

Appendix A

Trail Survey Volunteer Guide

Regional Trail Survey and Count Project Volunteer Training Guide 2013



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1. Purpose of the Trail Survey and Count Project

The trail managing agencies and municipalities in the Miami Valley and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission are coordinating efforts to make a count of regional trail users and to survey a sample of the trail users. The trail managers hope to gain information about trail usage that will assist their trail programming and operations. For example, better information about usage patterns may be used to arrange maintenance schedules; better information about the way trails are used may enhance the kinds of programming provided on the trails.

The trail survey and count data is being coordinated regionally for the first time in 2009. Over time, as more years' data is collected, usage trends will hopefully become apparent. This information may be useful in justifying further investment in the regional trails system. The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and other trail funding agencies have a direct interest in this information.

2. Purpose of this Training Guide

The Trail Survey and Count Project is a huge regional effort, only done once before in the Miami Valley in 2009. This project will involve several hundred volunteers coordinated by seven different agencies across four counties. To ensure that the data collected is consistent across the region it is important that all volunteers conduct the surveys and counts in a consistent manner. This guide is intended as the uniform resource for all project participants to make sure the surveys and counts are consistent, so that the data generated is reliable.

This guide is an attempt to think of every possible situation that may arise in the field for the project. But no doubt something will occur which is not specifically covered in this guide. For example, while the count form has a column for counting people walking a dog, you may encounter someone walking a pot bellied pig. In these unforeseen cases we ask that you use your best judgment, keeping in mind the overall purpose of the project: to count trail users and to get a broad sense of when and how the trails are being used.

3. General project information

The count days are scheduled as follows:

Date	Rain Date
Sunday, August 4, 2013	Sunday, August 11, 2013
Wednesday, August 7, 2013	Wednesday, August 14, 2013

The Sunday and Wednesday counts are independent of one another. That means if the initial Sunday count is rained out that will not affect the schedule of the Wednesday count.

The counts will be conducted from 6:30 am until 9:00 pm on both days.

Count locations have been determined by the participating trail agencies.

Count forms, Survey forms, clip boards and pencils will be provided for you by the agencies for which you are volunteering. You also will be provided a name tag that identifies you as a volunteer for the Count Day Project.

Volunteers will need to have a watch or a cell phone with the time to complete the trail user counts!

Please arrive promptly to your survey location so that the volunteer you are relieving may depart as scheduled.

4. Health and Safety

Please remember that your health and safety are more important than this survey project, and that you should take all precautions to ensure your health and safety while volunteering for this effort. Volunteers will be assigned shifts in pairs to better ensure your health and safety.

Please remember to do the following:

- Stay hydrated and nourished. Bring plenty of water for your shift. Snacks and meals should be brought as well.
- Stay cool. Use sunscreen, wear a hat and make an effort to position yourself in the shade.
- Don't tax yourself. Bring a folding chair – there is no need to stay on your feet for the full shift.
- Protect from insects. Use insect repellent.
- Be ready. If you have a cell phone, bring it with you and be sure it is charged.

The majority of this project involves passively counting trail users as they pass your location. However, passing out or actively conducting trail user surveys involves interaction with the public. The vast majority of trail users are going to be friendly, even if they are unwilling to stop and take the time for a 25-question survey. Those trail users who are not polite should not be further disturbed and allowed to continue their activities on the trail. A simple, brief apology should be all that is necessary to end the encounter.

Volunteers do not have survey quotas, and you do not have to approach every individual or group on the trail to request that they complete a survey.

If a trail user chooses to remain with you at your survey station and is hampering your ability to conduct the trail counts please inform the user that the agency for which you are volunteering has placed trained volunteers along the trails today for the purpose of getting an accurate count and that their presence makes performing your duties difficult, and ask them to continue their activities on the trail.

If this does not succeed, it may be necessary to call your volunteer coordinator to assist in having the person removed.

If a volunteer witnesses illegal activity on the trail (such as motor vehicle use), contact your volunteer coordinator immediately.



5. Trail Survey

The trail survey is modeled after nationally published survey forms produced by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. It is intended to be used on a SAMPLE of trail users throughout the two day project. It has 25 questions and gathers anonymous demographic information, as well as information about trail activities, and economic activity generated by trail usage. Finally, the survey provides an opportunity for the trail users to give their opinions about trail safety and appearance.

a. Survey form

The survey form has 25 questions on the front and back of a single sheet of paper. It has been designed so that it can be mailed in if the survey taker does not wish to stop to complete the survey. The survey taker will need to place a first class stamp on the form to mail it in. The form is pre-addressed to be delivered to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. For those who wish to take a form to fill out later, it will probably be best to have a supply of pre-folded surveys ready to hand out.

