



## **PINELLAS TRAIL SECURITY TASK FORCE (PTSTF) MEETING AGENGA**

**July 11, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.**

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

### **THE PLANNING COUNCIL AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
3. **PINELLAS TRAIL SURVEY RESULTS**
4. **TRENDS AND CONDITIONS DISCUSSION**
5. **QUARTERLY REPORT FROM PINELLAS TRAIL PARK RANGER**
6. **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AGENCY REPORTS**
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  - Belleair
  - Clearwater
  - Gulfport
  - Largo
  - St. Petersburg
  - Tarpon Springs
  - Animal Services
  - Public Safety Services
  - Pinellas County Risk Management
  - Friends of the Pinellas Trail
  - Volunteer Patrol Programs and Updates
7. **REPORT ON TRAIL USER COUNT DATA**
8. **REPORT ON TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY**
9. **OTHER BUSINESS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**
  - **Notice to Law Enforcement Representatives – If you are unable to attend the meeting, please e-mail your Incident/Offense Report to Kyle Simpson at [ksimpson@forwardpinellas.org](mailto:ksimpson@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 10, 2023**

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## **Pinellas Trail Security Task Force – July 11, 2023**

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

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#### **SUMMARY**

The summary minutes of the April 11, 2023, Pinellas Trail Security Task Force meeting are attached.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Pinellas Trail Security Task Force Summary Minutes – April 11, 2023

**ACTION:** Approve of the April Meeting Summary

**PINELLAS TRAIL SECURITY TASK FORCE  
MEETING SUMMARY  
APRIL 11, 2023**

The following is a summary of the April 11, 2023 Forward Pinellas - Pinellas Trail Security Task Force meeting, which was held in person in Largo. The Security Task Force meets at least quarterly during the year.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Officer Ron Wolfson, Chairman	St. Petersburg Police Department & Volunteer Coord.
Detective A. Daniels	Belleair Police Department
Sgt. Anthony Alli	St. Petersburg Police Department
Officer Osvaldo Sicairos	St. Petersburg Police Department
Officer Anthony Boone	Tarpon Springs Police Department
Sgt. Jarred Stiff	Clearwater Police Department
Officer Keith Bowling	Largo Police Department
Deputy Matthew Skypack	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Deputy Cory Snyder	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Sgt. Jordan Sinick	Pinellas County Animal Control
Carol Gray, Chief Ranger	Pinellas County Parks, and Conservation Resources
Lynn Abbott	Pinellas County Public Safety Service
Lyle Fowler	Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources
James Abaka	Pinellas County Risk Management
Joan Rice	Pinellas County Public Works - Transportation
John Rieman	Pinellas County Public Works - Transportation
Elisabeth Staten	City of St. Petersburg - Transportation
Scott Daniels	Friends of the Pinellas Trail
Jim Wedlake	Pinellas Trail Auxiliary Ranger
Stuart Schwartzreich	Pinellas Trail Auxiliary Ranger
Bill Romanski	Pinellas Trail Parks Volunteer
Phyllis Romanski	Pinellas Trail Parks Volunteer
Donovan Nickell	Guest - Seminole
Kyle Simpson	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. and asked members to introduce themselves.

**2. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY – January 10, 2023**

The summary from the January 10, 2023, meeting was approved with no corrections.

**3. PRESENTATION: SPEED ENFORCEMENT**

Kyle Simpson, Forward Pinellas staff, opened the floor for discussion on speed enforcement on the Pinellas Trail. With the Trail survey recently completed in March 2023, there was a lot of feedback regarding speeding on the Trail. At the BPAC meeting held in March, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office representative stated that they cannot enforce speeding on the Trail, because motor vehicles are not allowed on the Trail. This information was brought to this committee for discussion and to see if any of the law

enforcement agencies on this committee do any type of speed enforcement. Based on information from the last meeting, Chair Wolfson stated that the stats from January's PTSTF meeting pretty much showed there was not a speeding problem on the Trail, that it was more of a perception. When asked if law enforcement would ticket speeders, it was commented that there are many factors that would need to be taken into consideration along with proof that the rider was aware of what the speed limit was at the time they were exceeding it. Another issue would be that bikers are not required to have speedometers on their bikes; therefore, it would be even more difficult to determine the actual speed. If complaints persist, law enforcement will visit that area and observe and report. Joan Rice with Pinellas County Public Works commented that during the aforementioned BPAC meeting, the public was told that speeding on the Trail was not enforceable. However, there is an ordinance recorded with Pinellas County that does allow for citations to be given out. It would be more of a code enforcement citation than a traffic citation. But more importantly, the public should not be told that speed limit signs on the Trail are not enforceable. Lyle Fowler, Pinellas County Parks and Conservation Resources commented that complaints about speeding are increasing and statistically, it is not seen as a problem. But perception wise, political wise and public sentiment wise it is definitely hitting a boiling point. This is where there needs to be caution and some deliberate careful messaging because Parks responds to an increasing number of emails, and they respond with a sentiment that "enforcement is a distinction that is reserved for the six or seven law enforcement agencies that the Trail crosses." For Park Rangers, there is a definitive line in the sand. Rangers can enforce park ordinance, but that is where there is a blurring in the line. The signs mentioned are regulatory traffic, they are moving violations. For Parks, there is a distinction, a brown and white is what a Ranger could potentially issue an ordinance violation for. But these are Park rules. It is the equivalent of a speed limit sign in terms of uniform traffic standards. Parks does not post brown and white speed limit signs, they are black font and white, as per state statute. Collectively, citizens will be calling upon agencies to do something. Dunedin is becoming very involved as a municipality and contracts with the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement and will probably become ground zero for discontent. Dunedin is talking about reducing the speed limit on the Trail, thereby potentially making all this even more difficult, which is not the way to go. There needs to be uniformity on the Trail. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

#### **4. QUARTERLY REPORT FROM PINELLAS TRAIL PARK RANGER**

Chief Ranger Carol Gray, Parks, and Conservation Resources (PCR) reported from January 1st – March 30th. The primary responses this quarter have been camping on the Trail with follow up responses from Tarpon Spring and Largo Police Departments (PD) and Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. There has been an increase in graffiti on the north end of the Trail which has been handled promptly by long-term volunteers with support from the Tarpon Springs PD monitoring that area after hours. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, there was a report of a minor injury at an intersection in St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg PD and Sunstar responded. In addition, Park Rangers have also collected data from the pedestrian counters daily and peak attendance occurs on the Trail is pretty standard month to month and only varies by about 30 or 45 minutes. As such, PCR has moved PM shift to the AM shift to allow for additional ranger presence on the Trail during peak hours with direct public contact and assistance which allows for education and sharing information. The planned

work by Public Works will include upgrades to intersections with trail markings and signage to be completed by the end of 2024.

## **5. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AGENCY REPORTS**

### **A. Sheriff's Office**

Deputy Matthew Skypack reported from January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023, there were 102 individual calls of which a majority were self-initiated directed patrols by the deputies. Working primarily in Dunedin, the base complaint is juveniles on the Trail causing issues. In January nine juveniles were trespassed for a year from the Trail.

### **B. Belleair**

Detective Allison Daniels with Belleair PD shared a report from January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023 there were 7 First Information Reports (FIR) for persons on the Trail after dark.

### **C. Clearwater**

Sgt. Jarred Stiff reported from January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023, there were 208 calls, where many of those calls were directed patrols or park walk and talks that were initiated by the officers who work the area or the bike teams on patrol. There were also issues with kids on bikes on the Trail making their way from Dunedin to Clearwater Beach. There has been no other incidents since. In reference to the speeding, during this time there was one report of a reckless vehicle on the Trail and one criminal case of battery, just north of Drew Street and Myrtle Avenue where the trail parallels the railroad tracks. There are also reports of homeless camping close to the Trail and the City's homeless outreach specialist, Kathy Hamm, has been instrumental in locating and addressing these reports. Generated calls along the Trail are down this quarter.

### **D. Gulfport**

Representative not in attendance

### **E. Largo**

Officer Keith Bowling reported from January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023, there were 9 calls. A couple of traffic stops that occurred near the Trail, not including the Trail, some patrols checks, a found wallet and camping under the West Bay flyover.

### **F. St. Petersburg**

Officer Osvaldo Sicairos reported from January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023, there were 58 events this quarter. A majority are direct patrols. Mostly juveniles on the Trail before and after school. At the 34<sup>th</sup> Street crossing, juveniles harassing Trail crossers. Homeless camping under the 34<sup>th</sup> Street overpass.

### **G. Tarpon Springs**

Representative not in attendance.

**H. Animal Services**

Sgt. Jordan Sinick of Animal Services reported from January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023, there was one incident on March 31<sup>st</sup>, on Ulmerton Road, a stray dog was tied to a bush. The dog is still in treatment and recovering and will be up for adoption soon.

**I. Public Safety Services**

Ms. Lynn Abbott, Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration from January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023, there were 44 total incidents on or near the Trail: 5 intoxications, 6 sick persons, 4 falls, 14 bike falls, 3 motor vehicle crashes, 4 motor vehicle crashes vs bike incidents, 3 overdoses and 6 no person found or cancelled.

**J. Pinellas County Risk Management**

Mr. James Abaka shared that risk management shared the Trail Safety Inspection will be conducted in late April and again in October.

**K. Friends of the Pinellas Trail**

Scott Daniels shared the Annual Volunteer Picnic was held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, at Taylor Park which was well attended. Posters on the Courtesy Campaign were distributed. Members also assisted with the Pinellas Trail Survey at the end of March and participated in the Dunedin and Oldsmar bike related events, reminding folks of the Friends of the Pinellas Trail Facebook page and website.

**L. Volunteer Patrol Programs and Updates**

Chair Wolfson shared that his volunteers are still active and going strong. Thank you to the Volunteers which are a huge help.

Chief Gray shares that the Ranger volunteers are trickling back after Covid. April 5<sup>th</sup> was the first meeting work session of volunteers since Covid. Great turnout. There are 50 active volunteers.

**6. AUTOMATIC TRAIL COUNTERS**

Mr. Simpson shared that over 2020 there was a significant peak of trail users that has since stabilized to around 2 million. Questions were taken and appropriately answered.

**7. REPORT ON TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY**

Joan Rice shared that Public Works is going out and redoing all the intersections along the Trail. John Rieman has a project status showing that of the 216 intersections that will be upgraded to the new standards, 36 are completed and 180 are still pending, but have been partially done. The ped and bicycle symbols are going away and being replaced by arrows. An updated Trail Projects sheet is in the agenda packets. A piece of the trail out by Gibbs High School is being resurfaced. The Pinellas Trail Loop, a loop around Pinellas County, follows the railroad tracks as well as Duke Energy Corridor. The Loop is 75 miles long, of which 67 miles has been completed. The Loop is also a part of the trail that goes across the entire state of Florida to Brevard County, known as the Coast-to-Coast Trail. There are a few gaps in the Coast-to-Coast Trail, but most segments should be under construction by 2030. The first meeting of all participants of the Coast-to-Coast Trail got together to share information from their area of expertise in February.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Jim Wedlake shared that bicycle accident reports that do not involve a motor vehicle, are not being reported. Also, from the March BPAC meeting, bicyclists do not stop at stop signs and slow down at red lights, but also do not stop. A suggestion to this is the Idaho Stop, where a bicyclist is allowed to treat a stop sign as a yield sign and a red light as a stop sign, where upon the bicyclist would pause at a stop sign before proceeding and stop at a red light before proceeding. There were negative feelings about this with the Florida Bicycle Association, but Jim expressed a desire to have this considered in the State of Florida. A member commented that this change in policy could open the door for bicyclists to disregard traffic signals and is not a good idea. It was noted that population is going up; the traffic is going up and the danger is going up.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Wolfson adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m. The next PTSTF meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2023.



## **Pinellas Trail Security Task Force – July 11, 2023**

### **3. Pinellas Trail Survey Results**

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#### **Summary**

The Pinellas Trail User Survey is administered every four-to-five years. Results from the survey are used to track trends over time and inform decision making on future land use and transportation projects. The results also assist operating agencies in prioritizing resources to maintain strengths and address weaknesses along existing trail segments. The most recent User Survey was conducted in March 2023, with the collection of survey responses both online and in person. Forward Pinellas staff will provide a summary of the results from this year's survey.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Survey results: [2023 Pinellas Trail User Survey Results \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

**ACTION:** None Required, Informational Item Only



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# 2023 Pinellas Trail User Survey



# Background and Purpose

- Administered by Forward Pinellas with assistance by our local partners
- Conducted every 4 – 5 years
  - Previous surveys conducted in 1999, 2014, and 2019
- Used to identify strengths and weaknesses to inform future project development
- Used to track trends over time



**Pinellas Trail User Survey**

In order to better understand how people use the Pinellas Trail, Forward Pinellas is conducting a survey of trail users. Your thoughts and opinions are important and will be used to inform future trail planning decisions throughout Pinellas County.

1. How did you get to the trail today?  
Mark only one oval.

Walk  
 Bike  
 E-Bike  
 Other battery powered device  
 Car  
 Other (please specify)

2. How far did you travel to access the trail?  
Mark only one oval.

Less than 2 miles  
 10 Miles  
 More than 10 miles

3. What is your primary reason for using the trail?  
Mark only one oval.

Get to work  
 Get to school  
 Exercise  
 Get to shops  
 Socialize  
 Recreation  
 Get to a restaurant  
 Get to the park/beach

4. Do you use the trail for any other purpose?  
Check all that apply.

Get to work  
 Get to school  
 Exercise  
 Get to shops  
 Socialize  
 Recreation  
 Get to a restaurant  
 Get to the park/beach

5. How do you typically travel on the trail?  
Mark only one oval.

Bike  
 Walk  
 Skate  
 Other (please specify)

E-bike  
 Jog/Run  
 Other battery powered device

# Changes in 2023

- Over 25-yard signs with digital survey info were placed along the Pinellas Trail by March 11<sup>th</sup>, and removed in early April
  - Online survey opened on March 9<sup>th</sup> and closed on April 6<sup>th</sup>



## 2023 PINELLAS TRAIL USER SURVEY




Help us make the Pinellas Trail even better. Please share your thoughts and suggestions. Use the QR code above or visit [www.ForwardPinellas.org/Projects/TrailSurvey](http://www.ForwardPinellas.org/Projects/TrailSurvey)



# Trail Survey Sign Locations

Write a description for your map.

