

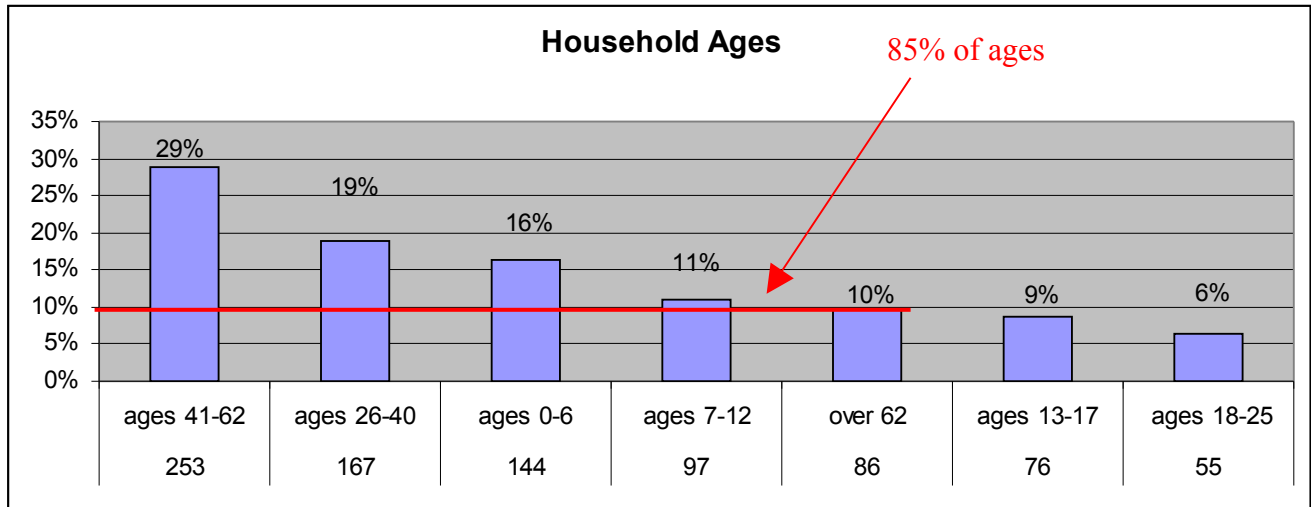
TOWN OF SOMERSET PARKS AND RECREATION QUESTIONNAIRE, 7/10/06

Please help us plan for parks and recreation in the town of Somerset!

The Somerset Parks Committee was established by the Somerset Town Board in 2005 to help develop and implement a plan for Parks and Recreation in our community. During the past year we have been evaluating our assets. Our next step is finding out what residents need. Please help us by completing this questionnaire and returning it in the enclosed envelope (stamp needed), *by July 31, 2006*. It will take about 5 minutes. Results will be tallied and posted at Somerset Town Hall. Thank you!

Town of Somerset Parks Committee

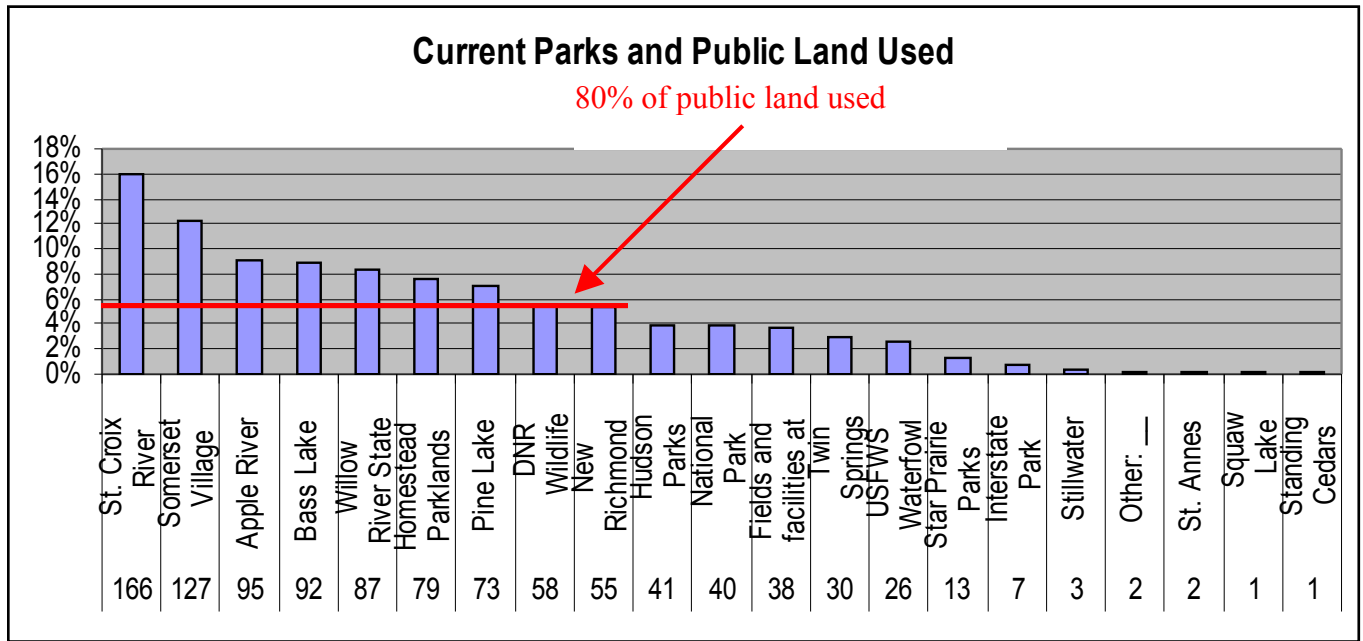
1. How many people live in your household?