It is expected that only a small percentage of those who take a form to be mailed in at a later time will actually do so. Therefore, it will be preferred that trail users fill out the form and leave it with the trail volunteer. Some trail agencies may be offering a small incentive to complete the survey on the spot (key chain, t-shirt, water bottle, etc.); talk with your volunteer coordinator about this possibility.

b. Agency codes

In order to track survey data by county or agency, a set of brackets ([]) has been included on the upper right corner of the front page of the survey form. An agency Code must be placed in this location to allow the data to be tracked back to an individual agency. The codes are as follows:

C	Miami Conservancy District
F	Five Rivers Metro Parks
G	Greene County Parks Department
M	Miami County Park District
P	City of Piqua
S	Clark County Park District
T	City of Tipp City
W	Centerville – Washington Township Park District

c. Survey procedure

The survey is intended for a sample of trail users. It is not necessary to ask all trail users if they would like to complete the survey. Because it can take a few minutes to complete, it is understood that many trail users may not wish to complete a survey. Trail users may take a survey with them to complete later and mail in.

The survey is anonymous; there is no location on the form for including a name or contact information. At the discretion of the trail agency, volunteers may have another form to allow trail users to sign up for news letters, e-mail lists and the like, but this information should not be collected on the survey forms.

Surveys are to be given to no more than one person per group on the trail. This is because it is assumed that members of a single group are likely to have the same answers to the survey questions. To get a broader sample, only one survey should be given per group.

The preferred survey method is to allow the trail user to fill out the survey on their own. Some trail users may feel that the questions are private and will not wish to answer them to a survey taker, but they may be willing to fill out an anonymous survey form. If a trail user would like to answer questions verbally and have the volunteer fill out the form, that is acceptable, however, the volunteer needs to consider the need to continue the trail user count as well.

Volunteers may answer questions that trail users have about the survey questions. Here are some general guides about the intent of the questions:

Questions 1 – 4	These questions ask general demographic information about the individual taking the survey.
Questions 5 – 12	These questions ask general questions about trail usage – frequency, activities, purpose. These questions are about all trail usage, not just today's trail experience.
Questions 13 – 15-B	These questions are about economic activity generated because of the trails. Question 13 is about equipment purchases in the last year. Question 14 is about any purchases <u>today</u> . Question 15 is about overnight accommodations related to <u>today's</u> trail experience.
Question 16 – 19	These questions ask opinions about the quality of the trail maintenance and operation.
Questions 20 – 21	These questions ask specific information about trail access points and what portions of the trail the individual uses. These are about their <u>general</u> usage, not just today's trail experience.

There is space for any additional comments on the form. Trail users do not have to make any comments in this space.

Volunteers will accept the completed survey form as presented. There is no requirement that all questions must be filled out, and there are no correct or incorrect answers to the questions. Completed surveys should be placed in a box or envelope and not reviewed by the volunteer in any way.

6. Trail Counts

The passive trail user counts represent the bulk of the work a volunteer will do during a shift. The goal is to get as complete a count as possible of trail users throughout the count day.

a. Count form

At the top of the form the volunteer will complete the following information:

Date	[today's date]
Location	[your survey location]
Weather	[General weather information is needed here. Information about rain or storms and an approximate temperature.]
Completed by	[volunteer name]

The bottom portion of the form has lines for each half-hour for the volunteer to tally trail users as they pass the survey location.



b. Count procedure

At each count location only one volunteer should be on counting duty at a time, to ensure that no trail users are double-counted. It is expected that trail users going long distances on the trail, particularly bicyclists, will be counted at more than one location, and that is acceptable. The volunteer not counting trail users should be offering trail user surveys to trail users.

Volunteers are counting trail users, that is to say, counting people. The count form categorizes trail users by how they move along the trail. Here are general guidelines for the categories:

Walk/Run	Tally each person, regardless of age, that passes your location on foot. Children in an infant backpack or being pushed in a stroller by a walker or runner should be counted here as a person under Walk/Run (in addition to the person pushing the stroller).
Dog	This category is used to tally all leashed dogs or pets that pass your survey location. In addition to counting the animals (including service animals, such as "seeing eye dogs), the volunteer should count the person with the animal in the appropriate category. The person walking the dog should be counted in the Walk/Run category. A rollerblader with a leashed dog should be counted in the Skate/Blade category, etc.
ADA	Tally each person, regardless of age, that passes your location using any kind of mobility assistance device to move along the trail. Devices can include wheel chairs, electric scooters, walkers, assistance dogs and canes (for the visually impaired), and the like. Infant and child strollers, crutches for temporary injury and hiking sticks are <u>not</u> counted here.
Bike	Tally each person, regardless of age, that passes your location on a pedal-powered wheeled vehicle. These vehicles may have 2, 3 or more wheels. This is a count of people, not bikes, so tandem riders count as 2 persons. Count kids in trailers or on bike seats as additional persons under this category.
Skate/Blade	Tally each person, regardless of age, that passes your location using roller skates, skate boards or inline skates.
Horseback	Greene County only. Tally each person, regardless of age, that passes your location riding a horse or pony. This is a count of horse riders not horses, so be sure to count all riders. If the horse is being walked by a guide, count that person as a walker.

Note a group of people may have a mix of categories. A common example may be a group with both walkers and persons using mobility assistance devices. Be sure to count each person separately and to use the appropriate categories.

In our region, only Greene County allows horseback riding on the trails, so this category should be unused in all other areas.

The count form has a new line for each half-hour during the counting day. Volunteers should be mindful of the time and be sure to move to the next line after each hour and

half-hour. There is no need to divide groups if the group passes exactly on the hour or half-hour, however.

During busy periods the count form boxes may prove too small. It is suggested that volunteers use small tally marks in case a large number of trail users come by.

Do your best to count trail users in an unobtrusive way. There is no need to stop large groups to get a complete, 100% accurate count.



7. End of Shift

Volunteers who have completed their shift prior to the end of the count day should leave their count forms in the same envelope or box used for collecting completed trail user surveys.

It is best that volunteers wait for their relief before departing so that your partner is not left alone at the survey location. However, it is understood that other obligations will make it necessary to leave. In the event that you are left alone at your location, remember that volunteer health and safety are more important than the survey project. In such a situation, if you desire to leave rather than continue the project alone, please gather all the survey materials and contact your volunteer coordinator to inform him or her that your location will be shut down. You will need to make arrangements to get the survey materials to the coordinator or the next volunteer.

8. End of Day

Weather permitting, the survey project will end no later than 9:00 pm each day. Volunteers assigned the final shift, will need to gather all the survey materials, completed survey forms and count forms, as well as any chairs, tables, clip boards and pencils used for the project. Contact your volunteer coordinator to determine how these materials will be delivered to the trail agency.

**Thank you for you participation in the Miami Valley Trail
Survey and Count Project!**

Appendix B

Trail User Survey Form

In order to provide you with a high quality recreational experience, we are conducting a survey of trail users. Your cooperation in completing this survey will be greatly appreciated. One user per survey form please!

1. What is your zip code? _____

2. What is your gender? (Circle your response)
Male Female

3. Please identify your age group. (Circle one response)

- | | |
|--------------|----------|
| 15 and under | 16 to 25 |
| 26-35 | 36-45 |
| 46-55 | 56-65 |
| 66 or older | |

4. Were any children under the age of 15 with you on your trail experience today?
Yes No

5. How often, on average, do you use the trail? (Circle one response)

- Daily
- Between 3 and 5 times a week
- 1 or 2 times a week
- Once a week
- A couple of times a month
- Once a month
- A few times a year
- First time

6: What is your primary activity on the trail? (Circle all that apply)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Walking/Hiking | Biking |
| Jogging/Running | Rollerblading |
| Walking pet | Horseback riding |
| XC skiing/Snowshoeing | |
| Other activity (specify): _____ | |

7: Generally, when do you use the trail? (Circle one response)

- Weekdays Weekends Both

8: How much time do you generally spend on the trail each visit? (Circle one response)

- Less than 30 minutes
- 30 minutes to 1 hour
- 1 to 2 hours
- More than 2 hours

9. Are you a member of a club/association that uses the trails? Yes No

If yes, name of club: _____

10. Would you consider your use of the trail to be for... (Circle one response)

- Recreation
- Health and Exercise
- Commuting
- Fitness Training (marathon, triathlon)
- Other (specify) _____

11. If you use the trail for bicycling, do you also bike on streets and roads? Yes
No

12. How did you find out about the trail? (Circle all that apply)

- Word of mouth
- Roadside signage
- Driving past
- Newspaper
- Parks Department
- Bike shop
- Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Internet web site
- Other _____

13. Has your use of the trail influenced your purchase of: (Circle all that apply)

- Bike
- Bike supplies
- Auto accessories
- Rollerblades
- Footwear
- Clothing
- Nothing

13-A. Approximately how much did you spend on the items above in the past year?

