

## 2014 Management Planning Questionnaire Results Overview

### Mount Geoffrey Regional Nature Park Mount Geoffrey Escarpment Provincial Park Crown Land Trails

*The following is an overview of the results of the 2014 Questionnaire to support the Mount Geoffrey planning projects underway by BC Parks and the Comox Valley Regional District.*

*This overview document introduces the Mount Geoffrey Planning Questionnaire Results Summary, which provides interpreted output of the results using bar graphs. There were also a number of written comments, which provided significant depth to the responses. For the purpose of providing a summary, these comments were put into response categories.*

*Both the results summary document and the complete report for the questionnaire results are available for public review via: [www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/mountgeoffrey](http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/mountgeoffrey)*

***Thank you to all who responded to the questionnaire. The responses provide invaluable input into the Mount Geoffrey planning processes!***

#### Reminders for Interpreting Results

- The questionnaire was not intended to be statistically significant; rather, it provides BC Parks and CVRD with a general sense of use patterns and emerging issues that may need to be explored during the planning process.
- Not all respondents provided a response to every question. In other instances, questions allowed respondents to select more than one response. This is important context when interpreting the results in percentages.

#### Background

- The questionnaire was available online and hardcopies were handed out during outreach sessions in August 2014 at the Hornby Island Market and Hornby Island Coop.
- In total, 133 questionnaires were submitted by September 30, 2014.
- More than half of the respondents identified themselves as a “year-round Hornby resident”, approximately 30% identified themselves as a “seasonal/part-time resident” and approximately 15% identified themselves as a “visitor”.
- Approximately 64% of respondents reported a high level of use, using the park *at least* once to twice per week. Approximately 20% of respondents indicated they use the parks less frequently (every few months or less).
- Few respondents were aged 35 or under (approximately 15%); the remaining respondents were well distributed through the other age classes (approximately 27% aged 36-50; approximately 32% aged 51-65; approximately 26% aged 66 and older).

### Highlighted Results from Survey Questions

- The top reported uses for the parks/crown lands were hiking, mountain biking, nature/bird watching and dog walking, in that order. Other uses reported with a relatively high frequency included jogging, picnicking, horseback riding, and harvesting (mushroom, herb and fruit).
- Ninety-three per cent of respondents reported a relatively low level of conflict between user groups, indicating that interactions were “mostly positive”. In written comments, the majority of respondents (approximately 63%) indicated “no conflict”. A relatively smaller percentage provided examples relating to conflicts with dogs, motorized use activities and to a lesser extent mountain biking.
- The majority of respondents (65%) felt the amount of use of Mount Geoffrey trails had increased in the last 10 years (with mountain biking seeing the greatest increase).
- A variety of entrances were reported as being most used. Noted for the highest responses include: Slade Road, Mount Road, Strachan Road, Cemetery, Euston Road, Central Road, Lea Smith Road, Fire Hall Entrance and Central Road (to Ford Cove).
- A majority of respondents indicated parking was not an issue at the Mount Geoffrey entrances.
- A variety of trails were identified as respondents’ favourite trails and places. The highest response to this question was “all of them”, followed by Middle Bench Trail, Cliff Trail, Coltsfoot, Ford Cove to Shingle Spit, Summit Trail and Northwind Trail.
- When asked to rate the priority for improvements in the parks and Crown lands, respondents indicated improvements to trail and park information at entrances, interpretive signs and trail directional signs are medium/high priority. Respondents indicated outhouses and picnic tables were a low priority/not needed.
- There was a broad range of responses to the question seeking input on the future of unsanctioned trails. A few respondents said to sanction them (4%) and 25% said to leave them alone. Fifteen per cent wanted to see them decommissioned, 16.5 % suggested to keep some and decommission some, 22 % felt there needed to be better public education about unsanctioned trail building.
- Respondents were generally supportive of protection of ecological values, suggesting public education as the best means to protect those values. Approximately 50% of respondents indicated support or strong support for closing/relocating trails in sensitive ecosystems. Approximately 28% oppose or strongly oppose such efforts.
- Approximately 53% of respondents indicate they oppose or strongly oppose making the entire length of the Summit Trail, Inner Ridge Trail and Bench Connector Trail “dogs on leash only”. Approximately 32% supported or strongly supported this concept.

- Approximately 40% of respondents felt the Leaf House should be maintained. There was additional support for the Leaf House to be used as an interpretive centre and/or for interpretive purposes.
- Many respondents felt the Ford Family orchard should be maintained (approximately 49%). Approximately 22% felt it should be left as is. There was also some interest in having the orchard as a harvesting area for the community).

***In an open-ended question inviting respondents to provide additional information, 92 people responded. Some representative comments from those responses are as follows:***

- In the long-term, the Crown Lands should have a timber harvest management program, be it for firewood, etc. It is a shame that the Community Forest/Woodlot effort of the 90s failed. There would be two principal values to re-ignite this:
  - 1) provide access to firewood and specialty products - it is crazy we are getting most of our firewood from off island.
  - 2) It would seriously help with fire buffer protection.
- The last 3 years the trail maintenance crew have moved on with their lives and the support numbers hasn't been there like previous years. Days of rebuilding a trail in a day now takes many weekends.
- The whole area is a water recharge area and the utmost should be done to keep the water there and not let it run down into the creeks and ocean via badly built trails.
- Some trails are really worn, mainly due to water erosion; the roots are showing, and even bedrock. Maybe they should be closed, or somehow altered.
- There is a wonderful silence in the southern aspect of Mount Geoffrey, with only wind, rain and birds heard - no vehicles except boats. The snatches of view onto Ford Cove and Denman Island are beautiful. To protect this, motorized off-road vehicles should never be allowed, nor electronically amplified sound. It's the silence we all need. Keep it simple. Keep it simple. A few stumps to sit on are perfectly adequate.
- I would like to see identification of sensitive areas and plans for remediation in some area. I'd like to see the mountain bike use continue in a collaborative appropriate way (I use the trails they built), I'd like to see increased access in one or two very limited ways, but keep most of it pretty much as is for those that want to discover it on their own.
- I think that it would be proactive, timely and forward-thinking to include information on interpretive signs, pamphlets and information areas on water conservations, sustainable use,
- I like it the way it is. Generally, I don't believe more trails are needed, nor any other improvements done. My observation is that the status quo works nicely. The current park maintenance is very good, and the park is meeting the needs for both recreational opportunities and environmental protection. A job well done, mostly by local volunteers. Thank you!"

