

## 2015 Spencer Outdoor Recreation Plan (ORP) Survey Results Summary

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The Village of Spencer advertised the survey link to all Village residents.

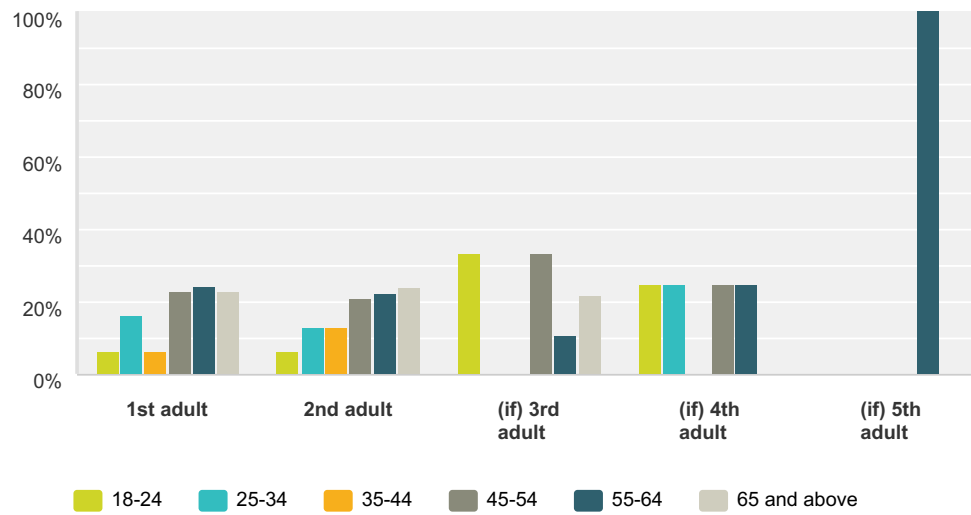
82 responses were received to the Survey. Respondents were allowed to skip questions, so several questions had smaller response groups.

### **Key Findings of the ORP Survey:**

- The most frequent outdoor recreational activities respondents participated in:
  1. Walking/hiking 80 responses
  2. Bicycling on trails 32 responses
  3. Wildlife viewing 25 responses
  
- The most frequently visited park facilities over the past 12 months:
  1. Wildlife/Nature Areas 34 responses
  2. Picnic areas 28 responses
  3. Playground equipment 26 responses
  4. Bicycle trails 24 responses
  
- The most adequately available park facilities within the Village of Spencer:
  1. Playground equipment 45 responses
  2. Sports fields (soccer, football, & baseball) 25 responses
  3. Picnic areas 23 responses
  
- The top potential outdoor recreation facilities that should be developed in Spencer:
  - Walking trails 49 responses
  - Bicycle trails 48 responses
  - Jogging/Running Paths 27 responses
  - Wildlife/Nature Area Reception Areas 23 responses

