

Lincoln County ORP Survey

Response Summary

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DESIGN SUMMARY

Lincoln County Outdoor Recreation Survey
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- ✓ Logic added

RESPONSE SUMMARY 🔔 SURVEY ALERTS: OFF

125

Total Responses

CLOSED

Overall Survey Status

Collectors

Collector	Responses	Since	Status
Web Link Town	1	3/8/2016	CLOSED
Web Link Cities Libraries	2	3/8/2016	CLOSED
Facebook News Media	6	3/14/2016	CLOSED
Facebook Chambers	0	3/22/2016	CLOSED
Web Link NCRWPC site	11	3/2/2016	CLOSED
Facebook Post Groups	29	3/2/2016	CLOSED
Web Link Lincoln Forestry	76	3/2/2016	CLOSED

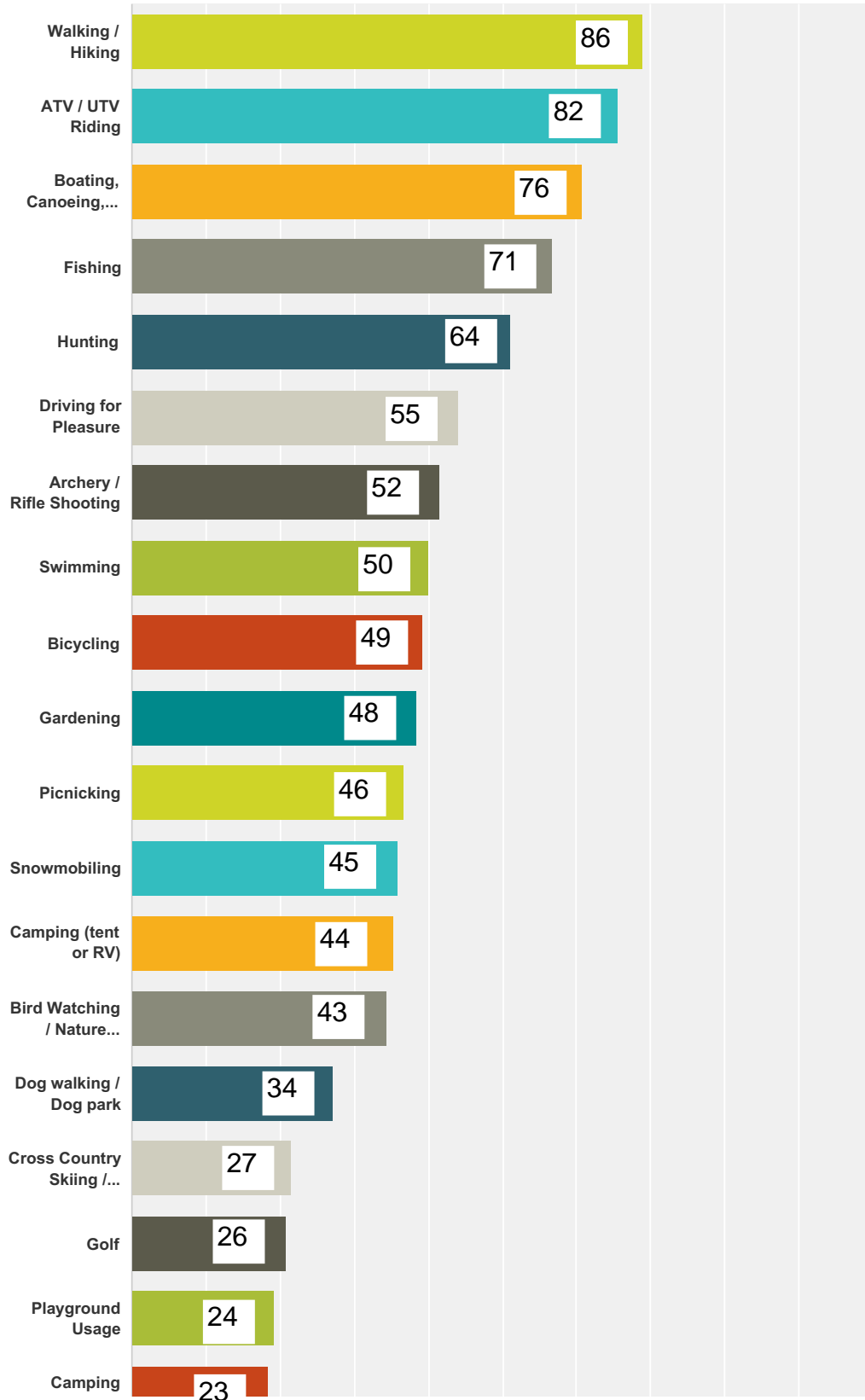
Responses Volume 2/1/2016 - 4/25/2016

Date	Responses
2/1/2016	0
2/8/2016	0
2/15/2016	0
2/22/2016	0
2/29/2016	0
3/7/2016	0
3/14/2016	30
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3/28/2016	20
4/4/2016	15
4/11/2016	5
4/18/2016	10
4/25/2016	10

