

Barton Park Complex Master Plan

# Summary of Community Input Barton Park Programming

393 people responded to the survey available  
online between 3/21/2020 and 4/12/2020

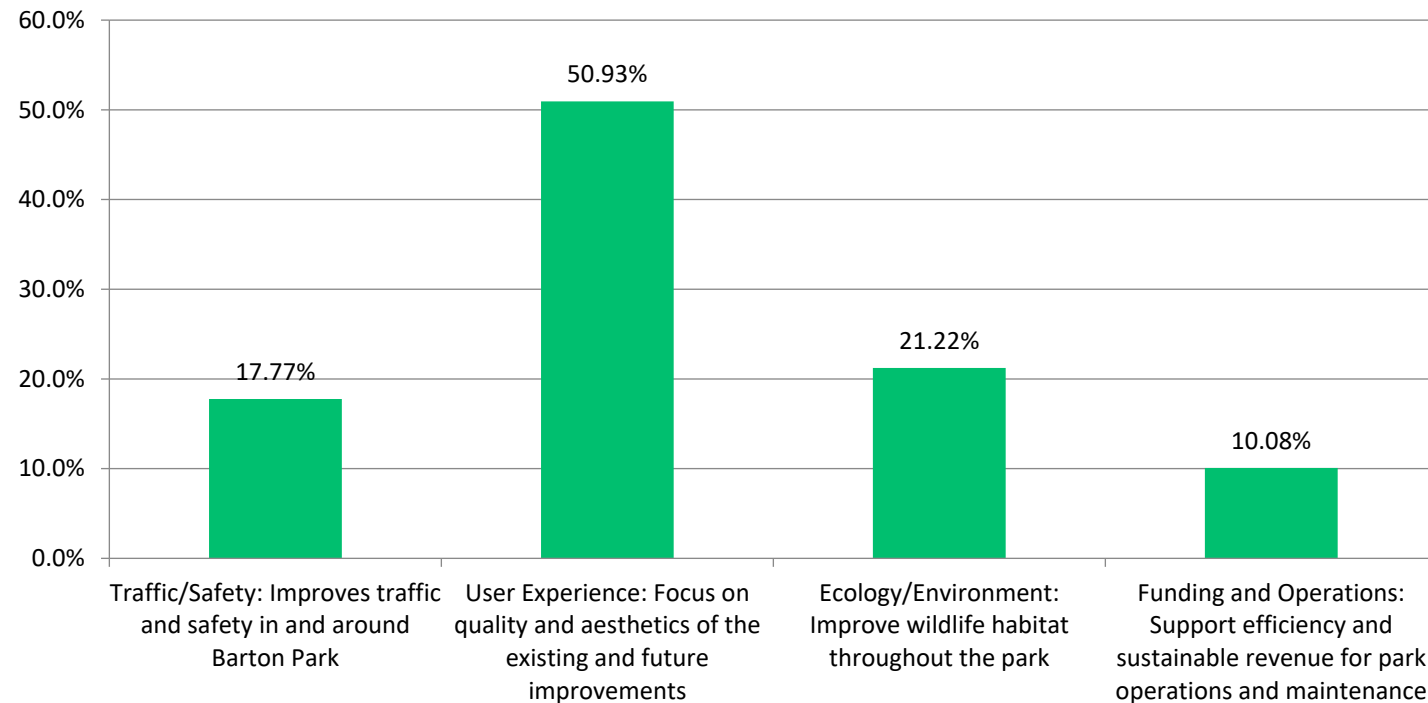
# Survey Overview: Insights Into Respondents

- 50% of respondents said that user experience was the most important principle to guide improvements.
- Over 87% of respondents were previous Barton Park visitors. Most used the park for day use, floating, and experiencing nature and scenery.
- 58% of respondents have floated the Clackamas River.
- 64% of respondents said they would be likely to access the Cazadero State Trail from Barton Park; 41% of them wanted the ability to camp at the Cazadero State Trail, while 34% didn't know.
- Most respondents identified as white (84%), female (56%), and English speaking (100%). There was a diversity of ages and household income among respondents.
- Responses came from across the region. The most responses (15% of total) came from 97045 in Clackamas County.

# Question 1

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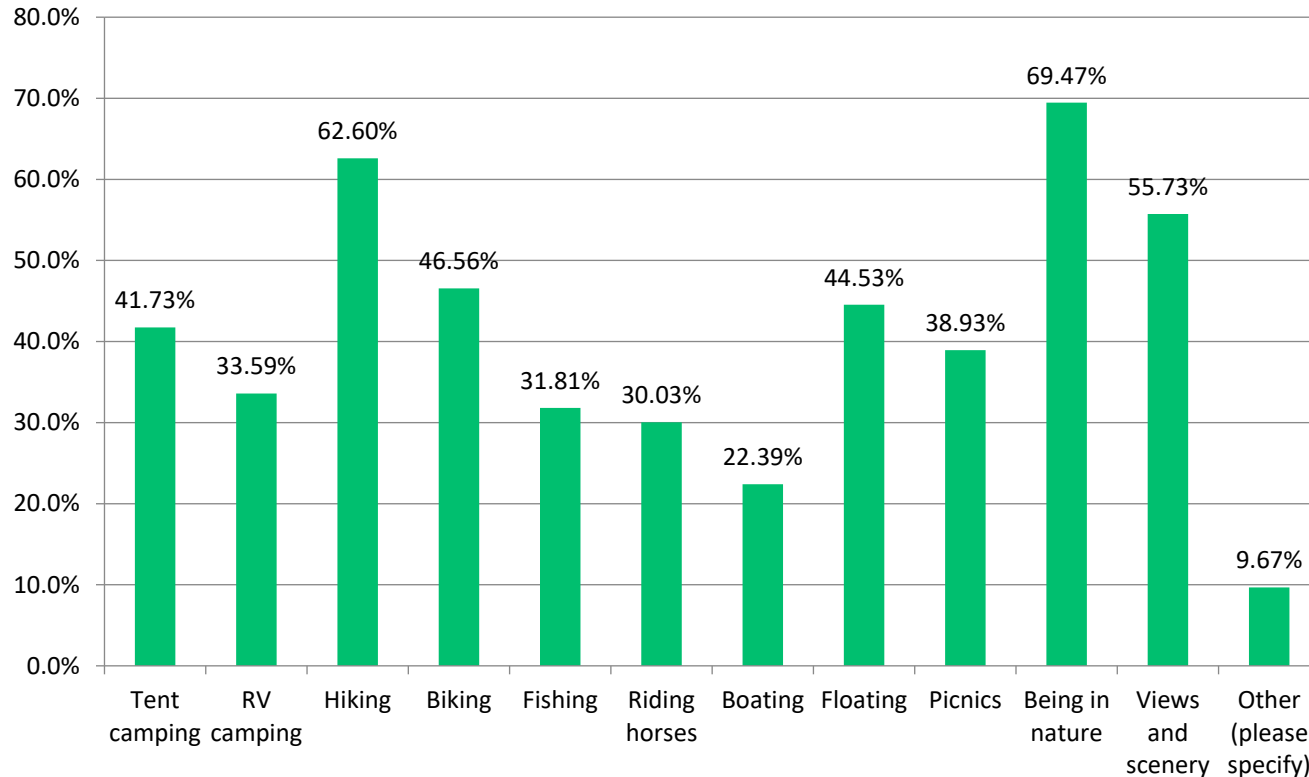
Of the guiding principles that will be used for improvements, which one is the most important to you? (Check one.)



# Question 2

Answered: 393 Skipped: 0

What type(s) of recreation do you enjoy? (Check all that apply.)



