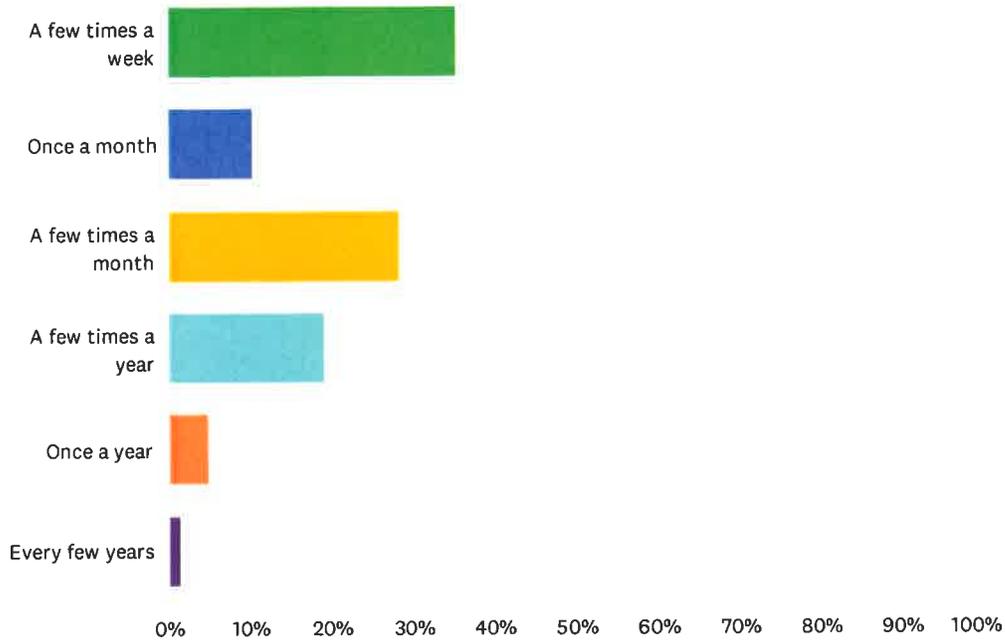


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### Q1 How often do you visit a Pennsylvania State Park?

Answered: 401 Skipped: 0



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**ANSWER CHOICES**

- A few times a week
- Once a month
- A few times a month
- A few times a year
- Once a year
- Every few years

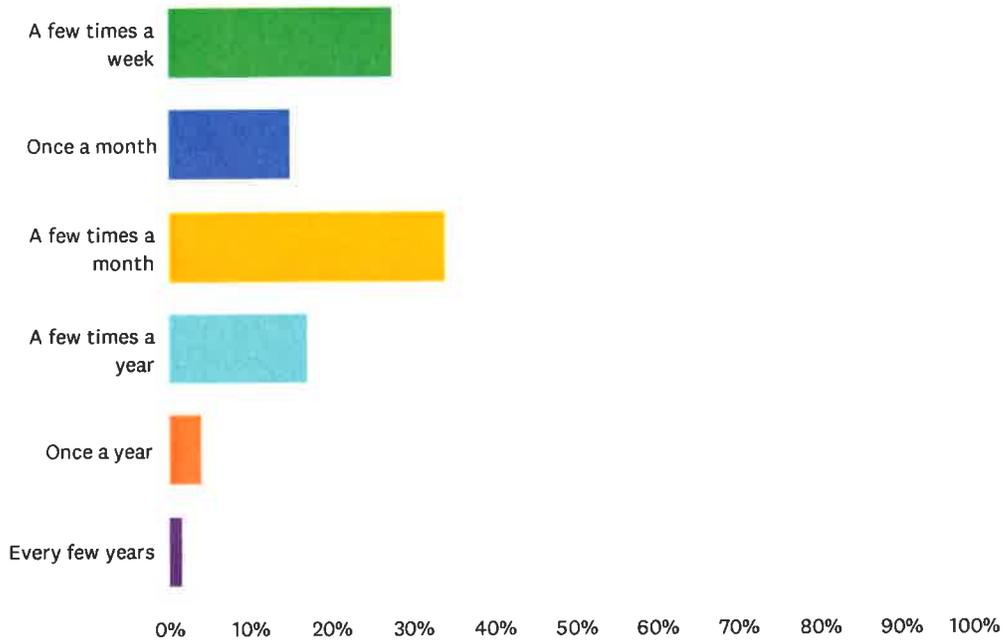
**RESPONSES**

Percentage	Count
35.41%	142
10.47%	42
28.43%	114
19.20%	77
4.99%	20
1.50%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>401</b>

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Q2 How often do you envision visiting Big Elk Creek State Park?

Answered: 401 Skipped: 0



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**ANSWER CHOICES**

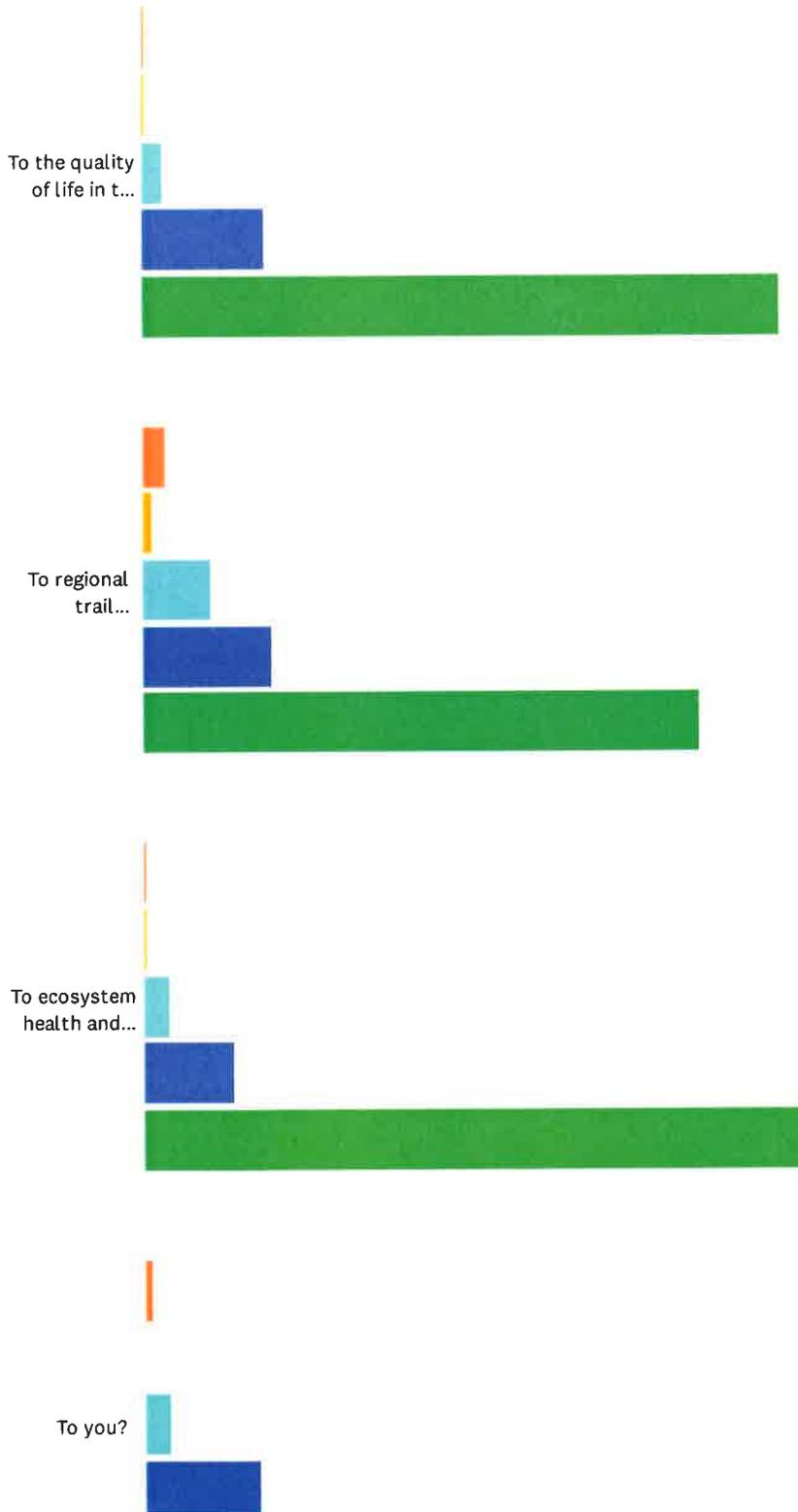
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- A few times a month
- A few times a year
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**RESPONSES**

Percentage	Count
27.68%	111
15.21%	61
34.16%	137
17.21%	69
3.99%	16
1.75%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>401</b>

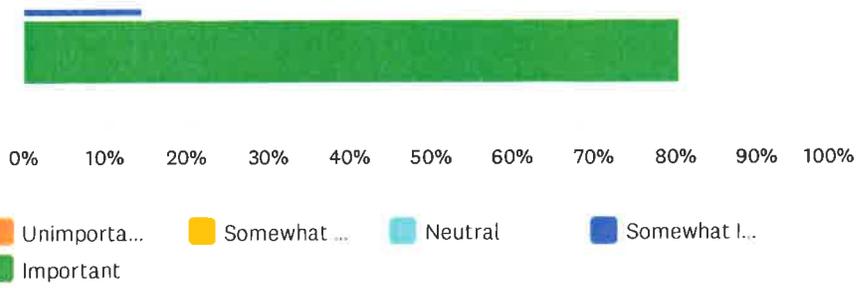
### Q3 How important is Big Elk Creek State Park?

