



**PINELLAS TRAIL SECURITY TASK FORCE
(PTSTF) MEETING AGENDA**

July 9, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

Pinellas County Emergency Services Center, Room 130
12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774
(Telephone: 727-582-2000)

THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY

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 - Clearwater
 - Gulfport
 - Largo
 - St. Petersburg
 - Tarpon Springs
 - Animal Services
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 - Pinellas County Risk Management
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 - **NOTICE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT REPRESENTATIVES - IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR INCIDENT/OFFENSE REPORT TO SUSAN MILLER smiller@forwardpinellas.org, IF YOU WOULD PREFER, YOU CAN FAX THE REPORT TO THE PINELLAS COUNTY MPO at (727) 464-8212.**
THANK YOU.

NEXT PTSTF MEETING – OCTOBER 8, 2019

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Pinellas Trail Security Task Force – July 9, 2019

2. Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2019



SUMMARY

The summary minutes of the April 9, 2019 Pinellas Trail Security Task Force meeting are attached.

ATTACHMENTS: Pinellas Trail Security Task Force Summary Minutes – April 9, 2019

ACTION: Approval of April Meeting Summary

PINELLAS TRAIL SECURITY TASK FORCE
MEETING Summary
April 9, 2019

The following is a summary of the April 9, 2019 Forward Pinellas - Pinellas Trail Security Task Force meeting, which was held in the Pinellas County Public Safety Services Department, Room 130, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida 33774. The Security Task Force meets at least quarterly during the year.

IN ATTENDANCE

Officer Ron Wolfson, Chairman	St. Petersburg Police Department & Volunteer Coordinator
Officer Zachary Cissell	St. Petersburg Police Department
Chief Rick Doyle	Belleair Police Department
Officer Allison Daniels	Belleair Police Department
Officer John Ulrich	Tarpon Springs Police Department
Gary Brown	Pinellas County Animal Services
Larry Thomas	Pinellas County Animal Services
Lyle Fowler	PC Parks & Conservation Resources (PCR)
Craig Queen	Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration
Greg D’Amario	Pinellas County Risk Management
Joan Rice	Pinellas County Public Works – Traffic Division
Tom Rill	Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources
William Shaw	Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources
Bert Valery	Pinellas Trails, Inc/BPAC
Stu Schwartzreich	Auxiliary Ranger Volunteer
Bob Young	Auxiliary Ranger Volunteer
Bill Romanski	Auxiliary Ranger Volunteer
Phyllis Romanski	Auxiliary Ranger Volunteer
Susan J. Miller	Forward Pinellas Staff
Maria Kelly	Forward Pinellas Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Ronald Wolfson, St. Petersburg Police Officer, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Self-introductions were provided.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY – January 8, 2019

The summary from the January 8, 2019 meeting was approved, with no corrections.

3. PRESENTATION: ADVANTAGE PINELLAS: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Ms. Susan Miller, Forward Pinellas Staff, shared a presentation with the committee regarding the Active Transportation Plan for Pinellas County currently being developed in conjunction with the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The focus is to develop a prioritized set of projects that can feasibly be constructed over an eight to ten year period. The project consultant has begun collecting information and data regarding key destinations, existing/planned facilities, socioeconomic data, Trail counts, municipal bicycle/pedestrian plans and preliminary information on the Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) experienced by bicyclists in Pinellas County. One of the tools developed for public participation was an online “survey” designed to accept information from the public on travel to common bicycle and/or pedestrian destinations, places of interest and to collect general comments. Ms. Miller demonstrated how to access and use the interactive mapping tool. The link to the Active

Transportation Plan Survey was distributed to everyone in attendance for their assistance in increasing public participation for bike/ped travel comments, popular destinations, places of interest, infrastructure needs and/or hazards. Discussion ensued where questions were taken and appropriately answered.

4. QUARTERLY REPORT FROM PINELLAS TRAIL PARK RANGER

Ranger Tom Rill, Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR), reported several incidents related to the Trail over the last quarter. In January, Tarpon Springs Police Department assisted with prohibited camping at the US 19 underpass; Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) assisted with a transient camp north of the Park Boulevard overpass; Largo Police Department assisted with prohibited camping at the West Bay overpass. In February, a warning was issued against dumped vegetation south of 38th Avenue at emergency 911 marker PT192, and notified the PCSO of violation of a trespass warning at the same location; Largo Police Department assisted with another prohibited camping at the West Bay overpass; a volunteer Ranger encountered a bike accident at the Leach Property Trail parking lot in Seminole. The subject refused EMS response; PCSO assisted with a disorderly subject at Sage Avenue in Crystal Beach. The subject was trespassed from the Trail for 6 months. An email inquiry was sent to Largo Code Enforcement regarding a leaning wall between Walsingham Road and 102nd Avenue; Largo Police Department assisted with an abandon scooter near Taylor Park at emergency 911 marker PT360. In March, Belleair Police Department assisted with an abandoned backpack and firearm at emergency 911 marker PT397; two written warnings were issued for dumped vegetation in Seminole near Orange Blossom Drive; St. Petersburg Police Department assisted with prohibited camping between 20th Street S and 22nd Street S; Largo Police Department assisted with an abandoned golf cart at 8th Avenue S. There was a report of a subject with a firearm who was arrested by Clearwater Police Department in the area of Nursery Road.

5. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Sheriff's Office

Pinellas County Sheriff Deputy Eric Gibson was unable to attend and no report was received.

B. Belleair

Officer Allison Daniels reported 64 stops from January 1st, 2019 to date; of the 64 stops, 12 subjects had burglary history, 11 subjects with theft history; four subjects with auto theft history and nine subjects with resisting an officer.

C. Clearwater

Ms. Miller received a report from the Clearwater Police Department citing 56 incidents that occurred near or on the Trail of which 17 were directed patrols, two drunk pedestrians and one road rage incident, suspicious persons/vehicles, two auto burglaries, three accidents with injuries and four without injuries.

D. Gulfport

A report was received from the Gulfport Police Department noting no incidents during the quarter.

E. Largo

Officer V. Tran let us know that he would be unable to attend but sent in a report indicating 23 calls received on or around the Trail. Two reports were taken and one suicidal subject.

F. St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg Police Officer Zack Cissell reported 90 calls for service with a majority of those using the Trail as the geographical marker for traffic stops. 15 officer initiated calls from direct patrols to citizen contacts. Trail trespassers were arrested and on April 7th, there was a crash reported on the Trail between a dirt bike motorcyclist and two bicyclists resulting in significant injuries. Motorcyclist received several citations.

G. Tarpon Springs

Officer John Ulrich was in attendance and said that the Ranger had covered his report.

H. Animal Services

Mr. Gary Brown reported two loose dogs were sited on the Trail and one abandoned dog.

I. Public Safety Services

Mr. Craig Queen, Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration, shared a report that unfortunately omitted the January information. 29 actual calls using the Pinellas Trail marker as reference location points.

J. Pinellas County Risk Management

Mr. Greg D'Amario, Pinellas County Risk Management had nothing to report.

K. Volunteer Patrol Programs and Updates

Chair Wolfson stated that the City of St. Petersburg has a new group of volunteers to assist with the homeless population, in which they reference the Pinellas Trail markers in their reports.

6. AUTOMATIC TRAIL COUNTERS

Ms. Miller briefly discussed the automatic counter reports, which are included in the agenda packet, along with the 2018 Year End Summary report.