\$ _____

14. In conjunction with your most recent trip to the trail, did you purchase any of the following? (Circle all that apply)

- Beverages
- Candy/Snack foods
- Sandwiches
- Ice cream
- Meals at a restaurant along the trail
- Other _____
- None of these

14-A. Approximately how much did you spend, per person, on the items above on your most recent visit? \$ _____

15. Did your visit to the trail involve an overnight stay in one of the following types of accommodations? (Circle one response)

- Motel/Hotel
- Bed and Breakfast
- Friend or Relatives Home
- Campground
- Other (please specify) _____

15-A. How many nights did you stay in conjunction with your visit to this trail?

15-B. Approximately how much did you spend on over night accommodations per night?

\$ _____

16. What agency owns and maintains this trail?

17. In your opinion, the maintenance of the trail is (Circle one)

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

18. In your opinion, the safety and security along the trail is (Circle one)

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

19. In your opinion, the cleanliness of the trail is (circle one)

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

20. What portion of the trail do you use most often? (Circle all that apply)

- Segment 1
- Segment 2
- Segment 3
- Segment 4
- Segment 5
- Segment 6

21. Which trail access point do you generally use when you visit the trail? (Circle all that apply)

- Access 1
- Access 2
- Access 3
- Access 4
- Access 5
- Access 6

Additional comments

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Appendix C

Trail User Tally Form

Date						
Location						
Weather						
Completed by						
Time	Walk/Run	Dog	ADA	Bike	Skate/Blade	Horse
6:30-7:00						
7:00-7:30						
7:30-8:00						
8:00-8:30						
8:30-9:00						
9:00-9:30						
9:30-10:00						
10:00-10:30						
10:30-11:00						
11:00-11:30						
11:30-Noon						
Noon-12:30						
12:30-1:00						
1:00-1:30						
1:30-2:00						
2:00-2:30						
2:30-3:00						
3:00-3:30						
3:30-4:00						
4:00-4:30						
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5:00-5:30						
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6:00-6:30						
6:30-7:00						
7:00-7:30						
7:30-8:00						
8:00-8:30						
8:30-9:00						

Appendix D

Survey Responses Content

Fill-in Responses to the Survey

Selected questions in the Trail User Survey provided an opportunity for the respondent to fill in a personal response if the answers provided were not adequate. The Appendix provides a complete accounting of such responses from the 2013 Survey.

Question 6: What is your primary activity on the trail? (Circle all that apply)

Walking/Hiking	Biking
Jogging/Running	Rollerblading
Walking Pet	Horseback riding
XC Skiing/Snowshoeing	Other activity (specify)

There were five "Other" responses, total, from the 569 surveys collected. The responses are listed below.

Other Primary Activity
Bike Patrol
Fishing
Geocaching
Hitting the Margarita Stop
Volunteering

Question 9: Are you a member of a club/Association that uses the trails?

Yes No If yes, name of club:

Club Name	Number	Club Name	Number
Alltrails.com	1	Kettering Seniors	1
Cincinnati Cycling Club	4	meetup.com	1
Cranky Curmudgeons Cycling Club	1	MetroParks	1
Dayton Cycling Club	17	MetroParks Volunteer Patrol	2
DT3	1	ORRRC	4
FBC of Greenhills	1	ORRRC, USTA (Triathlon)	1
FLMSP	1	Rails to Trails	5
FMCPT	1	Rails to Trails. Momentum Cycling	1
FOXS	2	Simon Kenton Pathfinders	1
FOXS, Greene Co Parks	1	Team Dayton	1
FOXS/FLMSP	3	Tecumseh Trailblazers	2
Greene County Sentinels	1	Victory Riders	1
GSFT	1	Wilmington Bicycle Club	2

There were twenty-six different responses to the club name question, all listed in the table above. A total of 58 respondents identified a trail using club of which they are a member.

Question 10: Would you consider your use of the trail to be for... (circle one response)

- Recreation
- Health and Exercise
- Commuting
- Fitness Training (marathon, triathlon)
- Other (specify)

There were only three responses that used the "Other" category for this question. The responses are listed below.

Trail Use Description
Writing
Bonding with grandson
Raising Funds

Question 12: How did you find out about the trail? (circle all that apply)

- Word of Mouth
- Roadside signage
- Driving past
- Newspaper
- Parks Department
- Bike shop
- Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Internet web site
- Other

There were 110 responses that included information in the "Other" category. These have been grouped together in the following table by similar responses.

