



MN River Valley State Recreation Area Exploration

Outdoor Recreation Preference Survey

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Survey Summary

This survey was open for public participation from 8/27/18 to 9/30/18. A statewide news release announced the survey availability to the public. A direct email about the open survey was sent to individuals on the MN River Valley Master Plan contact group that Redwood and Renville Counties hold. Forty-three respondents completed this questionnaire. Fifty-two percent of survey takers are over 44 years old. The majority (77%) of survey participants indicated they did not provide input during the Master Planning process for this area during 2016 and 2017. The top three outdoor activities that respondents participated in most during last year included walking or hiking, observing or photographing nature, and camping.

All listed outdoor recreation uses received some preference indication. The three most preferred activities to include in a potential SRA in the valley are walking or hiking, nature observation/photography, and canoeing/kayaking/paddle boarding. Two additional non-motorized activities suggested were archery practice areas and dispersed or rustic camping. Horseback riding and mountain biking were the most preferred uses needing a designated area.

Multi-use trails were preferred over single use trails.

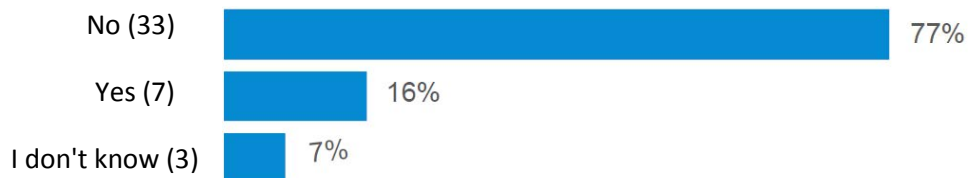
Other uses suggested for a potential SRA in the MN River Valley included multiple suggestions for an OHV area/trails, picnic areas/pavilions, grazing, timber harvest, and mining.

Survey questions and responses

Listed below are the survey questions and responses. The following bar charts are restricted to the top 12 choices. Any remaining items are listed below the bar chart.