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	UNIMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
To the quality of life in the area?	0.50% 2	0.50% 2	2.74% 11	15.46% 62	80.80% 324	401	4.76
To regional trail connections?	2.99% 12	1.25% 5	8.73% 35	16.46% 66	70.57% 283	401	4.50
To ecosystem health and conservation?	0.50% 2	0.50% 2	3.51% 14	11.53% 46	83.96% 335	399	4.78
To you?	1.00% 4	0.25% 1	3.50% 14	14.75% 59	80.50% 322	400	4.74

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## Q4 In your mind, what natural element or feature most represents Big Elk Creek State Park?

habitat connect Fair Hill trail system old growth forests Elk Creek birds animals Hiking trails  
Great areas Rolling surrounding ecosystem access sounds Rolling hills protect  
birds peaceful trees along creek streams natural state quiet hiking biking  
forest woodlands land natural connection fair hill wildlife  
farmland trails plant creek bike trails  
Big Elk Creek recreation water paths park  
natural habitat nature Native plants Open space open fields fields  
walking river untouched woods place beautiful animals open Large hiking preserve  
waterway Secluded meadows Natural beauty biking White Clay Creek Walking trails  
beauty

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Answered: 401 Skipped: 0

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Big elk creek and the recreational opportunities it provides	8/13/2023 9:23 PM
2	Creek	8/13/2023 2:55 PM
3	Getting outdoors and experiencing hiking and men biking in miles of trails.	8/8/2023 10:48 AM
4	The trails and deer hunting	8/6/2023 8:11 PM
5	Walking trails	8/6/2023 7:12 AM
6	The trail and the fields	8/6/2023 6:51 AM
7	The creek and trees are the natural elements that represent the park to me.	8/5/2023 3:19 PM
8	The reason the Land is so peaceful, natural and beautiful is it has been left untouched by its former owners, Mr. duPont and Mr Strawbridge. They respected the Land as it was turned over to them, and how it was for hundreds of years. The Land has served people walking, people walking their dogs, bike riding, and people riding their horses in the past and now. It would be a disgrace to the Land to build parking lots, campgrounds, and food stands. This is and has been beautiful open Land, not the Jersey Shore. If you build more parking lots you will increase excessive traffic on the already small country roads. If you build a campground how will you protect the surrounding neighborhoods and control all night drinking and drug partys, loud music, and shooting of firearms? Leave the Land as it has been for hundreds of years for people to enjoy.	8/5/2023 2:49 PM
9	Elk Creek.	8/2/2023 2:45 PM
10	The Big Elk Creek	8/2/2023 11:20 AM
11	The fact that so many creatures call this place home	8/1/2023 11:35 PM
12	The creek!	8/1/2023 5:16 PM
13	Creeks	7/30/2023 9:40 PM
14	The creek.	7/30/2023 4:26 PM
15	Water	7/30/2023 12:46 PM
16	Natural trails with shade	7/30/2023 11:11 AM
17	stream and floodplain	7/28/2023 4:02 PM
18	A big wood park.	7/27/2023 12:28 PM
19	Open publicly accessible land in increasingly urbanized Chester County	7/27/2023 10:00 AM
20	The river1	7/27/2023 7:31 AM
21	Water access	7/27/2023 12:54 AM
22	Trees	7/26/2023 10:59 PM
23	I don't have enough information about this project to answer this question.	7/26/2023 10:35 PM
24	Beauty/ recreation outdoor hunting and fishing camping	7/26/2023 9:15 PM
25	Elk Creek	7/26/2023 8:56 PM
26	Biking trails	7/26/2023 8:43 PM

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27	N/A	7/26/2023 6:50 PM
28	Trails by the water	7/26/2023 6:16 PM
29	No idea	7/26/2023 6:13 PM
30	Definitely it's proximity to Elk Creek and the interconnected trail system.	7/26/2023 6:04 PM
31	creeks	7/26/2023 6:03 PM
32	Open space	7/26/2023 4:33 PM
33	Preservation	7/26/2023 4:30 PM
34	Should have big playground and basketball courts for kids	7/26/2023 4:16 PM
35	Water bodies and trails	7/26/2023 4:02 PM
36	Trees, bird sounds, and walking trails.	7/26/2023 3:53 PM
37	Beautiful quiet trails navigating Chester County's amazing land	7/26/2023 3:21 PM
38	Walking path, place for kids to play, off the trail paths	7/26/2023 3:18 PM
39	Creek	7/26/2023 3:04 PM
40	Natural wildlife habitat	7/26/2023 2:54 PM
41	N/A	7/26/2023 2:47 PM
42	Walking trails	7/26/2023 2:39 PM
43	Wildlife habitat	7/26/2023 2:36 PM
44	N/a	7/26/2023 2:22 PM
45	Fishing, hiking, open space	7/26/2023 2:20 PM
46	The creek.	7/26/2023 2:19 PM
47	Communing with nature- relaxing place to visit.	7/26/2023 2:05 PM
48	Local native fauna and animals, pristine fishing waters	7/26/2023 2:01 PM
49	Elk river	7/26/2023 2:00 PM
50	Im a birder, Big Elk Creek offers an extremely unique series of diverse ecosystems... farm land, deep old woods, a giant watershed system that is so closely intertwined with the chesapeake.	7/26/2023 1:53 PM
51	I did not know this state park existed, so don't have an answer to this question.	7/26/2023 1:53 PM
52	The creek and the forests.	7/26/2023 12:05 PM
53	As of right now I have little information of what Big Elk Creek Staate Park will have to offer. I do know that Marsh Creek State Park was closed at least Saturday this past week, I suspect for over crowding, so we need more parks.	7/26/2023 12:05 PM
54	The waterway, for fishing and boating.	7/25/2023 11:21 PM
55	Large open spaces.	7/25/2023 6:00 PM
56	The clean and pristine Big Elk Creek!	7/25/2023 5:04 PM
57	Quality of life	7/25/2023 4:10 PM
58	Wildlife	7/25/2023 4:00 PM
59	Big elk creek	7/25/2023 3:49 PM
60	The creek and woods.	7/25/2023 3:36 PM
61	The creek	7/25/2023 3:12 PM
62	preservation	7/25/2023 2:29 PM

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63	The creek!	7/25/2023 1:46 PM
64	N/A	7/25/2023 12:57 PM
65	The entire valley.	7/25/2023 12:37 PM
66	Rolling hills	7/25/2023 12:34 PM
67	The 3.5 miles of creek	7/25/2023 12:27 PM
68	The creek	7/25/2023 11:57 AM
69	the creek	7/25/2023 11:51 AM
70	Dual sport riders need local trails to ride responsibly. Designated dual-sport trail areas reduce illegal trespassing. They also provide more opportunities for riders in the community to get together locally, rather than having to drive hours away.	7/25/2023 11:37 AM
71	I want a place to help save the birds	7/25/2023 11:09 AM
72	Relatively unspoiled	7/25/2023 10:50 AM
73	The river and the access to wildlife.	7/25/2023 10:34 AM
74	Its historical uses. The last several owners bought the land to preserve fox hunting and other equine activities. It is safe to say that without the interest in fox hunting and equine activities the park would not be available since I know that it has eyed greedily by several developers who were rebuffed by the owners.	7/25/2023 10:17 AM
75	The conservation of natural habitat.	7/25/2023 10:07 AM
76	The creek!	7/25/2023 9:32 AM
77	The creek and the land around the Mason Dixon line	7/25/2023 9:30 AM
78	Wildlife	7/25/2023 9:03 AM
79	Birding trails	7/25/2023 8:42 AM
80	The creek	7/25/2023 8:41 AM
81	Grass meadows and streams	7/25/2023 8:13 AM
82	Ecosystem and habitat protection	7/25/2023 8:09 AM
83	Birds	7/25/2023 8:05 AM
84	Probably the creek itself	7/25/2023 7:15 AM
85	Natural walking paths. I maintained areas for wildlife.	7/24/2023 4:23 PM
86	The creek itself.	7/23/2023 9:18 PM
87	Access of bike and hiking trails	7/23/2023 5:49 PM
88	Peaceful shady trails	7/23/2023 10:08 AM
89	Big Elk Creek	7/23/2023 8:38 AM
90	Big Elk Creek	7/19/2023 3:42 PM
91	Forest, stream and trails	7/19/2023 12:52 PM
92	Natural, undisturbed rocky waterways and extensive old growth forests.	7/16/2023 4:27 PM
93	The river that flows through it and the lush forest with tall trees and wide array of flora and fauna. The tall trees always capture me as well as the sounds of birds and other animals.	7/16/2023 12:38 PM
94	The river	7/14/2023 11:31 AM
95	The creek	7/12/2023 2:24 PM
96	The stream and riparian forest	7/11/2023 5:24 PM
97	Big Elk Creek running through the park	7/11/2023 10:42 AM

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98	The natural setting	7/11/2023 7:56 AM
99	Nature and the beauty of it	7/11/2023 7:19 AM
100	The river and the habitat surrounding the water.	7/10/2023 10:57 PM
101	The natural diversity of the whole region. The more we can keep development of any kind away from these kinds of areas, the better it is for everyone.	7/10/2023 8:04 PM
102	The woodland surrounding the creek is a great habitat for wildlife and plants.	7/10/2023 7:24 PM
103	I don't think I've ever been, so I cannot comment on that matter.	7/10/2023 5:38 PM
104	Don't really know	7/10/2023 12:56 PM
105	Large, undisturbed nature with access for people for sustainable (some trails for hiking and biking, no cars) use of the park. This should be an area to protect nature and wild life and allow people to experience this. People should adopt to that.	7/10/2023 4:42 AM
106	Scenery near creek	7/9/2023 3:25 PM
107	Woods and the creek	7/8/2023 1:15 PM
108	The creek	7/7/2023 7:59 PM
109	Not sure	7/7/2023 11:50 AM
110	The creek of course!	7/6/2023 11:12 PM
111	The River and forests	7/6/2023 1:20 PM
112	The creek and hiking trails	7/4/2023 6:31 PM
113	It's natural habitat	7/4/2023 8:58 AM
114	Big Elk Creek Trail for walking or biking	7/3/2023 3:44 PM
115	The creek	7/3/2023 3:42 PM
116	I personally use the biking trails and walking trails.	7/3/2023 11:53 AM
117	Big Elk Creek	7/3/2023 9:25 AM
118	The sweeping views and the natural feel. I would like to make one suggestion as I see this spot most every day. The outhouse needs to be moved to a different spot. It is quite an eyesore in the current spot it is in. The view is blocked with it smack in the front of the gravel lot. It is the first thing my eye sees when going by or stopping there. Thanks for posting a survey about this beautiful park!	7/3/2023 8:28 AM
119	Depends on the hike and the day. Eagle sighting. Peace of the creeks, wildlife refuge...	7/1/2023 9:42 AM
120	The creek and path	6/30/2023 12:51 PM
121	White Clay Creek and native plants	6/30/2023 11:13 AM
122	The Big Elk Creek.	6/29/2023 1:29 PM
123	The diversity of wildlife from coyotes, foxes, otters and eagles in particular.	6/29/2023 7:50 AM
124	Natural beauty and undeveloped land!	6/28/2023 7:46 PM
125	The trees, creek, and mostly untouched landscape.	6/28/2023 7:02 PM
126	The creeks and natural state without campsites, bathhouses, etc.	6/28/2023 5:56 PM
127	The creek	6/28/2023 8:54 AM
128	The creek.	6/28/2023 8:36 AM
129	Waterways	6/27/2023 3:43 PM
130	Waterways	6/27/2023 12:42 PM
131	The creek!	6/26/2023 8:52 AM

