

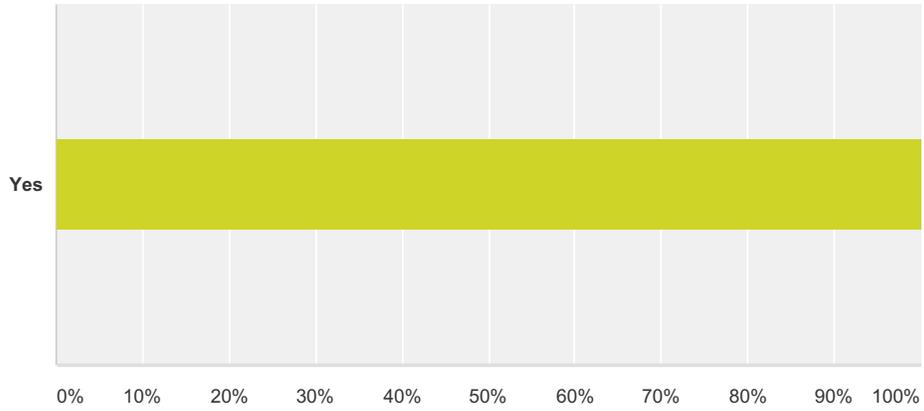
Q1 Please tell us who you are (we will not share this information with anyone)

Answered: 802 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses	
First Name	100.00%	802
Last Name	99.88%	801
Address	0.00%	0
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	0.00%	0
State/Province	0.00%	0
ZIP/Postal Code	100.00%	802
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Q2 Would you like to receive emails with updates about the County Parks Strategic Plan?

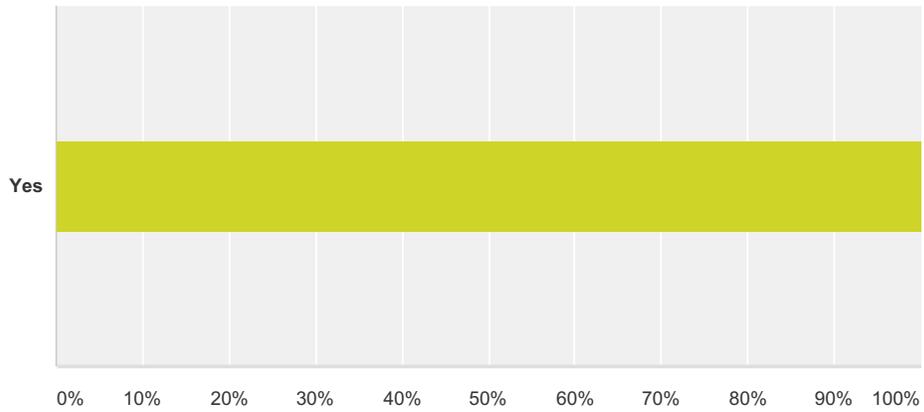
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 493
Total	493

Q3 Would you like to be added to the County Parks email list?

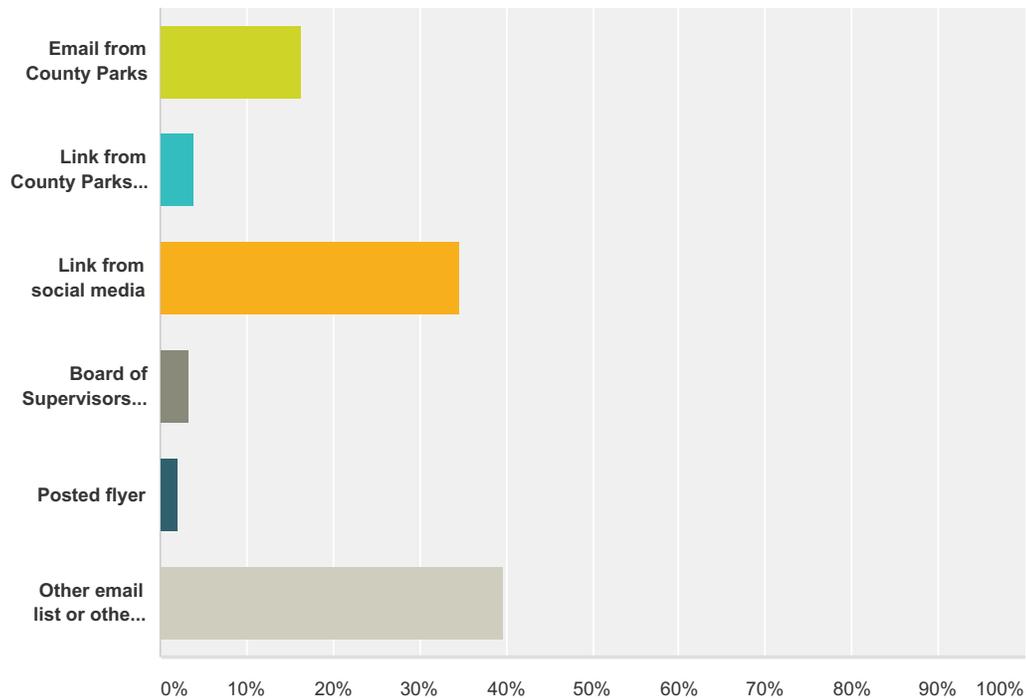
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 398
Total	398

Q4 How did you hear about the County Parks Strategic Plan?

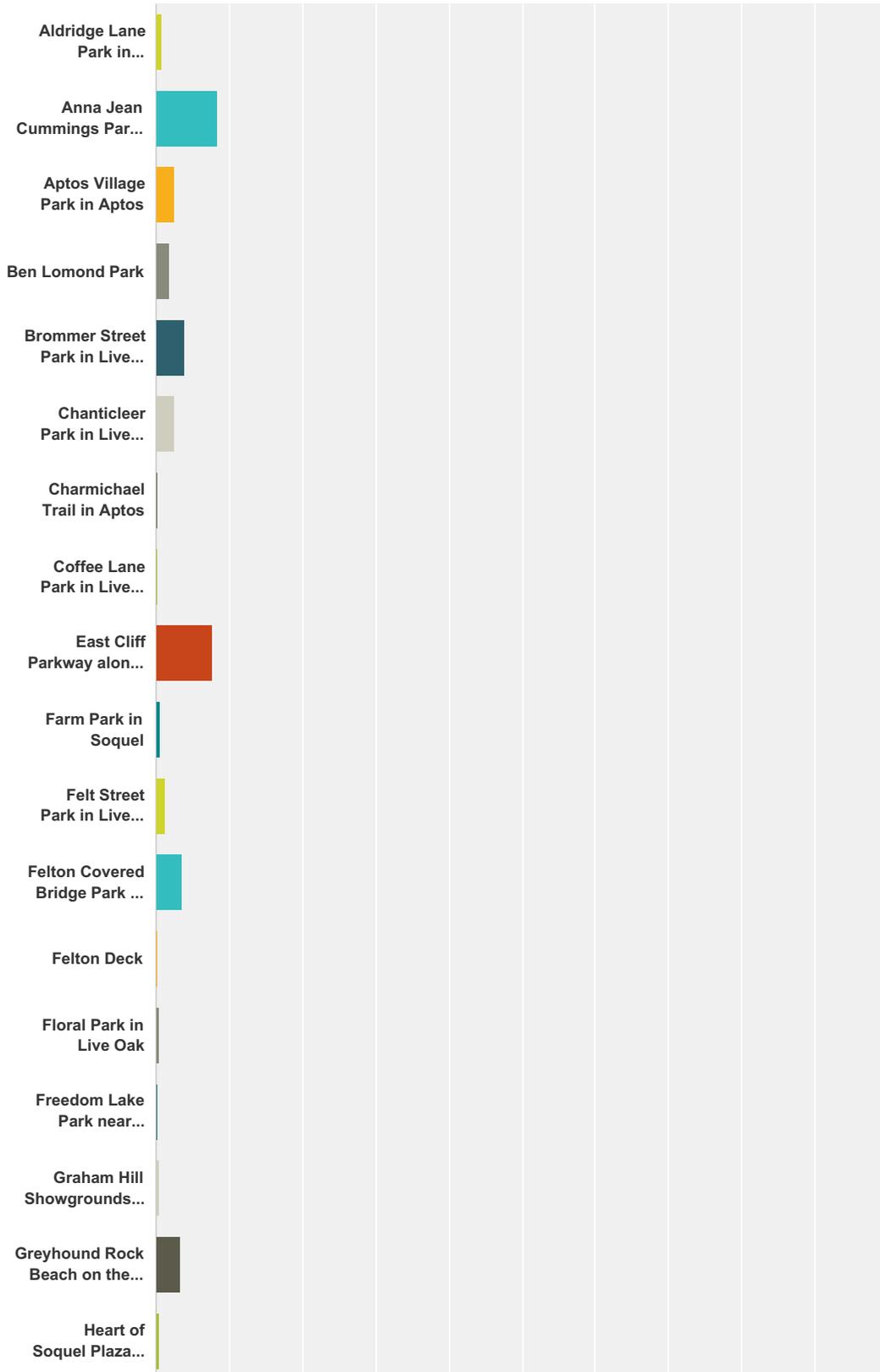
Answered: 780 Skipped: 22

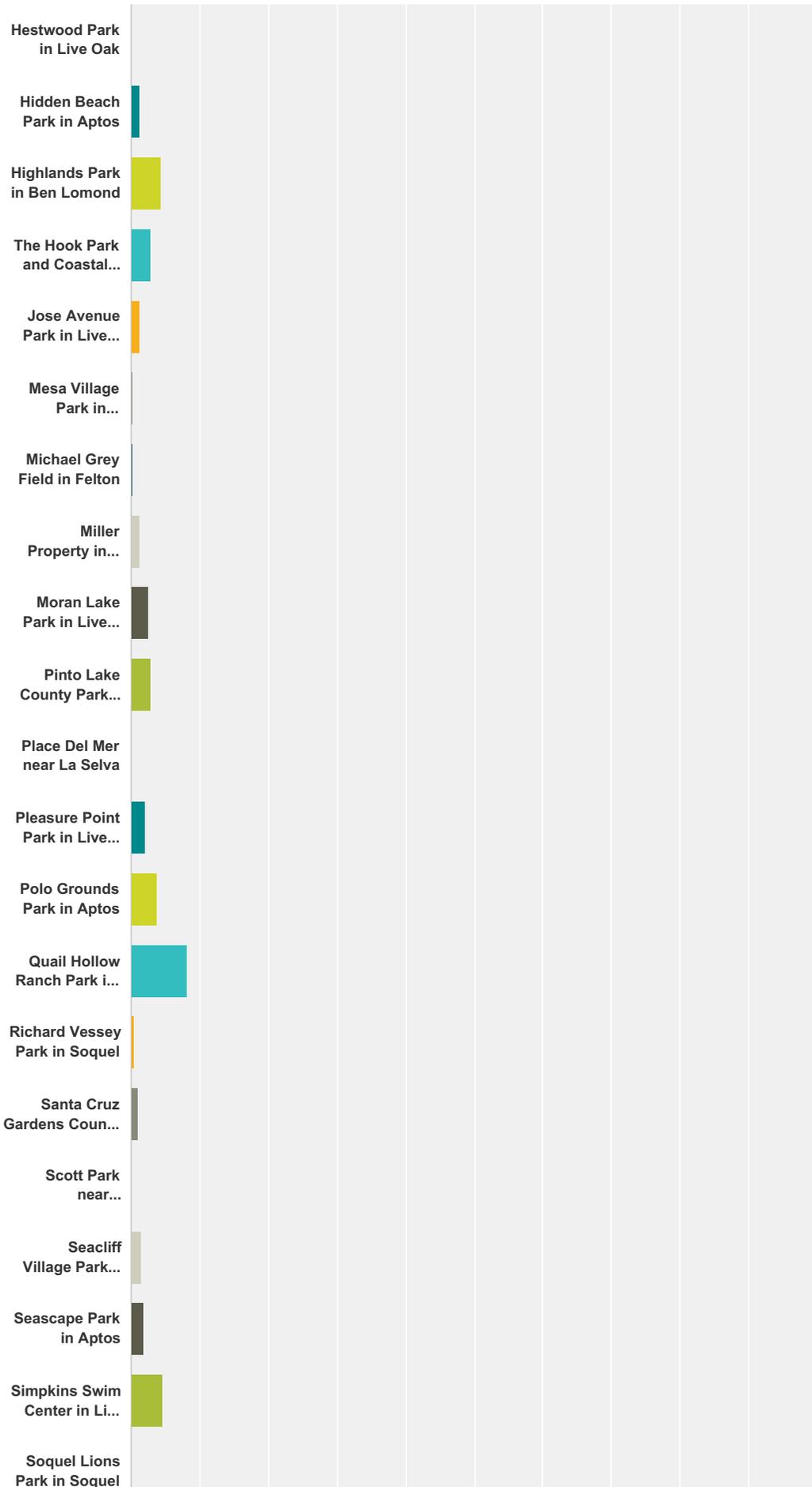


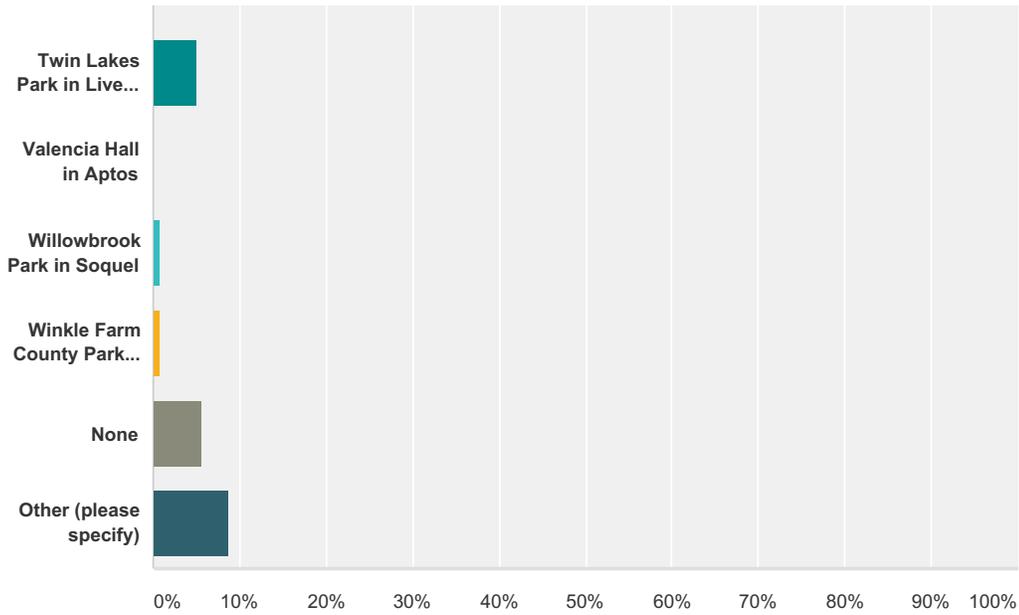
Answer Choices	Responses
Email from County Parks	16.28% 127
Link from County Parks website	3.97% 31
Link from social media	34.62% 270
Board of Supervisors newsletter	3.33% 26
Posted flyer	2.05% 16
Other email list or other (please specify)	39.74% 310
Total	780

Q5 Which Santa Cruz county park do you use the most? (See a map of county parks here)

Answered: 666 Skipped: 136







Answer Choices	Responses
Aldridge Lane Park in Corralitos	0.90% 6
Anna Jean Cummings Park in Soquel	8.26% 55
Aptos Village Park in Aptos	2.40% 16
Ben Lomond Park	1.95% 13
Brommer Street Park in Live Oak	3.90% 26
Chanticleer Park in Live Oak	2.55% 17
Charmichael Trail in Aptos	0.15% 1
Coffee Lane Park in Live Oak	0.30% 2
East Cliff Parkway along Pleasure Point	7.81% 52
Farm Park in Soquel	0.60% 4
Felt Street Park in Live Oak	1.20% 8
Felton Covered Bridge Park in Felton	3.60% 24
Felton Deck	0.30% 2
Floral Park in Live Oak	0.45% 3
Freedom Lake Park near Watsonville	0.30% 2
Graham Hill Showgrounds near Santa Cruz	0.45% 3
Greyhound Rock Beach on the North Coast	3.30% 22
Heart of Soquel Plaza in Soquel	0.45% 3
Hestwood Park in Live Oak	0.00% 0
Hidden Beach Park in Aptos	1.20% 8
Highlands Park in Ben Lomond	4.35% 29