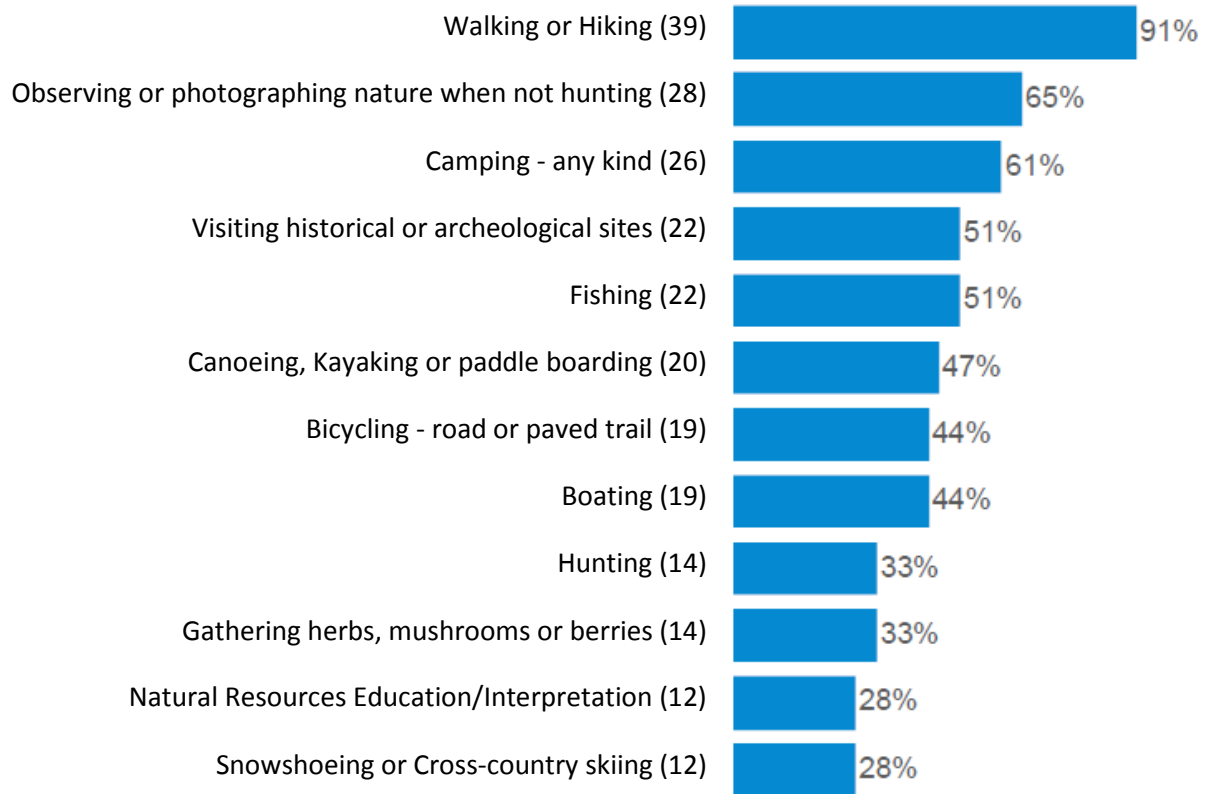
Survey Question 1

Did you participate in the county public input process for the Master Plan of the Minnesota River Valley Recreation and Conservation Area during 2016-2017?



Survey Question 2

Which outdoor recreation activities have you participated in the last 12 months? Check all that apply.



Mountain biking (8), In-line skating (4), Horseback riding (3), Trapping (2)

If other, please specify

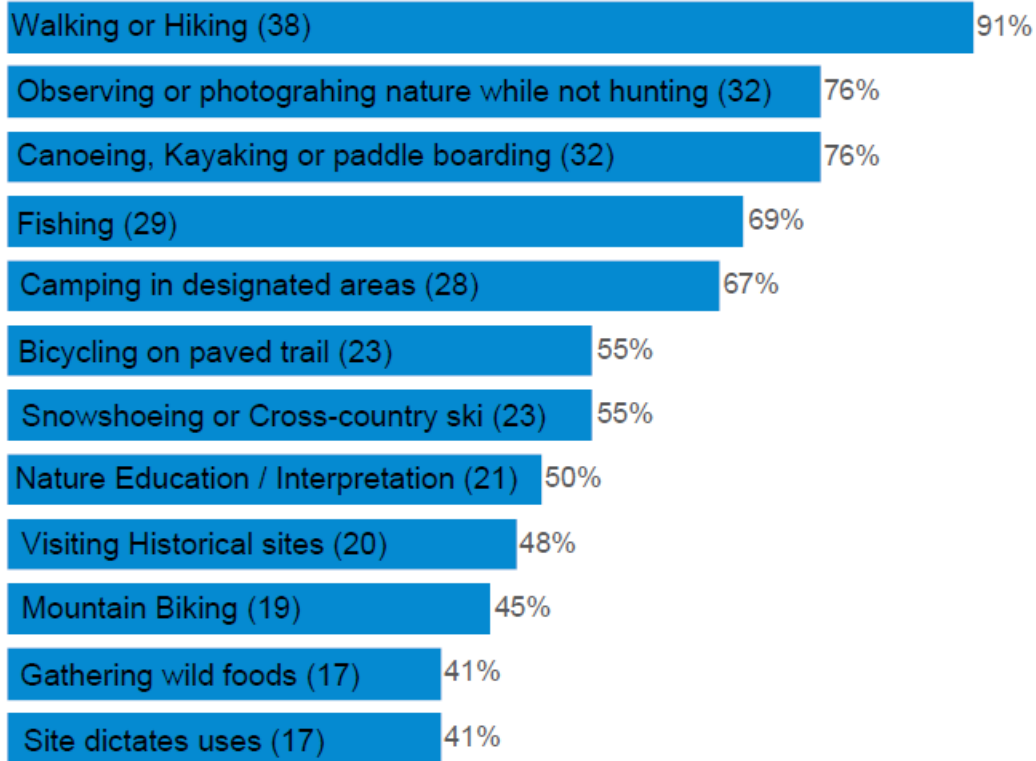
ATV

ATV/UTV RIDING AREA

ATV

Survey Question 3

What types of non-motorized recreation would you prefer be allowed, if a new State Recreation Area (SRA) is created in the Valley? Check all that apply.