## Legend

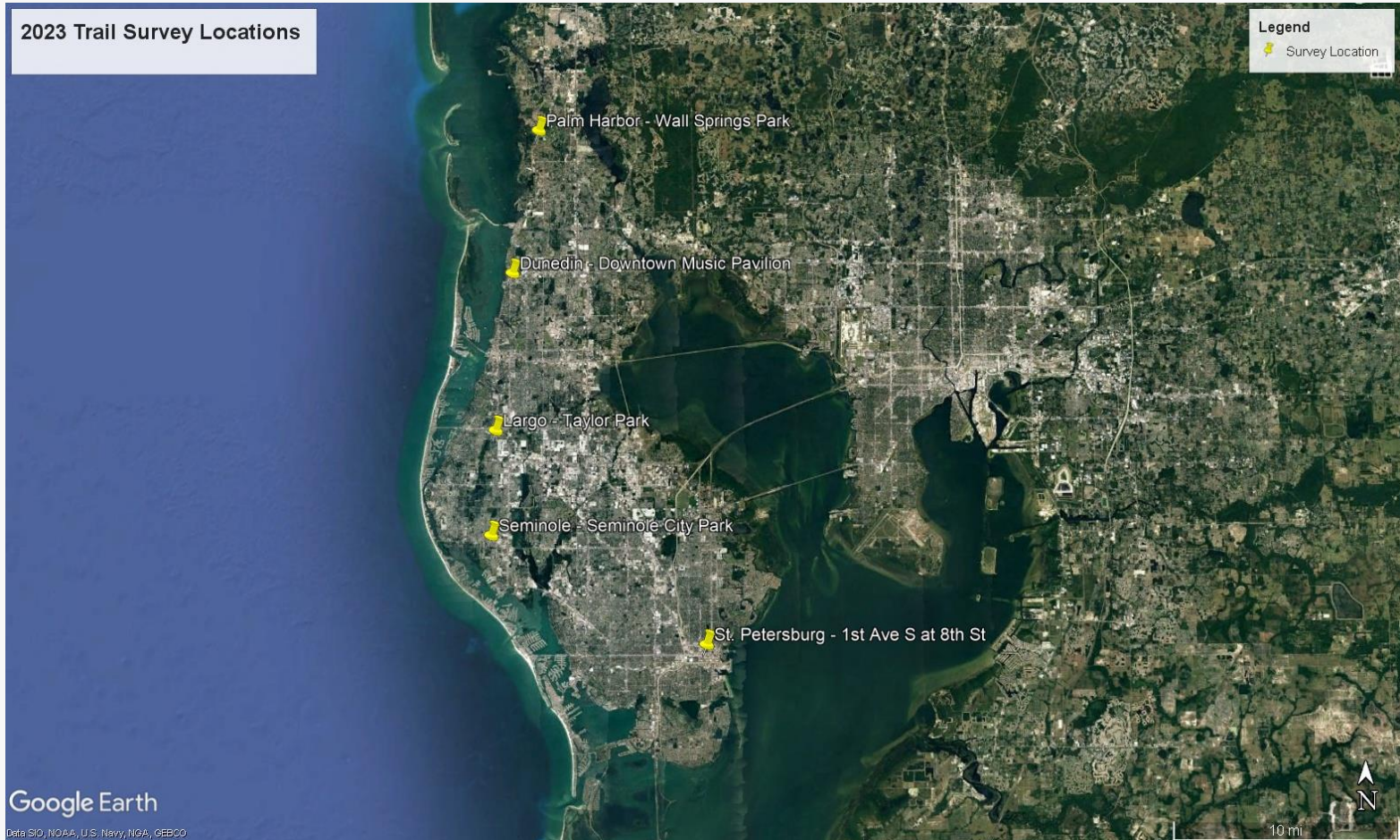
 Signs

- Tarpon Springs N
- Tarpon Springs S
- Wall Springs N
- Wall Springs S
- Chesnut Park
- Palm Harbor
- Curlew N
- Curlew S
- Skinner N
- Music Pavilion S
- Music Pavilion N
- Skinner S
- Clearwater
- Taylor Park
- Walsingham
- Seminole City Park 1
- Seminole City Park 2
- Bay Pines S
- Bay Pines N
- 16th St E
- 22nd St SW
- Trailhead Park
- 22nd St NE
- 16th St W



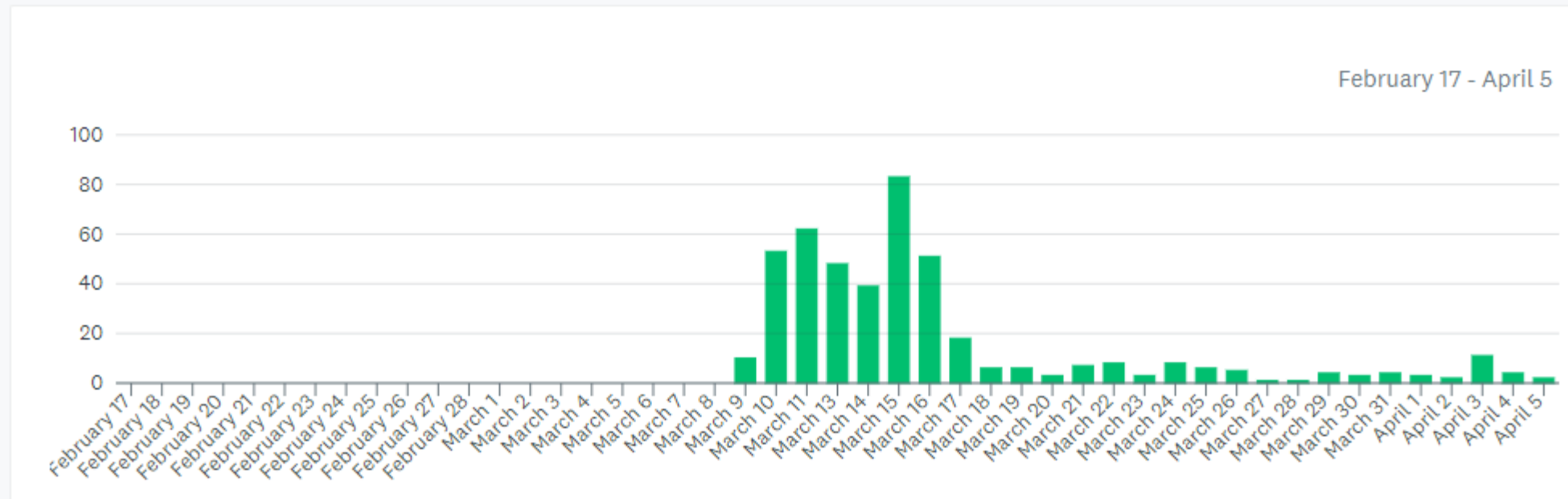
# In-person Survey Push

- Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 2pm
- Five locations along the trail
- Had paper copies of the survey and business cards with online access info



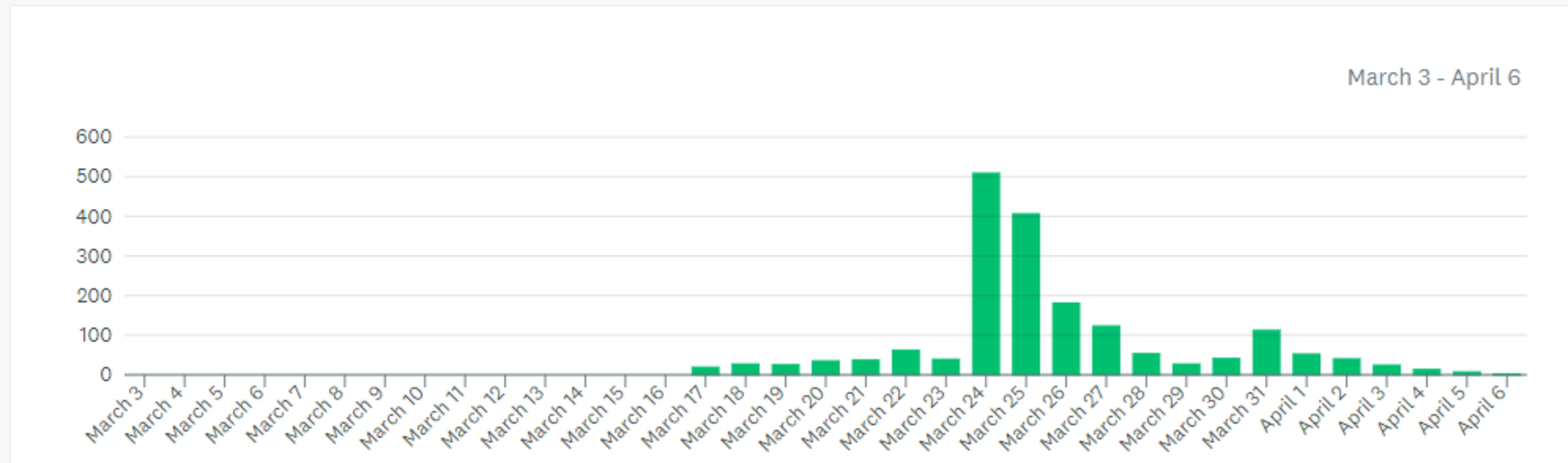
# Online Responses

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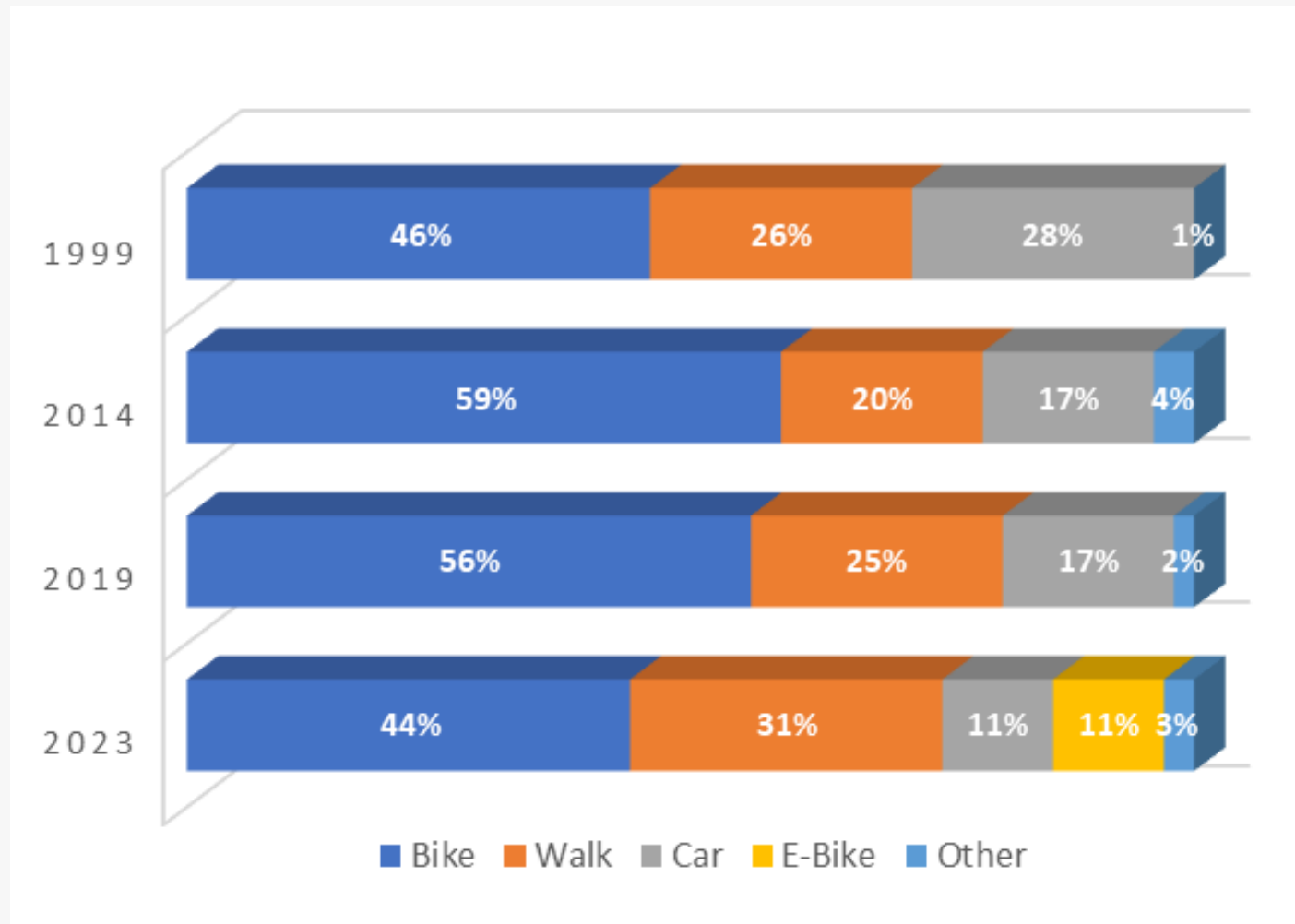