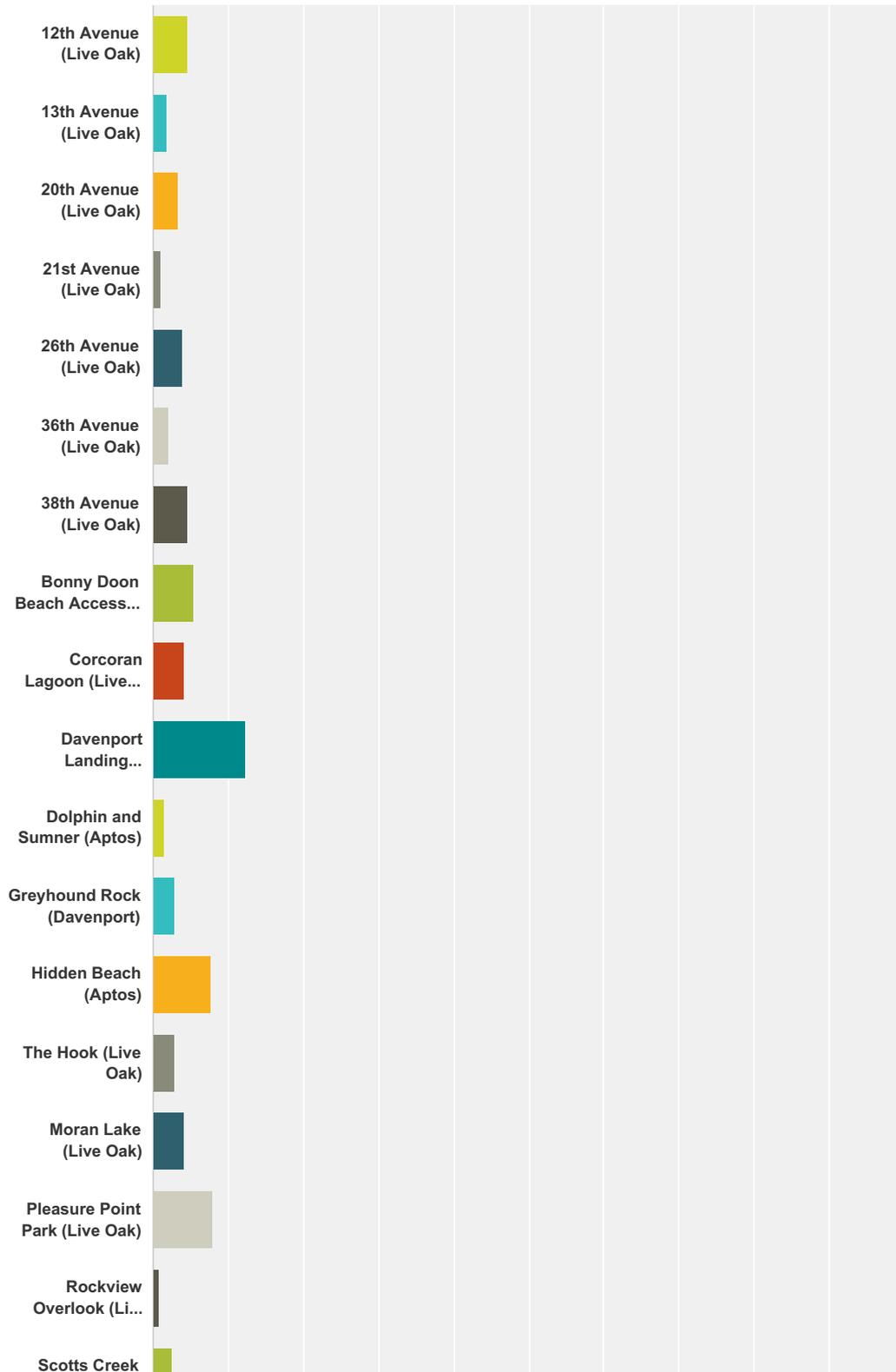
The Hook Park and Coastal Access in Live Oak	2.85%	19
Jose Avenue Park in Live Oak	1.35%	9
Mesa Village Park in Watsonville	0.15%	1
Michael Grey Field in Felton	0.15%	1
Miller Property in Boulder Creek	1.20%	8
Moran Lake Park in Live Oak	2.55%	17
Pinto Lake County Park near Watsonville	3.00%	20
Place Del Mer near La Selva	0.00%	0
Pleasure Point Park in Live Oak	2.10%	14
Polo Grounds Park in Aptos	3.75%	25
Quail Hollow Ranch Park in Felton	8.11%	54
Richard Vessey Park in Soquel	0.45%	3
Santa Cruz Gardens County Park near Santa Cruz	1.05%	7
Scott Park near Watsonville	0.00%	0
Seacliff Village Park in Aptos	1.50%	10
Seascape Park in Aptos	1.80%	12
Simpkins Swim Center in Live Oak	4.65%	31
Soquel Lions Park in Soquel	0.00%	0
Twin Lakes Park in Live Oak	4.95%	33
Valencia Hall in Aptos	0.00%	0
Willowbrook Park in Soquel	0.90%	6
Winkle Farm County Park near Santa Cruz	0.75%	5
None	5.56%	37
Other (please specify)	8.71%	58
Total		666

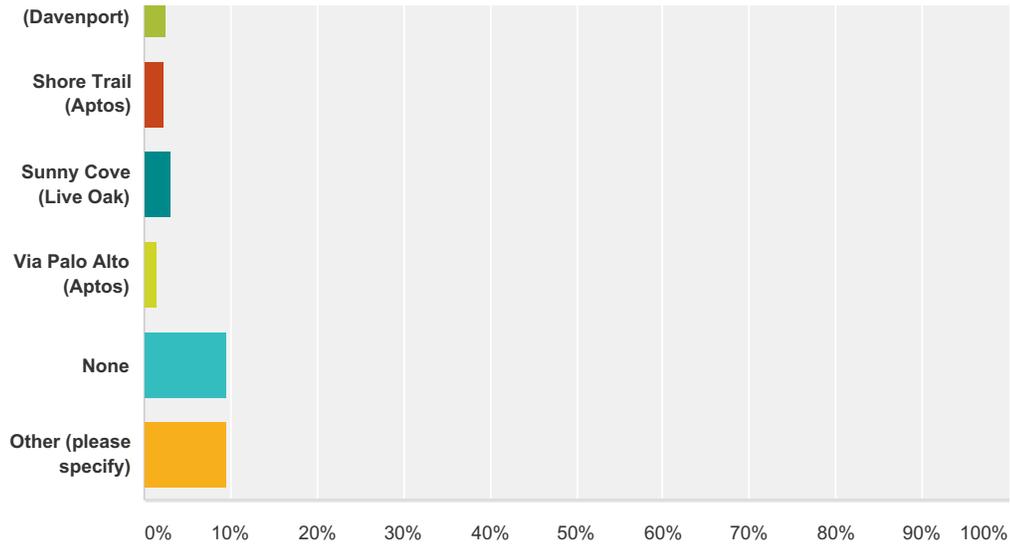
Q5: Write-In Responses to "Other"
Harvey Park-West
Sky Park and Henry Cowell Hiking Trails
Frederick St. Park
20th ave beach access
Corcoran lagoon
Oceanview Park
Oceanview Park
20th Ave and Corcoran Lagoon
McGregor skatepark on Park Ave.
3rd street beach
Fredrick Street Park
Various
Harvey West
Delaviega
Harvey west pump track
Wilder/Coast Dairies
Westlake park is the only park I've been to
Tescony
Derby Park
Westlake Pond (Santa Cruz)
Garfield Park in Santa Cruz
Garfield Park
garfield
Garfield Park
Gardfield park
garfield
garfield park
Derby park, Garfield park
garfield park
Garfield Park in Santa Cruz
depo
Garfield Park
Garfield Park (Santa Cruz)
Davenport landing beach
Seacliff State Beach
sargent derby
Henry Cowell Redwoods, Graham Hill Entrance
Wilder Ranch (state park)
Scotts Valley parks
pogonip
Delaveaga park
Wilder Ranch & Pogonip
None listed had MTN Bike so don't use them. I do ride in Nicense and wilder
Nisene Marks SP

Emma McCrary Trail
Pogonip
Harvey west pump track
Emma McCrary
Henry Cowel and Pogonip, Wilder
Harvey West
Garrahan, Boulder Creek
Davenport Town Beach, Davenport Landing, Scotts Creek
Delaveaga
Pogonip
Davenport Landing
arana gulch
Loch Lomond
Depot Park

Q6 Which Santa Cruz county beach or coastal access point do you use the most? (see a map of county parks and coastal access points here)

Answered: 661 Skipped: 141





Answer Choices	Responses
12th Avenue (Live Oak)	4.54% 30
13th Avenue (Live Oak)	1.82% 12
20th Avenue (Live Oak)	3.33% 22
21st Avenue (Live Oak)	1.06% 7
26th Avenue (Live Oak)	3.93% 26
36th Avenue (Live Oak)	2.12% 14
38th Avenue (Live Oak)	4.54% 30
Bonny Doon Beach Access (Davenport)	5.45% 36
Corcoran Lagoon (Live Oak)	4.08% 27
Davenport Landing (Davenport)	12.41% 82
Dolphin and Sumner (Aptos)	1.51% 10
Greyhound Rock (Davenport)	2.87% 19
Hidden Beach (Aptos)	7.72% 51
The Hook (Live Oak)	3.03% 20
Moran Lake (Live Oak)	4.08% 27
Pleasure Point Park (Live Oak)	8.02% 53
Rockview Overlook (Live Oak)	0.91% 6
Scotts Creek (Davenport)	2.42% 16
Shore Trail (Aptos)	2.27% 15
Sunny Cove (Live Oak)	3.18% 21
Via Palo Alto (Aptos)	1.51% 10
None	9.68% 64

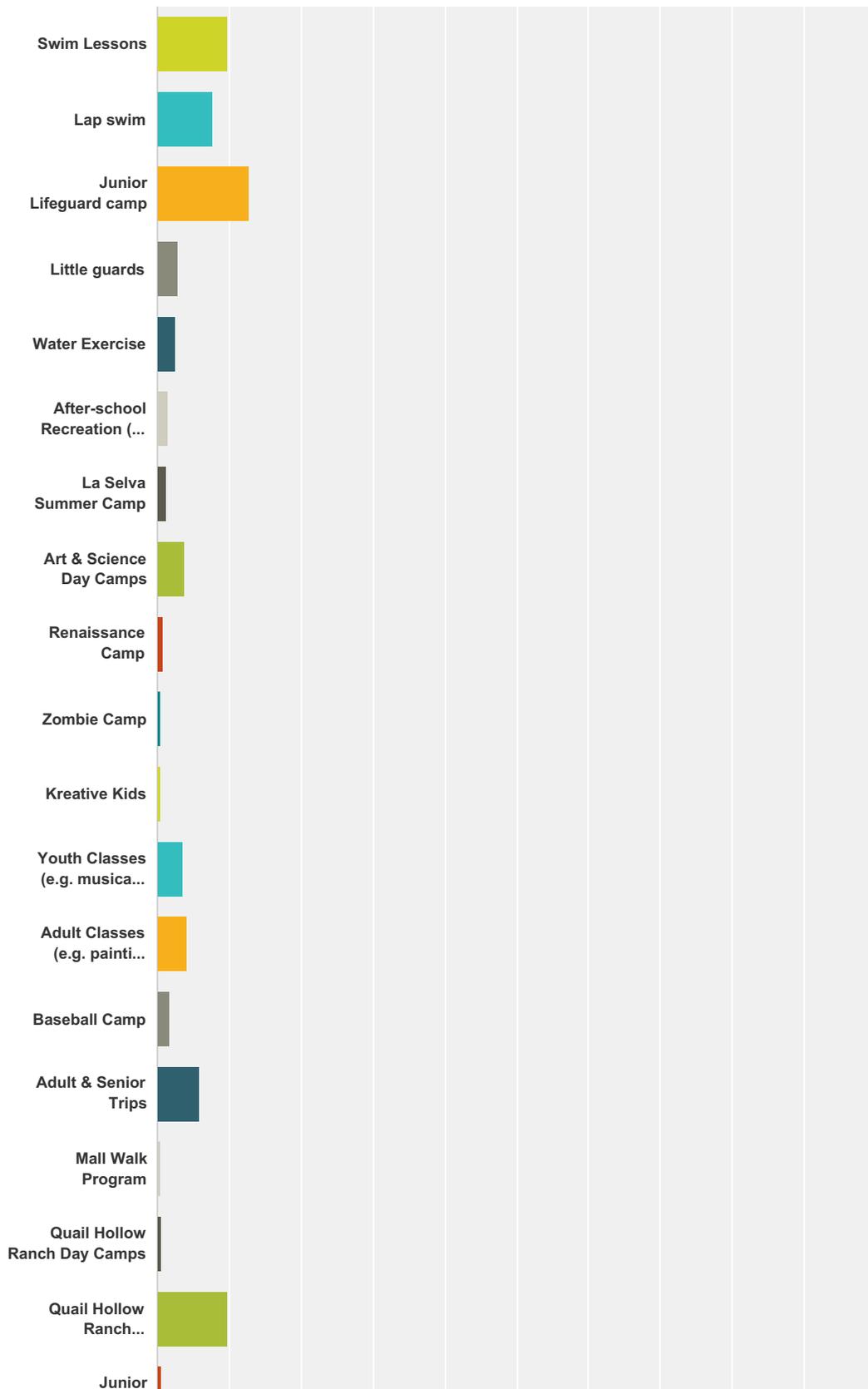
Other (please specify)	9.53%	63
Total		661

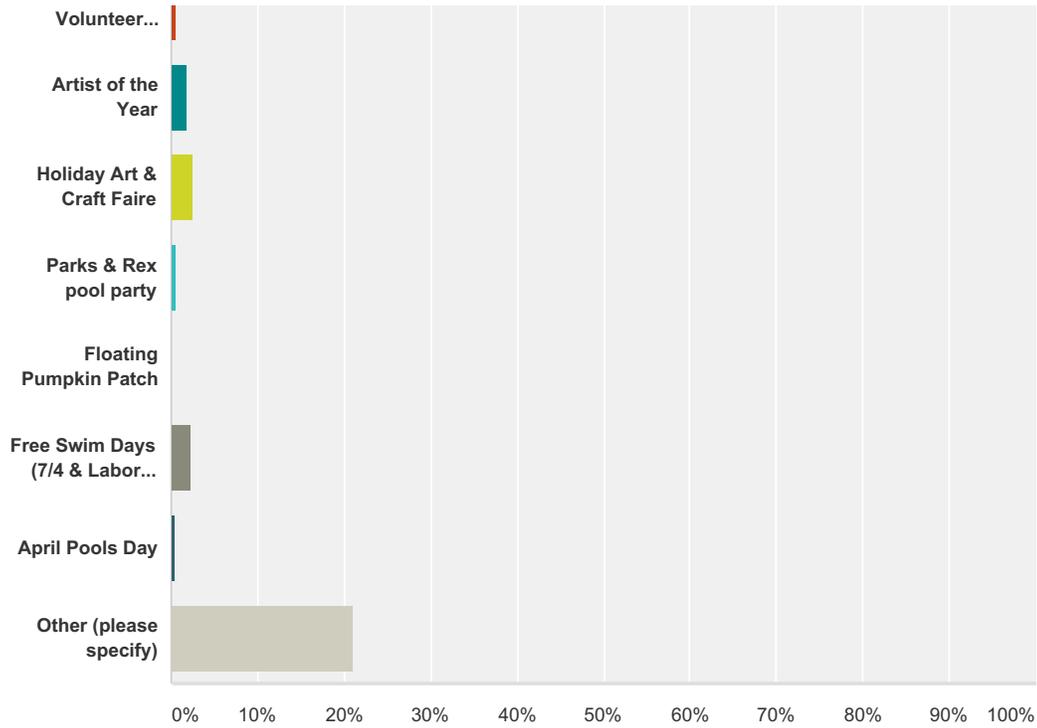
Q6: Write-In Responses to "Other"
Depot Park
Seabright
Capitola
Seascape Park
Living in Live Oak I have the fortune of walking many to the Live Oak beach and coastal access points.
Natural bridges
3rd street @seabright beach
Seacliff Beach
We just park at Rio Del Mar most of the time
Skypark dog park
Seabright
Twin Lakes
Beach Gate, Aptos
its beach
west cliff
Westcliff
Natural Bridges
Westcliff
Its Beach
Steamer Lane
The lighthouse west cliff
Getchells
getchells
Natural Bridges (Santa Cruz)
Its Beach
seascape resort access
Westcliff
Natural Bridges
West Cliff Ave.
Dog Beach
Capitola
New brighton
West Cliff, Natural Bridges
Natural Bridges
Rio del mar
Platforms
Cowells
watsonville
Rio del mar
Seacliff Beach
Seacliff State Beach
vicinity of 9 and 1
Seacliff
Seacliff Beach (beachgate stairs)

Seacliff SB
Sea bright beach
Four mile
ldk
Watsonville W. Beach St
Seabright
Beach Trail, Seacliff [CA State Park access]
Seabright beach
Only lived here for three weeks so I don't yet know the names.
New Brighton and Capitola
arana gulch
14th Avenue (Live Oak)
14th Ave (Live Oak)
Twin Lakes
Capitola Beach
7th Avenue
It's Beach
Manressa
Cowells

Q7 Which County Parks program is most important to you or your family?