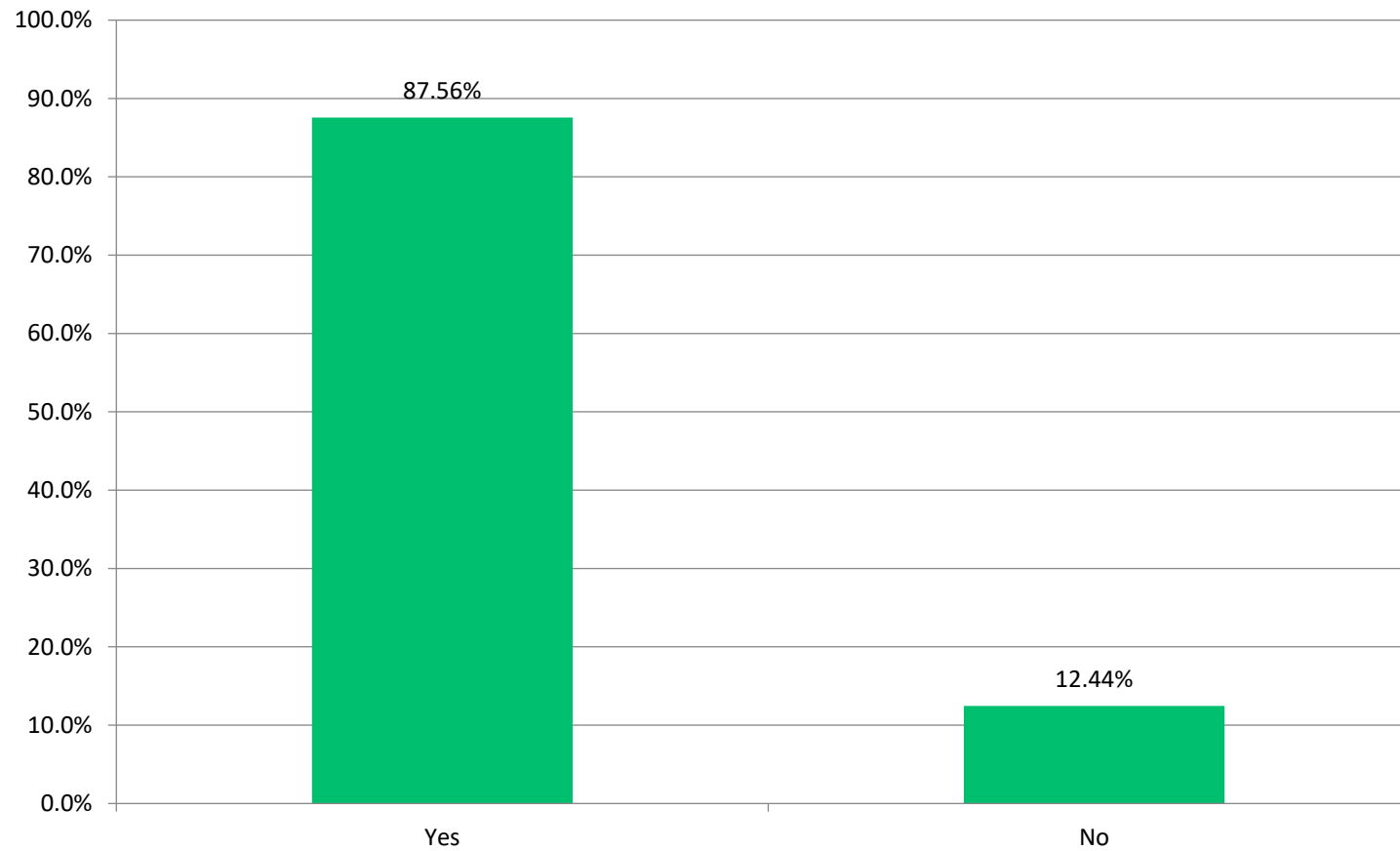
'Other' responses included:

- Mountain Biking (7)
- Paddle Boarding
- Frisbee/Disc golf (4)
- Skateboarding
- Play structures (2)
- Paddling/Kayaking (3)
- Running/trail running
- Bird watching
- Nature education/ signs (2)
- Swimming (3)
- Walking dog/dog park ( 3)
- Horse camping & Horse trails(4)
- Scuba diving
- I use the park a lot for access to the river both above and below.
- Basketball court
- Peacefulness in the RV park please don't change that.
- Being alone, listening to the quiet of the woods
- Kids' birthday parties

# Question 3

Answered: 386 Skipped: 7

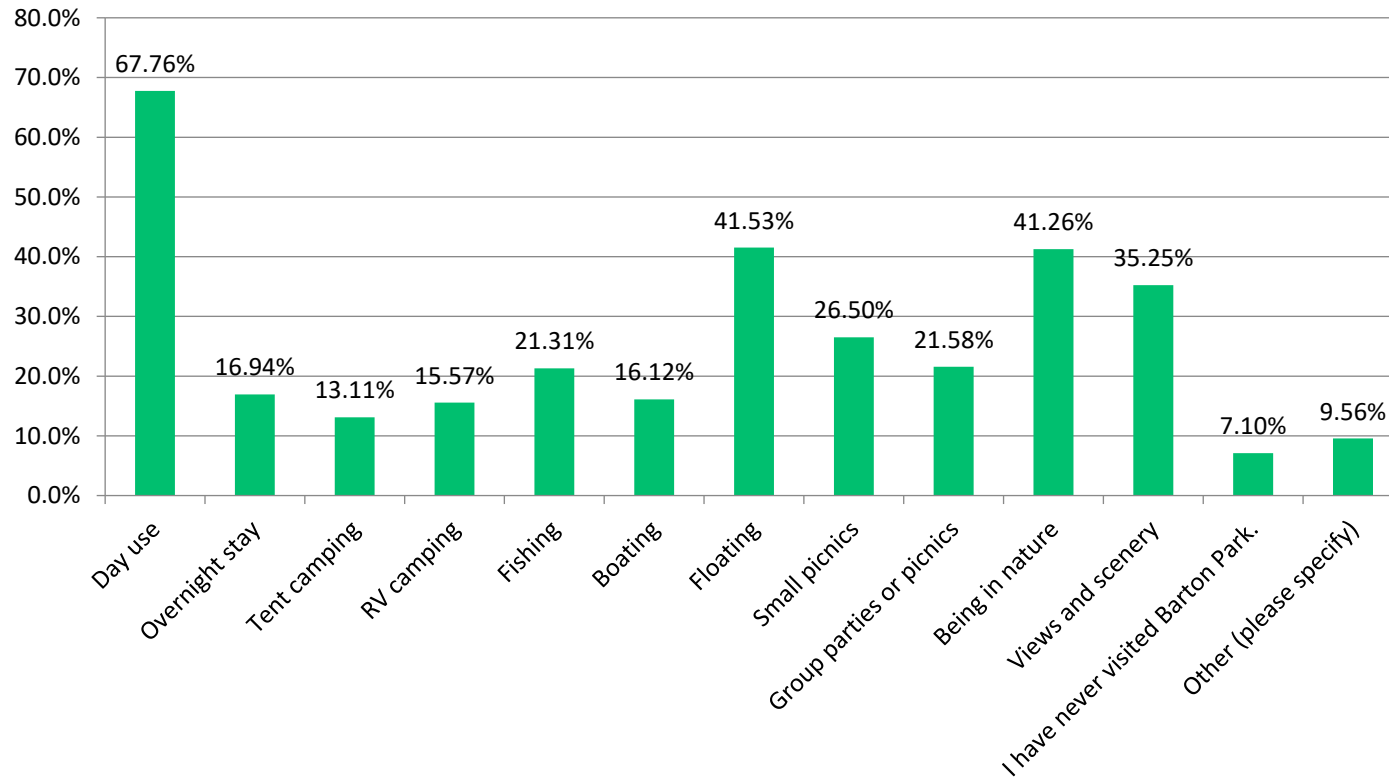
Have you ever visited Barton Park?



# Question 4

Answered: 366 Skipped: 27

If yes, how have you used Barton Park in the past?  
(Check all that apply.)



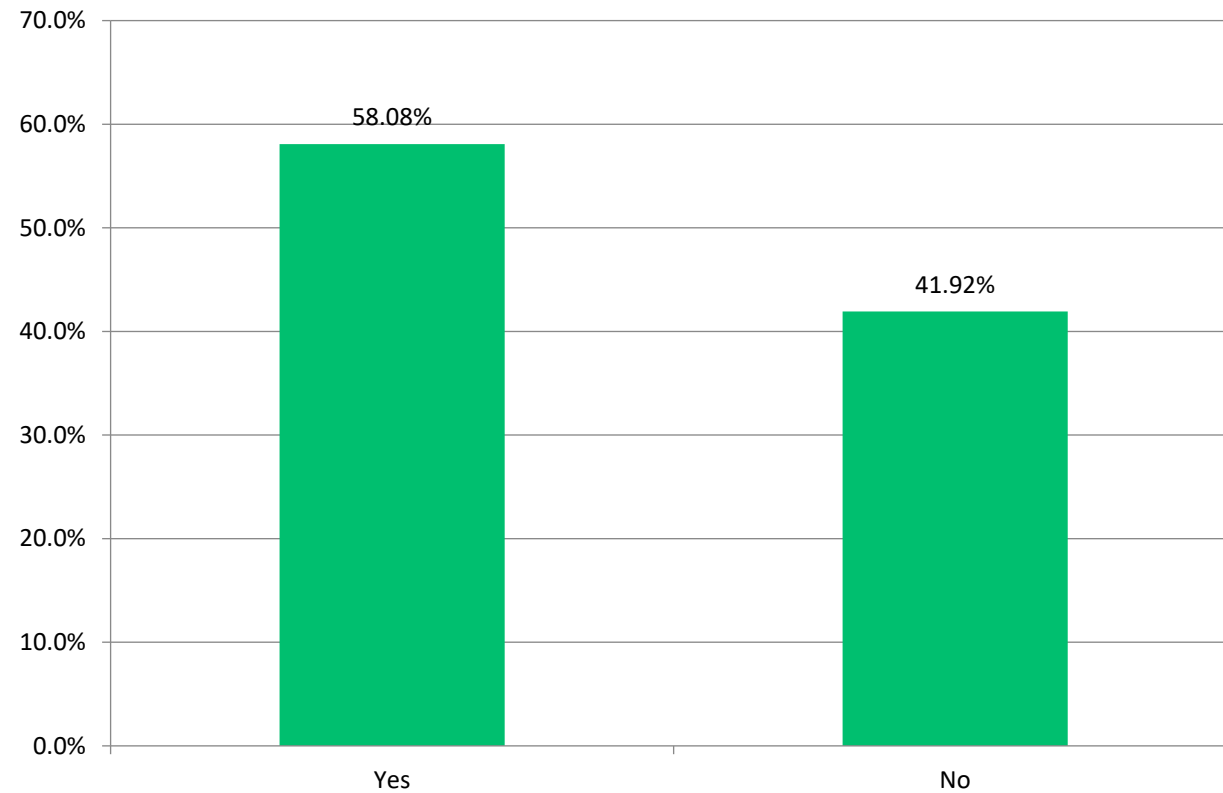
‘Other’ responses included:

- River clean up (2)
- Kayaking (2)
- River riding
- Swimming
- Scuba diving
- Car show
- Bicycle racing OBRA
- Cycling (4)
- Cyclocross races (3)
- Long time season pass buyer
- As a child I spent a lot of time on inner tubes in the swimming hole during family reunions picnics etc.
- My family has gone there since before I was born.
- Easter egg hunt
- Celebrations of life
- We got married in Barton Park
- Hiking (3)
- Quick drive through (2)
- Restroom stop
- Riding horses (2)
- Took covered wagon across hist
- Filming production
- Playground
- Concert

# Question 5

Answered: 366 Skipped: 28

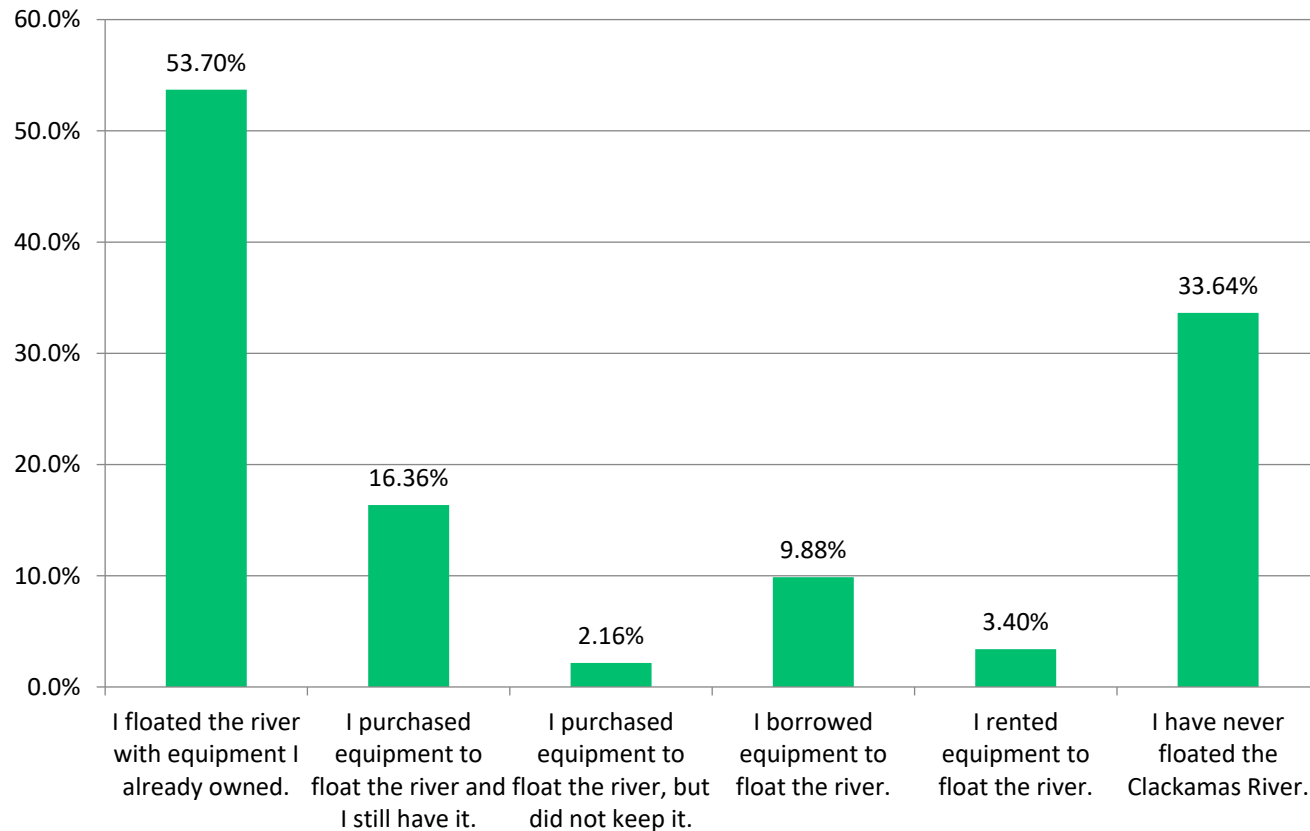
Have you ever floated the Clackamas River?



# Question 6

Answered: 324 Skipped: 69

If you have floated the Clackamas River, which of the following apply to you? (Check all that apply.)





# Question 7

Answered: 67 Skipped: 326

If applicable, please list any rivers where you have used a shuttle service.

Deschutes River (40)

Clackamas River (12)

Rogue River (10)

Sandy (14)

McKenzie (2)

Wilson (2)

Nestucca

Truckee River

Willamette (3)

Colorado River

coastal rivers

Owyhee (2)

Kalama

White Salmon (2)

Salmon River (Idaho) (5)

Trinity Bend

Virgin River,

Not in Oregon

John Day River (3)

Grand Canyon

Grande Ronde (2)

Snake (2)

Klamath

Cache la Poudre River,

Colorado

Guadalupe (Texas)

Shenandoah (Virginia)

The Icicle River

(Leavenworth, WA)

Great American River

Fall river.

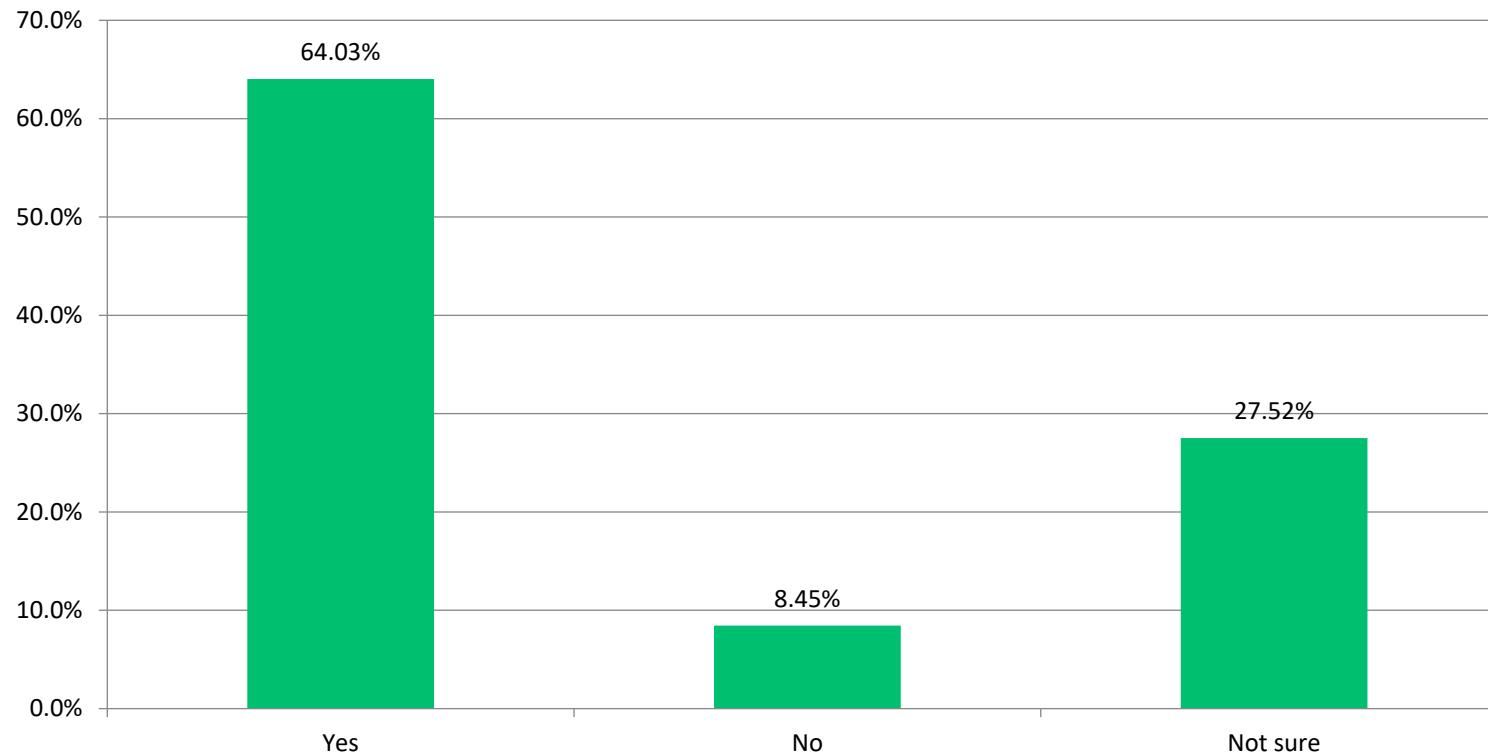
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Missouri River(Montana)

# Question 8

Answered: 367 Skipped: 26

Are you likely to access the Cazadero Trail from Barton Park?