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132	Big elk creek itself	6/24/2023 10:13 AM
133	The creek and surrounding hillsides	6/24/2023 9:39 AM
134	The Bog Elk Creek	6/21/2023 1:41 PM
135	Native plants, protected wildlife, historic settings, fresh water	6/20/2023 5:04 PM
136	White Clay Creek	6/19/2023 11:27 PM
137	Creek/water habitats	6/19/2023 6:31 PM
138	Fields and meadows	6/19/2023 12:28 PM
139	The creek	6/19/2023 10:33 AM
140	The creek and adjoining trail	6/19/2023 10:12 AM
141	Nature	6/19/2023 10:07 AM
142	Trails	6/19/2023 9:44 AM
143	The trails the wildlife the peace	6/19/2023 9:25 AM
144	Access to other local nature parks/trails/creek	6/19/2023 9:14 AM
145	The Big Elk Creek and trails	6/19/2023 9:12 AM
146	Forrest trails, Big Elk creek, historic structures, access and tie in to Fair Hill, MD	6/19/2023 9:07 AM
147	Connection to other trail areas	6/19/2023 7:18 AM
148	The whole ecosystem.	6/18/2023 9:09 PM
149	Secluded and quiet trails	6/18/2023 2:19 PM
150	Wildlife, diversity of the ecosystem.	6/17/2023 6:21 PM
151	Trails for hikers and cyclists	6/17/2023 4:42 PM
152	The water	6/17/2023 4:37 PM
153	The creek itself.	6/17/2023 3:01 PM
154	How close the spring lawn trail is to the creek.	6/17/2023 12:24 PM
155	The proximity of the Springlawn trail to the creek. Also the building ruins along the trail.	6/17/2023 12:24 PM
156	Peacefulnesd	6/17/2023 11:04 AM
157	An opportunity to plant native species of plants to promote diverse ecosystems	6/16/2023 6:46 PM
158	Native plants. Have to keep invasive away	6/16/2023 6:45 PM
159	The creek and various trails.	6/16/2023 4:59 PM
160	Natural woodlands and water. Easy graded slopes for older walkers	6/16/2023 4:01 PM
161	The river	6/16/2023 12:03 PM
162	Love the connection to fair hill. Just wish it had a direct bike trail to connect the two.	6/16/2023 11:40 AM
163	Trails for equestrian use, hiking and biking	6/16/2023 10:56 AM
164	Hiking trails	6/15/2023 12:45 PM
165	The natural beauty and wild life	6/15/2023 8:23 AM
166	The native plant biodiversity and wildlife in which they support.	6/15/2023 4:39 AM
167	Open Space	6/14/2023 8:55 PM
168	The meadow	6/14/2023 8:24 PM
169	the creek and the meadow(flood plain)	6/14/2023 11:26 AM

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170	Rolling grassland and woodland pretty much left alone	6/13/2023 8:58 PM
171	Past history of fox hunting. It should be allowed to continue.	6/13/2023 6:02 PM
172	The flora and fauna	6/13/2023 2:28 PM
173	Foxhunting and horseback riding	6/13/2023 8:44 AM
174	Vast fields	6/12/2023 9:02 PM
175	The Creek and related tributaries	6/12/2023 6:54 PM
176	The beautiful rolling hills and streams	6/12/2023 6:24 PM
177	Open space	6/12/2023 5:29 PM
178	the combination of woodlands and open fields	6/12/2023 4:08 PM
179	Open space and wildlife	6/12/2023 1:36 PM
180	Peacefulness	6/12/2023 11:40 AM
181	Big Elk Creek	6/12/2023 11:32 AM
182	Rolling fields interspersed with forest and streams	6/12/2023 11:20 AM
183	Rolling hills and open space with little "build-up"	6/12/2023 11:19 AM
184	The community enviornment of local enthusiasts for open space. This is crucial to Pa residents that enjoy it for so many different hobbies and sports.	6/12/2023 10:34 AM
185	Solitude	6/12/2023 10:12 AM
186	trails	6/12/2023 10:08 AM
187	The creek	6/12/2023 9:56 AM
188	Untouched fields and woods.	6/12/2023 8:21 AM
189	Diverse animal covers	6/12/2023 7:55 AM
190	Open space	6/12/2023 7:46 AM
191	Wildlife	6/12/2023 5:56 AM
192	Great hiking	6/11/2023 9:37 PM
193	The creek	6/11/2023 9:28 PM
194	Great trails	6/11/2023 9:03 PM
195	The Elk Creek	6/11/2023 7:58 PM
196	Community connections to other parks in the area in MD, PA and DE - this area represents multi use cooperation as well! Bicycles, walkers, runners and equestrians.	6/11/2023 5:04 PM
197	Equine and hiking trails	6/11/2023 4:59 PM
198	Shows off chrster county	6/11/2023 4:07 PM
199	Wildlife	6/11/2023 3:47 PM
200	The open spaces, the water ways, the trees, wildlife. All of it is important	6/11/2023 3:28 PM
201	Wild land, natural habitat for birds and animals	6/11/2023 2:31 PM
202	Development free and natural	6/11/2023 1:50 PM
203	Trails	6/11/2023 1:48 PM
204	Big Elk Creek	6/11/2023 12:37 PM
205	The trails	6/11/2023 12:25 PM
206	The creek	6/11/2023 12:17 PM

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207	Beautiful but challenging natural terrain.	6/11/2023 6:09 AM
208	It is in a good natural state.	6/10/2023 11:20 PM
209	Trail system	6/10/2023 1:15 PM
210	Creek	6/10/2023 12:38 PM
211	I dont know where it is	6/10/2023 11:10 AM
212	peaceful, healthy watercourse	6/10/2023 10:11 AM
213	Trees	6/10/2023 10:06 AM
214	Natural forest	6/10/2023 8:08 AM
215	mountain biking in a natural setting	6/10/2023 5:11 AM
216	Older growth trees , waterways, bird life	6/9/2023 10:44 PM
217	To me the Big Elk Creek is the most iconic feature of the area, although I love all the forest and rolling hills as well.	6/9/2023 9:59 PM
218	The creeks that run throughout it.	6/9/2023 8:47 PM
219	No single feature, but the mix hilly woods and fields cut by streams, interspersed with deserted ruins	6/9/2023 7:46 PM
220	Biking	6/9/2023 6:37 PM
221	Beautiful landscapes to connect other Beautiful trails for all to use	6/9/2023 6:33 PM
222	Leave it alone . You sprayed behind our neighborhood and now the habitat is looking for food . They are coming into our the gardens like never before. You are not considering what is good for the wildlife.	6/8/2023 8:38 PM
223	Creek itself, fields, forest	6/8/2023 2:37 PM
224	The water	6/7/2023 7:42 PM
225	Waterway	6/7/2023 6:57 PM
226	Woods birds quiet nature	6/7/2023 6:56 PM
227	Parkland, trails, history—creek is the most important natural feature	6/7/2023 5:12 PM
228	The naturalness, old growth forests.	6/7/2023 5:00 PM
229	leaving it as open space with no structures placed on it!	6/7/2023 1:02 PM
230	Open land, recreation	6/6/2023 7:21 PM
231	The mature trees	6/6/2023 6:42 PM
232	Creek and non-disturbed nature sounds (creek and birds)	6/6/2023 6:34 PM
233	Creek	6/6/2023 6:33 PM
234	The creek!	6/6/2023 1:08 PM
235	The elk Creek and the trails.	6/6/2023 11:36 AM
236	The absence of "civilization" and the quiet beauty that is the natural environment.	6/6/2023 11:34 AM
237	The rural atmosphere and quiet	6/6/2023 9:46 AM
238	Seclusion, nature, bike trails	6/6/2023 9:15 AM
239	Plant and wildlife of animals.	6/6/2023 7:25 AM
240	The creek and the surrounding watershed.	6/6/2023 7:16 AM
241	Rolling hills	6/6/2023 7:03 AM
242	Paths with water	6/6/2023 3:51 AM

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243	The creek	6/5/2023 10:19 PM
244	Sounds of silence and nature	6/5/2023 9:33 PM
245	Hiking trails, water features	6/5/2023 7:46 PM
246	The quiet and isolation is a great break from the normal rush of life around us. My backyard is along the border and the farmland was beautiful and quiet, that is what I'm hoping is retained.	6/5/2023 5:30 PM
247	Unhabited not too many people, please don't open it to camping, etc.	6/5/2023 4:32 PM
248	The Creek	6/5/2023 3:29 PM
249	Creeks and open areas.	6/5/2023 3:15 PM
250	Peaceful, quiet, beautiful stream and plant species	6/5/2023 2:26 PM
251	Quiet	6/5/2023 2:07 PM
252	The views of hillsides with meadows and trees, no phone lines visible	6/5/2023 2:04 PM
253	lovely places to walk	6/5/2023 1:59 PM
254	Creek and Open Space/fields	6/5/2023 1:20 PM
255	The wildlife and vegetation	6/5/2023 1:20 PM
256	Quiet farmland	6/5/2023 1:12 PM
257	Monarch butterflies and vast open spaces with zero structure.	6/5/2023 12:59 PM
258	Quiet nature walks	6/5/2023 12:58 PM
259	Open space and historic farmlands. A quiet respite from the rest of the world around us.	6/5/2023 12:42 PM
260	Open area	6/5/2023 12:25 PM
261	Secluded Hiking trails	6/5/2023 12:00 PM
262	Open space contiguous to Fair Hill and other park properties, Big Elk Creek waterway	6/5/2023 11:47 AM
263	The untouched waterway all the untouched natural land & places for the animals birds wildlife to live.	6/5/2023 11:39 AM
264	Quiet, peaceful farmland	6/5/2023 11:21 AM
265	Preserving land in a natural state.	6/5/2023 11:19 AM
266	Quiet, natural, open space/farmland	6/5/2023 11:17 AM
267	Quiet, open space	6/5/2023 11:04 AM
268	Creek	6/5/2023 9:59 AM
269	Stream character and mature woodlands bordering fields and meadows.	6/5/2023 9:55 AM
270	The beautiful stream corridor	6/5/2023 9:50 AM
271	Undisturbed Meadows	6/4/2023 11:03 PM
272	Hiking along the creek	6/4/2023 5:14 PM
273	paved and natural paths. water access. shade from beautiful trees, thriving plants but also sections of sunshine	6/4/2023 3:35 PM
274	Rock	6/4/2023 2:07 PM
275	Forests, Fields and streams	6/4/2023 12:23 PM
276	The water and the birds	6/4/2023 11:40 AM
277	Stream. Old roadway. Ruins.	6/4/2023 10:48 AM
278	Walking trails in the wild	6/4/2023 12:06 AM
279	Plants/Wildlife	6/3/2023 2:42 PM

