

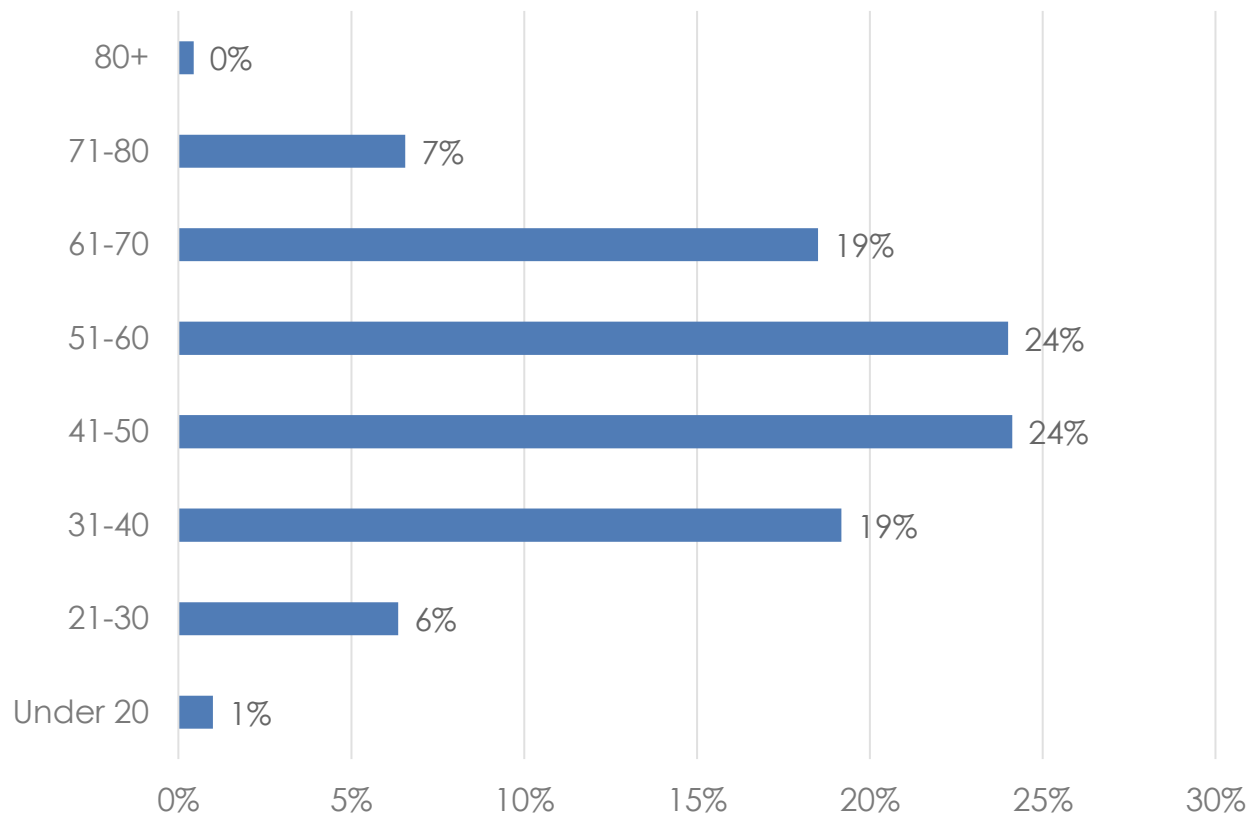
Ridge to Rivers Fall 2023 Trail User Survey