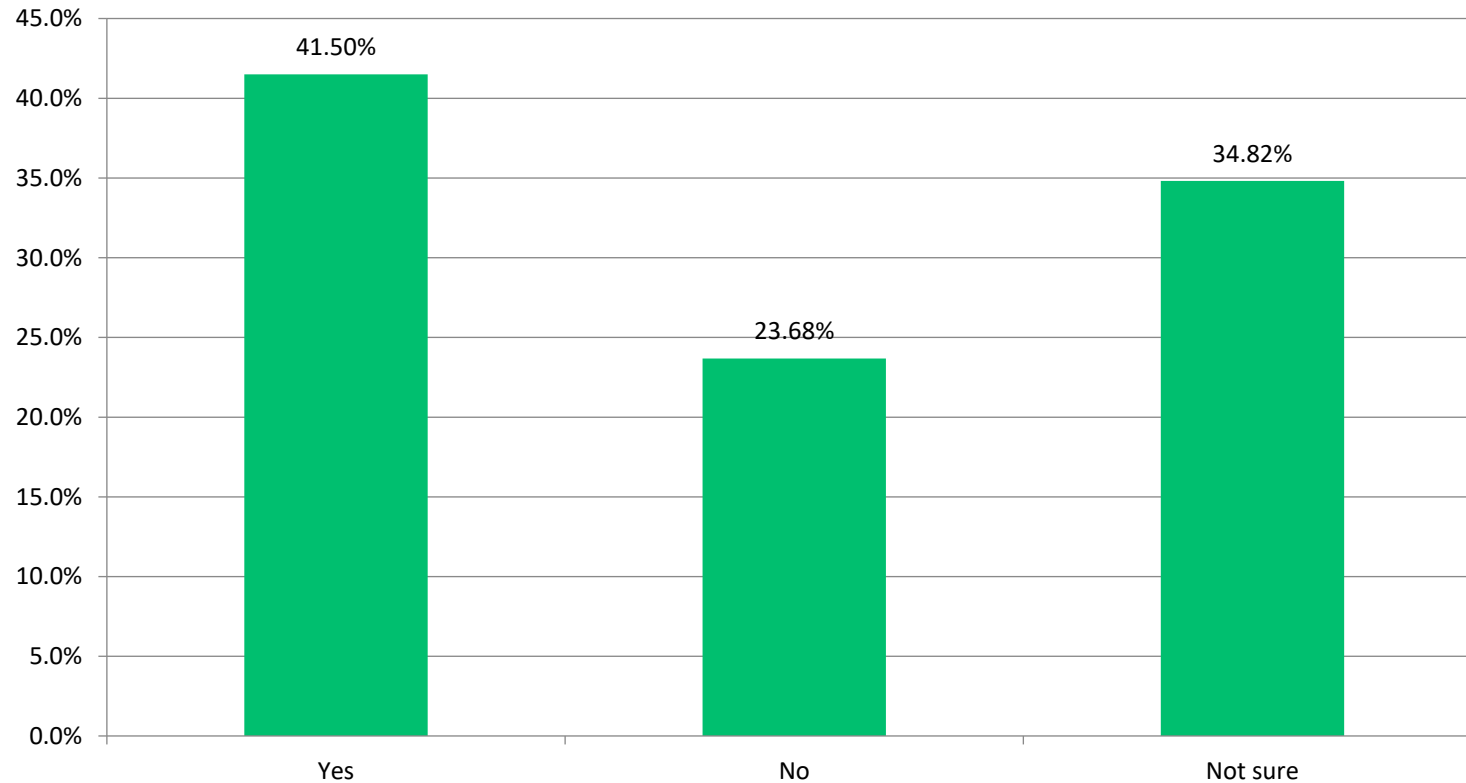


Note: The Cazadero Trail is not complete, so respondents may be expressing support for access to trails, in general.

# Question 9

Answered: 359 Skipped: 34

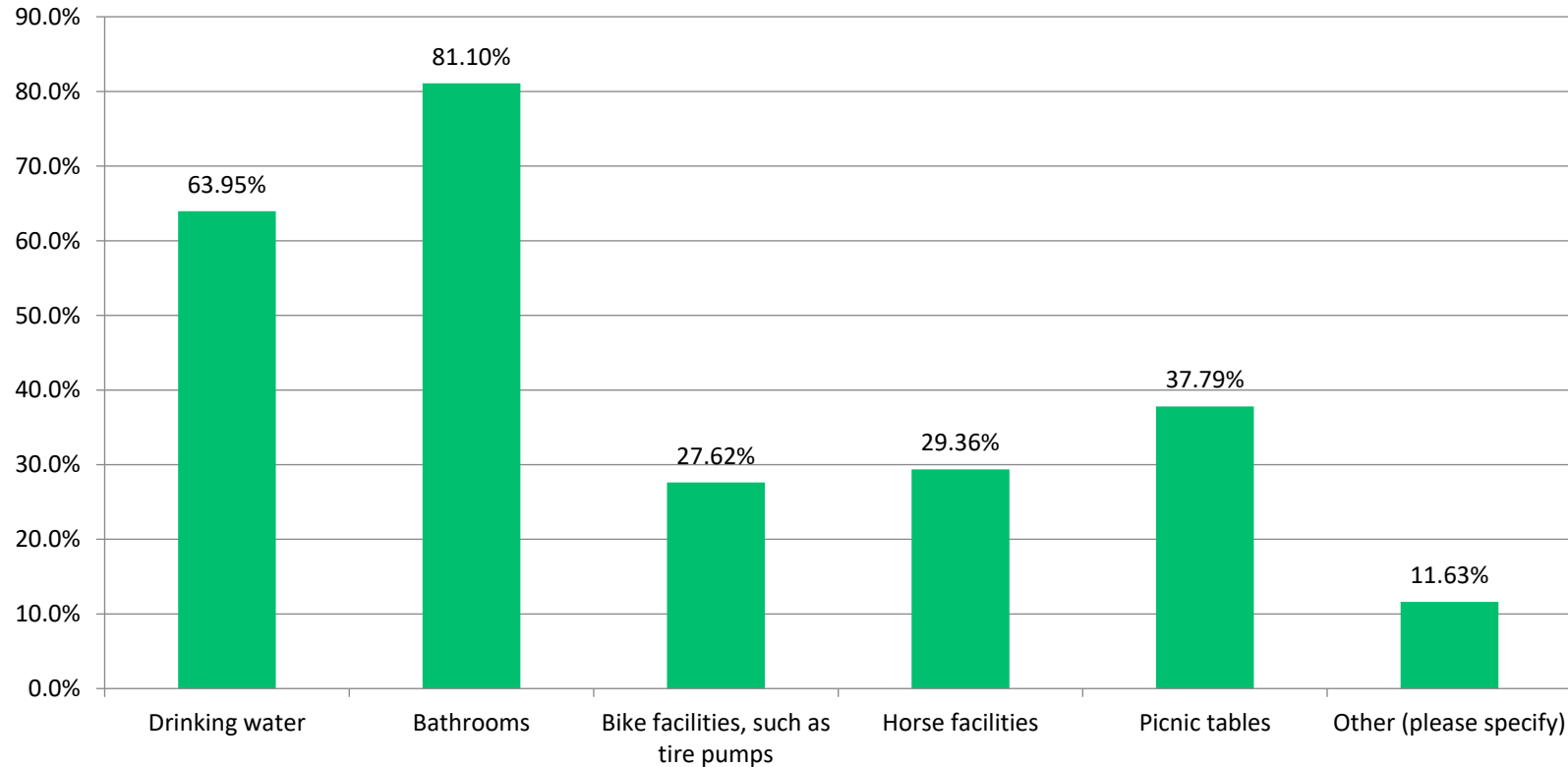
I would like to have the ability to camp at this trailhead as I hike or bike along the Cazadero State Trail.



# Question 10

Answered: 344 Skipped: 49

What facilities at Barton Park would help you use the trail?  
(Check all that apply.)