Answered: 575 Skipped: 227





Answer Choices	Responses
Swim Lessons	9.74% 56
Lap swim	7.83% 45
Junior Lifeguard camp	12.70% 73
Little guards	2.96% 17
Water Exercise	2.61% 15
After-school Recreation (Mar Vista & La Selva)	1.39% 8
La Selva Summer Camp	1.22% 7
Art & Science Day Camps	3.83% 22
Renaissance Camp	0.87% 5
Zombie Camp	0.35% 2
Kreative Kids	0.52% 3
Youth Classes (e.g. musical theater, tap)	3.65% 21
Adult Classes (e.g. painting, Spanish language)	4.17% 24
Baseball Camp	1.74% 10
Adult & Senior Trips	5.91% 34
Mall Walk Program	0.35% 2
Quail Hollow Ranch Day Camps	0.70% 4
Quail Hollow Ranch interpretive programs (e.g. birding, stargazing)	9.91% 57

Junior Volunteer Program	0.70%	4
Artist of the Year	1.91%	11
Holiday Art & Craft Faire	2.43%	14
Parks & Rex pool party	0.70%	4
Floating Pumpkin Patch	0.00%	0
Free Swim Days (7/4 & Labor Day)	2.26%	13
April Pools Day	0.52%	3
Other (please specify)	21.04%	121
Total		575

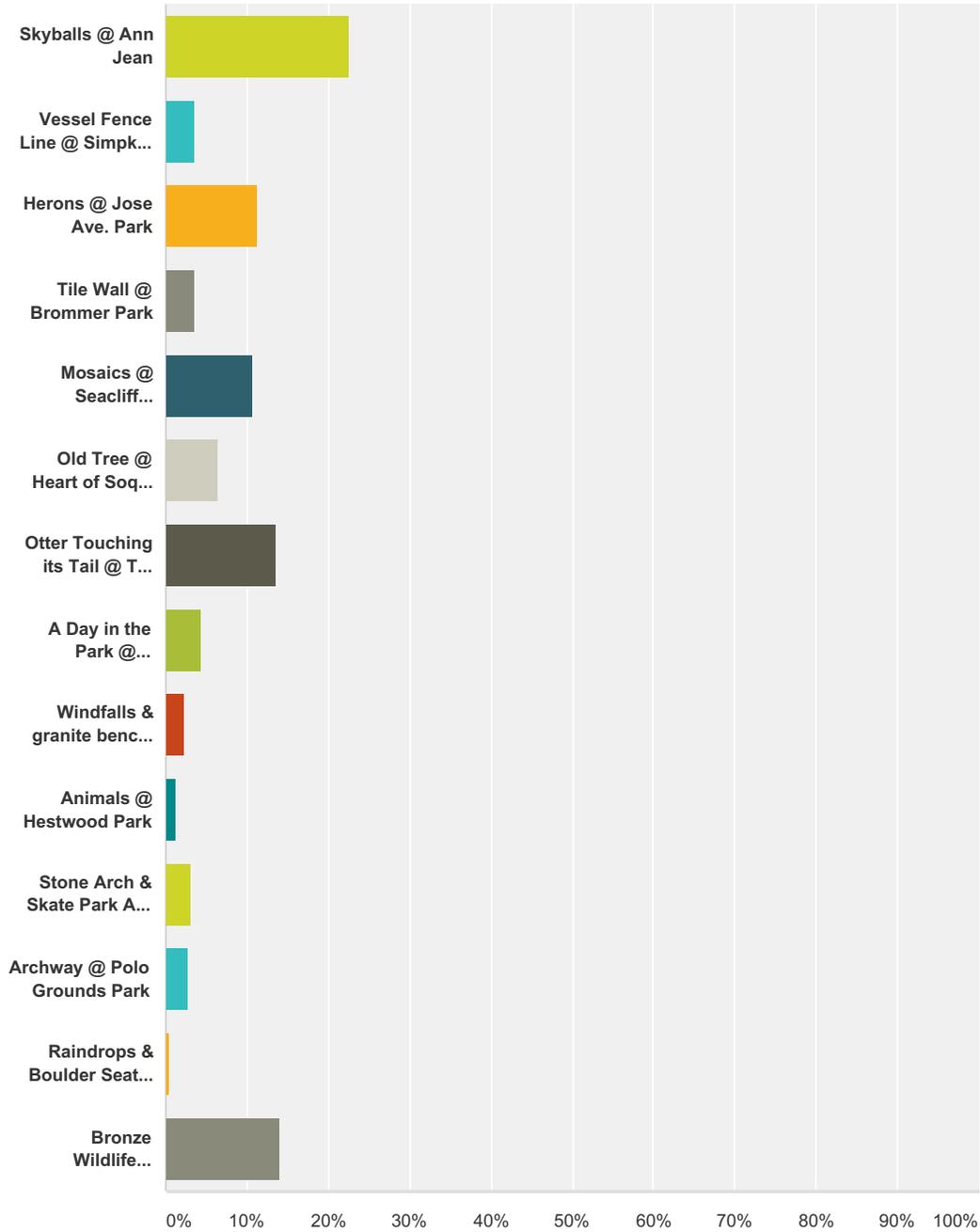
Q7: Write-In Responses to "Other"
habitat restoration for frogs
passive use of parks
off leash beaches for dogs
Paws in the Park
dog walking and dog play access
access to dog-friendly options year-round
Dog walking/ playing
Dog off leash beach
Dog access
n/a
dog friendly
None
I'm actively involved as a volunteer with the CA Native Plant Society, and coordinate invasive non-native French Broom volunteer work parties at Quail Hollow Ranch County Park.
keeping beaches clean
none
Capitola Parks and Rec
greenbelt
Walking Groups
Maintenance of wildlife refuge
I
keeping nature in its original state
Trails
Trail building for bikes
Recreation
Dog parks
N/A
Mountain bike trails
Biking aspects of parks (jumps/pump tracks)
Birding and Nature Appreciation
Adult Fitness lap swim
Mountain Bike initiatives
Mountain Bike Trails
Trails for biking and walking
Bicycle access
Wilder ranch
Forests
Bicycle parks
none
mountain biking
I don't see any programs in Watsonville parks.
Mountain Bike trails
Mountain Biking
Dog parks, especially dog park at Pinto Lake

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N/A
I dont go outside
none
N/A
none
I want off leash dog hours on 20th street beach restored
Swimming -kids
Dogs and babies
none
Pickleball
Use of Senior Center facility at Highlands Park
Horse riding facilities
Trash and graffiti removal
adult softball & soccer
That parks exist
Senior discounted classes
Dogs off leash
places to take my dog of leash
pickleball
don't attend programs
We love the game of Pickleball. We play at Brommer park 3 times a week. It provides for our social need and we get to exercise
PGrounds dog park, Hidden&BeerCan-Trestle beach trailheads & dog-bag stations
Na
Pickleball
Pickle Ball
General maintenance
pickleball
None
A place to walk leashed animals
Pickleball
Dog park
Pickleball
Pickleball at Brommer and Willowbrook
Pickleball
Bike pump tracks, a bike park to replace the Post Office Jumps and Aptos Pumptrack
Restoration, environmental
None listed
Mountain Biking Access

pump tracks and mtb trails
Pump Tracks and bikes
Don't use programs
Mountain biking trails
Mountain Biking
Mountain bike access for developing riders skills
Any related to MTN Biking we need more areas to ride
Trails
mountain bike classes
None
Mountain bike singletrack trails
Pump tracks
N/A
Mountain Biking
Cycling
n/a
N/A
pump tracks and dirt jumps
nothing 'most important'
don't use any of these
All!!
Open space, hiking and interpretive programs
no programs; just open space, birding, walking
Skate parks and bike parks, Off leash access
Hiking Quail Hollow park. I love the natural, undeveloped meadows, sitting quietly to watch birds, bobcat, deer, and enjoying the natural beauty. Please do not consider changing or developing it into active recreation like ball fields. Please leave it for family's to experience it as the gem that it is.
N/A
OPEN SPACE
Dog fun
resource management & protection
Nature walks, bird walks and open space programs
Hiking
Hiking and photography
Cycling
Walking or hiking (with dog) trails

Q8 What is your favorite public art piece in a Santa Cruz County park? (See a map of public art sites here)

Answered: 471 Skipped: 331

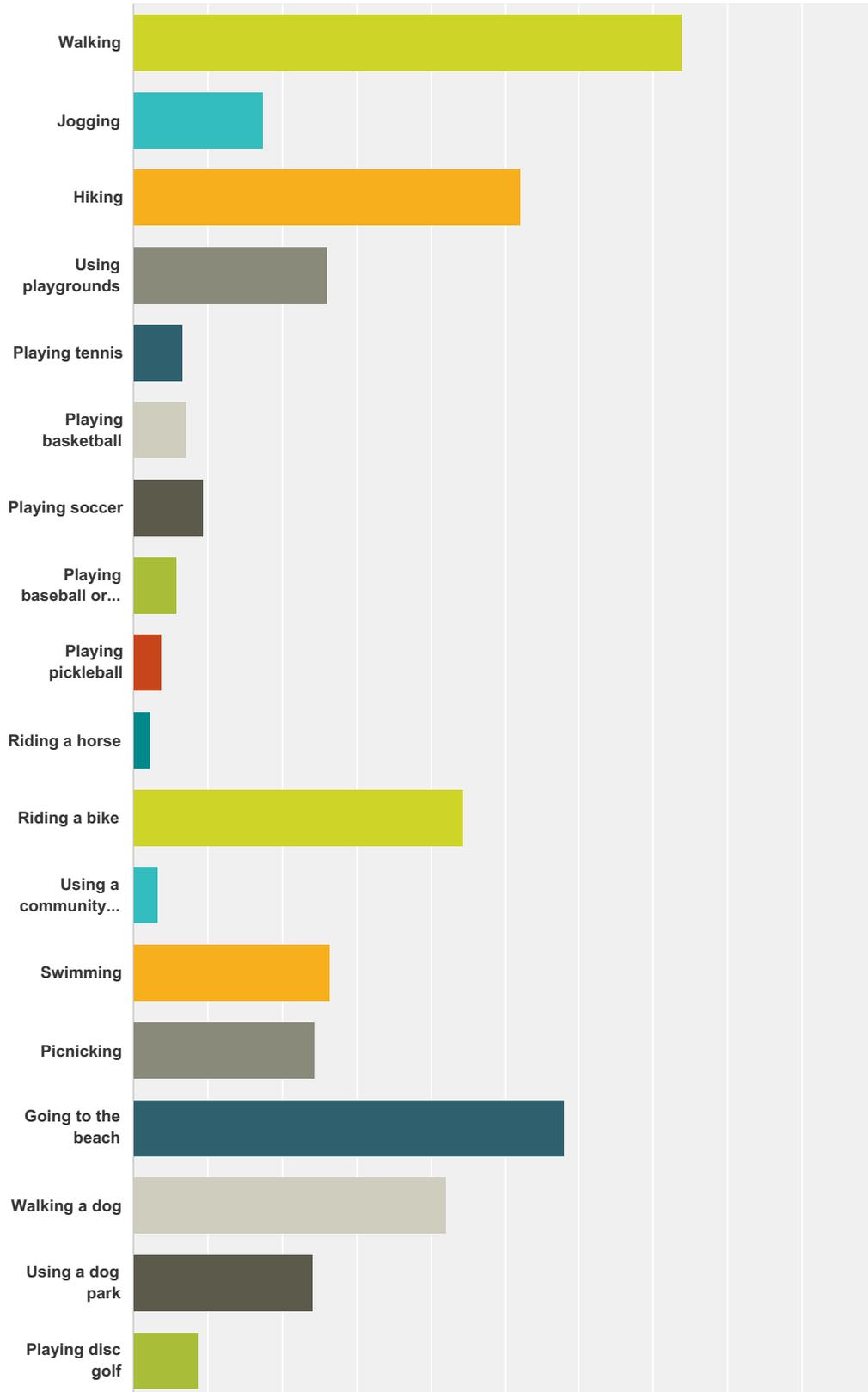


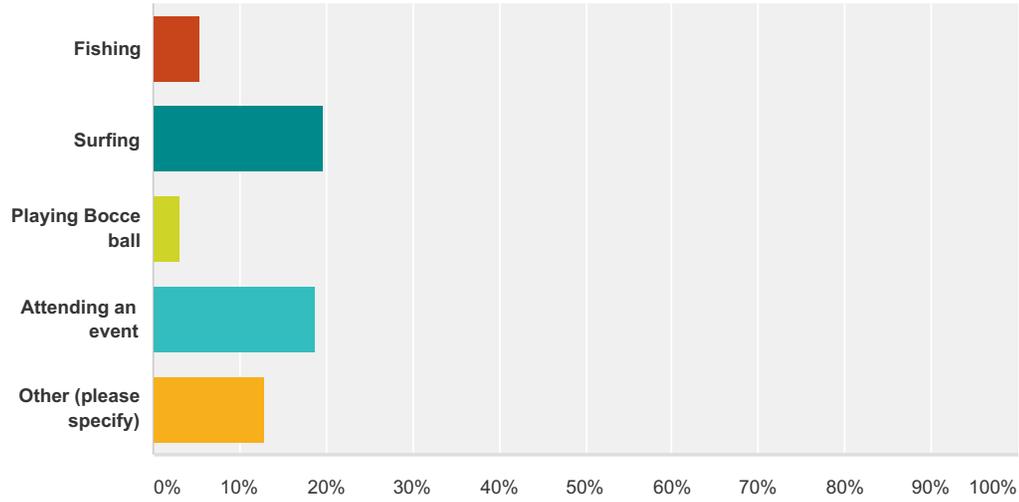
Answer Choices	Responses
Skyballs @ Ann Jean	22.51% 106
Vessel Fence Line @ Simpkins Family Swim Center	3.61% 17
Hérons @ Jose Ave. Park	11.25% 53

Tile Wall @ Brommer Park	3.61%	17
Mosaics @ Seacliff Village Park	10.62%	50
Old Tree @ Heart of Soquel Plaza	6.37%	30
Otter Touching its Tail @ Twin Lakes	13.59%	64
A Day in the Park @ Chanticleer Park	4.46%	21
Windfalls & granite benches @ Willowbrook Park	2.34%	11
Animals @ Hestwood Park	1.27%	6
Stone Arch & Skate Park Arch @ Felt Street Park	3.18%	15
Archway @ Polo Grounds Park	2.76%	13
Raindrops & Boulder Seating @ the Farm Park (not completed)	0.42%	2
Bronze Wildlife plaques @ East Cliff Parkway	14.01%	66
Total		471

Q9 Which activities do you typically do when you visit the Santa Cruz county parks? (Check as many as apply)

Answered: 676 Skipped: 126





Answer Choices	Responses
Walking	73.82% 499
Jogging	17.60% 119
Hiking	52.22% 353
Using playgrounds	26.18% 177
Playing tennis	6.66% 45
Playing basketball	7.10% 48
Playing soccer	9.32% 63
Playing baseball or softball	5.77% 39
Playing pickleball	3.85% 26
Riding a horse	2.37% 16
Riding a bike	44.53% 301
Using a community garden	3.40% 23
Swimming	26.48% 179
Picnicking	24.41% 165
Going to the beach	58.14% 393
Walking a dog	42.16% 285
Using a dog park	24.26% 164
Playing disc golf	8.73% 59
Fishing	5.47% 37
Surfing	19.67% 133
Playing Bocce ball	3.11% 21
Attending an event	18.79% 127
Other (please specify)	13.02% 88

Total Respondents: 676

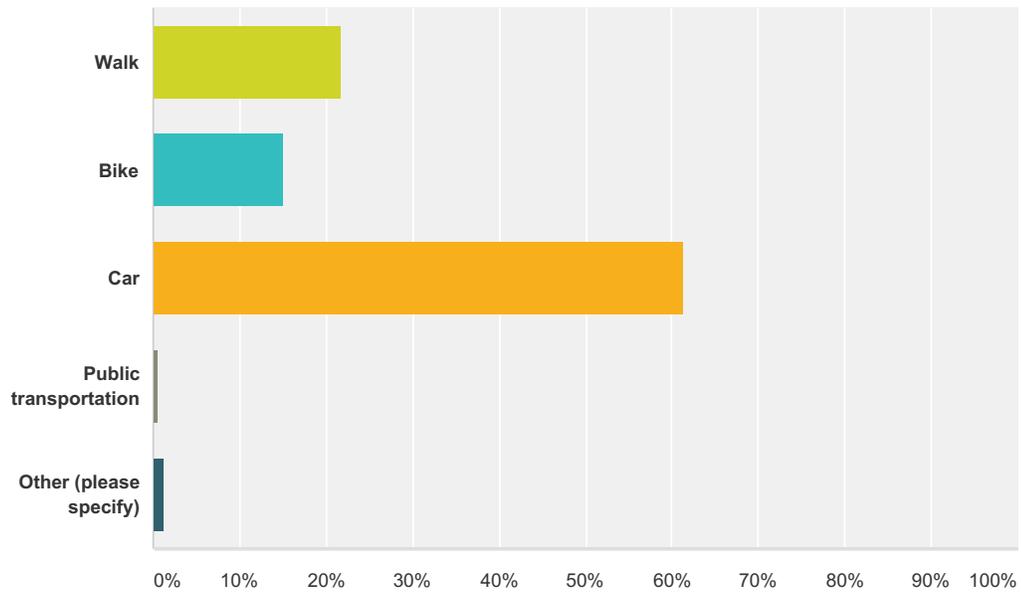
Q9: Write-In Responses to "Other"
I like to find frogs and salamanders
Birding
Wildlife Observation
Sitting and people watching.
I grew up in Santa Cruz from 1969-2003, we sold our home in 2003, but my family is still in the area so we do visit. My dogs are well-behaved, have earned their AKC Canine Good Citizen, and AKC Community Canine Titles. They are also registered therapy dogs who provide volunteer service in our communities, as well as sometimes in areas where we visit. I almost always travel with at least one of my dogs, and we enjoy walks on the beach and in hikes. I do not like dog parks. I understand there is a struggle regarding allowing dogs on the beach, I urge you to consider a program similar to what Coloroda has in place that allows dogs who have passed certain testing special priveleges. Owners who have trained their dogs and are willing to go that extra step can normally be considered respectful and responsible with their dogs.
Camping
Letting my dog swim at the beach!
Sitting and reading
Sitting quietly and reflecting
birdwatching
Encountering other locals ENJOYING conversations
tai chi
Enjoying open space in otherwise congested areas.
Mostly, I'm actively involved as a volunteer with the CA Native Plant Society, and coordinate invasive non-native French Broom volunteer work parties at Quail Hollow Ranch County Park.
I walk daily on 20th ave beach, and to pleasure point when accessible
Volleyball
I work hard n them
Skateboarding!
Birding
Enjoying the natural beauty
Birding
birding
Mountain Biking
Birding
Nature/bird watching
kids party
Mountain biking in the forest or trails
Birding!
Birding
Mountain Biking
bicycle pumptrack
Birding, photographing wildlife
Birding
Dirt jumps, pump tracks
Birdwatching and nature study
drawing

skate boarding
skateboard
Skateboard
Walking my dog on the beach.
Boating
relaxing on the grass if there is any
Birding, Nature journaling
Open access to the water and fields
Love the interpretive programs at Quail Hollow
picnic
youth arts & science classes
Using dog poop bag stations
Birding
Just sitting and enjoying the landscape.
birding
bbq
Mountain biking
Mountain biking
mountain biking
Wedding
Mountain biking
Playing in the river
relax
Birding
Habitat restoration
Birthday parties
Food truck events
painting
birding
photograph
Skateboard or bike
nature appreciation/photography
Birthday party rentals
Birdwatching; nature study
Birding
accessible trail riding in my wheelchair
Enjoying open space
Nature observation
metal detecting
Bird watching
Bird watching
bird watching
Observing and enjoying the natural world
Bird watching, which should have been its own category!
boogie boarding

Bird Walks
Disabled-so i love being pushed through a paved trail.
Classes
karate
measuring sediment and water temperature, video fishing
Bird watching, botany, meditation.
Observing wildlife and enjoying the quiet, natural setting

Q10 How do you typically get to the park or coastal access point that you use the most?