## Changes in 2023

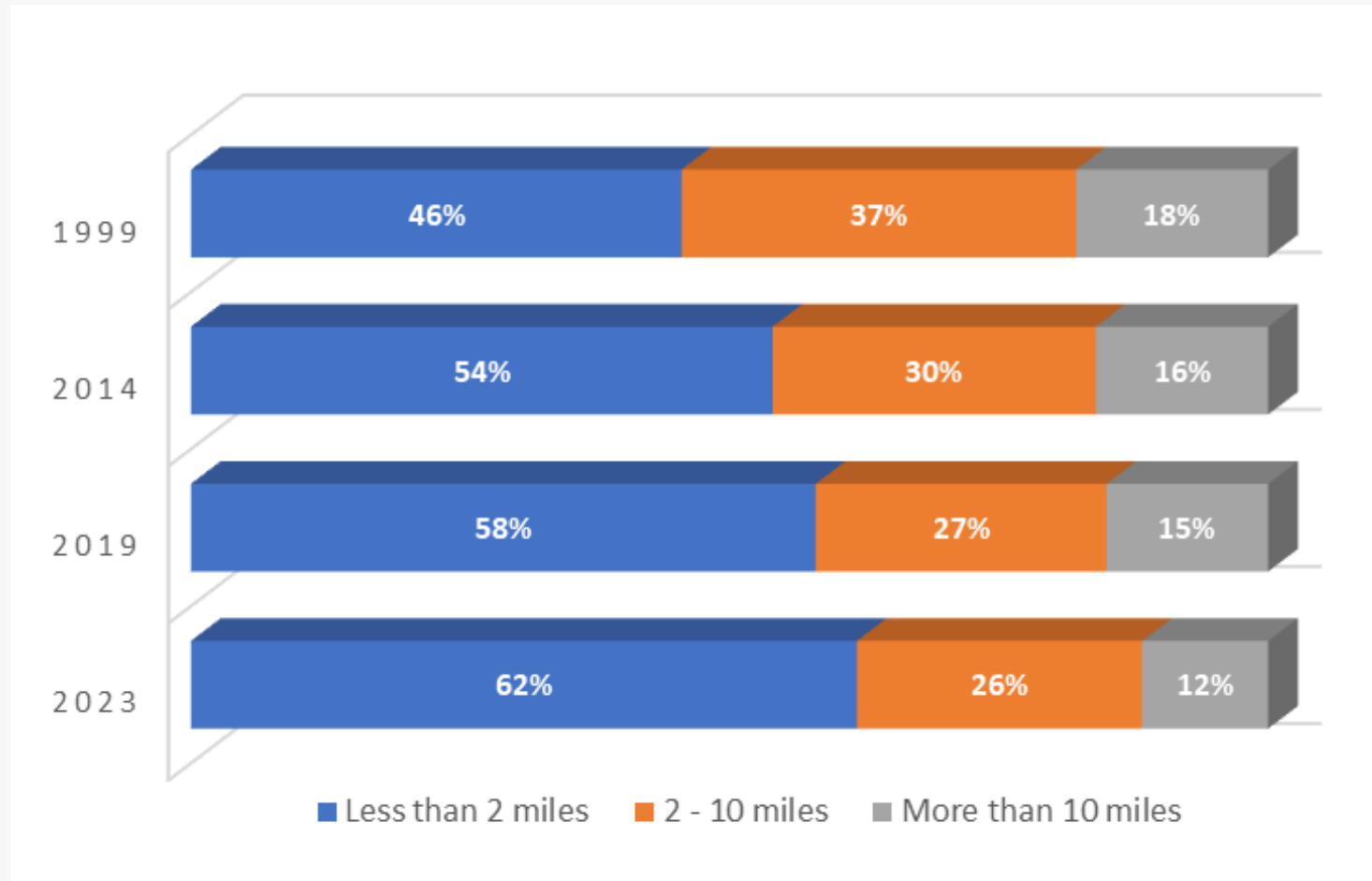
- Most survey responses were digital (2,288 of 2,391, or 96%)
- Spanish version of the digital and paper surveys were available
- “E-Bike” and “Other Battery Powered Device” were independent mode choices
- Coincided with the formalization of the “stay right” rule and ongoing trail striping and signage work
- Paige Knotts, an intern from Eckerd College, was brought on to assist with the survey



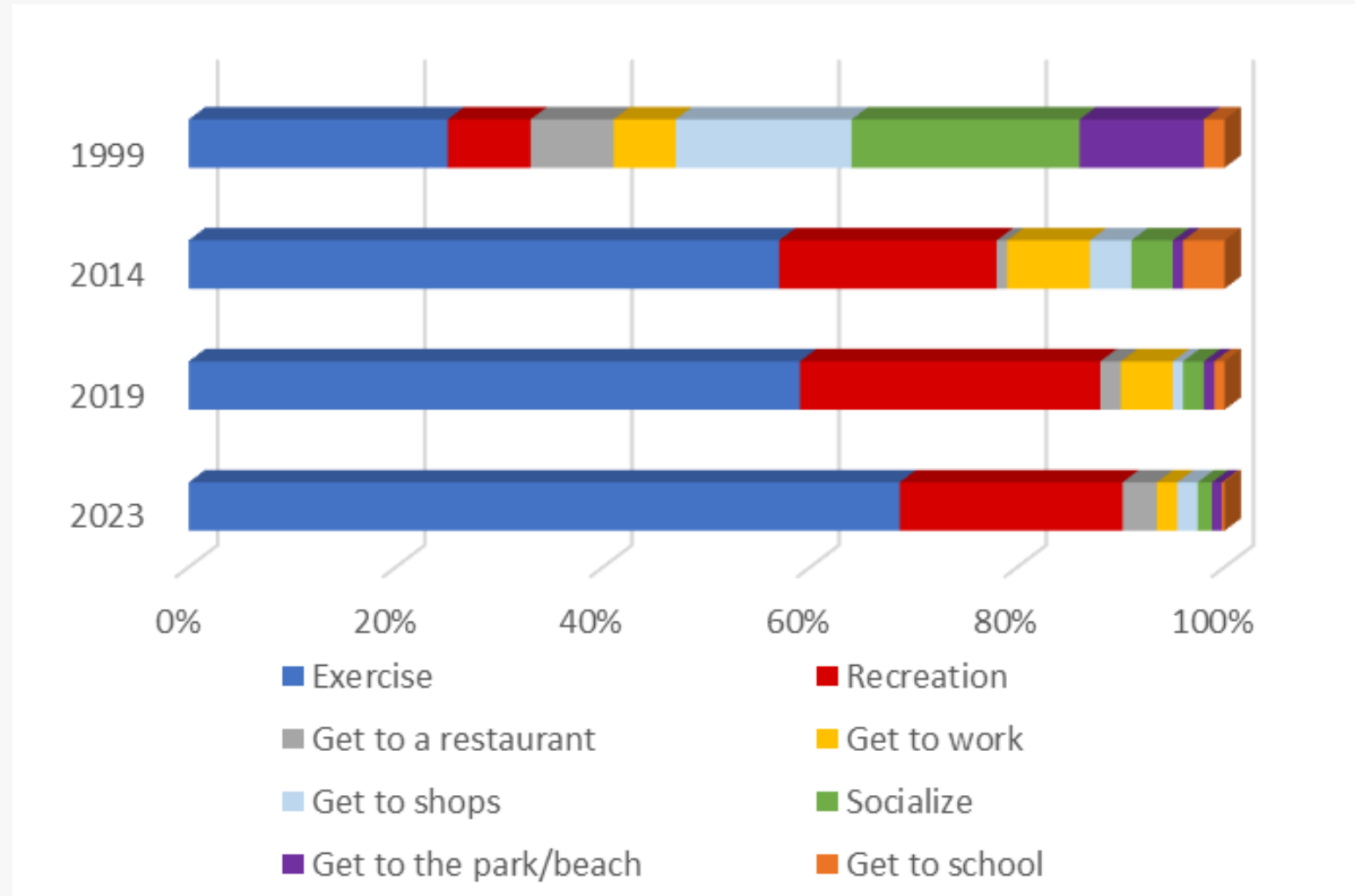
# 1: How did you get to the trail today?



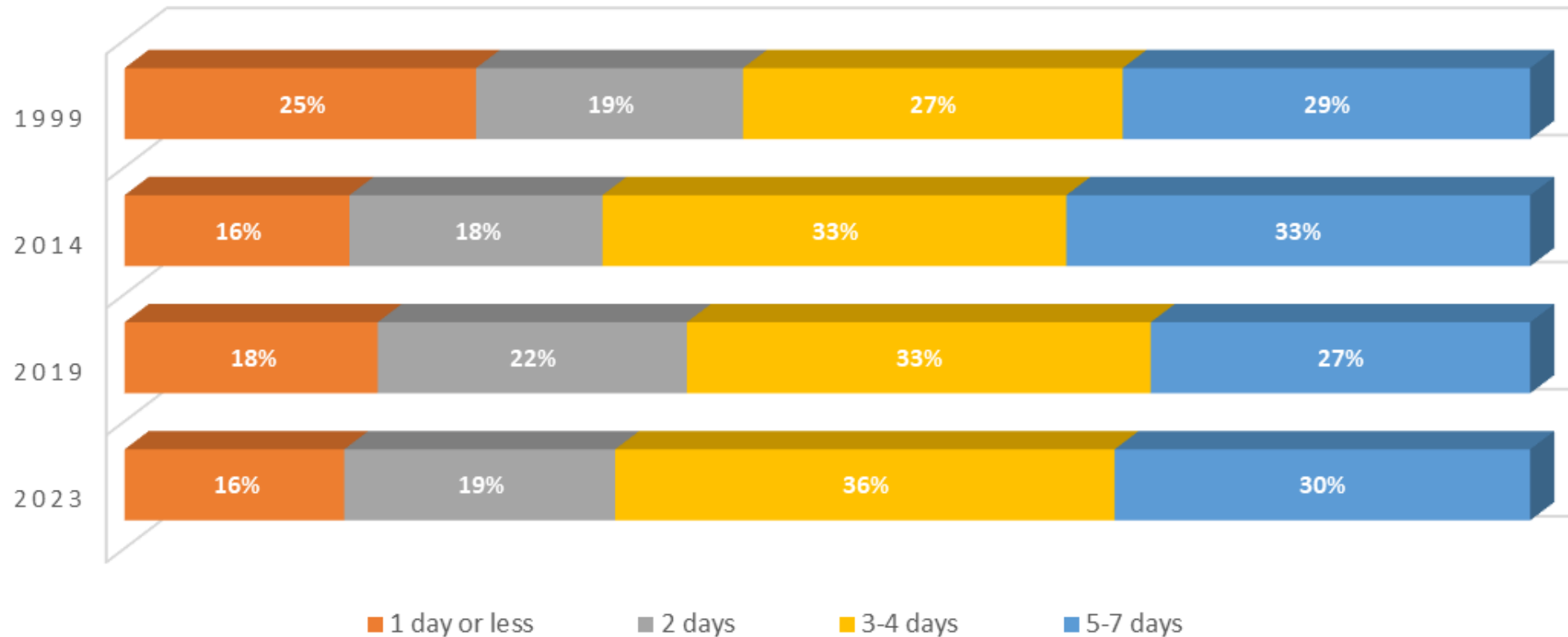
## 2: How far did you travel to access the trail?



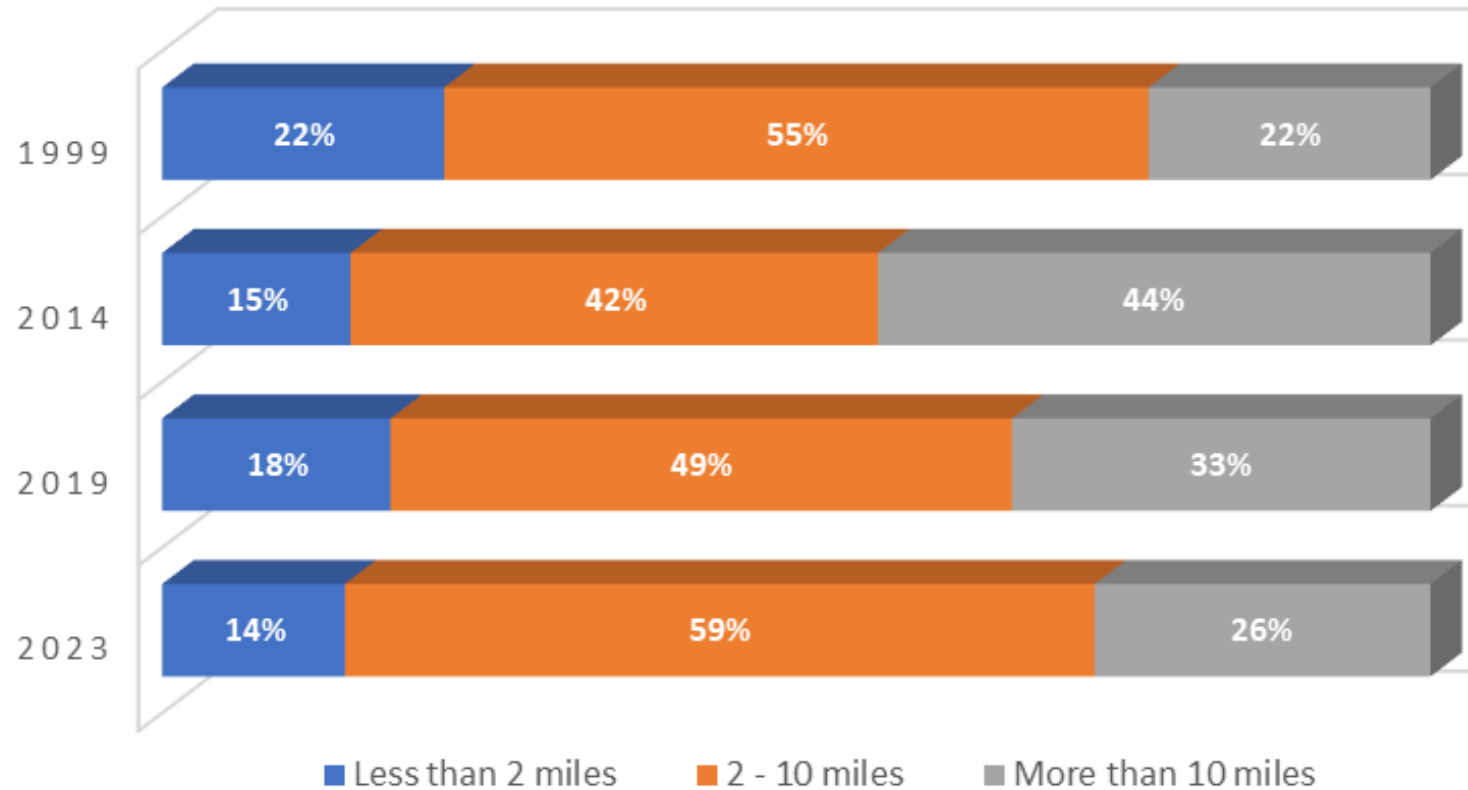
### 3: What is your primary reason for using the trail?