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280	Creek and connection to fair hill trail system.	6/3/2023 1:28 PM
281	It's degree of unattended changes to the ecosystem and naturalization. Making passable routes and leaving the rest.	6/3/2023 9:40 AM
282	The creek	6/3/2023 8:53 AM
283	The trails	6/3/2023 7:03 AM
284	open meadows and forests	6/2/2023 9:20 PM
285	The channels of water flowing through it all	6/2/2023 8:11 PM
286	The big elk creek and the hollows that feed into it	6/2/2023 12:11 PM
287	Big elk creek	6/2/2023 10:25 AM
288	The creek	6/2/2023 9:53 AM
289	Diverse forests, waterways, and fields	6/1/2023 9:49 PM
290	Winding creek trails	6/1/2023 7:38 PM
291	Creeks!	6/1/2023 5:26 PM
292	The beauty, natural state of things, outdoor recreation including hunting and fishing.	6/1/2023 2:52 PM
293	I am not sure	6/1/2023 9:27 AM
294	Trails in the woods and along the creek	6/1/2023 8:33 AM
295	White clay creek	6/1/2023 7:56 AM
296	Nature	6/1/2023 6:52 AM
297	The Creek.	5/31/2023 9:56 PM
298	The creek.	5/31/2023 9:30 PM
299	Open Meadows	5/31/2023 3:22 PM
300	leaving it as natural as possible, just add and maintain trails for biking, hiking and walking. Trail markers are helpful too	5/31/2023 3:01 PM
301	Water	5/31/2023 10:22 AM
302	Relatively mature forest along the creek and feeder streams	5/31/2023 5:57 AM
303	Rolling landscape for mountain bike trails	5/30/2023 6:48 PM
304	Originally part of a DuPont estate that included the Fairhill Nature Center in Maryland, similar to Fairhill, maintain the natural aspect of trails, fields, woods and Big Elk Creek and stabilize/preserve historic structures such as the paper mill while supporting education, hiking and equestrian activities.	5/30/2023 6:36 PM
305	Green space! Forested land that feeds clean air and water. A place people can recreate.	5/30/2023 2:57 PM
306	The Big Elk Creek, itself.	5/30/2023 1:54 PM
307	The creek and Springlawn trail along it. My kids have been playing in the creek for years.	5/30/2023 1:14 PM
308	Trails	5/30/2023 12:30 PM
309	The river and trails	5/30/2023 11:20 AM
310	Open fields mixed with some singletrack trails.	5/30/2023 10:56 AM
311	Trails	5/30/2023 10:12 AM
312	contiguous undeveloped land connecting to Fair Hill	5/30/2023 8:59 AM
313	The creek running through the rolling hills of this section of park.	5/30/2023 8:19 AM
314	Creek	5/30/2023 8:07 AM

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315	Big Elk Creek	5/30/2023 7:27 AM
316	Big Elk Creek Park	5/29/2023 5:59 PM
317	Big Elk Creek	5/29/2023 5:52 PM
318	Connection to fair hill	5/29/2023 5:36 PM
319	Great blue Heron	5/29/2023 5:19 PM
320	Regal fritillary butterfly	5/29/2023 5:12 PM
321	The creek	5/29/2023 4:56 PM
322	Forest on cliff overlooking creek	5/29/2023 4:25 PM
323	Natural beauty for all trail users	5/29/2023 3:48 PM
324	Trails	5/29/2023 3:39 PM
325	Trails that connect to Fair Hill Nature Preserve	5/29/2023 3:06 PM
326	trails for all users...	5/29/2023 2:30 PM
327	Water	5/29/2023 2:12 PM
328	Woods	5/29/2023 1:16 PM
329	Connection to Fair Hill and other parks.	5/29/2023 12:46 PM
330	Trails	5/29/2023 12:25 PM
331	Regal Fritillary Butterfly or Short Eared Owl (endangered residents of this land)	5/29/2023 11:18 AM
332	A combination of forests and open fields surrounding the big elk .	5/29/2023 9:19 AM
333	Big Elk Creek	5/29/2023 9:13 AM
334	The creek and trails	5/29/2023 8:14 AM
335	Big Elk Creek	5/29/2023 7:45 AM
336	The Big Elk Creek itself	5/29/2023 7:25 AM
337	Trail connections to Fair Hill.	5/29/2023 7:14 AM
338	Trees, wildlife, rolling hill	5/29/2023 5:45 AM
339	Elk river	5/28/2023 11:23 PM
340	Great Blue Heron	5/28/2023 9:53 PM
341	Open spaces of uninterrupted beauty	5/28/2023 9:18 PM
342	Rolling hills of meadows with patches of forests that support biodiversity of wildlife- both flora and fauna	5/28/2023 9:08 PM
343	The creek	5/28/2023 9:05 PM
344	Trails, both in the woods and through the open fields and the water crossings for me and my horse.	5/28/2023 8:56 PM
345	The river	5/28/2023 8:49 PM
346	The creek	5/28/2023 7:26 PM
347	Big elk creek!	5/28/2023 6:30 PM
348	That the land stays as a preserve and not a playground	5/28/2023 4:37 PM
349	Big Elk Creek	5/28/2023 3:23 PM
350	The river	5/28/2023 3:13 PM
351	Forest trails q	5/28/2023 1:51 PM

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352	Trails	5/28/2023 1:27 PM
353	The water	5/28/2023 1:11 PM
354	The creek and trails	5/28/2023 1:01 PM
355	Bike trails that connect to Fair Hill.	5/28/2023 12:39 PM
356	Wildlife	5/28/2023 12:30 PM
357	Seclusion and beauty	5/28/2023 12:23 PM
358	Conservation of land and life. Trails which allow human visits and recreation, i.e. fresh air and exercise.	5/28/2023 12:16 PM
359	Solitude in nature	5/28/2023 12:08 PM
360	It's natural and makes you feel secluded in the woods	5/28/2023 12:05 PM
361	Mason-Dixon Line	5/28/2023 12:01 PM
362	The creek and it's openness!	5/28/2023 11:57 AM
363	The creek!	5/28/2023 11:51 AM
364	The creek	5/28/2023 11:49 AM
365	Forests, rolling fields, wetlands, srrreens	5/28/2023 11:41 AM
366	Serene water views	5/28/2023 11:35 AM
367	Recreation opportunities surrounded by nature.	5/28/2023 11:28 AM
368	Wildlife	5/28/2023 11:27 AM
369	The Big Elk. Resk	5/28/2023 11:13 AM
370	Big Elk Creek	5/28/2023 11:12 AM
371	Aaaa	5/28/2023 11:06 AM
372	Creek	5/28/2023 11:06 AM
373	Big Elk Creek and the wooded areas of the park	5/28/2023 11:00 AM
374	The unspoiled woodlands along the creek.	5/28/2023 10:55 AM
375	Relaxing and calm nature	5/28/2023 7:44 AM
376	Big Elk Creek	5/27/2023 9:15 PM
377	Hiking trails	5/27/2023 6:05 PM
378	Trails and access to creek	5/27/2023 12:29 PM
379	My the Big Elk Creek.	5/27/2023 12:17 PM
380	.	5/27/2023 10:28 AM
381	Vegetation	5/27/2023 8:23 AM
382	The creek and rolling hills	5/27/2023 6:48 AM
383	Old growth forest	5/26/2023 11:14 PM
384	The large rock outcropping along the creek just south of Strickersville road is rare for our geology.	5/26/2023 6:23 PM
385	Nice countryside	5/26/2023 5:02 PM
386	The forested rolling hills and the Big Elk Creek creek, and because this land is adjacent to the Fair Hill, MD park trails system, it really expands upon the opportunities for this souther chester county PA valley. A wonderful trail system has existed for decades in Fair Hill, and now the newly acquired PA park lands have the potential for making this valley a truly first class destination for hikers, bikers, bird watchers, hunters, fisherman and equestrians alike!	5/26/2023 2:18 PM

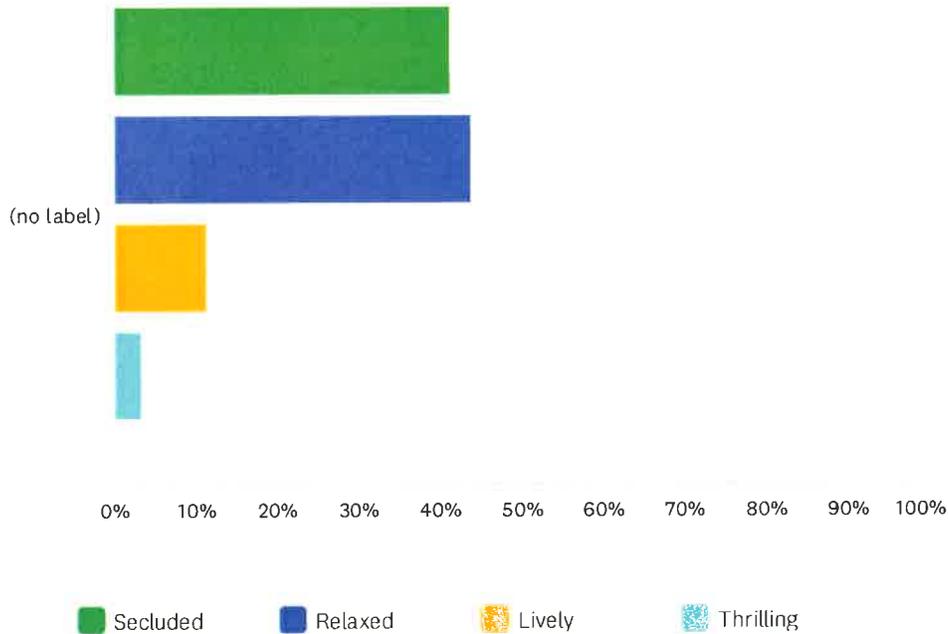
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387	The creek and trails	5/26/2023 1:57 PM
388	Bike trails	5/26/2023 11:16 AM
389	Mtb trails!	5/26/2023 10:57 AM
390	Nature and access is extremely important for many reasons. Natural habitat for birds, animals, ecosystem at large. Piece of mind, mental, physical, spiritual therapy for all.	5/26/2023 10:47 AM
391	Trail system - hiking & biking	5/26/2023 10:39 AM
392	More trails for biking and enjoying nature.	5/26/2023 10:37 AM
393	Nothing comes to mind	5/26/2023 10:35 AM
394	Great River and trail access. Incorporates with other nearby parks	5/26/2023 10:05 AM
395	Hiking, biking, horseback riding trails	5/26/2023 5:22 AM
396	Creek, forest and trails	5/25/2023 11:28 PM
397	Trails and the creek	5/25/2023 11:21 PM
398	The creek and fields	5/24/2023 2:44 PM
399	An Education Center would be great to showcase the wonderful amount of natural resources and cultural relevance the park has.	5/24/2023 12:56 PM
400	The rolling hills and rural feel.	5/24/2023 12:18 PM
401	The creek	5/24/2023 11:54 AM

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## Q5 What impression should Big Elk Creek State Park give visitors?