7. PINELLAS TRAIL USERS SURVEY 2019

Ms. Miller discussed the upcoming Pinellas Trail Users survey and asked for volunteers to assist in gathering information to help us find out how and why people use the Pinellas Trail. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

8. REPORT ON TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Ms. Miller reviewed the Trail Construction Activity report with the Security Task Force. She noted the electronic agenda included active links for additional construction information. The North Gap and the South Gap for the Duke Energy Trail: The North Loop Gap Countryside is in design/build phase and construction should begin soon and be completed in 2020. The South Loop Phase 3 & 4, Haines Bayshore to Ulmerton Road to 126th Avenue will connect to the North Bay Trail; Public Works has applied for SUNTrail funding for some locations while they investigate right-of-way in others. The Pinellas Trail Loop connection at NE Coachman/Old Coachman Road and the Ream Wilson Clearwater Trail is scheduled for construction in 2018, to be completed by end of 2019, along with bridge widening and improvements over Alligator Creek. Pinellas Trail Loop – Duke Energy Trail, NE Coachman to Sunset Point: Penny for Pinellas funded: construction 2019-20. 71st Street Trail Connector, Pinellas Trail to 38th Avenue; Design 2022, Construction 2024. The San Martin Trail and bridge connection, includes a PD&E study including sea level rise components. Construction has not

yet been funded. The design of the Courtney Campbell Trail Overpass at Bayshore Boulevard has been funded under the SUNTrail program, with construction scheduled in 2024. FDOT currently shared the proposed design with the Forward Pinellas advisory committees and will attempt to move this project up on the priority list. FDOT will include a trail with the new Howard Frankland Bridge construction in the Build-Design project; estimated construction in 2020. A suggestion was made to add sharrows at the Gandy Bridge connection west of the bridge. The Orange Street Pedestrian Overpass has been completed. The Harn Boulevard Overpass design is underway with construction scheduled for 2020/2021. Bayway Trail South, SR679 and Tierra Verde Bridge Replacement, the trail is to be included in the bridge construction, construction late 2018-2021. Treasure Island Causeway project, the City of St. Petersburg has been coordinating with the City of Treasure Island to connect the Pinellas Trail along the Treasure Island Causeway. Phase I has been completed, Phase II has been cancelled. The last phase of the Druid Trail, Glen Oaks Park to the Duke Energy Trail is nearly complete, and should be open to the public soon. The Druid Trail heads west and connects to the Memorial Causeway Bridge and out to Clearwater Beach. Honeymoon Island State Park Trail Extension, going into Honeymoon Island has been completed. The Oldsmar Trail, Phase 6 design is underway with construction scheduled for 2019, funding through Penny for Pinellas.

9. REPORT ON TRAIL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Mr. Bert Valery announced there would be a meeting with the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to discuss the alignment of the Pinellas Trail Loop North Gap after a few citizens have been spoken out against the current proposals, and have requested the alignment be modified to bypass their neighborhood.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

The 2019 meeting schedule for all of the Forward Pinellas advisory committee meetings was included in the agenda packet.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wolfson adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m. The next PTSTF meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2019.

3. Presentation: Trespass Warnings on the Pinellas Trail

SUMMARY

The Pinellas Trail is owned by Pinellas County, with the right-of-way varying from about 60-feet to 100-feet. The Trail is open to the public during daylight hours. Pets must be kept on a leash no greater than six feet at all times. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited (without a waiver from the County). With limited exceptions, motorized vehicles are prohibited on the trail. Trail users are expected to behave in a safe and courteous manner at all times. Definitions, policies and additional specific information regarding permitted and prohibited activities are provided in the County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 90.

https://library.municode.com/fl/pinellas_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIIPICOCO_CH90PACORE

Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR) currently manages the Florida Coast to Coast Trail (five-miles), the Honeymoon Island Trail along the Dunedin Causeway (two-miles), the Elfers Spur (one-mile), and more than 48-miles of the Pinellas Trail Loop. When the North Gap of the Loop and the Sunset Point to Spectrum Field segments are constructed, PCR will be responsible for more than 63-miles of trails.

The subject of trespassing has been a recurring topic over the past several Security Task Force meetings. County policy allows park rangers to issue trespass warnings, which they use judiciously only when there is blatant disregard for the rules of the Trail. By their very nature, trespass warnings can be challenging. The issues are further complicated by the number of agencies and jurisdictions involved in patrol, safety and security along all of the managed trails. Some of the challenges include the lack of physical address for the Trail, the jurisdictional boundaries over which each law enforcement agency has authority, and the necessary coordination between responsible agencies and their various policies.

This item will include discussion of trespass policies, jurisdiction, and other issues to further ensure the personal safety for trail users as well as staff.

ATTACHMENT(S): None

ACTION: Based on Discussion

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6. Report on Monthly Trail User Count Data

SUMMARY

This item will include the monthly data summary report for the automatic trail counters along the Pinellas Trail.

ATTACHMENT: Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary Reports:

- March 2019
- April 2019
- May 2019

ACTION: No Action Required, informational item only

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
March 1 – March 31, 2019 (31 days)

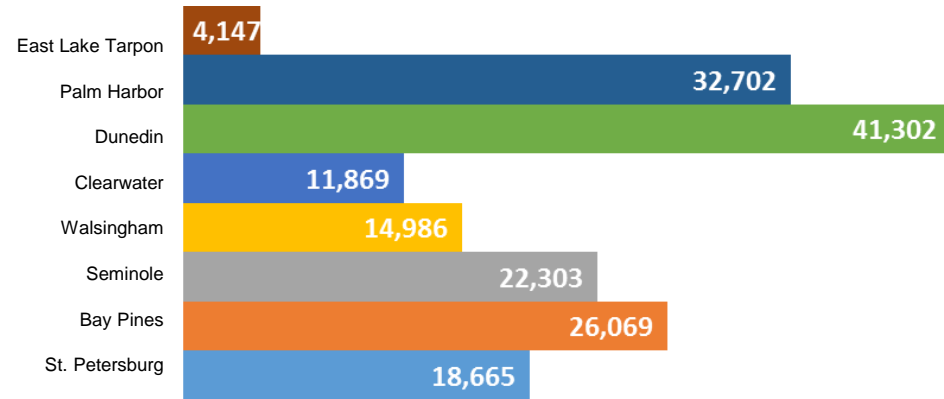
Total Usage

31-Day Count Total: 172,043
Daily Average Users: 5,550

Highest Daily Totals:

- #1 – Saturday, March 9th (Dunedin - 2,414)
- #2 – Saturday, March 9th (Palm Harbor - 1,564)
- #3 – Saturday, March 23rd (Bay Pines - 1,224)

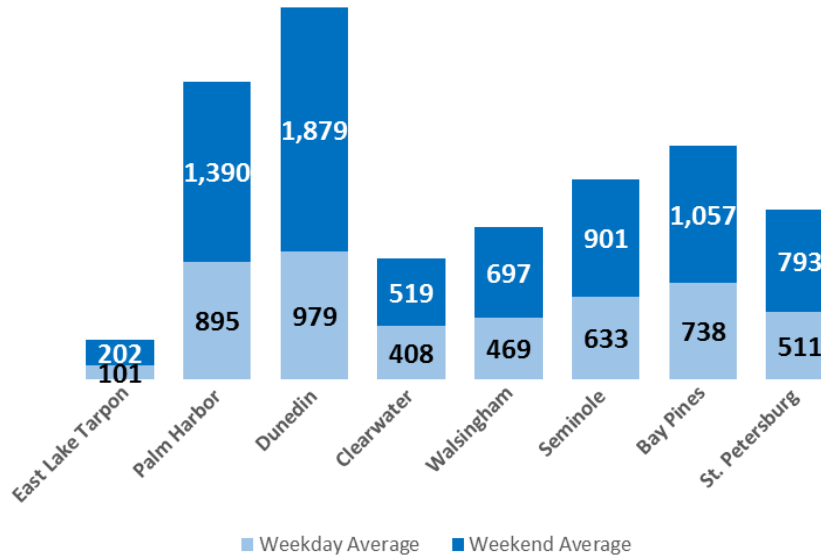
Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



Counter Locations



Weekday & Weekend Profile



Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian Icon)	Bicycling (Bicycle Icon)
East Lake Tarpon:	3%	97%
Palm Harbor:	10%	90%
Dunedin:	20%	80%
Clearwater:	21%	79%
Walsingham:	13%	87%
Seminole:	30%	70%
Bay Pines:	35%	65%
St. Petersburg:	37%	63%

Source: Forward Pinellas March 2019
National Weather Service: [March 2019](#)

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
April 1 – April 30, 2019 (30 days)

