

BARN BLUFF PARK General Use Survey

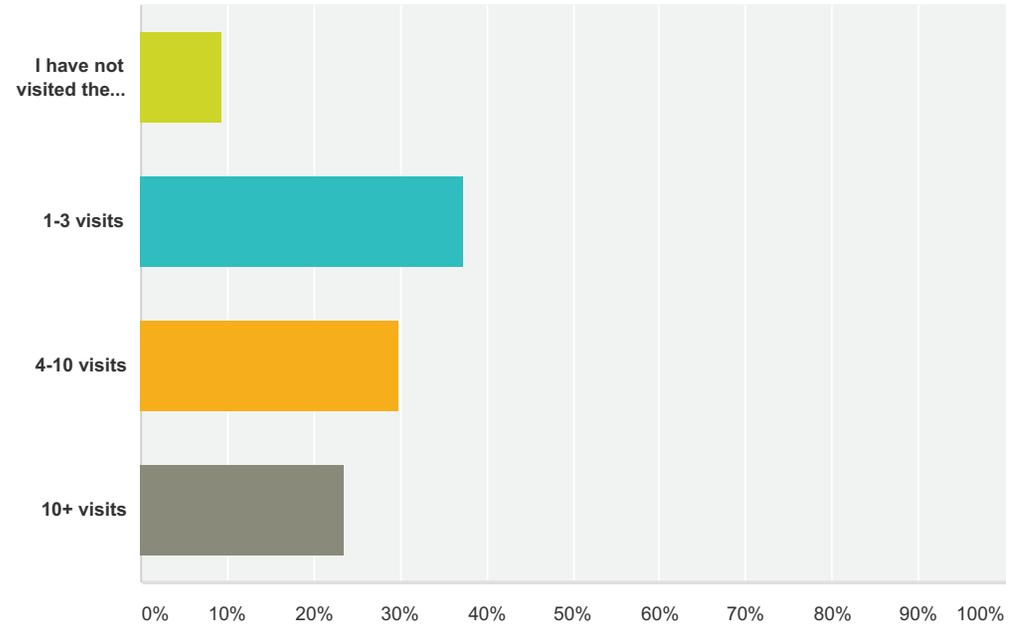
Summary of Results

November 20, 2015

BARN BLUFF PARK GENERAL USE SURVEY

Q1 How often have you visited Barn Bluff Park in the last 12 months?

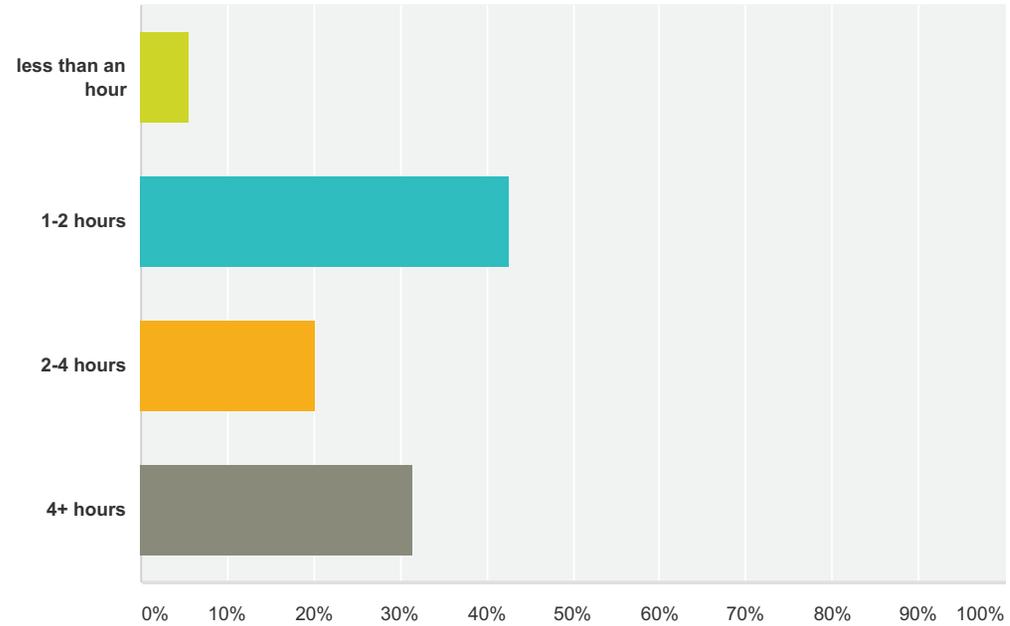
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Answer Choices	Responses
I have not visited the park in the last 12 months	9.34% 27
1-3 visits	37.37% 108
4-10 visits	29.76% 86
10+ visits	23.53% 68
Total	289

Q2 How long do you usually stay during a visit?

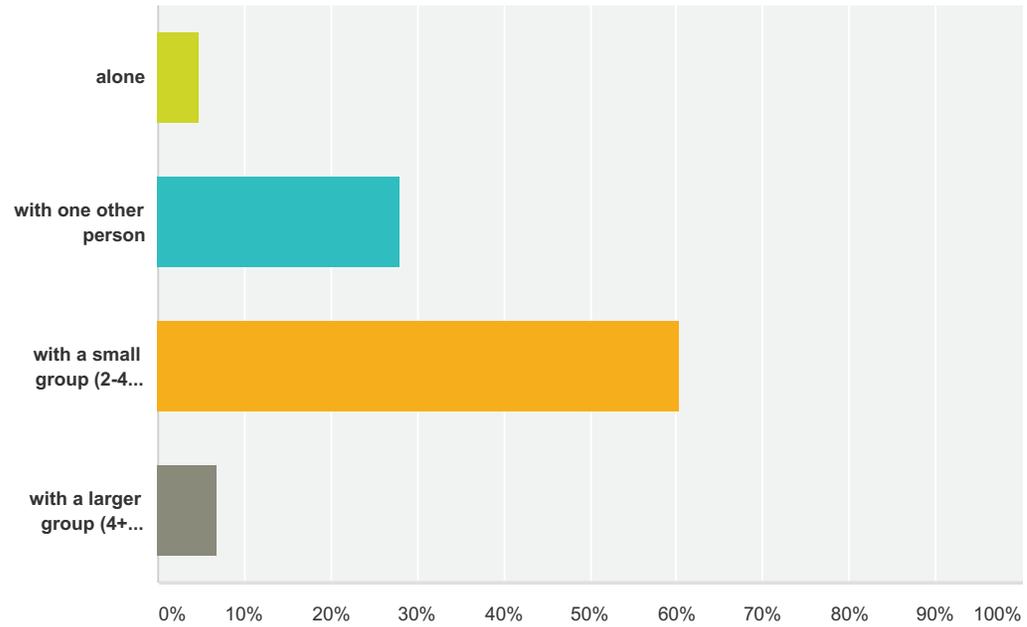
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Answer Choices	Responses
less than an hour	5.59% 16
1-2 hours	42.66% 122
2-4 hours	20.28% 58
4+ hours	31.47% 90
Total	286

Q3 Do you usually visit...

