

**Indiana Department of Natural Resources**  
**TRAIL ACTIVITY/TRAIL USER PARTICIPATION SURVEY**

**APPENDIX C**

For purposes of this survey, trail activity is defined as any activity that you participate in that takes place on a linear corridor. Examples are walking or biking on a designated park trail system, off highway vehicle riding (4x4s, ATVs, dirt bikes, etc.) on designated properties and/or trails, in-line skating on a community trail or trail system, or canoeing/kayaking on a stream or water trail system.

	More than once a week	Once a week	Twice a month	Once a month	Up to 6 times a year	Once a year	Never
Using trails for alternative transportation routes							
Walking, Jogging, Running							
Hiking, Backpacking							
Bicycling (road, touring, casual, etc.)							
Mountain Biking (natural surface trail)							
In-line Skating							
Cross country skiing							
Snowmobiling							
Off-road vehicle riding (motorcycle, 4-Wheel, ATV, etc.)							
Canoeing/kayaking on water trails or blueways							
Horseback riding							

Which of the following would you like to participate in AT LEAST 12 TIMES PER YEAR IN THE FUTURE? Select all that apply.

- Using trails for alternative transportation routes
- Walking/running/jogging
- Hiking/backpacking
- Bicycle touring (casual, tour or both)
- Mountain bike riding
- In-line skating
- Cross country skiing
- Snowmobiling
- Off- road vehicle riding (motorcycle, 4-wheel, ATV, etc)
- Canoeing/kayaking on water trails or blueways
- Horseback riding
- None of these

Please indicate your TOP 3 reasons for using trails. Put a 1 for your TOP reason, a 2 for the next, etc.

- \_\_\_ Pleasure, relaxation, recreation, scenery
- \_\_\_ Family or social outing(s)
- \_\_\_ Commuting or travel
- \_\_\_ Associated with volunteer opportunities (trail clean-up/maintenance, identifying trail problems, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Health-physical training
- \_\_\_ Safety - staying off roadways
- \_\_\_ Educational opportunities, natural environment
- \_\_\_ Other

Please indicate the TOP 3 ways you find out about trail opportunities. Put a 1 for your TOP way, a 2 for the next, etc.

- \_\_\_ Trail provider booklets/brochures
- \_\_\_ Local tourism/community media (radio, television, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Special events (fairs, festivals, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Tourism/national media (radio, television, books, magazines, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Organizational presentations (schools, Rotary, scouts, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Signage at parks or other recreational facilities
- \_\_\_ Trail websites
- \_\_\_ Tourism websites
- \_\_\_ Word of mouth
- \_\_\_ Other
- \_\_\_ None

What is your PREFERRED trail surface? Please read ALL the answers & select ONLY ONE.

- Native soil    Gravel    Asphalt/concrete    No preference  
 Wood chips    Water    Compacted limestone screenings    Other

Considering the trail activities that you participate in, what is the top annual amount you would be willing to spend to participate in those activities? (Include cost of equipment, training, travel, etc.)

- Less than \$100    \$501-\$1,000    \$1,501-\$5,000    More than \$10,000  
 \$100-\$500    \$1,001-\$1,500    \$5,001-\$10,000    Do not participate

Considering the trail activities that you participate in, how far (ONE WAY) would you be willing to travel, in INDIANA, to participate in these activities?

- 0-5 miles    11-15 miles    26-35 miles    51-75 miles    More than 100 miles  
 6-10 miles    16-25 miles    36-50 miles    76-100 miles

To better indicate Indiana's area of need, in which Indiana county do you MOST OFTEN participate in trail activity? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a trail within 5 miles or 10 minutes of your home?    Yes    No    Don't know

**The following 2 questions deal with trail connectivity. By this we mean a system of trails that connect to points of interest, such as businesses, neighborhoods, schools, recreation area and/or other trails.**

Do you believe connecting trails should be an important part of your community's infrastructure?

- Strongly agree    Somewhat disagree    No opinion  
 Somewhat agree    Strongly disagree

How important do you believe trail connectivity is for:

	Extremely	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all	No opinion
Your communities economic development					
Personal health & wellness					
Community health & wellness					
Environmental health & sustainability					
Alternative transportation corridors					

What are the MAIN reasons you DO NOT participate in trail activities as much as you would like?

Select all that apply.

- None-I do not use trails  
 None - I participate as much as I want to  
 There are no trails close to my home  
 Customs/cultural barriers (family traditions, race or ethnic expectations, beliefs, etc.)  
 Structural barriers (poor setting/physical environment: lack of facilities or programs, transportation, safety, etc.)  
 Cost barriers (lack of money/economic factors)  
 Social barriers (no one to participate with, family conflicts, responsibility to others, etc.)  
 Personal barriers (no time, no motivation, lack of skills, physical/mental/emotional health, ability level, etc.)  
 Disability-related access prevents me from participating as much as I would like

Please indicate if your trail activity is limited by any of the following health factors. (Select all that apply)

- Walking    Physical ability to ride a bike  
 Hearing    Physical ability to ride a motorized off road vehicle  
 Seeing    Physical ability to ride a horse  
 Breathing    Physical ability to use a canoe/kayak  
 Other

What trail improvements could be made to increase your use of trails? (Select all that apply)

- Better surface       Easier slopes       Walking, biking or riding clubs       None  
 Improved visibility       Guided trail activity       Increased personal safety measures       Other

For each of the following, how well does the CURRENT supply of trails, in Indiana, meet your needs?

	Supply is more than enough	Supply is just right	Supply is OK for now but needs to be increased in the future	Supply does not meet my needs	Uncertain, do not know current supply	Don't use
Using trails for alternative transportation routes						
Walking/running/jogging						
Hiking/backpacking						
Bicycle (Casual, touring or both)						
In-line skating						
Cross country skiing						
Snowmobiling						
Mountain bike riding						
Off road-motorized - all types (Motorcycle, 4-wheel, ATV, etc.)						
Canoeing/kayaking on water trails or blueways						
Using trails for alternative transportation routes						

After first pursuing all possible Federal funds, grants & donations, which do you feel should be the OTHER PRIMARY SOURCES FOR FUNDING for the DEVELOPMENT of new trails? (SELECT ONLY ONE)

- State general taxes       Local bond issue  
 State tax on recreation equipment       Trail use fee  
 Land development set-asides       Other  
 Local taxes       None

After first pursuing all possible Federal funds, grants & donations, which do you feel should be the OTHER PRIMARY SOURCES FOR FUNDING for the OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE of existing trails? (SELECT ONLY ONE)

- State general taxes       Trail use fee       State tax on recreation equipment  
 Local taxes       Other       None

If the money was spent in your local area to help support TRAIL UPKEEP & NEW TRAIL DEVELOPMENT, how much would you be willing to pay for an ANNUAL TRAIL FEE?

- Less than \$5       \$5.00-\$9.99       \$10.00-\$14.99  
 \$15.00-\$19.99       \$20.00 or more

**And finally, tell us about yourself ....**

Are you ...  Male  Female

What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

In which Indiana county do you live? \_\_\_\_\_ Do not live in Indiana \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following do you consider yourself to be?

- White, Non Hispanic       Hispanic/Latino       Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander       Mixed Race  
 Black/African American       Asian American       American Indiana/Alaska Native       Other