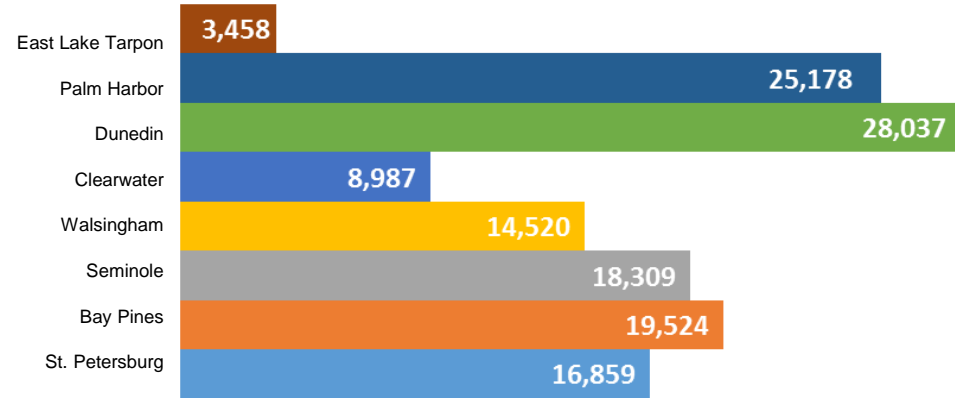
Total Usage

30-Day Count Total: 134,872
Daily Average Users: 4,496

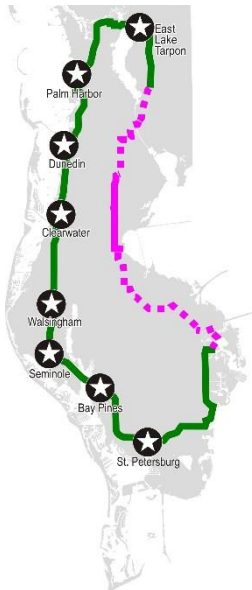
Highest Daily Totals:

- #1 – Saturday, April 27th (Dunedin - 1,478)
- #2 – Sunday, April 7th (Palm Harbor - 1,313)
- #3 – Sunday, April 7th (Bay Pines - 1,068)

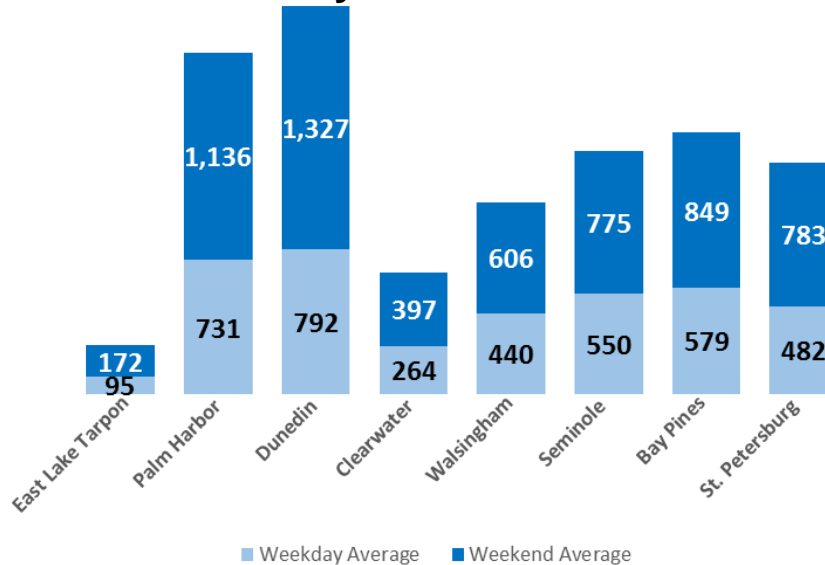
Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



Counter Locations



Weekday & Weekend Profile



Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian Icon)	Bicycling (Bicycle Icon)
East Lake Tarpon:	3%	97%
Palm Harbor:	9%	91%
Dunedin:	14%	86%
Clearwater:	21%	79%
Walsingham:	12%	88%
Seminole:	29%	71%
Bay Pines:	29%	71%
St. Petersburg:	39%	61%

Source: Forward Pinellas April 2019
National Weather Service: [April 2019](#)

Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary



Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:
May 1 – May 31, 2019 (31 days)

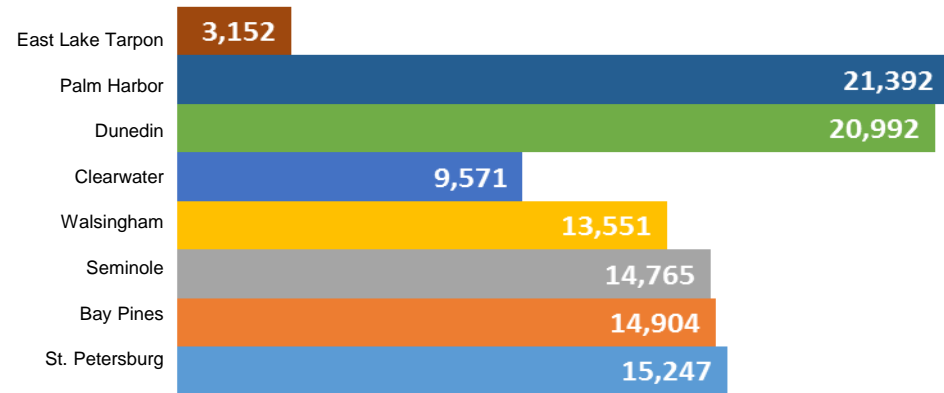
Total Usage

31-Day Count Total: 113,574
Daily Average Users: 3,664

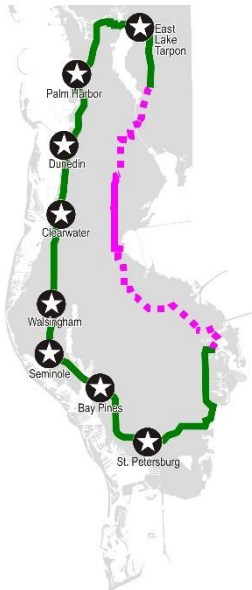
Highest Daily Totals:

- #1 – Saturday, May 18th (Dunedin - 1,283)
- #2 – Wednesday, May 29th (Palm Harbor - 1,238)
- #3 – Monday, May 27th (Bay Pines - 1,068)

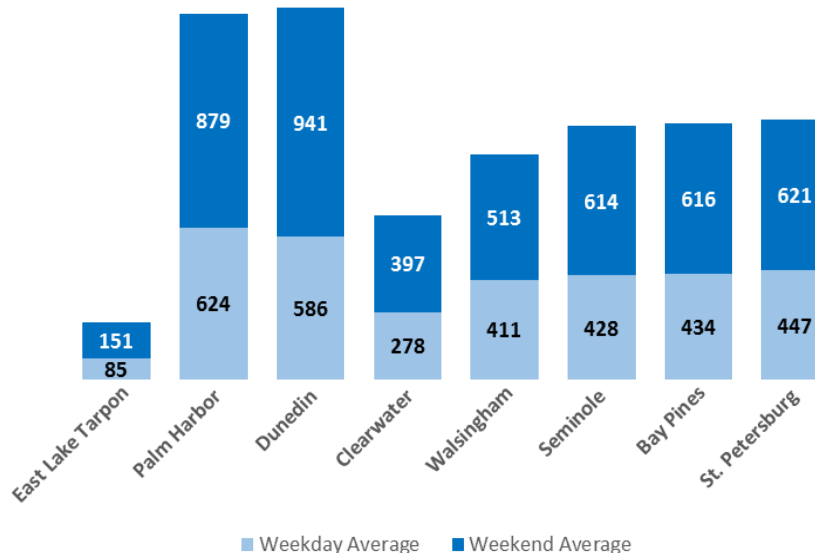
Monthly Trail Users by Counter Location



Counter Locations



Weekday & Weekend Profile



Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian)	Bicycling (Bicycle)
East Lake Tarpon:	1%	99%
Palm Harbor:	12%	88%
Dunedin:	5%	95%
Clearwater:	34%	66%
Walsingham:	11%	89%
Seminole:	23%	77%
Bay Pines:	22%	78%
St. Petersburg:	39%	61%

Source: Forward Pinellas May 2019
National Weather Service: [May 2019](#)

7. Pinellas Trail Users Survey 2019

SUMMARY

The 2019 Pinellas Trail Users Survey was conducted on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 at six different locations along the Trail. Many volunteers assisted with the survey, along with several Forward Pinellas staff members and County employees. An online survey was developed to supplement the in-field surveys to increase participation.

Even though thunderstorms discouraged many people from using the Trail on Friday, the first day of the field survey, nearly 1,000 surveys were collected over the entire weekend. The online survey was available for two weeks and another 500 participated online.