Open October 4 – November 3, 2023

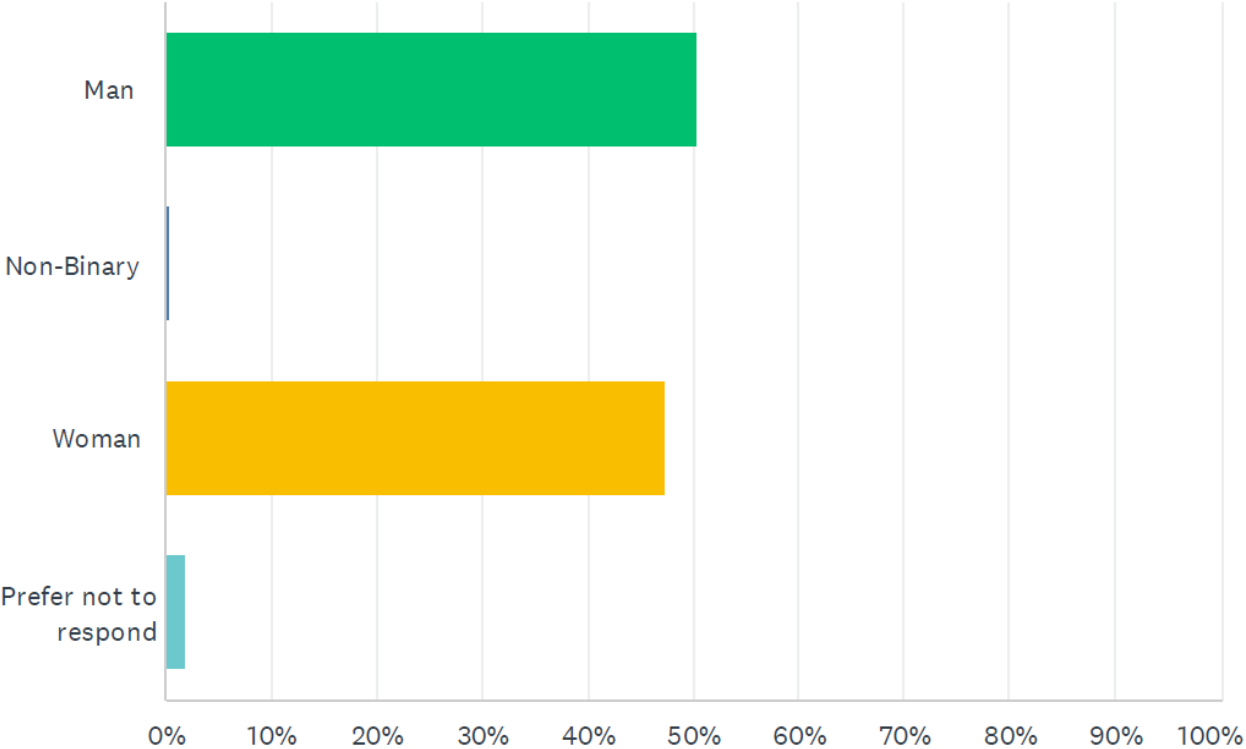
3,442 Total Responses



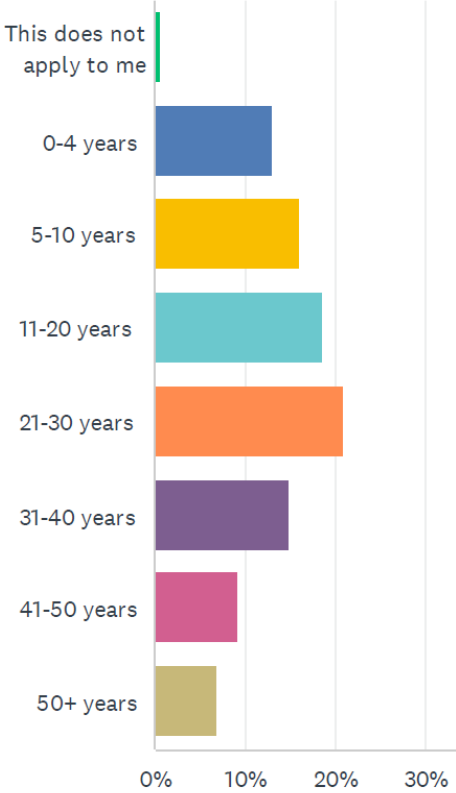
What is your age?