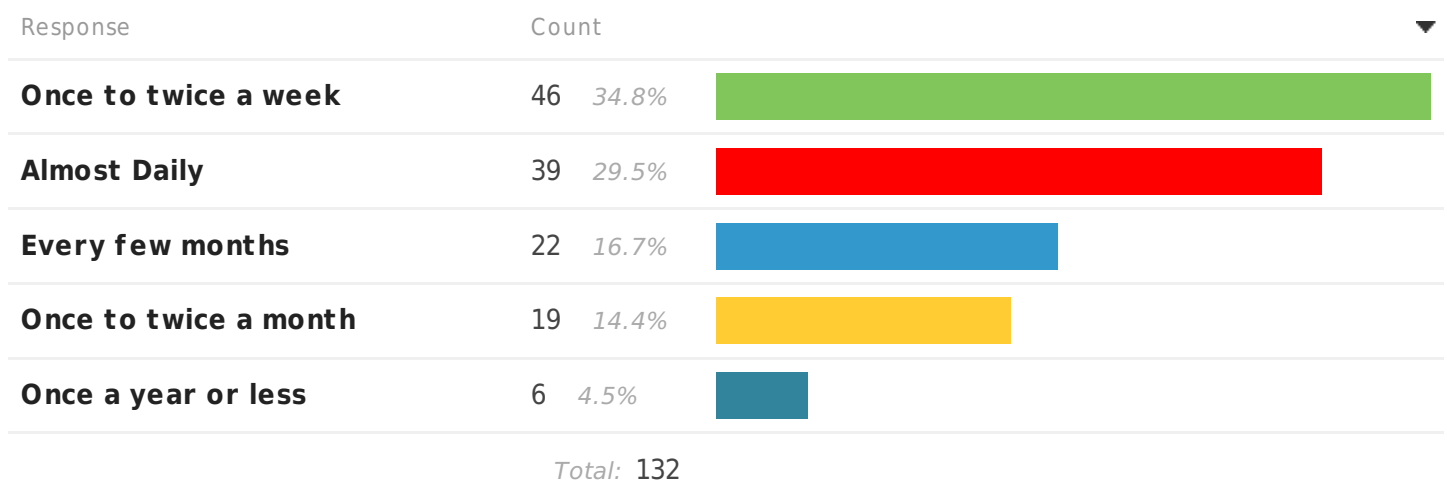
- I appreciate their existence every day. The parks & crown land trails are a vital link to family health, recreation, and appreciation of nature and natural systems. They are an integral link to the land, and our inter-generational learning/teaching & conservation.
- I'd like to express my interest in using some of the crown land in Strachan valley to facilitate affordable housing and permaculture agriculture.
- it has a diverse range of users, and should do its best to be all inclusive. as well in the "back 40" there should be an amphitheatre for a wide range of usage , as well as a wetlands project to help keep water on the island i.e., ponds that collect winter rain and ground water to allow for a slower discharge in the summer
- Some small scale firewood removal of fallen dead trees should be permitted to decrease the fuel load for potential forest fires.
- Is there a way that some of the trees that have fallen down could be used for fire wood. Either to elderly people or people who cannot afford expensive cords of wood?
- I would like to see a space for dirt biking
- Strongly oppose any restrictions on bikes, dogs, and horses. It is so nice to have free, unfettered use of the land, and almost all people respect it. Those that don't probably wouldn't respect any signs anyway- but it has been my experience that almost everyone who uses it appreciates and cares for Nature.
- I want to express my appreciation to whoever looks after the parks for changes over the years. Signs, much improved. I REALLY appreciate the bridges on Beulah Creek and Coltsfoot. They have greatly enhanced walking and cycling in winter! Cleaning up after storms has improved dramatically. I was amazed at how quickly the trails were cleared after this spring's snow storm. I would appreciate a bridge over Waterfall Creek where it crosses Washing Machine. It is sometimes impossible to cross in winter. I love these parks and trails as they are now!
- The main thing is that the trails are pretty good and we should not be wasting tax money on them. The only real concern is the fire hazard of downed trees and brush.
- If there were better directional signage, I'd use the trail system more extensively. Don't let the bikers keep taking over the park space.
- Please don't have so many rules about things.
- More relevance to local use, i.e., short loops near access points that are interesting topography.
- I love roaming the parks with my dog, as do many others. I would support some seasonal restriction of dogs on some parks - really have a blanket rule when there is no demonstrated need. In the winter, a few of us are the only ones there on the mountain. The deer normally avoid it as there is next to nothing to eat.
- I would like to see the Crown Land added to the park system so that it too is more protected from ideas the government may have for it in the future. Good job on Lea Smith entrance stairway and new entrance. Like the new parking lots at the cemetery and Ford's Cove, replacing those ugly yellow gates, using natural materials.

- For the most part, would like to see it left as is, with better signage and a circle route designated - Coltsfoot, Beulah, Coltsfoot, Jessie's, Bench Connector, Cliff, Bill & Christa, Yeomans, Logging Railroad, Walton - Start and finish at graveyard.
- Bridges that have been built with split cedar should be replaced to be planks with guard rails on one or both sides. Don't like the expanded steel as it is lifting. Would love it to be horse safe and other users would be willing to help with this.
- Appreciate if the bench trail was not on the edge of the cliff. Dangerous with children.
- It is one of Hornby's most valuable features for recreation and nature. All efforts should be made to retain it for generations to come. Hornby is more than beaches - its natural areas make the island beautiful.
- Mt. Geoffrey & the Crown Lands trails are truly unique & a big part of why we travel 5 to 6 hours yearly to visit Hornby (and hopefully support the regional economy a little in the process). Please keep the trail system as it is now, but to do that I believe you need to introduce some level of pro-active management for mountain bikers who will over time degrade the trails. I am advocating to keep these unique trails open to riders, but keep them geared towards cross-country & moderate speed downhill vs very fast, banked aggressive & damaging mountain bike park-like riding as we are seeing in other areas of BC. Make sure you do not consider providing any form of 'shuttle' opportunity where bikes can be driven to a higher elevation & ridden down. Currently the park is very family friendly & incredibly pristine due to the dry summers (less water erosion), low volume of visitors, and requirement that you ride your bike up before you can ride it down. This park is a true gem and needs special attention to keep it that way.
- It is a very special spot. I spent a great deal of my time waking the trail. The water flow from the mountain has to be first priority. Protection of the park nature environment is the most important concern.
- I visit Hornby 4-5 times per year specifically to mountain bike on Mt Geoffrey, and have many friends that do the same. I don't come for any other reason than this. While I'm on Hornby, I typically spend money at the local businesses, and occasionally spend a night or 2 on the island. Most of my trips are in the offseason (Oct-May). I have been riding the trails on Hornby for more than 20 years. Please don't change them. They contribute significantly to the mountain bike community both on Hornby and the Comox Valley as a whole, and as a result, create revenue for local businesses throughout the Comox Valley.
- Please do something about the motor bikes
- These trails are a valuable community asset, drawing visitors year after year and providing endless enjoyment and exercise for residents (and dogs). The trails are also well used to commute across the island. The forest is part of a critically endangered Coastal Douglas Fir ecosystem as well as being a groundwater recharge area.
- To fully appreciate the parks you must take the time to reach a peaceful relationship with nature. It's not picnic tables, more trail development, more parking lots or trashcans.