From the 1,513 total responses, approximately two-thirds bicycled on the Trail, one-fourth walked, and about one-tenth jogged or ran. About 60% of respondents reside within 2-miles of the Trail, an increase of 4% from the 2014 survey, and 12% from the 1999 survey. Some other preliminary 2019 results:

- One-third of respondents used the Trail about 3-4 times each week, just over one-fourth used it 5-7 days each week, and one-fifth used it one day or less; 18% used the Trail about twice a week;
- One-half (49%) of respondents traveled 2-10 miles each visit; 18% travel 2 miles or less; 34% travel 10 miles or more each visit;
- 84% would use other trails countywide;
- 39% use the Trail about 1-2 hours at a time, 30% use it 2-4 hours, 19% use it 30 minutes to one hour;
- 95% feel safe on the Trail;
- 80% were year-round residents, 19% seasonal or visitors.
- The majority of respondents (41%) were between 50 and 64 years of age, 31% were 65 or older;
- 53% were male, 47% female.

The results continue to be analyzed, and additional information will be provided when the report is complete.

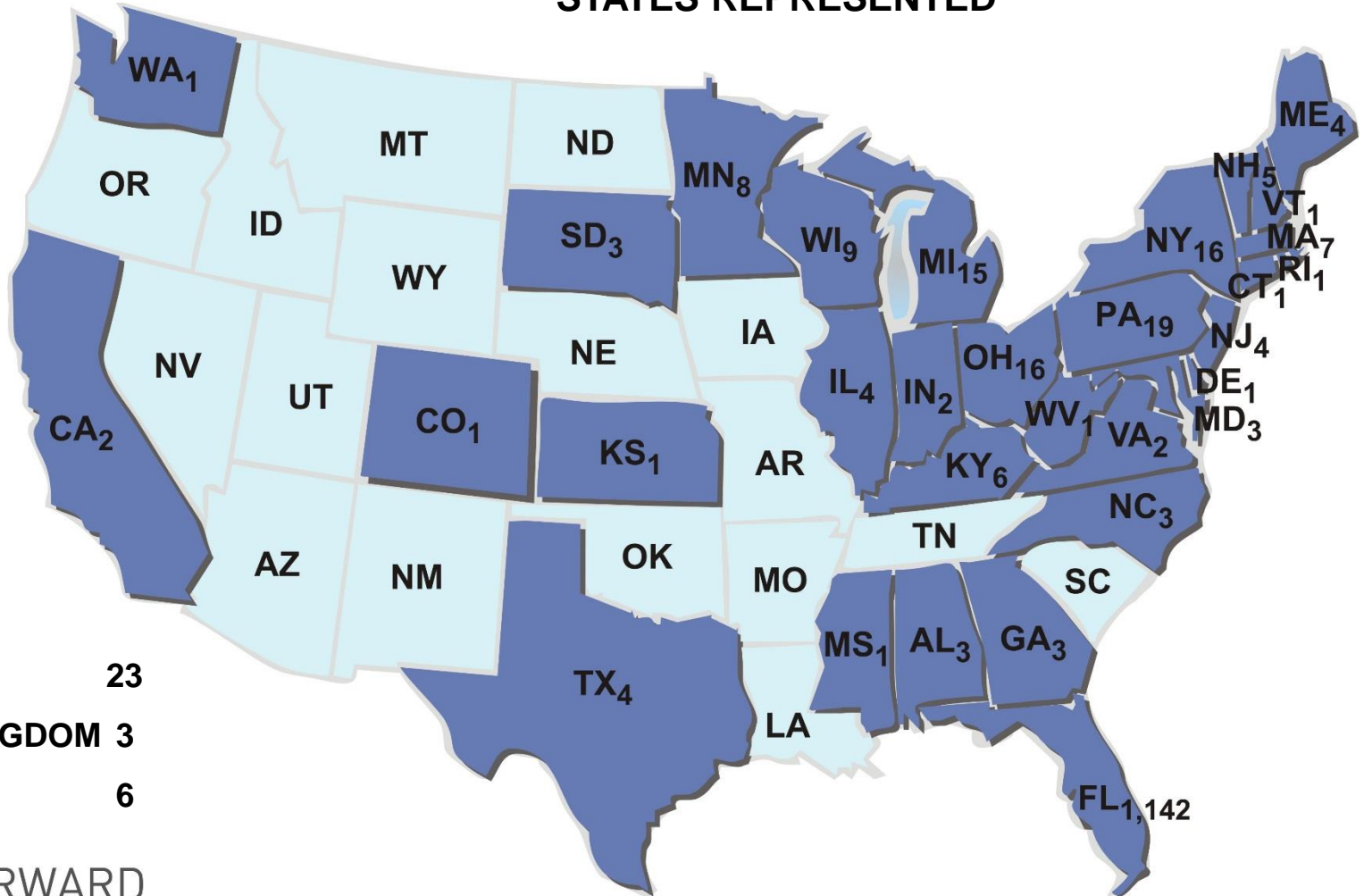
ATTACHMENT(S): 2019 Pinellas Trail Survey Google Forms

ACTION: None, Informational Only

Pinellas Trail Users Survey 2019

Zip Codes

STATES REPRESENTED



OTHER

CANADA 23

UNITED KINGDOM 3

Unknown 6



2019 Pinellas Trail Survey

QUESTIONS

RESPONSES 1,513

1,513 responses



Not accepting responses

Message for respondents

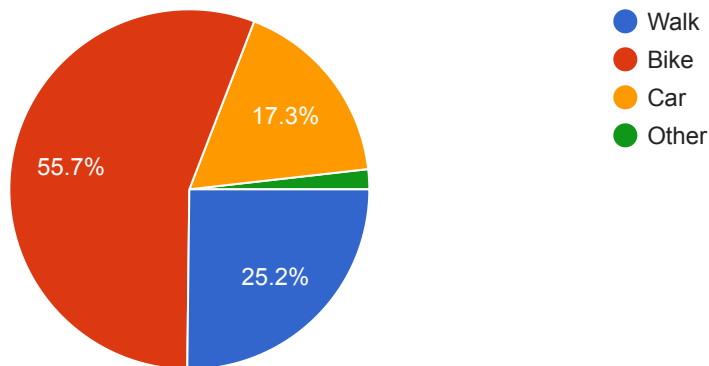
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SUMMARY

INDIVIDUAL

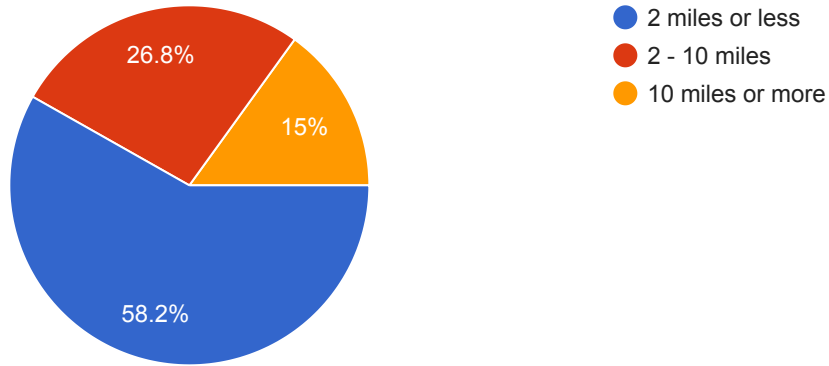
How did you get to the Trail today?

1,505 responses



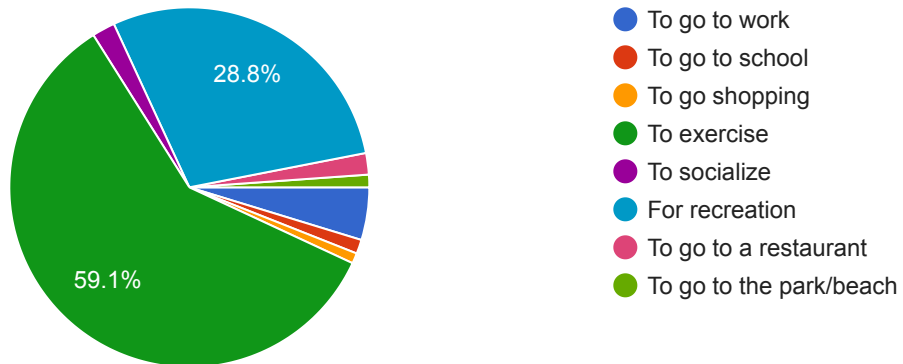
How far did you travel to get to the Trail?