What is your gender identity?

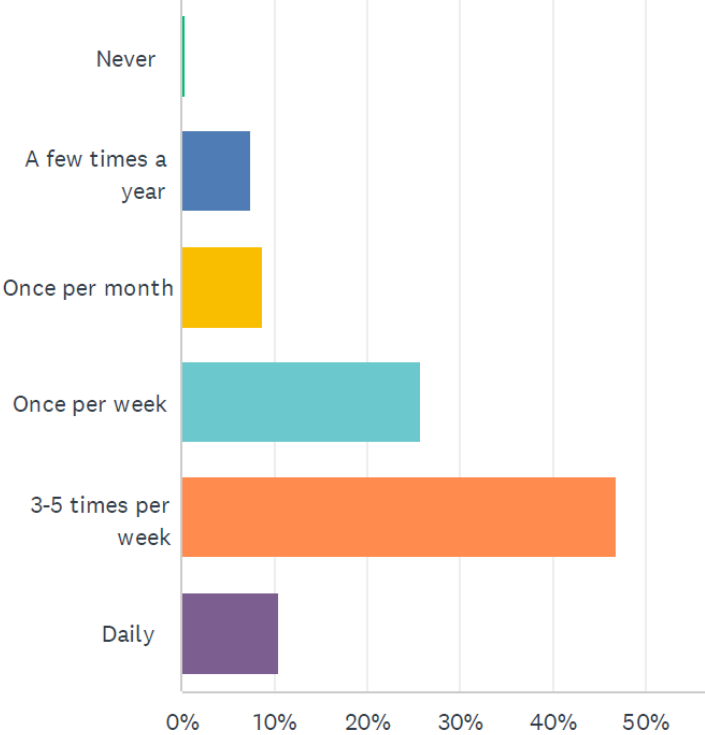


How long have you lived in the Treasure Valley?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
This does not apply to me	0.61% 21
0-4 years	13.00% 445
5-10 years	15.98% 547
11-20 years	18.64% 638
21-30 years	20.81% 712
31-40 years	14.85% 508
41-50 years	9.21% 315
50+ years	6.90% 236
TOTAL	3,422

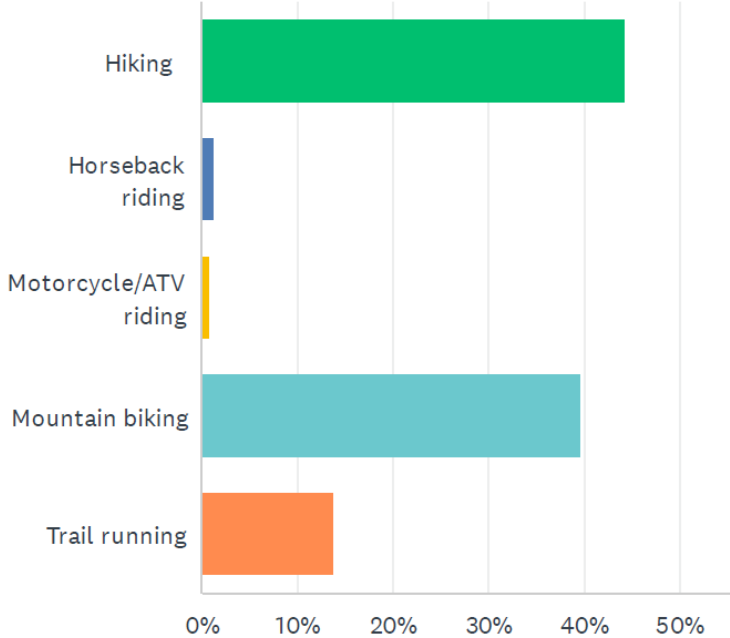
How often do you use the Ridge to Rivers Trail System?