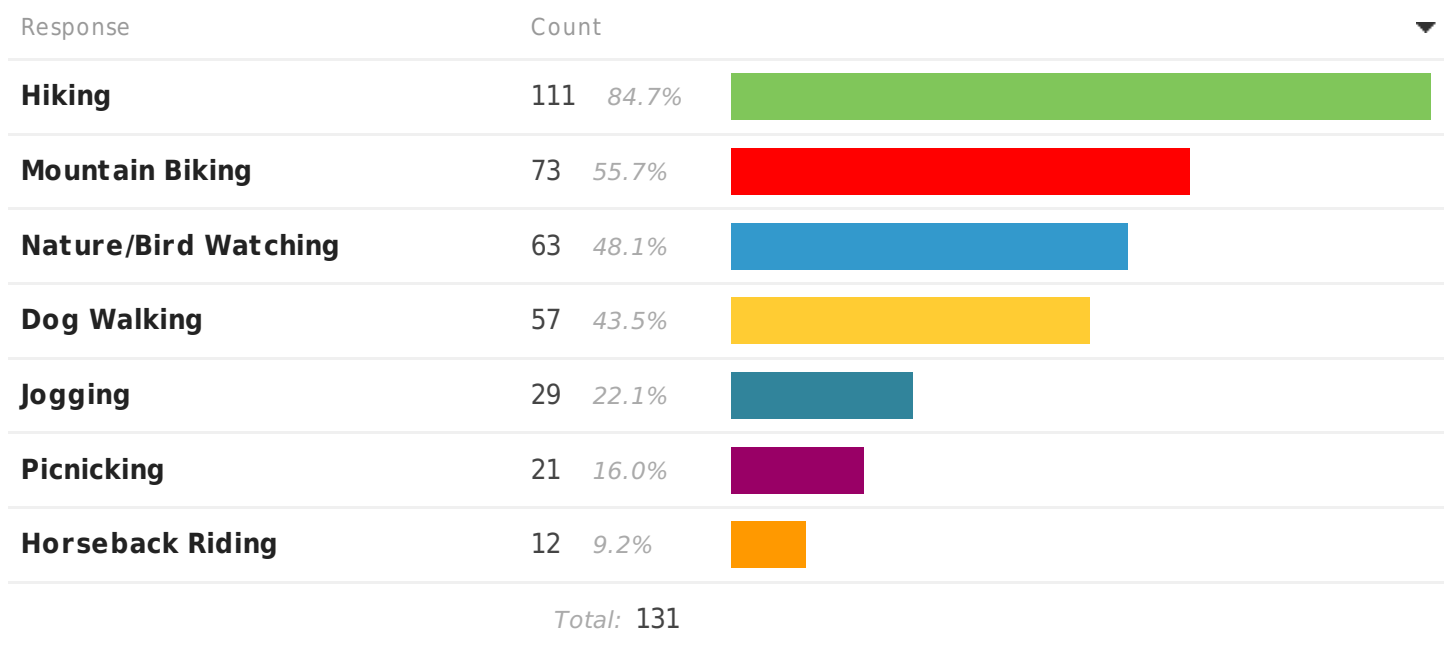
- Tenure for the Crown land. The trees here are big enough that logging them will be tempting. Ironclad protection from logging and fracking should be priorities. Our watershed is Mt. Geoffrey - fire or logging or fracking would have a great adverse effect.
- Fire protection: When RDCS established Mt. Geoffrey park we upgraded the accessible roads and put in two fire ponds. More needs to be done. It's a long way from Heli site 4 to the Summit. Upgrading Summit Trail to a fire road - well gated - would be a huge step forward; and another heli site or two high up on the mountain. Without "turnarounds" one fire truck is a traffic jam. Without pull-outs it takes just two trucks to be a jam. Turn-arounds and pull-outs were established along Northwind. They are not being kept clear of windfalls and limbs - They should be! A fire on the Mountain must be able to be dealt with by H.I.F.D. and volunteers. Forestry fire resources are stretched to the max just when we would probably need them. Hose Lay trail from the Heli site 1 pond to Northwind should be kept maintained and H.I.F.D should be aware of it. As much as easily possible, Coltsfoot should be fire truck accessible and a large water source established at the end of Slade road.
- The old logging roads pretty much ignored drainage. In most cases where these old road beds are used, the trail markers have done a lot toward re-establishing natural (more or less) drainage where it can be done by hand - fire truck upgrade of Northwind includes many waterbars, which are being maintained and working well. Summit Trail needs to move the water course off the road in as many places as possible to lessen erosion and allow water to seep into the aquifer.

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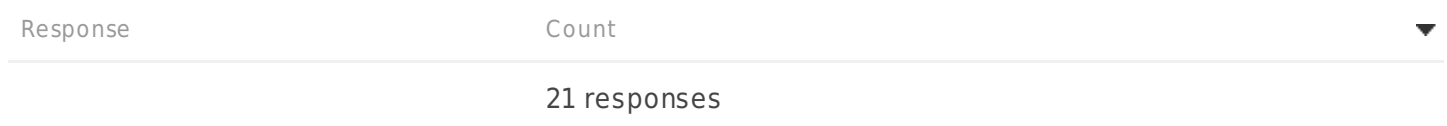
**Question 1. How often do you use the Mount Geoffrey parks and the Crown lands? Please tick the appropriate box below.**

