

Ferry County Rail-Trail Community Survey I – FINAL RESULTS

Summary: It's clear that the community is very interested in the Rail-Trail – and interested in using it actively (walking, biking, skiing). The top priority for all users is the surface, but folks also want toilets, trailheads, mile markers, and benches.

A total of 341 responses!!

1. What is your county of residence?

Ferry – 91% Okanogan – 1% Stevens – 3% Other – 5%

2. How old are you?

Under 16 – 1% 16-25 – 4% 26-35 – 10% 36-45 – 11%
46-55 – 18% **56-65 – 36%** 66+ -- 21%

More than half of respondents 56+

3. What is your gender?

Male – 48% Female – 52%

4. In what ways might you use (or want to use) the Rail-Trail?

#1 – Walking – 84%
#2 – Bicycling – 61%
#3 -- Cross Country Skiing – 42%
#4 -- Nature Observation/Birding – 41%
#5 -- Family Outing – 40%

5. From the list of above activities, please indicate the *primary* way in which you are most likely to participate on the Rail-Trail:

#1: Walking
#2: Bicycling

6. How often do you – or would you – use the Rail-Trail?

Daily – 17% Weekends Only – 9% Not At All – 2%
Weekly -- 41% Occasionally – 30%

7. Please check the landscaping/design elements that would enhance your experience on the Rail-Trail:
(check all that apply)

#1: Surface – 328 (96%)
Compacted Gravel Surface (only) -- 119
Dual Surface (gravel & asphalt) -- 209
#2: Toilet Facilities – 254 (75%)
#3: Trailhead Parking – 211 (62%)
#4: Mile Markers – 201 (59%)
#5: Benches – 176 (52%)

8. From the list of above design elements, please indicate the top three elements most important to you for the Rail-Trail:

1. Surface -- 265
2. Toilet Facilities -- 186
3. Trailhead Parking – 107
4. Benches – 81
5. Mile Markers -- 68

9. How do you (or plan to) primarily get to the Rail-Trail?

Drive – 70% Bicycle – 17% Walk – 21% Horseback – 6%