Answered: 676 Skipped: 126



Answer Choices	Responses
Walk	21.75% 147
Bike	15.09% 102
Car	61.39% 415
Public transportation	0.59% 4
Other (please specify)	1.18% 8
Total	676

Q10: Write-In Responses to "Other"

Car and walk

Shuttle service

motorcycle

unicycle

I don't.

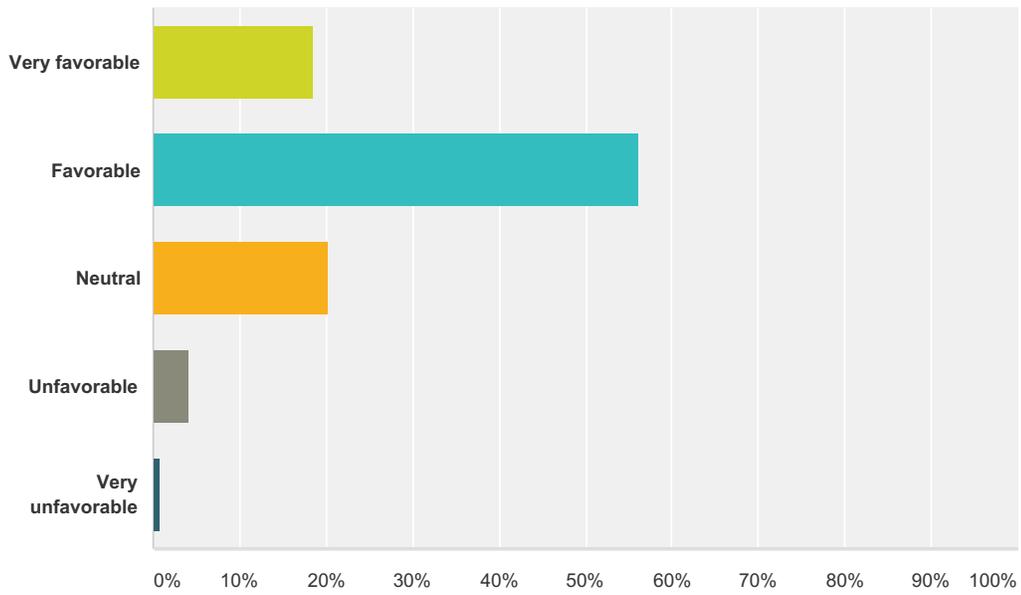
RV

wheelchair

run

Q11 Generally speaking, what is your opinion of Santa Cruz County Parks?

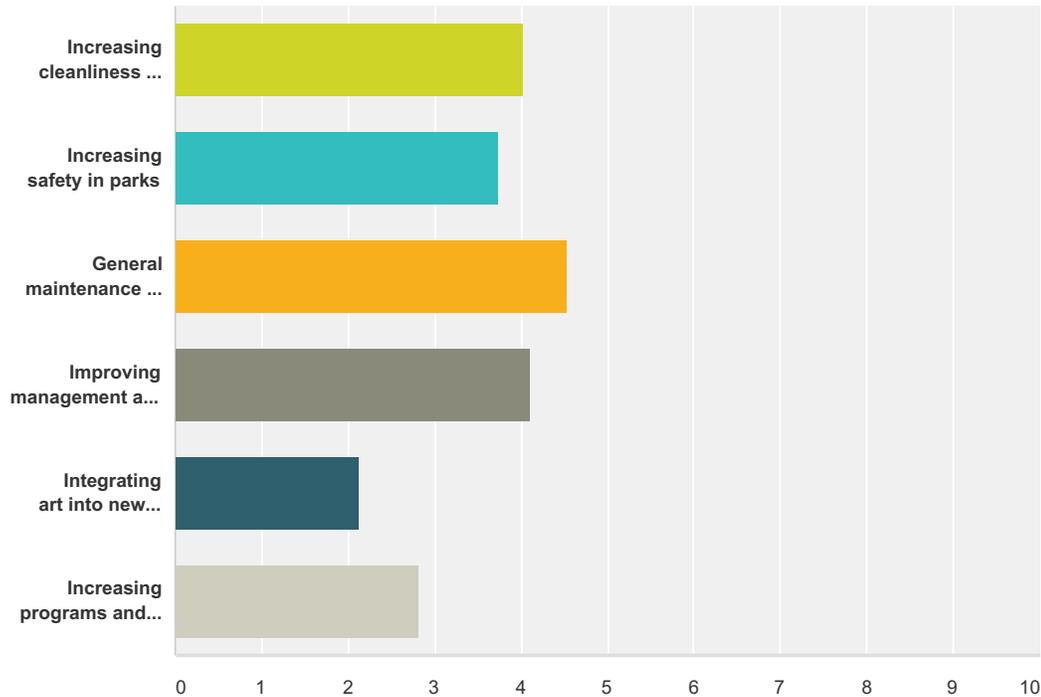
Answered: 674 Skipped: 128



Answer Choices	Responses
Very favorable	18.55% 125
Favorable	56.08% 378
Neutral	20.33% 137
Unfavorable	4.15% 28
Very unfavorable	0.89% 6
Total	674

Q12 Which of the following things are most important to you? (drag items into order of importance to you -OR- pick numbers, with 1 being the most important)

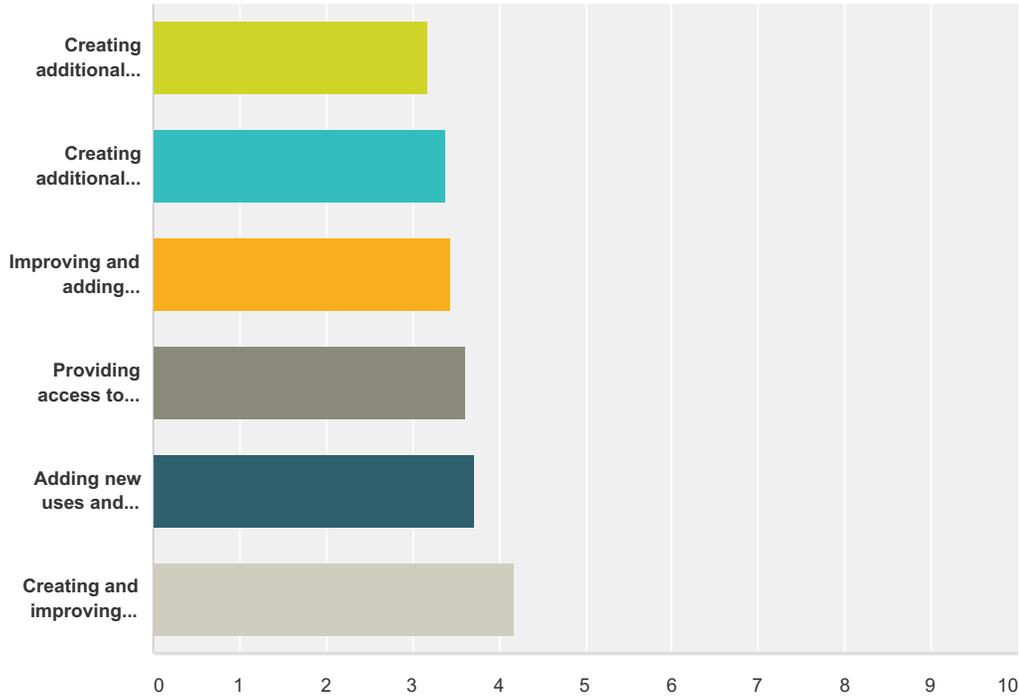
Answered: 616 Skipped: 186



	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Score
Increasing cleanliness in parks	13.09% 75	27.23% 156	26.53% 152	19.90% 114	8.73% 50	4.54% 26	573	4.02
Increasing safety in parks	22.70% 131	15.60% 90	16.12% 93	16.81% 97	15.77% 91	13.00% 75	577	3.74
General maintenance of existing park infrastructure	27.41% 159	28.10% 163	23.45% 136	12.76% 74	6.55% 38	1.72% 10	580	4.52
Improving management and conservation of natural resources	28.40% 163	17.25% 99	16.72% 96	19.69% 113	11.50% 66	6.45% 37	574	4.12
Integrating art into new and existing public spaces	2.89% 16	5.96% 33	7.94% 44	13.72% 76	22.38% 124	47.11% 261	554	2.12
Increasing programs and events in existing parks	10.73% 60	8.94% 50	10.20% 57	14.85% 83	31.13% 174	24.15% 135	559	2.81

Q13 Which of the following things are most important to you? (drag items into order of importance to you -OR- pick numbers, with 1 being the most important)

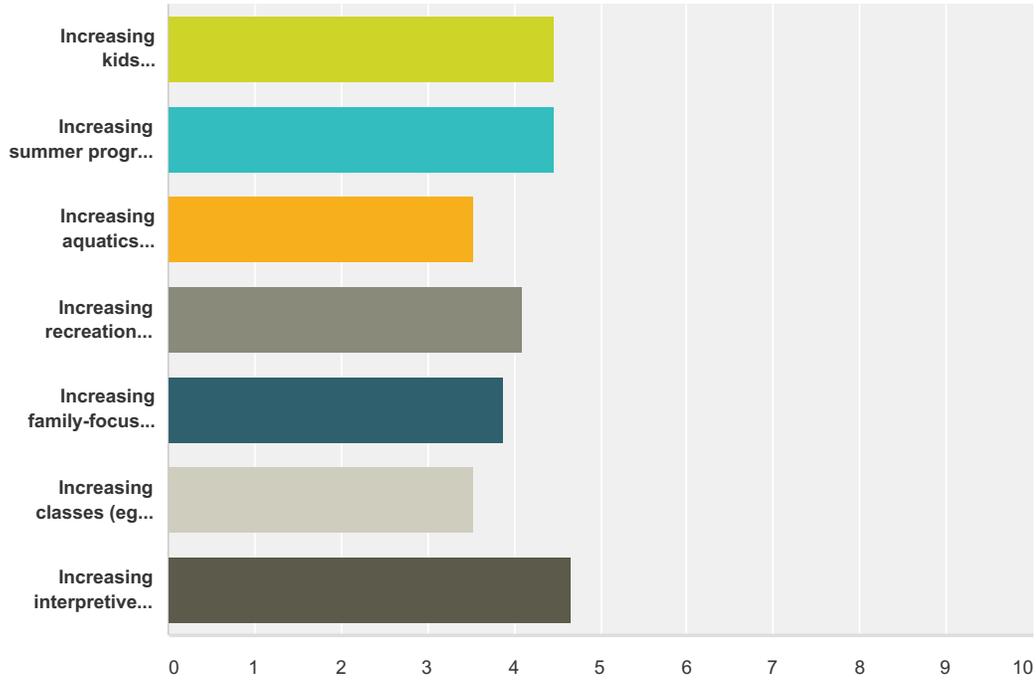
Answered: 607 Skipped: 195



	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Score
Creating additional neighborhood parks	9.12% 49	15.83% 85	16.95% 91	19.55% 105	18.25% 98	20.30% 109	537	3.17
Creating additional large regional parks	15.61% 86	15.97% 88	15.97% 88	15.43% 85	17.97% 99	19.06% 105	551	3.39
Improving and adding amenities to beaches and coastal access points	15.69% 86	17.15% 94	16.06% 88	14.96% 82	19.71% 108	16.42% 90	548	3.45
Providing access to County-Owned open spaces (eg the Miller Property, the Pace Property, the Bert Scott Estate)	16.58% 91	20.22% 111	18.03% 99	15.30% 84	12.93% 71	16.94% 93	549	3.61
Adding new uses and improvements to existing parks	17.09% 94	17.82% 98	19.82% 109	18.73% 103	16.91% 93	9.64% 53	550	3.71
Creating and improving bicycle and pedestrian trail connections between parks	34.22% 192	17.11% 96	13.73% 77	13.37% 75	9.80% 55	11.76% 66	561	4.17

Q14 Which of the following things are most important to you? (drag items into order of importance to you -OR- pick numbers, with 1 being the most important)

Answered: 531 Skipped: 271



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Score
Increasing kids after-school programs	17.86% 85	18.70% 89	17.02% 81	13.24% 63	13.03% 62	12.61% 60	7.56% 36	476	4.47
Increasing summer programs for kids	16.21% 77	20.42% 97	18.11% 86	11.79% 56	14.11% 67	10.53% 50	8.84% 42	475	4.46
Increasing aquatics programs	10.23% 48	10.66% 50	10.66% 50	16.84% 79	14.93% 70	14.93% 70	21.75% 102	469	3.53
Increasing recreation programs and trips for adults and seniors	16.53% 81	15.31% 75	12.86% 63	14.08% 69	12.86% 63	15.10% 74	13.27% 65	490	4.10
Increasing family-focused special events	9.62% 45	13.25% 62	14.74% 69	19.66% 92	17.52% 82	11.11% 52	14.10% 66	468	3.88
Increasing classes (eg Spanish language, fitness, meditation, etc)	5.87% 28	14.47% 69	14.88% 71	11.74% 56	15.30% 73	18.66% 89	19.08% 91	477	3.52
Increasing interpretive programs (eg nature walks, history tours, stargazing, etc)	30.83% 152	12.17% 60	13.59% 67	11.16% 55	9.74% 48	12.17% 60	10.34% 51	493	4.65

Q15 What do you like most about Santa Cruz county parks?