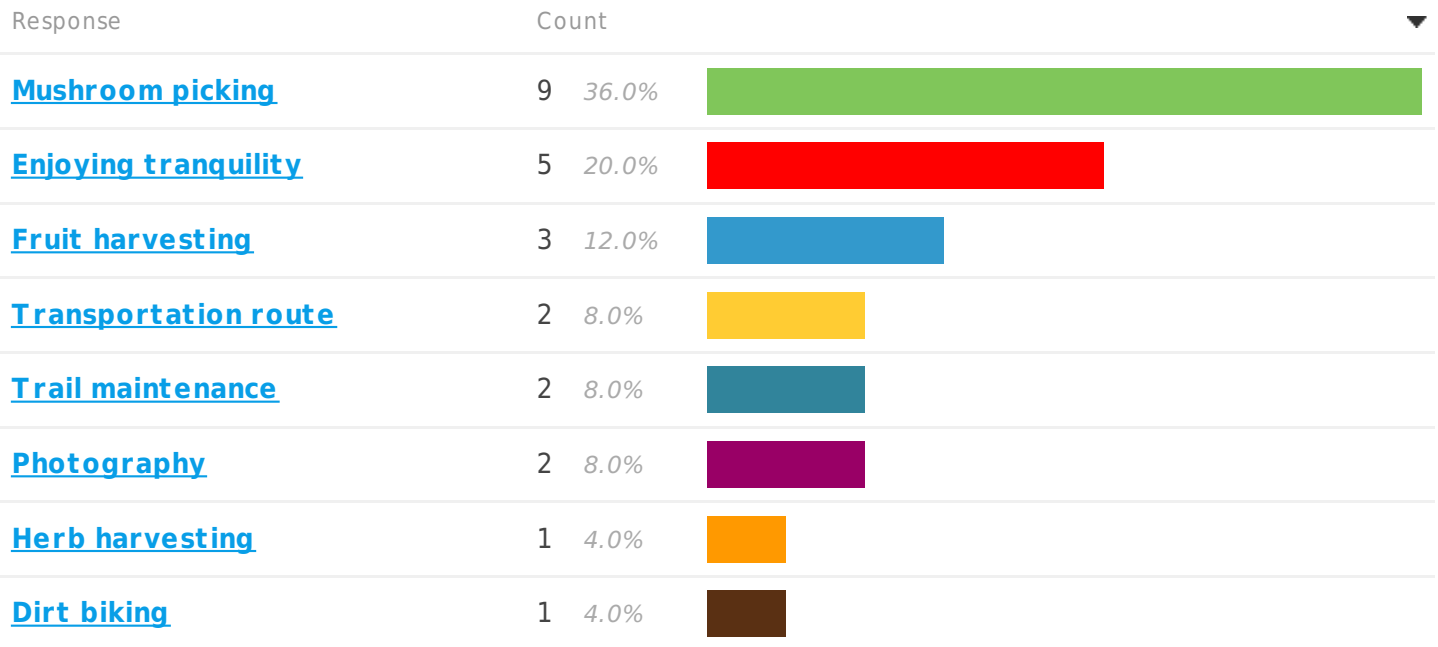


**Question 2. What activities do you enjoy in the Mount Geoffrey parks/on Crown lands? Please tick all that apply.**

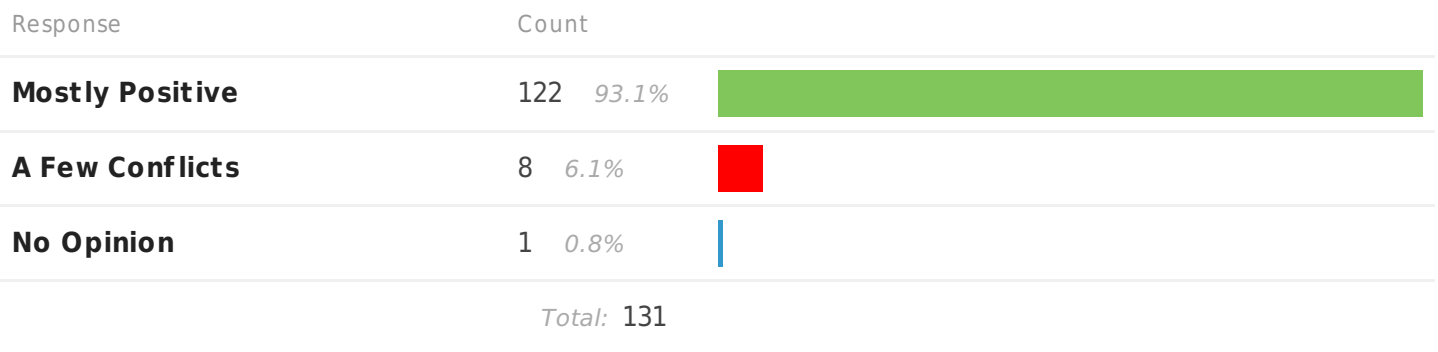


**Other (please specify)**

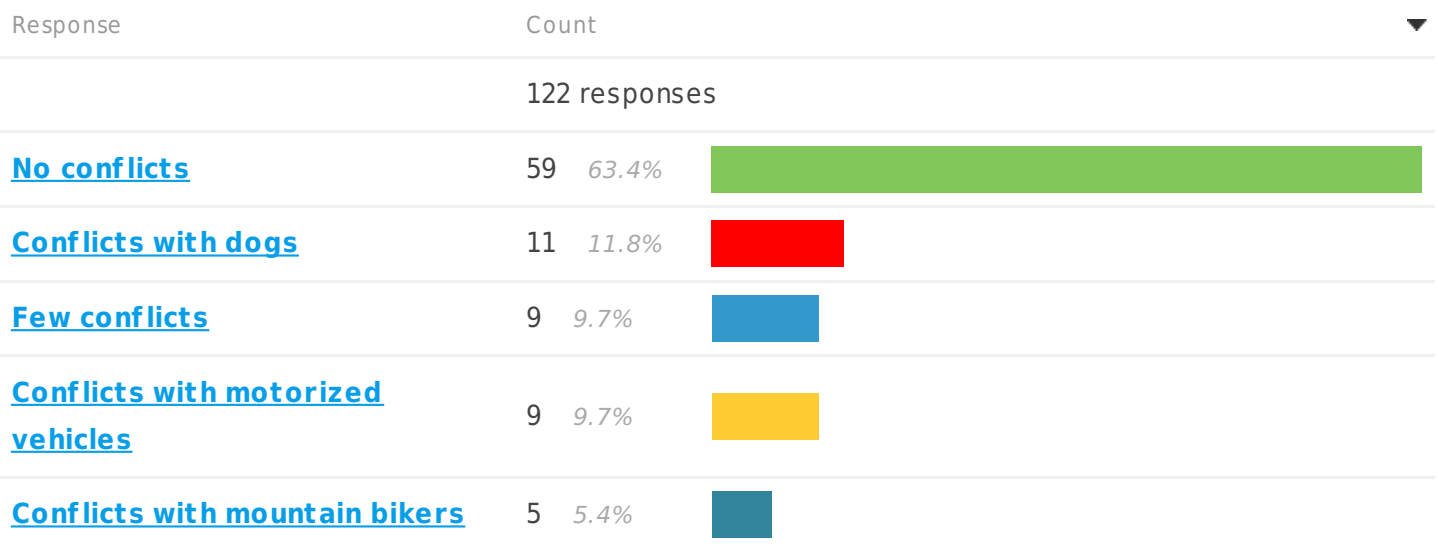




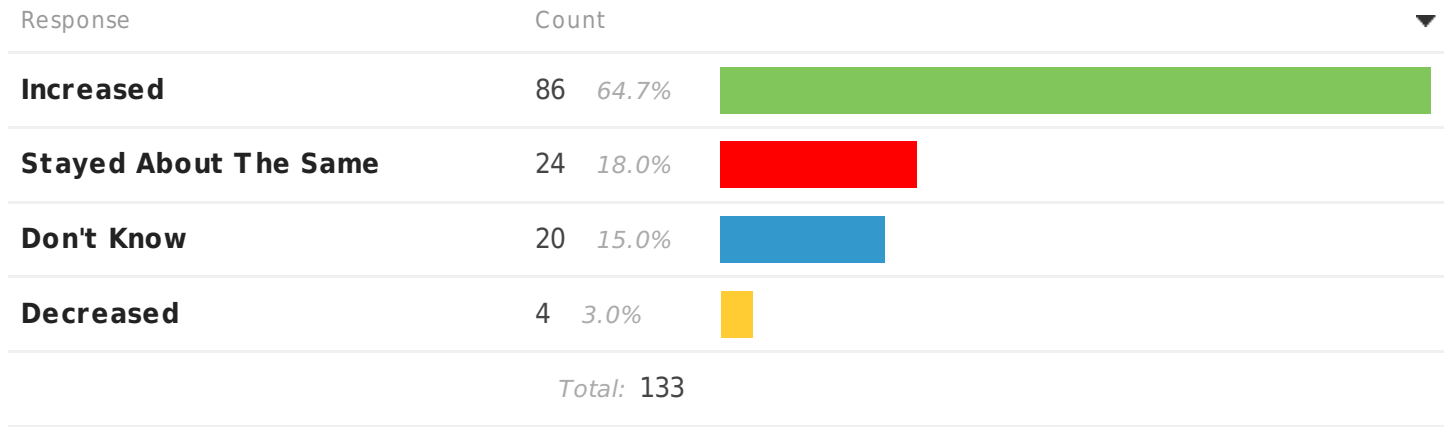
**Question 3. How would you describe your interactions with different types of trail users (e.g. mountain bikers, equestrians, hikers, dog walkers)?**



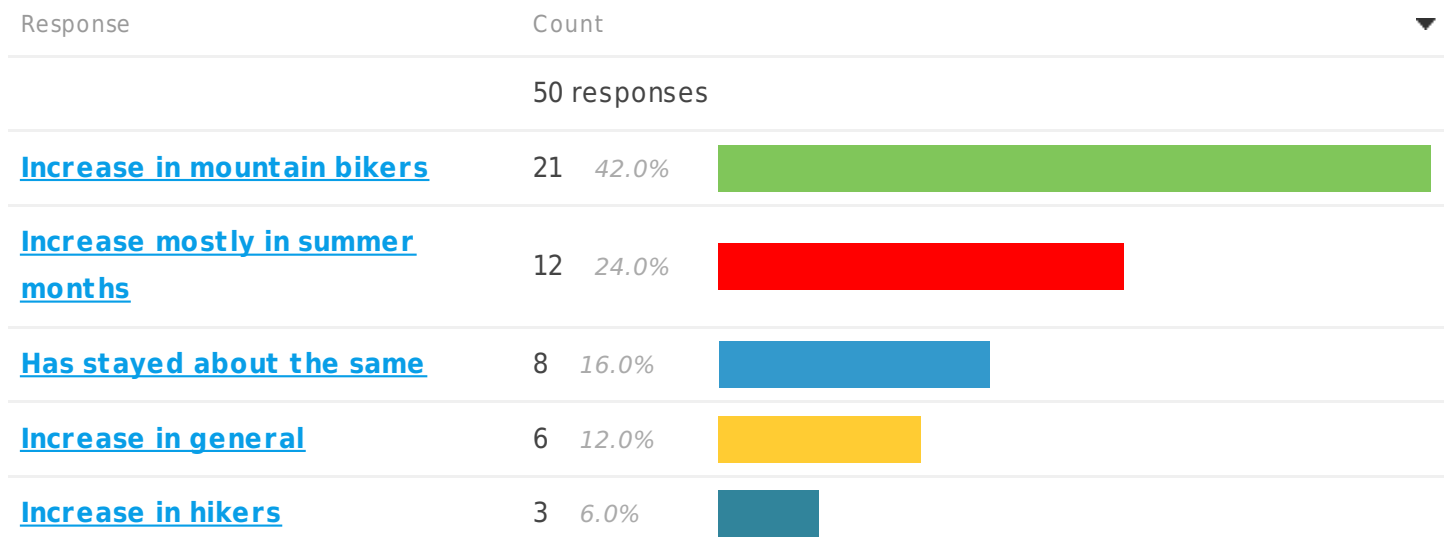
