

Resident Survey Fact Sheet

Regional Parks



Capital Regional District | November 2024

Resident survey in 2024 to collect public opinions about the regional parks and trails system



7650 Households
1762 Participants
23% Response



Data statistically valid and representative of CRD (95% confidence level)

Why do you visit regional parks and trails?



Walking-79%



Hiking-71%



Viewing nature-43%



Cycling-42%



Dog walking-38%



Participants supported outdoor recreation if it was compatible with conservation



94%
2024

Parks are important

97%
2017

84%
2024

Trails are important

94%
2017

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79%
2024

Are satisfied with their experience in regional parks and trails



91% Visited a regional park

83% Visited a regional trail

90%
2017

Where do you go?

66% **Elk/Beaver Lake**
→1,919,677 Visits in 2023

57% **Thetis Lake**
→540,857 Visits in 2023

52% **Island View Beach**
→451,232 Visits in 2023

Why don't you visit?

26% Not enough time

19% Physically unable/illness

13% Elderly

13% Feel unsafe

12% Lack of personal transportation

Survey data aligns with the 2023 Traffic and Trails count data

Where do you go?

72% **Galloping Goose**
→2,273,816 Visits in 2023

56% **Lochside**
→1,221,933 Visits in 2023

37% **E&N Rail Trail**
→483,546 Visits in 2023

Why don't you visit?

24% Not enough time

22% Travel time to trails

16% Speed of cyclists

12% Not aware/no trails in community

11% Meeting dogs off leash

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64% of participants supported the increase in funding to operate regional parks and trails in the future

Residents' priorities for the next 5 years

1. Protect the natural environment
2. Repair and maintain existing facilities
3. Restoration projects to conserve natural environments