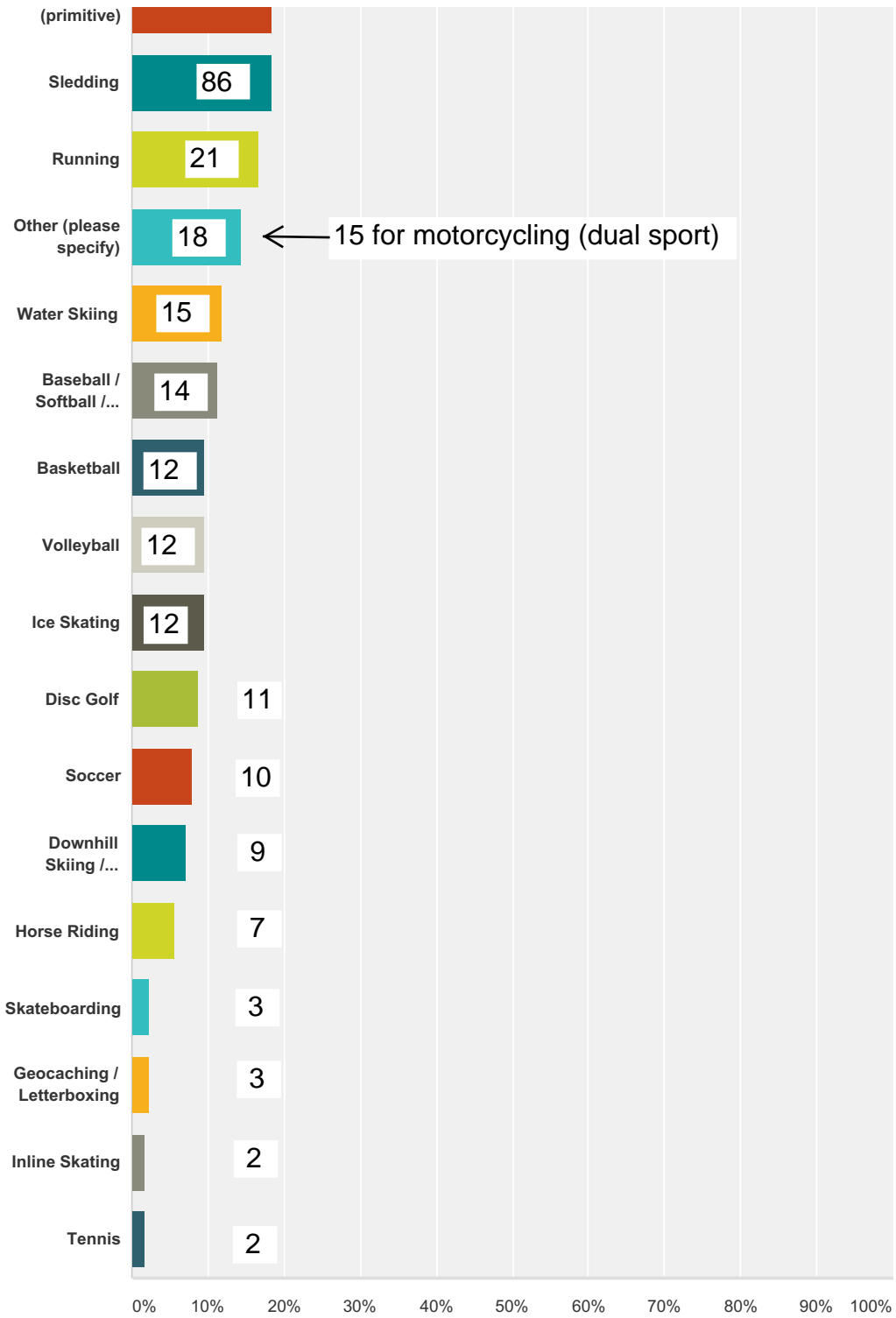


Q1 Which recreational activities did you participate in during 2015? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 125 Skipped: 0



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Answer Choices	Responses
Walking / Hiking	68.80% 86
ATV / UTV Riding	65.60% 82
Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking	60.80% 76
Fishing	56.80% 71

Q2 LINCOLN COUNTY should investigate the following potential outdoor recreation opportunities?

Increase ATV/UTV/motorcycle trails – 49 responses

Play area for ATVs – 2 responses
Maintain what we have – 1 response

Increase Bicycling trails/bike lanes – 18 responses

Winter fat bike trail – 1 response

Fishing pier/Boat landing – 6 responses

Snowmobiles – 6 responses

More snowmobile trails through Merrill – 1 response

Disk golf course – 5 responses

Walking trails – 5 responses
Ice Age Trail support – 1 response

Cross-country ski trails near city – 4 responses

Campground Comments (5 responses):

ATV friendly campground – 2 responses
Camping – 1 response
Primitive camping for ATV use – 1 response
More “nice” camping sites for large units – 1 response

A Prairie Dells pedestrian bridge to the new City Forest trails – 2 responses

Specific Comments:

- Portage hiking trail from Bill Cross to Newwood Park.
- Expanded use of county forest land for camping, trails, and fishing utilization.
- Fishing/hiking/biking trail on Underdown’s Mist Lake
- Adding more places to sit and rest along the Riverbend Trail.
- Swimming area near the Underdown.
- Expand the hiking trails at prairie river park.
- Fishing/kayak/hiking/biking trail to remote Beaver Trail lakes in Harrison Hills.

Q3 Where in LINCOLN COUNTY did you go for outdoor recreation in 2015?

Harrison Hills ATV TOTAL: 40 responses

Harrison Hills (other uses, not ATVing) TOTAL: 5 responses

County Forest (non-ATV use) TOTAL: 33 responses

Underdown – 16 responses

Hiking/walking (4)	Primitive camping (1)	Snow shoeing (1)
Camping (3)	Nature viewing (1)	Cross-country skiing (1)
Horseback riding (3)	Driving (1)	Winter hiking (1)
Biking (2)	Fishing (1)	

New Wood – 10 responses

Hunting (3)	Kayaking (1)
Fishing (1)	Playground (1)

Otter Lake – 5 responses

Camping (2)	Hiking (1)
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Prairie Dells – 2 responses

Council Grounds TOTAL: 22 responses

Swimming (5)	Picnicking (2)	Biking (1)
Walking (5)	Fishing (1)	
Boating (3)	Camping (1)	

