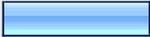
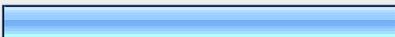
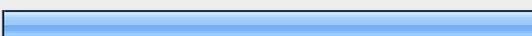
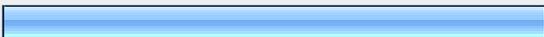
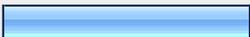
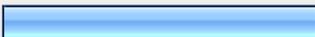
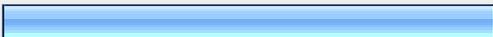
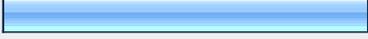
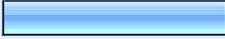
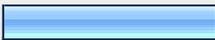


Flathead County Parks and Rec

1. What type of parks are most needed in Flathead County? (Check top 2 choices)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Small parks in my neighborhood		15.9%	63
Large multi-use parks that serve the whole community		34.3%	136
Natural Areas		43.3%	172
A park consisting primarily of sports fields		2.5%	10
Parks with river or creek frontage		36.3%	144
Linear parks- trail corridors - pathways		58.4%	232
No additional parks or natural areas needed		3.8%	15
		answered question	397
		skipped question	5

2. In which area should the county focus its parks and recreation efforts? (Check top 2 choices)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Acquire land for future parks		59.7%	237
Develop new parks		27.0%	107
Upgrade existing parks		34.3%	136
Maintain existing parks and facilities		53.9%	214
Provide recreation programs and activities		12.6%	50
Build new major facilities (e.g. Community center, gymnasium)		6.3%	25
		answered question	397
		skipped question	5

3. Which of the following benefits of parks recreation services and open space are most important to you? (Check top 2 choices)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Promote youth development		17.5%	70
Improve health and wellness		32.3%	129
Water or public land access		40.1%	160
Enjoy/protect the natural environment		55.6%	222
Provide support for lifelong learning		2.5%	10
Provide cultural activities		2.0%	8
Help seniors/disabled remain active		7.5%	30
Connect people, build strong families and neighborhoods		24.6%	98
Enhance community image/sense of place		23.3%	93
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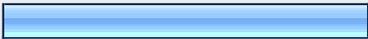
4. What are the two primary reasons you use the parks in the county?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Enjoy the outdoors/nature		71.3%	286
Use specific facility at a park		9.2%	37
Play sports		8.7%	35
Picnic and general leisure		15.5%	62
Walk or bike for exercise		47.4%	190
Meet friends		3.5%	14
Participate in family activities		11.5%	46
Attend special events or concerts		5.2%	21
Fishing and hunting access		11.5%	46
Water access		21.2%	85
Do not use parks		2.0%	8
		<i>answered question</i>	401
		<i>skipped question</i>	1

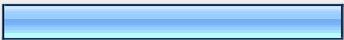
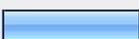
5. Do any of the following reasons prevent you from using or using more often the area's parks and recreation facilities?

	Yes	No	No Opinion	Response Count
Physical disability	2.9% (11)	93.4% (351)	3.7% (14)	376
Distance from home	41.1% (156)	56.6% (215)	2.4% (9)	380
Safety concerns	12.3% (46)	84.5% (315)	3.2% (12)	373
Rowdy behavior of other park users	26.3% (98)	68.0% (253)	5.6% (21)	372
User fees for programs	15.6% (58)	76.5% (284)	7.8% (29)	371
Difficult access, such as busy streets	16.3% (61)	77.3% (290)	6.4% (24)	375
Overcrowding in parks	25.1% (94)	69.1% (259)	5.9% (22)	375
Not enough parking at parks	23.2% (82)	70.0% (247)	6.8% (24)	353
Poor maintenance	31.5% (119)	60.1% (227)	8.5% (32)	378
Dogs on a leash	20.6% (77)	72.2% (270)	7.2% (27)	374
Poorly designed facility	17.8% (66)	71.2% (264)	11.1% (41)	371
Lack of restrooms	30.1% (112)	65.3% (243)	4.6% (17)	372
Doesn't contain desired features, or facilities	28.9% (106)	57.8% (212)	13.4% (49)	367
	<i>answered question</i>			394
	<i>skipped question</i>			8

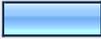
6. In general would you support a county wide tax measure to maintain and improve existing parks, acquire land for new parks and natural areas, or develop more recreational trails, pathways, parks and recreation facilities? (Check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, I would support it.		44.7%	177
I would support it depending on the amount of the tax.		30.6%	121
I would support it depending upon the projects proposed.		40.2%	159
I would support it depending upon amount of the projects.		8.8%	35
I would support it depending upon the cost of future maintenance projects.		13.4%	53
No, I would not support it.		10.4%	41
	answered question		396
	skipped question		6