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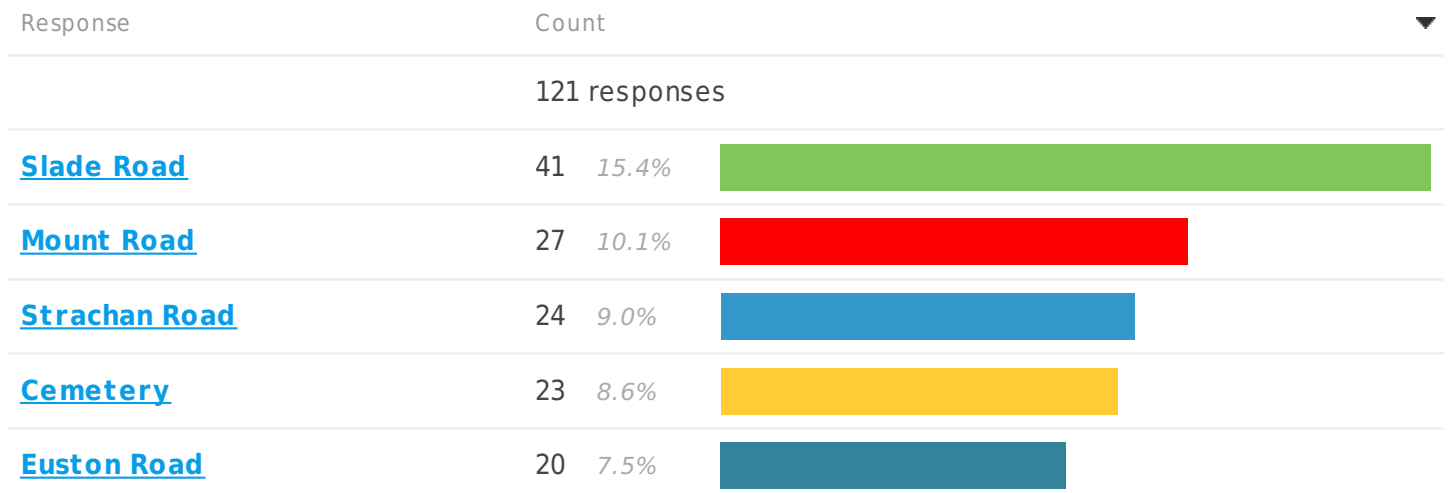
**Question 4. In the last 10 years, do you believe trail use in the Mount Geoffrey parks and Crown land has...**


















**Comments:**

















**Question 5. Please describe the parks/Crown land entrance(s) that you use. If needed, refer to the trail map at [www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/mountgeoffrey](http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/mountgeoffrey).**