Merrill Parks TOTAL: 20 responses

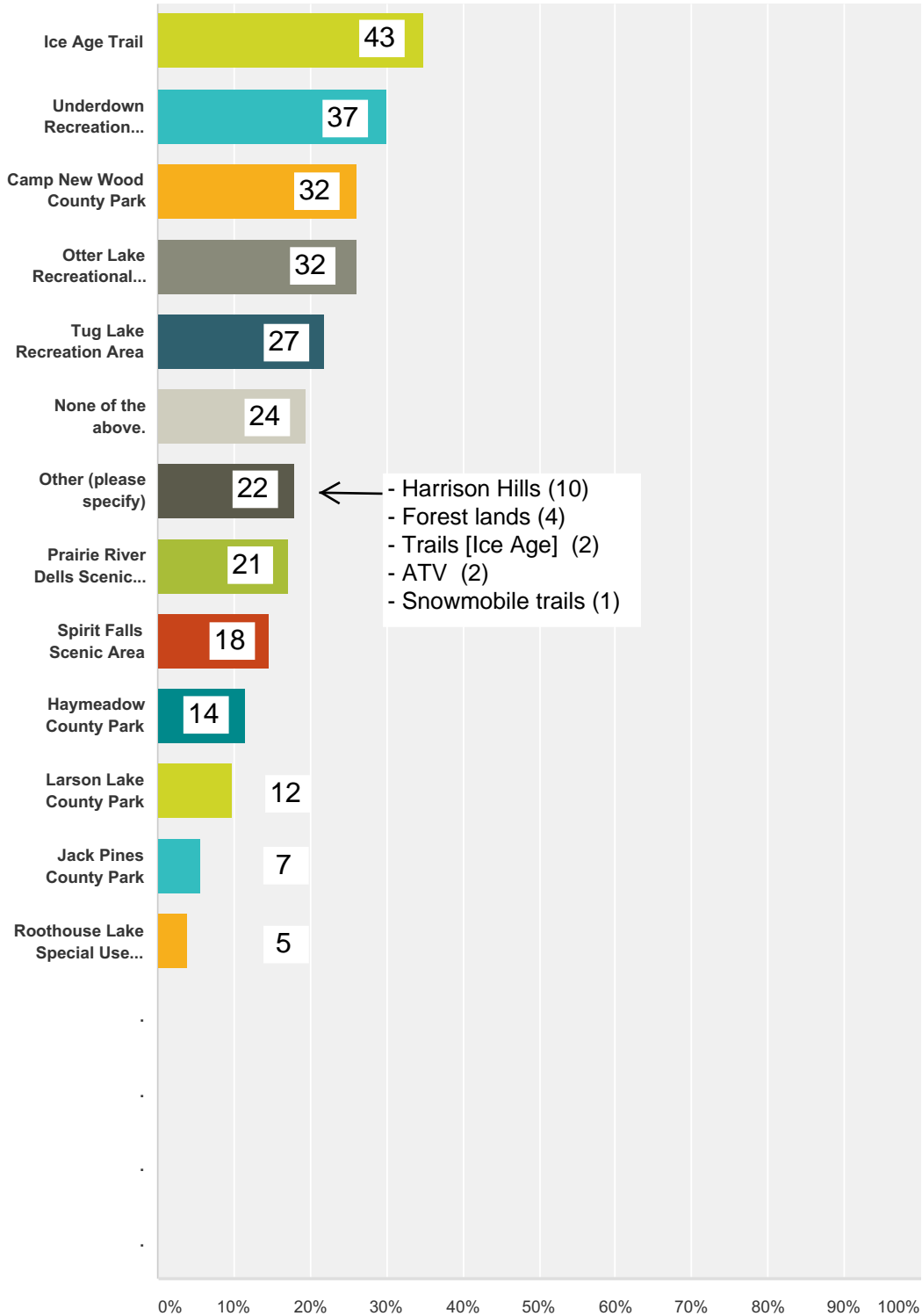
Tomahawk Parks TOTAL: 13 responses

Wisconsin River TOTAL: 11 responses

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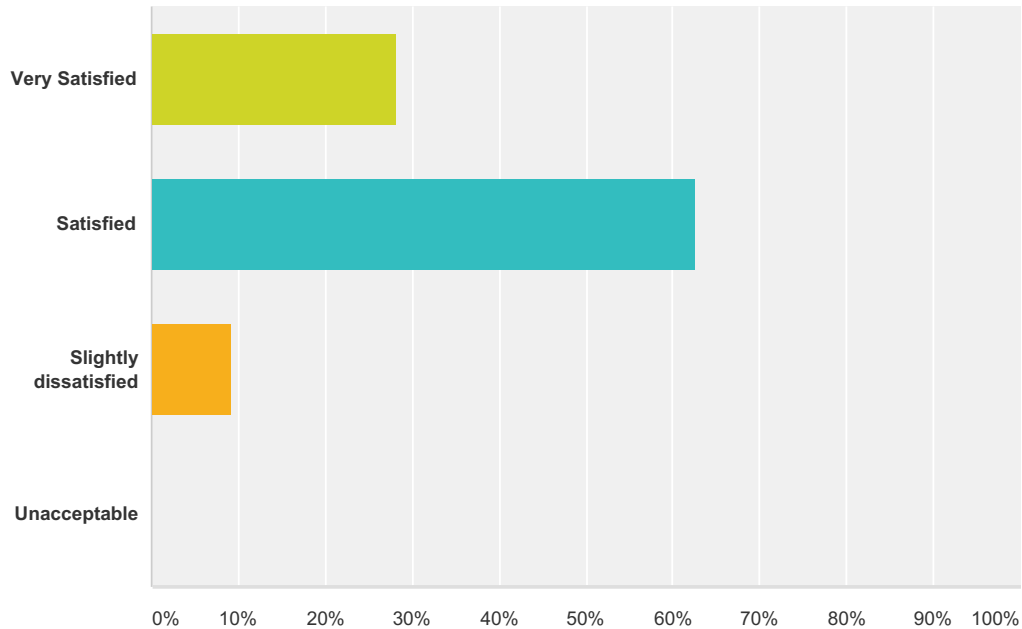
Q4 Which of the following LINCOLN COUNTY MANAGED facilities have you used or visited in 2015? (Choose all that apply.)

Answered: 123 Skipped: 2



Q5 What is your overall satisfaction with the condition of the LINCOLN COUNTY MANAGED facilities you visited in 2015? (Choose one.)

Answered: 99 Skipped: 26



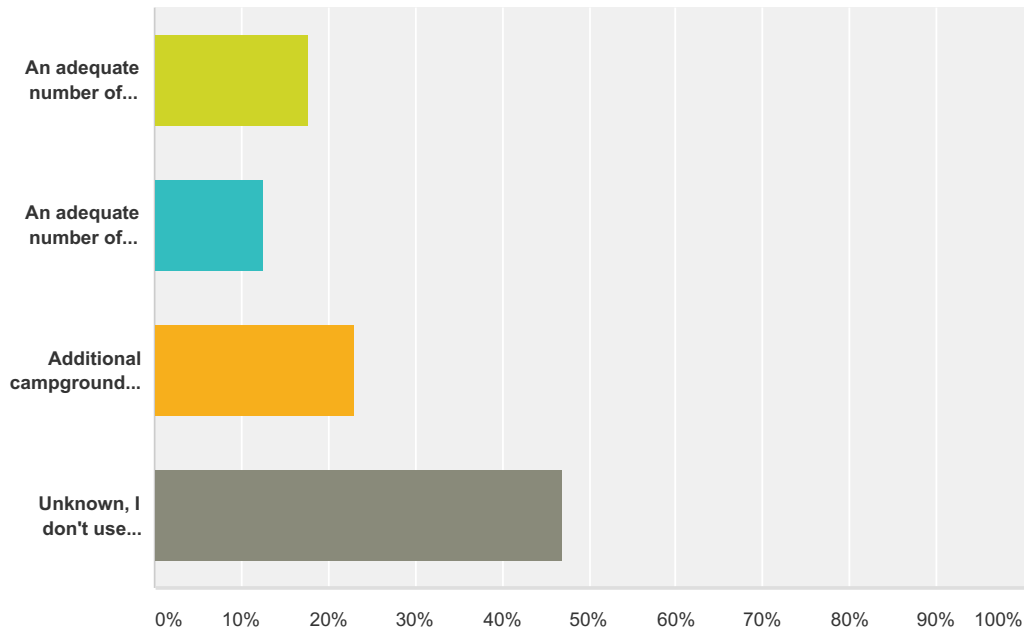
Answer Choices	Responses
Very Satisfied	28.28% 28
Satisfied	62.63% 62
Slightly dissatisfied	9.09% 9
Unacceptable	0.00% 0
Total	99

Q6 What improvements are needed at LINCOLN COUNTY MANAGED facilities?

- Clean restrooms
- Handicap accessibility
- More disc golf and park infrastructure
- The right to have dogs in parks
- More biking and snowshoeing trails, access to Prairie River at Haymeadow park for kayaking.
- Less noise from ATVs while hiking or snowshoeing; cleaner; safer.
- Awareness of where these facilities are located in the county. Have maps of the facilities available.

Q7 Regarding LINCOLN COUNTY MANAGED campgrounds, do you think that... (Choose one.)

Answered: 96 Skipped: 29



Answer Choices	Responses
An adequate number of campground facilities exist, and they are in good condition.	17.71% 17
An adequate number of campground facilities exist, but improvements are needed.	12.50% 12
Additional campground facilities are needed.	22.92% 22
Unknown, I don't use campgrounds.	46.88% 45
Total	96

Q8 What improvements are needed at LINCOLN COUNTY MANAGED campgrounds?

- restroom improvements (4 comments)
- Underdown county road pavement to parking lot from J and Copper Lake roads. Underdown electricity and running water. Kiosks in high traffic areas explaining where and why Lincoln County propertys are.
- fire pits/bathrooms/showers
- Otter Lake CG needs something better than dirt for campsites. Camp New Wood CG better, but some sites could use improvement.

Q9 Where are additional campground facilities needed
in LINCOLN COUNTY?