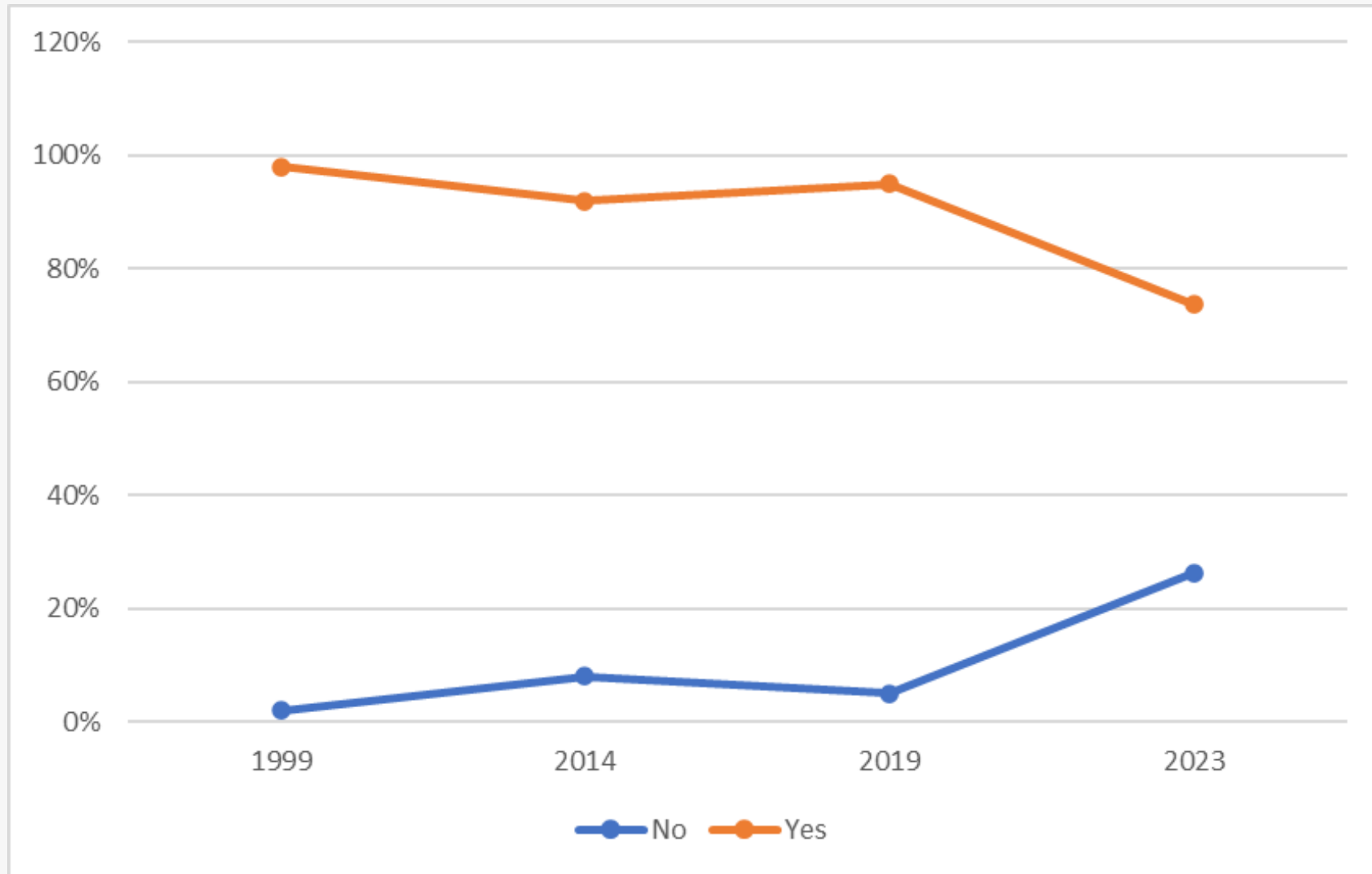
## 6: How many days per week do you typically use the trail?



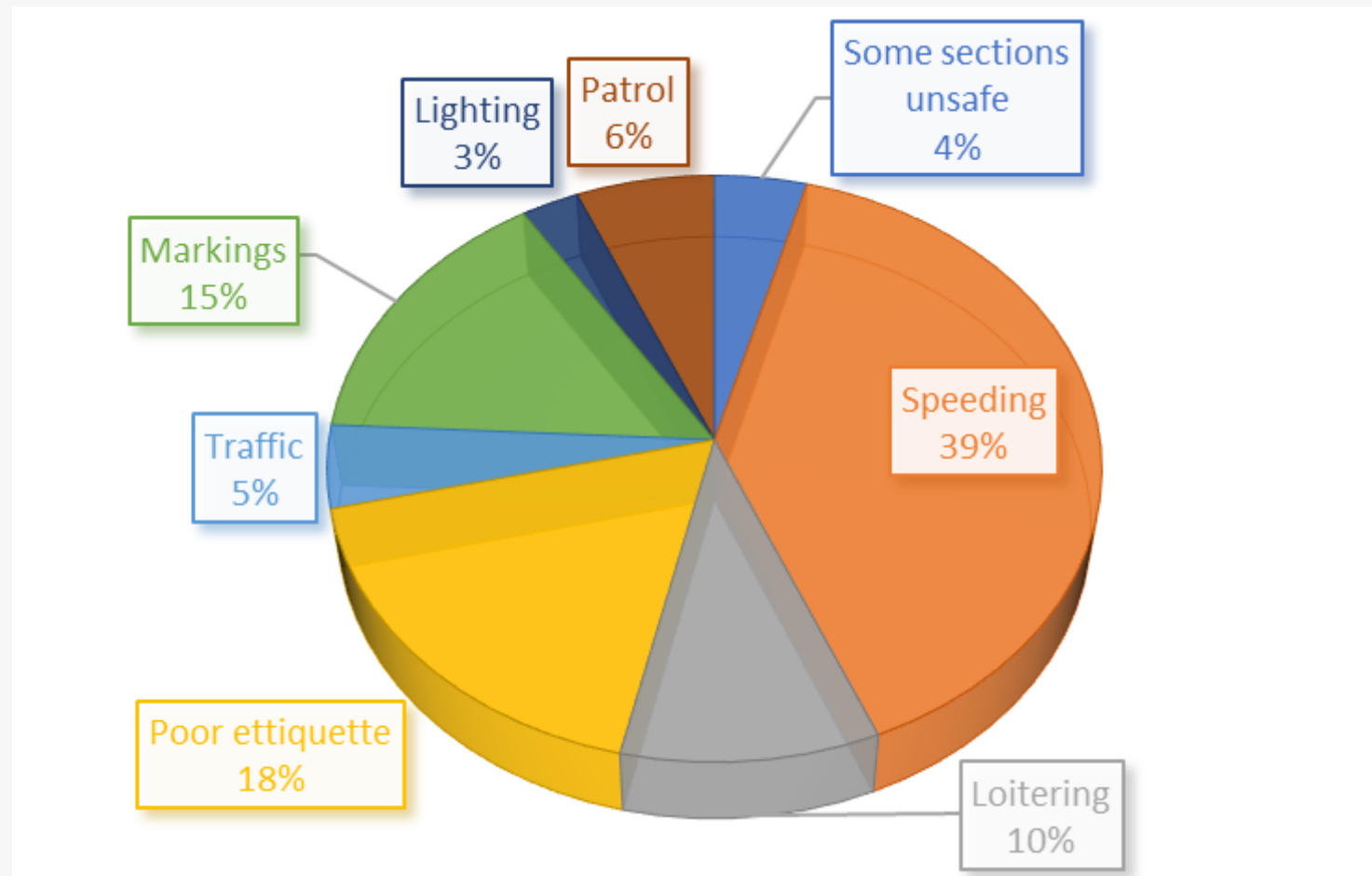
## 7: How far (one-way) do you typically travel on the trail?



## 9: Overall, do you feel safe on the trail?



## 9.1: If no, why not?





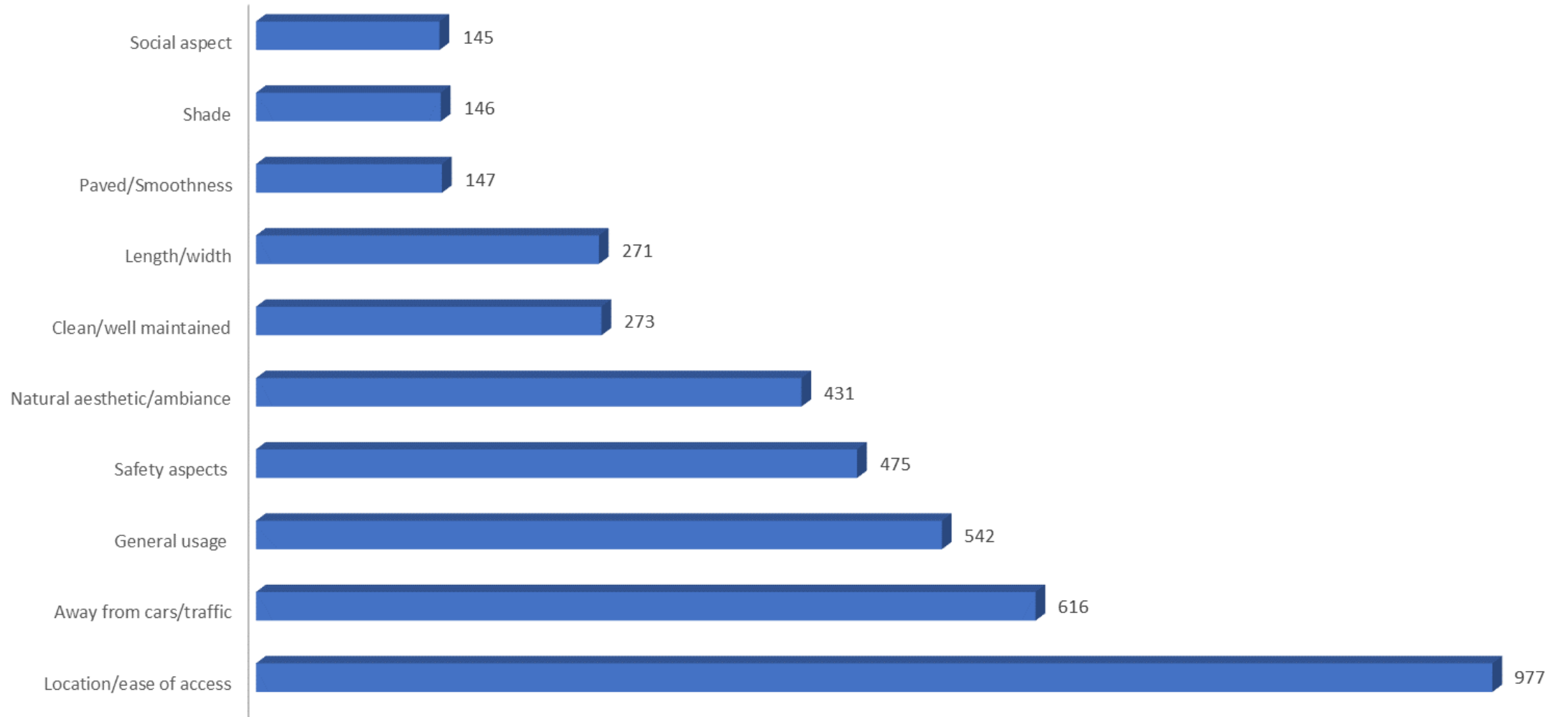
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**What do you dislike about the Trail?**