Response	Count	
<a href="#">Central Road</a>	19 7.1%	
<a href="#">Lea Smith Road</a>	18 6.7%	
<a href="#">Fire Hall Entrance</a>	18 6.7%	
<a href="#">Central Road (to Ford Cove)</a>	18 6.7%	
<a href="#">All Entrances</a>	13 4.9%	
<a href="#">Strachan Rd (To Northwind Trail)</a>	11 4.1%	
<a href="#">Central Road (To Sawyer Trail)</a>	10 3.7%	
<a href="#">Water Tower Entrance</a>	6 2.2%	
<a href="#">Ferry Landing</a>	4 1.5%	
<a href="#">Central Road (To Coltsfoot Trail)</a>	4 1.5%	
<a href="#">Strachan Road (To Summit Trail)</a>	3 1.1%	
<a href="#">Strachan Road (To Beaver Slide Trail)</a>	3 1.1%	
<a href="#">Strachan Road (To Jessis's Trail)</a>	2 0.7%	
<a href="#">Strachan Road (To Coltsfoot Trail)</a>	1 0.4%	
<a href="#">French Road</a>	1 0.4%	

























**Is parking an issue at any of those entrances? If so, please specify where.**













Response	▲ Count	
	104 responses	
<a href="#">Cemetery Entrance</a>	1 0.8%	
<a href="#">Fords Cove</a>	5 4.0%	
<a href="#">I bike or walk to the parks</a>	12 9.7%	

Response	Count	
<a href="#">In some locations</a>	7 5.6%	
<a href="#">Lack of signage displaying private and public land boundaries</a>	1 0.8%	
<a href="#">Lea Smith Road</a>	1 0.8%	
<a href="#">Limited space</a>	12 9.7%	
<a href="#">Mount Road</a>	2 1.6%	
<a href="#">No</a>	74 59.7%	
<a href="#">Parking lot is full</a>	4 3.2%	
<a href="#">Sawyers Trail Head</a>	2 1.6%	
<a href="#">Slade Road</a>	1 0.8%	
<a href="#">Strachan Road</a>	1 0.8%	
<a href="#">Water tower entrance</a>	1 0.8%	

**Please list your favourite trails or places in the parks or on the Crown land.**

Response	Count	
110 responses		
<a href="#">All of them</a>	32 7.5%	
<a href="#">Middle Bench Trail</a>	30 7.1%	
<a href="#">Cliff Trail</a>	27 6.4%	
<a href="#">Coltsfoot</a>	26 6.1%	
<a href="#">Ford Cove to Shingle Spit Trail</a>	23 5.4%	
<a href="#">Summit Trail</a>	21 5.0%	
<a href="#">Northwind Trail</a>	20 4.7%	
<a href="#">Four Dead Aliens</a>	19 4.5%	
<a href="#">No Horses</a>	17 4.0%	

Response	Count	
<a href="#">Outer Ridge</a>	16 3.8%	
<a href="#">Beulah Creek Trail</a>	15 3.5%	
<a href="#">Mister Toad's Wild Ride</a>	13 3.1%	
<a href="#">Washing Machine</a>	11 2.6%	
<a href="#">Hot Rims</a>	11 2.6%	
<a href="#">Jessie's Trail</a>	10 2.4%	
<a href="#">Spasm Chasm</a>	9 2.1%	
<a href="#">Chris &amp; Brad's Trail</a>	9 2.1%	
<a href="#">Your Mom</a>	8 1.9%	
<a href="#">Mountain Biking Trails</a>	8 1.9%	
<a href="#">Inner Ridge</a>	8 1.9%	
<a href="#">Cold Deck Trail</a>	8 1.9%	
<a href="#">Milo's Meadow</a>	7 1.7%	
<a href="#">Logging Railroad</a>	7 1.7%	
<a href="#">Test Tube</a>	6 1.4%	
<a href="#">Bitchin' Camero</a>	6 1.4%	
<a href="#">Walton Trail</a>	5 1.2%	
<a href="#">Purgatory Trail</a>	5 1.2%	
<a href="#">Ozzmosis</a>	5 1.2%	
<a href="#">Yeoman's Trail</a>	4 0.9%	
<a href="#">Tadpole Trail</a>	4 0.9%	
<a href="#">Slick Rock Trail</a>	4 0.9%	
<a href="#">Beaver Slide</a>	4 0.9%	
<a href="#">The Way</a>	3 0.7%	

Response	Count	
<a href="#">Sawyer Trail</a>	3 0.7%	
<a href="#">Lox's Bagel Trail</a>	3 0.7%	
<a href="#">Slalom Trail</a>	2 0.5%	
<a href="#">Free Fall</a>	2 0.5%	
<a href="#">Devil's Kitchen</a>	2 0.5%	
<a href="#">Bill &amp; Christa's Trail</a>	2 0.5%	
<a href="#">Westwind Trail</a>	1 0.2%	
<a href="#">Water Line</a>	1 0.2%	
<a href="#">Katimavic Trail</a>	1 0.2%	
<a href="#">Furry Freak</a>	1 0.2%	
<a href="#">Free Fall Trail</a>	1 0.2%	
<a href="#">Far Side Trail</a>	1 0.2%	

**Question 6. Rate the priority of improvements needed at park entrances, in the parks, or on the Crown lands.**

Variable	▲ High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed	
<b>Outhouses</b>	16 13.4%	24 20.2%	60 50.4%	19 16.0%	Total: 119
<b>Trail and park information at entrances</b>	38 31.7%	48 40.0%	27 22.5%	7 5.8%	Total: 120
<b>Interpretive signs</b>	11 9.4%	39 33.3%	46 39.3%	21 17.9%	Total: 117
<b>Trail directional signs</b>	50 41.0%	45 36.9%	19 15.6%	8 6.6%	Total: 122
<b>Picnic tables</b>	4 3.4%	12 10.3%	51 43.6%	50 42.7%	Total: 117

Other

Response

Count

31 responses

Where would you like to see the above improvements? Please specify locations, especially for your high priorities.











Response

Count










61 responses

<a href="#"><u>Better trail directional signs - throughout</u></a>	18	19.1%	
<a href="#"><u>More trail directional signs - throughout</u></a>	10	10.6%	
<a href="#"><u>Outhouses at entrances</u></a>	8	8.5%	
<a href="#"><u>Leave it the way it is</u></a>	8	8.5%	
<a href="#"><u>Better trail directional signs - at entrances</u></a>	8	8.5%	
<a href="#"><u>Interpretive signs - at entrances</u></a>	7	7.4%	
<a href="#"><u>Trail maintenance &amp; repairs - throughout</u></a>	6	6.4%	
<a href="#"><u>Maps at trail heads</u></a>	6	6.4%	
<a href="#"><u>Outhouses within the park</u></a>	3	3.2%	
<a href="#"><u>Interpretive signs - along trails</u></a>	3	3.2%	
<a href="#"><u>Benches along trails</u></a>	3	3.2%	
<a href="#"><u>Trail maintenance &amp; repairs - washout areas</u></a>	2	2.1%	
<a href="#"><u>Warning signs along dangerous sections</u></a>	1	1.1%	
<a href="#"><u>Trail maintenance - Sawyer to Coltsfoot</u></a>	1	1.1%	