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Q15 Responses
The general diversity of experiences available and specifically, the ability to walk dogs on trails
Ease of access
The variety
They are available and mostly free entrance.
beauty
They are beautiful places to enjoy.
Being outside
We need places to let our dogs run OFF LEASH. My dog is friendly and energetic and wants to run!
Beauty, variety
how comfy & pleasant...
The ones where I can take my dogs off leash still without getting a ticket. This has become increasingly harder and harder as more and more non-residents have bought up the homes in Santa Cruz County
the natural beauty of our surroundings
Beauty and being able to walk my dog
Many are dog friendly.
That there are so many parks, spread throughout the County, and that many parks include beautiful natural resources
The array of habitats at Quail Hollow Ranch County Park.
The wide variety of settings - oceans, parks, redwoods & the historical features
Enjoying them... except that I would use them even more if my dog was welcome.
The park ranger's uniforms of course. Jk The beautiful scenery, enjoying nature, especially the Monarch butterflies.
The access to unparalleled and uninterrupted views of our town, the Monterey Bay and the Santa Cruz mountains.
There are many of them :,) altho very few of them are in city of Santa Cruz or further up the coast.
Availability of parks in various neighborhoods
Diversity! Beaches, forests, playgrounds, pump tracks. All good stuff.
Accessibility and how many there are
Spending time with my kids or attending sports leagues held there or birthday parties
Natural aspects
Hiking, walking and playing with my dog and kids. We like to hike with her off-leash so that she gets plenty of exercise and therefore can be a great neighbor dog.
I like the nature parks that have walking and hiking trails.
Off leash dog parks.
Natural beauty
Natural beauty
availability
Abundance of open spaces and beaches
There is so many of them
Not highly regimented, the open space, some are located in neighborhoods where they are needed.
Open spaces for public use
That they are plenty of them and they are varied in landscape and territory
Availability close to where I live
Variety and number
variety - small neighborhood parks to coastal access to regional parks

pump tracks, skate parks, and dog parks
natural escape
They are generally well kept up, clean and quiet, except for seeing the occasional heroin needle.
free to park at most locations
There are a lot of parks to choose from and they all have distinct personalities
The beach parks used to be great but now are overrun with off-leash dogs. Dogs on leash are okay, but dealing with free running dogs especially with little children is a bummer.
fairly wide spread, well maintained, free for all, green space for nature
The whispering trees and singing birds
The variety of locations
provision of beach areas to take my dog on off leash walks; swimming at Simpkins
They blend in with the 'flavor' of the neighborhood or area in a natural way.
Adds to living in a 'complete' community
I am co-founder of Chanticleer park Neighbors Assn. (CPNA) so my views are both well-informed and biased. We are grateful for the opportunity given us by Santa Cruz County to help create and preserve our park.
Nearby.
They are open spaces in otherwise congested areas where development has been allowed to sprawl in a seemingly disorganized way.
Little islands of nature left to enjoy, respect, and protect what is left.
open space
Beach access and conservation of open spaces north of Santa Cruz city limits.
We live in a beautiful area, I'm glad we intend to keep it that way.
open space
I live here.
Variety of environment and amenities-access to different sports activities for kids and adults
They are in beautiful Santa Cruz
Love highlands as it has the stream access. The mister essential on those hot days and a great play structure.
I enjoy having the green spaces to walk through, picnic in, or just read in. I also use the swim center regularly.
Bike Parks
The beaches area amazing.
Number and access
availability
Access , cleanliness and safety
Santa Cruz is beautiful and it should be available in its beautiful forms.
Being able to relax and enjoy the outdoors.
Landscaping and access to dog poop bags and trashcans.
quiet open space. space to explore with my family
There are so many!
They're beautiful and clean and not overcrowded (I am retired and usually go in the morning and during the week).
Parks like Pinto Lake or Quail Hollow that have extensive natural areas.
Wildlife in the natural setting
I love the birding, and I think maintaining the natural resources in our parks is important.
Friendships made through programs.
I only visit Quail Hollow and Corcoran for birding. I love Quail Hollow especially! Please keep it as natural as possible.

Biking
Riding a bike along East Cliff @ Pleasure Point; now much cleaner than in past.
usually not crowded
The number of playgrounds available in the county. On weekends our family does "park tours". We take the day, pack meals, & go to several different playgrounds. It's a wonderful inexpensive family activity.
Lots of open space and trails
natural settings. place appropriate uses.
I'm able to walk to the park. I enjoy seeing the facilities in use by adults, children and families.
Combination of different activities (Picknick, playground, area to walk) is important to include different groups of the society (or family for that matter), overall good maintenance, bike park, not sure how it looks like for skateboarders
The playgrounds are fun and well-maintained.
There is a large variety of parks all across the county and many parks have nice playgrounds.
Good pedestrian access
Being able to enjoy nature nearby
Openness. Recreational space
The green natural spaces
they are conveniently located everywhere in santa cruz and maintained very well
open space
Local wildlife protection and viewing.
Their accessibility and prevalence.
Taking my family
That there are habitats for birds, wildlife & nature.
Local access, neighborhood parks
That there are so many neighborhood parks and beaches
The natural landscape. Except the poison oak!
The redwoods in the ocean
They are beautiful and accessible.
I like how they have been making more bike parks and skate parks. They recognize the current trends and make it happen for what the kids want.
My primary enjoyment has been riding the mountain bike pump tracks and jumps.
The availability and the openness of the space.
I love the value given to nature and preserving our wild spaces.
The parks are a great place to go with my family to spend time outdoors.
I love the variation in offerings for different people in different areas of the county.
The multi-use trail systems.
The Chanticleer pumptrack has the best flow & location in county. Beach access points are great - thanks for keeping them clean (as possible)
SC County Parks are a treasure that provide residents with amazing opportunities to recreate, meditate and enjoy the out-of-doors away from all the screens. I especially love the Chanticleer pump track!
The diversity of wildlife habitats and the variety birds in those habitats. Wildlife is always most important to me.
The natural, unimproved areas with good trails
The environment
Room for kids to play and hone their skills in different sports.
Bicycle trails

I like that we have so many.
Open spaces for dog waking and hiking. Open spaces for wildlife and nature.
Location
low key open spaces, low fees for use.
Neighborhood local feel to each park. Variety of activities.
The picnic benches .
They are clean for the most part
Outdoor spaces which are (mostly) easily accessed. Santa Cruz County parks are smoke free!
Nature and open spaces
Function access and beauty
I Love Being Outdoors. Parks and Beaches are my favorites.
That we have so many.
Clean green spaces to enjoy natural sights and sounds away from City noises.
Feeling of being safe while outside enjoying nature. Ability to park in a lot or have designated spaces, so I don't have to park on the side of the road. Availability for a senior lady to walk outside and get beneficial exercise. I love the touches of art work chosen to enhance the natural scene.
My neighbors and I love exercising with our dogs at Pinto Lake County Park. It is a beautiful place. We have a small yard. Having access to the park allows me to provide great exercise for my dog.
it's a beautiful area, i like that the public gets to enjoy our enviornment
The fishing but it should be cleaner
the bitches
protection of natural grounds
they are pretty
good place for fun
The culture that is created by the vast variety of people
place to go. spend time outside
Good place to hang out with friends and chill
good skate parks, open areas.
I like the scenery
Freedom
They are free public space where I can spend time without wasting money, are quiet, are relaxing, and are comfortable spaces to relax when I can't get home immediately after school
the wide fields ton play soccer
The scenery
I mostly use State Parks but I like having the smaller, local parks as well. I use Simpkins the most so that is what I like most.
The outdoors
i dont like parks
Playgrounds
They're very natural
the beauty
They are well kept compared to other cities parks. Also, they all have basketball hoops. (Except Derby Park)
idk
There in nice areas . the only negative thing is not many people wanna go to these parks cuz theres to many damn homeless people doing innapparite stuff @ a kids park .

the kidz
Nice locations
the locations of the parks
I love that they provide a beautiful place in nature
I get to hang out there
none
there are a lot of trees around, its pretty
I like being in nature and playing basketball.
Swings
the animals
There are a lot of them, and they're easily accessible. It makes it easier to have a dog in a city.
they're far from my house
all of the parks listed were on the east side
proximity to my house
The basketball courts
their nice and well managed
The beaches
The views
that they are there
Birds
nothing
I like how the county parks are environmentally friendly, open to all, and have facilities (restrooms).
The Skateparks
signs about cleanliness and recycling
For the most part, they're near a body of water which makes the atmosphere at the park much more enjoyable
The art
How relatively abundant they are
The trees, and sport courts and the dog friendly
I don't. Increases property value, waste of money all around.
They provide a space to go when you want to enjoy nature
The beauty!
Artwork, skateparks
Trees
Trees and dogs.
nature&dogs
Beaches and other nice scenery
Their beauty!
Easy access, minimal crowds, low/no cost to access.
Access to our wild lands.
I want off leash hours on 20th street beach.
Trails
DOG FRIENDLY!!
Their beauty and connections to our historical past.
Peace and beauty
The fact that they exist

Accessible, varied
There are a lot of them, wherever you go, and mostly they are safe
They preserve nature and open space. We are losing both to urbanization.
It is the only place in Santa Cruz where there is still undisturbed habitat for birds and other wildlife.
Beaches
Nice variety
There are a lot of them, in a variety of settings and accessible to the neighborhood.
I mostly attend Highlands Park and hope that the natural habitat there can be maintained as well as the buildings that exists there.
highlands park
Beautiful
There are many parks to choose from
Access to beach with my dog! Ideally off leash
Play equipment for kids, walking paths and grass area
Lots of nature areas.
Being able to walk to them.
The parks are open, allow flexible use, are not heavily fenced and are part of our communities around the clock.
The variety of wonderful parks & beaches
Variety.
I like there are so many available.
Lots of options - from developed neighborhood parks and beaches, to wide open spaces and hidden locals only beaches. Ability to rent spaces for special events. Simpkins is a treasure, and the Pool Guards program has been fantastic.
The variety and beauty of the park system
Access
Their existence and their role in our lives. The opportunity for kids, families and individuals to connect with nature and be active in a positive, healthy way, and the beauty they create in our communities...also the opportunity for members of the community to cross each other's paths.
Place to go with my wife and dog that is relaxing.
Openness; welcoming atmosphere
the families I see there
I can walk and feel safe being by myself.
Easy access and cleanliness
They are all unique. They might all have play structures, but each park has its own flavor.
Natural settings
They are generally in good shape, uncrowded and beautiful.
They are close by, under a hour to drive to any of them. Most of them are not crowded.
How beautiful Santa Cruz County is...being in a park reminds me of the joys of living hee.
Simpkins Swim Center is one of the nicest aquatic centers I have every used, and I've used a lot. We also enjoy the short walk over the 21st Ave. beach with a cup of coffee and the Sunday papers.
that they exist
Their beauty.
That they exist and are accessible.
The beaches - their beauty and easy access
that they exist! They are such a gem in this county.

I have lived in Santa Cruz my whole life. I used to love all of the parks because of the safety, cleanliness and availability. Now the few parks that are in that category are great
Easy access and great views at a lot of them.
availability
youth arts & science classes
pickleball courts
Wonderful parks with good mix of playgrounds and ball fields
The variety and the natural resources
access to open space
Accessibilty
Experiencing natural resources.
They are free! I feel my taxes have provided space for me to enjoy I would otherwise not be able to afford
we have many
location, location, location
Usually very pretty views
Lots of playgrounds
great place for family bonding
Diversity of parks, playgrounds for kids
The more there are, the better. I like a place to just hang out, play frisbee with the kids and have a picnic, and a place for the dog to be. Mostly
Open space
Our relaxed Santa Cruz vibe and our beautiful mountain to beach scenery.
Availability; locations
Getting out in nature
variety of types of facilities available
Access to pickleball courts.
They're all over the place. No area is very far from a park. Bathrooms are well maintained. I feel pretty safe in a County park.
Locations
They are the only place I can play Pickleball.
I like the additional opportunity or outdoor recreation county parks provide to augment state parks.
their variety
they are in Santa Cruz County
Beauty and availability
They exist.
Access, safety, and cleanliness
natural environment, solitude
available and reachable, maintained well
Open available
Parks are well maintained, clean, and have fairly modern/new equipment & play structures
Lots of options and all the new bike tracks
That residents of unincorporated areas of the county also have access to parks and programs instead of always having to go to surrounding cities.
All the dog parks
Access to nature and maintenance of natural areas

Beauty, close to home, clean
convenient locations.
The pump tracks and bike trails.
How many there are
accessibility, beautiful and natural locations
Cycling
The existing ones are varied and some showcase nature in an optimal way.
Taking my dogs for walks
Bike parks
Natural settings, bike parks
They are a lot of them, they have a lot of open space
Trails for mountain biking please.
the natural feel
Quantity and size
Free access and a wide range of parks
Bike access to trails.
The natural beauty
I don't use them because I live closer to city parks and the only thing that would make it be worth the trip is more mountain biking.
Close, quiet (other than nature sounds), and a wide variety of terrain and activities.
The Redwoods, and the beaches.
The cleanliness
Beautiful scenery and disconnecting with developed areas
Open and safe, love the pump tracks for our kids.
open space
Their diversity and abundance
The variety
Proximity to one another
Mountain Biking
Keeping tracts of land open for outdoor enjoyment and free from privatization and large scale development.
There are lots of them!
The variety and range. But I would love to see more bike parks!
Lawn areas
Clean
They are mesmerizing if left alone to grow naturally wild and beautiful, I like the many dog parks wish there were more, and I think there should be more inclusive "events" for the poor as well as the wealthier family type citizens..food for bombs, etc..where kids can meet homeless folks and develop compassion and learn from each other..this city is beautiful but the people are snobby and lean at times..meet and greet for the whole community would give everyone a chance to heal old ideas that don't serve anyone..
Lovely outdoor spaces. Bike riding, enjoying nature.
The variety that we have available to us, both in terrain and general use, and the fantastic playground options.
create beautiful areas
The diverse range of activities. I like the increase in bike recreation opportunities. Polo Grounds and Chanticleer are great for intown cycling experiences. I look forward to the bike park at the Farm Park.

Well, until the drug-users and scary homeless transients took over the parks, we liked them a lot and used them regularly. As it stands now, we try, but I'm often too uneasy/frightened by the things that go on ther. Open drug dealing, threatening behaviors; a predatory presence exists now in parks that is only getting worse.
Beaches and redwoods.
Wild elements in North Coast Beach Accesses
The variety and availability to most areas of the county.
That they are accessible to a broad population, that there are many of them, they are generally well maintained.
Open space and availability/access to public spaces
The open areas, the nature.
They are pretty clean and have a good variety of things to do
Beautiful parks in natural settings. Accessible and capable administrative staff.
Free accessibility. And, I LOVE the new, hardwood play structures at Seascap Park!!
accessability,beauty
They are clean and well-cared for. In particular, Polo Grounds Park and Anna Jean Cummings Park.
Variety of playground equipemnt.
Close prximity from home, amenities for walking and hiking,community events, unique habitats to see (QH)
They are meeting places for the community
New pump tracks for adults and kids to enjoy. Wish there were more trails for parents and children to enjoy together. This is a fitness and healthy way to engage you child into the outdoors. I also would like more challenging downhill trails for athletes to practice and enjoy riding.
A place to get away...
well maintained trails
Appreciate the preservation of green space in urban area.
Their abundance, greenery, good play structures for the kids, walking trails and bike trails
they're mostly free!
There is a wide variety of types of parks. I enjoy passive use but there are soccer and baseball fields, dog parks, kids programs, skate board areas, seems like there is something for everyone somewhere.
Beach
They are open, lovely and have free parking
Free
Shared open space
access
They are very well maintained.
Most are clean and not too crowded. They are safe and fun and beautiful
Open space. Real grass. Wildlife. No drugs. No alcohol. Clean and well-maintained restrooms. No homeless/drug abusers hanging out. Keep our parks safe, clean, and well maintained.
Their beauty!
I like that there are classes open space and a pool!
The ease of entrance, w/out fees, to parks with natural features such as Quail Hollow, Moran Lake.
Good number of attractive parks available where children can play. Simpkins Swim Center is also a plus.
Most parks are in good condition and well maintained
Beach parks that provide parking and restroom facilities and safe access paths with well-enforced rules, esp. concerning illegal off-leash dog use.
That they exist, and are available to everyone. Parks and nature access are important, keep up the good work!
Free and open to all

Places to spend time in nature
Variety of parks and environments. They are well cared for.
Number of parks and accessibility
accessability
Beautiful outdoor multiuse spaces
That open space remain open and undeveloped. That means NO bicycles and NO disc Golf to disrupt the natural beauty and harm wildlife.
Accessibility
The variety of types of parks--from the environmental/historic parks such as Quail Hollow to the playground parks such as Covered Bridge Park.
The play structures and open natural settings. I also like the community gardens.
The nature and the community gardens
The natural environments. Places relatively close to my home to enjoy a hike or a picnic that aren't over crowded that let my kid relax and explore nature.
Pinto Lake Park has easy trails,lots of open space, good facilities for several sports.
Safe, open spaces in which to hike.
The variety, number and the reasonable locating around the county.
Nature
I love that Quail Hollow has a naturalist on site. I love the history evident in many county parks.
We have enough parks in Santa Cruz County. In fact we could use fewer parks and reduce park expenditures.
We are a fortunate community to have so many parks in our neighborhoods.
Parks that are dog friendly Parks that are open access Parks without specific themes, structured activities
The sense of being out in nature & that the Parks aren't over-run. Experiencing the peace, silence & watching nature.
Variety of environments,
Free outdoor space.
Easy and safe walking and place for kids to play
I like the variety of events my northern neighbor parks offer. They make the most out of their natural environment, heritage, and resources.
Natural settings, wildlife, accessibility, quiet place for contemplation of nature.
There are so many of them!
I like the diversity of parks. Each is suited to its neighborhood or regional area. Each offers unique attributes. All provide for passive recreation. All are easily accessible.
Accessibility and number of parks
protecting free open spaces
Nature, wildlife and hiking trails and cleanliness.
Placed in beautiful areas.
Opportunity to walk and enjoy nature.
Beautiful locations
How beautiful they used to be before drugs and trash became more important than kids and family safety
Diversity, sports,
Beautiful and no humans around
They are varied, offering both sports fields for active use and natural open space for passive use. Also appreciate all the coastal access that has been created over the years.
Native plants

Mostly well maintained.
Natural beauty
Local access
Play structures
Natural settings, wildlife, quiet open space.
Beautiful nature we have.
We have beautiful lands. They are diverse. You allow dogs! Huge bonus. There isn't much law enforcement, that is nice. There are bathrooms, that is nice.
Beauty, beach access.