1,502 responses



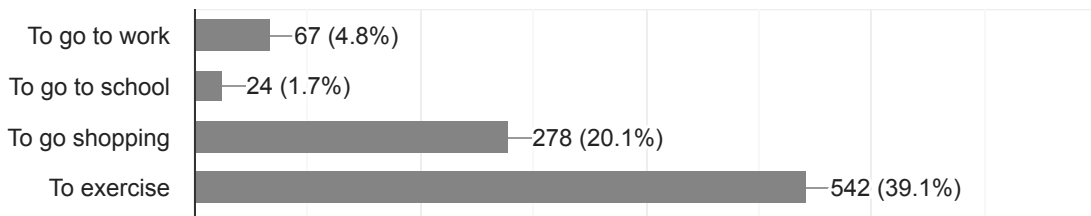
Why do you typically use the Trail?

1,502 responses



What other ways do you use the Trail?

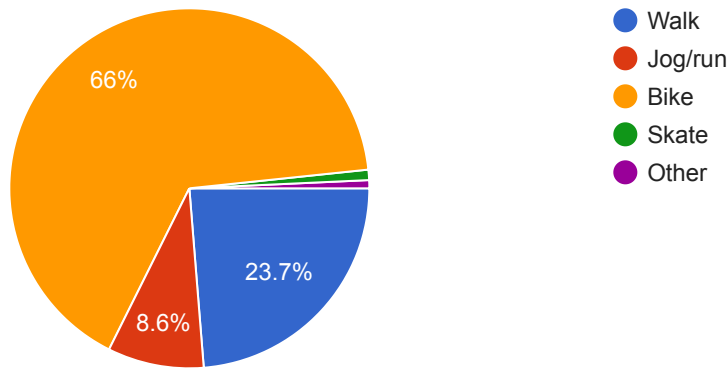
1,385 responses





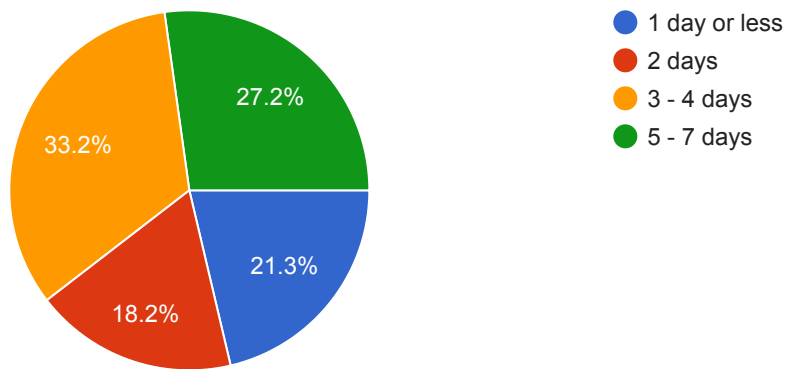
On the Trail, do you usually...

1,505 responses



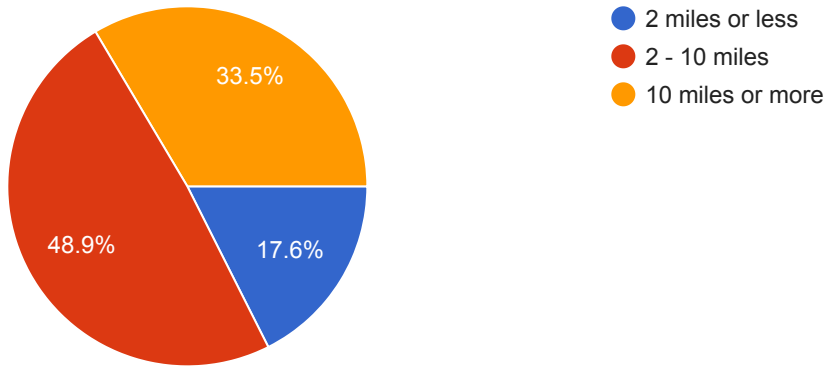
How many days per week do you typically use the Trail?

1,492 responses



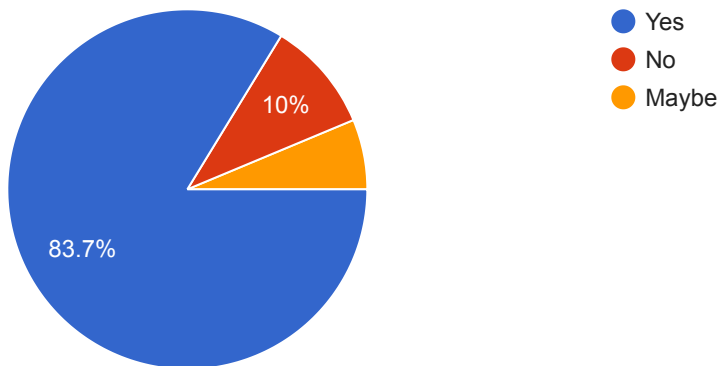
How far (one-way) do you typically travel on the Trail?

1,497 responses



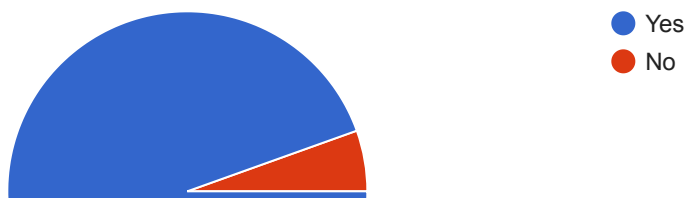
Would you use more trails countywide?

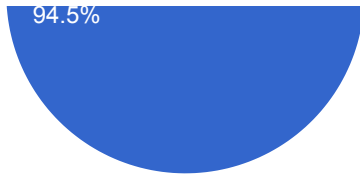
1,494 responses



Overall, do you feel safe on the Trail?

1,499 responses





What do you like about the Trail?

1,376 responses

- everything
- no cars
- convenient
- convenience
- safety
- safe
- beautiful
- shade
- No cars
- length
- well maintained
- paved
- close to home
- no traffic
- scenery
- smooth
- exercise
- nature
- accessibility
- flat
- quiet

peaceful

clean

distance

No traffic

away from traffic

easy access

safe, well maintained

ped and bike lanes

grade/flat, easy

overpasses

safe place to exercise

no cars, shade

No cars!

people

convenient and safe

pavement

the shade

The ability to have a place dedicated to non-motorized vehicles for exercise or just to enjoy being outdoors.

Scenery

clean, safe, beautiful

safe to bike

easy access, well maintained

less traffic

Scenic

ease

great

scenery, quiet

good view, security

peacefulness

close to home, well maintained

wildlife

safety, convenience

nice

smooth, well maintained

the view

clean, safe

cleanliness, restrooms, wildlife

unlimited recreation

paved, scenic, close to home

close to home, connects to parks

wide, scenic, long distance

peace and tranquility

safety, few intersections

consistent surface

clean, long, water, safe

almost everything

convenient, close to home

Easy access

Convenience

Connectivity

Location

No cars.

availability

safe and long

no cars, safe

trees

scenic

No motorized vehicles

Shade, no cars, peaceful

Gets me off the road.

Well kept, convenient, and a lot of shade

Safe place to run and to get a lot of miles training done

Very convenient to where I live

Convenience and safety from traffic.

The relaxation of walking through town and not having to worry about car traffic.

Safety being separated from vehicular traffic

Well maintained easy to navigate, plenty of water from Clearwater and south

ease of travel

Its safe and well taken care of.

great condition, goes where we like to go,, safe

The destinations

Trail is nice and wide easy to access. Lots of shade, easy access to parks

Ability to ride long distances without being in traffic

Able to bicycle without worrying about the drivers

connectivity to county parks

Being separated from cars and also that there are a lot of trees and wildlife on some parts.

nice long bike ride with limited traffic crossings, great exercise with opportunity to stop for shopping/eating/"bird watching", benches to rest

Close to where I live. Easy access. Goes to destinations I like. Wide. I feel Safe.

It is a perfect place to park my dogs. No traffic.

OTHER (886)

What do you dislike about the Trail?