Answered: 401 Skipped: 0



	SECLUDED	RELAXED	LIVELY	THRILLING	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	41.40%	43.89%	11.22%	3.49%	401	1.77
	166	176	45	14		

**OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)**

**DATE**

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Welcoming, variety (trails and creek), trees, natural paths, health & vitality	8/13/2023 2:55 PM
2	Natural, untouched and open space for them to enjoy walking, bike riding, and riding their horses during daylight hours.	8/5/2023 2:49 PM
3	Family friendly	7/30/2023 9:40 PM
4	Passive recreation - no sports fields or facilities	7/27/2023 10:00 AM
5	Cleanliness. Many visitors do not pick up their dogs feces.	7/26/2023 8:43 PM
6	And relaxed	7/26/2023 3:21 PM
7	N/a	7/26/2023 2:22 PM
8	With no information other than it will contain a creek which will feed into Chesapeake Bay, I need more information to answer,	7/26/2023 12:05 PM
9	Welcoming	7/25/2023 11:57 AM
10	A park can be a lot things all at once, in the same way one community is filled with a lot people who have different interest in the outdoors. enjoy	7/25/2023 11:37 AM
11	A place that helps preserve and help the ecosystem for birds and wildlife	7/25/2023 11:09 AM
12	There should be trails but also undergrowth for animals and birds	7/25/2023 10:34 AM

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13	interestingly used, agrarian	7/25/2023 10:17 AM
14	People come for silence and bird watching	7/25/2023 8:13 AM
15	Secluded in the sense that the area is well protected and also relaxed as people can spend time to de stress and appreciate the beauty of nature.	7/16/2023 12:38 PM
16	Secluded is equally as important	7/1/2023 9:42 AM
17	Natural beauty	6/28/2023 7:46 PM
18	Secluded and relaxed	6/28/2023 7:02 PM
19	Gloriously beautiful	6/24/2023 9:39 AM
20	Rejuvenating	6/19/2023 11:27 PM
21	Rural, quiet, mixed meadows and woodlands	6/19/2023 9:12 AM
22	No houses, very little sign of human interference	6/13/2023 8:58 PM
23	Stay natural	6/12/2023 1:36 PM
24	Both secluded and relaxed	6/12/2023 11:20 AM
25	biodiverse	6/10/2023 10:11 AM
26	a great place to be in undisturbed nature restored to as it was 300 years ago	6/10/2023 5:11 AM
27	Plenty of peace and quiet	6/9/2023 8:47 PM
28	Peaceful and welcoming	6/9/2023 7:46 PM
29	Accessibility	6/7/2023 5:00 PM
30	Peaceful nature experience	6/5/2023 2:04 PM
31	Untouched	6/5/2023 1:20 PM
32	Beautiful untouched nature	6/5/2023 11:39 AM
33	This area should remain a natural area with little interference from people so that hikers and nature lovers can find solitude and peace.	6/5/2023 11:19 AM
34	It should have good trail system with at least one wide trail along the creek	6/5/2023 9:50 AM
35	Undisturbed, natural	6/4/2023 11:03 PM
36	relaxed and secluded	6/4/2023 3:35 PM
37	natural (no man made structures)	6/2/2023 9:20 PM
38	Peaceful, natural, wild	6/1/2023 7:56 AM
39	Natural, wildlife habitat	5/31/2023 3:22 PM
40	Natural wildlife	5/29/2023 5:59 PM
41	Natural wildlife	5/29/2023 5:52 PM
42	Natural wildlife sanctuary	5/29/2023 5:19 PM
43	Wildlife sanctuary without human involvement	5/29/2023 5:12 PM
44	Untouched	5/29/2023 4:25 PM
45	Natural/Wildlife Sanctuary	5/29/2023 11:18 AM
46	Multipurpose trails	5/29/2023 7:14 AM
47	Natural/untouched	5/28/2023 9:53 PM
48	Natural wildlife sanctuary	5/28/2023 9:18 PM
49	Wildlife sanctuary- natural, untouched by humans	5/28/2023 9:08 PM

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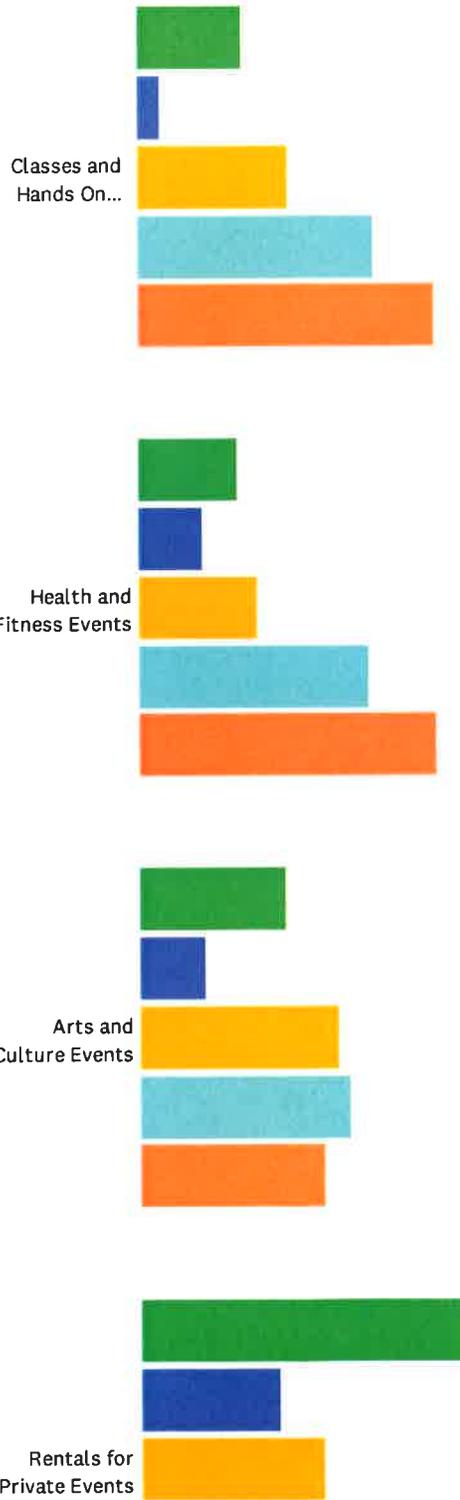
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50	Quiet, hiking without bikes zooming by	5/28/2023 12:23 PM
51	Beautiful	5/26/2023 6:23 PM
52	As an actual user of this area for decades, I can attest that the park has, and can attain, all of the impressions listed, and should not focus on any one impressions. From a leisurely walk down the Springlawn trail, and continuing on trail along creek to the MD border, to the POTENTIAL for LIVELY and THRILLING biking trails in the surrounding forested areas (I have hiked through probably every square 100 yard sections of the park, and know every trail (most are old horse trails, and many areas with no trails per se, but open woods and fields, with MANY features that could be enjoyed, if/when a simple trail cutting machine could be deployed (like we have done in surrounding DE parks, and local PA townships and Preserves). I helped build several local trails in my township (Franklin)(new 9th District)	5/26/2023 2:18 PM
53	Mountain bike trails	5/26/2023 10:35 AM

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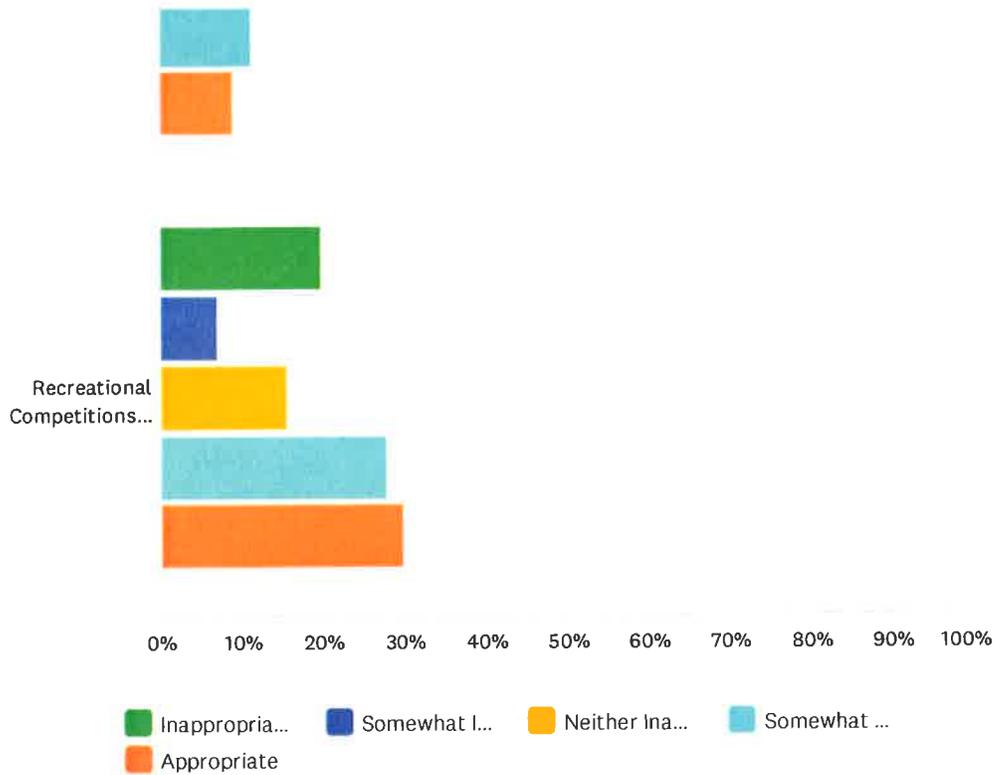
## Q6 What Events and Activities would be most appropriate to be held at Big Elk Creek State Park?

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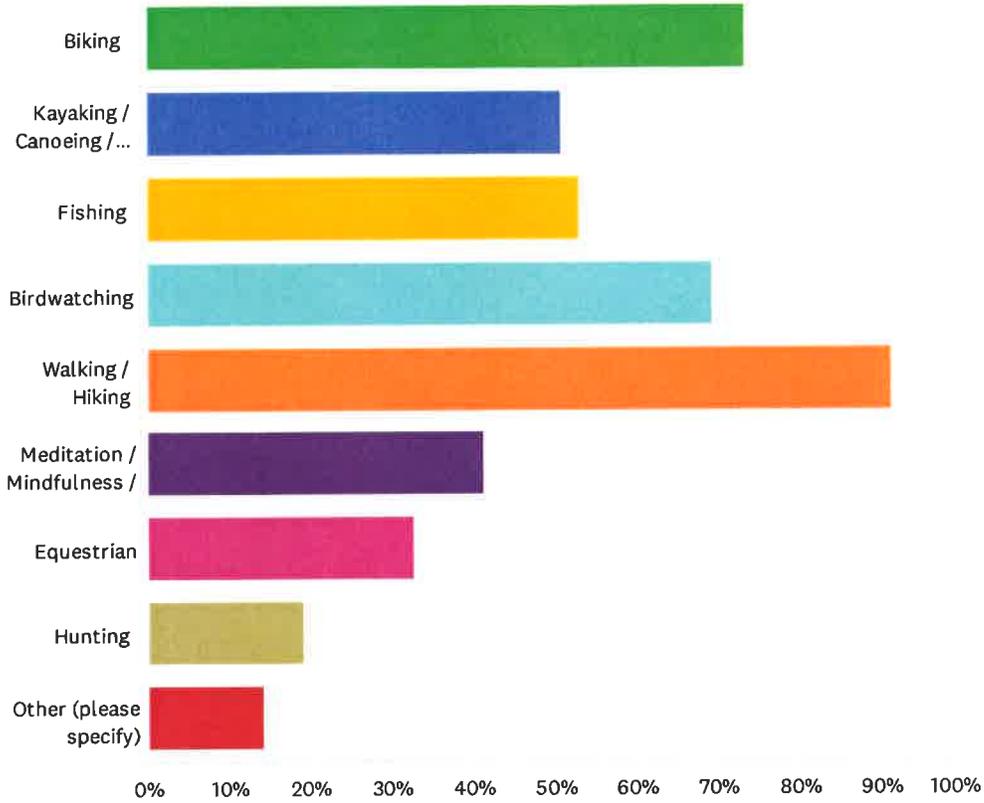
	INAPPROPRIATE	SOMEWHAT INAPPROPRIATE	NEITHER INAPPROPRIATE NOR APPROPRIATE	SOMEWHAT APPROPRIATE	APPROPRIATE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Classes and Hands On Activities	13.07% 52	3.02% 12	18.59% 74	28.89% 115	36.43% 145	398	
Health and Fitness Events	12.28% 49	8.02% 32	14.79% 59	28.32% 113	36.59% 146	399	
Arts and Culture Events	18.23% 72	8.35% 33	24.56% 97	26.08% 103	22.78% 90	395	
Rentals for Private Events	39.70% 158	17.34% 69	22.61% 90	11.31% 45	9.05% 36	398	
Recreational Competitions (triathlon, 5 or 10K races, etc)	19.75% 79	7.00% 28	15.50% 62	28.00% 112	29.75% 119	400	