Q16 Are there park facilities, amenities or programs you would like to see added to the county parks system? What and where?

Answered: 402 Skipped: 400

Q16 Reponses
More naturalist programs would be great - especially as schools are feeling increasingly unable to provide that kind of curriculum.
More cycling trails
more parks in the mountains...ie, the summit area
more nature programs; esp. at Highlands park. This would be a great place for a elementary to middle school day camp and/ or school lessons.
Need a dog park in Santa Cruz Gardens. Need a legal Off-Leash Dog Beach/Corcoran Lagoon County Beach
Yes. I would like to see many more parks like Quail Hollow Ranch, allowing dogs on leash. We don't have enough county spaces to bring our best friends. It would also be great to have more horseback riding trails.
Cleaner and safer
Bathrooms at Oceanview Park. Homeless presence at SanLorenzo Park. Hypodermic needle problem.,
More on and off-leash areas for responsible dog owners to exercise our dogs and enjoy our parks with other like-minded people.
Bicycle trails up Branciforte creek, Porter Gulch, Arana gulch, San Lorenzo river....
Increase soccer camps for youngsters...
Off leash allowed at twin lakes beach, sunny cove, and pleasure point esplanade, low tide beaches
More off leash dog areas
increased opportunities for off leash dog walking not in a small enclosed dog park but on a beach
Increased patrols to decrease crime, needles, meth heads, drug dealing. I feel this is the number one reason parks are avoided. San Lorenzo is a beautiful park, but I would never go there alone (even with my dog - which is not allowed at San Lorenzo park □
More dog friendly spaces
MORE OFF LEASH DOG PARK LOCATIONS
Bathrooms with flush toilets at Quail Hollow and Scott Creek beach.
I would like to see a dog friendly beach on the east side of the county that is off leash.
I would like to see more dog friendly spaces, specifically off leash spaces at the beach. Dogs need to frolic in the ocean.
More off-leash and dog-friendly areas.
I don't wish to see anything more managed by SC government agencies. I really feel they are mismanaged. The County spends \$170k giving needles out to heroin addicts, but law abiding citizens who want to let their dogs run are the focus. What's wrong with this picture?!?!
The most important thing for me would be off leash times for my dog to run. I do not need more enclosed dog parks. My dog needs space to really run and maybe take a swim in the ocean
As a resident and home owner, (and someone who pays a ridiculous amount of property tax in Santa Cruz), I would very much appreciate more off-leash options at my favorite beach, 20th-26th and/or Corcoran Lagoon as it's being referred to now. If we had off-leash hours and implemented a program similar to the Voice and Sight program in Boulder, CO: https://bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/voice-it would make me, and so many others responsible pet owners in Santa Cruz so happy.
Given the high percentage of families in SC county who have 1 or more dogs, we urgently need more places where we can walk and play with our dogs, both on and off leash. Those of us who have medium and large-sized active dogs need places where we can run with our dogs, not just tiny dog parks.
Off leash dog hiking trails and beach access
I would like to see more space where I can bring my dog, especially off-leash
more off leash dog areas, especially a beach!

We really need an off leash dog beach on 20th Ave. with access in the mornings and evenings. It is a Long Beach and there is plenty of room for dogs to run and play.
More access for dogs, off and on leash
More dog friendly places
More dog friendly access
We NEED large hikable off-leash dog friendly parks, like Garland Park in Carmel. Or we need off leash hours in multiple diverse natural settings. Either way folks will know what to expect and can use these parks to exercise their dogs and themselves, or they can avoid these parks during dog hours and therefore relax without worrying about being near dogs.
No
Off leash hours for dogs to run and play! Especially loma Linda/corcoran beach where they have been "unofficially" off leash my entire life with very few problems.
We need MORE areas to walk dogs on-leash and off-leash in OPEN SPACES. We do NOT need another fenced-in dog enclosure. I like to walk with my dogs and play with them on the beach.
On and off leash dog parks are my primary concern.
More off leash dog areas - especially beach areas
Off leash dog beach. Off leash hiking areas.
more dog friendly spaces besides fenced dog parks.
More dog friendly beaches. Bring back 20th ave dog beach
remove homeless
More off-leash dog areas, especially designated areas and times at the beach! Small dogs can exercise inside homes and in small yards. Big dogs need big room to run! My biggest problem with dog parks now are the wood chips as ground material. Disgusting, dusty, dirty and they are sharp--perforate feet, lips, etc.
Places to walk with your dog. On and off leash. Dog parks are great but enjoy walking with my dogs
I would like to be able to walk my dog off leash somewhere, anywhere, it would be great.
More youth programs
More parks with safe moderate hiking opportunities
camping - at Quail Hollow Park and/or Miller Property
mountain biking paths and trails
No.
more dog friendly areas
The little park in Felton (Forest Lakes area) could use some improvements, I go there with my grandchildren
Additional signage indicating what is allowed and what is not along with increased enforcement of the rules would be wonderful.
Docent funded nature programs for families
Houseless population have a need for open space where they may seek shelter and support in locating affordable rentals or those aspiring 1st time home owners * they too need over sight support. What and where?
Par course for outdoor fitness
more off leash opportunities with well behaved dogs (and owners who pick up after them)
There are not enough large playing fields in our county parks. Highlands is highly underused and the parking is insufficient. Steps would be a simple but much needed addition at 21st Ave Beach.
It's time to start planning how Chanticleer park will be run and filled with activities once it is built. CPNA is not aware of such a process existing yet.
Need adequate restrooms, adequately cleaned, at all parks.
Really anxious to see The Farm Park project started and completed

More pickleball courts, places to walk.
Habitat Restoration and removal of invasive non-native plant species. Birding and natural history activities.
crime, drug and homeless programs to take back our parks from these parasites
more OFF LEASH dog areas - not fenced in. On the east side, but everywhere.
Parking. Infrastructure. I'm more a fan of identifying the needs of the people and working with them to find a solution, rather than just making a rule and punishing the people for having little choice but to break that rule.
more off leash dog areas, like moran and 26th beach--
More OFF LEASH opportunities for dogs. Especially on the East Side.
More tennis, possibly open gym
Where possible I would like to see opportunities to mountain bike opened. For example, there could be limited use of Quail Hollow Ranch trails.
More weekly pre school or homeschool nature or outdoors programs. Not summer camps but ones that are throughout the year
Bike Parks, pump tracks, dirt jumps
Stairs to the shore need to be completed at additional points at Pleasure Point - at Rockview and between the Hook and 38th. Existing stairs are dangerous but used all the time by people.
More tennis courts on brommer st park. It SHOULD NOT be combined with a basketball court. The court is ruined because of basketballers playing hard on the tennis court.
Incorporate the Rail Trail into the park system, either local, regional or state.
more nature programs for both kids and adults would be very nice
More walking/ biking trails
Separate dog of Leah areas and get the pooh and pee pout of where our children play! And keep them safer! My kids growing up on 20 th ave beach are now afraid of dogs due to incidences and wild running dogs, Even in their playfulness. Make dog parks and keep them of the beach
The park on 38th Ave. is desperately needs to be updated. I went to a meeting years ago when it was scheduled to be done but it never happened due to redevelopment funds being taken away. It should be first on the list!
More skate parks.
more bike access for trails
Places to let my small dog off leash so she can run - the fenced dog parks with bark on the ground are awful (except Ozzi's). Location: within 2 miles of Soquel. I also like the Adventure Walking Group but can't attend on Thursday mornings. Tues-Wed would be great.
Bike and hike access
I'd like to see more programs for seniors. Partnerships with local community-based organizations could help facilitate the creation and promotion of these programs.
For Simpkins pool to have the ability to host swim meets by local teams - at this point it is cost prohibitive for teams to rent and run a meet.
More trail systems for biking
I would love to see a bike path from Aptos to downtown. A bit scary to ride that way currently with all the traffic and minimal bike paths. Enforcement of leash law. I am not sure where the environmentally conscious went in Santa Cruz. We have too many domestic dogs and cats that endanger our wildlife.
restrooms that are left open.
We live close to Gayle's bakery in Capitola. There is no walkable playground here. There is the Capitola library park, which we love! But I do not feel safe walking across the bridge & greenbelt area without my husband or another adult.
More dog and mountain bike friendly trails

More birding, stargazing, natural appreciation, including coastal.
Polo Grounds needs a children's play area. Hiking trails need to be well maintained. Hidden Park needs a permanent bathroom facility.
Safe off-street biking in the parks and connecting the parks.
Improved playground at Hidden Beach. A playground at the Polo Grounds. Bathrooms at existing parks with playgrounds.
When planning was happening for the Polo Grounds, it was stated that a playground could be put in after a plumbed restroom was in place. Where are we with this?
Additional legal single track for mountain biking
More interpretive signage
More bike trails
introduction of more bike friendly trails
Please add horse riding trails
Dog parks are pretty sad. Check out Bend Oregon parks and recreation they have 7 plus dog parks, one fenced 14 acres that had a great series of trails, no disgusting bark. Art at all traffic circles and in parks. Too small too few dog parks here...
Bigger dog parks where dogs can roam trails and open land free - not the tiny pens we have now.
More bicycle amenities. This includes: access to the Miller property for mtn bikes, activation of the Bert Scott property with a bike park, opportunities for mtn bike specific trails, creation of a county-wide trails plan and creation of key trails connections.
More places for mountain bikers to ride and more connections between riding areas.
Pocket parks near Corralitos creek, Pajaro River & Salsipuedes Creek.
Bathrooms and trash cans at beaches
I would like to see more trail maintenance and more bicycle legal trails
Always appreciate open and clean restrooms!
I would like to see a bike park or section of a park to be similar to the post office jumps. It was a great place for all skill levels and ages to have fun. It also helped progress riding skills and, in my opinion, created a lasting interest in the park. Some parks you can get bored of quickly for lack of progression options.
A bike park to replace the Post Office Jumps and Aptos Pumptrack which would provide for the needs of all skill levels of riders from tots to elite pros. Activation of the Bert Scott Property with a bike park Activation of the Miller Property in the San Lorenzo Valley for mountain bike use
N/A
More well designed, well maintained bicycle pump tracks. More police patrols at parks and parking lots.
Yes! The many new bike pumptracks are a great addition to the parks we have. That being said they are by no means a replacement for the Aptos Post Office Jump park. The city needs to find a solution as Aptos is noticeably changed and lacking what was once a staple in the local economy. From local kids to World re known athletes the jumps provided great recognition for the city of Santa Cruz. But as the years pass and we still don't have a location to replace the jumps, Santa Cruz's reputation for world class cycling is actually dropping.
More mountain bike trails in Pogonip. One trail up and one trail down at the minimum to avoid conflict.
Open up currently closed or unknown lands. Even limited use like Land Trust of SC does (Star Creek, sandhills) would be nice.
I would love to see a county-wide trail plan that accommodates and connects on-pavement and off-pavement mountain bike uses and provides more bicycling opportunities for both transportation and recreation. I would love to see mountain bike trails on the Miller Property and a bike park on the Bert Scott Property.
More trails for bicycling (safely) and hiking

More kiosks and programs to instruct people about habitat/wildlife and respecting how precious it is.
Snack bar at simpkins
Ramsey Park and the pumptrack
Community Center in Bonny Doon
Mountain bike trails
We desperately need a replacement for the Aptos Post Office Jumps. The current pumptracks aren't adequate enough and are a poor excuse for a replacement.
More access for mountain biking/multi-use trails
A bike park to replace the Post Office Jumps and Aptos Pumptrack which would provide for the needs of all skill levels of riders from tots to elite pros.
More legal mountain biking.
I would like to see more trails connecting parks together. More access to ponds/creeks. I would love to see a trail from brimmed park to the library (Corkrean Lagoon).
Bandstand like Cape Cod on summer nights. Big band music No alcohol Dancing for families.
Bike Park with many features for riders of all abilities. Something that includes Post Office style jumps, but many other features. The Bert Scott Property might be a good place. Mountain Bike trails on the Miller property. Connectivity of trails - both county parks and other land managed parks.
Better activity centered like bocci ball , chess tables ect
See 19, below.
More walking/ hiking areas
The only county park close to me is Pinto Lake County Park. A bathroom or portable rest room at the top of disc golf course would be great.
More opportunities for boating. Boat access. Boat ramps. Allowing canoeing, kayaking or rafting in lakes, reservoirs, and rivers.
I keep hoping that The Farm Park will get its bridge. I don't especially need the building, but nature pathways, native plants, etc. and a way to connect the two halves of the park are needed.
I would like to see larger dog off-leash areas available for responsible pet owners and their dogs. I would also like better maintenance of the existing dog park at Pinto Lake. It is full of weeds growing through the wood chips. I would prefer that the wood chip surface was replaced with decomposed granite to maintain cleanliness and avoid injuries to dog feet. There are also some derelict buildings at Pinto Lake County Park that should be demolished (or rehabilitated). The restroom on the lower path near the lake has been out of commission for a long time; it would be nice to fix it. I hope that the new sign for Pinto Lake County Park will be installed soon (old one was removed a few months ago).
no, possibly a small bathroom at more beaches
yes clean the ponds. antonellis and westlake
more fairs or protests
more nature/hikin
More places to hoop with the boys #getbuckets
NA
Not really anything
more skateparks renewal of fredrick street skatepark
More water fountains
better waterfountains
soccer cages
no

More flowers.
no
bathrooms
not really
no
I would like to see a basketball court at Derby park somewhere around the swings and skate park.
no
nice large grass fields for people to have a picnic would be best and if anything some basketball courts.
showers
yes at beaches
I can't think of any
more drinking fountains, everywhere
none
more murals and statues
More basketball courts anywhere you can put them and soon.
none
More places for dogs
N\A
water fountains
More basketball courts
Would like to see more adult classes at Simpsons during the summer months when the youth programs are going. It can be difficult to lap swim then, and more options for ways to exercise in a group would be useful.
I think there should be more parks for bicyclists
More trash cans/recycling bins in park facilities
none
Basketball Courts and better water fountains
no
Restrooms are important, but that's it. I would like to avoid development as much as possible, but restrooms are essential.
more skateparks
more water stations (not fountains) for reusable waterbottles
Add bathrooms along Westcliff so that our bladders don't explode when we are walking on Westcliff
Adult programs
more trees
N/A
No
More playgrounds
Not sure?
More disc golf
Trees
Adult-sized play ground?
dogs!
no
I would love more on-leash dog trails and more on-leash enforcement.
Amenities at Polo Grounds Sports Complex, possibly in Watsonville

Off leash hours on 20th St beach.
Longer warm water pool hours at Simpkins Swim Center! More winter availability.
Decent bathrooms at Felton Covered Bridge and a stage for bands.
More separation of riders and walkers
Permanent dedicated pickleball courts
Dogs on the beach
not really
I would like to add more open space to the county parks system by purchasing undeveloped private property.
A trail/bridge built from the dead end of Palisades Ave to cross the creek and access upper trail above lake Moran Park. To accommodate local residents having more direct access to public trail leading to beach and Monarch habitat.
Bird walks, descriptions of sensitive areas / habitat, park clean ups, bird and owl boxes.
Pickleball courts Trash collection increases Improve bathroom maintenance
More open spaces and beaches
I'd like to ride horses at Aptos Polo Grounds (polo is for horses). There is nice big flat spot for arena and a trail around it.
Dog park in the slv
More mountain biking trails
Improve bathroom facilities at Felton Covered Bridge Park
Santa Cruz does not have a permanent pickleball facility. santa cruz is falling way behind in providing a facility for the fastest growing sport in america!
I would like to see more bicycle and mountain bike focused facilities, like pump tracks and skills courses
The park on 38th Ave in Live Oak is old, dirty and out dated.
More off leash dog parks
Free after school enrichment, together in the park for 0-5 Jose Ave
Playgrounds for children and safe ways for kids to get there from their local neighborhood.
Floral park needs a complete redesign. There are so many children and families in Pleasure Point and this park is not well designed and doesn't feel safe. The park needs a sidewalk and better entry. This park could be so successful and well used with the right design.
More bicycle landing points; lockers, restrooms, covered bicycle parking
Cleaning up the hypodermic needles found in our parks. I found one this year on a 3rd grade field trip at Neary lagoon. It's very scary how prevalent these are found!
Keeping out the riff raff i.e.; needle using druggies...Everywhere!
Security cameras near the bridges so I can feel safer walking. Something that would make me feel safer.
Add Davenport Beach. North Coast needs help keeping their beaches nice too. More after school and summer programs for kids - especially in mid-county. (Live Oak doesn't get camps) Beach facility for rent like Aptos Park building - priority for people who live here. More camping areas - locals like to camp in our great county too.
Reopen the Ben Lomond park ASAP. Please add a dog park to Highlands Park. It is needed as evidenced by the fact that the animal control officer spends so much time there.
Dogs off leash areas

I'd like to see water available at the showers at the Hook again. I'd like to see better bathrooms at Highlands and Felton Covered Bridge. And keep programs going at Quail Hollow - their programming has been terrific. Maybe more opportunities for community-organized cleanup events at our parks - with the parks staff working with local volunteer organizations to eradicate invasive species, help address trash issues, and keep an active presence in the parks. The more people use the parks, the safer and cleaners they will be - IF people who are there are actively cleaning up and the parks staff and community work together to keep the parks looking good and occupied with people engaging in positive activities.
Northern Santa Cruz county has a lot more parks than southern county. More resources and energy should be placed there.
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more events that draw families to parks
Senior oriented programs. I want to see more seniors in the streets and parks.
Trash pick up at miller property
More restrooms would be nice. Better enforcement of existing laws about proper use.
Sunday afternoon tea/coffee in Quail Hollow Park. A family outing without stress of what to bring or pack, just a light tea fare to eat and a coffee or tea to sip. Lazy Sunday afternoon style.
I would like the option of an adult fitness swimming program at Harvey West, which is convenient to my work.
No, most important thing is to make existing parks safe and clean.
Permanent Pickleball courts at Brommer, sargent derby, and willowbrook.
Bathroom facilities where there are none. Water bottle filling stations.
I would like to see a moratorium on Skate parks. Currently we have more skate parks in the county than any other designated use. I would like to see more attention to conservancy and plans to increase our green space. There are very few places left in the county where you can play soccer,baseball/softball.
native or drought tolerant demo landscape/gardens
no
I'd like to see structural improvements to the park on Lighthouse Drive (Ohlone / Harkins Slough) in Watsonville. I'm not sure if this is a city / county park, but it's used daily, and the umbrella awnings have been destroyed by the sun, weather, humans.
permanent pickleball courts at sargent derby and brommer
More off leash dog areas that aren't just dog parks--the ability to run/walk with your dog off leash is important. In general, south county really needs more parks and open space!
Another disc golf course - maybe at the miller property
bathroom facilities at larger beach accesses
More off leash dog areas in more parks.
Additional facilities for San Lorenzo Valley and mountain residents.
I would love to see a pickleball facility where it is not too crowed to play. I would like to see a tennis court facility where we could play a match between teams. we need 5 courts in one location.
Increase Pickleball at brommer and Willowbrook parks
cleaner
Would love to be able to rent the smaller dog park ring at Polo Grounds for a monthly dog group. Would like to be able to donate to support county's parks' provision of dog waste bags which is a hugely important service
The lack of off leash dog areas is very disappointing, given the number of dogs in Santa Cruz county. Also, the Westside neighborhood is very underserved by the county park system.
"Dog FREE beach" We have to many dogs on the beaches. Some people do not enjoy dogs off leash on the beach.