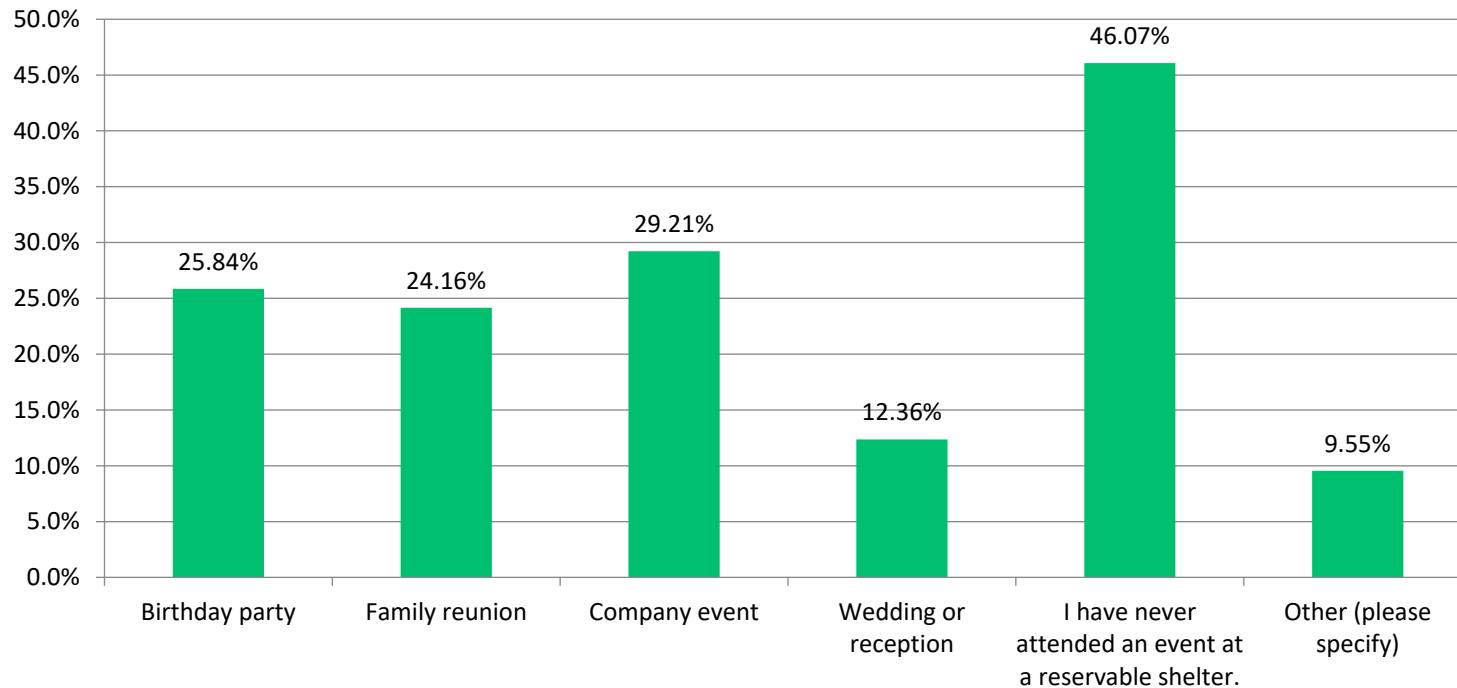
## 'Other' Responses:

- Parking (safe, accessible) (10)
- Large rig/ horse trailer parking (3)
- Frisbee golf (2)
- Bike facilities (repair station, map, charging facilities, bike rental)
- Access to Springwater Corridor
- Campsites near the bike trail access
- Showers
- Rest area & seating/ picnic tables (5)
- interpretive signage (2)
- Yurts
- Horse camping with corrals (4)
- Allow dogs (2)
- Keep trails clean and safe - no homeless camps.
- Extra small camp sites for backpacking.
- Park is already overused. No longer peaceful or relaxing.
- I am unlikely to visit any trail longer than 1/2 mile in length.

# Question 11

Answered: 356 Skipped: 37

What kinds of events have you attended using a reservable park shelter at any park? (Check all that apply.)



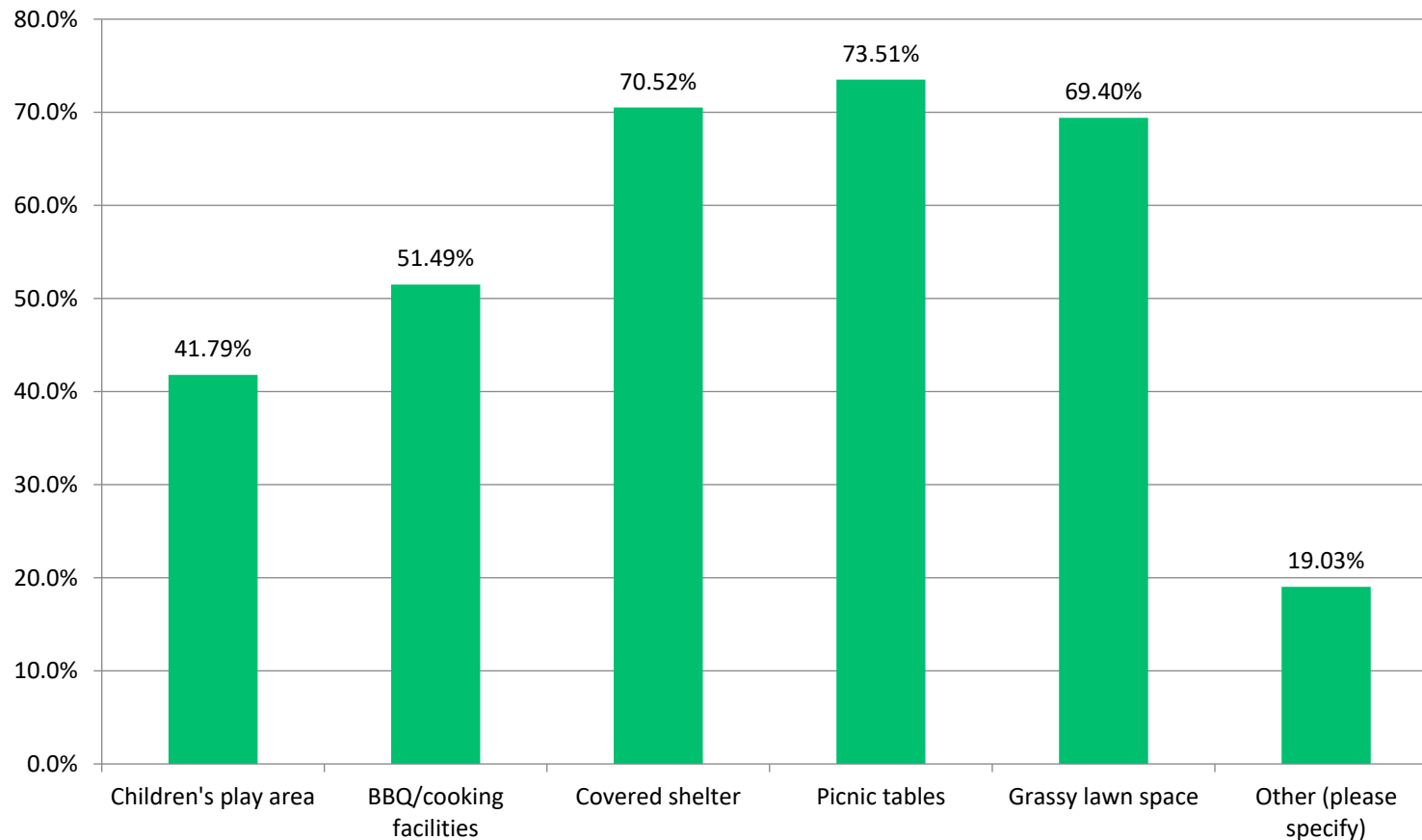
'Other' Responses:

- Family nature explore club meet up
- Graduation Party (3)
- River Cleanup Event (6)
- Non-profit event (2)
- The Eagles picnics
- Church worship services (3)
- Church gathering/picnic (3)
- Club meetings
- Party with friends
- Holiday party/ Event (Mother's Day Easter) (4)
- Horse camping/ equestrian events (4)
- Enjoying being there....the water and woods.
- Celebration of life/funeral (2)
- Concert

# Question 12

Answered: 268 Skipped: 125

What was at the park that helped make the event enjoyable? (Please check all that apply.)