### Q1 Adult ages - Indicate the number of adult household members in each age category:

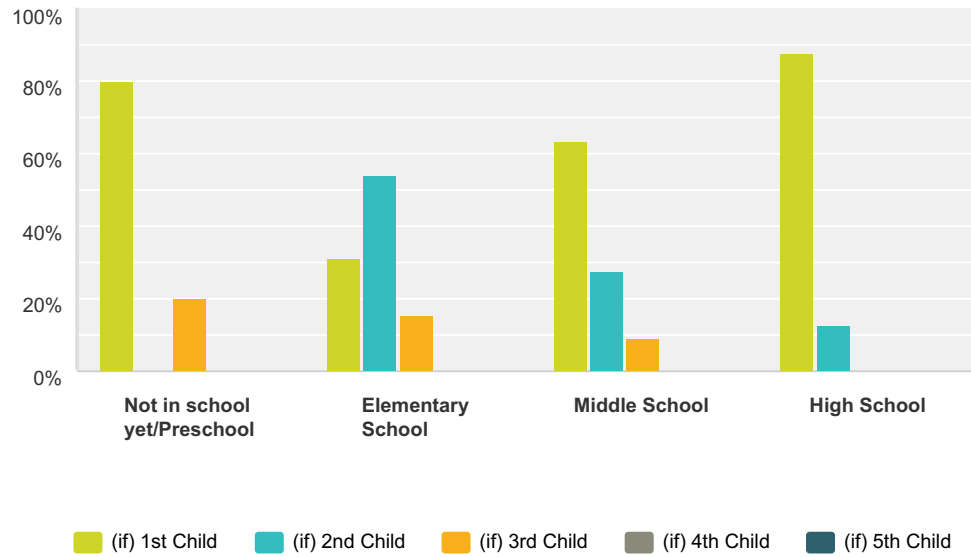
Answered: 80 Skipped: 2



	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and above	Total
1st adult	6.41% 5	16.67% 13	6.41% 5	23.08% 18	24.36% 19	23.08% 18	78
2nd adult	6.45% 4	12.90% 8	12.90% 8	20.97% 13	22.58% 14	24.19% 15	62
(if) 3rd adult	33.33% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	33.33% 3	11.11% 1	22.22% 2	9
(if) 4th adult	25.00% 1	25.00% 1	0.00% 0	25.00% 1	25.00% 1	0.00% 0	4
(if) 5th adult	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	1

### Q2 Children ages - Indicate the number of child household members in each school level category:

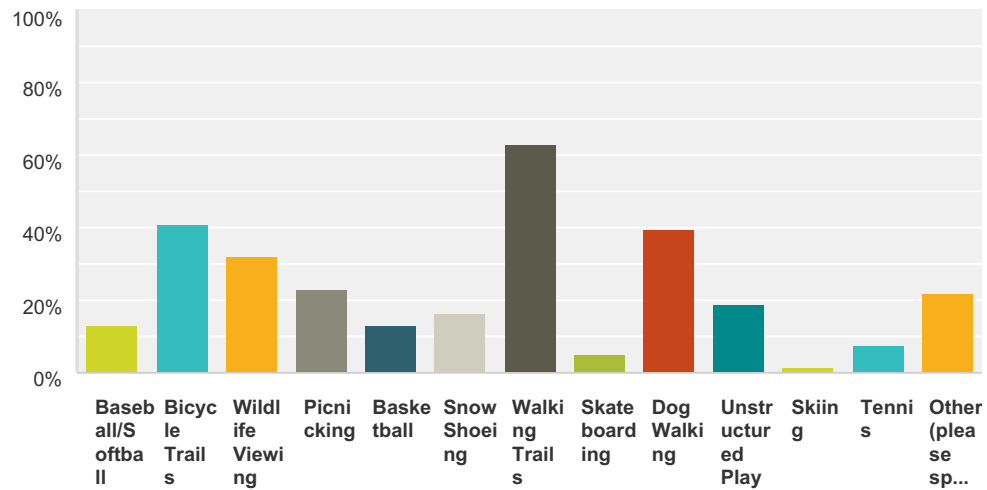
Answered: 25 Skipped: 57



	(if) 1st Child	(if) 2nd Child	(if) 3rd Child	(if) 4th Child	(if) 5th Child	Total
Not in school yet/Preschool	80.00% 8	0.00% 0	20.00% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	10
Elementary School	30.77% 4	53.85% 7	15.38% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	13
Middle School	63.64% 7	27.27% 3	9.09% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11
High School	87.50% 7	12.50% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	8

### Q3 Please select the 3 most frequent outdoor activities in which you and your household participated during the past 12 months:

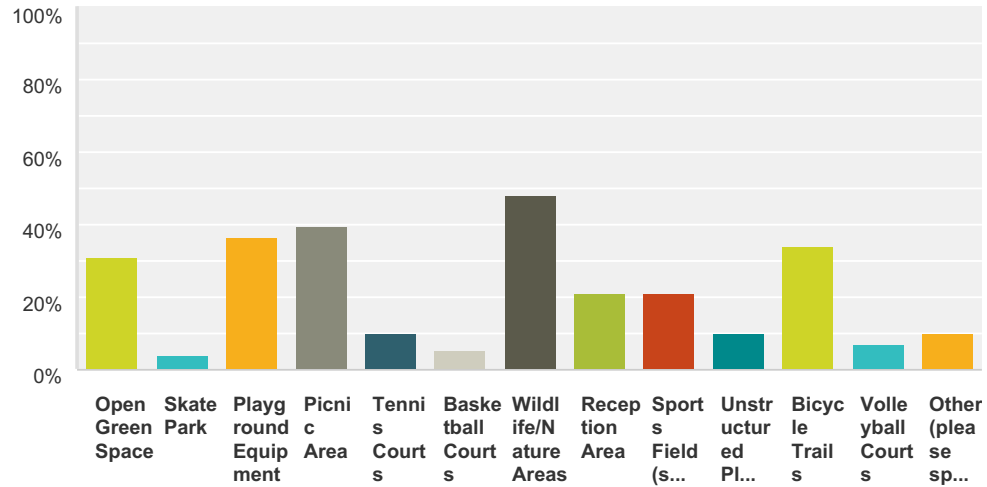
Answered: 78 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses
Baseball/Softball	12.82% 10
Bicycle Trails	41.03% 32
Wildlife Viewing	32.05% 25
Picnicking	23.08% 18
Basketball	12.82% 10
Snow Shoeing	16.67% 13
Walking Trails	62.82% 49
Skateboarding	5.13% 4
Dog Walking	39.74% 31
Unstructured Play	19.23% 15
Skiing	1.28% 1
Tennis	7.69% 6
Other (please specify)	21.79% 17
<b>Total Respondents: 78</b>	

### Q4 Please select the 3 most frequent type of park facilities in which you and your household visited during the past 12 months:

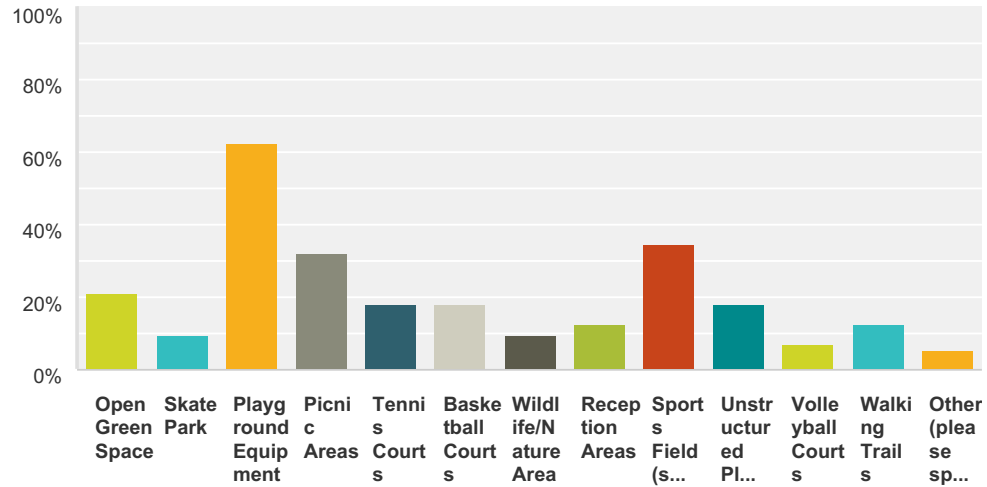
Answered: 71 Skipped: 11



Answer Choices	Responses
Open Green Space	30.99% 22
Skate Park	4.23% 3
Playground Equipment	36.62% 26
Picnic Area	39.44% 28
Tennis Courts	9.86% 7
Basketball Courts	5.63% 4
Wildlife/Nature Areas	47.89% 34
Reception Area	21.13% 15
Sports Field (soccer, football, baseball)	21.13% 15
Unstructured Play Area	9.86% 7
Bicycle Trails	33.80% 24
Volleyball Courts	7.04% 5
Other (please specify)	9.86% 7
<b>Total Respondents: 71</b>	