1,382 responses

nothing

bumps

road crossings

more restrooms

Nothing

Nothing

stop signs

intersections

more water fountains

need more overpasses

fast bikers, rumors

traffic crossings

electric bikes

crossing Curlew Road

Users not following established rules (stop signs, maintaining the correct lane) or being impolite (a cyclist not warning a pedestrian or another cyclist that they're approaching from behind).

?

not much

not enough benches

inexperienced riders

cars

cross streets

crossing roads

closed at dark

wish there were more

need more trails

walkers in the bike lane

more shade

cracks

nothing, love it

nothing

maintenance

no police presence

too many stops

trash, needs to be wider

Please add lane lines all way down trail

needs safer crossings: brighter, larger warning lights

need benches in Seminole area

cars turning right-on-red, east section not finished

some gaps in trail

bikes not providing clearance

no connection for me in Largo

need more water fountains

street signs/locations

Safety

crossing SR 580

No support. Parks is general funded. So are the Sheriff's department and they take all the money.

dog waste

No side or loop options, have to go back the way I came. I want circle options every 5-7 miles

Not long enough.

Too many uneven bumps

Some bikes go too fast and some people and some bikes don't travel in correct lane.

Too many stops and starts.

Nothing!

Lots of people not paying attention

in some areas of the county it's dangerous...probably because no lighting at night (I know you're not supposed to use it at night but that attracts problems).

Need more water stops north of Downtown Clearwater

condition of trail,bumpy for cyclists & unaware trail users

The heaves in the trail. They need to be repaired.

needs some work,

Lighting at night

Large group of bikers who won't share the trail (won't move over)

Poor maintenance. Particularly in the Tarpon Springs/Palm Harbor area. Roots/cracks, etc...

Cutting through the city of Clearwater

gaps in the eastern loop need completion

Some parts are too narrow where the grass between the walkers and riders is too wide. Prefer to have it all wide. Love the trail but want more of it and connected - get tired of using the same trails all the time.

Can't think of anything.

Speeding Bicycles. They do stay on their side but they go so fast

Not enough trees

The section in Clearwater along the train tracks

The stop signs! Should be yield signs for trail users

Lack of lighting when sunset is at 5pm

All the street crossings

Na

Too many recreational riders do not know any cycling rules:riding 2 abreast,headphones,stopping on trail especially at cross walks,not staying to the right,walking /jogging sometimes w/dogs on bike lane, dogs w/no leash,could use auto crossing signal at Live Oak St,replace Yield sign at Keystone & Woodfield w/STOP for those driving out of development

Some sketchy areas.

Lack of lights

few parts of trail not safe

Too many stops due to traffic. Not sure how to fix that.

Nothing.

There really isn't anything that I dislike about the trail

Very dark after dusk

Inattentive users

Road crossings where car traffic fails to obey STOP signs

I forgot to mention in my previous survey response, electric/motorized bikes. Some new electric bikes can go over 25 MPH. Also seems that modified motorized bikes are on the trail.

Crossing some of the intersections when there are impatient drivers. Overall, I feel safe, but there have been instances where I was uncomfortable and felt that I should prepare to defend myself.

A safe place to bike

Too many street crossings.

Wish it was better marked for biker side/walker side. Many people visiting downtown Dunedin are walking in the middle or wrong side without regard for bikers. Also they could get hit.

People riding illegally (motorbikes, motorcycles, golf carts)

Need more surveillance to feel safer. Question above asked if I feel safe, I said yes. Actually it's more like most of the time. I have some scenarios that have caused me to turn around, or choose a different route.

At times bikers or those who walk their dogs do not pay attention to others. Very minor but you have to constantly pay attention.

Not enough of it!

At signaled crossings the "beg" button needs to be higher and closer to where a bicyclist is to activate it. Also, more overpasses would be nice.

I feel like i annoy drivers at crossings

People's lack of knowledge on how to use it. Walkers tend to stop, turn around and move left when they hear the bell. They should always move to the right.

VERY few E-W choices and non-interconnects of these

Not enough access, needs more feeders, not open at night

I would like more integrated access

Other riders and walkers who do not share the trail. Increasing noise from other users with blaring music.

Nothing to dislike

OTHER (740)

Are you a...

1,506 responses



What is your zip code?

1,321 responses

34698

34683

33772

34689

33770

33755

Seminole

34684

33756

33774

33778

33776

33713

33708

33707

33710

33704

33701

33705

34681

34695

34677

33761

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33763

Canada

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33706

34691

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34655

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33711

34690

34221

34697

32141

33781

33765

G75 2T7

03225

34653

St. Petersburg

33785

45255

33606

33782

18053

21784

33712

22209

44022

53219

33762

14052

49720

49128

16226

46148

15201

40515

33625

02155

33404

GTS 2TL

Dunedin

49010

12983

28714

04043

19128

43209

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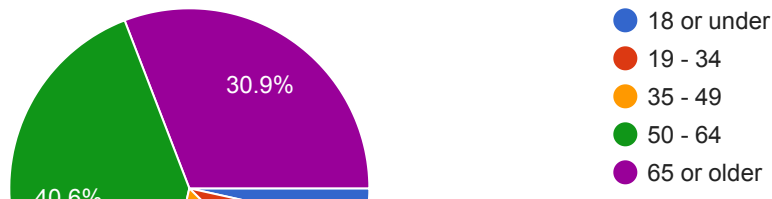
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OTHER (148)

What is your age?

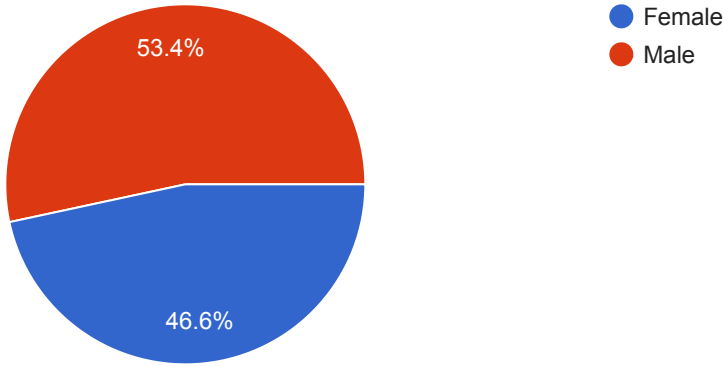
1,507 responses





What is your gender?

1,469 responses



How much did you spend on beverages, snacks and meals combined as part of your typical Trail visit?

1,088 responses

- 0
- 10.00
- 20.00
- 5.00
- 15.00
- 50.00
- 25.00
- \$10
- 2.00
- 100.00

30.00

\$20

\$30

\$25

\$5

\$50

\$15

1.00

60.00

3.00

40.00

10

4.00

5.00-10.00

\$0

None

8.00

30

5

10.00-15.00

20

\$5.00

\$35

6.00

12.00

40

20.00-30.00

500.00

\$40

\$10.00

200.00

0.00

Zero

100

\$2

Nothing

10.00-20.00

0-20.00

5.00-15.00

7.00

15

\$2.00

18.00

none

300.00

3.00-5.00

\$5-10

Zero

30.00-50.00

15.00-40.00

15.00-20.00

35.00

\$5.00-10.00.

0\$

N/A on a typical visit

None, or bring with me

\$3-\$5

Approx. \$10.00 per visit

0 -- I bring my own

pack my own provisions, do brewery run

500/year

\$2-\$50

zero

\$20.00

Varies

0 - I usually bring my own. I only live a couple of streets away from the Trail.

Nothing. I take my own water. Occasionally I do go shopping but it's for bread and the like

5.00 to 60.00

N/A - I take my own @ \$2-5

\$12

\$10 - \$14

\$40.00/week

varies

0-60.00

\$1.50

\$15 for 5 people

~\$10

\$3.00

Nothing

Sometimes stop for a meal in Dunedin or Tarpon. Hard to quantify, but \$10-\$20

sometimes 0, sometimes around \$15

Carry in, carry out only.

Less than \$100 per year. Use trail for bicycling and running from home.