29% of household ages ranged between 41 and 62. While ages 13 through 25 represented only 15% of the age group.

**This survey question may have been interpreted incorrectly by respondents. Therefore, the accuracy is questionable.

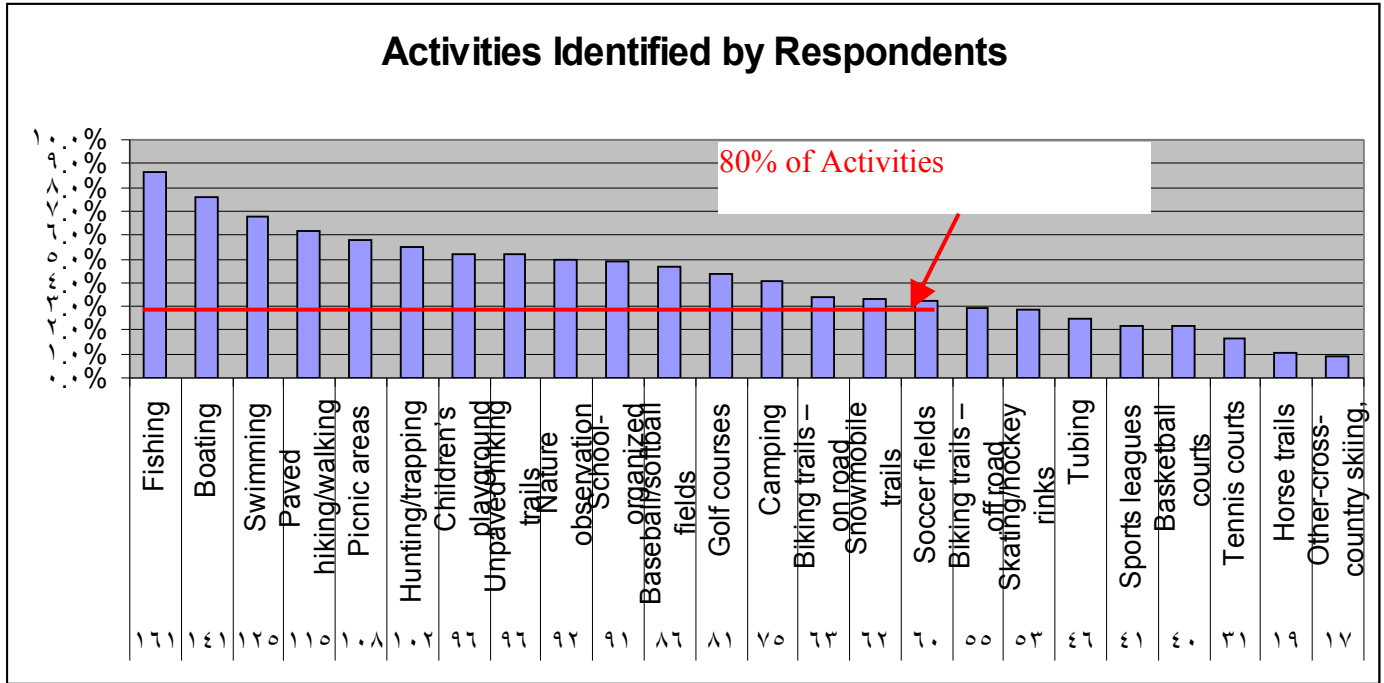
2. What parks and public lands do members of your household presently use? Check all that apply.



The most popular parks and public lands used by residents in the Town of Somerset are the following:

1. **St. Croix River**
2. **Somerset Village Parks**
3. **Apple River**
4. **Bass Lake**
5. **Willow River State Park**
6. Homestead Parklands at Perch Lake
7. Pine Lake
8. DNR Wild Life Areas
9. New Richmond Parks

3. What recreational facilities or activities do members of your household use or participate in (locally or elsewhere)? Check all that apply.



