

Recreational River Access Public Interest Survey

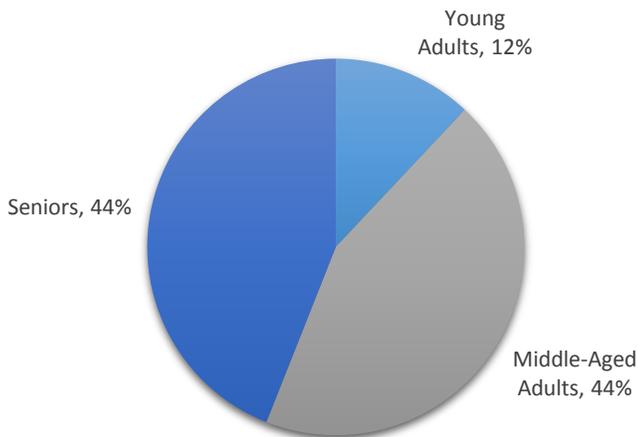
This survey was created in order to help guide Augusta County staff in evaluating potential projects along the South River which would provide public access for recreational activities such as fishing and boating. There is an established need for water access, whether it be for fishing or boating, based on both a public survey completed in 2015-16 by Augusta County Parks and Recreation and the 2018 Virginia Outdoors Plan Regional Recommendations for the Central Shenandoah region. The South River starts in Augusta County near the village of Greenville and flows for approximately 47 miles before entering Rockingham County in the town of Grottoes. Specific areas need to be identified for ideal public access so that County staff can focus efforts in a way that aligns with public interest. There are various funding programs currently available to improve recreational access to the South River. The survey results presented in this document will assist staff in submitting proposals for these funding programs.

The survey was available online and by paper. Submissions were received between September 10 and September 23, 2019. 125 survey submissions were received.

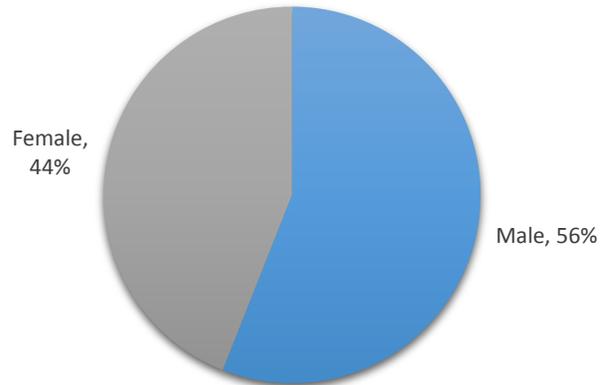
The survey results were analyzed following the submission deadline. The following tables and charts represent the survey results, filtered and refined for clarity.

Demographics

What is your age?



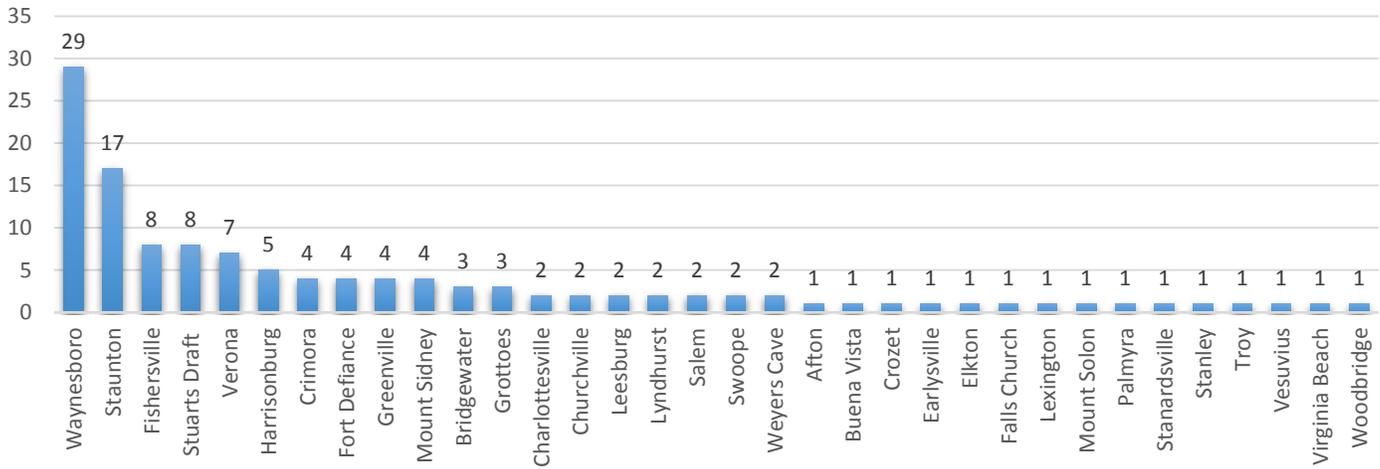
What is your gender?