5\$

less than \$20.00

\$25.00

Zero. Nothing much along where I run besides convenience stores or chain places

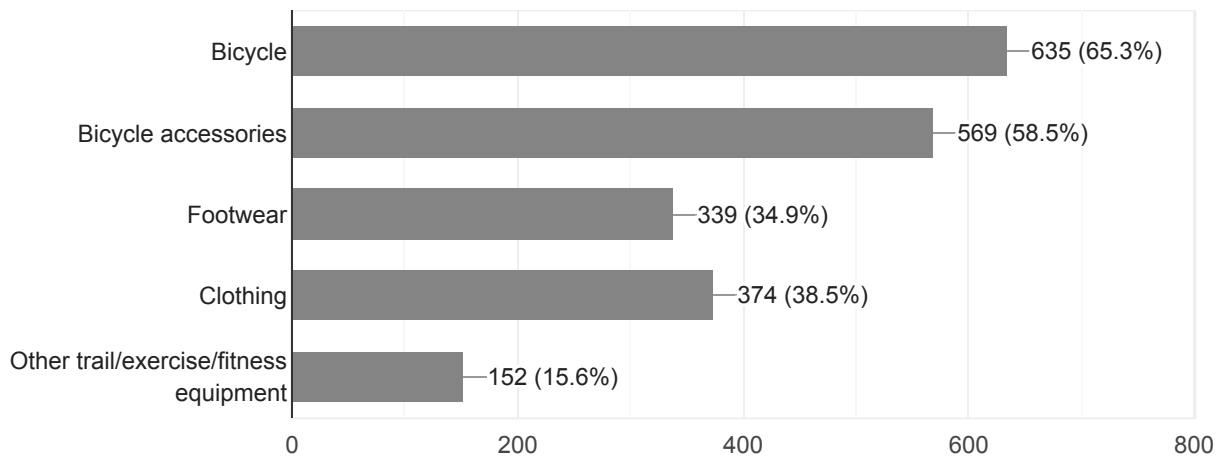
0-\$10

Under \$20. We sometimes stop for lunch or breakfast

OTHER (122)

Has your use of the Trail influenced your purchase of any of the following?

972 responses



If yes, How much do you spend annually to use the Trail? (i.e., purchase of shoes, clothing, bicycle-related expenses, other equipment)

941 responses

- 0
- 100.00
- 200.00
- 50.00
- 500.00
- 300.00
- \$100

250.00

\$200

1000.00

150.00

100

400.00

\$50

20.00

\$500

200

\$300

10.00

50

\$1000

\$150

1500.00

\$300.00

600.00

60.00

3000.00

1000

\$200.00

150

300

2000

\$20

500

2000.00

50.00-100.00

- 800.00
- 120.00
- 7000.00
- 5000.00
- \$250
- \$75
- 100\$
- 75.00
- 25.00
- 4000.00
- \$350.00
- \$150.
- \$2000
- 40.00
- 125
- Unknown
- \$125
- lots
- 125.00
- 100.00-200.00
- 350.00
- 30.00
- a lot
- 25.00-50.00
- \$400
- \$2-4k
- \$500.00
- \$40-50
- \$3k

Approx. \$75 to \$100

Minimal amount

600

over \$1,000

+ \$1k

Very Little

\$50.00 per year

Very little - maybe \$100 annually

\$50-75

\$10

not significant

~\$150

\$150/per bike tuneup

varies

20

200.00-300.00 annually

\$100?

New bike every other year, \$1000 or less.

\$80

\$1000.00

No

25

Less than \$100

one-time purchases

~\$200

\$600.00

none

Irrelevant as I'm NOT a professional biker!!

100-

5k

\$100.00

Not sure, \$500.

\$350-\$400

About \$75 on cycle spares

\$30

OTHER (69)

If your visits to the Trail include overnight stays, how much do you spend for accommodations annually? (i.e., hotel, motel, campground)

790 responses

0

N/A

NA

n/a

Na

2000.00

N/a

300.00

1000.00

100.00

500.00

\$0

None

1500.00

na

3000.00

200.00

150.00

250.00

600.00

none

No overnight stays

no

10000.00

No

400.00

50.00

25.00

750.00

.

1000

Condo

n/a I'm local

No overnight stays.

\$250

784.00 monthly

n/a

100

We bought a home and probably will retire in Dunedin largely due to it being dog friendly and the salability/bike ability, given the trail.

We have a home

Not applicable

None. We live here

I don't overnight when going to the Trail.

have not done overnight stays

\$80

40000.00

5000.00

Is this a serious question? There is no way the trail contributes to hotel room nights.

15.00

20.00-30.00

500.00-700.00

900.00

4000.00

Dont want to stay overnight

2500.00

120000.00 (chose home close to trail)

Not applicable.

No overnights

60.00

\$800

No overnight

NA

Unknown

N/A. Not enough accommodations for this

3600.00

15000.00

6000.00

7500.00

30000.00

\$60

nope

Never stayed overnight to use trail

Hundreds

25000.00

1800.00

1200.00

30 days in condominium

Local

No overnights

No over nighta

It does not include overnights

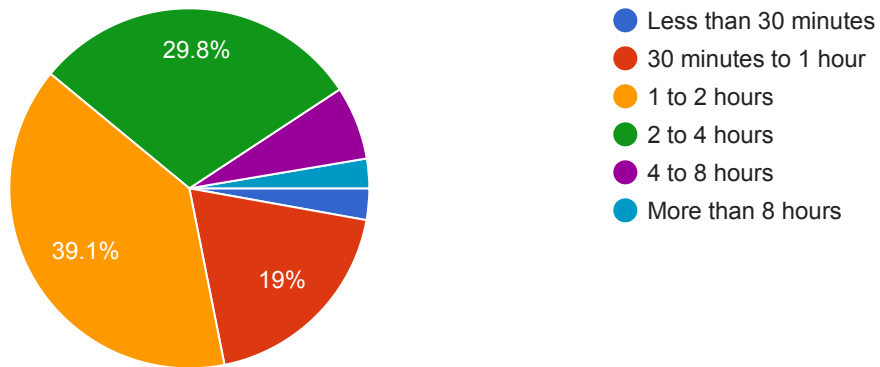
400.

Have not stayed overnight yet. But might soon.

\$0.00

How much time do you spend, on average, on the Trail each visit?

1,166 responses



8. Trail Construction Activity Report

**TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
July 2019**

Pinellas Trail North Loop Gap Countryside	Enterprise Rd to Chesnut Sr. Park; SUN Trail; Design-Build Underway, Est. Complete 2020 (link)
Pinellas Trail South Loop Phase 3 & 4	Haines Bayshore to Ulmerton Rd to 126th Ave; Applied for SUN Trail Funding; Construction 2024
Pinellas Trail Loop - Ream Wilson Connection (Old Coachman Bridge)	Trail widening and bridge improvements over Alligator Creek; Construction 2019 (link)
Pinellas Trail Loop – Duke Energy Trail	NE Coachman to Sunset Point; Penny for Pinellas funded; Construction 2019/20 (link)
71st Street Trail Connector	Pinellas Trail to 38th Avenue N; Design 2022, Construction 2024
San Martin Bridge & Trail connection	PD&E in Late 2018 (link)
Courtney Campbell Trail Overpass	Trail Overpass at S.R. 60/Bayshore Blvd; SUN Trail; Design Underway; Construction 2024
Howard Frankland Bridge Trail	FDOT include trail with new bridge construction; Design-Build Project; Est. Construction 2020 (link)
Orange Street Overpass	Pedestrian Overpass has been Completed
Harn Boulevard Overpass	Pedestrian Overpass; Design Underway; Construction 2021 (link)
Bayway Trail South	SR 679 & Tierra Verde Bridge Replacement Construction late 2019 – 2021 (link)
Treasure Island Causeway Project	Phase I Completed February 2018; Phase II – Project on Hold March 2019
Druid Trail Ph IV	Glen Oaks Park to Duke Energy Trail has been Completed
Honeymoon Island State Park Trail Extension	Separated Bike Trail has been Completed
Oldsmar Trail Phase 6	Douglas Rd (Hayes Rd to Race Track Rd, approx. 1.2 miles) Design underway; Constr 2019



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GENERAL BILL by State Affairs Committee ; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee ; Toledo

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Glossary of Legislative Terms

Micromobility Devices; Authorizes county or municipality to regulate operation of micromobility devices; authorizes county or municipality to require licensure; requires proof of certain insurance coverage; provides that regulation of micromobility devices is controlled by state & federal law; provides that operator has all rights & duties applicable to rider of bicycle; exempts micromobility device from certain requirements; provides that person is not required to have valid driver license to operate micromobility device; authorizes parking on sidewalk; requires securing of shared micromobility devices under certain circumstances; exempts micromobility devices from certain emblem requirements.