The following is a list of the top 10 activities that have been identified by our respondents:

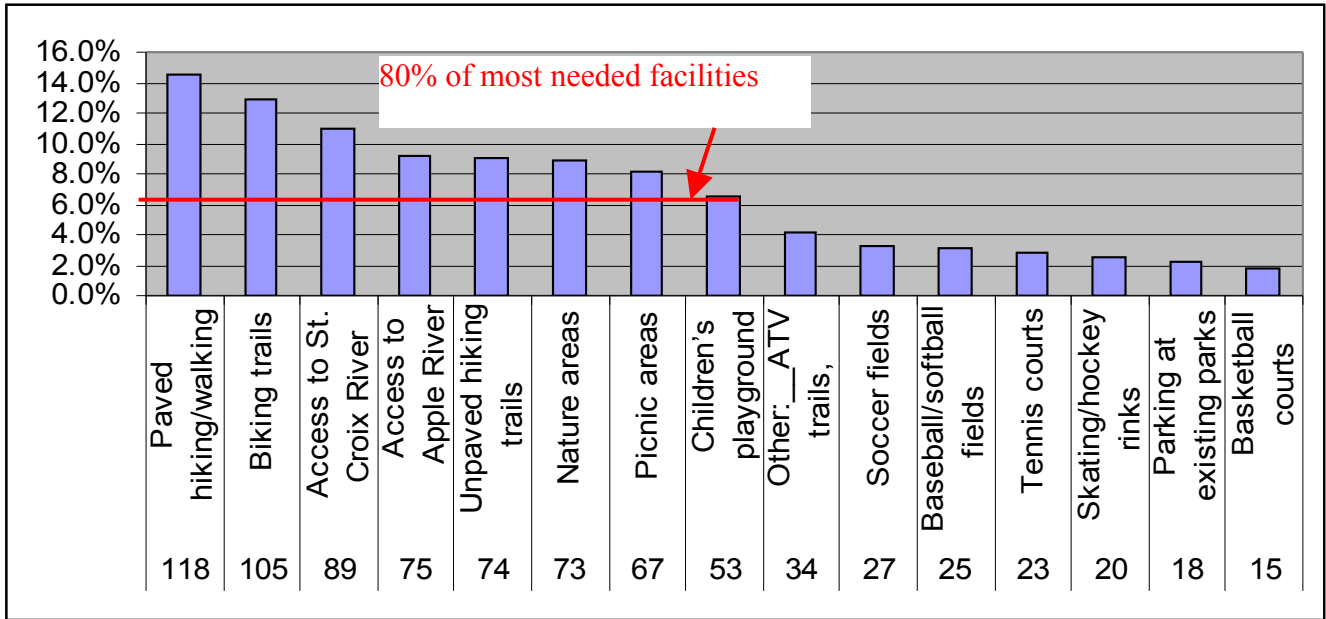
1. **Fishing**
2. **Boating**
3. **Swimming**
4. **Paved Hiking Trails**
5. **Picnicking**
6. **Hunting & Trapping**
7. **Children's Playground Equipment**
8. **Unpaved Hiking Trails**
9. **Nature Observation**
10. **Organized School Events**

4. **Does the town provide adequate park and recreational facilities?**

157 **yes**

103 **no**

5. What additional park and recreational facilities are most needed in Somerset? Check all that apply.



Additional park and recreational facilities that are most needed in Somerset are the following:

1. Paved hiking/walking trails
2. Biking trails
3. St. Croix River Access
4. Apple River Access
5. Unpaved Hiking Trails
6. Nature Areas
7. Picnic Areas
8. Children's Playground Equipment

6. Should funds be raised to purchase land, and develop and maintain park and recreational opportunities in the Town of Somerset? If yes, how much?

109 no
179 **yes**
40 less than \$250,000
50 **\$250,000-\$500,000**
31 \$500,000-\$1,000,000
19 over \$1,000,000

FYI: In the past, the Town (rural Somerset) has provided funds to help develop parks in Somerset Village. Town residents are regular users of Somerset Village parks.

7. How should money for parks be raised? Check all that apply.

- 188** **Increase current park fees for developers/builders**
- (63%)**
- 87 No change in current funding
- 23 Increase taxes to pay for parks

FYI: The current park fee is \$250 for each new lot created. Park fees for surrounding communities range from \$250 to \$1000 per lot or new home. The average fee for 9 nearby communities is \$490 per lot.

8. Additional comments and suggestions:

Thank you for your help!