Boating (16), Hunting (15), Horseback riding (13), In-line skating (11), Trapping (11)

If other, please list

Archery practice area

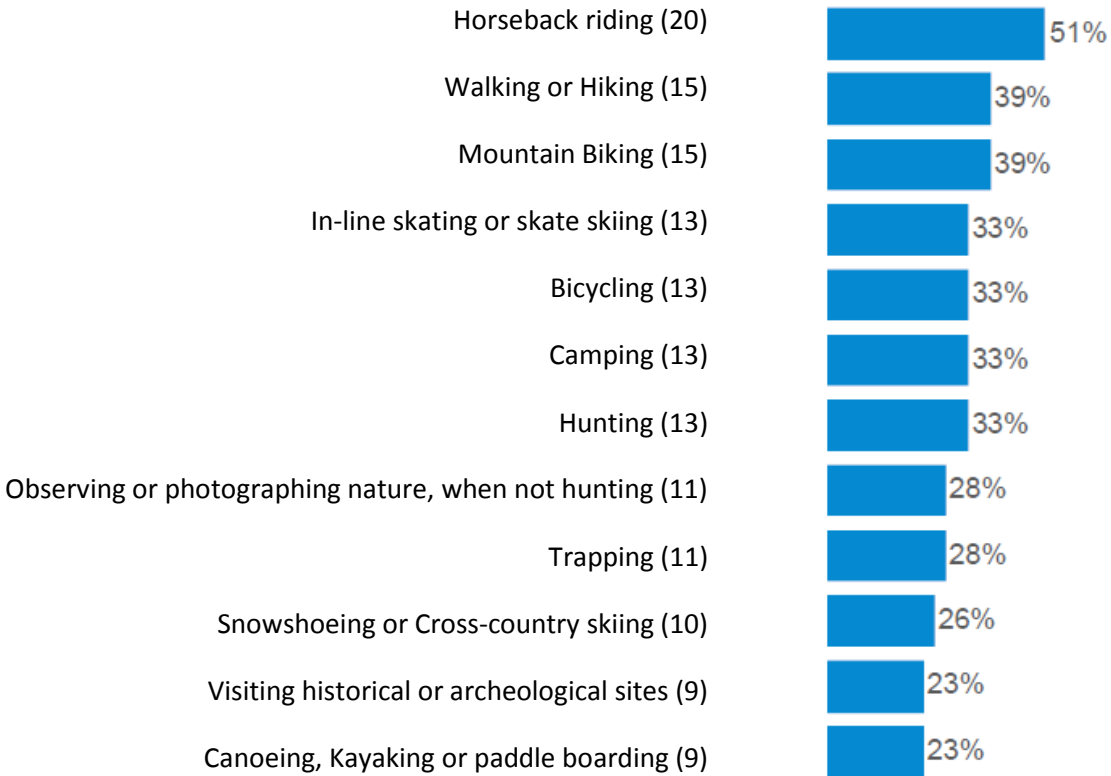
MOTORIZED VEHICLE AREA. WHY DO WE HAVE TO PAY FOR TRAIL PERMITS?

Dispersed Camping

Primitive dispersed camping or secluded walk in sites. Pack in and pack out all supplies, water

Survey Question 4

What types of non-motorized recreation would you prefer be allowed in designated areas only, if a new State Recreation Area (SRA) is created in the Valley? Check all that apply.