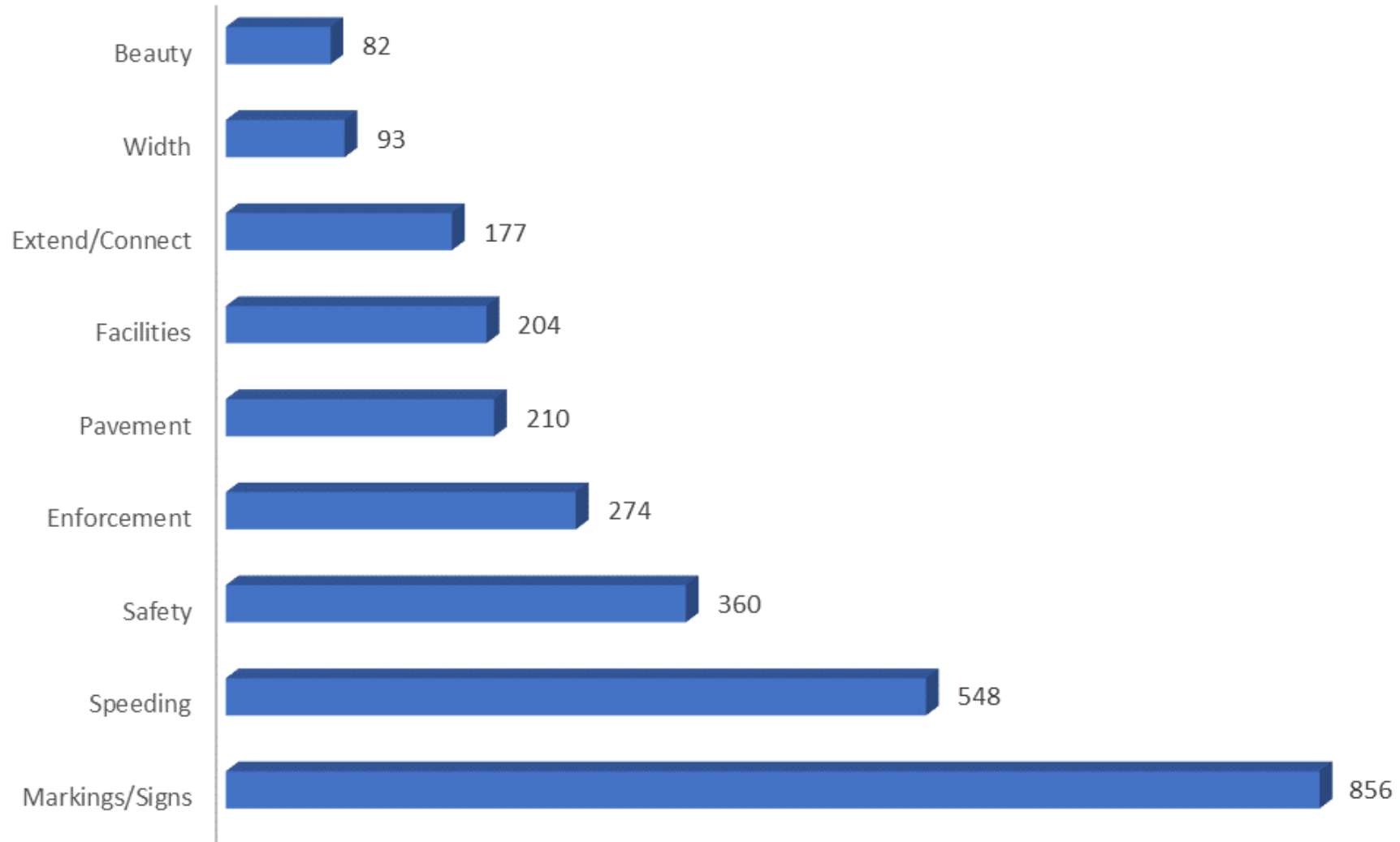
	2019	2014	1999
Nothing	37%	0%	0%
Roadway Crossings/More Overpasses	19%	8%	3%
Bicyclists Too Fast/Speeding	8%	5%	7%
Needs Striping/Lane Lines	7%	12%	0%
Needs Lights/Too Dark	6%	12%	7%
More Water Fountains	5%	4%	23%
Better Maintenance	5%	8%	10%
Unsafe Neighborhood Areas	4%	13%	17%
Better Trail Etiquette	3%	6%	10%
Dogs	2%	8%	7%
More East-to-West trail Connections	1%	15%	7%
More Shade	1%	3%	3%
More Restrooms	1%	4%	3%
Not Wide Enough	1%	2%	3%
Curlew Road Crossing	1%	0%	0%



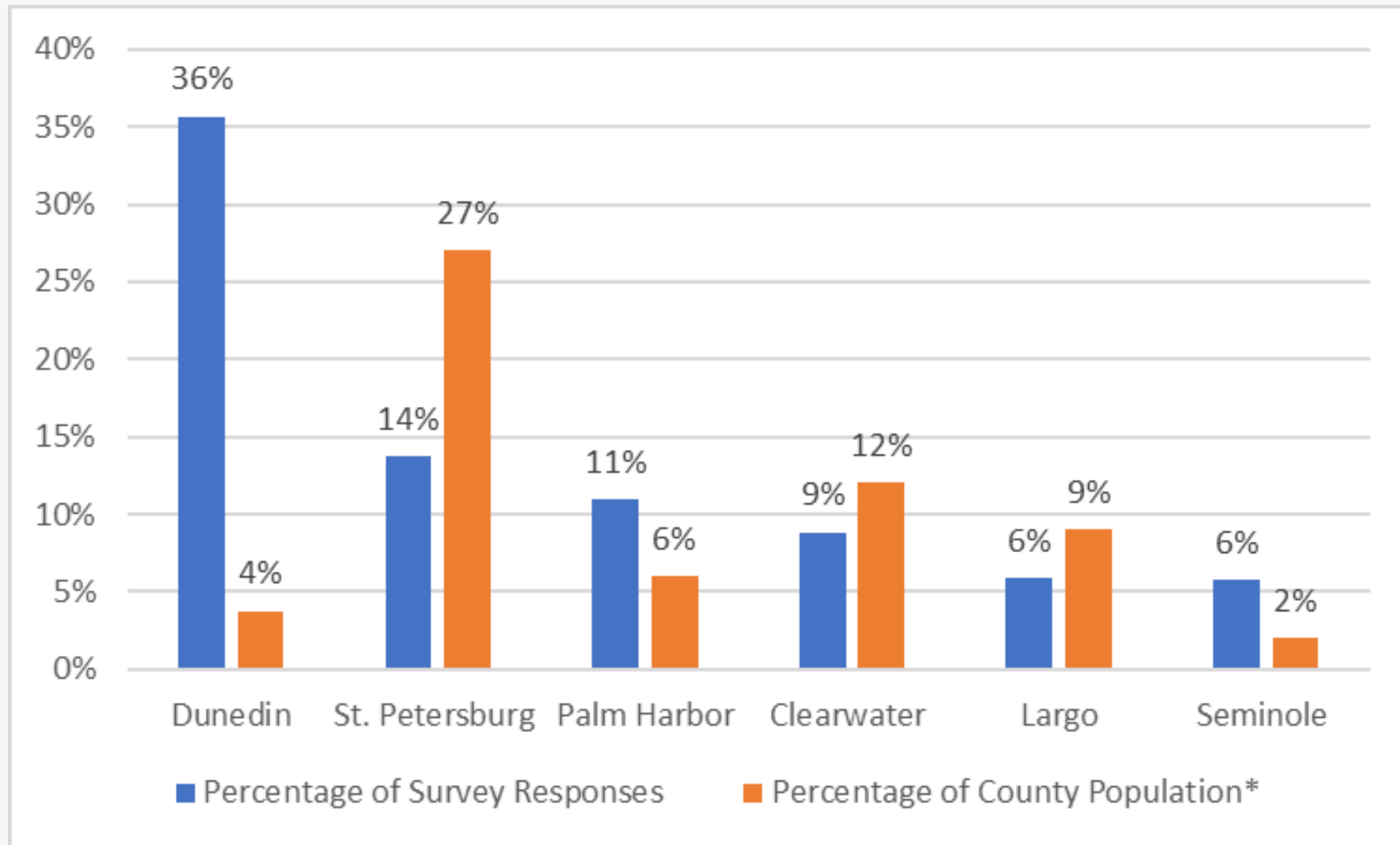
## 10: What do you like about the trail?



## 11: What would you like to see improved on the trail?



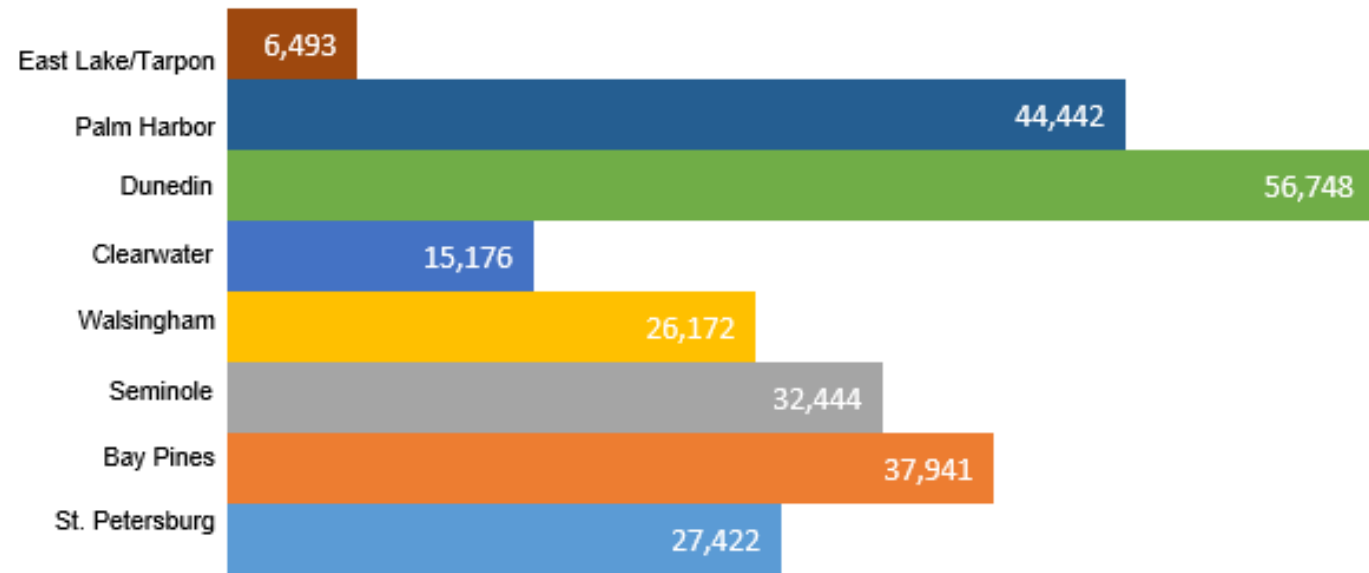
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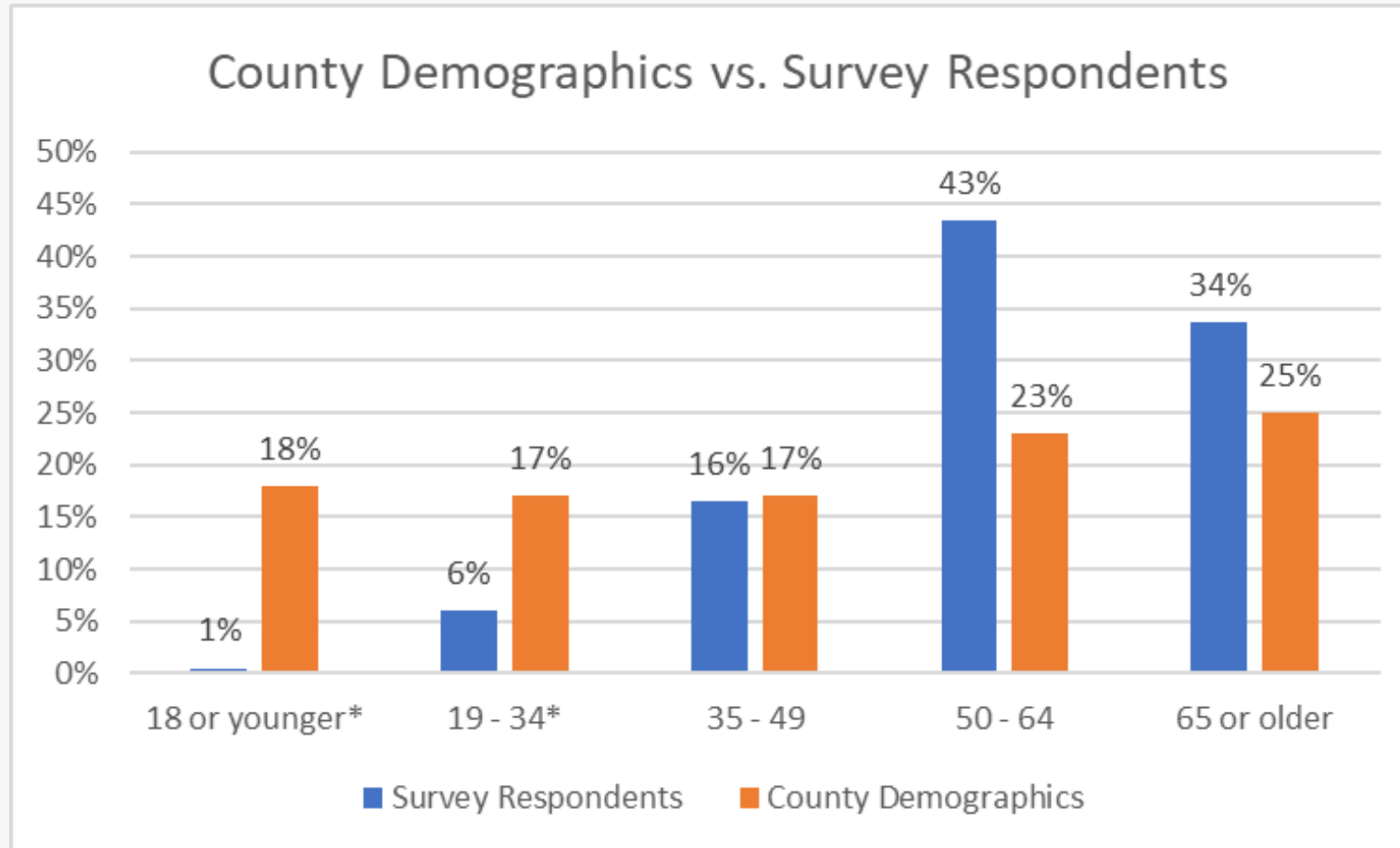
\*Zip code boundaries do not necessarily resemble exact municipal boundaries. Population based on 2020 Census data.

# March 2023 Trail Counter Data

## March Trail Users by Counter Location



# County demographics vs. survey respondents



County demographics from the 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year Estimates.

\*ACS "County Demographics" data is for 19 or younger and 20 - 34





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Questions?