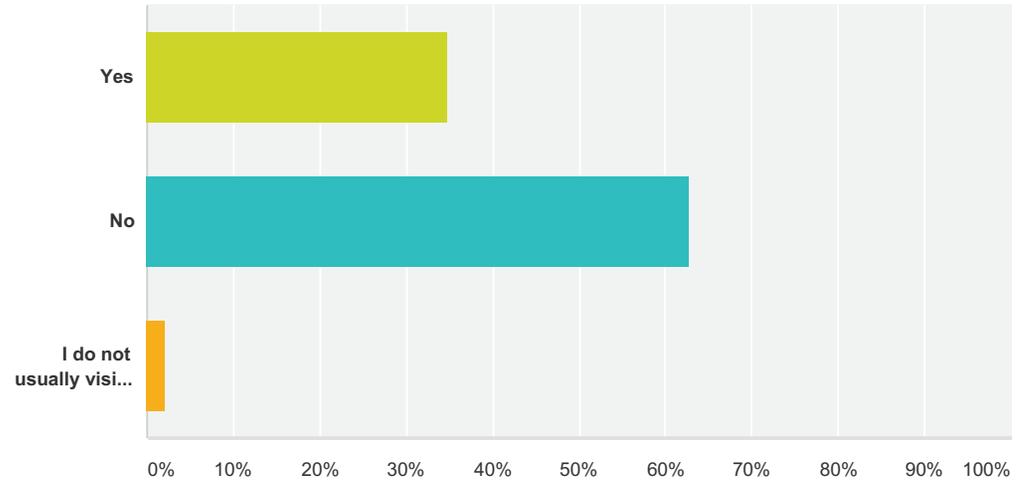
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Answer Choices	Responses
alone	4.88% 14
with one other person	27.87% 80
with a small group (2-4 people)	60.28% 173
with a larger group (4+ people)	6.97% 20
Total	287

Q4 If you visit Barn Bluff with others, does the group usually include young children?

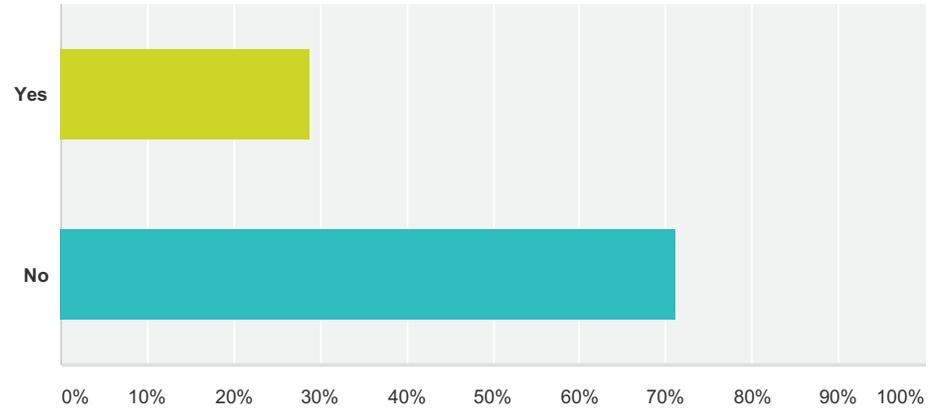
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	34.97%	100
No	62.94%	180
I do not usually visit Barn Bluff with others.	2.10%	6
Total		286

Q5 Do your visits to Barn Bluff often include a dog?

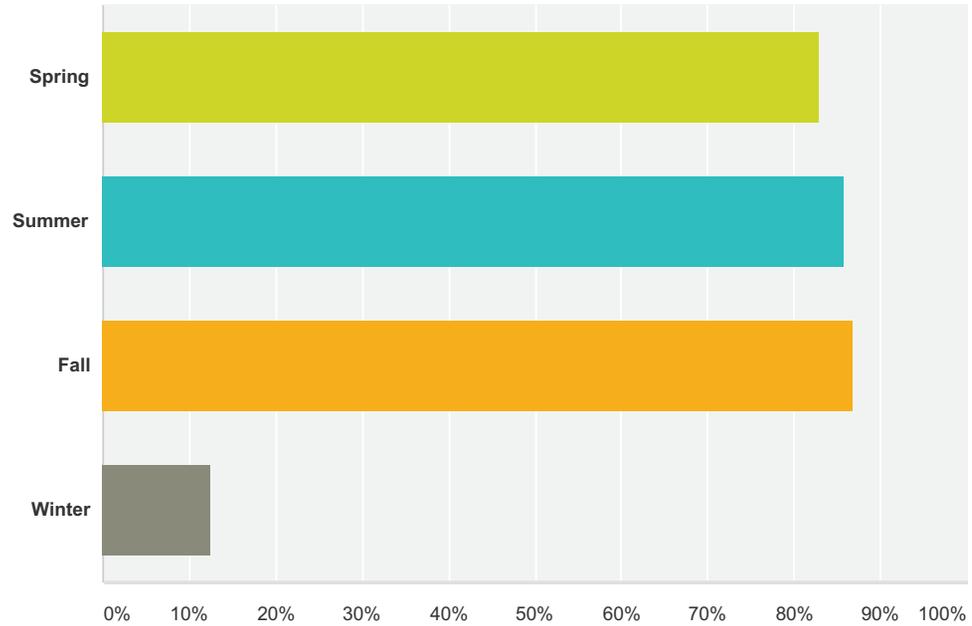
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	28.77% 82
No	71.23% 203
Total	285

Q6 What time(s) of year do you typically visit? [check all that apply]

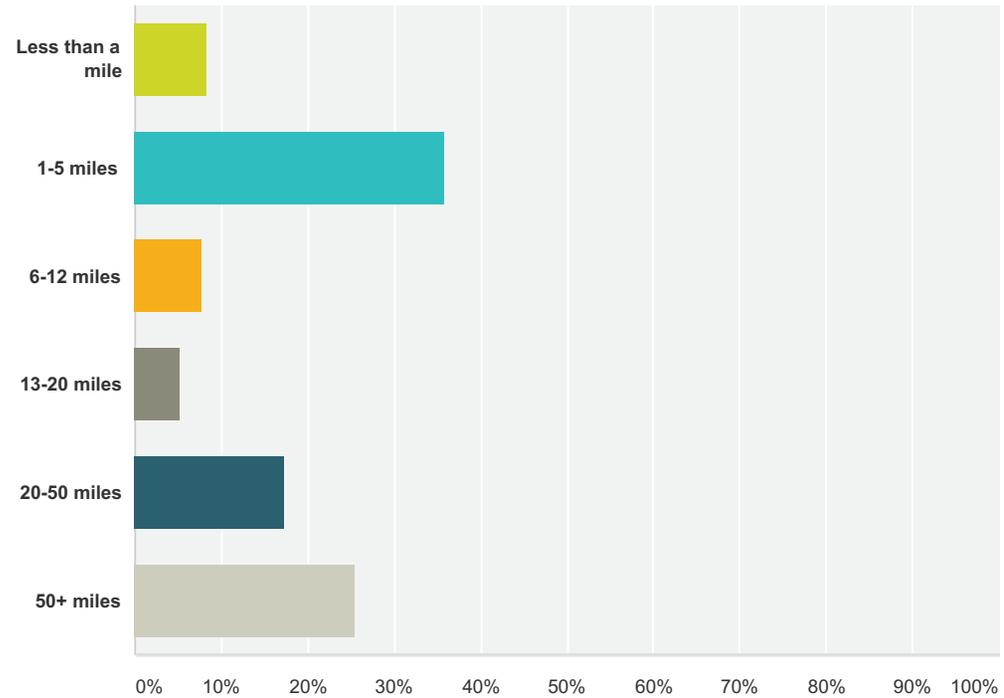
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Spring	82.93%	238
Summer	85.71%	246
Fall	86.76%	249
Winter	12.54%	36
Total Respondents: 287		

Q7 How far do you travel to get to the park?