6 responses – Around lakes in Harrison Hills

5 responses – Underdown horse trails/ Underdown area

4 responses – Camping with ATV access

2 responses – Anywhere/all areas near water

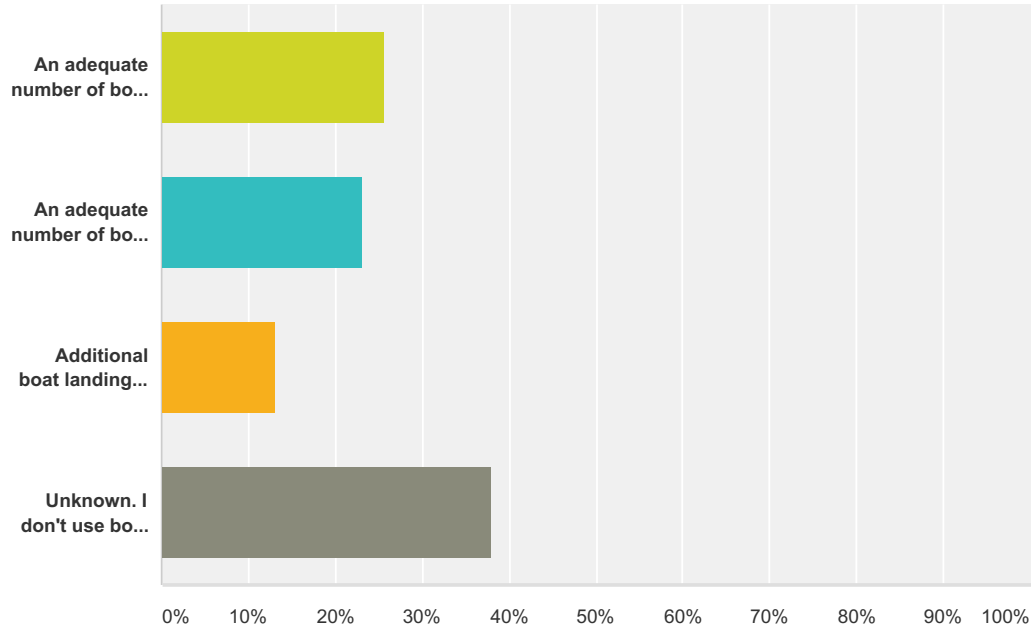
1 response – Merrill City Forest once it connects to Prairie Dells

1 response – Around Tomahawk

1 response – All parks and forests

Q10 Regarding public boat landings and water access, do you think that... (Choose one.)

Answered: 121 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses
An adequate number of boat landings exist, and they are in good condition.	25.62% 31
An adequate number of boat landings exist, but improvements are needed.	23.14% 28
Additional boat landings are needed.	13.22% 16
Unknown. I don't use boat landings or water access points.	38.02% 46
Total	121

Q11 What improvements are needed at public boat landings?

12 responses – Ramps in poor shape

2 responses – Docks along side landings

1 response – Better non-motor access on Prairie and Wisconsin Rivers

1 response – Monitor boats for invasive species

1 response – Another landing at Tug Lake

Q12 Where are additional boat landings or access points needed in
LINCOLN COUNTY?

5 responses – Wisconsin River

4 responses – Closed lakes (by gate and berm) need to be opened

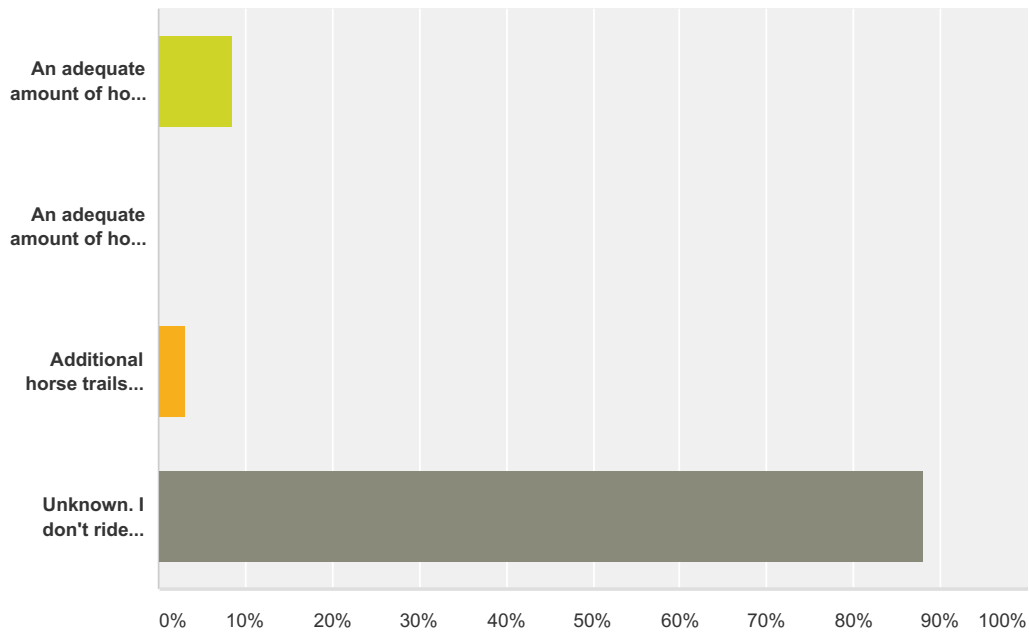
1 response – Lake Alice

1 response – Tug Lake

1 response – Underdown area

Q13 Regarding horse trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)

Answered: 93 Skipped: 32



Answer Choices	Responses
An adequate amount of horse trails exist, and are in good condition.	8.60% 8
An adequate amount of horse trails exist, but improvements are needed.	0.00% 0
Additional horse trails or connections are needed.	3.23% 3
Unknown. I don't ride horses on trails.	88.17% 82
Total	93

Q14 What horse trail improvements are needed?

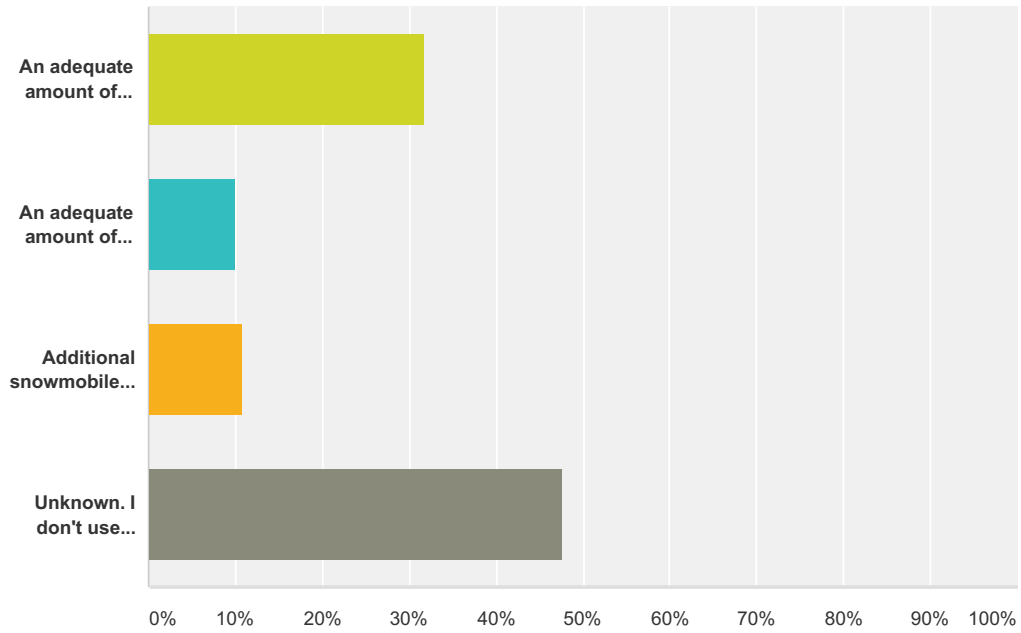
None identified.

Q15 Where are additional horse trails needed in LINCOLN COUNTY?

- The Underdown is great condition, it would be nice to have another area.
- Other scenic areas apart from Underdown. Only public horseriding trailhead in Lincoln County to the best of our knowledge.

Q16 Regarding snowmobile trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)

Answered: 120 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses	
An adequate amount of snowmobile trails exist, and are in good condition.	31.67%	38
An adequate amount of snowmobile trails exist, but improvements are needed.	10.00%	12
Additional snowmobile trails or connections are needed.	10.83%	13
Unknown. I don't use snowmobiles on trails.	47.50%	57
Total		120

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Q17 What snowmobile trail improvements are needed? (Please identify locations and improvements needed.)