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Q7 What recreational pursuits would you like to see available at Big Elk Creek State Park? (check all that apply)

Answered: 401 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Biking	73.57%	295
Kayaking / Canoeing / Paddle Boarding	50.87%	204
Fishing	53.12%	213
Birdwatching	69.58%	279
Walking / Hiking	91.52%	367
Meditation / Mindfulness /	41.40%	166
Equestrian	32.92%	132
Hunting	19.20%	77
Other (please specify)	14.21%	57
Total Respondents: 401		

# OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) DATE

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1	Running	8/13/2023 2:55 PM
2	Camping	8/2/2023 11:20 AM
3	Deer management hunts	7/30/2023 4:26 PM
4	Definitely NOT hunting!!	7/27/2023 12:54 AM
5	N/A	7/26/2023 6:50 PM
6	None	7/26/2023 2:22 PM
7	Astronomy	7/25/2023 4:10 PM
8	Dual Sport riding	7/25/2023 11:37 AM
9	Fox hunting	7/25/2023 10:17 AM
10	Guided walks for birds and other fauna , flora, and insects	7/25/2023 8:42 AM
11	the current level of development is fine! Keep it low-key	7/19/2023 3:42 PM
12	Running	7/11/2023 10:42 AM
13	NO! Hunting	7/10/2023 4:42 AM
14	Mountain biking	7/9/2023 3:25 PM
15	Native plant preservation	7/7/2023 7:59 PM
16	NO HUNTING PLEASE	6/28/2023 7:02 PM
17	Conservation education	6/16/2023 6:46 PM
18	Only equestrian if bridges are built for horses. The creeks are being destroyed by horse crossings	6/16/2023 12:03 PM
19	I really would like to see fox hunting continue at this lovely park	6/12/2023 9:02 PM
20	Mounted fox hunting should be continued. It is what the property was set up for originally.	6/12/2023 6:54 PM
21	Foxhunting	6/12/2023 5:29 PM
22	fox hunting is a long standing tradition to the park and Mr. Du Ponts legacy	6/12/2023 4:08 PM
23	Continue to permit fox hunting, it is a tradition with this property and was the reason Mr. DuPont purchased the property. I am 73 years old and have relatives that use to farm the property, some were even fox hunters themselves. This tradition should be continued.	6/12/2023 11:40 AM
24	I would like to see foxhunting continue here.	6/12/2023 11:32 AM
25	Trails that connect larger network of trails ... but little extra	6/12/2023 11:19 AM
26	Foxhunting/equestrian use	6/12/2023 10:12 AM
27	foxhunting	6/12/2023 10:08 AM
28	None! Keep people away. Leave it alone!	6/12/2023 8:21 AM
29	the tradition of fox hunting and associated activities	6/12/2023 7:55 AM
30	Fox hunting	6/11/2023 9:37 PM
31	Foxhunting	6/11/2023 7:58 PM
32	Fox chasing continuation	6/11/2023 3:47 PM
33	Equestrian Fox hunting	6/11/2023 3:28 PM
34	Fox hunting	6/11/2023 1:48 PM
35	just like fair hill	6/10/2023 5:11 AM
36	Traditional fox hunting	6/9/2023 7:46 PM

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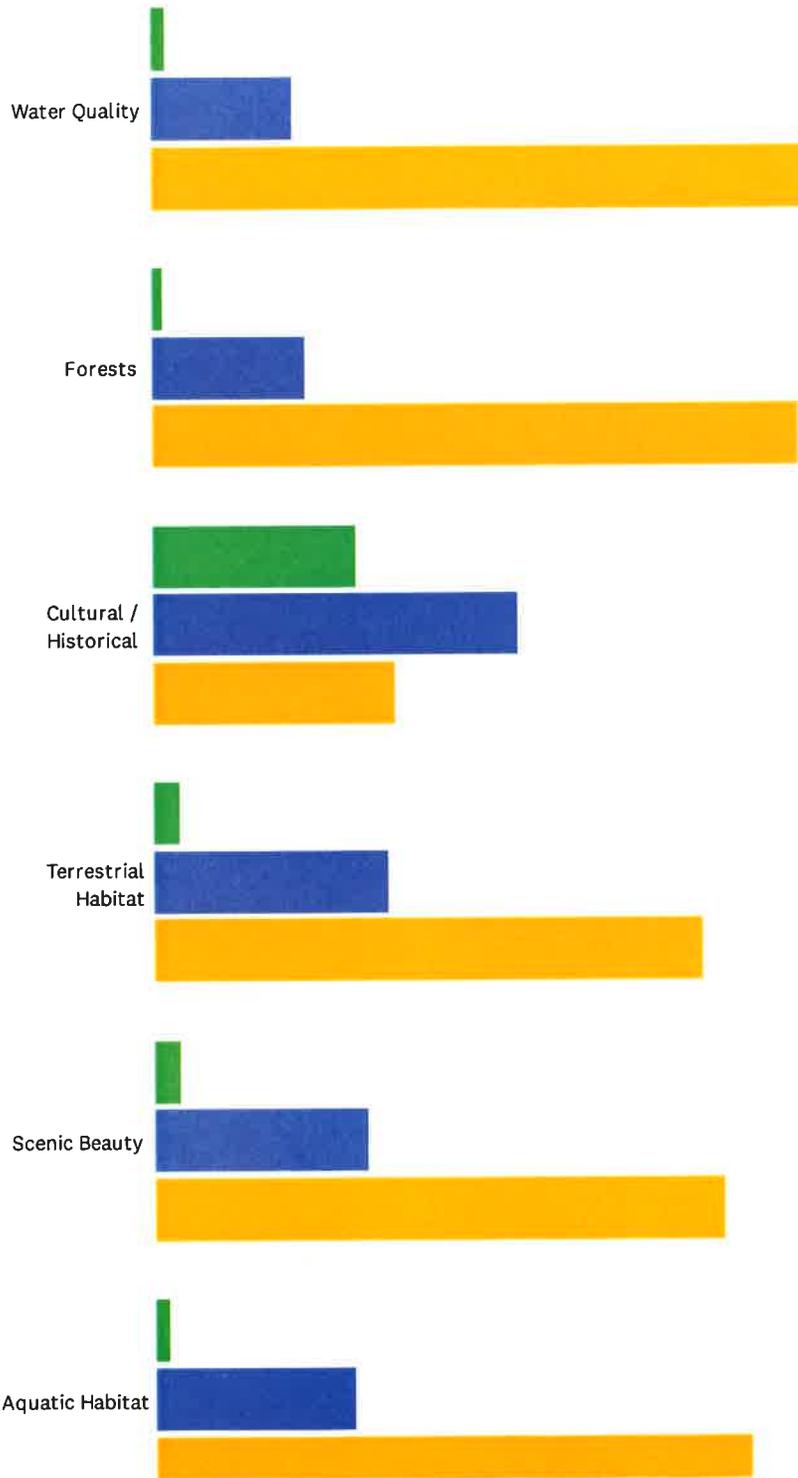
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37	Absolutely no camping!!!!	6/8/2023 8:38 PM
38	Pickleball	6/6/2023 7:21 PM
39	simple, non-invasive, non-damaging or noisy activities. My personal experience with the local equestrian community is that these activities normally leave a mess and damage the terrain. I know the bicyclist community works to properly maintain trails and respect their conditions.	6/5/2023 5:30 PM
40	Let people walk there and bike that's it	6/5/2023 1:20 PM
41	None	6/5/2023 12:58 PM
42	Strongly advocate for archery hunting only or at minimum archery hunting only east of Mt Oliver road north of Strickersville rd	6/5/2023 11:47 AM
43	Nothing large scale	6/5/2023 11:39 AM
44	Camping	6/3/2023 2:42 PM
45	Anything BUT horseback riding please - they have plenty of trails available to them on the surrounding parks	6/1/2023 9:49 PM
46	running	6/1/2023 9:27 AM
47	Mountain bike skills park	5/30/2023 6:48 PM
48	Increased trails to connect to Fair Hill State Park and Springlawn Trail	5/29/2023 5:19 PM
49	Need a bridge over Big Elk Creek to connect trails to Springlawn Trail	5/29/2023 5:12 PM
50	It's amazing the way! The natural setting is its best feature!	5/28/2023 11:57 AM
51	Running	5/28/2023 11:28 AM
52	To best represent the entire community, the park trails should be inclusive and accessible to all users; pedestrian and biking alike	5/28/2023 11:00 AM
53	NO HUNTING!!!!!!!	5/27/2023 6:05 PM
54	Primitive camping	5/26/2023 6:23 PM
55	"Biking" the Springlawn trail allows for leisurely family type biking for kids and beginners, as it is flat and a few miles in length. I think a larger parking lot is in order at the rt 841 start location, which would allow more families and kids to get started riding "gravel/dirt", in a safe manner, away from vehicular traffic. Unfortunately Pa. roads are not that safe for biking. Also, the new park has a tremendous potential for adding mtb	5/26/2023 2:18 PM
56	Orienteering, primitive campsites	5/25/2023 11:28 PM
57	Geocaching, orienteering, historic cultural resource education	5/25/2023 11:21 PM

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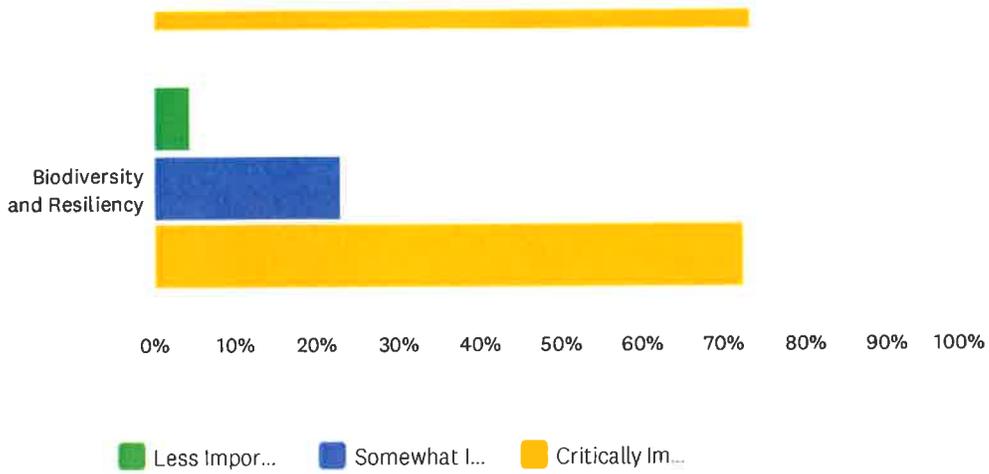
Q8 State Parks engage in a wide range of conservation and restoration work. What features within Big Elk Creek State Park are most in need of conservation or restoration efforts?