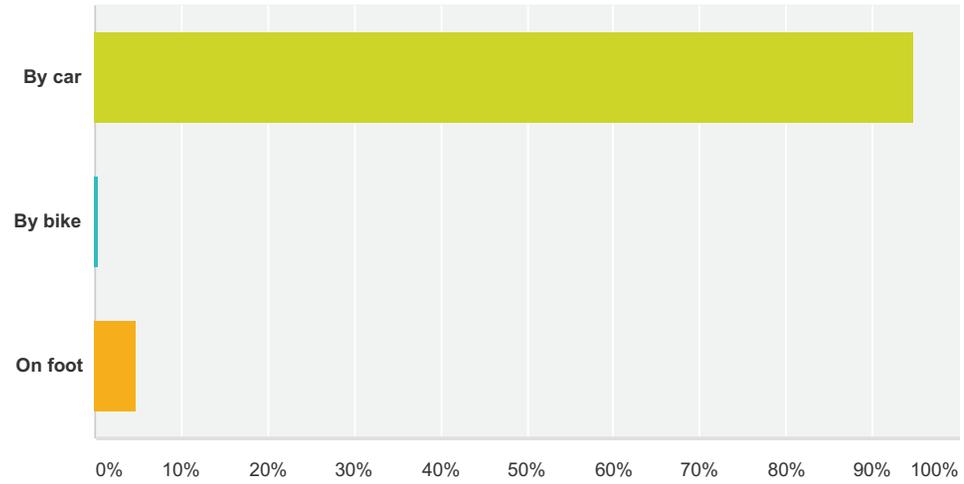
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Answer Choices	Responses
Less than a mile	8.36% 24
1-5 miles	35.89% 103
6-12 miles	7.67% 22
13-20 miles	5.23% 15
20-50 miles	17.42% 50
50+ miles	25.44% 73
Total	287

Q8 How do you usually travel to the park?

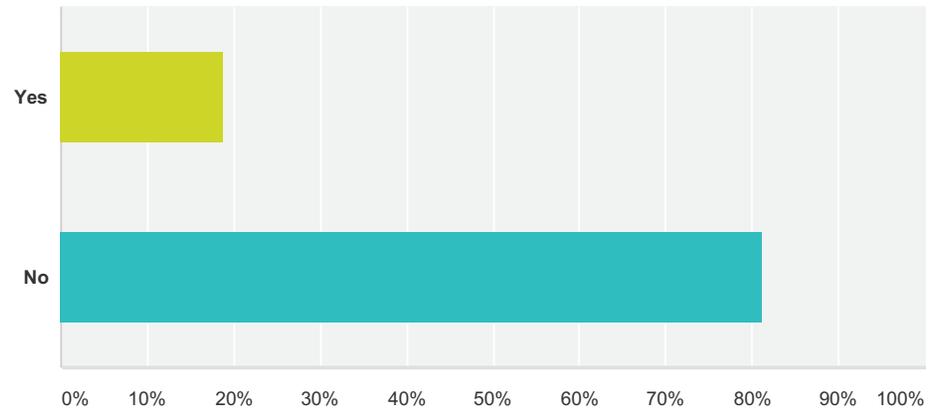
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Answer Choices	Responses
By car	94.76% 271
By bike	0.35% 1
On foot	4.90% 14
Total	286

Q9 Have you ever had issues finding the park entrance or parking at Barn Bluff?

Answered: 286 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	18.88% 54
No	81.12% 232
Total	286

If yes, please comment.

- Dogs are unleashed and the people with them are terrible I will never go there and I tell everyone I know to stay away.
- 9 years ago when I first moved here I had no clue how to get there. If you are just passing through and don't know the name, you will probably have to stop and ask for directions.
- The parking lot is really hidden with such little signs, anyone NOT from red wing won't just happen on it.
- Please consider adding restrooms at the entrance and a warning there to stay on the trails. Keep the bluff rugged but address safety concerns. Consider a city ordinance that states leaving trails is a violation that could result in a citation with fine.
- If there are a lot of people there, it is easier to just park a couple blocks away and walk down. First time I went to the park last year, it was difficult to find.
- The first time, it was unclear how to find the parking area. Signs exist, but they are much too subtle.
- Needs a bigger sign on 7th..bigger signs on street..never can find entrance off of street
- Never found the correct path up the bluff. Turned back and never visited again. Could of broke our necks!
- Parking can be difficult to find on busy weekends. It is probably difficult for newcomers to know where to park and to find the trail entrance if they are not familiar with the area.

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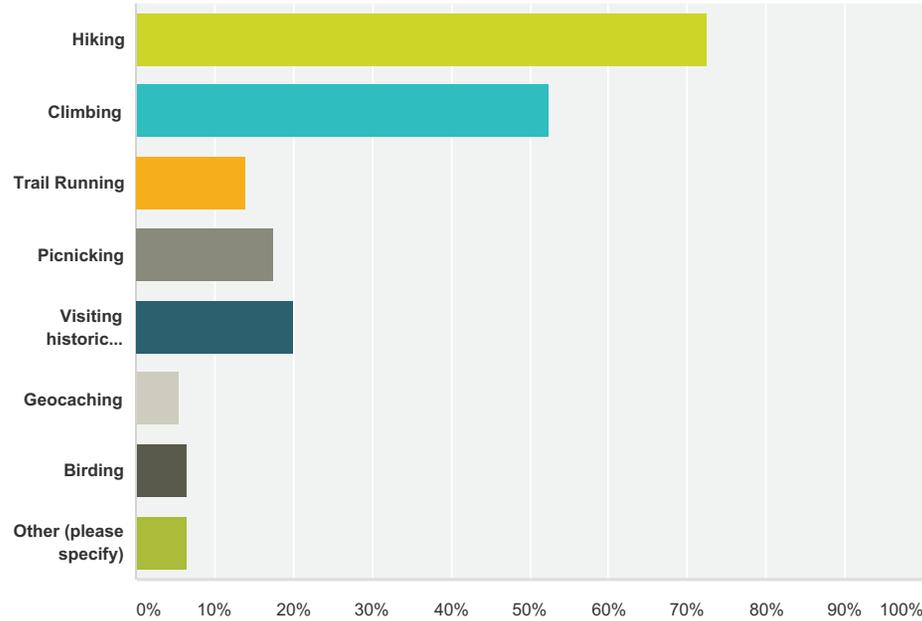
Q9 Have you ever had issues finding the park entrance or parking at Barn Bluff?

If yes, please comment.

10. Not easy to find route to walk or drive to entrance
11. it seems like everyone who grew up in Red Wing just knows how it get there...I really had to look to find the road to the trail head in 2008.
12. I grew up on old east 3rd st. I practically lived on the bluff which was just behind the house. In a sense it's a little like home to me. Would consider "tour assistant" or something helpful to the development program. Bill Naseth
13. In way past, signs are better now.
14. Parking can be hard to come by at busy times.
15. Parking on busy days.
16. Love the bluff and love the fact that the city is pro-actively looking at making enhancements.
17. Introduced my niece and nephew to Barn Bluff this year. They loved it and are looking forward to annual hikes to the top.
18. parking
19. A little confusing
20. At first, it's very hard to find. But not after being there one or twice.
21. Only because I live in town. It's hard to find I think.
22. The first time was an issue. Better signs would help
23. I was really hoping that this survey was in regards to the North Trail. That is the trail that we enjoy the most (not with young kids) and would really like to see re-opened.
24. It would be nice to have some more clear maps or directions. As we are not frequent visitors it's hard to tell which trails lead back down once you are on top.
25. Not many parking spaces available....
26. The entrance is insignificant and unattractive. We didn't know if we were at the right place.
27. Clean up the Carlson Kiln and the area around it. Consider having a trail access near it. With more pedestrian/guest traffic near the kiln, it may reduce the vandalism.
28. Parking along 5th Street can stretch quite for quite a distance. I think a parking lot would help greatly.
29. The first few times were challenging to find the trail head, but now I know where to go. It's hard to describe it to other people though. Parking is sometimes tough on really busy days.
30. There are not easy directions on Google maps to get to the trailhead. The signs in town are sporadic and not clear.
31. It's a wonderful area to rock climb and part of the reason I live in Red Wing is ease of access to a climbing crag that is well maintained by the community. I think the park would benefit from some sort of composting toilet near the heavily used climbing areas.
32. When I first started going.
33. Busy on the weekends.
34. I saw the signs but only once you were on your way there. Very small signs
35. Just the first time, of course! GPS takes you along 61 next to the park.
36. Cars are parked all over the place and it is very tight.
37. I feel like Bathrooms and parking are two things that should be included to that area.
38. In the past the parking was difficult, but since you opened the gravel lot down the road it is much better.
39. All of my visits to Barn Bluff are to rock climb there
40. It took me a few times before I remembered which road to take under the highway.
41. The first time we went, we drove in and around redwing for about 45 minutes before finding the entrance...it's not terribly well marked and doesn't pop up on any gps maps
42. The trail head is hard to spot of its your first time.
43. Parking has been very full
44. Only really had a problem finding it my first time there but not a huge deal. Parking was fine then but I could see how it might get bad sometimes.
45. On busier days parking can be hard to find
46. Being from out of town, it's a little tough to find the park.
47. The parking is always quite full. Additional planned, marked parking space is needed.
48. Only the first time.
49. The signage was unclear the first time I went there, circled around twice before seeing the side road from the highway
50. Love climbing there. Thanks.