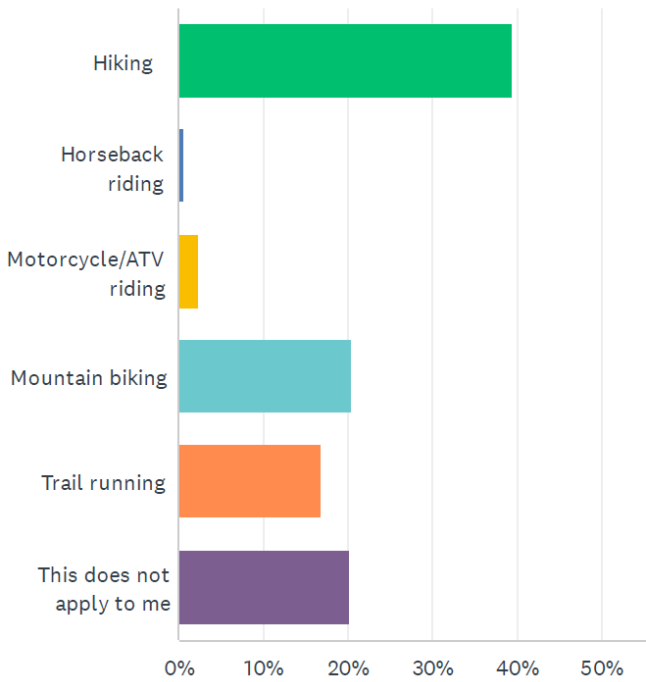
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Never	0.53%
A few times a year	7.39%
Once per month	8.74%
Once per week	25.89%
3-5 times per week	46.93%
Daily	10.52%
TOTAL	

Please tell us your ways of enjoying the Boise Foothills.

Primary Use:



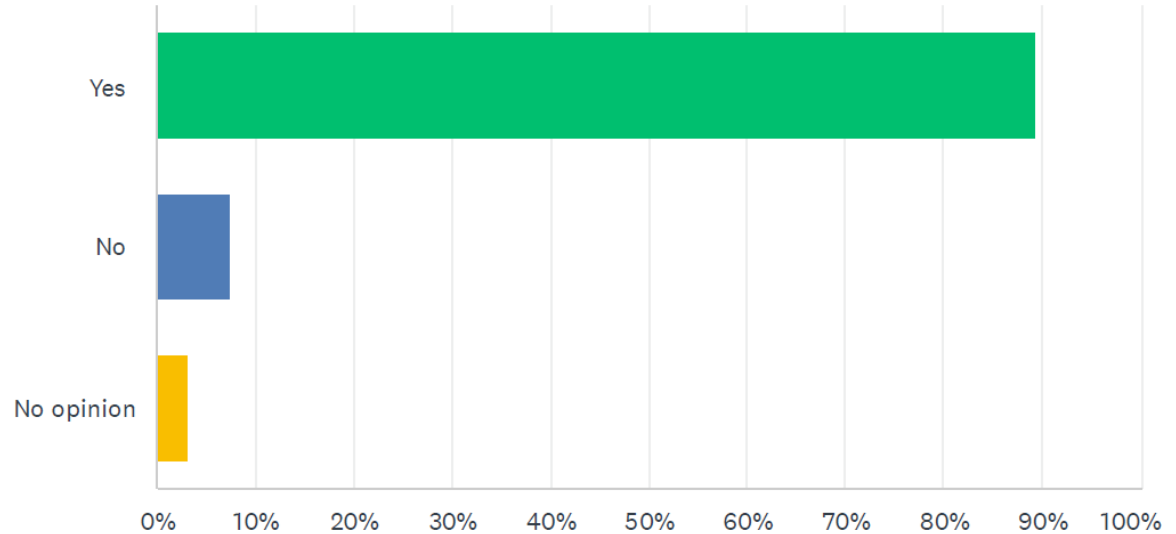
Secondary Use:



Trail Management Feedback:

Historically, Ridge to Rivers has established seasonal closures for some trails due to muddy conditions.