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**Summary**

Forward Pinellas and partner agency staff often receive reports of issues on the Pinellas Trail, however these issues are not necessarily captured in police reports. Through this discussion item, we will discuss any recent trends observed by LEO and partner agencies along the Trail, and coordinate on remedial action as appropriate.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None Required, Informational Item Only



## **Pinellas Trail Security Task Force – July 11, 2023**

### **5. Quarterly Report from the Pinellas Trail Park Ranger**



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#### **Summary**

Pinellas County Park System is responsible for the care and maintenance of the County-owned parks and preserves, trails, campgrounds, boat ramps, rights of way and roads. This department also provides maintenance, operations, and oversight for the Pinellas Trail. Their role is vital to keeping people using the Pinellas Trail safe and informed. At each Pinellas Trail Security Task Force meeting, the Park Ranger provides an overview of any security topics which arose during the previous quarter. The information helps everyone attending understand any concerning behavior on the Pinellas Trail that can be addressed by the appropriate parties in attendance.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None Required; Informational Item Only

**6. Law Enforcement and Agency Reports**



- **Sheriff's Office**
- **Belleair**
- **Clearwater**
- **Gulfport**
- **Largo**
- **St. Petersburg**
- **Tarpon Springs**
- **Animal Services**
- **Public Safety Services**
- **Pinellas County Risk Management**
- **Friends of the Pinellas Trail**
- **Volunteer Patrol Programs and Updates**

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**ACTION:** None Required; Informational Item Only

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**SUMMARY**

This item will include the monthly data summary reports for the automatic trail counters along the Pinellas Trail. Note that average hourly data has been included with the reports.

**ATTACHMENT:** Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary Reports:

- March 2023
- April 2023
- May 2023

**ACTION:** No Action Required, informational item only

# Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:  
March 1st-31st (31 days)

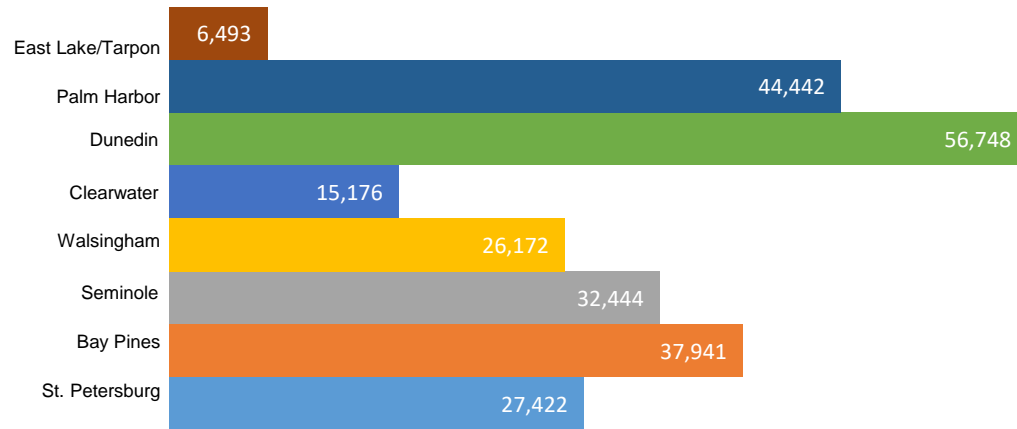
## March 2023

31-Day Count Total: 246,838  
Daily Average Users: 7,963

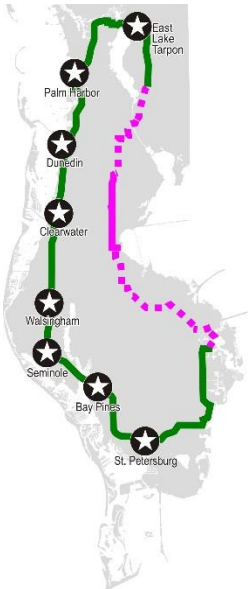
### Highest Daily Totals:

- #1 – Saturday, March 11th (Dunedin – 3,127)
- #2 – Saturday, March 11th (Palm Harbor – 2,184)
- #3 – Saturday, March 4th (Bay Pines – 1,504)

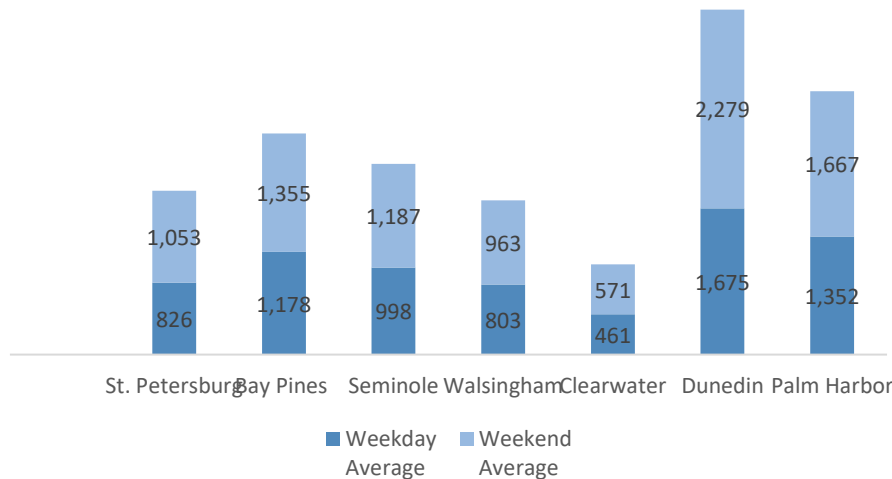
## March Trail Users by Counter Location



## Counter Locations



## Weekday & Weekend Profile

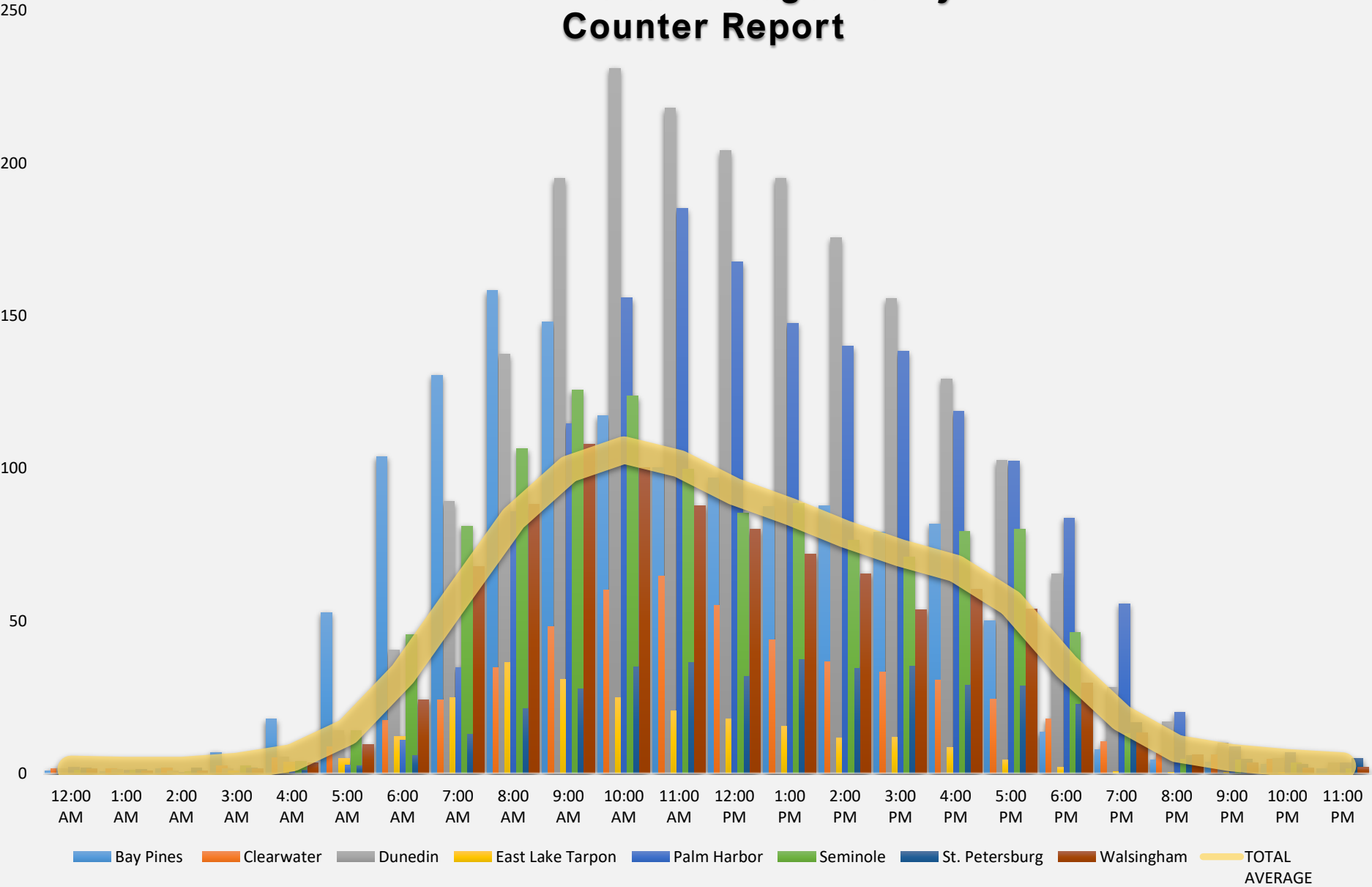


## Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (Pedestrian)	Bicycling (Bicycle)
Palm Harbor	18%	82%
Dunedin	13%	87%
Clearwater	38%	62%
Walsingham	18%	82%
Seminole	28%	72%
Bay Pines	21%	79%
St. Petersburg	33%	67%
East Lake/Tarpon	11%	89%

Source: Forward Pinellas March 2023

# March 2023 Average Hourly Counter Report



# Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

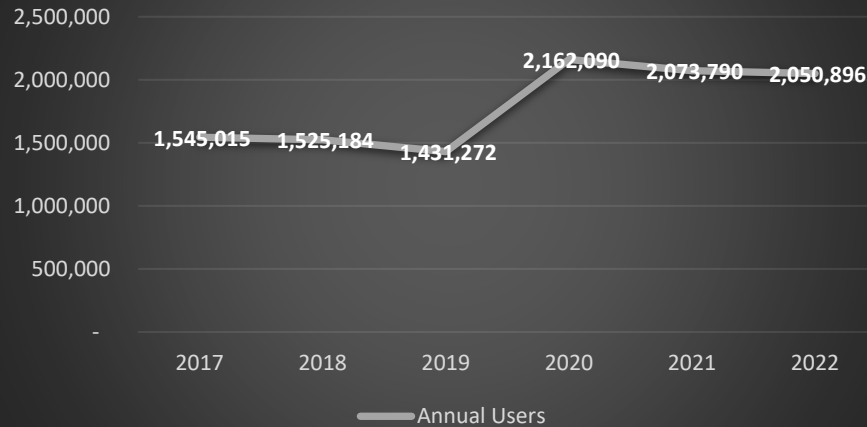
Automated Trail Counter Data Collection

Period: March 2017 - March 2023 Data

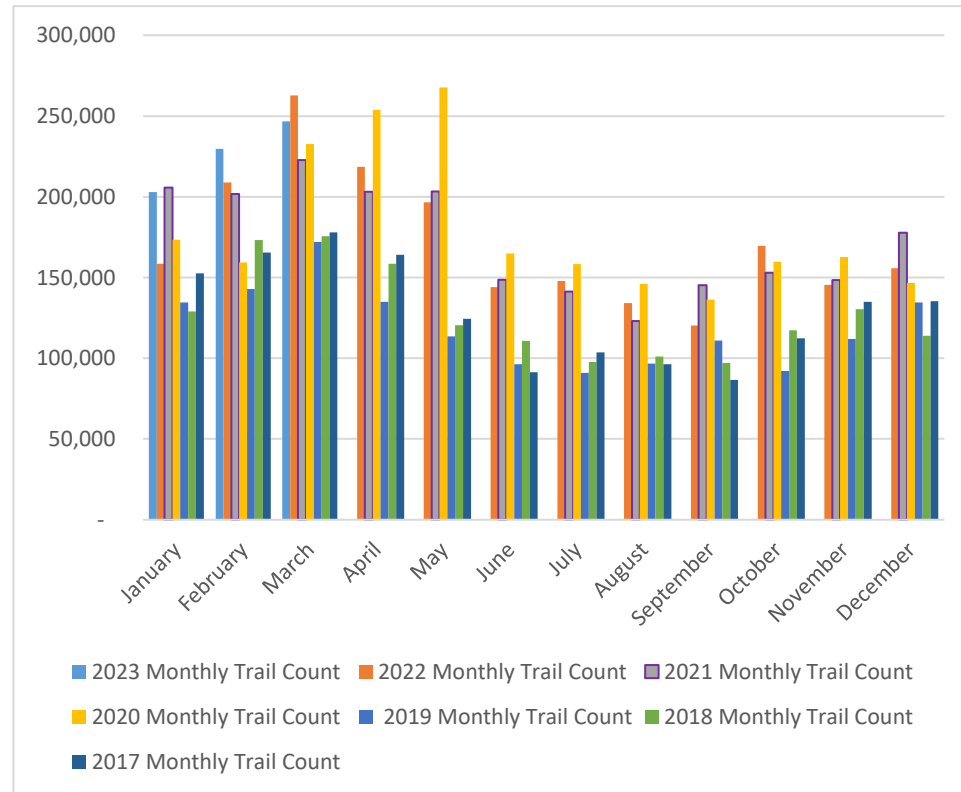


**March 2023 Total Count:  
634,509**

## Pinellas Trail Use 2017 - 2022



## Monthly Trail Counts 2017 - 2023



# Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:  
April 1st-30th (30 days)