Q10 In what activities do you typically participate at Barn Bluff Park? [check all that apply]

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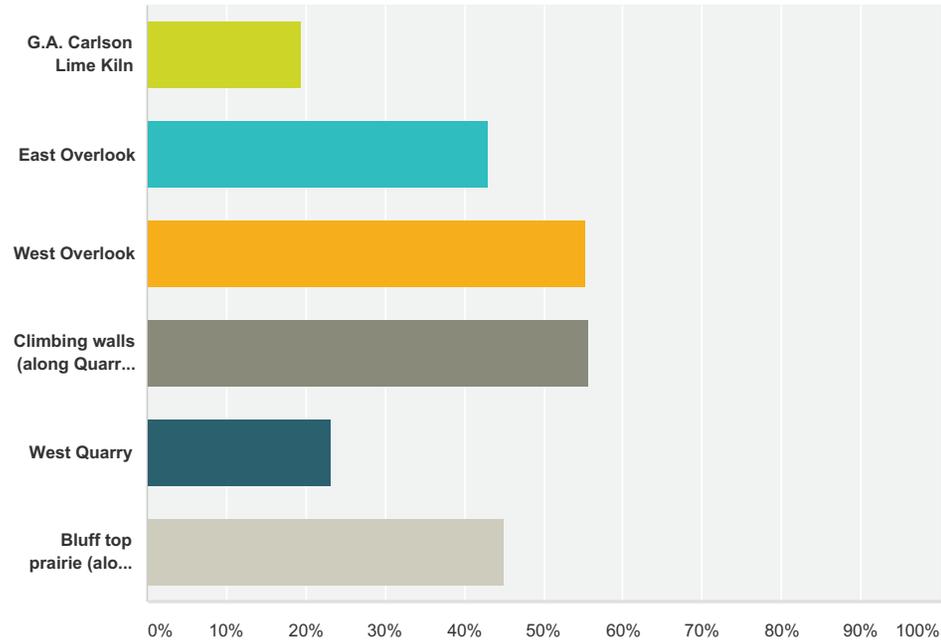
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Hiking	72.34%	170
Climbing	52.34%	123
Trail Running	14.04%	33
Picnicking	17.45%	41
Visiting historic features or locations	20.00%	47
Geocaching	5.53%	13
Birding	6.38%	15
Other (please specify)	6.38%	15
Total Respondents: 235		

Other.

1. Unleashed and no security unsafe conditions I won't go there ever.
2. Botany, scenery, relaxing
3. Look closely at the native prairie habitat.
4. photography, plant identification, recharging my batteries :)
5. We like to take photos.
6. Member of Audubon society, Member of Izaak Walton group. Red Conservation club.
7. photography
8. Photography
9. Meditation
10. Dog walk. Relaxing in chairs, reading books.
11. Photography
12. photography
13. Volunteer trail maintenance
14. Trail Maintenance
15. snowshoeing

Q11 When you visit, what primary destinations do you go to within Barn Bluff Park? [check all that apply]

Answered: 233 Skipped: 56



Answer Choices	Responses
G.A. Carlson Lime Kiln	19.31% 45
East Overlook	42.92% 100
West Overlook	55.36% 129
Climbing walls (along Quarry Trail)	55.79% 130
West Quarry	23.18% 54
Bluff top prairie (along Prairie Trail)	45.06% 105
Total Respondents: 233	

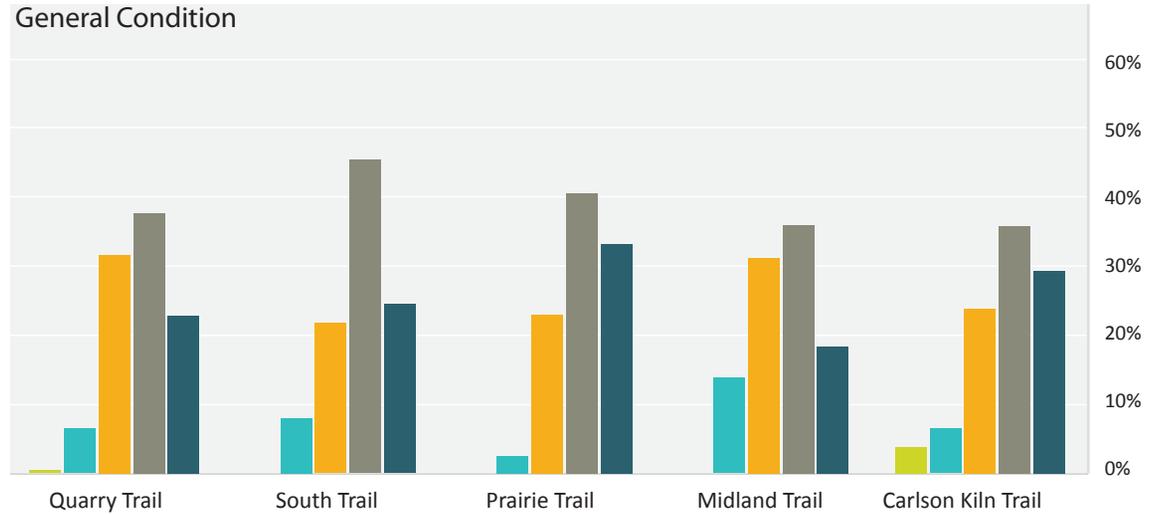
Other.

- Loose unleashed dogs don't go there.
- North and Quarry before North was closed.
- Never made it to the top
- North trail prior to its closure. Can it be made safer to open it back up to the public?
- North Side
- BTW- I hate the flagpole and the associated light pollution...this should be removed.
- Favorite is where we can Boulder. We loved the north trail and would love to see it back open.
- Always enjoy reviewing the names on the steps. Also take note of the remains of foundations along the south trail, partn of the history of RW
- The north trail has always been our favorite hike...most scenic, gradual and shady. Hopefully, that trail will not be closed permanently, but improved so that hikers can still enjoy the north side of the bluff.

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Q12 How do you rate the conditions of trails at Barn Bluff Park? [1= Very Poor, 5= Excellent]*Note: The North Trail is currently under study and closed to public access.