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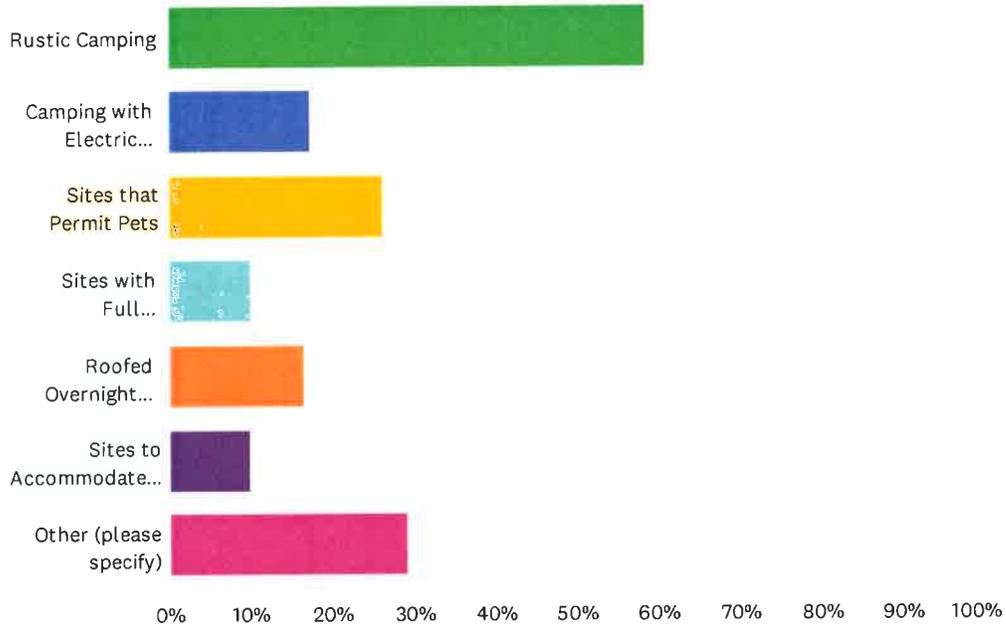


	<b>LESS IMPORTANT</b>	<b>SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT</b>	<b>CRITICALLY IMPORTANT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE</b>
Water Quality	2.00% 8	17.46% 70	80.55% 323	401	1.79
Forests	1.50% 6	18.95% 76	79.55% 319	401	1.78
Cultural / Historical	25.19% 101	44.89% 180	29.93% 120	401	1.05
Terrestrial Habitat	3.49% 14	28.93% 116	67.58% 271	401	1.64
Scenic Beauty	3.49% 14	26.43% 106	70.07% 281	401	1.67
Aquatic Habitat	2.00% 8	24.69% 99	73.32% 294	401	1.71
Biodiversity and Resiliency	4.49% 18	22.94% 92	72.57% 291	401	1.68

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### Q9 If overnight accommodations were available at Big Elk Creek State Park, which would you like to see? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 401 Skipped: 0



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**ANSWER CHOICES**

**RESPONSES**

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	Count
Rustic Camping	58.60%	235
Camping with Electric Service	17.46%	70
Sites that Permit Pets	26.18%	105
Sites with Full Accommodations (water / sewer / electric)	10.22%	41
Roofed Overnight (cabins, cottages, yurts, etc)	16.71%	67
Sites to Accommodate Groups	9.98%	40
Other (please specify)	29.18%	117

Total Respondents: 401

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Rustic camping with potted water, showers, toilets	8/13/2023 2:55 PM
2	Absolutely no overnight accommodations. This natural and untouched land is not Great Adventure or the Jersey Shore, which there are plenty of. It's rare untouched land which is at a premium. Overnight accommodations starts drinking and drug partys, loud music, and possible firearm discharging. Not at all safe for the residential communities that surround the park.	8/5/2023 2:49 PM
3	Port-a-potty at all locations	7/30/2023 11:11 AM
4	I don't know that overnight camping would be appropriate	7/28/2023 4:02 PM

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5	None of the above -	7/27/2023 10:00 AM
6	None!!	7/26/2023 10:35 PM
7	None	7/26/2023 6:50 PM
8	None	7/26/2023 2:39 PM
9	None	7/26/2023 2:22 PM
10	Not appropriate!	7/25/2023 5:04 PM
11	None.	7/25/2023 12:37 PM
12	clean bathrooms, possibly with showers	7/25/2023 11:37 AM
13	Not sure	7/25/2023 11:09 AM
14	No formal camping. Camp sites are available in the Md NRC area just across the state line	7/25/2023 10:17 AM
15	None of the above.	7/25/2023 9:32 AM
16	Please don't offer anything but rustic	7/24/2023 4:23 PM
17	Hammock Sites	7/23/2023 9:18 PM
18	None of the above	7/19/2023 12:52 PM
19	Basic restroom facilities	7/11/2023 10:42 AM
20	Rustic camping with bathroom access	7/10/2023 7:24 PM
21	None	7/6/2023 11:12 PM
22	None	6/30/2023 11:13 AM
23	I don't think that is appropriate for this area!	6/28/2023 7:46 PM
24	None	6/28/2023 5:56 PM
25	None	6/24/2023 10:13 AM
26	No camping	6/24/2023 9:39 AM
27	Prefer no overnight in vicinity of trail	6/19/2023 10:12 AM
28	No overnight camping	6/19/2023 10:07 AM
29	None	6/19/2023 9:25 AM
30	NO overnight accommodation	6/19/2023 9:14 AM
31	None	6/19/2023 9:12 AM
32	None. Overnight camping should not be allowed except for Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts.	6/19/2023 9:07 AM
33	I don't want to allow overnite or camping at BECSP.	6/17/2023 6:21 PM
34	Don't think we should offer accommodations overnight	6/16/2023 11:40 AM
35	too small of a park	6/14/2023 11:26 AM
36	Would not like to see overnight accommodations	6/13/2023 8:58 PM
37	None	6/13/2023 6:02 PM
38	None of the above.	6/12/2023 6:54 PM
39	None	6/12/2023 5:29 PM
40	day parking for horse trailers	6/12/2023 4:08 PM
41	Don't see overnight as successful	6/12/2023 1:36 PM
42	Absolutely no electrified campsites - keep as rustic and wild as possible. In general, water quality is a particular concern because of the PFAS contamination from the Gore plant	6/12/2023 11:20 AM

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	downstream	
43	No need for camping - park is too small	6/12/2023 11:19 AM
44	None! Keep people away. Leave it alone!	6/12/2023 8:21 AM
45	None	6/12/2023 7:46 AM
46	None	6/11/2023 3:47 PM
47	None	6/11/2023 1:50 PM
48	No camping.	6/10/2023 11:20 PM
49	None please	6/10/2023 12:38 PM
50	very limited if at all	6/10/2023 5:11 AM
51	Prefer no overnight use of a park, that tends to lead to trouble in my experience.	6/9/2023 8:47 PM
52	Sites used for educational groups	6/9/2023 7:46 PM
53	Bike	6/9/2023 6:37 PM
54	NONE	6/8/2023 8:38 PM
55	none	6/7/2023 1:02 PM
56	None	6/6/2023 11:34 AM
57	None	6/6/2023 9:15 AM
58	None	6/6/2023 7:16 AM
59	None	6/5/2023 7:46 PM
60	No overnight activities	6/5/2023 5:30 PM
61	None please	6/5/2023 4:32 PM
62	No camping	6/5/2023 2:04 PM
63	none	6/5/2023 1:59 PM
64	None	6/5/2023 1:20 PM
65	To remove the porta potty and bench's	6/5/2023 1:20 PM
66	None	6/5/2023 1:12 PM
67	None	6/5/2023 12:59 PM
68	None	6/5/2023 12:58 PM
69	I would only be OK with Rustic Camping if there was a significant (>1,000 foot) separation from existing home with noise controls and other limitations.	6/5/2023 12:42 PM
70	None	6/5/2023 12:25 PM
71	No camping	6/5/2023 12:00 PM
72	Recommend similar policy to Fair Hill not for groups with reservations and appropriate intent/purpose	6/5/2023 11:47 AM
73	Prefer no camping.	6/5/2023 11:39 AM
74	None	6/5/2023 11:21 AM
75	I do not feel this is an appropriate place for any camping.	6/5/2023 11:19 AM
76	NONE	6/5/2023 11:17 AM
77	None!	6/5/2023 11:04 AM
78	No overnight	6/5/2023 9:50 AM