Range	Age Range	Total	% of Total
Children	Under age 20	0	0%
Young Adults	Ages 20-34	15	12%
Middle-Aged Adults	Ages 35-54	55	44%
Seniors	Ages 55+	55	44%
No Response			0%
Total		125	

Gender	Count	Percent
Male	70	56%
Female	55	44%
Other	0	0%
Total	125	

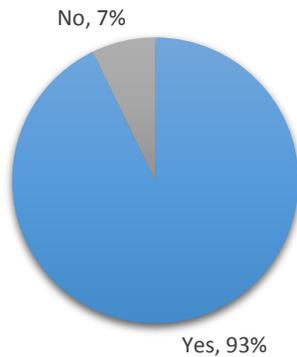
What is your zip code?



Zip Codes	Area	County/City	Counts
22936	Earlysville	Albemarle	1
22932	Crozet	Albemarle	1
22901	Charlottesville	Albemarle	1
24477	Stuarts Draft	Augusta	8
22980	Waynesboro	Waynesboro	29
24486	Weyers Cave	Augusta	2
24467	Mount Sidney	Augusta	4
24437	Fort Defiance	Augusta	4
22939	Fishersville	Augusta	8
22952	Lyndhurst	Augusta	2
24431	Crimora	Augusta	4
24482	Verona	Augusta	7
22843	Mount Solon	Augusta	1
24440	Greenville	Augusta	4
24421	Churchville	Augusta	2
24479	Swoope	Augusta	2
24416	Buena Vista	Buena Vista	1
22903	Charlottesville	Charlottesville	1
22042	Falls Church	Fairfax	1

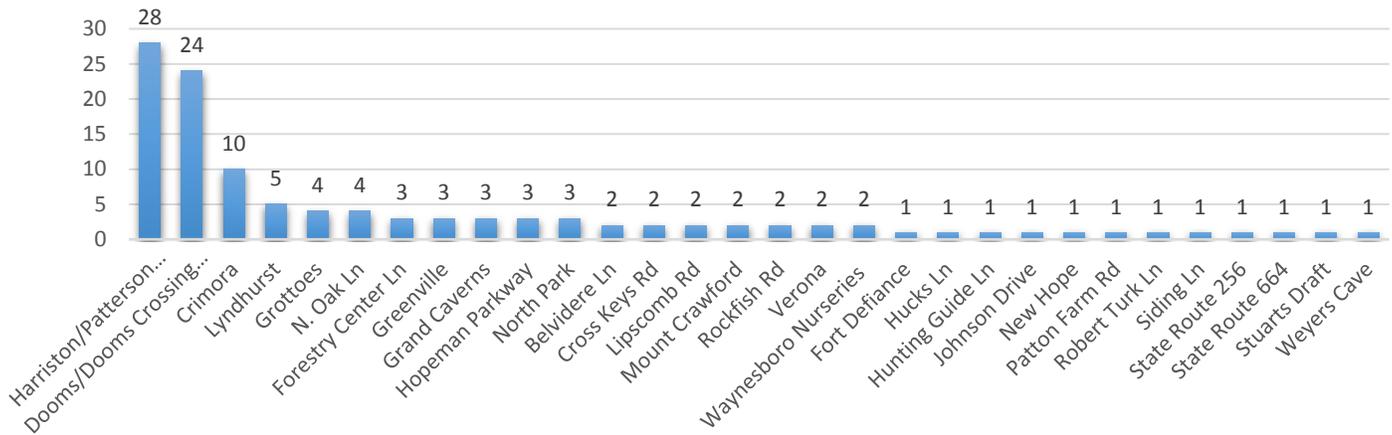
Zip Codes	Area	County/City	Counts
22974	Troy	Fluvanna	1
22963	Palmyra	Fluvanna	1
22973	Stanardsville	Greene	1
22801	Harrisonburg	Harrisonburg	3
22802	Harrisonburg	Harrisonburg	2
20176	Leesburg	Loudon	1
20175	Leesburg	Loudon	1
22920	Afton	Nelson	1
22851	Stanley	Page	1
22191	Woodbridge	Prince William	1
24450	Lexington	Rockbridge	1
24483	Vesuvius	Rockbridge	1
24441	Grottoes	Rockingham	3
22812	Bridgewater	Rockingham	3
22827	Elkton	Rockingham	1
24153	Salem	Salem	2
24401	Staunton	Staunton	16
24402	Staunton	Staunton	1
23455	Virginia Beach	Virginia Beach	1

Is there a need for any new access points along the South River in Augusta County?