Other Source of Trail Knowledge
bike book
Bike shop
blog
Born in Xenia
Brother lives close
by accident
can't miss it
co-workers
don't remember - 4
found it
Friends - 5
Google Maps
just knew
knew it before paving
landlord
Little Miami Bike Trail
live in vicinity - 61
local
long time user - 8
MetroParks
Neighbor
observed
organized rides
parents
Rails to Trails
Rec Trail Map
saw it being built
unknown
use it all
various
walked past it
work and resident
Work next to it - 2
work ride
WPAFB

Question 14: In conjunction with your most recent trip to the trail, did you purchase any of the following? (Circle all that apply)

- Beverages
- Sandwiches
- Meals at a restaurant along the trail
- Other
- Candy/Snack foods
- Ice Cream
- None of these

There were eight different responses for “Other” provided by survey respondents. They are listed below.

Other Description
batteries
bike parts
bike service
coffee
hummus
shoes
tofu salad, vitamins
wine

Question 15: Did your visit to the trail involve an overnight stay in one of the following types of accommodations? (Circle one response)

- Motel/Hotel
- Friend or Relative’s Home
- Other (please specify)
- Bed and Breakfast
- Campground

There were three different responses for “Other” provided by survey respondents. They are listed below.

Other Overnight Description
Gym
Room
RV Park

Question 16: What agency owns and maintains this trail?

This question seeks to learn what trail users know about the agencies responsible for the trails. The responses provided are divided by survey location.

Centerville-Washington Park District (Iron Horse Trail)

Trail Owner Response	Number
Centerville Washington Park District	22
Cent-Wash Twp Kettering	1
Centerville-Washington Twp Park Dist	5
Centerville-Washington	3
Centerville/Wash Township	5
Centerville/Kettering	2
Centerville Washington Park Dis & City of Centervi	3
Centerville Parks and Recreation	1
Centerville Parks	3
Centerville Park District	1
Centerville	4
Cent MetroParks	1
Mont. Co. Parks Dist	2
Washington Twp Park	1
Washington Twp	2
Washington Park District	1
Washington Centerville	2
Wash Twp Park District	1
Parks Dept	1
Parks and Rec.	2
Park District	2
Montgomery County Parks	1
Miami Valley Park District	2
MetroParks? C-W Twp?	1
MetroParks	1
Kettering Centerville	1
Iron Horse Trail	1
I don't know	3

Greene County Parks & Trails (Little Miami Scenic Trail, Ohio-to-Erie Trail)

Trail Owner	Number
A smart one	1
Arthur Morgan	1
Beavercreek, YS, Xenia	1
City	1
Conservancy	1
Counties trail going through	2
County	3
County Gov	1
County Parks	1
depends on section	1
FLMSP, Greene County, Village of YS	1
GCP&T	67
GCP&T and State Parks	1
GCP&T, Clark County Parks	2
GCP&T, Montgomery County & Rails to Trails	1
GCP&T, Xenia	2
Greene Co. & FLMSP	1
Greene Co. OH State Parks	1
Greene County	32
Greene County & Rails to Trails	1
Greene County/Clark County Park Districts	1
Little Miami	2
Little Miami National Trails	1
Little Miami Scenic Trail	1
Little Miami State	1
Little Miami Valley Assoc. Green Co.	1
Five Rivers Metro Parks	5
Metro Trails	1
Miami Valley	1
Miami Valley Bikeways	1
Miami Valley Conservancy	1
Miami Valley Conservancy District	1
National Parks	1
National Trail	2
ODNR	1
Ohio Parks and Rec	1

Trail Owner	Number
Ohio State Parks	3
Park Depts.	1
Park District	1
Parks	1
Parks + Scouts and other groups	1
Parks and Rec	4
Parks Dept	2
Parks District	1
Parks System	1
Rails to Trails	4
State County	1
State of Ohio	3
Xenia	2
Xenia Parks	1

Miami County Park District (Great Miami River Trail)

Trail Owner	Number
City of Troy	2
County Rec Department	1
Dayton MetroParks	1
Five Rivers MetroParks	5
I don't know	9
MCPD	29
MCPD & Tipp/Troy	1
MCPD/City of Troy	1
MetroParks/City	1
Miami	2
Miami Co. /Troy	2
Miami Conservancy	1
Miami County	13
Miami County Recreation	1
Miami Valley	1
Miami Valley Park District	1
Miami Valley Regional	1
Miami Valley Trails	1
Miami Valley/Troy City	1
MVRPC	1
MVRT	1
Park	1
Park Department	4
Park District	1
Park Service	1
Park System	1
Several	1
TPD	2
various	1

City of Piqua (Great Miami River Trail, Ohio-to-Indiana Trail)

Trail Owner	Number
City of Piqua Parks	4
Conservancy District	1
Miami Valley Recreational	1
Parks Dept	1
Piqua	3

Additional Comments

The survey form provides space for the respondent to add additional comments on any topic. The following tables provide all comments, again, divided by survey location.