Answered: 10 Skipped: 115

#	Responses	Date
1	more snow better trail markings	4/26/2016 5:00 PM
2	not sure	4/22/2016 3:42 PM
3	marking snowmobile and atv differences	3/27/2016 4:36 PM
4	More markers especially where dips and corners may be severe.	3/24/2016 3:58 PM
5	frequent grooming	3/24/2016 12:20 PM
6	better signed	3/22/2016 7:02 AM
7	More signage - "Gas" & Other signs such as "Tomahawk Area", "Harrison Area", "Rhineland" etc. Also approx miles to nearest gas station, More "business name" signs so we know we are on the right trails.	3/21/2016 8:39 PM
8	More snow!	3/21/2016 1:10 PM
9	more grooming	3/21/2016 9:25 AM
10	Make trails wider where needed and improve trail signs.	3/20/2016 11:23 AM

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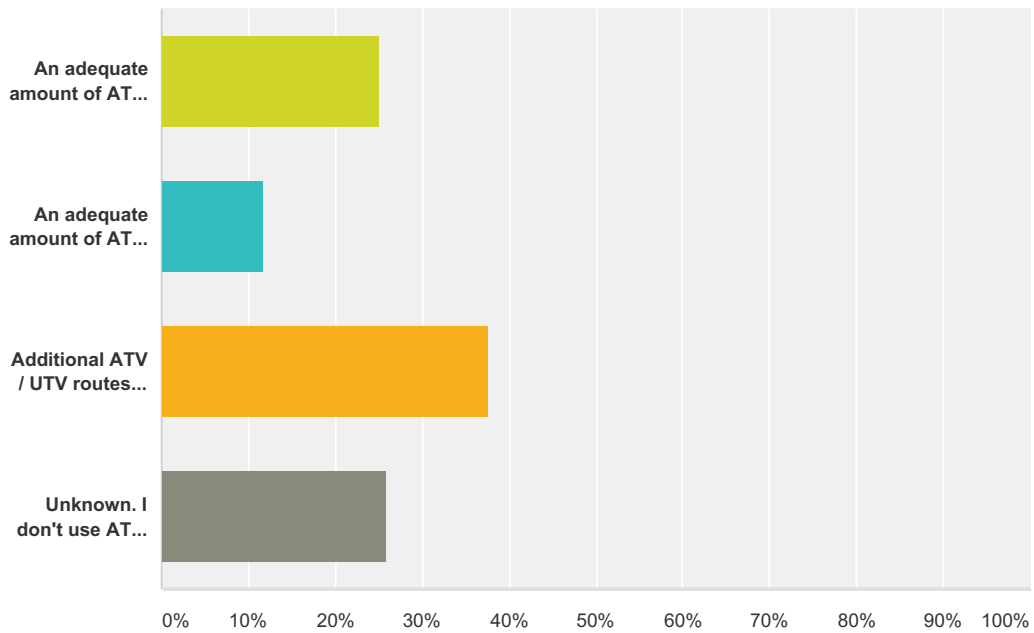
Q18 Where are additional snowmobile trails needed in LINCOLN COUNTY?

Answered: 11 Skipped: 114

#	Responses	Date
1	In and around the city of Merrill, more access points to the city, straighter wider trails, advertised snow routes to get to places.	4/27/2016 7:33 PM
2	More connecting trails all over the Lincoln County area. Shortage of Land owners who allow trails on their land.	4/22/2016 3:29 PM
3	The loss of trails last fall hurt.	4/6/2016 7:15 PM
4	Always need trails added throughout the county	4/6/2016 2:37 PM
5	Access to Gleason, Tomahawk, and adjacent counties	4/4/2016 1:14 PM
6	throughout the county	3/21/2016 8:02 AM
7	Everywhere there is an opportunity to stay off of private land.....	3/20/2016 8:34 PM
8	multiple places	3/20/2016 12:47 PM
9	We don't have specifics but areas with more trails draw more tourism	3/20/2016 10:43 AM
10	Every where it is reasonable and connections to other trails lack	3/18/2016 11:59 PM
11	Between Copper Lake Road and County "J". North Town Hall Road to Gleason.	3/18/2016 3:20 PM

Q19 Regarding ATV / UTV routes and trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)

Answered: 120 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses	
An adequate amount of ATV / UTV routes and trails exist, and are in good condition.	25.00%	30
An adequate amount of ATV / UTV routes and trails exist, but improvements are needed.	11.67%	14
Additional ATV / UTV routes, trails, or connections are needed.	37.50%	45
Unknown. I don't use ATVs / UTVs beyond my property.	25.83%	31
Total		120

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Q20 What ATV / UTV trail or route improvements are needed? (Please identify locations and improvements needed.)

Answered: 12 Skipped: 113

#	Responses	Date
1	Better identify private land access so when they venture off the marked trail they dont end up in peoples yards	4/8/2016 12:32 AM
2	Some trails should be wider now with the all the UTV's on the trails.	3/30/2016 2:19 PM
3	marking atv and snowmobile differences	3/27/2016 4:37 PM
4	Trails in the Harrison area are poorly maintained	3/26/2016 11:09 AM
5	Better trail markings / maps along Harrison Hills trails	3/21/2016 4:30 PM
6	I ride the trails a lot, but it wood be nice if they were groomed on a regular basis, they are pretty rough in some areas. And more trails if possible, prefer trail riding to road riding.	3/21/2016 1:12 PM
7	more signage with posted speed limits	3/21/2016 1:09 PM
8	Some areas need attention due to erosion from heavy rainfalls, causing deep gullies.	3/21/2016 8:16 AM
9	More grading of existing trails to make smoother plus better signage.	3/20/2016 2:59 PM
10	There is a lot of damage from trucks on the Harrison Hills ATV trails. We run into bear hunters all the time and we even came across a Buick car on the trail to Turtle Lake parking lot two years ago. We ATV rides are always blamed for the damage on trails. But it is the trucks that use them in wet weather, early and late season that seems to do the damage.	3/20/2016 10:15 AM
11	Eliminate water diversion burms on Harrison Trails. They are a hazard!	3/18/2016 3:20 PM
12	Smoother trails in the Harrison area.	3/18/2016 9:34 AM

**Q21 Where are additional ATV / UTV routes or trails needed
in LINCOLN COUNTY?**

Definitions:

OHVs = Off Highway Vehicles include:

ATVs (all-terrain vehicles)

OHMs (off-highway motorcycles)

ORVs (off-road vehicles, such as 4x4s)