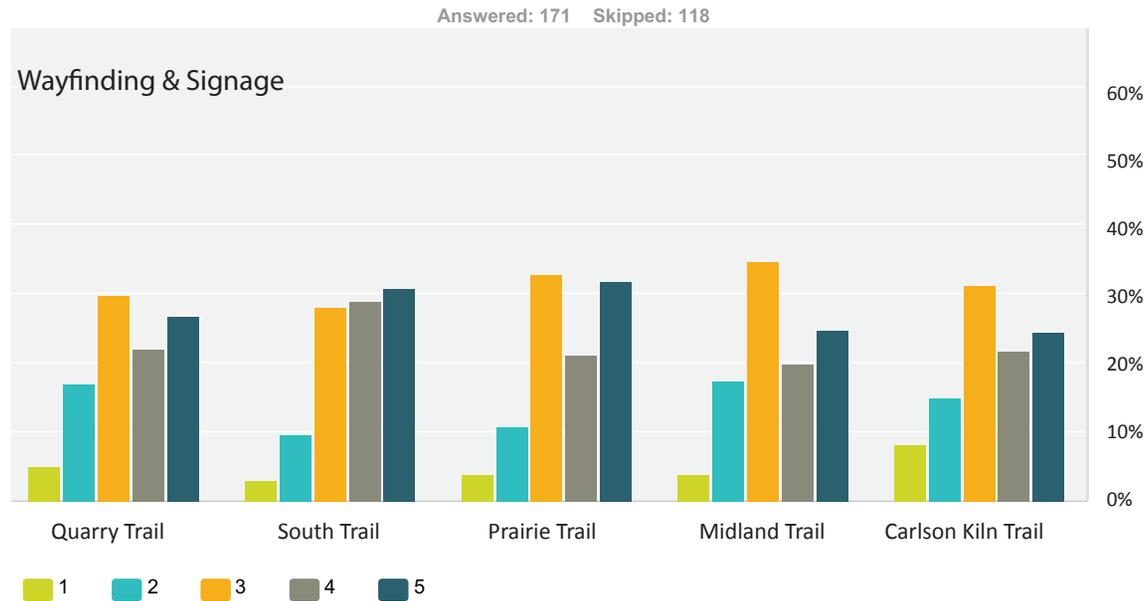
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Comments.

1. some vegetation growth in the summer narrows a few trails; some erosion on South Trail, but trail is wide enough to be only a minor issue for hiking
2. It is a very dangerous place and has cost many lives. No security unleashed dogs.
3. Erosion and invasives on trails should be addressed
4. Please don't "improve" it like they did at Memorial Park! They destroyed the natural reason I went.
5. I would like them to fix the north trail to make it safer, it would make for a beautiful more fulfilled workout/hike
6. I would not like to see railings or other obvious safety features installed in prairie or other visible areas.
7. I grew up on the bluff, so I don't look at the signs very much. I did notice that there was a lot more of them though.
8. What about minimal posts with rope or cable to hold as you walk along? Would be available only if needed for reassurance, it would not take away from the aesthetics.
9. The gravel going down to the west overlook is a bit dangerous - very easy to slip on. It was easier to walk on before they laid gravel down a few years ago.
10. Wayfinding: width no wider than a tree trunk so that views were never obstructed. Sign programs in destinations like these should be easily seen by the first-timer, but blend into the landscape for those who frequent the area. There is an art to sign locations. Sign placement is not arbitrary, nor is it simple. With several points of entry and many sites and destinations, it could be easy to over-sign a place like the bluff. Additionally, it aids in visitor confidence to place signs so that they can stand at one sign and spot the next one, serving as a trail-blazer that propels them forward. To design a highly functional program that uses minimal signage is an art form.
11. Open the north trail
12. The steep slope (after the Kiwanas stairs) up to the prairie trail is doable, but a little difficult coming down
13. The North trail was my favorite route as a kid. Will it ever be reopened?

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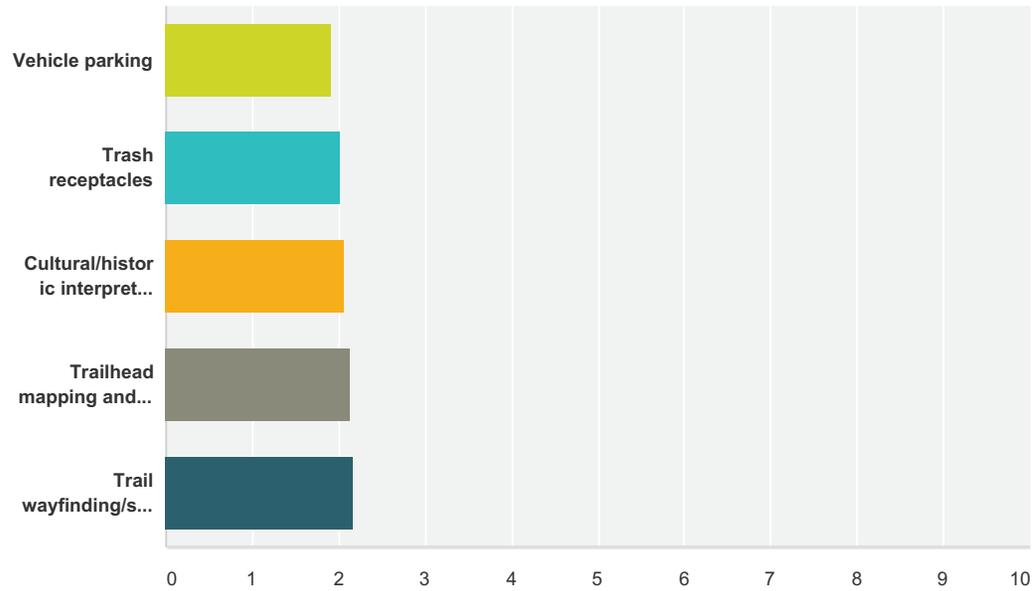
Comments.

14. These are nature trails which makes the walk so nice. Please don't update them so much that you take away the natural charm. As far as the north trail, all you have to do is make sure it is signed and fenced. You will always get people that will want to go around it and take the chance to walk the trail - you won't be able to stop them. Please don't spend a ton of money on it - cover liability with signage and fence only.
15. Some of the trails are not wide enough for people to easily pass easy other going different directions, which can make the hike more difficult. Also it would be nice to see which trails are easier and/or shorter if you have younger children to gauge how difficult the hike will be.
16. The best features you can add are nothing. Put your shovels away and resist the urge to litter the whole bluff with more signs more concrete trails and more unnatural objects that do not belong on the natural landscape. People enjoy natural views without any tall buildings and bluffs. Not out of place flag poles and handrails and concrete blocks lining trails.
17. signage for people that aren't there enough to know the names of the trails could be improved - something to let people know how to get back down the bluff etc. I've been stopped many times by people asking which way is the fastest to get down vs retracing their steps. Maps with You are Here Markers at each trail intersection and distances would also help here.
18. I do not find the Prairie Trail to be very safe. (especially towards east and west ends) Not much off the path is the cliff drop that if an individual is not paying attention they could potentially fall.
19. Please keep the north trail open
20. To be honest, we know where to go so do not pay much attention to signage. Coming DOWN is the most dangerous in our opinion because of shifting gravel under your feet and washed out areas.
21. I only took the midland trail once and it was boring; haven't been back recently to comment on trail quality. Trails are so close to Carlson Kiln.
22. Signage greatly improved over the years. Thanks
23. On the safety I love the fact the park is pretty natural. I would hate it if everything was fenced off. Please, please keep it open and natural.
24. South trail has some bad erosion issues in places. Not sure what actually can be done though without major work. Does not affect my enjoyment of park but will be a continued maintenance issue
25. End of quarry trail and beginning of the closed north section need to be better marked. I've seen plenty of people confused trying to the west overlook head off down that trail that may not be prepared for the poor condition.
26. The north trail needs to be addressed.
27. North Trial needs attention ASAP. It would be well used if it was open. Everyone likes a loop hike. And it's an awesome trail if safety is improved.
28. Add Signs on the Prairie to stop people from throw rock off the top onto climber below.
29. None
30. The quarry trail is getting eroded. The main first step approach is getting rotted out, and part of the switch back is getting eroded. Also, many bushwhacked trails have been cut along the main trail leading to more erosion.
31. Willing to do volunteer trail maintenance any weekend.
32. The Quarry Trail needs a ton of erosion prevention implemented
33. I put 5 for safety as I believe that added safety features would detract and our safety is up to us. The world is only as safe as you act within it.
34. Finding the climbing area was a little confusing the first time I went.
35. I have no idea what the names of the different trails are. Are there signs....

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Q13 What park facilities have you used in the last 12 months and how satisfied are you with them?