### Q5 Please select the 3 most important public park facilities or amenities that you think are adequately available within the Village of Spencer:

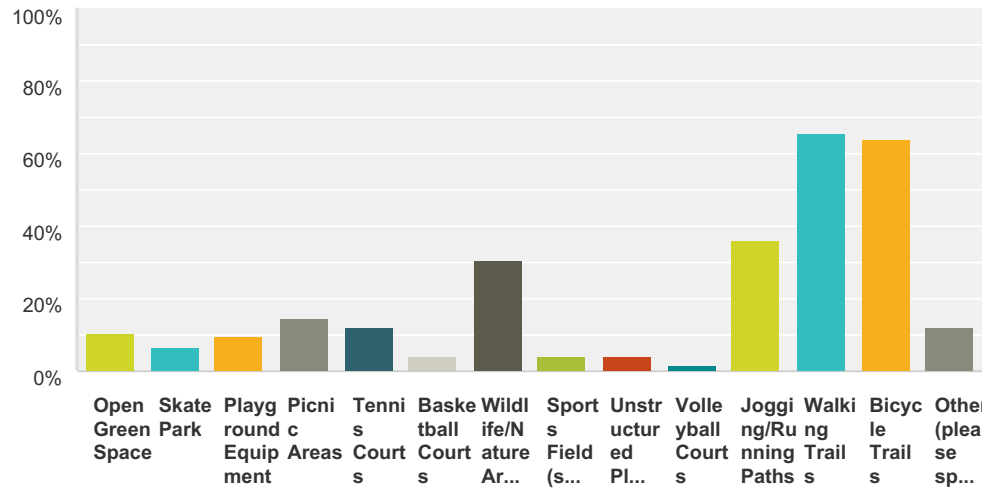
Answered: 72 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses
Open Green Space	20.83% 15
Skate Park	9.72% 7
Playground Equipment	62.50% 45
Picnic Areas	31.94% 23
Tennis Courts	18.06% 13
Basketball Courts	18.06% 13
Wildlife/Nature Area	9.72% 7
Reception Areas	12.50% 9
Sports Field (soccer football, baseball)	34.72% 25
Unstructured Play Areas	18.06% 13
Volleyball Courts	6.94% 5
Walking Trails	12.50% 9
Other (please specify)	5.56% 4
<b>Total Respondents: 72</b>	

### Q6 Please select the 3 public park facilities or amenities of which you think is needed more within the Village of Spencer:

Answered: 75 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses
Open Green Space	10.67% 8
Skate Park	6.67% 5
Playground Equipment	9.33% 7
Picnic Areas	14.67% 11
Tennis Courts	12.00% 9
Basketball Courts	4.00% 3
Wildlife/Nature Area Reception Areas	30.67% 23
Sports Field (soccer football, baseball)	4.00% 3
Unstructured Play Areas	4.00% 3
Volleyball Courts	1.33% 1
Jogging/Running Paths	36.00% 27
Walking Trails	65.33% 49
Bicycle Trails	64.00% 48
Other (please specify)	12.00% 9
<b>Total Respondents: 75</b>	