7 responses – Harrison Hills area

7 responses – Anywhere or anywhere in forests/county forests

4 responses – More trails, not road routes

3 responses – New Wood

3 responses – Underdown

3 responses – Need to be open to motorcycling too

3 responses – Connect to northern counties

2 responses – Merrill area

2 responses – Merrill to Tomahawk

1 response – Off-road play areas

1 response – OHM trail system should be in future plans

1 response – Make trails wider for UTVs

1 response – Harrison Hills to Tomahawk

1 response – Harrison Hills to Rhinelander

1 response – Harrison Hills to Gleason

1 response – Harrison Hills to Lake Alice

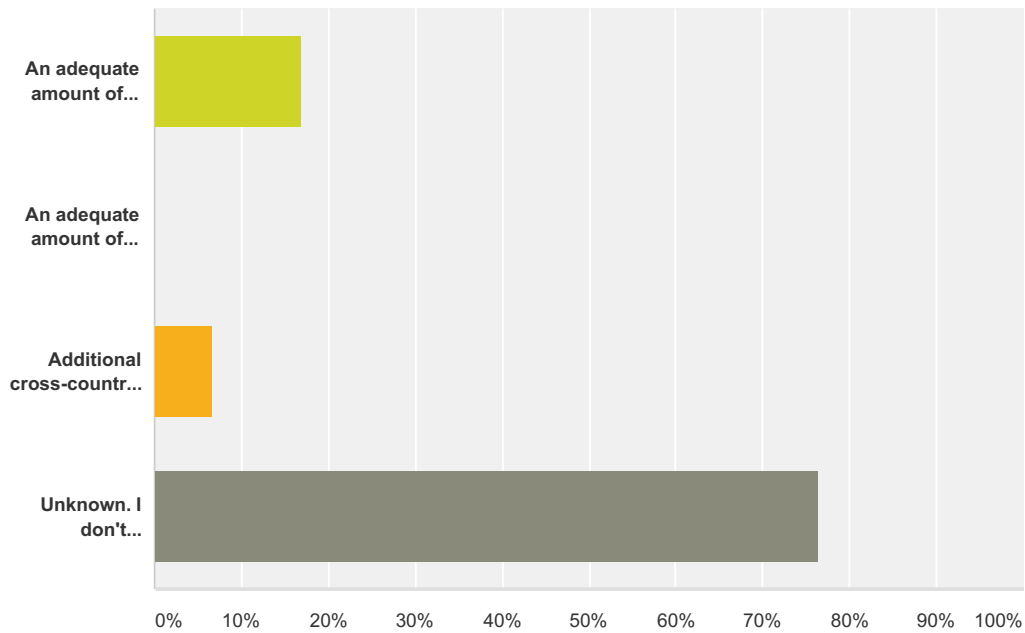
1 response – North and west of Harrison Hills

1 response – Hwy 86 to trails

1 response – Northwest corner where forestry roads could be opened to ATV/UTV

Q22 Regarding cross-country ski trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)

Answered: 119 Skipped: 6



Answer Choices	Responses
An adequate amount of cross-country ski trails exist, and are in good condition.	16.81% 20
An adequate amount of cross-country ski trails exist, but improvements are needed.	0.00% 0
Additional cross-country ski trails are needed.	6.72% 8
Unknown. I don't cross-country ski on maintained trails.	76.47% 91
Total	119

Q23 What cross-country ski trail improvements are needed?

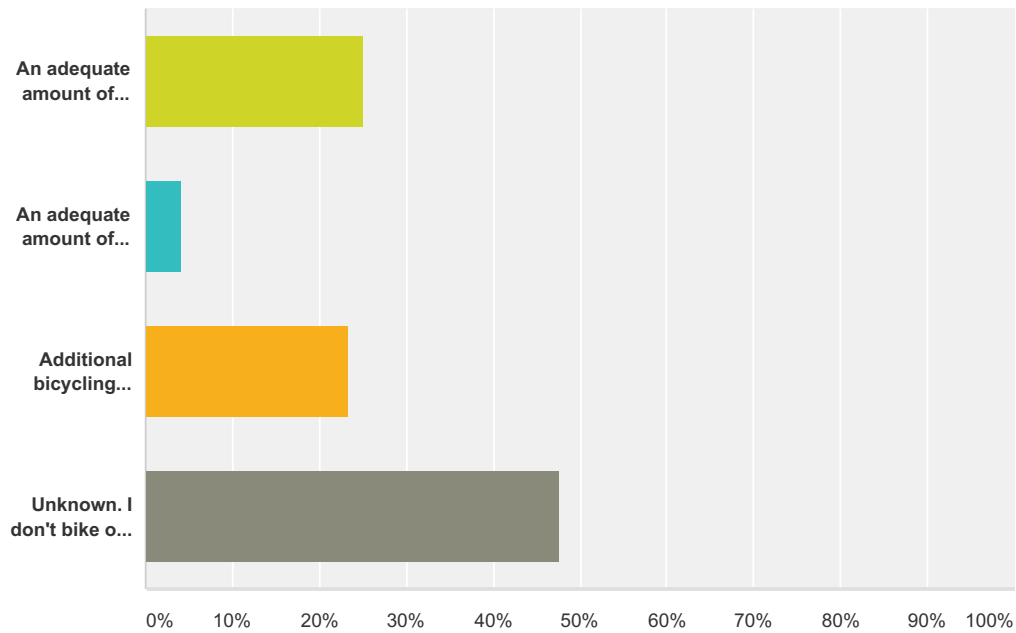
No responses.

Q24 Where are additional cross-country ski trails needed in LINCOLN COUNTY?

- Norther part near Tomahawk or Harrison Hills area (3 responses)
- Otter Lake (2 responses)
- Off Cty. B
- County forest, Council Grounds, City Forest
- Near the MARC, and more where you can take your dogs.

Q25 Regarding bicycling routes and trails, do you think that... (Choose one.)

Answered: 120 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses	
An adequate amount of bicycling routes and trails exist, and are in good condition.	25.00%	30
An adequate amount of bicycling routes and trails exist, but improvements are needed.	4.17%	5
Additional bicycling routes, trails, or connections are needed.	23.33%	28
Unknown. I don't bike on roads or trails.	47.50%	57
Total		120

Q26 What bicycle route or trail improvements are needed?

- .
- more trails
- more signs
- Sarah Park north to county line, eliminate weeds in middle of trail. Some grading/smoothing.
- .
- The connector trail between Underdown and Merrill City Forest should be under construction in 2016. The new City Forest system will provide opportunities for less experienced mountain bikers.
- .
- I think that the bicycle community and counties should seriously consider a user fee or registration program so the cost of all the paved bike trails in the surrounding areas does not fall solely on taxpayers.

Q27 Where are additional bike routes, trails, or connections needed
in LINCOLN COUNTY?

7 responses – Countywide/northern part of county/county forest

3 responses – Boulder Junction style of trails

3 responses – Tomahawk area

3 responses – Merrill to Tomahawk/all along Wisconsin River/County parks to city

2 responses – Merrill area

2 responses – County Highways need paved shoulders like the new Hwy 17

1 response – Off-road areas that are not as hilly as the Underdown

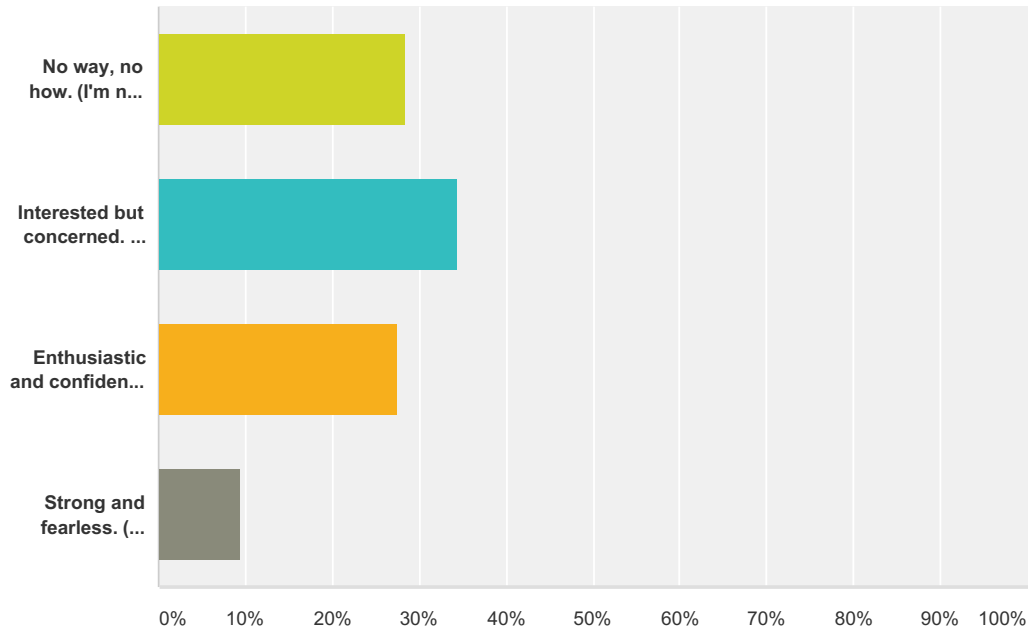
1 response – Non-ATV, non-horse trails

1 response – Extend the trail started

1 response – Lake Alice

Q28 What type of bicyclist are you? (Choose one.)