Response	Count	
<a href="#">Picnic tables at viewpoints</a>	1 1.1%	
<a href="#">Outhouse at Lea Smith Rd.</a>	1 1.1%	
<a href="#">Outhouse at Central Rd.</a>	1 1.1%	
<a href="#">Outhouse - at Slade Rd.</a>	1 1.1%	
<a href="#">Outhouse - at bottom of Northwind Trail.</a>	1 1.1%	
<a href="#">More directional signage - at Summit Trail</a>	1 1.1%	
<a href="#">Interpretive signs - at Cliff Trail</a>	1 1.1%	
<a href="#">Improve mountain biking trails</a>	1 1.1%	
<a href="#">Clear fire load - throughout</a>	1 1.1%	
<a href="#">Better trail directional signs - Fords Cove</a>	1 1.1%	

**Question 7. It is illegal to build unsanctioned trails in the two Mount Geoffrey parks and on the Crown lands. Nonetheless, unsanctioned trail building is happening both in Mount Geoffrey Regional Park and on Crown lands (less so in the provincial park). The unsanctioned trails may not be safe, in some cases may contribute to erosion problems and fragmentation of wildlife habitat, and/or may negatively impact environmentally sensitive areas. What do you believe should be done about unsanctioned trails?**






Response	Count	
117 responses		
<a href="#">Leave them alone</a>	32 25.2%	
<a href="#">Educate the public</a>	28 22.0%	
<a href="#">Keep some and decommission some</a>	21 16.5%	
<a href="#">Decommission unsanctioned trails</a>	19 15.0%	
<a href="#">Organize a group to plan trails</a>	14 11.0%	













Response	Count	
<a href="#">Give enforcement</a>	8 6.3%	
<a href="#">Sanction them</a>	5 3.9%	

**Question 8. CVRD parks and BC Parks have a dual mandate to provide recreational opportunities and to protect the natural environment including plant and wildlife communities. What environmental values on Mount Geoffrey are important to you?**










Response	Count	
112 responses		
<a href="#">Protection of ecosystem</a>	36 26.1%	
<a href="#">Protection of plant life</a>	24 17.4%	
<a href="#">Protection of wildlife</a>	23 16.7%	
<a href="#">Protection of forest</a>	21 15.2%	
<a href="#">Protection of watersheds</a>	16 11.6%	
<a href="#">Prevention of erosion</a>	10 7.2%	
<a href="#">Control invasive species</a>	4 2.9%	
<a href="#">View scapes</a>	2 1.4%	
<a href="#">Control threat of fire</a>	2 1.4%	











**Do you have concerns regarding impacts on those environmental values?**

Response	Count	
96 responses		
<a href="#">No</a>	36 34.6%	
<a href="#">Over-development of park</a>	10 9.6%	
<a href="#">Fire fuel loads</a>	8 7.7%	
<a href="#">Yes</a>	7 6.7%	
<a href="#">Mountain bikers causing damage</a>	7 6.7%	







Response	Count	
<a href="#">Erosion</a>	7 6.7%	
<a href="#">Trail maintenance</a>	6 5.8%	
<a href="#">Motorized vehicles</a>	5 4.8%	
<a href="#">Too much use</a>	4 3.8%	
<a href="#">Unsanctioned trails</a>	3 2.9%	
<a href="#">Litter</a>	3 2.9%	
<a href="#">Invasive species</a>	3 2.9%	
<a href="#">Watershed pollution</a>	1 1.0%	
<a href="#">Tree cutting</a>	1 1.0%	
<a href="#">Plant life diminishing</a>	1 1.0%	
<a href="#">Over-harvesting</a>	1 1.0%	
<a href="#">Deer hunting</a>	1 1.0%	

### Do you have suggestions how to protect environmental values?

Response	Count	
90 responses		
<a href="#">Educate the public</a>	27 25.5%	
<a href="#">Informational signage</a>	15 14.2%	
<a href="#">Keep trails maintained</a>	9 8.5%	
<a href="#">No</a>	8 7.5%	
<a href="#">Keep motorized vehicles out</a>	8 7.5%	
<a href="#">More park staff</a>	6 5.7%	
<a href="#">Modify trails</a>	6 5.7%	
<a href="#">Clear out fire fuel loads</a>	6 5.7%	
<a href="#">Leave it as is</a>	4 3.8%	

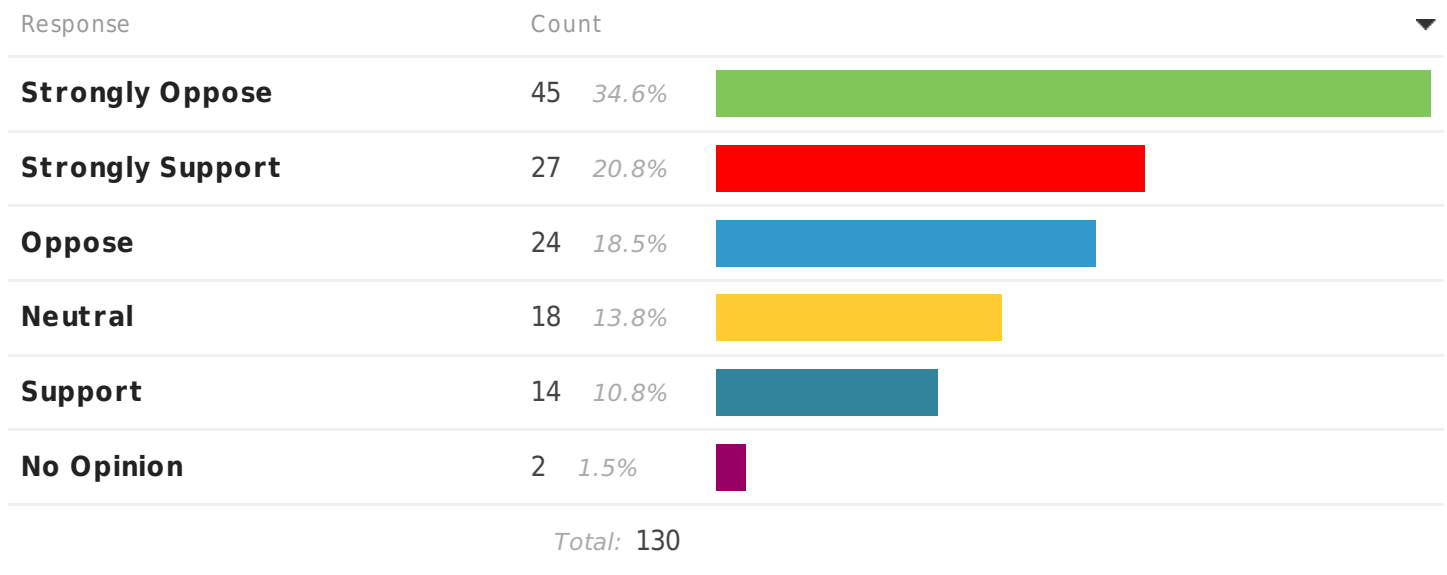
Response	Count	
<a href="#">Control water run-off from trails</a>	4 3.8%	
<a href="#">Control invasive species</a>	3 2.8%	
<a href="#">Enforcement</a>	2 1.9%	
<a href="#">Do not over-develop (Outhouses, Picnic tables)</a>	2 1.9%	
<a href="#">Sustainably harvest forest</a>	1 0.9%	
<a href="#">Prevent erosion</a>	1 0.9%	
<a href="#">Modify watersheds</a>	1 0.9%	
<a href="#">Install garbage cans</a>	1 0.9%	
<a href="#">Decommission some trails</a>	1 0.9%	
<a href="#">Community involvement for decision making</a>	1 0.9%	