Answer	Count	Percent
Yes	116	93%
No	9	7%
Total	125	

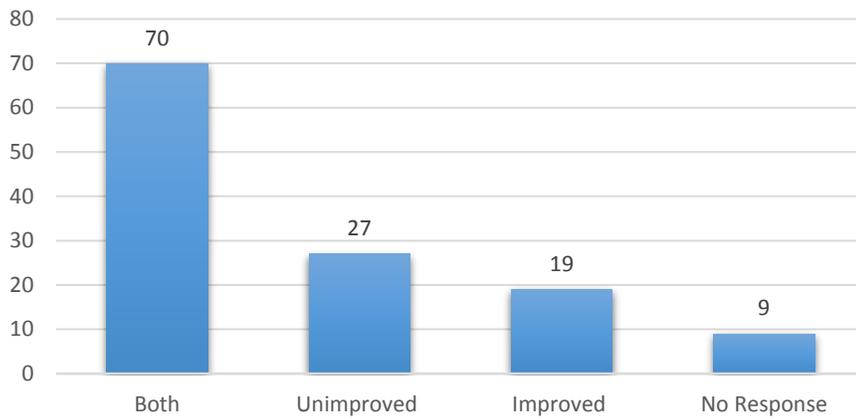
Where do you suggest new access points be located?



Place	Count	Percent
Harriston/Patterson Mill Rd	28	24%
Dooms/Dooms Crossing Rd	24	21%
Crimora	10	9%
Lyndhurst	5	4%
Grottoes	4	3%
N. Oak Ln	4	3%
Forestry Center Ln	3	3%
Greenville	3	3%
Grand Caverns	3	3%
Hopeman Parkway	3	3%
North Park	3	3%
Belvidere Ln	2	2%
Cross Keys Rd	2	2%
Lipscomb Rd	2	2%
Mount Crawford	2	2%

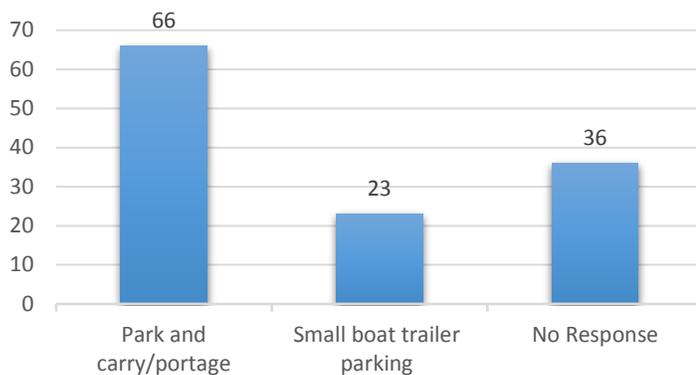
Place	Count	Percent
Rockfish Rd	2	2%
Verona	2	2%
Waynesboro Nurseries	2	2%
Fort Defiance	1	1%
Hucks Ln	1	1%
Hunting Guide Ln	1	1%
Johnson Drive	1	1%
New Hope	1	1%
Patton Farm Rd	1	1%
Robert Turk Ln	1	1%
Siding Ln	1	1%
State Route 256	1	1%
State Route 664	1	1%
Stuarts Draft	1	1%
Weyers Cave	1	1%

What type of access do you recommend?



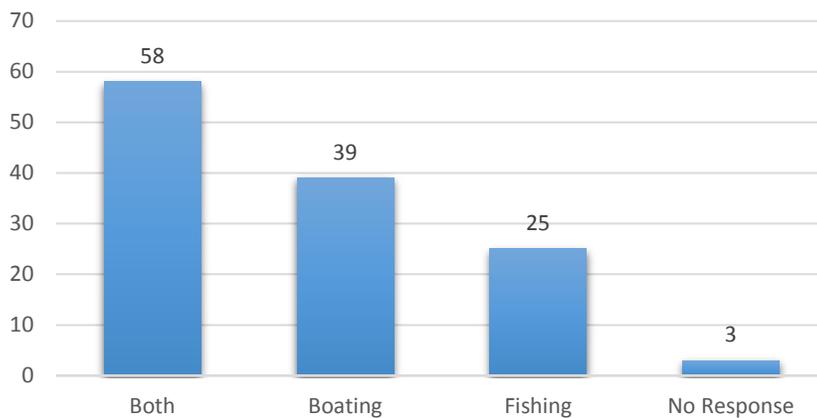
Type of Access	Counts	Percent
Both	70	56%
Unimproved	27	22%
Improved	19	15%
No Response	9	7%
Total	125	

If access points are improved, which type of parking would you use most often?



Parking Type	Counts	Percent
Park and carry/portage	66	53%
Small boat trailer parking	23	18%
No Response	36	29%
Total	125	

Are you more interested in access to the South River for fishing or boating?



Access Type	Counts	Percent
Both	58	46%
Boating	39	31%
Fishing	25	20%
No Response	3	2%
Total	125	

What improvements, if any, are needed at existing access points along the South River?

*Responses were analyzed and organized into the following categories. Responses that were not specific to an existing public access point were not considered.

Crimora

- Closer access to river
- Hardened river access, kayak/canoe launch
- Bank stabilization
- Parking lot improvement

Grottoes

- Picnic sites
- Trash cans
- Roofs over picnic tables
- Wading access to river

Ridgeview Park

- Additional fishing platform