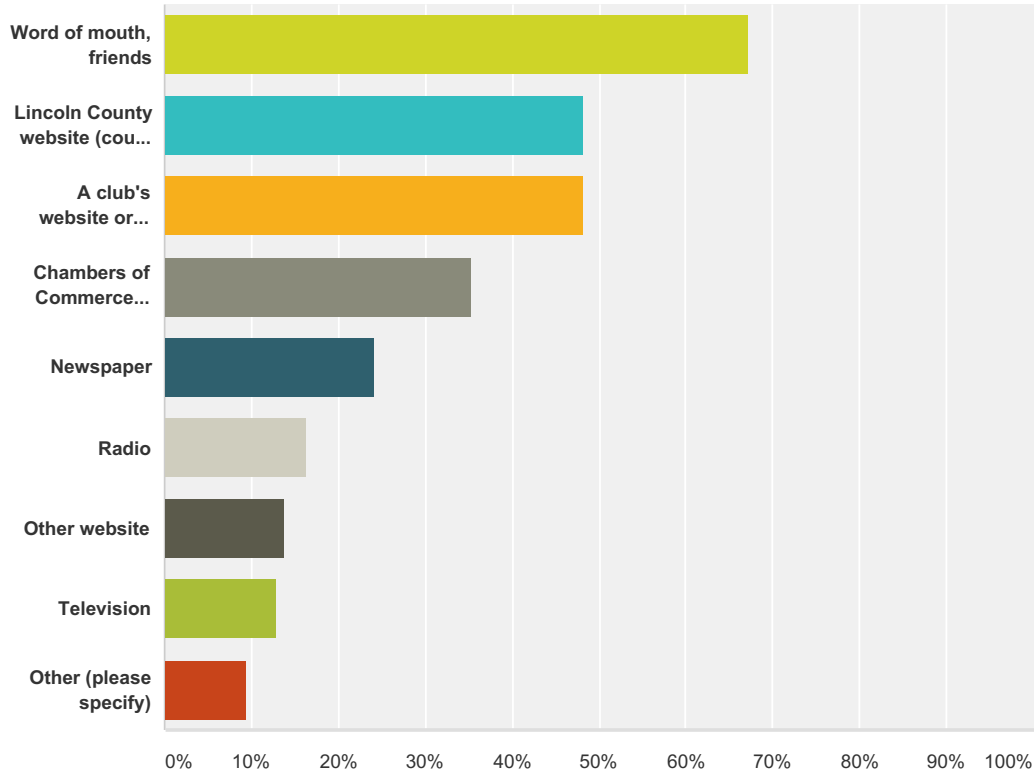
Answered: 116 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses
No way, no how. (I'm not interested in biking at all, not even for recreation.)	28.45% 33
Interested but concerned. (I like riding, but don't do it regularly. I'm generally concerned that my route is not safe to ride, so I don't ride often. I definitely do not ride when the weather is bad.)	34.48% 40
Enthusiastic and confident. (I feel comfortable sharing the road with motor vehicles, but I prefer to ride on separate facilities like bike lanes. I may or may not ride in inclement weather.)	27.59% 32
Strong and fearless. (I am confident in my abilities and will ride regardless of roadway conditions, amount of traffic, or inclement weather.)	9.48% 11
Total	116

Q29 How do you obtain information about outdoor recreation activities and locations in LINCOLN COUNTY? (Check all that apply.)

Answered: 116 Skipped: 9

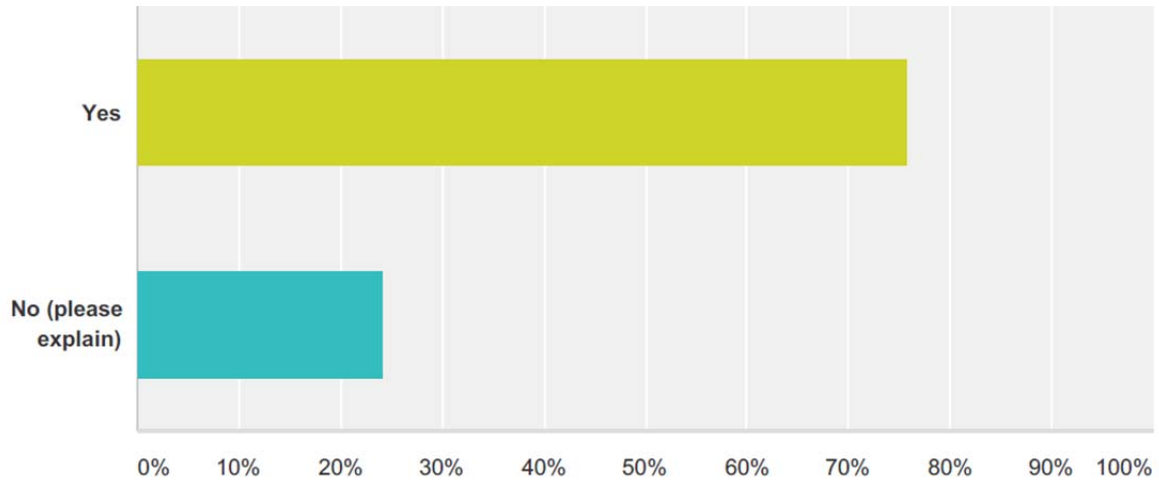


Answer Choices	Responses
Word of mouth, friends	67.24% 78
Lincoln County website (county site or Forestry Dept. web page)	48.28% 56
A club's website or social media site	48.28% 56
Chambers of Commerce (website, brochures, visitor's bureau)	35.34% 41
Newspaper	24.14% 28
Radio	16.38% 19
Other website	13.79% 16
Television	12.93% 15
Other (please specify)	9.48% 11
Total Respondents: 116	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Strava.com website. I use it, plus the app to find the most popular roads in the area. When designing a rout on the website, I use the "heatmaps" feature and also "segment explorer"	4/28/2016 4:29 PM

