



Barriers to visitation

Better access to parks, equipment rental would increase visitation

Visitors were asked, “In general, what changes would help you to visit regional parks and trails more often?” They could choose more than one answer. For both parks (Table 11) and trails (Table 12), 29% of the respondents felt that none of the changes would help them to visit more often. White visitors were more likely to answer that none of the items are barriers. For both parks and trails, better walking/biking access, a closer park, and better access to equipment rental were most noted changes to help visitors go more often.

Young people ages 12-24 were more likely than other ages to choose barriers, such as better walking/biking access, closer parks, access to equipment rental, and other items. Visitors ages 25-44 were more likely to list “more activities for kids,” as were BIPOC visitors to parks. Lower costs and park access by public transit were more often named by the 12-24 age group, BIPOC visitors, and those earning less than \$60,000/year than by other groups.

Parks	
Would this change help you visit parks more often?	Percent saying yes
None of the items are barriers	29%
Better walking or biking access	15%
A park closer to me	14%
Better access to equipment rental	14%
More activities for kids #*	14%
Lower cost (entrance fees, rental fees)	13%
Park programming and features that are more interesting to me	10%
Better parking lot facilities	10%
More activities for people my age	9%
Features for a range of health and physical conditions	8%
Better public transportation to the park	6%

Table 1: Changes selected by visitors that would allow them more frequent visits to parks



Trails	
Would this change help you visit trails more often?	Percent saying yes
None of the items are barriers	29%
Better walking or biking access	25%
A trail closer to me	14%
Better access to equipment rental	13%
Park programming and features that are more interesting to me	11%
Lower cost (entrance fees, rental fees)	10%
More activities for kids	10%
More activities for people my age	9%
Better parking lot facilities	8%
Features for a range of health and physical conditions	6%
Better public transportation to the trail	5%

Table 2: Changes selected by visitors that would allow them more frequent visits to trails