Centerville-Washington Park District (Iron Horse Trail)

Additional Comments
Get the trail through to the other side of 675. Opens up restaurants, wife's work, three miles from home. Very commutable if trail would continue.
Love this trail. Would love for it to cross 675. Would love more bathrooms.
Sometimes the trail is empty and I don't feel safe.
Connect the stretch from Presidential to the rest of the trail.
excellent walkway
Grateful for a safe place to ride with my grandson. Thanks to all who make this possible!
Mow grass more often
Spray paint graffiti needs covering. Excellent resource.
We usually ride through on our bikes. We REALLY want to see the trail go through.
Finish the path through I-675.
Great asset!
I had heard that this trail would connect to other trails at one time but haven't seen any new progress lately. Thanks!
We enjoy the trail all year/Winter too!
Lights, Water Fountain, Benches
Would like trail to connect to other trails.
I love the walking trail. My fat dog and I are out almost every day. I'm grateful for a pretty place to walk. Thanks!
Trails are great.
This is a wonderful recreational/fitness resource for our area and I am grateful that the municipalities have made a commitment to construct and maintain it.
Signage on streets needs to be clearer for drivers.
Enjoying our first time on the trail! We've been living here 2 months!
It was very nice but I wish it were longer.
Please extend past I-675
Please make the survey shorter - people don't want to stop for that long. But many filled it out.
It should cross 675.
Please consider joining under 675 to join other segments.
It would be nice to have a trolley or trains go on the path once a year, for kids for a history day.
Not long enough. We want more.

Additional Comments

Please make it bigger. Not enough space for walkers and bikers.

Honestly, lighting would be a good idea.

Safety at Whipp Road crossing

Iron Horse must be extended, too short for running/cycling. Would be more useful if it could connect to rest of trail network.

Cross walk at Whipp is confusing to drivers - some stop, some don't.

I did purchase footwear being a walker. I know how to bike but don't have a bike.

We love the trail just wish it were longer.

Expand the trail over 675. Improve lighting. Water fountains.

Control dogs coming out from adjoining homes. Lighting during night.

Great combination of woods/shade and neighborhood streets.

Great trails!

Love the Trail. Please make more trails.

Love the trails - keep connecting - Please go south from Iron Horse Centerville and further south.

We would love to see the trail extended further south without have to cross any streets.

First time on this trail but enjoyed it very much. Would like to make this a weekly event. Thanks!

We love the trail and often see our neighbors walking the trail. We also use the Yellow Springs trails.

It would serve as a good addition for the trail to continue south either over or under I675 and connect to trails moving toward Cincinnati.

Greene County Parks & Trails (Little Miami Scenic Trail, Ohio-to-Erie Trail)

Additional Comments
Fix the pavement cracks between Hedges Rd and Richland Rd.
We also bike on the Great Miami Trail
This trail system must be one of the best in the nation for recreation/health/training, etc. Love it!
Jamestown Connection needs help from Xenia Station before some get hurt.
Good job!!!
I greatly appreciate the restrooms and water facilities in Greene County.
Some parts at stop signs could be less obstructed by trees / brush.
some of the best trails in the country
Seems to me that every year there are more people taking advantage.
I'd like to see a trail between Fairborn and Yellow Springs
Safe passage over I675 to get to WPAFB from Beavercreek.
fix trail above Richland Rd.
Please add a stop sign at Killcare for trucks, cars and motorcycles.
Trails may need to be cleaned a little more as far as other people's garbage. Give us a chance to ride or walk in a safe environment. I see a lot of families using the trails with their children. Glad to have these trails.
Please repair Richland Rd. area
Either bike lanes over N. Fairfield and National Road or please start the bridge over I675.
Fix the connections between trail and roads.
I would like to see that dogs are on a leash.
Repair badly needed south of Xenia - in many places.
Little Miami Trail is getting broken pavement near Richland Road.
Could use a blower on it more often.
Overall great asset for the area. Some of the trail parts are getting really bumpy (south of Corwin). Really need to fix those.
Love the trails!
Glad to see WSU-Dayton connection completed. Increase funding for paths past downtown Fairborn. Would like to see the bridge over I675 near N. Fairfield Rd to be constructed.
Vertical cracks north of Richland very dangerous.
Please add more porta potties along trail. Also please consider letting non-profit groups sell food/drinks along path. Please repair just N of Richland.
Fantastic resource!
First: excellent job. Would like to see a map (maybe on the internet) of motels & restaurants along the routes.
We would love to see Indian Ripple and Factory rd. get trails.
Several areas have tree roots that have damaged the trails and need repair
Repair needed at Richland