Would you support the implementation of seasonal closures at other trail locations to help protect the trail system during the winter/wet season?

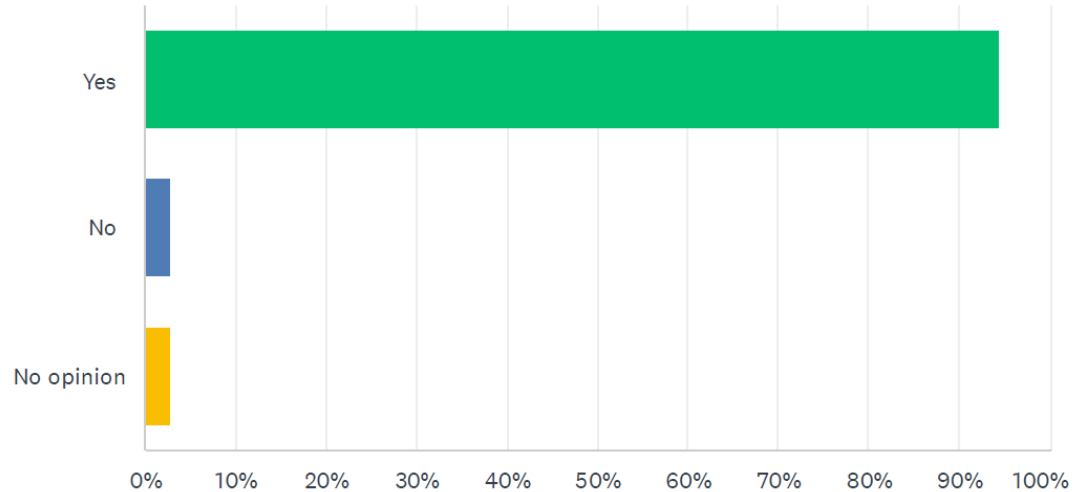


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	89.26%
No	7.45%
No opinion	3.29%
TOTAL	

Trail Management Feedback:

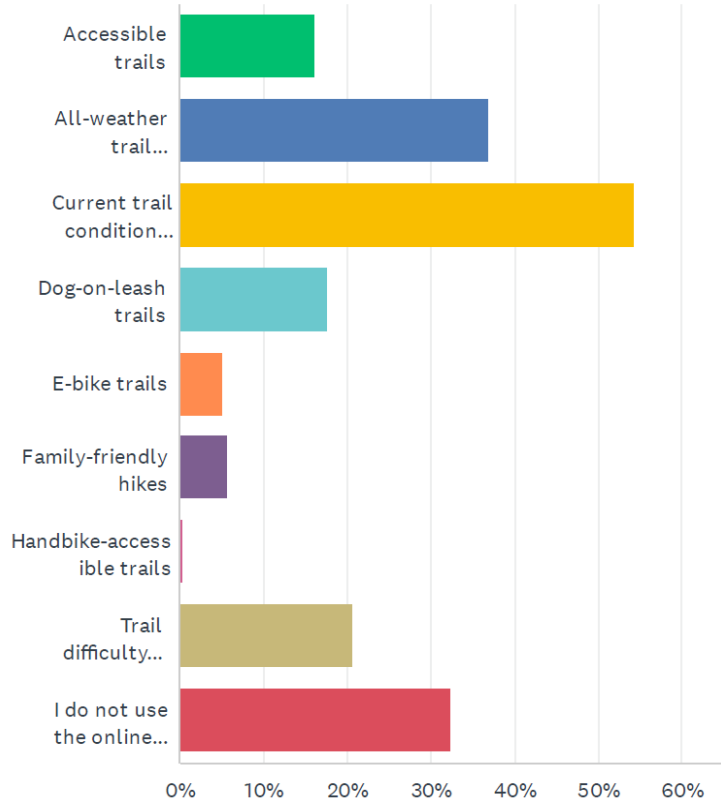
Large storm events, like the significant amount of rainfall Boise received this summer, seem to be increasing. Realigning identified 'problem sections' could help mitigate this problem and allow crews to focus their maintenance efforts more evenly across the entire trail system.