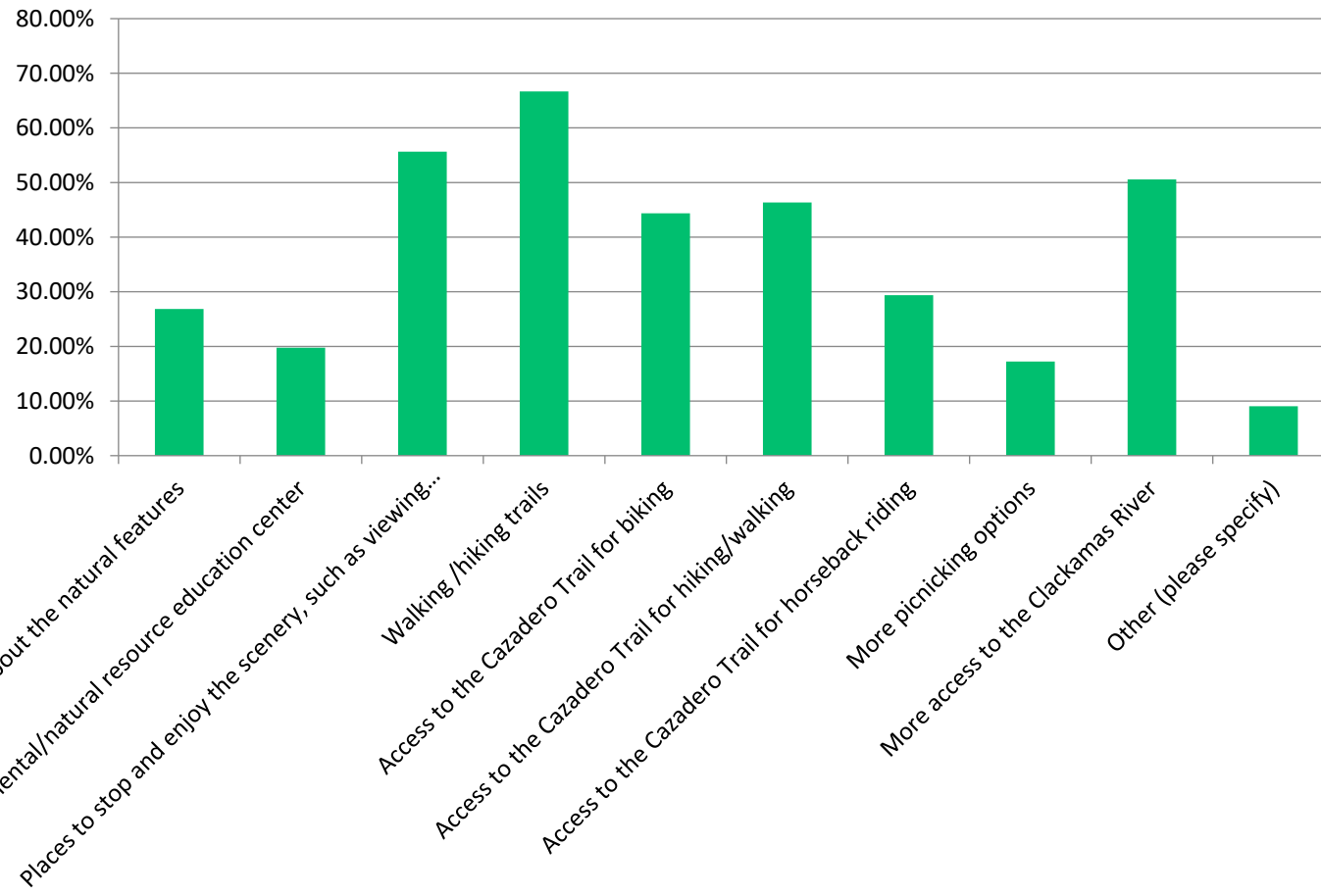
'Other' Responses:

- Accessible parking (3)
- Access to the river
- Sports facilities ( Volleyball, baseball fields)
- River access (7)
- Beautiful Scenery (3)
- Bathroom (8)
- Clean (4)
- RV camping
- I have never been to an event at the park (3)
- Boat launch (3)
- My family/ friends (2)
- Electricity
- Close location to home
- Horseshoe pit
- Parking for horse trailers
- Frisbee Golf
- Hiking Trails (4)
- It was not enjoyable. Too crowded and too many drunks

# Question 13

Answered: 354 Skipped: 39

What day use features would you like to see added to Barton Park? (Check all that apply.)



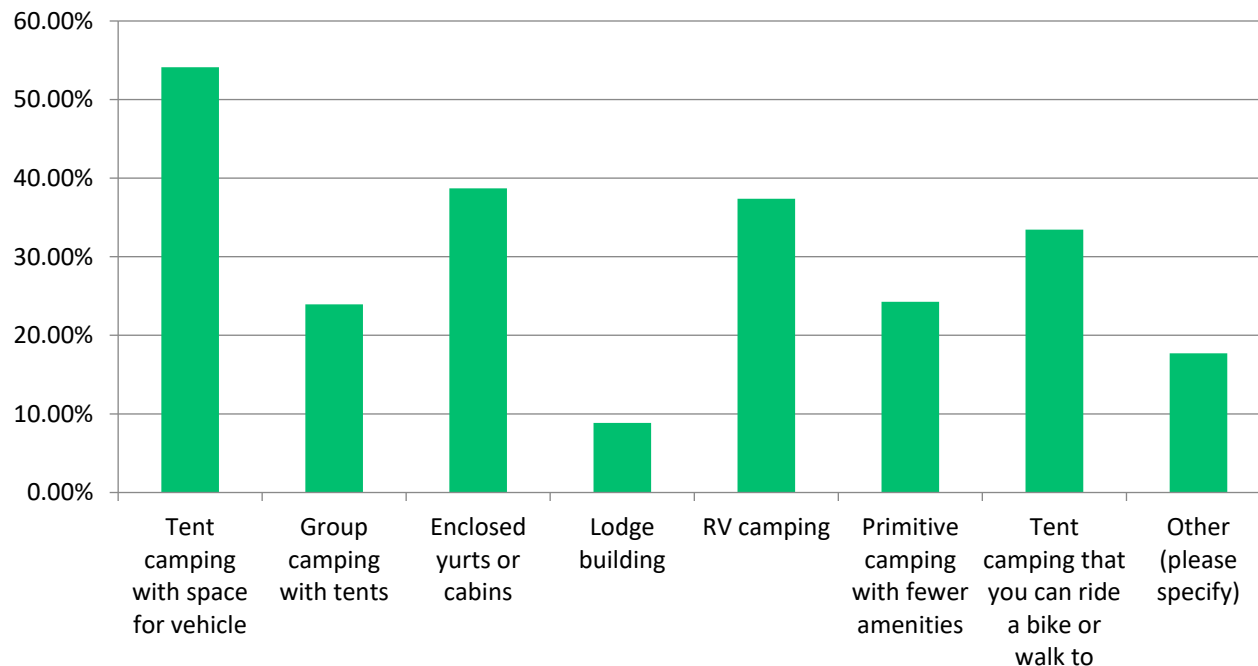
'Other' Responses:

- Mountain biking trails (7)
- Additional bicycle features in the park. (bicycle skills facility for children)
- Undeveloped areas! Keep it natural.
- Boot brushes to help control invasive species.
- More accessible options.
- A filter to limit the number of unsavory humans.
- Fencing around the basketball court and fixing the concrete.
- Limits to number of people floating river and better enforcement of no alcohol.
- Separate access for boaters and floaters (2)
- Accessible swimming/wading (3)
- Horse camping facilities
- Horse trailer parking (2)
- Safer/adequate parking (3)
- Increase your fees and keep the explosion of people down
- History signs why this spot is important
- Dog park/dog access
- Beach seating areas closer to the river, additional beach access trails.
- Better floating options
- "No children" RV loop

# Question 14

Answered: 305 Skipped: 88

What overnight camping options would you be interested in at Barton Park? (Check all that apply.)



'Other' Responses:

- Horse camping/corrals (34)
- Frisbee golf
- Tent camping (3)
- I live too close to consider overnight camping.
- Separate large RV with generator sites from smaller tent and small trailer without generator sites.
- MORE SHOWERS AND BATHROOMS
- Option for both RV and tent in same spot.
- Full hookups for RVs.
- I would not overnight at Barton Park.
- Camp sites with privacy and tree coverage (3)
- Rv and 4 or 5 corrals w 4 stalls for each site . Also the help of Oregon back country would help design and also help w/funding . I've never seen a better group of people help maintain horse parks. w/dedication . Bike people never hold maintenance parties , like horse people .
- Yurts, Rustic Cabins, A-Frames, and Group 3-Walled Cabins.
- Day use with kid activities for neighborhood children that are free.
- Group camping with RVs.
- I won't ever use Barton Park for camping again. Too many drunks and no one to enforce the evictions.
- None or it will be full of homeless and not feel safe



# Question 15: Do you have any comments you would like to share with us about Barton Park?

Over 100 of the respondents provided additional comments.  
See verbatim comments at end of the document.

Topics related to ideas for trails, the Cazadero Trail, dogs, alcohol, safety, cycling, mountain biking, equestrian use, river use, parking, nature, etc.