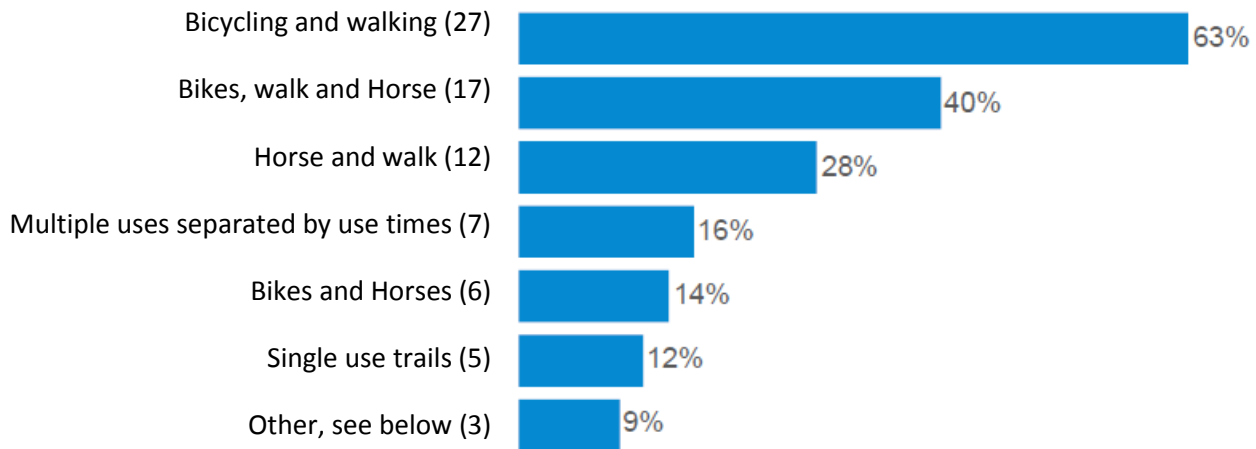
Education & Interpretation (8), Gathering food (8), Fishing (7)

If other, please specify

WHAT MONEY DO THESE ACTIVITIES RAISE TO PAY FOR THESE AREAS?

Survey Question 5

What types of multi-use trails would you like to see in the Valley? Check all that apply.



If other, please specify

I would like to see some of my tax and permit money be used for activities I enjoy.

ATV, Snowmobile

I can't overstate how annoying it is to walk around horse poop in state parks.

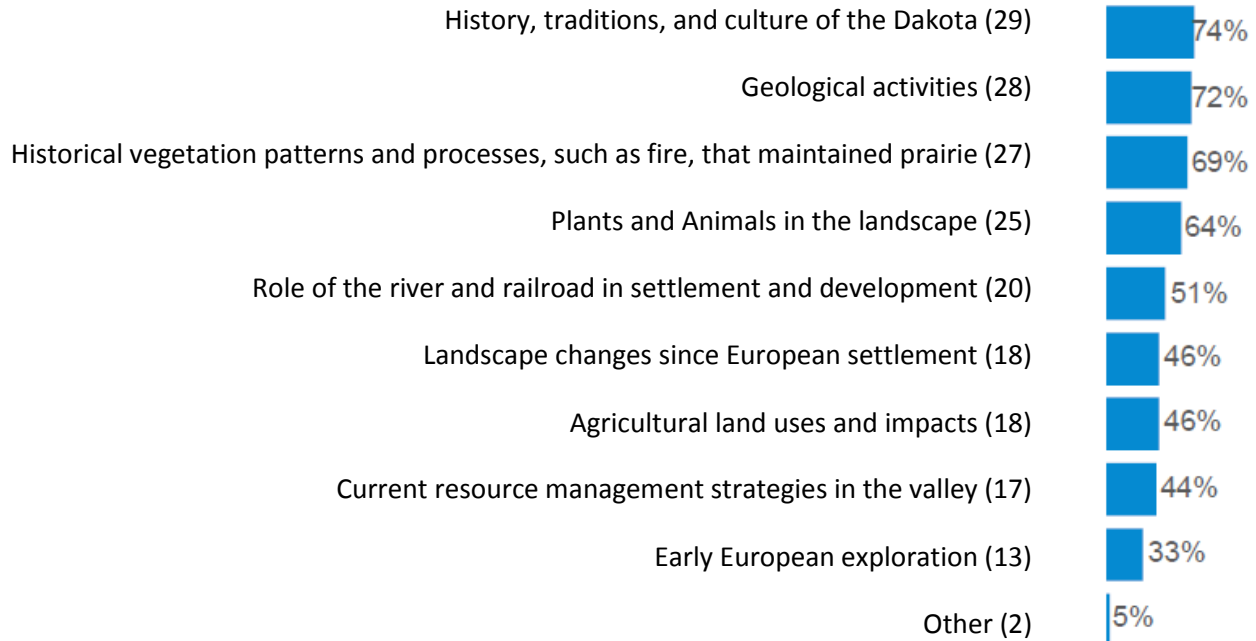
Survey Question 6

If state funds are not available to develop and manage recreation facilities, such as trails, what option would you prefer?