Would you support the realignment of certain trail sections that are prone to erosion?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	94.45%
No	2.67%
No opinion	2.88%
TOTAL	

Do you use the interactive map tool on the Ridge to Rivers website? What information do you find most useful?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Accessible trails	16.15%
All-weather trail information	36.88%
Current trail condition reports	54.31%
Dog-on-leash trails	17.65%
E-bike trails	5.05%
Family-friendly hikes	5.79%
Handbike-accessible trails	0.39%
Trail difficulty ratings	20.69%
I do not use the online interactive map	32.34%
Total Respondents: 3,349	

Is there additional information you would find helpful if added to the interactive map?

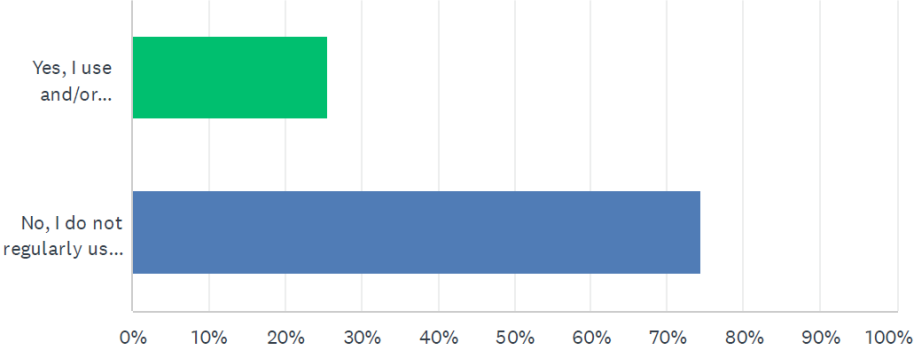
Key takeaways and our response:

- People appreciate the trail condition reports; trail crews will continue to post regular updates on the Facebook page, website, and interactive map.
 - Following many requests for trail loop recommendations, the trail crew is putting together various suggestions for both hikers and bikers throughout the foothills trail system.
 - There were requests for a QR code linking to the interactive map to be available at trailheads – these have now been installed.
 - People want to know peak use times and how to beat the crowds on popular trails. A new webpage features these observations and some recommendations from our trail crew for busy times on the trails: <https://www.ridgetorivers.org/hikes-and-rides/best-times-to-hit-the-trails/>
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Accessible Trails:

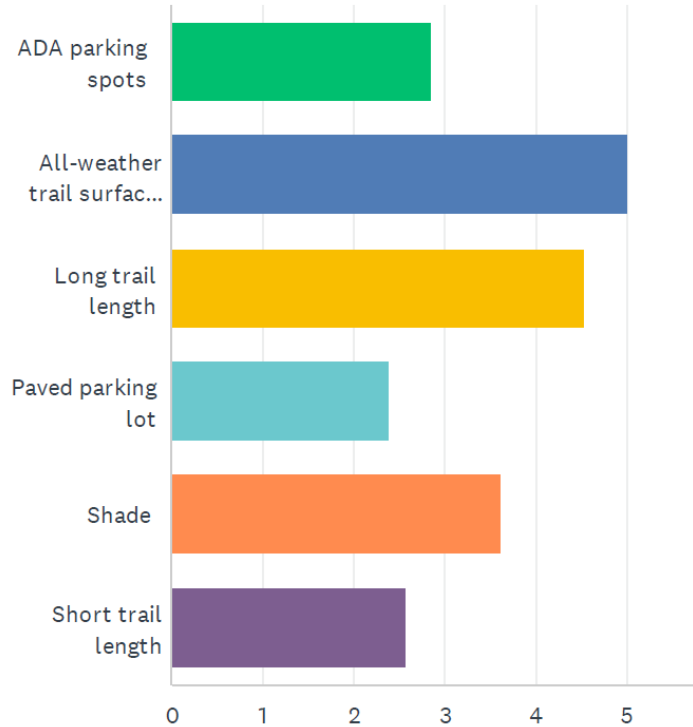
Earlier this year, the City of Boise celebrated accessibility improvements in Camel’s Back Reserve and Hulls Gulch Reserve, including the addition of the Grove Loop Trail.