# Question 16: Zip Code

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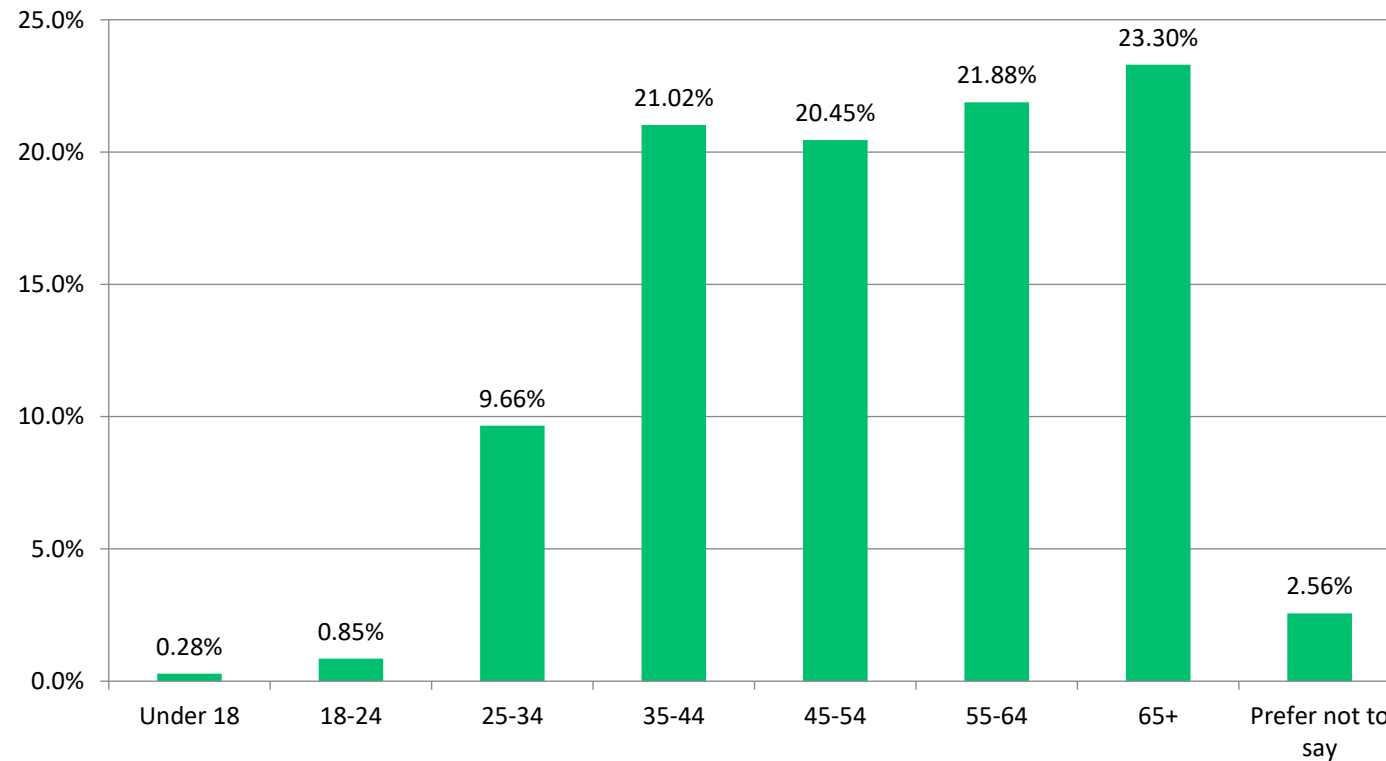
# Question 17: Email address

165 people provided their email addresses to be include for future updates

# Demographics: Question 18

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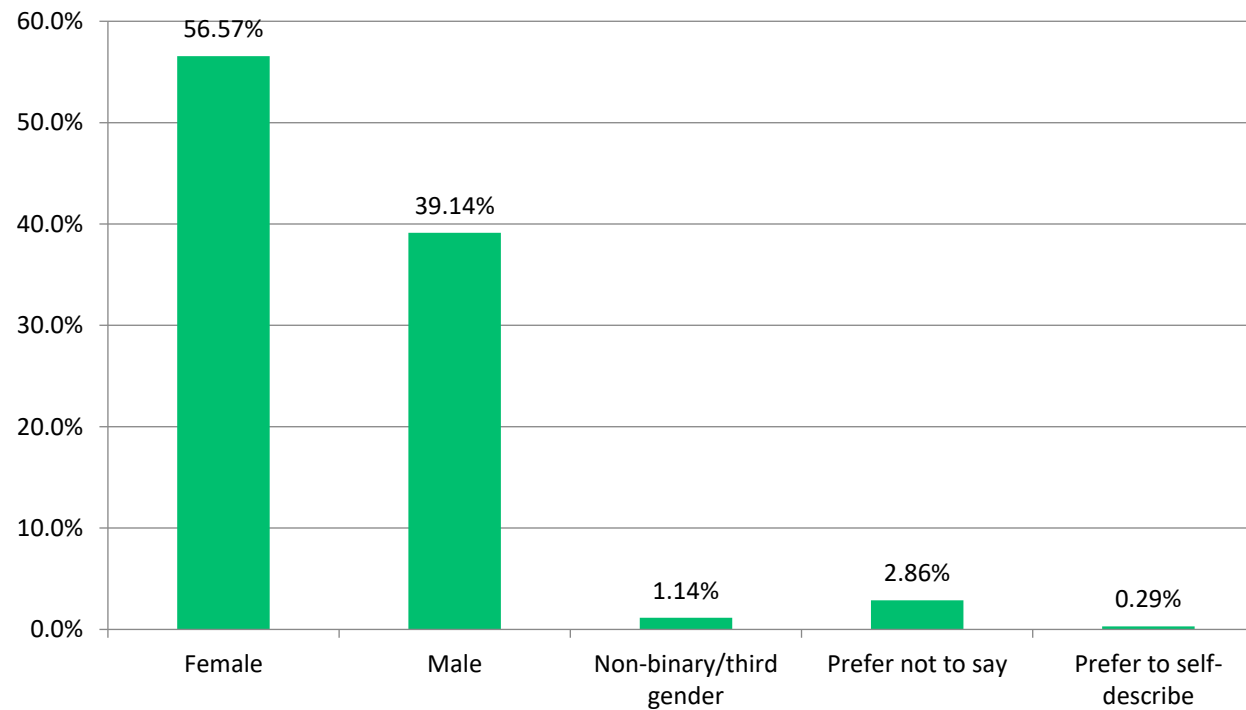
What is your age?



# Question 19

Answered: 350 Skipped: 43

## What is your gender?



## Question 15: Do you have any comments you would like to share with us about Barton Park?

(verbatim comments from survey)

- Additional Boat ramp would be extremely helpful
- I am thrilled you are doing this!! THANK YOU!!
- It's a very nice facility. I like the event pavilion. Would love to see better ADA access to the river with benches and picnic tables.
- Please try to keep this area as "natural" as possible
- I'm concerned that connecting to the springwater trail will continue to push the homeless problem further out along the river. This has been the result along the entire spring water trail through Portland out to Boring. We shouldn't pay for and give the homeless more space which unfortunate makes the trail unsafe and then tax paying citizens will not use the trail.
- Please provide mountain biking trails.
- already too crowded
- Need mountain bike trails
- Now is the time to work with the Salvation Army to purchase Camp Kuralti. Take advantage of the current situation to leverage your cash assets and fix this huge regional bottleneck and issue with access. Be bold and create a new state park with lots of pre-built amenities and full access to the Cazadero. START MOVING IN THIS TODAY.
- Leave park as primitive as possible. It's not a Portland park!!
- We love coming there for the cyclocross race in the fall!!!
- Would like it to enhance nature users and not be a trash dump for picnics and dumping especially along the river. Bike access would be a great option.
- I think the park is already great. Banning motorized boats above Barton and planting more trees along the river would be great.
- Mountain biking development opens up opportunities for more funding and capacity for more popularity. Share mtb and hiking trails can be done in some sections but should be separated for any potential downhill speed. Otherwise utilize signage to let mountain bikers know to proceed with caution in multi use trails as well as two way traffic.
- Honestly, in the summer most people at the park are floating or swimming. We need to make sure the people floating the river aren't trashing it too. Maybe we can encourage some sort of river cleanup or incentive for people to help keep our waters clean. Educate against pollution and fine the dumb idiots who litter the river with cans, bottles, and deflated floats.
- Connect to the Cazadero Trail. Get the ROW or easements for switchbacks down to Deep Creek Crossing to connect the Boring section with a stream size bridge rather than the \$\$\$ trestle distance bridge. Stagger, space and plant screening bushes between campsites for privacy. No one goes to nature to have less privacy than our back yards! Separate generator users from other campers. We don't want to listen to them. Move parking lots away from the prime river front locations. Allow for boat ramps/loading area only on river front. Enforce no camping on trails including Cazadero (work with State Park folks). Don't overdevelop. Small interpretive signs are ok, but nature is the best bill board. Avoid paved trails, use 6 ft wide packed gravel with binders (where needed) for sustainable affordable maintenance. It's better for runners, walkers, and horses. 3" of 1/4" minus reject is best over

road pack. Asphalt in forested settings is \$\$\$, and just buckles and breaks off over time. Look forward to the improvements.

- Connect to springwater please!
- please build a bridge over Deep Creek to access the Cazadero trail!
- Need more parking during busy weekends.
- Please add single track mountain biking trails
- please stop paving trails along rivers. it is hard and expensive to maintain, and also not good for esa species
- I worry about access between the Cazadero Trail and Barton Park potentially bringing in crime, vagrants, and the homeless population as the Springwater Corridor does in Portland and surrounding areas. Limiting crime and ensuring the safety of guests/visitors should be a top priority.
- Bring back the swimming area
- Smoking at the put-in and on the river takes away from the experience. Please enforce No Smoking!
- More access to river would be great than just that one boat ramp
- There needs to be better pedestrian access from the existing camping sites down to the river and the lower group areas
- A better dump station so RV's and Campers are not all lined up on the road waiting.
- More showers and bathrooms in camping areas!
- Signage reminding campers entrance to the park is locked at 900PM
- Barton park is a fantastic natural resource in the area. While providing access and recreation it is also home to key species in our region. Elk, western painted turtles, hundreds of bird species all thrive at this park and it is a key asset for these species. With western pond turtles being in the vicinity protecting turtle habitat such as pond and nesting locations could be key for the protection of this species that is on the decline. Barton also provides a fantastic wildlife corridor for wildlife movement. Find the balance between recreation and habitat improvement and protection should be #1 for any development being considered for the park.
- Beautiful park, love staying here!
- Press the Salvation Army to sell the Trestle Glen property to the State of Oregon/Metro joint Regional park (purchased/maintained separately - get creative).
- We love Barton Park! We would like to see benches along the river.
- We love all the county parks !
- If you revamp the campground, please consider leaving trees and shrubbery to block out your next door neighbor. Otherwise we could stay home and camp in our driveway. You want to be part of nature, and if you take it all away to put in maximum amount of sites, the pleasant experience is then lost.
- Please consider improving the basketball court and fencing it in so we don't have to keep chasing the ball down the hill!
- The locked gate at night is not my favorite, but I do understand it stops a lot of problems