Permanent pickleball courts
Disc golf courses, like Delavega.
Walking trails
I'd say try to integrate the art into structures that can be interacted with, played on, or used in some way.
Improvement in my local park; access to river; reestablishing dam
better pickleball courts
dedicated pickleball courts
Fenced dog parks.
Dog walking on leash needs to be allowed at Quail Hollow!
Maintenance, improvement, and creating new dog parks is definitely important to us, and many!
Dedicated pickleball courts in both east-and westside parks.
More pickleball courts.
Dedicated Pickleball courts would be fantastic. They would get used a lot. Which is more than I can say for many of the amenities (other than the bathrooms and play areas) at Brommer or Willowbrook.
Permanent Pickleball courts at one court location.
Permanent Pickleball facilities at least at one or two parks.
I would like to see: -Increased connectivity between Santa Cruz County trails -Creation of a county wide trail plan -Acquisition of easements or new properties to create key trail connections -Creation of mountain bike specific trail opportunities -A bike park to replace the Post Office Jumps and Aptos Pumptrack which would provide for the needs of all skill levels of riders from tots to elite pros. -Funding for bike facilities construction and maintenance -Activation of the Miller Property in the San Lorenzo Valley for mountain bike use -Mountain bike specific trails -Activation of the Bert Scott Property with a bike park
More disk golf and mountain biking.
more natural areas, places where bicycles and skateboards and drones and other artificial things are not allowed
more access for mountain bikes and a park like Duthie Hill in Issaquah washington
Continued integration of bicycle (road and mountain) trails into the parks and continued opportunities for community members to volunteer to build/rebuild trails
I would like to see disc golf and mountain biking with no horses at the Miller Property and separate trail for hikers.
YES! Please, PLEASE add more off-leash dog parks and areas in the SLV area!! Right now it's a 20-minute drive past 3 other parks just so my dog can run around.
off leash dog park
ex: weekend space for acoustic small local groups to rehearse in.
mountain biking support, new trails,
More community gardens
Much more mountain bike routes. Mtb riders will be the future protectors of wildlife and nature.
I would like to see more mountain bike and bicycle access/trails added to the parks system
More bike riding features
Open and maintain large regional parks with bicycle and hiking trails.
It would be great to see more mountain bike specific trails and possibly a pump track in the San Lorenzo Valley. The Miller property could be a great place for mountain bike trails. It would also be nice to see more pedestrian friendly access to Highlands Park in Ben Lomond.
More mountain bike trails and links from MTB properties to MTB properties.
More pump tracks. Creation of a bike park.

Tweaks on polo grounds dog park (I have been to 77 dog parks and am good at helping make good changes with the least resources). Example the shared entry area for both big and small dogs should be separate yet next to each other. I can explain if you email me. (The current sections were after thoughts)
Mountain biking interconnections, access and trails
More mountain bike trails and bike parks. More disc golf courses.
Mountain Bike-specific trails
More bike trails. Wherever there is space
More mountain bike trails, signage and access
more mountain biking trails, including directional trails and mountain biking-only trails
More trails everywhere
More singletrack trail systems for mountain biking like the Miller Property and replacing the aptos Post Office Jumps with a major bike park.
Replace the Aptos bike jumps park
Trails and bike parks with features
We need more MTN Biking
More patrols for drug abusers
I would like to see a new bike park to replace the Post Office Jumps and Aptos Pumptrack which would provide for the needs of riders of all ages and skill levels.
no
More trails for mountain bikes
I would like more legal places to walk my dog. I would like clean, permanent bathroom facilities at Covered Bridge and Highlands parks.
Better public bathroom in Sea bright beach!
More mountain bike trails!
As much mountain biking as possible.
I support the addition of Mountain bike specific trails on the Miller property and the Bert Scott property as well as a replacement bike park in Aptos to replace the Post office jumps and the Aptos pump track
I am a mountain biker and would love to see/use more trails for bike use.
Mountain bike activities, pump tracks, jumps, trails etc.
More bike parks
Bmx dirt jumping trails, ending discrimination of bikes in skateparks, replacement of woods ramps with an equal cement park for bike riders at Depot park
Better bathrooms
Showers at beaches
More restrooms and emergency phone access in case cell reception are spotty, well stocked first aid stations.
More mountain biking opportunities, and mountain biking specific trail systems!
More Mountain Bike trails
We need better access to and from parks using bicycles, and better protected and covered bike parking at parks. Non-car based connections between parks would be very valuable.
I would like to see improvement to the bicycle trail network through the county. My bicycle is my main source of transportation and recreation, and increased connectivity throughout the county would only increase my enjoyment of what the county parks have to offer.
More legal mountain biking trails and other recreational cycling opportunities

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Mt biking
More bike trails
More dog (leash free too!) parks, hiking tours, bike and SUP tours for beginners sliding scale..more free music events..fund raisers
More restrooms
We'd like to see the Moran Lake Park area near Quartz and Lode streets made into a neighborhood park!
restrooms conveniently located
I would like to see more mountain bike recreation. Specifically a bike park to replace the now defunct Aptos post office jumps and pumptrack. The Miller property would be a great resource for the underserved San Lorenzo Valley if it were activated for mountain bike use. The SLV is a difficult place for kids to grow up. Lets give them a venue for wholesome recreation!
Dog-friendly of-leash areas
Non private horse riding classes and events at Graham Hill Showgrounds, a safe, drug use free Felton Covered Bridge Park, low cost baseball camps/clinics at Michael Gray Memorial Field.
We desperately need enforcement of park rules and well planned regularly maintained restrooms and interpretive signage at N Coast Beach Access points. Visitor experience and natural resources have been severely compromised in the past 5 years. Social marketing and promotion by entities has ramped up use levels that exceed capabilities of existing law enforcement, infrastructure, and management.
Camping needs to be restored at the Miller Property. Huge opportunity here. All County parks need pay phones for safety, restrooms and garbage facilities.
bike jumps for kids of all ages. community gardens in all urban parks and add more of these as a requirement for development (Quimby Act money). Incorporating historic preservation and interpretation in existing and new parks (Redman-Hirahara House).
fence the parks for child/pet safety then have more 'wild' areas inside
A recreation center. See chandler , AZ 'Tumbleweed Recreation Center'. Top notch!!!
Increase safety for park users.
Take the initiative to exceed 'old' ADA regulations with ALL parks outfitted with all inclusive play equipment. Also, a skate dot for younger kids in Seacliff Village Park. And, why not bring back the pile of dirt to play on at Seascape and other parks?
more dog friendly trails
Short duration youth programs (a week or less, or drop-in classes) available all year long
Natural resource management - weed control in wildlands, management of special status species habitat, historical and natural history interpretation
Yes. Check out colorado in boulder. They have a bike park that offers everything for cyclist. There are also options for events and hiking there. Pogonip and delavega would be great options
I would like to see Co Parks take over the management of Davenport Beach and keep the DVP Landing facilities and beach clean.
Restrooms
More activities in the evenings and weekends at all locations.

the rail trail
more bike trails please. especially mountain bike only trails. more bike parks, jumps and pump tracks.
I am not a fan of mountain bike trails where I hike. There has been a lot of trail damage done by bicycles this winter and will require money and effort to restore trails where erosion will continue. Perhaps the county could add bike trails in an area where the use will be monitored and educate the ya-who's about the damage they create.
I'd like to see a large regional park with outdoor pickleball (PB) courts and an indoor gym large enough to accommodate PB and basketball events
South Eastern County is lacking a county Park.
Davenport Beach
Dog off leash trails
cleanliness; park benches; shade; maintain fields
Add Lompico park to county system.
More biking. More off leash and on leash dog areas
Boulder creek and the San Lorenzo Valley middle school kids need more after school programming, please.
Upgrade the accessibility for persons with disabilities, esp to parks with walking trails. EG, Quail Hollow needs at minimum a handrail on the steps leading to the ranch house.
The county neglects its beaches. The access areas for Sunny Cove and Corcoran Lagoon are ugly and often disgusting- portable toilets, toilet paper strewn around, garage cans with lids open and bags of dog poop visible or thrown at the base, signs have graffiti or are old and faded. I think the county's beach property should be as seriously designed and maintained as the inland parks.
I would like to see the undeveloped open space at Anna Jean Cummings Park officially designated as county open space, and the ad hoc trails improved for safety. The straight-up-the-hill trail on "heart attack hill" originated as a slide-down-the-hill-on-cardboard trail by high schoolers, but it is widening and eroding every year, creating an unsafe eyesore. The farmer's truck-trail around the back meadow is narrow, uneven and overgrown with Scotch Broom, a non-native invasive plant. Homeless camps spring up every year, some hacked into the hillside, with tons of trash and debris. The County does not inspect or maintain the area, and only responds when residents become alarmed. The Sheriff will place a 72-hour leave-notice on the camps, but whether the occupants leave or not, there is usually a very large amount of trash and drug paraphernalia left behind. Residents should not have to clean this up.
Primarily I would like to see the parks dept partner with Animal Services to ensure that incompatible uses such as dogs off leash are not allowed. Preservation of public safety and natural habitat at the beach parks is not possible while Animal Services does not provide effective leash law enforcement. My unwillingness to expose myself or my family to possible injury or death due to illegal behavior of dog owners seriously limits my access to the beach parks.
Restroom access at all coastal access points, please.
Keep the campers out.
More interpretive
More trash and recycle cans in the more heavily trafficked parks. Possibly more non-permanent food carts or trucks.
more nature programs for kids
wheelchair accessibility

Cleaner better working bathrooms very important with small kids. I am also very concerned about people allowing dogs off leash in areas where signs report dogs must be leashed. My kids have been charged by dogs while playing at both hidden beach and seascape playground. My daughter was also bit by a dog as a baby at seascape. I would love to see fences around play structures. Not everyone likes dogs in Santa Cruz! Also seascape park needs a shade structure/gazebo etc for parents.
Homeless/Trash clean up on a regular basis.
Bathrooms and drinking fountains that are clean
Not really--maybe plant more trees to replace those that were cut down at Highlands Park playground area.
Bathrooms at Covered Bridge Park. More signs telling dog owners to pick up after their dogs as well as more bag dispensers. A regular park cleanup program that would get the community involved may help motivate people to keep the parks clean.
A bathroom at 38th park and a general improvement of that park (in Pleasure Point), clean-up of litter and dog feces
Restrooms at coastal access parks, benches at view points, access to beach for disabled/seniors.
More publicity about what is available and where in county parks. I tend to stick to state parks like Cowell, but appreciate Quail Hollow & the dog park in Scotts Valley too.
better playgrounds
Access to archery classes up in the SLV area. A place to practice archery? I'm very excited about Boulder Creek's new acquisition. I'm hoping that we can have swim teams and lessons there.
NO
Better walking/biking paths between parks.
More dog friendly parks
Neighborhood Parks should have programs that are relevant to the neighborhood residents
More bathrooms in all parks, more showers at beach access parks
Anything that would help with needle safety, second is safer ways to get to parks and more sidewalks.
Put a park at Brommer and 7th Ave with safe restrooms.
Seasonal special events, for October and December
Interpretive and educational signage at lagoons and beaches, for visitors to understand the natural environment and ecology of these sensitive habitats.
More space for swimming and soccer
Educational signage at the beach access entrances. Signage should address shorebirds, native beach flora, reason for prohibition of artificial lagoon breaching, etc.
I would love to see more public restrooms, water fountains and general public gatheric areas at beaches. Like in Europe, where there are cafe's on the beaches, lounge chairs and umbrellas that can be rented on beaches, and just cleaner beaches.
play ground at Chanticleer.
Large regional park in Watsonville for soccer and families. Would encourage more County residents to explore what Watsonville area has to offer.
More clean up programs for open space. More emphasis on wildlife preservation.
Yes! Closer handicapped parking! More of it for popular parks. More accessibility, like at quail hollow and the farm by the beach, having more paved trails.
Ranger program for safety More hiking and biking trails
Anything that would discourage druggies and violent types from their continued invasion
How about a homeless park. Where they can safely hang out. Shower and camp. Needle dispo sa l. Skate pump track

Classrooms/spaces for teachers to conduct yoga, karate, fitness classes - SLV, east, and west side
You need to hire security on Kings Creek thru Miller Property Park. Davey trees and others are stealing redwood burl and redwood trees
Working with other agencies (cities and Calif. parks & Rec.) to create a bikeway system that connects many parks regardless of who they are managed by.
Invasive plant control. Ecological education programs.
More garbage can/bins at Twin Lakes Beach.
I think the Parks Department should consider joining the effort to build a commuting path on the rail corridor. Monterey's path was a Park's Dept. effort. If we railbank, we have the opportunity to create a linear park that will serve as a connector to many of our parks and beaches.
Provide a plan of eucalyptus care, planning for pruning and removal with other tree varieties replacing them in Moran Estuary. Now it is dangerous, polluted with trees falling on homes.
Add permanent restrooms to all neighborhood parks that include regularly cleaned sinks and toilets. For example, at Richard Vessey Park.
Music and outdoor summer theater
No
I'm a new parent so would love to see interesting and educational programs for young kids.
Take care of what you have first before you expand. You have failing infrastructure. Terrible draining, poor facilities, not enough trash receptacles. There are invasive species, run down buildings etc. etc. how could you think of expanding? Cart before the horse.
Not very aware of existing facilities, but would like more interpretive programs in parks.

Q17 What do you think would most improve the Santa Cruz county parks system?

Answered: 430 Skipped: 372

Q17 Responses

Restoring Quail Hollow by building two wetlands in there in the field...this used to be wetland but was destroyed and degraded by the past owners and turned into farmland. In 2015 a group of biologists met at Quail Hollow and designed wetlands that could be created cost effectively to look natural, be permanent, provide wildlife habitat, improve aesthetics and involve many enthusiastic volunteers. Please contact Chris Berry in the SC Water Department to discuss, or email me at kerry@savethefrogs.com This is a simple way to improve SC for wildlife and for humans at little cost to the park system.

More enforcement of regs and more attention to natural resource management would be good. For example, the people who sneak into Quail Hollow off the road are trampling federally listed spineflower. The wetlands at Quail Hollow should be restored. Invasive weeds at parks with high biotic value should be prioritized for more active management. Erosion management should be a higher priority.

Not sure

maintenance has to improve

We need large regional parks! Someplace you can ride a mountain bike, take a picnic and bring your dog with you!! like East Bay Regional Park District. Large parks that go from ridge to ridge or one place to another. More connections from river to ocean to hills.

Need a legal Off-Leash Dog Beach/Corcoran Lagoon County Beach. Maintain wood chips at other dog parks.

Allowing more access for dogs on leash and horses.

Cleaner and safer

More off-leash areas for dogs and their humans!

More dog friendliness

More off leash dog hiking and beach access

At least one Off leash dog beach please!

more park rangers for safety...