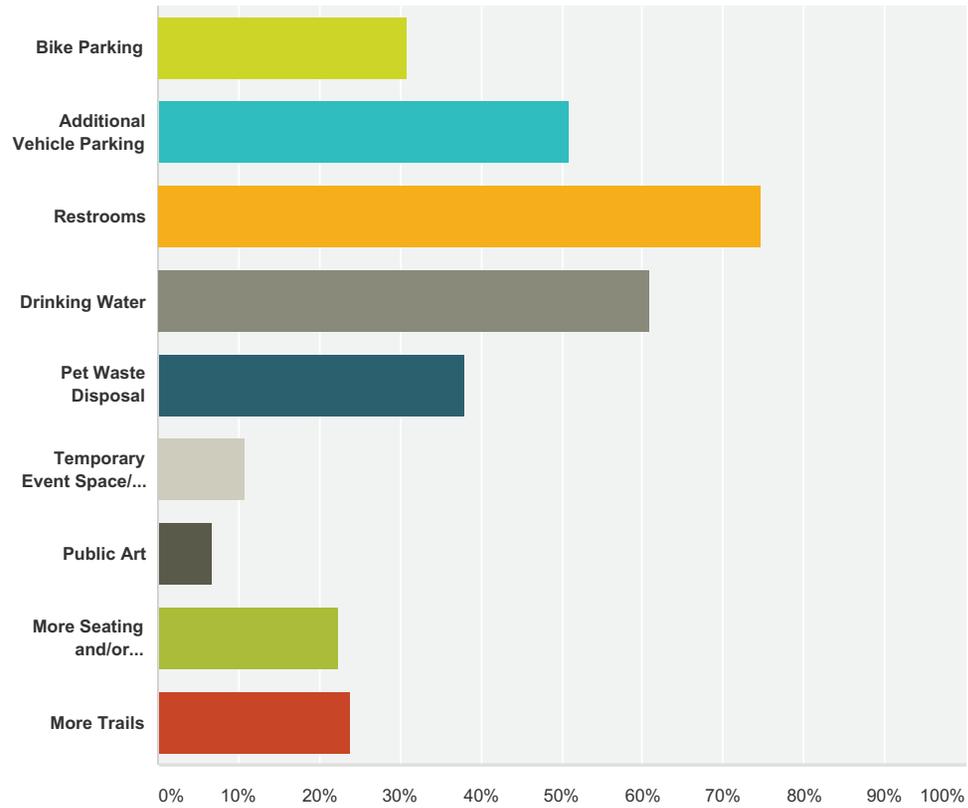
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	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Vehicle parking	23.58% 50	58.96% 125	13.68% 29	0.94% 2	2.83% 6	212	1.92
Trash receptacles	19.90% 40	47.26% 95	19.90% 40	1.00% 2	11.94% 24	201	2.02
Cultural/historic interpretive signs	13.30% 25	50.00% 94	13.83% 26	2.13% 4	20.74% 39	188	2.06
Trailhead mapping and information	14.87% 29	55.38% 108	18.97% 37	3.59% 7	7.18% 14	195	2.12
Trail wayfinding/signage	16.06% 31	48.19% 93	27.46% 53	2.59% 5	5.70% 11	193	2.18

BARN BLUFF PARK GENERAL USE SURVEY Q14 What facilities do you feel are important to add at Barn Bluff Park? [check all that apply]

Answered: 210 Skipped: 79



Answer Choices	Responses
Bike Parking	30.95% 65
Additional Vehicle Parking	50.95% 107
Restrooms	74.76% 157
Drinking Water	60.95% 128
Pet Waste Disposal	38.10% 80
Temporary Event Space/ Gathering Areas	10.95% 23
Public Art	6.67% 14
More Seating and/or Overlooks	22.38% 47
More Trails	23.81% 50
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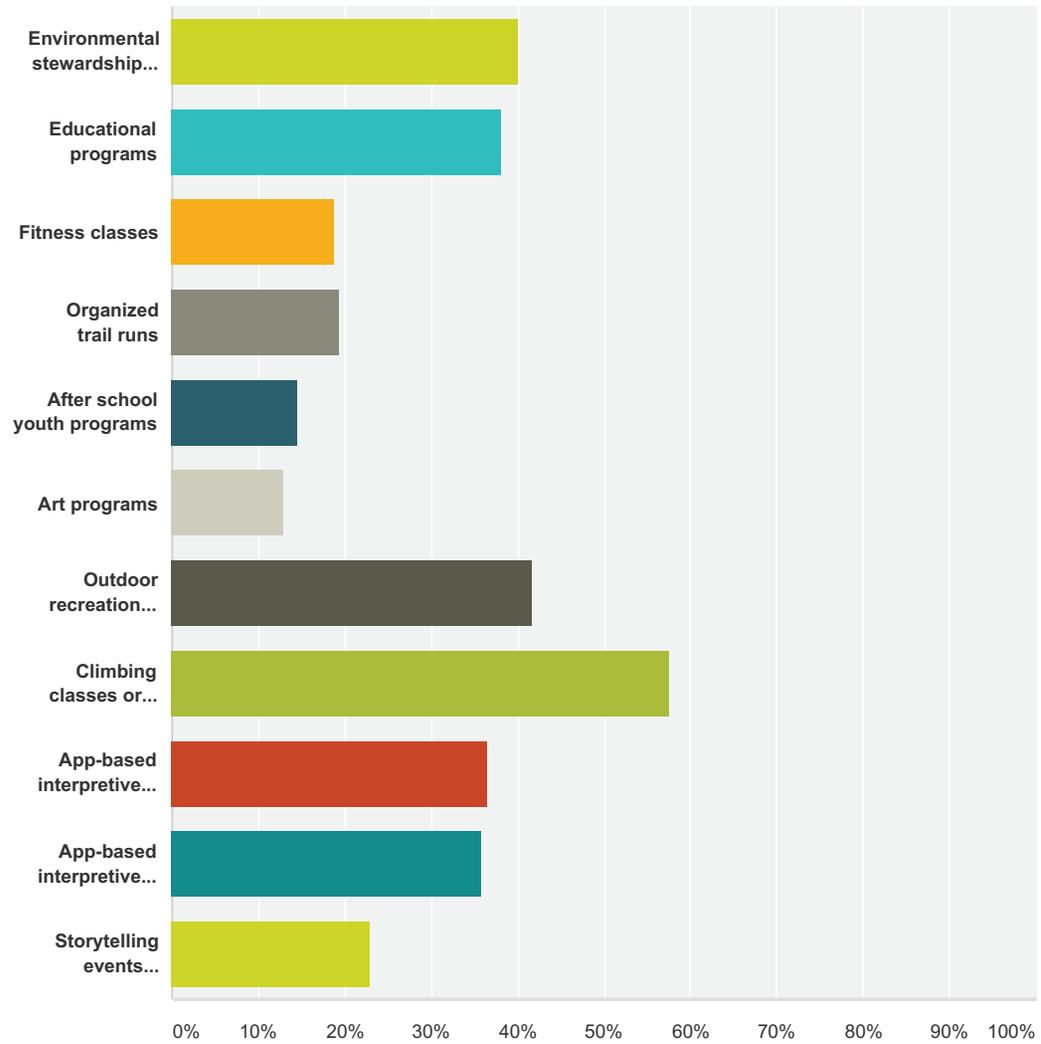
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Comments.