- We have stayed at Barton Park several times and we have enjoyed it everytime. The only thing that would make our stay better would be some added shade.
- We have camped with RV's and tents in the older part of the park for 43 yrs and enjoy the Playground, restrooms and ability to have both RV and tents.
- We are new to this area, live in Estacada, and ride our horses in McIver Park. Will certainly be checking out Barton Park when shelter-in is lifted.
- I would like to see Alternative B chosen WITHOUT the overnight camping feature in the natural area. Do put in the pedestrian trail from Alternative A. Any overnight camping that would be easily accessible from the trail or road WILL be used by the homeless. It WILL become a problem. There is already evidence of illegal camping in the natural area. Don't help it more please!
- The Clackamas River is a regional treasure - if you build more capacity for people don't forget about protecting the river and water quality.
- It is beautiful and not too far from civilization.
- Would like places other than State Parks to ride horses and walk or hike.
- Maintain as large an undisturbed or unmodified natural area as possible
- Don't let too much people pressure ruin what Barton offers!
- Barton could really be a premiere destination park. Improved access to the river for fishing would be a good idea. Another good idea would be to develop a camping/day use area nearer to the Cazadero Trail to accommodate those users. Good luck!
- It's beautiful the way it is. If something can be added to help those who service it that would be good. Otherwise please don't forget the horse people! We are great patrollers let alone the ones who cut & maintain all the park trails!!!
- When developing campsites do not stack them close together. Cut the number in half and provide privacy. This is the biggest mistake that planners do when planning campgrounds.
- What are estimated costs? Schedule and timeline. Thank you!
- Many people in this area would be glad to pay a fee to ride either day or overnight camping.
- Looking forward to your expansion. Please consider horses , most horse people are generous w/work parties to help maintain the trails and camp !
- I would enjoy a park where I can ride my horse safely without having to dodge people with bicycles and dogs running loose.
- Parks are critical to well being. Horse trails are in very short supply, so I am glad you asked about that.
- I am an avid horseback rider. I only frequent parks that have horse trails.
- Horse trails are especially important to me, and I hope that multi use trails are being considered.
- I live so close to the park to entertain camping there, but if it was accessible for trail riding on horseback, I would sure love to explore the area. We need to go see it at any rate since I have never been there.
- Beautiful park. Will probably get overused. What is your plan to prevent that? Multiuse trails need signs for speed of bicycles; speed bumps. They tend to be silent and fast.

- Looking forward to horse access!
- Parking for at least 5 horse trailers, dirt trails (not pavement or gravel) could be wood chips or pea gravel. Future access for horses on the Cazadero Trail has always been a dream
- Please include horses and horse people!
- Horse facility/camps would be nice even if it is just a few.
- Nice park. Really enjoy it
- Include equestrian amenities... to make it useable for everyone. Separate bicyclists from equestrians. Signs indicating right of way for hikers, bikers, equestrians for multitude trails.
- Rangers should not be rude
- It is a beautiful area with high use surin hot summer months
- thank you for working on more outdoor space for equestrians!
- Need more parks like this to distribute the crowds, especially during hot summer days.
- Although my top interest is horse riding, people are extremely interested in parks with a water experience. That leads to crowding so staff is needed on-site.
- Beautiful park! Would be nice to have more access when Park is busy from floaters in the summer.
- have it horse friendly
- love the Park have been a user for over 40 years. I live nearby . would dearly love facilities for horses adequate livestock trailer parking and camp area. equestrians are constantly looking for places to ride their horses safely and access to longer trails within a commutable distance. Clackamas County has a huge amount of horses and limited facilities. We are a very under served user group . Thank you for your consideration.
- Barton Park would be a good horse camping area is/when the Cazadero trail is ever completed. Access across Deep creek to the Springwater Trail would be even better.
- Barton Park is a very special place. Unfortunately it has been over exploited due to its proximity to Metro. It's too bad as a kid it was never as bad as it is now.
- Would love to have access to horse trails
- It is beautiful and part of our county. Would love to be able to access/use it for horseback riding, and equestrians are respectful and could also help police trail issues. However, BIKES AND HORSES DO NOT MIX WELL as bikers tend to be fast, come out of nowhere, and uneducated about how much they can frighten horses. Their tires also make grooves in the trails that cause erosion and reshape the trails to have a steeply low center to them, which I find difficult to hike on or my horse to walk on.
- Thank you!
- Thanks
- We love Barton Park! Please also consider an area for an outdoor covered stage (with electrical access and portable water for vendors!)
- It is a treasure! Something like a jewel. Not all appreciate its beauty, but when you look at the natural spaces we have left near cities, it is unique, refreshing, restorative to spirit and mind in its uniqueness. The sounds of the river, children laughing, birds, the wind in the trees, the fall colors, the care given to the park is precious and noticed by all who visit. It is a park to be

proud of. Thank you for giving me the joy of visiting, enjoying every ounce of the fresh air and a safe place to ride my horse and kayak.

- We live near Metzler Park and have problems with campers hiking off the park site onto our place. They get lost and on 1 occasion did damage. You need to keep people off private property. Also the park now has so many camping sites it's like living next to an urban center without the police or other urban amenities. More people need more security. Just saying...
- It needs to allow dogs!!
- Pls add a upper river boat ramp, there is space in the park to do this. Thx!!
- I love Barton
- First come first serve. No reservations
- It would be so wonderful to have an outdoor stage or amphitheatre for community concerts and events. I'm also very excited about trails which go along the rivers edge, this is really needed in our area.
- I love Barton park and see it as a great regional resource. I am thrilled you have developed the Madrone wall for recreational climbing- and even hiking to the top. It is a beautiful view from the top and it is a local gem of a green space / resource for Clackamas County.
- There seem to be few hiking/walking trails in this area. If there are more, I haven't found them!
- We are looking forward to improvements - Thank you all!
- Float fees for floaters who leave their tubes and garbage everywhere. We pick up their garbage every trip.
- Great close-in park, well taken care of and maintained. The park staff and camping hosts are cordial and helpful. Please keep up the great job you are all doing
- Barton park is a great place to camp with your family. It is quiet and very safe
- I'm older and retired on a fixed income. Affordability is a primary concern in every aspect of my life. Especially in the area of discretionary spending, like recreation. Keeping user fee, parking and camping costs low is important. I've been regularly using and camping at Barton Park since the 1970's as a child.
- I've been fishing this park for years, would love more access to the river. Thanks
- All the floaters create serious safety issues along bakers ferry rd. There should be separate parking area for floaters
- It would be nice to have a code/key lock for the gate for those camping there that cannot make it back to camp before 10 pm
- Barton Park is the only campground accessible for those of us that use public transportation. I've done it but the walk from the bus to the campground is a little bit scary. It would be great to see some improvement in bus access to the park. I don't mind the walk! Would just like it to be safer.
- Better parking / traffic for day time / floating. Walking trail from campsites to river (not on road)
- Please don't change anything in the upper RV only park. It is quiet and peaceful up there. Only thing is manicure the trees up high enough to accommodate for the larger and taller



RVs. If a tree is not manicured up enough, damage to a rubber RV roof replacement costs \$10,000.00 or more on the larger RVs.

- we need a first come first serve close to portland. very tired of reservations.
- Limit alcohol use.
- We love this park and visit it often every year, including camping and day use. I think one of most important things to focus on is getting a handle on the summer rafting/floating traffic. Too many people are putting in outside the park to avoid the no-alcohol rule. While I'm certainly not in favor of inebriated floaters, I don't think this rule is stopping very much of it, and is causing damage to the stream habitat with the outside park access. And parking!!! It is really past the point of being hazardous. And I'm not in favor of a permitting process be cute that will just lead to violators cutting thru the brush as they do to avoid the alcohol restrictions. I suggest creating more parking. And lift the alcohol restriction so those who want to imbibe safely can do so, and the morons who get inebriated can get BUI citations.
- We would love to be able to RV camp for a week at a time but none of the sites have full hookups. We are hoping the new plan will include some sites for this.
- Please , group camping for 10 to 15 camping sites close to each other
- Until you can guarantee that people can't get out and go get more alcohol at that store, and that once they are asked to leave they won't just bunk with someone else, you will not be able to enforce the no alcohol in the park. Too crowded and not enough enforcement.
- It's a very clean and well maintained the staff is very friendly and helpful
- Because Tri-Met has service within 0.5mi please consider reaching out about increasing service so getting to the park is more accessible for those unable or choosing not to drive.
- Love coming to the park however many visits include interactions with rude, thoughtless individuals. Unfortunately I think there needs to be more paid staff or camp hosts patrolling not only the campground but the day use areas also.