollidaysburg
- The Dream in Hollidaysburg
- Meadow's in Duncansville
- McDonalds in Duncansville
- Spokes-n-skis in Lakemont.

Would really like to have the trail come to Hollidaysburg & Duncansville.

Your picnic was most enjoyable & food was super delicious.

Your trail is in excellent shape for a bike ride and losing weight. Thanks

Your trail is the nicest we've been on and we've ridden MANY!