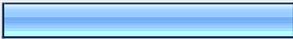
7. In general would you support the creation of a park maintenance district to improve the facilities in the school district where you live?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, I would support it.		37.3%	148
I would support it depending on the amount of the tax.		20.7%	82
I would support it depending upon the projects proposed.		24.9%	99
I would support it depending upon amount of the projects.		2.3%	9
No, I would not support it.		14.9%	59
	answered question		397
	skipped question		5

8. How would you rank the importance of parks and recreation among the county's other programs and expenses?

		Response Percent	Response Count
High		40.2%	160
Medium		48.2%	192
Low		10.6%	42
No opinion		1.0%	4
		<i>answered question</i>	398
		<i>skipped question</i>	4

9. How would you rank the importance for new pathways among the county's other programs and expenses?

		Response Percent	Response Count
High		51.9%	205
Medium		31.9%	126
Low		13.7%	54
No opinion		2.5%	10
		<i>answered question</i>	395
		<i>skipped question</i>	7

10. Please indicate how important you feel about the following policies are for park planning.

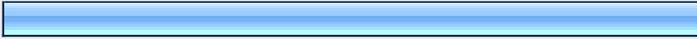
	Very Important		Important		Not Important	No Opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
More recreational programs for youth.	17.1% (67)	16.1% (63)	35.2% (138)	19.6% (77)	7.4% (29)	4.6% (18)	2.83	392
More recreational programs for adults.	7.4% (29)	13.7% (54)	29.3% (115)	25.7% (101)	18.1% (71)	5.9% (23)	3.35	393
More recreational programs for seniors.	9.0% (35)	16.8% (65)	33.5% (130)	24.2% (94)	11.6% (45)	4.9% (19)	3.13	388
Parks should protect natural areas such as wetlands, floodplain and wildlife areas	61.0% (241)	15.9% (63)	12.2% (48)	6.1% (24)	3.8% (15)	1.0% (4)	1.74	395
Construct handicap facilities in parks	15.7% (62)	19.3% (76)	38.3% (151)	16.8% (66)	7.4% (29)	2.5% (10)	2.80	394
Provide more areas for group activities such as pavilions, picnic areas . . .	5.6% (22)	14.8% (58)	32.3% (127)	30.8% (121)	14.5% (57)	2.0% (8)	3.35	393
Provide more athletic facilities such as tennis courts, basketball hoops,	5.1% (20)	8.2% (32)	28.3% (111)	30.6% (120)	23.7% (93)	4.1% (16)	3.62	392
Provide alternative sports such as skateboarding, Folf, bike jumps	3.6% (14)	10.0% (39)	24.4% (95)	28.5% (111)	29.3% (114)	4.1% (16)	3.73	389
Provide a dog park in the county	16.5% (64)	12.3% (48)	15.9% (62)	18.3% (71)	32.6% (127)	4.4% (17)	3.40	389
Develop new parks to serve new subdivisions that are open to the public	11.2% (44)	14.0% (55)	28.1% (110)	24.7% (97)	17.9% (70)	4.1% (16)	3.25	392
Partner with other public agencies and non-profit groups on park improvements	30.5% (119)	27.9% (109)	30.3% (118)	5.9% (23)	4.1% (16)	1.3% (5)	2.24	390
Connect parks with trails or pathways	53.4% (211)	19.5% (77)	17.0% (67)	4.6% (18)	4.3% (17)	1.3% (5)	1.85	395
Devel a county-wide interconnected trail and pathway system.	55.7% (220)	15.7% (62)	11.9% (47)	8.9% (35)	6.8% (27)	1.0% (4)	1.94	395
Provide parks for visual buffers.	21.0% (82)	22.5% (88)	24.8% (97)	17.9% (70)	10.5% (41)	3.3% (13)	2.74	391
Include historic and cultural resources in park system.	15.1% (58)	20.5% (79)	30.1% (116)	17.4% (67)	12.5% (48)	4.4% (17)	2.91	385