Survey Question 7

What educational themes are you interested in learning about, if an SRA is designated in the Valley? Check all that apply.



If other, please specify

none, resources can be better spent focusing on maintenance of grounds. if i want more education (themes) i can investigate on my own time/dime.

Survival bush craft classes / crafts such as basket weaving etc. using natural materials.

Survey Question 8

What other uses should be considered for a potential SRA in the MN River Valley area of Redwood and Renville County?

grazing, mining and timber harvest

Motorized recreation

ATV Trails (4)

NO ATV PARK OF ANY KIND !!!

There have already been studies for an ATV park in Renville County. Money has been spent by local clubs and funds are already approved for this. I am all for the other activities listed, but with all of the money spent on ATV/UTV trail permits and community pavilions, covered/sheltered picnic

Fort Ridgely is already there, please maintain it better!

Dispersed camping and canoe in sites

Rare habitats or intact areas should be preserved as SNAs

Focus on walking/ biking/ camping/ personal watercraft

Picnic tables

Since there is not a space for additional comments, I am putting it in here. If the state is going to do the work and spend the money to come up with a plan of what we should do locally, they should also be involved in implementing that plan and pay shuttle service for one way paddling trips; pick up from car and delivered upstream to put in. This could attract people like the bike trail did for Lanesboro area.

OHV/ATV trails

Survey Question 9

What is your zip code?

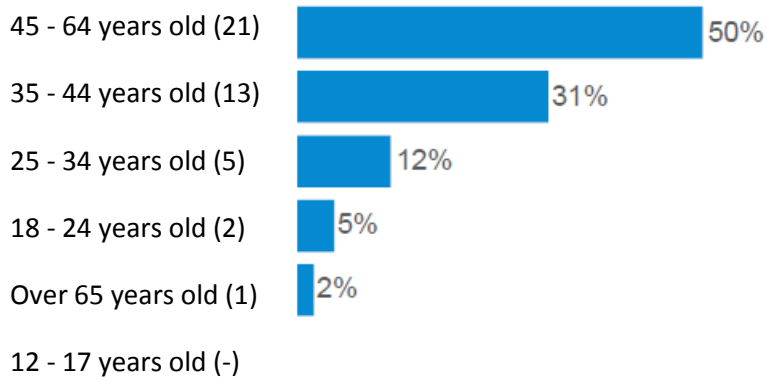
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2	55109	St. Paul	1		17	56083	Sanborn	1
3	55113	St. Paul	1		18	56085	Sleepy Eye	1
4	55114	St. Paul	1		19	56087	Springfield	2
5	55352	Jordan	1		20	56214	Belview	1
6	55416	Minneapolis	1		21	56222	Clara City	1
7	55438	Bloomington	1		22	56255	Lucan	1
8	55616	Two Harbors	1		23	56258	Marshall	1
9	56001	Mankato	3		24	56266	Morgan	1
10	56003	Mankato	2		25	56277	Olivia	1
11	56010	Amboy	1		26	56283	Redwood Falls	5
12	56024	Eagle Lake	1		27	56284	Renville	1
13	56048	Janesville	1		28	56293	Wabasso	2
14	56055	Lake Crystal	1		29	56572	Pelican Rapids	1
15	56073	New Ulm	5					

Zip code by County

County (# of entries)	County(# of entries)	County(# of entries)	County(# of entries)
Brown (9)	Lake (1)	Ramsey (4)	Waseca (1)
Blue Earth (8)	Lyon (1)	Redwood (10)	
Chippewa (1)	Nicollet (2)	Renville (2)	
Hennepin (2)	Ottertail (1)	Scott (1)	

Survey Question 10

What is your age?



Survey Question 11

How would you describe yourself and your main interest in this project?