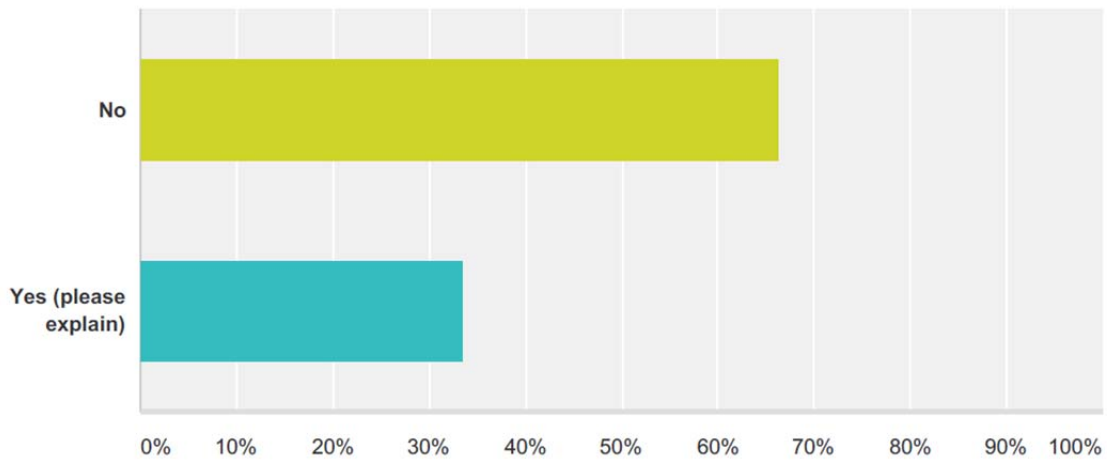
Q30 Are you satisfied with how you are finding outdoor recreation information for LINCOLN COUNTY?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 9



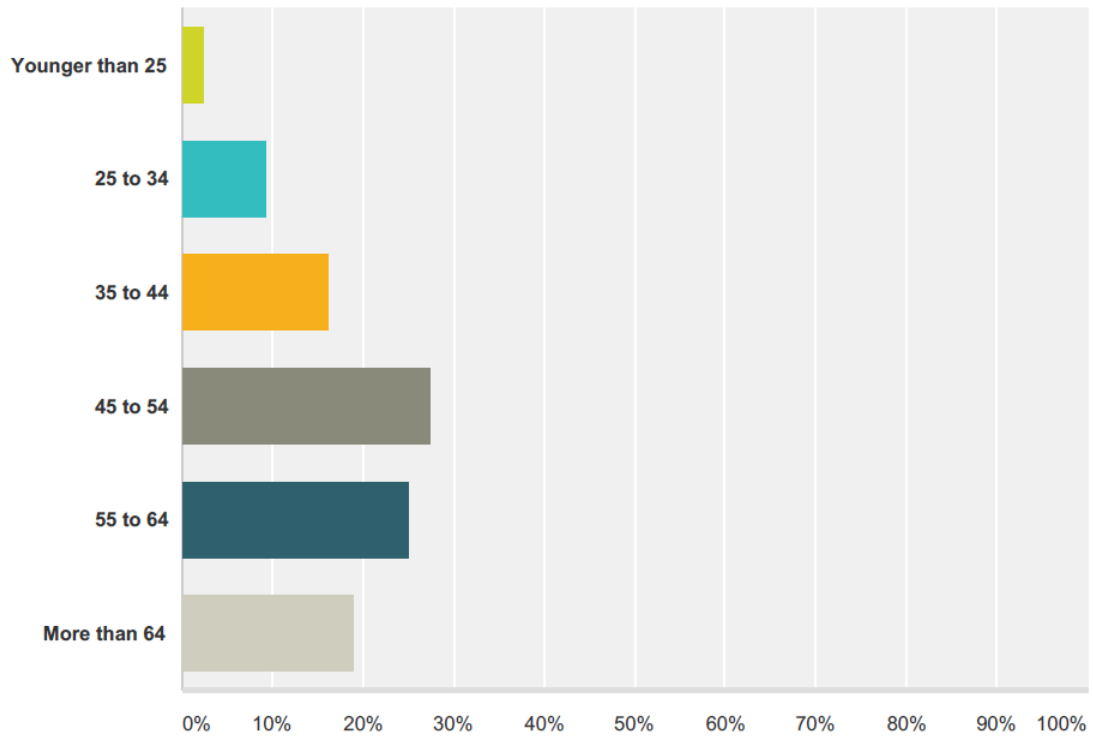
Q31 Do you have any other concerns or comments?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 9



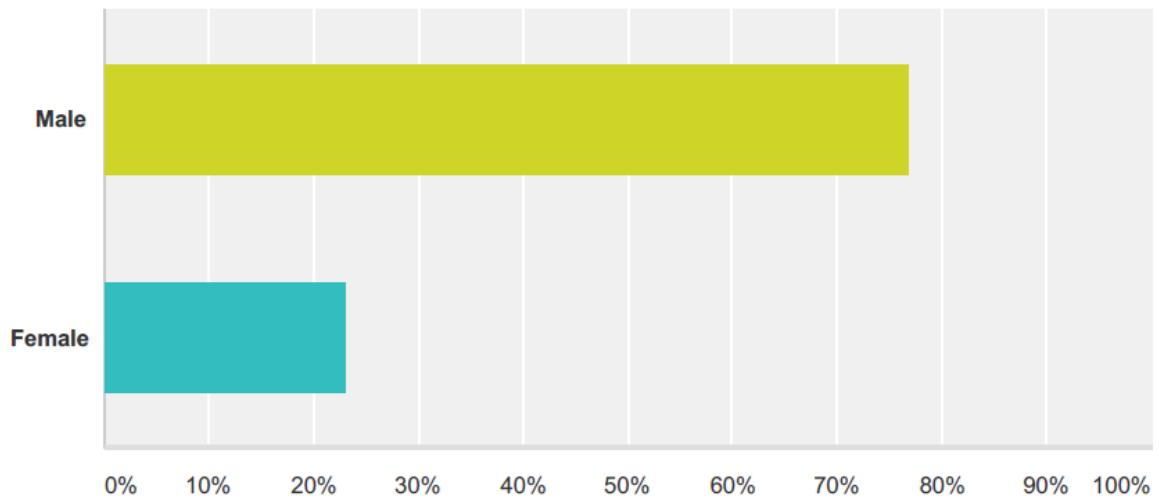
Q32 What is your age?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 9



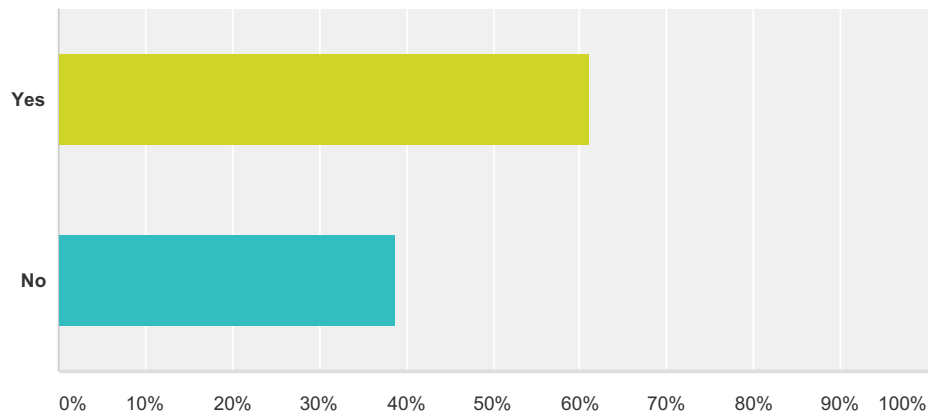
Q33 What is your gender?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 9



Q34 Do you live in or own a summer home in LINCOLN COUNTY?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	61.21%	71
No	38.79%	45
Total		116

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Q35 What municipality is your LINCOLN COUNTY home or summer home located in?

Answered: 71 Skipped: 54