Increase volunteer base to develop and maintain parks.	22.8% (90)	27.7% (109)	36.3% (143)	10.2% (40)	1.5% (6)	1.5% (6)	2.39	394
River and lake access should be a priority	40.3% (159)	18.7% (74)	21.5% (85)	11.9% (47)	5.3% (21)	2.3% (9)	2.22	395
Protect access to public lands should be a priority	49.6% (193)	20.6% (80)	17.7% (69)	7.5% (29)	3.3% (13)	1.3% (5)	1.93	389
Generate revenue from user fees	7.1% (28)	14.2% (56)	30.3% (119)	22.9% (90)	21.4% (84)	4.1% (16)	3.39	393
Sports organizations should maintain facilities	14.5% (56)	21.7% (84)	33.1% (128)	17.1% (66)	6.7% (26)	7.0% (27)	2.78	387
County parks should serve primarily local residents	14.1% (55)	19.5% (76)	26.4% (103)	16.7% (65)	16.9% (66)	6.4% (25)	3.03	390
County parks should attract visitors from outside of the area	6.4% (25)	14.0% (55)	23.0% (90)	25.0% (98)	26.3% (103)	5.4% (21)	3.54	392
Acquire new land for future parks	42.3% (165)	20.0% (78)	19.2% (75)	8.2% (32)	7.4% (29)	2.8% (11)	2.16	390
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	skipped question							3

11. Does any member of your household engage in the following activities?

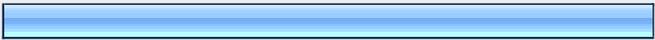
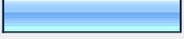
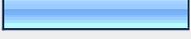
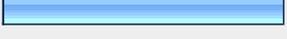
	Yes	No	Response Count
Equestrian	26.2% (91)	73.8% (256)	347
Walking for Pleasure	97.4% (381)	2.6% (10)	391
Exercising/Fitness Workout	86.6% (336)	13.4% (52)	388
Gardening	79.3% (299)	20.7% (78)	377
Bicycling (pleasure)	83.2% (323)	16.8% (65)	388
Dog Walking/Dog Parks	58.5% (223)	41.5% (158)	381
Bird Watching/Feeding	54.3% (201)	45.7% (169)	370
Nature Walks	88.4% (343)	11.6% (45)	388
Wildlife Watching	81.2% (306)	18.8% (71)	377
Swimming	67.9% (256)	32.1% (121)	377
Jogging/Running	47.5% (179)	52.5% (198)	377
Skiing (x-country)	70.0% (266)	30.0% (114)	380
Rafting/Tubing	57.5% (212)	42.5% (157)	369
Baseball	10.1% (37)	89.9% (329)	366
Softball	14.8% (54)	85.2% (310)	364
Soccer	23.3% (85)	76.7% (280)	365
Volleyball	13.7% (50)	86.3% (314)	364
Ice Skating	45.2% (166)	54.8% (201)	367
Outdoor concerts & festivals	81.1% (308)	18.9% (72)	380
Playground (visit/play)	52.4% (195)	47.6% (177)	372
Picnicking	73.5% (278)	26.5% (100)	378
Basketball	19.8% (73)	80.2% (296)	369
Tennis	25.0% (92)	75.0% (276)	368
Skateboarding	11.0% (40)	89.0% (324)	364
Horseshoes	23.2% (85)	76.8% (282)	367

In-Line Skating	14.1% (51)	85.9% (311)	362
Disc Golf	22.3% (82)	77.7% (285)	367
Ice Hockey	13.0% (47)	87.0% (314)	361
Golf	36.6% (135)	63.4% (234)	369
Fishing	68.8% (260)	31.2% (118)	378
Climbing Wall	27.4% (101)	72.6% (267)	368
Football	11.5% (42)	88.5% (322)	364
Boating	66.8% (251)	33.2% (125)	376
Off-Road Vehicle Riding	20.8% (76)	79.2% (289)	365
		answered question	397
		skipped question	5

12. Do you currently use Flathead County's pathways, including on street bicycle routes(bike lanes, road shoulders) and off street pathways?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		76.6%	301
No		23.4%	92
		answered question	393
		skipped question	9

13. If you could improve one thing about Flathead County's pathway system, what would it be?		Response Count
		285
	answered question	285
	skipped question	117

14. Where would members of your household most like to go using additional Bicycle/pedestrian pathways developed in the future? (please choose no more than three (3))

		Response Percent	Response Count
Parks and recreation areas		71.7%	279
Municipal downtown areas		31.6%	123
Local shopping areas		19.3%	75
Work		20.3%	79
Schools		22.4%	87
Adjacent Communities		30.6%	119
We would like new pathways as recreations destinations		53.2%	207
We would not use pathways		7.2%	28
		Other (please specify)	34
		<i>answered question</i>	389
		<i>skipped question</i>	13

15. Are you aware of any timely areas to make new off-street pathways in the county, if so where?

		Response Count
		139
		<i>answered question</i>
		139
		<i>skipped question</i>
		263

16. Are there any other comments you would like to share with us regarding specific parks or recreation programs in Flathead County?

		Response Count
		190
		<i>answered question</i>
		190
		<i>skipped question</i>
		212