Do you use accessible trails throughout the Ridge to Rivers system?



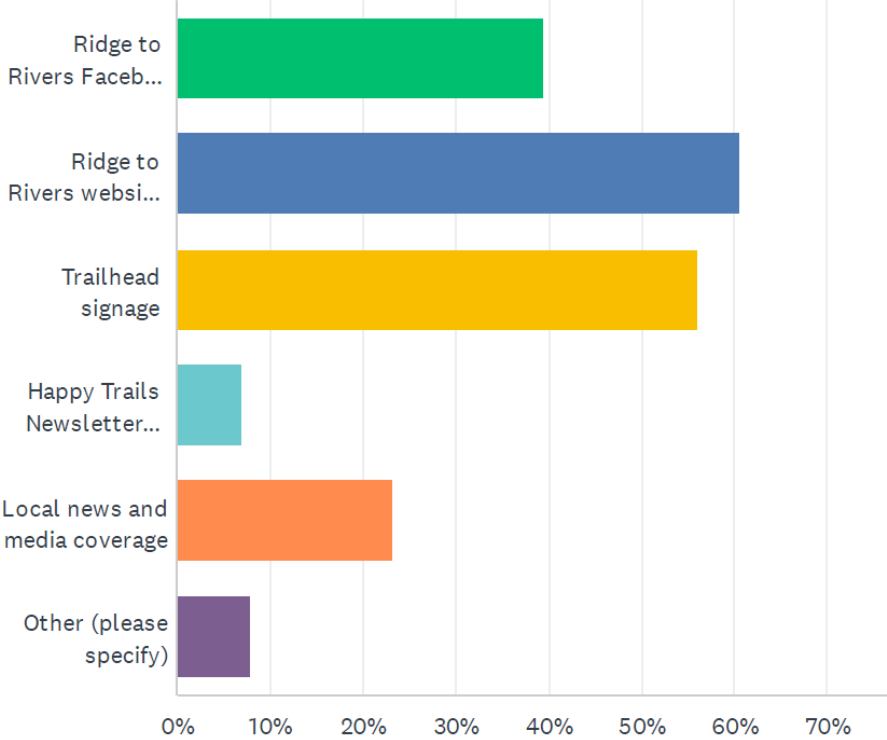
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I use and/or regularly visit accessible trails.	25.69%	860
No, I do not regularly use accessible trails.	74.31%	2,488
TOTAL		3,348

Rank the features you would prioritize when deciding which trail to visit and/or would like to see more of in the Boise Foothills.



Accessible Features	Score
All-weather trail surface (gravel mix)	5.02
Long trail length	4.54
Shade	3.62
ADA parking spots	2.86
Short trail length	2.57
Paved parking lot	2.39

How do you currently get information about Ridge to Rivers?



Is there anything else you'd like to share about your trail experience?

Feedback and Next Steps:

- **There are lots of requests for text message alerts about trail conditions. We are now making this happen! Users can now opt into occasional texts about trail conditions, closures, or urgent trail information.**
 1. [Download RainoutLine from the app store](#)
 2. Search for Boise Parks and Recreation
 3. Find Ridge to Rivers Trail Condition Report
 4. Click Bell and Star to receive notifications, allow notifications on your device
 - **Users continue to like the separation of uses; there is a call for community education about trail etiquette across all user groups.**
 - **People love hitting the trails with their pups but need to be better about cleaning up after them.**
 - **There is a shared appreciation for the trails, how well they're maintained, and how grateful people are for the trail crew members.**
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