1. rustic trails are fine, number of trails are fine; reopen North Trail, it may need some safety improvements but is an important loop in the system, unique
2. Red Wing does not want tourists where is the cruiseboat and trolley/
3. The natural features and native plants are most important. Please avoid over developing. The flag is not appropriate - move it to Memorial or in town.
4. Keep it simple. No need to add anything.
5. Please don't "improve" it like they did at Memorial Park! They destroyed the natural reason I went.
6. Information about those who have perished on Barn Bluff...where were they? what were they doing? how old? etc. as a deterrent to leaving the trails
7. The summit can benefit from discreet historical and cultural interpretive efforts. The area around the flagpole is a place that's been visited for thousands of years. Its also a natural place to rest and view. I think quarry stone seats or earth dugouts and interpretive signage near the pole and graves would help visitors experience our bluff in a more comprehensive way. I don't think these additions should be visible from below.
8. None of this junk is needed. The bluff is fine the way it is. The idiots that went on the north trail when it was closed shouldn't be the reason for all this. The map was outdated at the beginning of the trail that claims the North trail was still open. That's not their fault. What was their fault is that they went passed the sign and trespassed. Put a better flippen sign up so idiot out of towners over the age of 50 take it seriously that the trail is actually CLOSED.
9. Open North side Trail
10. Sign programs in destinations like these should be easily seen by the first-timer, but blend into the landscape for those who frequent the area. It is a difficult balance but quite elegant when done well.
11. serious work on North trail or block it off completely
12. North trail
13. Reopen north trail, as it is. Maybe a caution or enter at your own risk. It shouldn't be closed, life is risky, take the risk or leave it, but let the individual decide.
14. I like how much nature there is on the trail. I don't want there to be any artificial attractions.
15. A safer north trail. We love the north trail
16. Don't mess with the natural beauty too much. Keep it the bluff we love.
17. I'd like to see a trail go all the way around the bluff, reopen the stairway!
18. Portable rest room near parking area would be good enough.
19. Nothing keep this natural.
20. It's hard as a woman to try to find a place to go to the bathroom. I don't mind using the outdoors to go, but I don't want to be exposing myself to kids and strangers either
21. Parking permits to fund any costs that occur for this park.
22. If you are going to add a picnic area, add it at the bottom of the bluff, over by the kiln side as on top it could become more dangerous of falling with more people on top.
23. Reopen North Trail
24. Keeping it as natural as possible.
25. Park visitors should be expected to bring their own water and pet waste bags. I do not have a dog, but that is what I would do as a responsible pet owner.
26. Better trail maintenance and repair. Trail and bluff erosion is pretty bad. These issues should be addressed before more facilities are added to this great park.
27. Very few, if any, new things should be built on the bluff. Out of respect to the Dakota people, and because Barn Bluff should not be built up like Memorial Park. To be honest, I would not be in favor of pouring money into making the trails more accessible. People with physical limitations can access the beauty of the area via Memorial. Of course, they need to be safe, but I wouldn't want to see any restrooms on the West Overlook, or handrails along every trail, or garbage cans. Keep it as natural as possible. I think that will keep the allure of the bluff as a natural space alive (for tourism interests) but also provide a relative level of respect to the Dakota.
28. Better interpretive and historical signage- better trail signs, and more maps indicating this...
29. Would love to see quarry trail extended again.
30. I would keep it very minimal and basic. The beauty of the park is its natural environment. Adding a ton would distract from the experience. Most of the time parking is fine outside of a few weekends during the summer and fall, but overall fine.
31. Figuring out a way to create a loop, as without the north trail it is an out and back thing which is fine but less enjoyable for me
32. Camping
33. Fix North Trail
34. Signs to discourage people from throwing rocks over the edge of the cliff.
35. Better trail maintenance and maybe putting up temporary fencing along the bushwhacked cut trails.
36. Safe trails and toilet are most important
37. Better camping area away from highways and low lying land.
38. A port-a-john at the base and maybe a latrine at the top?
39. More bolts and anchors. Replacement and updating of aging bolts and anchors.
40. Signage could be improved. People are always asking for directions. I know there have been signs about not throwing rocks from the overlooks. It might be good to put a new one up adding something about... Please don't hurt someone... There are people below. Then people might be more likely to heed the advise.
41. It would be neat to reopen the trail into town near the Citizen's Memorial Stairway.
42. people go there to get to the top and look out.

**Q15 In what activities/programs would you participate if available at Barn Bluff Park?
[check all that apply]**

Answered: 170 Skipped: 119



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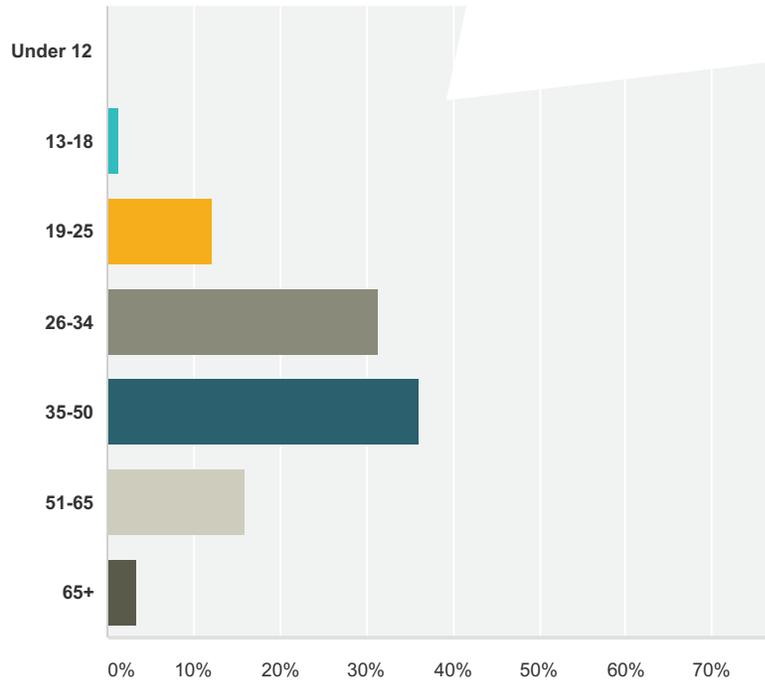
1. Unleashed dogs and unsafe conditions
2. These are great but addressing the erosion and maintaining natural landscape are priority. Please do not over develop Barn Bluff. Any "improvements" should blend in with the natural features. The flagpole and even the overlook are visually harsh on the eye.
3. None. I like to go there and hike. No need to make it complicated.
4. A smart phone app that connects with various points around the bluff. So, rather than having interpretive signs, the app tells the story of whatever you're looking at from any given point of interest.
5. If I moved back to Red Wing, I would be interested in all of these things.
6. You have a better chance at these things happening on Memorial/Sorins than Barn. Let's be honest. People that are handicapped would not be able to participate. At least memorial you can drive up and yes there are certain restrictions for handicapped but at least they can get to the top of the bluff.
7. love all these ideas
8. Let it be a quiet trail, do we have to increase the traffic at every trail? There's so much at memorial park just a short distance away leave this one more rustic.
9. None, I go there with a small group to enjoy the peace and quiet of nature and would like it to not be commercialized by tours.
10. How is City of Red Wing going to teach anything about environmentalism? All you are interested in doing is developing untouched river banks and paving over untouched landscape throughout the city.
11. making sure that the people that enjoy this park, pay for this park. I do not want any more taxes to support this. If Downtown Main street can not conduct business and make a go of it, they are bad business owners.
12. Do not involve CE&Rec as they will want a fee
13. None.
14. We will continue to participate in park cleanup events and instructing young and new climbers in climb safety. I would love to see more education opportunities at the park: history, geology, biology, and culture of the area.
15. I just hope your plan is kept simple and still enables the general public to use the bluff without fees.
16. Cannot bring enough informational programs in my opinion.
17. I think a climbing class for youth and adults would be outstanding. We have a premier climbing area, that goes very under utilized unless you are already connected to climbers in the area.
18. I enjoy climbing with friends
19. Please limit the number of classes both in size and timing. The excessive amounts of people in classes and member of classes and how often they take place at Taylors Falls is the number one reason I climb at Barnes Bluff

BARN BLUFF PARK GENERAL USE SURVEY

DEMOGRAPHICS

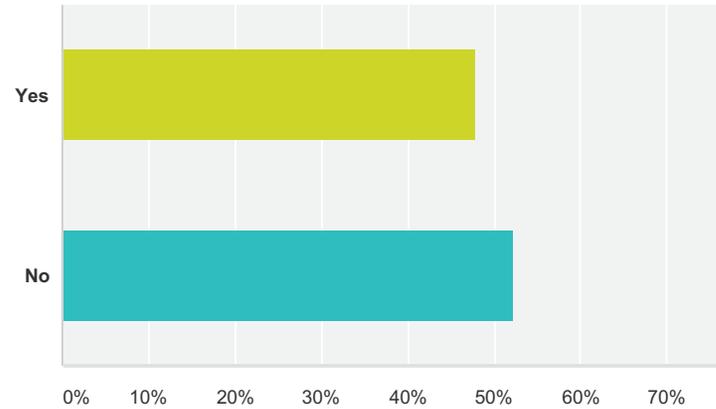
Q16 How old are you?