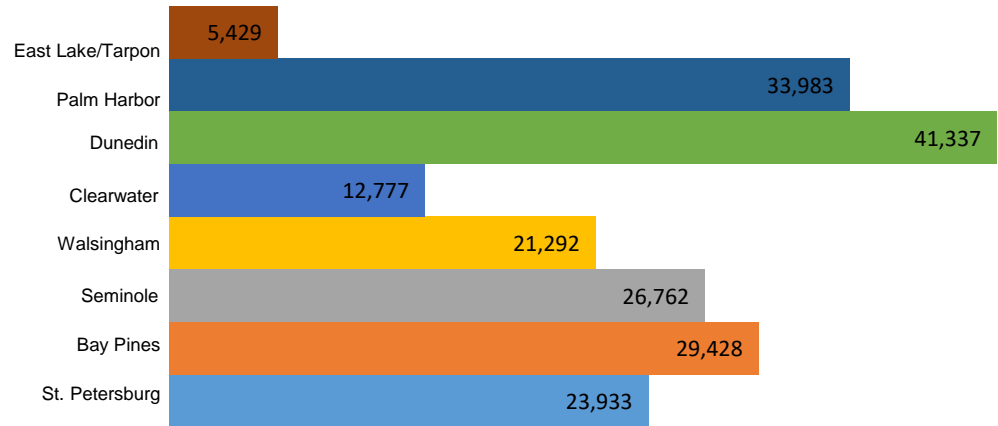
## April 2023

30-Day Count Total: 194,941  
Daily Average Users: 6,498

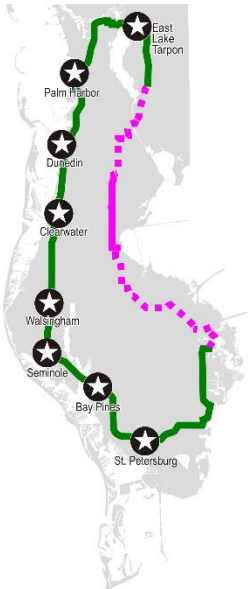
### Highest Daily Totals:

- #1 – Saturday, April 1st (Dunedin – 2,621)
- #2 – Saturday, April 1st (Palm Harbor – 1,694)
- #3 – Sunday, April 2nd (Bay Pines – 1,453)

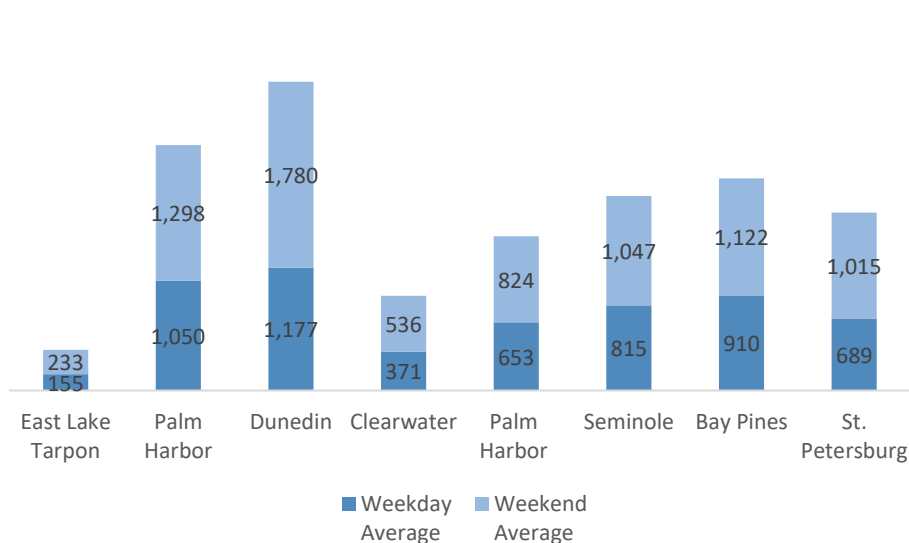
## April Trail Users by Counter Location



## Counter Locations



## Weekday & Weekend Profile

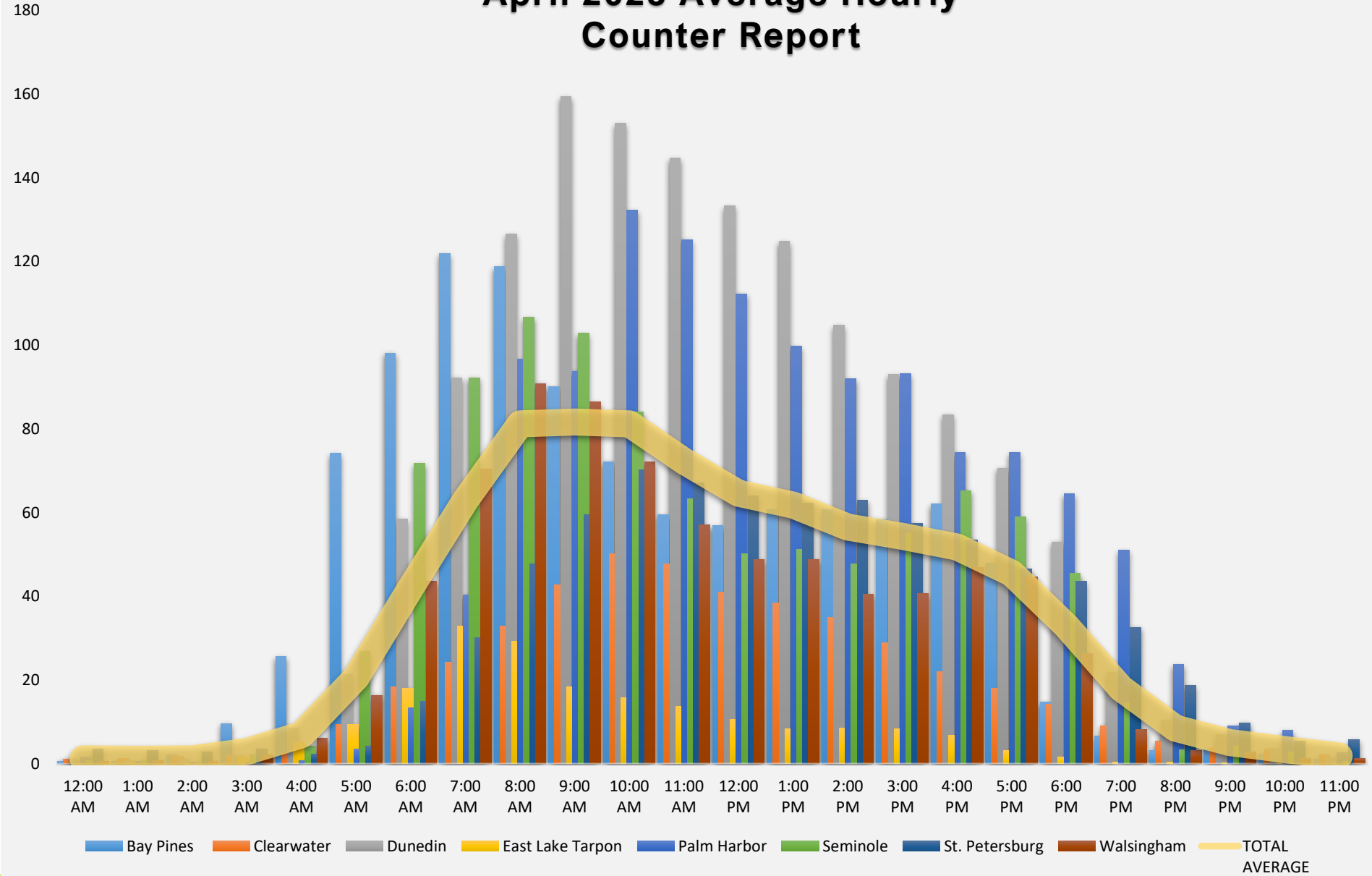


## Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (%)	Bicycling (%)
Palm Harbor	18%	82%
Dunedin	11%	89%
Clearwater	33%	67%
Walsingham	21%	79%
Seminole	30%	70%
Bay Pines	18%	82%
St. Petersburg	30%	70%
East Lake/Tarpon	11%	89%

Source: Forward Pinellas April 2023

# April 2023 Average Hourly Counter Report





# Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection

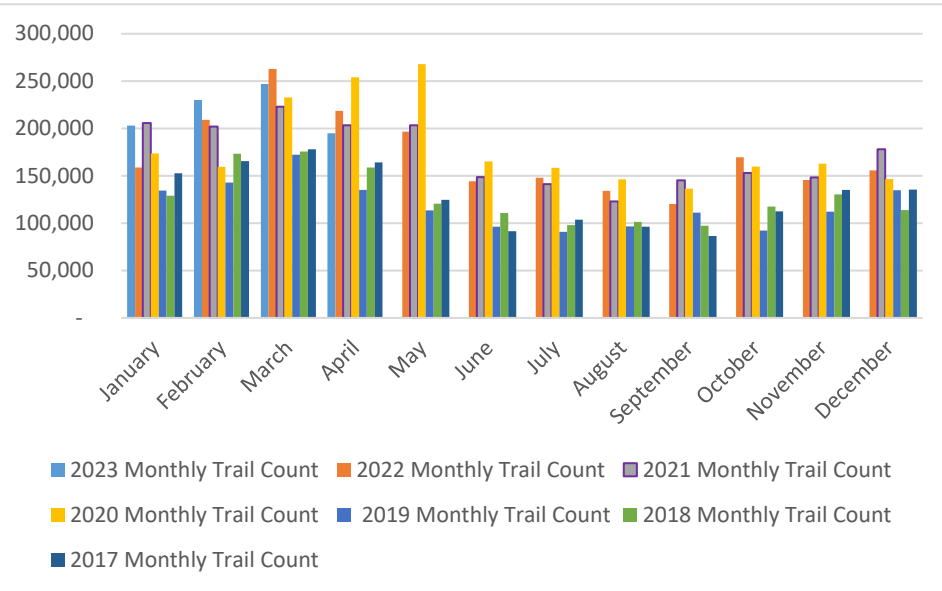
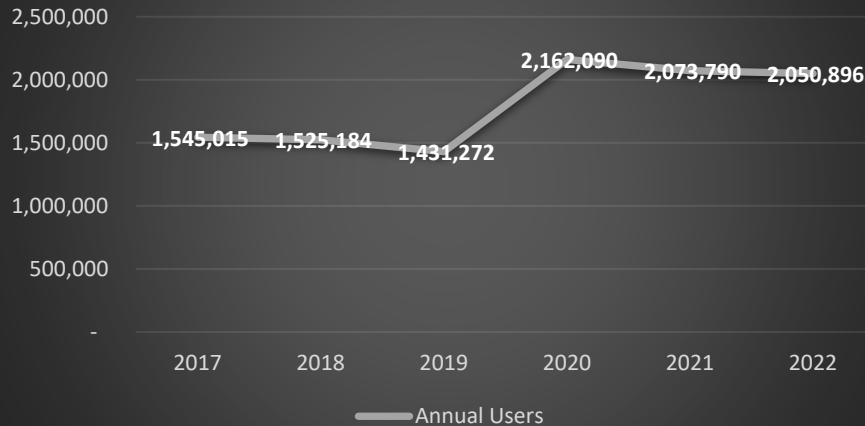
Period: April 2017 - April 2023 Data



**2023 Total Count:  
874,570**

## Monthly Trail Counts 2017 - 2023

### Pinellas Trail Use 2017 - 2022



# Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection Period:  
May 1st-31st (31 days)

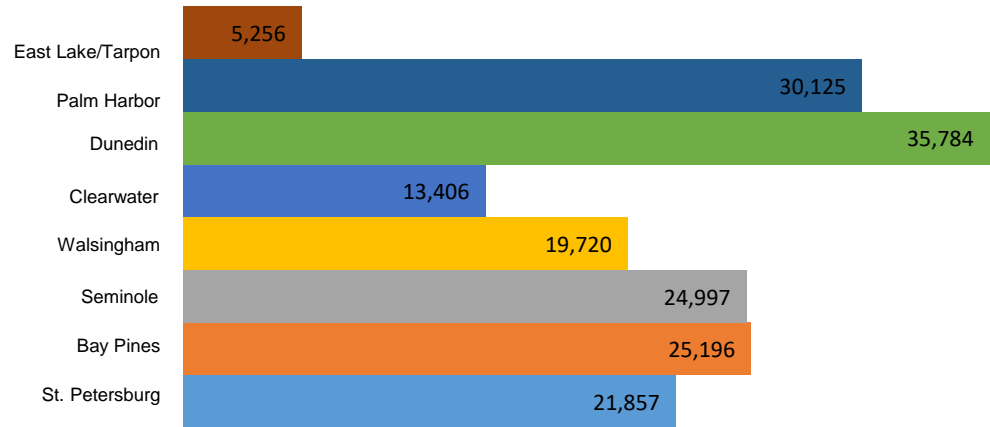
## May 2023

31-Day Count Total: 176,341  
Daily Average Users: 5,688

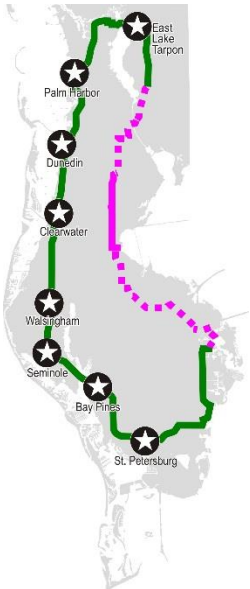
### Highest Daily Totals:

- #1 – Saturday, May 27th (Dunedin – 2,158)
- #2 – Saturday, May 6th (Palm Harbor – 1,406)
- #3 – Monday, May 29th (St. Petersburg – 1,151)