## Q7 Please include any additional comments about parks and recreation below:

Answered: 29 Skipped: 53

#	Responses	Date
1	Signs on the areas- benches where they aren't any. Maps for the public for private else first come first serve.	12/17/2014 4:26 PM
2	Splash park for young kids.	12/17/2014 4:24 PM
3	Biking trails away from highways and main roads.	12/17/2014 4:23 PM
4	Keep all snow cleared on at least one side of the street to the curb for safe walking for folks that walk for health reasons and for those that walk their dogs. Also more trash receptacles for waste.	12/17/2014 4:21 PM
5	Just would be nice if kids have safer place to ride bike. Bike trails and walking trails would be nice addition to community.	12/17/2014 4:18 PM
6	Bathrooms for all parks or play areas.	12/17/2014 4:17 PM
7	Don't know what "Reception Area" means	12/17/2014 4:10 PM
8	More sidewalks, especially along Hwy 13 to N.T.C	12/17/2014 4:09 PM
9	Restaurant to visit- a place to visit. People are asking for a restaurant.	12/17/2014 4:07 PM
10	Not much help... don't get out much.	12/17/2014 4:04 PM
11	The corner of 98 and Hwy 13 - park is very nice.	12/17/2014 4:02 PM
12	Need a restaurant.	12/17/2014 3:53 PM
13	I think the park shelter would be rented more if heat was available, make it all year round.	12/17/2014 3:51 PM
14	Tennis court needs work.	12/17/2014 3:48 PM
15	We need to beautify our main park..flowers, shrubs, fountains, bird feeders, paths. We are surrounded by trains and traffic. We need our shelter insulated, so it can be used year round. This is super important. Above everything else. Also no one will ever use the park on the corner of 13 and 98. You cannot visit with all the traffic. The gazebo and benched should be on the other end. People want quiet and privacy in a park.	12/11/2014 4:58 PM
16	i would like to also see a community garden comprised of family plots or to benefit the food pantry.	12/11/2014 4:54 PM
17	I feel all our parks need to be sprayed for weeds especially for dandelions. the parks in the residential areas need it the most. The ARC park really needs work on the infield, dugouts, and entrance door needs replacement.(Other parks seem to be in good repair.) Could the ARC club, village, and school work together to make needed ARC park improvements? We don't feel the location for the Veterans Memorial Park is appropriate. The chance for accidents on that corner is high as many have happened hitting the traffic light poles without further distractions. Limited parking there as well and many semis need wide turns and cars may park along Clark St. There may be a better area for this Veteran Park with parking sites available.	12/11/2014 4:50 PM
18	Playground for kids in the Aspen/Apple/Willow/Grant Area	12/11/2014 4:42 PM
19	Would like to see ice skating rink back and tennis courts maintained better- we use them often but the nets are often saggy and the court surface is rough -we know others who would use it more often if it were in better shape.	12/11/2014 4:34 PM
20	When at the Lion Park it would be nice if the restrooms were available in the shelter.	12/11/2014 4:29 PM
21	Running/bike route would be great.	11/27/2014 7:34 AM
22	Having some walking/bike/hiking trails would be a great benefit for the community as a healthier option	11/16/2014 7:10 AM
23	I wouldn't mind seeing a dog park	11/15/2014 8:35 AM
24	it would be nice to have sidewalks on all streets	11/13/2014 8:16 PM



25	<p>Sand is the surface ground for the playground equipment at our Spencer playgrounds. Additional sand is hauled in it seems yearly to keep grounds in order. While visiting out of town this summer, I noted the use of pea gravel (5-6 inch depth) instead of sand and impressed how nice this surface was in comparison to sand, which can be hard to walk on when new lawyer applied. Also I've noticed that following a rain one can go onto the playground area with pea gravel sooner and without puddles. In talking with the gentleman in charge of their parks, he stated that they have 75% of their park areas surfaced with the pea gravel rock and will complete the last of the areas in the future. They have been very pleased with the conversion of sand to pea gravel. It may be more costly than sand, however in the long term they are spending \$500-600 less. The gentleman I spoke to was Mike at Somerset, WI. His telephone number is 715-760-0933 if the city of Spencer would like to check into this further. He was very informative when I spoke to him. If questions, feel free to call. Diane Witmer</p>	11/11/2014 12:16 PM
26	bicycle trail to Mfld would be the very top of our list!	11/9/2014 12:56 PM
27	RV dumpsite is needed	11/3/2014 7:10 PM
28	am interested in the veterans park and hope there are plans for expansion in the future.	10/31/2014 6:35 PM
29	update what you have...skateboard and tennis area	10/30/2014 11:26 AM