Answered: 233 Skipped: 56



Q17 Are you a Red Wing resident?

Answered: 234 Skipped: 55



Respondents are from....

- 48% from Red Wing
- 30% from Twin Cities
- 6% Southeast Minnesota
- 13% Other Minnesota
- 3% Out of State

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GENERAL COMMENTS

1. great space; more amenities at the trail head (parking, restrooms, water, gathering spaces, interpretation...); keep trails and bluff natural/primitive; more interpretation; Native American interpretation/importance should be expanded (if possible); move flag pole to Memorial Park overlook
2. Red Wing is not a place I would want to ever visit.
3. Thank you for managing Barn Bluff and all the coordination you do.
4. Please don't "improve" it like they did at Memorial Park! They destroyed the natural reason I went.
5. Open the north trail!
6. I hope over time the south forest could be converted to prairie or oak savannah and join the rest of the prairie restoration efforts. It would be good for habitat and be very striking to look at.
7. thanks for caring about this bluff
8. Keep the park as natural as possible, but include some ways to include as many people as possible to enjoy the view with some handicap accessibility.
9. Stop trying to fluff up stupidity with the bluffs. I understand that they generate tourism and our town needs that to survive because we can't rely on Red Wing Shoe and the Pottery/Stoneware forever. Just leave the bluffs in the natural state their in. If stairs needs to be fixed or replace, fine. If a historical landmark needs to be updated, fine. If a map marking the NORTH TRAIL IS CLOSED, then have it done stat. Don't leave the beginning of the trail map MIA for a whole summer after some idiot doesn't obey a sign and falls to his death. You will never keep people from obeying the sign. There will be morons out there that will do whatever they want. Put a sign up there that says fatalities have occurred when disobeying CLOSED trail sign. It's not rocket science people. Just leave the added fluff out. We don't need that crap. If you want educational stuff to occur let the Environmental Learning Center and Friends of the Bluffs hold an event. Let organizations in our community that are already established do what they do best.
10. Take down flag and lighting
11. I know that safety on the bluff is a concern, however I think that people know that their outdoor activities may carry a risk. I encourage you not to go overboard on safety measures - when someone ventures outside they assume that some amount of risk is involved; you cannot save people from themselves. It is important that in increasing the safety of the bluff, we do not take away from the land - or the adventure.
12. Sign programs in destinations like these should be easily seen by the first-timer, but blend into the landscape for those who frequent the area. It is a difficult balance but quite elegant when done well.
13. Great progress has been made on the bluff to date. Keep up the good work.
14. Part of the beauty of the bluff is that is simply a bluff, to enjoy as it is
15. Leave Barn Bluff alone. It doesn't need rest rooms, picnic shelters, etc. it is a bluff for hiking. Let it be.
16. Miss the north trail
17. Don't close trails because irresponsible people make mistakes. Personal responsibility needs to be the rule, not closures.
18. Many older people also hike so more seating (it can be primitive) along the way would be nice.
19. I love Barn Bluff and would really love the north trail to be open, its what makes Barn Bluff fun and amazing!!
20. Youth prigrams would be great to have. Such a unique experience to the area. Adult climbing classes would be great also where equipment and experienced climbers could introduce others to climbing on the bluffs.
21. thanks
22. Some things are best left alone. We feel strongly that this is a piece of RW natural history and should be respected as such. Leave it basically natural and don't spend a ton of unnecessary money on it
23. Repair stairs on west side of the North Trail, and open it back up with caution signs.....adults only, open in dry conditions only, experienced hikers only.....
24. I am concerned that all you want to do is developed Red Wings untouched areas in order to attract what you think will be big revenue.
25. I am TIRED of my taxes going to a small business in Downtown Red Wing, that is only open from 9am to 5pm, and then complains about the "lack of customers" and "we need financial support" when they are not doing anything to support the residents of Red Wing by providing a commodity that residents can use.
26. figure out a way for seniors to visit
27. I had to grow up with my father working for the city and having to deal with the deaths from people falling. I would like you to be very considerate of the safety of the public and note that people are not always the most safety conscious.
28. As a kid we lived one block away, played in the quarries, sandpit, rope cave, dynamite cave for five years in the late '40s
29. Lebanon Hills is a very nice park.
30. Barn Bluff and Red Wing are wonderful places to visit and enjoy our Minnesota environment.
31. Keep it simple with low maintenance. Getting things "in place" is one thing, but sometimes it seems that we forget that things have to be maintained and this takes manpower and money.

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32. Keep any improvements consistent with the natural character of the bluff.
33. Climbing is my main motivation for going to Barn Bluff. We do our best to keep the trail clean and appreciate the freedom you allow us. Please allow us to continue what we are doing and we would very much appreciate it.
34. Try to do the best you can in respecting Dakota culture. I know you cannot make the tribe completely satisfied, as their vision is completely antithetical to the goals of the city, but attempting to make real gestures (not just talking about making them) to honor Barn Bluff as a sacred space is very important. Most dissonant are the goals of the Dakota people and the rock climbing community. While I wish rock climbing could simply continue on a different bluff, I understand the rock climbers perspective. Try to educate that community in particular--to be stereotypical, I assume many in the rock climbing community would be receptive to Native interests and stewardship--that when they climb this bluff, it is disrespectful to the Dakota, so minimize impact and keep all conduct respectful.
35. I would like to see less invasive plants. Also at the beginning of the prairie trail, the plants are too close to the trail and reach out and grab you as you pass by, and the kids always protest right in that area.
36. Barn Bluff is a fun place. Please keep it accessible for all out door recreational activities.
37. I would prefer not to see much more development on Barn Bluff, such as the huge platform and railings at the West Overlook
38. A restroom or porta potty at the trail head would be good. Water would be a perk, but not absolute. If there are controlled burns I would love to be a part of that.
39. Ice climbing and mountain biking are huge, be great to integrate that.
40. Need to respect the Native American heritage.
41. Thank you for all of the work done to spruce up the trails! Great improvement in the past few years!
42. I enjoy how simple the park is (few amenities), but it needs to have a routine trail maintenance program established.
43. Awesome that you are gathering input from all of the key players. Keep it up.
44. Fix north trail/make it safer
45. No.
46. Great park! Would love some bathrooms for long climbing days.
47. Please consider bathrooms!
48. Adding outhouses or BIFs would be great!
49. Let services advertise at the main lot for a fee
50. Please do not over develop the park! The park is great how it is and needs a little help, such as paki g and trail signage.
51. As a climber who will often spend a full day at Barn Bluff, I think adding a bathroom to the park would be a game changer. It is the most important issue at the bluff for me as a day user.
52. Tell people not to climb a day or 2 after rain.
53. A must on the bathrooms or at least outhouses of some sort.
54. Any effort to discourage people from throwing rocks off the top of the bluff would be appreciated. When rocks are thrown from up there, they land right where the climbers are at the base of the cliff. It's scary and dangerous for us! Maybe some signage or something?
55. I love access to barn bluff climbing. As a general rule, I think that the climbing community has done good work with maintaining and establishing a safe place to climb. The easier routes on barn bluff may lack proper bolting but that is a philosophical question. The bluff is a place where I spend a lot of time
56. Barn Bluff has been a big part of my life for the last 25 years and I appreciate Red Wings