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79	How can you even consider overnight accommodations when your description states the purpose is to CONSERVE this land. Anything other than hiking or bike trails would be severely detrimental to this natural environment and not what this community needs. There are plenty of parks for recreation in the area. We don't need more buildings, parking lots, or campgrounds disturbing the natural beauty that this wildlife sanctuary is	6/4/2023 11:03 PM
80	small amount and reservation needed	6/4/2023 3:35 PM
81	None	6/4/2023 2:07 PM
82	Primitive camping with pack in pack out and pit toilets	6/4/2023 10:48 AM
83	Not applicable	6/4/2023 12:06 AM
84	None please	6/3/2023 1:28 PM
85	With bathroom/shower	6/3/2023 8:53 AM
86	NONE!! Any buildings or structures would be detrimental to the wildlife that live in the area and would go against everything that Mr Strawbridge wanted PRESERVED! This should be for low impact trails only and people overnight would bring noise, trash, and serious disruption to the surrounding community!	6/2/2023 9:20 PM
87	Primitive camping	6/1/2023 7:56 AM
88	None	5/31/2023 9:56 PM
89	I don't believe it would be appropriate to have any overnight accommodations on this property or any buildings of any kind. Mr. Strawbridge wanted this land PRESERVED not built on - and that is what the community wants as well. A secluded sanctuary. Build trails or bridges over the creek to allow access to Fair Hill but not buildings or parking lots!!! Lord knows we have plenty of those all around at all the other parks in the area.	5/31/2023 3:22 PM
90	I wouldn't want overnight accommodations	5/30/2023 1:54 PM
91	There are plenty of RV and over packed camping areas. Would be nice to see some secluded tent camping.	5/30/2023 12:30 PM
92	PLEASE DON'T PUT BUILDINGS AND PARKING LOTS ON THIS LAND. THAT WOULD DESTROY THE NATURAL BEAUTY THAT IS UNIQUE TO THIS PROPERTY NOT TO MENTION THE BIODIVERSITY SO CRITAL TO OUR ENVIRONMENT. LEAVE IT WILD AND BEAUTIFUL FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY WITHOUT DESTROYING IT. JUST TRAILS. NO BUILDINGS!	5/29/2023 5:59 PM
93	Overnight accommodations are not at all appropriate for this property. It should be kept natural other than trails for hiking and biking. That is what the Strawbridges wanted and that is what the community wants so that should be respected. No parking lots or buildings. That would be such a shame to see and unnecessary.	5/29/2023 5:52 PM
94	NONE! Development of this land other than trails would be an absolute contradiction of what conservation and preservation of the biodiversity of this land should be about. It would absolutely destroy the unique characteristics of this beautiful property. Nobody wants to look at port-a-potties and buildings interrupting the beautiful hillsides and forests. Parking lots already in place on Peacedale Road and Strickersville Rd are more than adequate to support people from out of the area. Please no more development! That is not what Mr. Strawbridge intended.	5/29/2023 5:19 PM
95	No development!!!! Please don't put buildings or parking lots on this nature preserve that supports numerous species of plants and animals and provides scenic beauty for the community. We have plenty of parks with sports and playgrounds and already have parking lots on peacedale and strickersville sports don't need any more. Please preserve and conserve the natural beauty if this unique property!! No buildings, bathrooms, parking lots. That is not what the community wants. And the back road that this property is adjacent to cannot support the increased traffic!	5/29/2023 5:12 PM
96	Overnight accommodations are not at all appropriate on this tract of land. It should be left natural to support the biodiversity that exists on the property. Who wants to look at man made buildings and parking lots instead of what is already there, natural beauty. Any development of this land would be a travesty!! Tax payer money should not be used to destroy the habitat of such a special piece of land.	5/29/2023 4:25 PM

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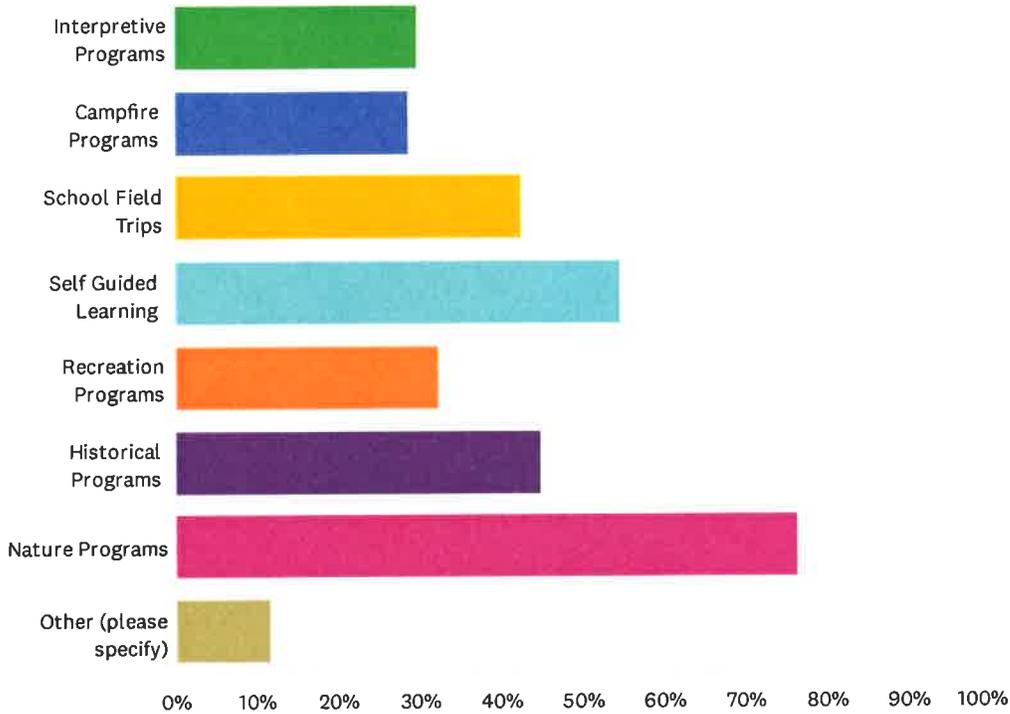
97	None	5/29/2023 12:46 PM
98	No buildings would be appropriate or necessary on a tract of land that contains a multitude of rare and endangered species of plants and animals. The purpose of conservation is to protect the land and habitat so development of parking lots and/or buildings of any kind would be absolutely contradictory to the efforts of the state and certainly not what members of the community would want! There are plenty of places in the area to play "frisbee golf" and numerous parks and playgrounds within just a few miles. Please don't develop one of the last large tracts of untouched land with parking lots and port-a-potties!!!!	5/29/2023 11:18 AM
99	None	5/29/2023 5:45 AM
100	No buildings would be appropriate on land that is supposed to be PROTECTED and PRESERVED	5/28/2023 9:53 PM
101	NONE- are you serious? Buildings placed on this land would destroy the scenic beauty not to mention the wildlife and plants you are supposed to protect!	5/28/2023 9:18 PM
102	None! This is an area home to endangered wildlife. Why would you even consider putting buildings on land that was purchased to conserve and preserve?! That would completely destroy everything that the property is!	5/28/2023 9:08 PM
103	No camping	5/28/2023 7:26 PM
104	Backcountry sites	5/28/2023 6:30 PM
105	NO OVERNIGHT ACTIVITIES	5/28/2023 4:37 PM
106	No camping	5/28/2023 12:05 PM
107	Please don't allow camping! Keep the park as natural as it is! That's the beauty of the park!	5/28/2023 11:57 AM
108	None	5/28/2023 11:51 AM
109	Hell no now if these should ever be allowed	5/28/2023 11:27 AM
110	N/a	5/28/2023 11:06 AM
111	None	5/27/2023 6:05 PM
112	None	5/26/2023 5:02 PM
113	None	5/26/2023 10:37 AM
114	None	5/26/2023 5:22 AM
115	Small group site for non profit camping	5/25/2023 11:28 PM
116	Rustic means primitive campsites with water and pit latrines	5/25/2023 11:21 PM
117	Selected roofed accommodations	5/24/2023 2:44 PM

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Q10 What types of outdoor educational programming would you like to see available? (check all that apply)

Answered: 401 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Interpretive Programs	29.93%	120
Campfire Programs	28.68%	115
School Field Trips	42.64%	171
Self Guided Learning	54.86%	220
Recreation Programs	32.42%	130
Historical Programs	44.89%	180
Nature Programs	76.56%	307
Other (please specify)	11.72%	47
Total Respondents: 401		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Half of a mile away and connected to Big Elk Creek Park is Fair Hill Nature center. It has been serving people and schools for more than 30 years. There is no need to duplicate this excellent program.	8/5/2023 2:49 PM
2	None of the above	7/27/2023 10:00 AM

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3	It would be easier to say if we had some knowledge and background as to what your expectations for the usage would be	7/26/2023 6:50 PM
4	None	7/26/2023 2:22 PM
5	Have I mentioned riding responsibly on dual sport trails?	7/25/2023 11:37 AM
6	hound walking	7/25/2023 10:17 AM
7	Wilderness first aid	7/25/2023 8:42 AM
8	Naturalist Walks / Plant Walks	7/23/2023 9:18 PM
9	offer the above programs episodically, no need for permanent on-site structure	7/19/2023 3:42 PM
10	I'm especially interested in nature and historical programming!	6/28/2023 7:02 PM
11	No programs, no events	6/13/2023 8:58 PM
12	Mark the trails— it's different to navigate based on the map and I had to turn back because nothing was marked. This was my first time here and I really wanted to explore it more. It's beautiful.	6/13/2023 2:28 PM
13	None of the above	6/12/2023 6:54 PM
14	Fox hunting	6/12/2023 6:24 PM
15	All sound excellent - would especially appreciate a historical focus on the land's Lenape past and on the preservation of old farmsteads	6/12/2023 11:20 AM
16	None! Keep people away. Leave it alone!	6/12/2023 8:21 AM
17	Traditional field sports	6/12/2023 7:55 AM
18	How Fairhill in PA become available for the public....generous donation by longtime fox hunters. Please keep it this way.	6/12/2023 7:46 AM
19	Foxhunting	6/12/2023 5:56 AM
20	bird watching, flora and fauna identification	6/10/2023 11:20 PM
21	bird walks, invasive species control	6/10/2023 10:11 AM
22	Stargazing opportunities	6/9/2023 10:44 PM
23	I don't think state parks should get too involved in education, I see the park as a resource that should be protected from users who don't particularly want to be there. Preserve it for those who appreciate and respect the park.	6/9/2023 8:47 PM
24	Cycling education	6/9/2023 6:33 PM
25	No other programs	6/8/2023 8:38 PM
26	None	6/6/2023 11:34 AM
27	None	6/5/2023 7:46 PM
28	There are numerous already developed parks in close proximity and I would prefer to use those and instead maintain Big Elk Creek State Park in its quiet solitude setting. Allow nature to take its course with a few trails cut through for hiking and bicycles.	6/5/2023 5:30 PM
29	None	6/5/2023 1:20 PM
30	None	6/5/2023 12:59 PM
31	None	6/5/2023 12:58 PM
32	None	6/5/2023 12:25 PM
33	n/a keep it a lowkey nature experience	6/4/2023 3:35 PM
34	None needed	6/4/2023 2:07 PM
35	None	6/1/2023 5:26 PM

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36	Biking and running events	5/29/2023 12:25 PM
37	None	5/28/2023 9:53 PM
38	NONE	5/28/2023 4:37 PM
39	None	5/28/2023 12:39 PM
40	Keep it natural, less signage the better	5/28/2023 12:08 PM
41	None	5/28/2023 12:05 PM
42	None	5/28/2023 11:57 AM
43	None	5/28/2023 11:27 AM
44	trail building/maintenance	5/26/2023 6:23 PM
45	None	5/26/2023 5:02 PM
46	None	5/26/2023 10:37 AM
47	Night sky/ native ecosystem	5/24/2023 2:44 PM

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