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2 An act relating to mobility devices and motorized
3 scooters; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; defining the term
4 "micromobility device"; revising the definition of the
5 term "motorized scooter"; conforming a cross-
6 reference; amending s. 316.1995, F.S.; conforming a
7 provision to changes made by the act; amending s.
8 316.2128, F.S.; providing that the operator of a
9 motorized scooter or micromobility device has all of
10 the rights and duties applicable to the rider of a
11 bicycle, except the duties imposed by specified
12 provisions that by their nature do not apply;
13 providing for construction; exempting a motorized
14 scooter or micromobility device from certain
15 registration, insurance, and licensing requirements;
16 providing that a person is not required to have a
17 driver license to operate a motorized scooter or
18 micromobility device; requiring a person who offers
19 motorized scooters or micromobility devices for hire
20 to be responsible for securing all such devices
21 located in any area of the state where a certain
22 warning has been issued by the National Weather
23 Service; deleting specified requirements for the sale
24 of motorized scooters; amending s. 316.2225, F.S.;
25 exempting electric personal assistive mobility devices

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26 and motorized scooters from certain emblem
 27 requirements; amending s. 320.01, F.S.; revising the
 28 definition of the term "motor vehicle"; amending s.
 29 655.960, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing
 30 an effective date.

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 32 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 34 Section 1. Present subsections (38) through (101) of
 35 section 316.003, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
 36 subsections (39) through (102), respectively, a new subsection
 37 (38) is added to that section, and present subsections (44) and
 38 (59) of that section are amended, to read:

39 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when
 40 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively
 41 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
 42 otherwise requires:

43 (38) MICROMOBILITY DEVICE.—Any motorized transportation
 44 device made available for private use by reservation through an
 45 online application, website, or software for point-to-point
 46 trips and which is not capable of traveling at a speed greater
 47 than 20 miles per hour on level ground. This term includes
 48 motorized scooters and bicycles as defined in this chapter.

49 (45)-(44) MOTORIZED SCOOTER.—Any vehicle or micromobility
 50 device that is powered by a motor with or without not having a

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51 seat or saddle for the use of the rider, which is designed to
 52 travel on not more than three wheels, and which is not capable
 53 of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than 20 ~~30~~ miles
 54 per hour on level ground.

55 ~~(60)-(59)~~ PRIVATE ROAD OR DRIVEWAY.—Except as otherwise
 56 provided in paragraph (82) (b) ~~(81) (b)~~, any privately owned way
 57 or place used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having
 58 express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other
 59 persons.

60 Section 2. Section 316.1995, Florida Statutes, is amended
 61 to read:

62 316.1995 Driving upon sidewalk or bicycle path.—

63 (1) Except as provided in s. 316.008, ~~or~~ s. 316.212(8), or
 64 s. 316.2128, a person may not drive any vehicle other than by
 65 human power upon a bicycle path, sidewalk, or sidewalk area,
 66 except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway.

67 (2) A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic
 68 infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in
 69 chapter 318.

70 (3) This section does not apply to motorized wheelchairs.

71 Section 3. Section 316.2128, Florida Statutes, is amended
 72 to read:

73 316.2128 Micromobility devices, ~~Operation of~~ motorized
 74 scooters, and miniature motorcycles; requirements ~~for sales~~.—

75 (1) The operator of a motorized scooter or micromobility

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76 | device has all of the rights and duties applicable to the rider
 77 | of a bicycle under s. 316.2065, except the duties imposed by s.
 78 | 316.2065(2), (3)(b), and (3)(c), which by their nature do not
 79 | apply. However, this section may not be construed to prevent a
 80 | local government, through the exercise of its powers under s.
 81 | 316.008, from adopting an ordinance governing the operation of
 82 | micromobility devices and motorized scooters on streets,
 83 | highways, sidewalks, and sidewalk areas under the local
 84 | government's jurisdiction.

85 | (2) A motorized scooter or micromobility device is not
 86 | required to satisfy the registration and insurance requirements
 87 | of s. 320.02 or the licensing requirements of s. 316.605.

88 | (3) A person is not required to have a driver license to
 89 | operate a motorized scooter or micromobility device.

90 | (4) A person who offers motorized scooters or
 91 | micromobility devices for hire is responsible for securing all
 92 | such devices located in any area of the state where an active
 93 | tropical storm or hurricane warning has been issued by the
 94 | National Weather Service.

95 | (5)~~(1)~~ A person who engages in the business of, serves in
 96 | the capacity of, or acts as a commercial seller of ~~motorized~~
 97 | ~~scooters or~~ miniature motorcycles in this state must prominently
 98 | display at his or her place of business a notice that such
 99 | vehicles are not legal to operate on public roads, may not be
 100 | registered as motor vehicles, and may not be operated on

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101 sidewalks unless authorized by an ordinance enacted pursuant to
 102 s. 316.008(7) (a) or s. 316.212(8). The required notice must also
 103 appear in all forms of advertising offering ~~motorized scooters~~
 104 ~~or~~ miniature motorcycles for sale. The notice and a copy of this
 105 section must also be provided to a consumer prior to the
 106 consumer's purchasing or becoming obligated to purchase a
 107 ~~motorized scooter or~~ a miniature motorcycle.

108 (6)~~(2)~~ Any person selling or offering a ~~motorized scooter~~
 109 ~~or~~ a miniature motorcycle for sale in violation of this section
 110 commits an unfair and deceptive trade practice as defined in
 111 part II of chapter 501.

112 Section 4. Subsection (7) of section 316.2225, Florida
 113 Statutes, is amended to read:

114 316.2225 Additional equipment required on certain
 115 vehicles.—In addition to other equipment required in this
 116 chapter, the following vehicles shall be equipped as herein
 117 stated under the conditions stated in s. 316.217.

118 (7) On every slow-moving vehicle or equipment, animal-
 119 drawn vehicle, or other machinery designed for use and speeds
 120 less than 25 miles per hour, excluding electric personal
 121 assistive mobility devices and motorized scooters, but including
 122 all road construction and maintenance machinery except when
 123 engaged in actual construction or maintenance work either
 124 guarded by a flagger or a clearly visible warning sign, which
 125 normally travels or is normally used at a speed of less than 25

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126 | miles per hour and which is operated on a public highway, there
 127 | must be:

128 | ~~(a)~~ a triangular slow-moving vehicle emblem SMV as
 129 | described in, and displayed as provided in, this subsection
 130 | ~~paragraph (b)~~.

131 | (a) The requirement of the emblem shall be in addition to
 132 | any other equipment required by law. The emblem shall not be
 133 | displayed on objects which are customarily stationary in use
 134 | except while being transported on the roadway of any public
 135 | highway of this state.

136 | (b) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
 137 | shall adopt such rules and regulations as are required to carry
 138 | out the purpose of this section. The requirements of such rules
 139 | and regulations shall incorporate the current specifications for
 140 | SMV emblems of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

141 | Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 142 | 320.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

143 | 320.01 Definitions, general.—As used in the Florida
 144 | Statutes, except as otherwise provided, the term:

145 | (1) "Motor vehicle" means:

146 | (a) An automobile, motorcycle, truck, trailer,
 147 | semitrailer, truck tractor and semitrailer combination, or any
 148 | other vehicle operated on the roads of this state, used to
 149 | transport persons or property, and propelled by power other than
 150 | muscular power, but the term does not include traction engines,

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151 road rollers, motorized scooters, micromobility devices,
 152 personal delivery devices and mobile carriers as defined in s.
 153 316.003, special mobile equipment as defined in s. 316.003,
 154 vehicles that run only upon a track, bicycles, swamp buggies, or
 155 mopeds.

156 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 655.960, Florida
 157 Statutes, is amended to read:

158 655.960 Definitions; ss. 655.960-655.965.—As used in this
 159 section and ss. 655.961-655.965, unless the context otherwise
 160 requires:

161 (1) "Access area" means any paved walkway or sidewalk
 162 which is within 50 feet of any automated teller machine. The
 163 term does not include any street or highway open to the use of
 164 the public, as defined in s. 316.003(82) (a) or (b) ~~s.~~
 165 ~~316.003(81) (a) or (b)~~, including any adjacent sidewalk, as
 166 defined in s. 316.003.

167 Section 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.