

# 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