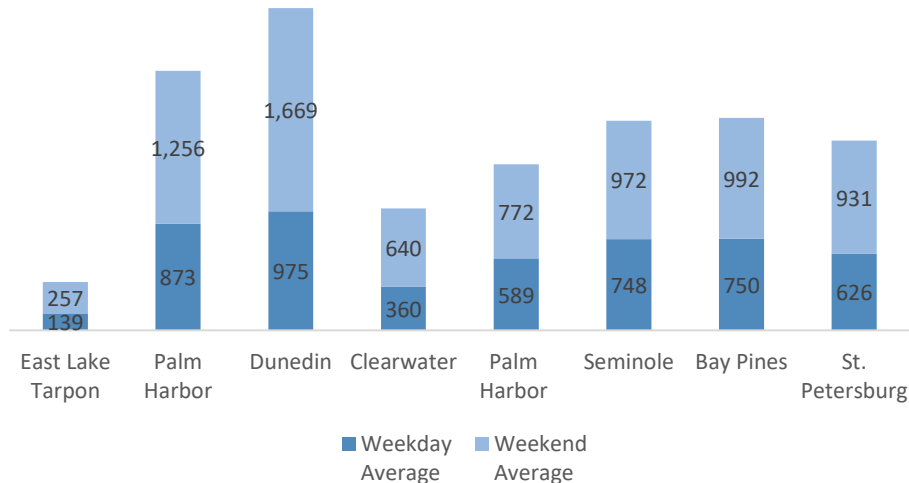
## May Trail Users by Counter Location



## Counter Locations



## Weekday & Weekend Profile

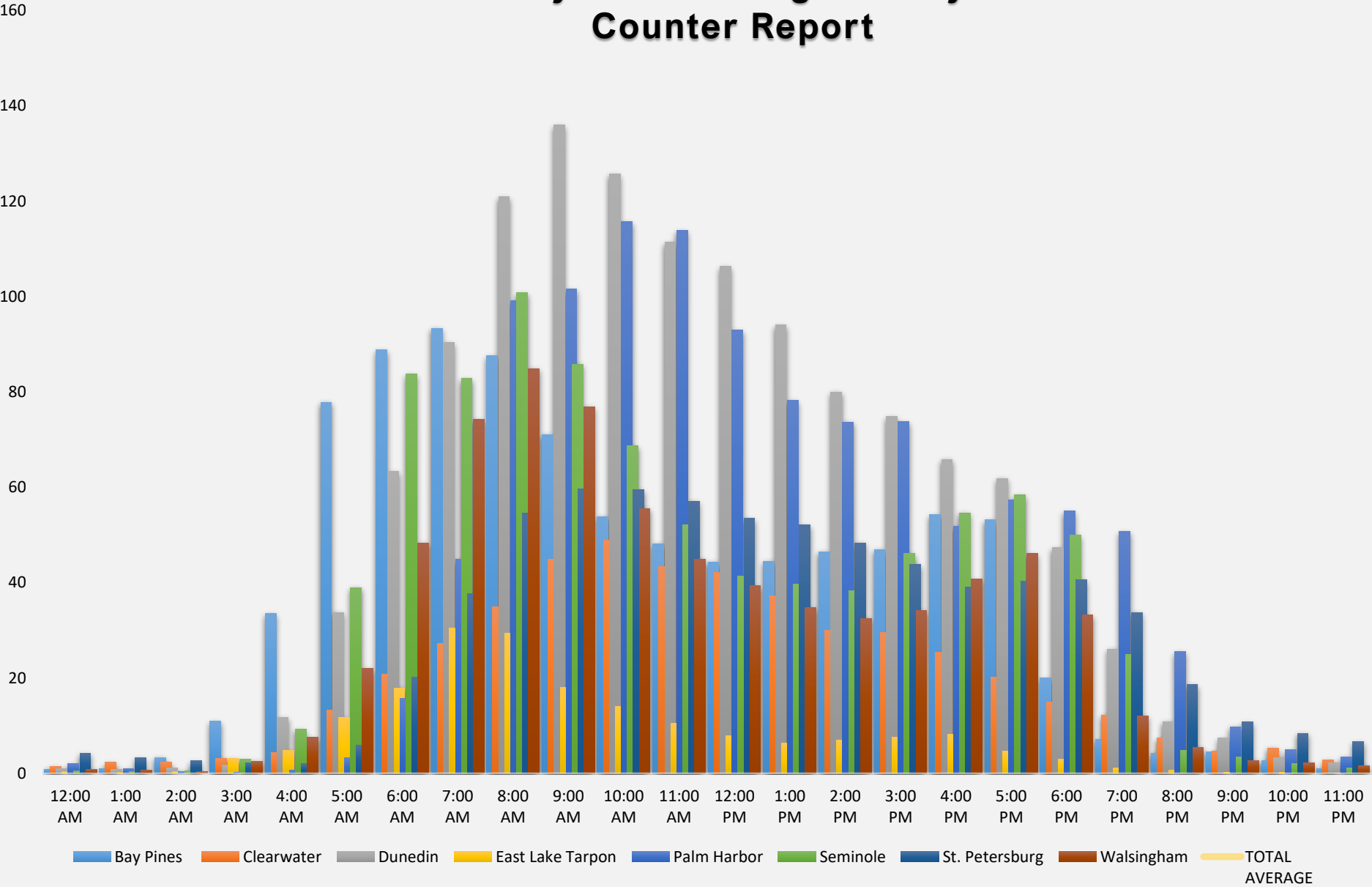


## Trail User Mode Split

Counter Location	Walking (%)	Bicycling (%)
Palm Harbor	17%	83%
Dunedin	7%	93%
Clearwater	29%	71%
Walsingham	16%	84%
Seminole	28%	72%
Bay Pines	14%	86%
St. Petersburg	24%	76%
East Lake/Tarpon	9%	91%

Source: Forward Pinellas May 2023

# May 2023 Average Hourly Counter Report



# Pinellas Trail User Count Data Summary

Automated Trail Counter Data Collection

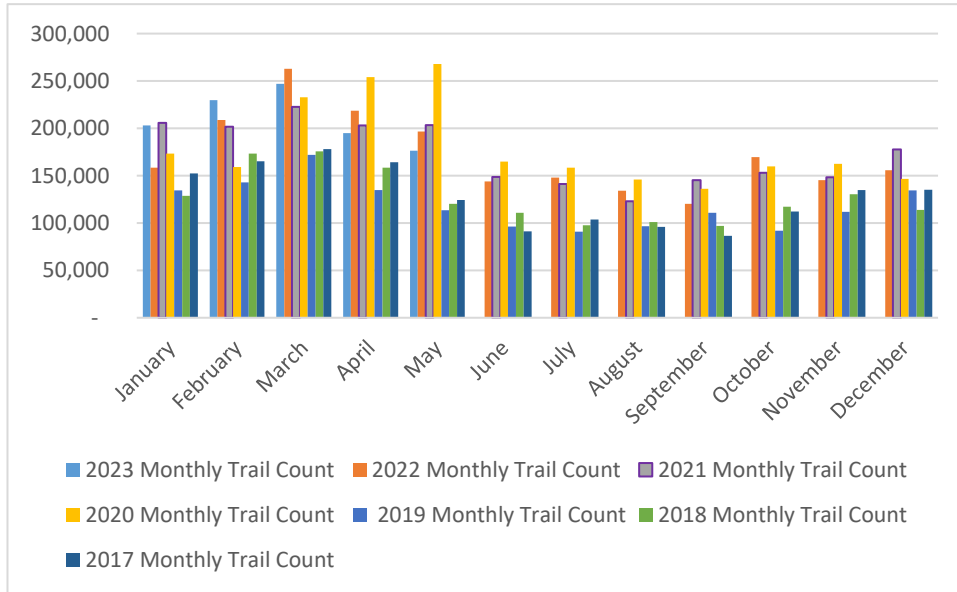
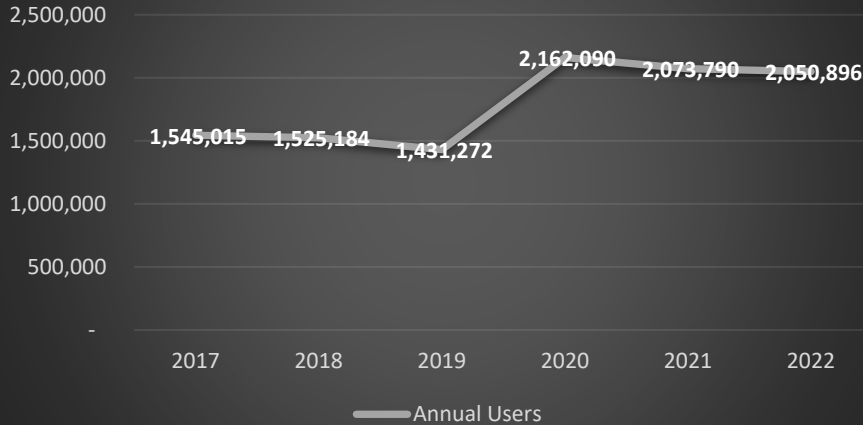
Period: January 2017 – May 2023 Data



**2023 Total Count:  
1,050,911**

## Monthly Trail Counts 2017 - 2023

### Pinellas Trail Use 2017 - 2022



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**8. Trail Construction Activity Report**



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TRAIL CONSTRUCTION  
PROJECTS JANUARY 2023

Pinellas Trail North Loop Gap Countryside	Enterprise Rd to Chesnut Sr. Park; SUN Trail; Construction underway, Est. Complete Fall 2022 <a href="#">(link)</a>
Pinellas Trail South Loop Phase 3 & 4	Haines Bayshore to Ulmerton Rd to 126th Ave; Segment of South Loop has will receive SUN Trail and FDOT Funding; Design in 2022; Construction 2024
71st Street Trail Connector	Pinellas Trail to 38th Avenue N; Design 2022, Construction 2024
San Martin Bridge & Trail connection	Bridge Replacement; Design 2022; Construction 2024
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; Construction underway; Est. late completion 2025 <a href="#">(link)</a>
Gandy Bridge Trail	FDOT to include trail with new bridge construction; PD&E Study Underway
Harn Boulevard Overpass	Pedestrian Overpass; Construction Underway; Est. Completion 2023 <a href="#">(link)</a>
Bayway Trail South	SR 679/Pinellas Bayway from north of Bunces Bridge to north of Madeira Circle. New two-way bicycle lane. Design underway; Est. construction start 2022
Oldsmar Trail Phase 6	Douglas Rd (Stevens Avenue to Race Track Rd) Design complete; Est. Construction end of 2020; section from Hayes Rd to Stevens Avenue postponed.

**9. Other Business**

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**A. PTSTF Meeting Schedule**

Initial discussion about moving to a biannual meeting schedule in 2024

**B. Correspondence, Publications, Articles of Interest**

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**C. Suggestions for Future Agenda Topics**

- Trail Planning
- Trail Operations
- Trail Enhancements

**D. Other**

If any member has other business to discuss, they may address it under this item.

# Pinellas Trail North Gap Project

*Last updated on May 24, 2023*



## Project ID

000967A

## Project Location

Pinellas Trail, from John Chesnut Senior Park in Palm Harbor to Enterprise Road in Clearwater

## Project Status

Construction: Completed

The construction of the Pinellas Trail North Gap project is complete and the trail opened to the public in August 2022, with the exception of the new pedestrian bridge over the Lake Tarpon Outfall Canal.

The bridge is scheduled to begin construction in spring 2023 and is expected to be complete before summer 2024.

While the bridge is being constructed, a temporary connection of the trail from the intersection of Tampa Road and McMullen Booth Road to East Lake Rd S. is available via existing sidewalks in the area. Trail connection signage has been added.

# Overview

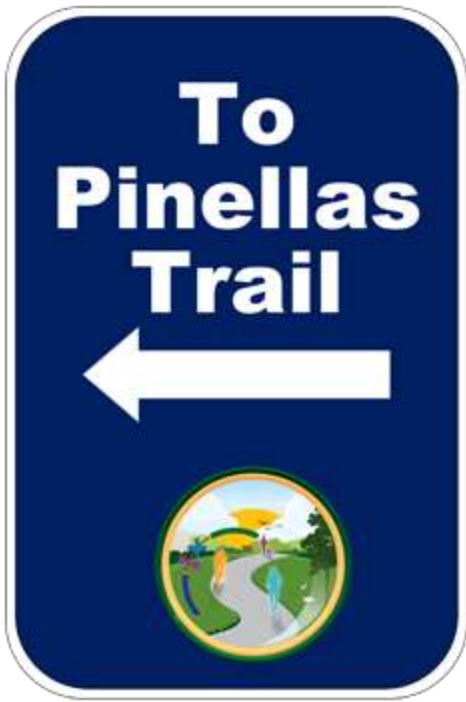
The Pinellas Trail Loop is a 75-mile regional trail network that provides Pinellas County residents and visitors with an additional safe, reliable and affordable transportation option for recreation and access to many county amenities.

When complete, the Loop will be a continuous multi-use pathway stretching from Tarpon Springs to St. Petersburg, with connections to Palm Harbor, Dunedin, Clearwater, Safety Harbor, Largo, Seminole, South Pasadena and Gulfport. The Loop will also provide regional connections to Hillsborough and Pasco County trail networks and link to the western end of the Florida Coast-to-Coast Connector Trail, a 250-mile multi-use trail that will cross the width of Florida.



[Pinellas Trail North Gap Sidewalk Route from Tampa Road north to Woodlands Boulevard](#)





[Pinellas Trail North Gap Temporary Directional Sign](#)

## Background

The Pinellas Trail first opened in 1990 on an abandoned railroad line. Since then, the 15-foot-wide trail has been extended across the county to create a unique urban pedestrian and bicycle connector to our communities. The Pinellas Trail has been hailed as a priceless haven in a busy, urbanized environment and has won numerous awards.

- The Pinellas Trail was inducted into the National Rails to Trails Hall of Fame.
- The Trail is a two-time winner of the Best Trail of Florida award from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Office of Greenways and Trails.

## Project Description



There are two remaining gaps in the Loop, referred to as the North Gap and the South Gap (see map above). The Pinellas Trail North Gap project extends 6.8 miles from John Chesnut Sr. Park to the Duke Energy Trailhead at Enterprise Road in Clearwater. Along the way, this segment will offer users access to many residential neighborhoods, commercial centers and recreational facilities, including John Chesnut Sr. Park, Westfield Countryside Mall and the Countryside Community Park.

The project will generally consist of a paved 12-foot-wide surface with 2-foot-wide unpaved shoulders on both sides. However, in a few areas, the trail width will transition to an 8-foot paved surface due to property restrictions. The trail will be designed and constructed to meet all federal and state Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and safety standards.



## Project Funding

The Pinellas Trail North Gap is funded through a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation with additional funding supported by the [Penny for Pinellas](#).

Questions and comments can be submitted by visiting the [Contact Us](#) page.