Additional Comments

Horse droppings
Really appreciate the cutting back of brush near intersections.
Please we need more funding!!
Excellent! Great for our city/community
The only issue I have is with road/trail intersections - better transitions please!
Would be nice if horse riders would clean up after horse defecates on the trail.
Wonderful trails; great stops. We appreciate the work involved in the maintenance of the trails.
Truly enjoy the bike trails.
Trash is always bad between Cincinnati Ave and Second Street.
Better cleaning/maintenance of Jamestown Conn between Xenia Station and 35 Tunnel. Fix major cracks between Hedges and Richland Rds on LMS Trail
The portion of the trail about .25 north of Richland Rd has longitudinal cracks that are so wide a tire will fall into them. Can the MVRPC get grant money to repave the trail from Richland to Hedges Rd.?
Rest areas are very well maintained
Thank you for all you do!
Road repairs needed Xenia to Waynesville.
Keep up the good work!
Some parts of the trail have too much debris
Corwin south trail is rough.
Great trail - wonderful asset
I wish there were more restroom/water/trash facilities
Wouldn't it be nice to repave the bumpy places?
In the past we totally upgraded our bikes to recumbents/better equipment and moved to a home close to the trail. My friend stores her bike at my garage. We always start from home. Trail needs cleaning in the Fall - branches and rocks can kill.
South of Hedges needs repair
Keep all restrooms open until 9:00 pm.
Very thankful for the paths!
Please find a new detour from Linden Avenue. At least give an east detour that avoids the terrible traffic on Smithville.
Safety and security is probably as good as it gets.
I would like to thank you for the trails. I have lost over 70 pounds in large part to the trails.
Richland Road cracks. Xenia crossroads could be marked better. Getting to Cedarville is tough.
Please repair cracks and bumps - many have become dangerous. South of Corwin really needs serious weed cut back. Need more education on trail safety. Way too many people and kids w/out helmets. And little kids on bikes not kept close to their parents.
Mowing sometimes puts rocks on the trail.
These trails are the best
Love the trails. Will vote for almost any trail support.

Additional Comments

Thank you for all you do to make this available.
Thank you!
These trails have a positive influence on the overall quality of life in Ohio.
I love the trail; it is my top outdoor feature of the whole area.
Wonderful for community. Love it.
Needs attention between S. Columbus St and S. Monroe St.
Great addition to the community!
Plan to bike from Cincinnati to Xenia, then over to Darby Creek - doing this in October
#18 safety is only fair due to users not paying attention. My 2 head-on collisions with folks not watching where they were going prove this. I love the trail! Thanks for your work!
Love this part of bike path - use it constantly
Thank you for the friendly chat while being surveyed! Additional camping on bike route 1 between Xenia and Columbus.
Very nice to have
I love this trail. I am a better person for having it. Thank you!
Greatest place to ride a bike. Age 88 and asked that I write his answers.
We meet a tremendous number of bikers from out of town and out of state who come to ride our regional trail system.
I am just in town to maintain a rental property. I love this trail - well maintained, flat, quiet and perfect for a morning jog.
This trail is an important asset to our community. Thank you.
Except locked bathrooms /port-o-lets.
Great trail. Please keep it open.
Better signage in Xenia would be helpful.
Thank you
Love it!
Greene County does a good job of keeping trail clean. Just rode through Clark County & tree across the road. For Greene to get an excellent a blower truck through the trail to keep small limbs off the trail would be excellent.
Woooo! Merica!
Been biking on these trails since 1999.
Enjoy it!
We need more trail. Plain City to Mechanicsburg to Urbana and beyond.
Jamestown Connector is nice but often full of branches, sticks, etc.
Would like more emergency telephones in rural areas
It would be nice to have water available at Beatty Station in Clark County and at Jacoby or Brush Row Road. Those of us who carry our own water would love to be able to refill. It does not need to be chilled, just potable.
Please repaint mileage markers