**What is your level of support for closing or relocating some existing trails that go through sensitive ecosystems?**

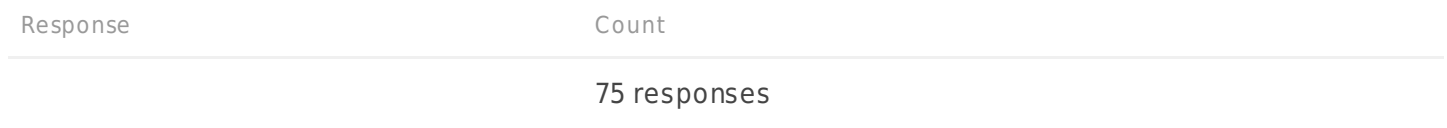
Response	Count	
<b>Support</b>	39 31.2%	
<b>Oppose</b>	24 19.2%	
<b>Strongly Support</b>	24 19.2%	
<b>Neutral</b>	22 17.6%	
<b>Strongly Oppose</b>	11 8.8%	
<b>No Opinion</b>	5 4.0%	
<i>Total: 125</i>		

**Question 9. Dogs are currently permitted off-leash in Mount Geoffrey Regional Park and on the Crown lands. In Mount Geoffrey Escarpment Provincial Park, dogs are required to be**

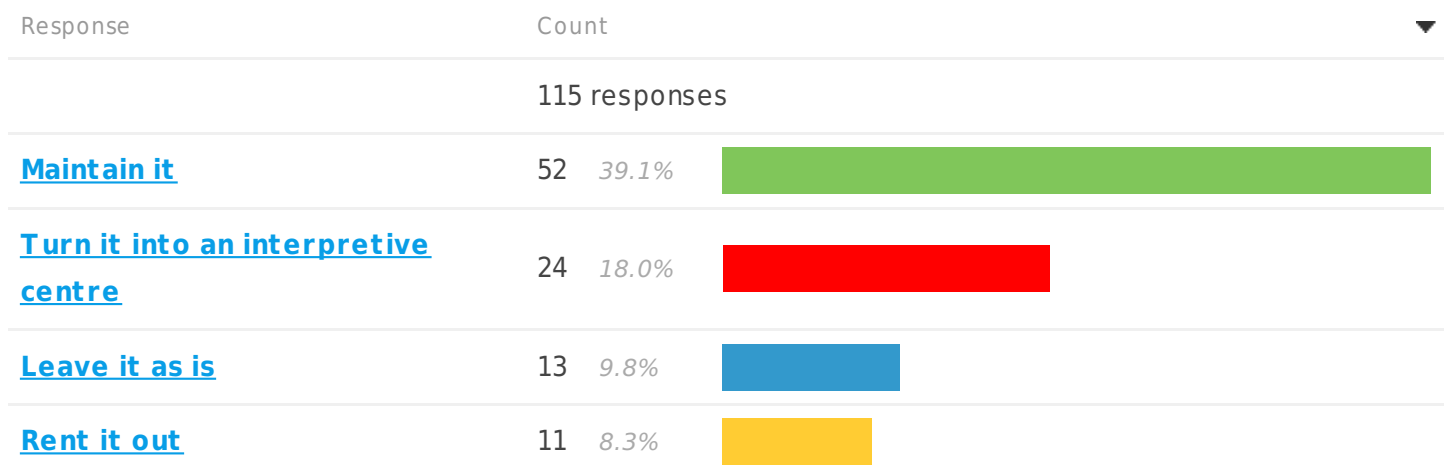
leashed. For greater consistency, trails that cross from the regional park and the Crown lands into the provincial park could require that dogs be leashed. This would include the Summit Trail, the Inner Ridge Trail and the Bench Connector Trail. Please indicate your level of support for making the entire length of those three trails for dogs on-leash only.









Comments











**Question 10. Some community members have indicated that the Leaf House, a whimsical cabin designed by island builder, Lloyd House, has an important cultural value within Mount Geoffrey Escarpment Provincial Park. Do you think the Leaf House has important heritage and cultural value, and if so, why? What would you like to see done with the Leaf House in the future?**






Response	Count	
<a href="#">Insert interpretive signs about the Leaf House</a>	10 7.5%	
<a href="#">Not alot of cultural value</a>	8 6.0%	
<a href="#">Residence for caretaker</a>	5 3.8%	
<a href="#">Keep it open to the public</a>	5 3.8%	
<a href="#">Relocate it</a>	4 3.0%	
<a href="#">Turn into a community centre</a>	1 0.8%	

**Question 11. Some community members have indicated that the orchard of the old Ford family farm has important cultural value within Mount Geoffrey Escarpment Provincial Park. Do you think the orchard has important heritage and cultural value, and if so, why? What would you like to see done with the orchard in the future?**







Response	Count	
115 responses		
<a href="#">Maintain</a>	61 48.8%	
<a href="#">Leave it as is</a>	27 21.6%	
<a href="#">Harvest for community</a>	18 14.4%	
<a href="#">Turn into recreation / picnic area</a>	7 5.6%	
<a href="#">Insert interpretive signs</a>	7 5.6%	
<a href="#">Not an important cultural value</a>	3 2.4%	
<a href="#">Turn into a public information centre</a>	1 0.8%	
<a href="#">Restrict access</a>	1 0.8%	

**Question 12. (optional) Are you?**

Response	Count
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Response	Count	
<b>Year-round Hornby Resident</b>	74 56.5%	
<b>Seasonal/Part-time Resident</b>	38 29.0%	
<b>Visitor</b>	19 14.5%	
<i>Total: 131</i>		

**Question 13. (optional) Please indicate your age group.**

Response	Count	
<b>51 - 65 Years</b>	42 32.3%	
<b>36 - 50 Years</b>	35 26.9%	
<b>66 Years and Older</b>	34 26.2%	
<b>21- 35 Years</b>	14 10.8%	
<b>13 - 20 Years</b>	4 3.1%	
<b>12 years Or Younger</b>	1 0.8%	
<i>Total: 130</i>		

**Question 14. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about Mount Geoffrey parks and the Crown land trails?**

Response	Count
	92 responses

**If you would like to receive email updates about the Mount Geoffrey parks and Crown land planning process, including notices of open houses, please provide us with your email. The email will be confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.**

Response	Count
	91 responses