Additional Comments
Emergency call boxes along the trail may be good addition in the future for safety and security.
We travel all summer long doing rail to trails & when we get to a place that has trails we do them all. We think trails are great investment & we love them all. Xenia needs a good RV Park. When we are here we have to shuttle our bikes quite a distance.
We have a terrific trail system and I meet people from surrounding states using it-even GA and FL. It could be better if there were connecting trails like Piqua to Urbana, Austin-Miamisburg to Spring Valley, Franklin to Middletown to Cincinnati, Newtown
Trail north of Spring Valley needs paving
This trail is excellent! There is one suggestion: the half mile distance blocks on the trail are very helpful-they are becoming very worn. Thank you for a great trail and a big help with my marathon training

Miami County Park District (Great Miami River Trail)

Additional Comments
Love the bike trails. Gladly pay taxes for them!
Love the trails, keep expanding!
Access to bike path at Adams St Bridge terrible, also the intersection at Adams & Water St is confusing for bikers planning to use the bike lane on the bridge - very dangerous.
Helmet saved me during a nasty wreck.
Thank you for the porta potty, water fountain. One comment - make the survey available online - so they can fill it out later - even though you have them out.
Finish Troy/Piqua. More Fountains
Water - need south of Duke Park
We are so happy with these trails.
Ride Tipp to Troy/Tipp to Dayton. Would go Tipp to Piqua but trail not fully completed.
Section that floods by golf course needs to be cleaned at all times. Had bad accident due to wet mud on trail. Other than that trails are excellent, thanks for all you do.
Love having this
Greenville needs to learn from Piqua and Troy trails!
Everyone should wear a helmet
Finish trail to Piqua would be nice.
Huber heading south
We LOVE the trails!
Improves lives in our area
Tipp to Troy
Just started riding this year
I wish they would blow the grass off the trail after they mow. I like to rollerblade a lot & the trail gets slippery with the grass & twigs after mowing.
Would appreciate the Troy and Piqua Trails getting connected
We love the bike trails throughout SW Ohio. The Tipp City Trail is Miami County's best kept secret!
It's a great trail
Love the trail for walking, biking in the shade, getting in and out of town to the open roads, bird watching, meeting folks from Dayton to ride/walk, relaxing.
Thanks for all you do.
Love the bike trails. Can't wait for Troy to Piqua to be finished.
Really enjoy this trail system. Thanks
We are very fortunate to have such a great resource that is used and appreciated by many. Thanks!
Troy-Tipp
For rollerblading sometimes branches/rock/debris on the path make it unsafe.
Vandalia and north
Love your trails! Keep up the great job!

Additional Comments
Love the bike trails!
Great trail - I have taken it all the way to Cinci via Xenia. My favorite form of exercise. Would support funds for bike path anytime! Keep up the good work.
The trail is well maintained especially from Tipp City to Rt 202. The Troy route not as well especially in the spring or after a major rain. It floods and lots of tree limbs and mud on path. Occasionally I've seen a sheriff on path via bike or vehicle.
Area behind 7th hole toward Tipp City needs cleaned more often. Otherwise great trail.
Area behind 7th hole on golf course needs cleaned up more often after storms. It's still dried up mud on it.
Love the trails!
An access trail to Robinson Branch YMCA would be beneficial to Tipp and Troy residents alike.

City of Piqua (Great Miami River Trail, Ohio-to-Indiana Trail)

Additional Comments
Roots under paving & glass on trail can cause issues.
We walk the loop in Piqua-all segments at different times, and we walk about 5 times per week. I wish vandalism hadn't occurred to signage and the other damages could be repaired.
Get the bridge done
From roadside park to riverside need smoothed out. Roots have popped up parts of path. Needs signage to bike shops and places to eat/rest. Look at path from twin arch reserve north and see how they cut back the sides clear to within 1/4 mile of Piqua water
Some need to check trees about to fall over
I love the bike path!
Need markers showing restaurants
No skate board sign at Lock Nine
Heard about trail from brother who lives in Piqua. Piqua did a good job building the trail - need to do a better job maintaining it.
Visitor from Virginia
Glass can be an issue
Need to pay more attention to keep the path mowed & weed controlled & mowed.
Really nice trail
Restrooms need attention
Upper fountain park more patrols after 9pm in parking lot (kids hang out leaving trash, suspicious activity)
Need the drinking fountain working for the dog. Looking forward to a dog park. Need a toilet on the east side of trail and a water fountain at both "ends" of the trail east and west. Better clearing of snow in winter. There are skinks around the river.
More water fountains and keep water fountains working. Trim shrubbery next to trail. Bathrooms - better maintained and more. Dog park section. Maintain asphalt where roots have broken through. Trail map.