Less leash laws , less strict enforcement of existing leash laws for dogs

More dog friendly areas

Number one - increased patrols and lighting to discourage crime and vagrant element!!! Number two - allow dogs on leash! Dog walkers create a presence that discourages the crime element. Dog owners WALK THEIR DOGS - which means the GO TO THE PARKS. Stop vilifying dog owners and start allying with them for the betterment of the parks.

Safety watch - get the homeless and drug addicts out of the parks.

Improve natural habitat, especially riparian areas, within County Parks. Address old erosion issues.

More staffing to keep parks clean and safe

Increased patrols and clean ups to eliminate the creepy/dangerous criminal/drug addict element.

Enforcement to off-leash dogs

More off- leash dog-friendly areas.

<p>Get rid of the permanent employee tenure status and get new people in there. I used to be a docent at Natural bridges and found it to be the most uninspiring place to donate my time. It's ran by a bunch of people who don't seem to care much about raising Monarchs. Many of the butterflies were diseased and they didn't seem to want to figure out why. There's a scientific solution. I released over 250 without any help. A staff of a dozen can't even seem to manage much. I tried to get their bi annual festivals more press coverage and had MAH, the Art Council of SC along with several artists and my ideas were not well received. Those volunteers are what keeps the place going and most of them are older. They can't seem to keep young volunteers because the only real perk is donating tons of hours for a free pass and the full time staff are mossbacks. Perhaps it's those awful ranger outfits they are required to wear, but I found everyone that worked there with the exception of Martha to be pretty jaded, unmotivated and lacking in enthusiasm for the Monarchs. I'd also like to see you open up the beaches so that dogs can roam free. Huntington Beach and Santa Barbara beaches are all fine with dogs off a leash.</p>
<p>Off leash dog hours</p>
<p>More frequent patrols of parks. People stop doing the wrong thing when there is an authority figure on site.</p>
<p>Making some of them more accessible to dogs.</p>
<p>Please make space for off-leash dogs in hiking and beach areas - like Corcoran Lagoon.</p>
<p>More dog-friendly access</p>
<p>off leash dog beach access</p>
<p>keep them clean and safe</p>
<p>Cleaning up homelessness and drug use, i.e. Needles etc.</p>
<p>More dog friendly access</p>
<p>Off leash dog hours and better control of druggie-camper/park-goer interface potential. Twin Lakes comes to mind.</p>
<p>Cleaning up the drugged out people that hang out in our parks that make me feel unsafe to go to them.</p>
<p>Add at least one off-leash open space for dogs.</p>
<p>Allowing dogs off leash</p>
<p>Increasing off leash dog areas, and dog parks.</p>
<p>Fewer people with off leash animals so I'd feel safer using them</p>
<p>We NEED MORE areas to walk our dogs on-leash and off-leash in OPEN SPACES. We do NOT need another fenced-in dog enclosures.</p>
<p>More enforcement of leash laws...too many off-leash dogs are a threat to me and my leashed dogs.</p>
<p>Providing more off-leash dog access so that the folks who don't like dogs off-leash can have their own space and/or time too. We all pay taxes to support the parks, we ALL deserve to be able to use them. Peaceful co-existence! So many other communities have WONDERFUL dog parks with grass, ponds and other water features. We don't. We have crappy, small spaces with inappropriate ground cover. But we have a great water feature at the beach and we dog owners do deserve to share it.</p>
<p>More dog friendly environments.</p>
<p>Strong social media support, it works and will get more people out with us in the parks. Those not in the know respond to glorious photos, so post them and they will come.</p>
<p>More funding to increase staffing</p>
<p>More resources to help you do a better job.</p>
<p>I've been pretty happy with them, but maintenance should be improved. The tennis courts at Brommer Park are in bad shape, and the grassy areas at several parks are poorly maintained - too long and with weeds.</p>
<p>park maintenance, safety and cleanliness</p>
<p>path or trail links to city parks and state parks</p>
<p>More of them.</p>

more dog friendly areas and controlling homeless. felton covered bridge is unsafe for kids now. was not the case when my kids were small
I think more maintenance would be good and finishing the parks you have started, such as Chanticleer Park
Park rangers that make regular trips to the parks to enforce the rules. These rangers should have the ability to cite people for infractions and not burden the county sheriff with enforcement. The parks are more desirable when everyone's on the same page.
Limiting access for more bike trails except for limited appropriate areas to decrease impact on environment and wildlife. Biking trails between parks would be great.
Rangers who are well trained in addressing mental health incidents- drug addiction- COMPASSION printed on their "hats"
Safety
More visibility, signage and park patrols for safety.
Better funding and staffing, and more interaction between County Parks and citizens who use the parks on a regular basis.
Space for group activities such as tai chi and dance, that require only a relatively flat surface.
Resurface courts at Willowbrook. Way overdue. Enforce no skateboarding, bikes, dogs etc. on courts rule.
Deal with the current infrastructure problems in the county parks (before developing more infrastructure).
see #16
Off leash dog access.
Integration with State Parks system to provide additional enforcement and patrols for overlooked park areas like Lighthouse Field and Wilder Ranch SP
Friendlier employees
more patrols, less homeless, petty thieving junkies
More access for dogs.
Increased access for some parks parking or bike trails)
Maintaining the current facilities and keeping them safe (free from transients and drug activities) and clean
More play areas that provide fun and challenge. Not just a simple swing or slide area. There really are some amazing structures. BBQ areas. Disabled access. And get rid of wood chips and bring back sand or the accessible spongy solid flooring (not the tire chips) that wheelchairs can be on and strollers, and does not get saturated and floded when it rains. More water features-even a simple mister system.
More bike facilities, keep the homeless away
Added safety, maintenance and update of existing infrastructure (modernize it). Adding more tennis courts and walking paths around the park.
Connecting access for walking, running and biking.
providing a budget to properly support the system, e.g. provide cleanliness, safety and educational programing
Biking connections to the parks
Dog parks and safety. I'm afraid to walk behind Simpkins without my husband, alone with my children. Sad, but true
Better staffing
Not sure - I'm pretty satisfied.
Address safety and cleanliness
See above answer.
More patrols and enforcement of regulations
Keeping habitat for wild creatures like birds
Bike trails connecting parks.

No unleashed dogs. Unleashed dogs are a constant threat to birds and should not be allowed on trails or beaches.
Biking access
Keeping dogs on leashes at beaches especially at Corcoran Lagoon. This winter the beach was so small (smaller than Capitola which allows NO dogs) and there were dogs off-leash running rampant frequently.
I am very unhappy with the number of off leash dogs at Corcoran lagoon beach and the accompanying bags of poop that are left on rocks. There needs to be better enforcement of existing rules. There was also a large group playing beer pong on this beach last weekend. Where are the patrollers??
keep those take back santa cruz away
Shaded playgrounds! We are very sun-exposure conscious & most of the parks are very sunny--not in a good way. There is not a lot of shade. It makes playing in the parks cumbersome for our family (long sleeves, long pants, sun hats, & sunscreen). If the playground had more shade, it would make the playgrounds easier for families like ours. I've had conversations with other moms about the lack of shade, who agree it's a weak
More mountain bike friendly trails, and more dedicated bike paths throughout the county. Santa Cruz is extremely dangerous for road biking currently; dedicated bike paths would make bike commuting possible in places like Felton and Scotts Valley where you're likely to get run over by a someone in a big truck.
Park presence, personnel onsite, attention to detail. More natural focus, birding, native plants, history.
Adult soccer leagues need to be responsible and held accountable for trash left on fields and parking areas. This is a major problem at Polo Grounds
Enforcement of dog policy (dog poo, dogs on playground etc.), Planting of interesting plants and labeling them (name origin, story), maybe work together with SC botanical gardens?
Safe off-street bike paths in the parks and connecting the parks.
Updated playgrounds, walking trails. Bathrooms.
Provide more gargbage cans and recycling bins. My husband picks up garbage every day on his walk at Polo Fields. There are not enough receptacles.
Interconnectivity with paths to link the parks.
Keep clean and safe
more parks
More hands on oversight
more communication with residents
Add poop bags at dog park sites
More designated mountain bike riding areas. Both cross country and downhill.
More parks in south county around Watsonville.
Funding for maintenance & conservation
More opportunities for people to volunteer to support the parks in their neighborhood
Good bike lanes to access each by bicycle, and areas to lock bicycles.
Cut the programs that are working. Focus on getting people into the parks using them as fun outlets to exercise be at hiking playing sports riding bikes skateboarding all the outdoor activities
More pump tracks that teach jumping skills, and a bike jump line to match.
For my family and friends it would be the addition of more mountain bike jumps and pump tracks.
Continued care.
Fewer used hypodermic needles! More parking places.
Make preservation of wild spaces an important goal of the parks
More bike trails between and within the parks.
A new location for mountain bike dirt jumps.

Better policing of junkies and their camps.
Keep it clean, keep man made distractions out of open spaces.
A perspective that includes not only the parks in isolation, but how they interact in the context of where they are, with the intention of creating a more livable Santa Cruz through connectivity.
General safety and cleanliness
1. Having Disc Golf courses in man-made parks for that purpose ONLY, so that trees and habitat is not damaged or destroyed in county parks. I have nearly been hit by flying discs many, many times at Pinto Lake Co. Park while I have been birding. 2. Having bike trails separate from hiking trails - and have it enforced, not ignored. 3. Enforcing leash laws for dogs.
Volleyball courts somewhere
equal distribution of services north and south county
accessibility by walkways or bike paths with ample toilet and water fountains
Mountain biking
A bike skills/jump park. Santa Cruz used to be known for this and people would travel here from all over the world to visit our little beach town with a bike biking scene.
A bike park to replace the Post Office Jumps and Aptos Pumptrack which would provide for the needs of all skill levels of riders from tots to elite pros.
Get people involved in helping to take care of them. Community work days. Builds community!
Trails/safe routes for pedestrians and bikes between the parks. Protecting the environment at places like quail hollow and Anna Jean parks. Better management of homeless in the parks.
Fresh ideas Look at other communities that have successful programs. Marin County has much better swimming for communities.
The Quail Hollow Visitors center is in desperate need of major building maintenance and repairs
More mountain bike trails and facilities.
I would like to see increased connectivity between SC County trails. This includes creation of a county wide trail plan and acquisition of easements or new properties to create key trail connections.
More mountain bike access on existing and new trails
Keep facilities open, clean, safe and well maintained.
Maintaining a smokefree environment, including marijuana smoke.
Safety issues, drugs, violence, gun handling have no place in the parks
More money for actual maintenance, less for bureaucrats sitting at desks using up the budget.
more maintenance of existing infrastructure. more trails that connect the parks. improved safety
Making the existing parks and beach accesses cleaner
More funding to help improve infrastructure
More money to keep people that could help inform park uses that are available to everyone.
Allow responsible alcohol consumption.
Feeling of safety from drug using population
I don't have a dog, but I love seeing them so happy at some of the beaches. If I did have a dog, I would like to have several beach areas where they could run free.
I appreciate the efforts to clean up Pinto Lake. I would love to be able to swim and kayak in the lake one day!
more community clean ups, I think that people should not have to pay to park
cleaner ponds
yes
CONTROL THE HOMELESS!!!! DONT ENABLE SKETCHY DRUG ADDICTS
more county parks

PLEASE CONTROL THE HOMELESS
getting rid of the tweakers and their left over needles
keeping homeless out
Make them a little more clean
needles and homeless encampment
Cleaner areas and less needles on the ground.
new structures
more soccer fields
CONTROL THE HOMELESS
Keeping them clean and groomed with amenities
Less trash
idk
more parks
I think we could improve some of the parks infrastructure
keep santa cruz weird
Maybe regular events like a 3 on 3 basketball tournament every few months. If the city could find volunteers to organize it people would love that and it would bring a little more life to the parks.
less homeless
getting rid of homeless people at their parks. its too hard to get them all off the streets but at least get them out of the parks and this should be 24/7 thing im tired of seeing dirty homeless men and women tripping out and yelling at a nice park with little kids around... not a safe thing in my oppinon
less yuppies
Making it so homeless people dont live in them
need to be updated and cleaned.
Making sure they are kept clean and safe
more art around the parks
none
Clean the parks.
more tire swings
homeless
More swing sets, keeping the parks clean
Cleaner bathrooms
not homeless people and needles everywhere (west side)
cleaner facilities
More renovating the already existing aspects and cleaning
to create more parks no matter the size in neighborhoods
overall cleanliness
better swings
improvement of current parks, less homeless people
can't say for sure
Making the county parks safer and cleaner would be a great improvement. The relocation of the homeless people would make families feel safer. As for beach cleanup, much of the youth is in need of community service. If someone were to advertise beach cleanup days (Sundays would prob. work best) at local public schools, I believe you could get a huge turnout.
better bathrooms and more trashcans

a nice skatepark
respect for amenities
Not much. Maybe adding in more park benches or some wind protection at the benches
more interactive artwork
If there were more programs that used the park, so they would get better use
Cleanliness and trying to reduce the homeless problem
Remove it.
Less homeless people
Make them safe and clean.
less homeless
Trees
More community events and community use of our public spaces.
water&dogs
safety and cleanliness
Improvement and upgrading existing infrastructure Improve safety and cleanliness
More Ranger patrols.
Off leash hours on 20th St beach.
Allow dogs off leash and mountain bikes on more trails. Turn Miller property into a real park with maintained trails.
Better security. Less transient populations doing drugs, drinking alcohol and parking broken down campers in the parking lot for days on end. Doesn't feel kid friendly.
Connecting the parks via the old rail corridor
More money
Allow/encourage food trucks. More free swim times.
Take money from the Sheriff and DA and give it to Parks
ensure that green things and animals are protected from human presence. Also safety and cleanliness
Safety and cleanliness. Too many locals are beyond fed up with the failure of the needle "exchange" problem.
Increase the amount of open space and natural environments.
More enforcement regarding off leash dogs chasing and harming wildlife. Even the scent they leave behind is stress producing as they are predators.
See above
More swimming pools
Clean up the parks, update playground equipment.
More resources for maintenance.
Dog park in the slv
more park enforcement of rules regarding dogs and late night partying on Sunset Trail (at Quail Hollow)
weekend phone contact
Bathroom facilities at Felton Covered Bridge Park
Safety
Maintaining good infrastructure, keep facilities clean. Keep fields in good working condition. Plug gofer holes and mow the lawn frequently.
Larger bike connected parks
Beach clean ups to remove trash and dangerous materials (needles)
Better bike trails between them and residential areas, so I don't need to ride in traffic to visit.

More creative play area designs. Not just installing a play structure and calling it a park. They need to be forward thinking creatively laid out spaces.
More parks! But really, they're pretty awesome.
I'm concerned about the homeless population that takes them over at night. Making that and the needle issues a priority.
Cleanliness
See answer for 16.
More resources.
Bring back the dam at the Ben Lomond park or give us river access. It is our constitutional right.
More off leash beaches for dogs
See #16 Bathroom maintenance and adequate staffing to keep the parks clean, combined with events/programs and community collaboration to keep the parks in use a lot - that's what bring families to the parks and keeps them vibrant and alive.
A focus on maintenance of existing infrastructure for the parks we already have. Take quail hollow ranch as an example. I considered having my wedding there. However, the building is falling apart. When was the last time the holes in the siding were repaired? Or that wasp nests removed?
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city sponsored events at parks
non portable bathrooms
I wish our bathrooms could have soap, mirrors, and hand dryers that would not be destroyed.
Fewer mountain bikes.
Local events to draw attention to what is in the neighborhoods backyard and what the park offers. "Get to know the park day"
Bike paths More restrooms
The parks specifically, and the city generally, could benefit from bike paths between and among parks.
increase in budget
Make them safe and clean. Remove drug addicts, mentally ill, and transients.
Clean up and improve the safety at the Felton Covered Bridge Park. My family has stopped going there as a result of seeing needles near the playground. The loiterers at this park (drinking and doing drugs) are a menace to small children.
To become refocused on conservancy and growing our green spaces. Our parks have more than enough concrete and asphalt, we need more grass and open spaces
more staff for maintenance and programs
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permanent pickleball courts
More parks and more open space, especially in the Aptos area. Better ways to get there: sidewalks, bike paths, etc. Rail trail!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Junior lifeguards sells out so quickly that there's no way for new kids to join--add more, please!
funding for maintenance
increase in staff; those I have met are hard workers, but not enough
Keeping skate parks away from housing. Skateboarders use the skate park at felt st park late at night under the streetlight. Think 11pm with their boards crashing on the cement....they don't care about the rules....and try sleeping with that going on. Skateparks should have higher fencing and be locked after dusk so they can't sneak over with their boards.
More maintenance/upkeep of existing parks through increase of personnel.

Additional trails and passive recreation areas.
New restrooms. Up to date facilities...
to keep people from sleeping in them
Remove the railroad tracks and build a linear park.
Better enforcement of leash and littering laws to stop CHRONIC problems with people who refuse to leash and pick up after their dogs
More off leash dog areas.
It is important to keep the parks for residents not tourists. In that end we need more parks for Swimming, Soccer, Baseball etc.
Permanent pickleball courts
Cleaner
Money! Actually, good bathrooms that are clean (would prefer if people didn't use that as an opportunity for them to
Maintenance
Being very careful about the changes you make and their effects. At Highlands park several years ago a new play structure was erected and shredded rubber bits were put under it. They soon scattered throughout the area and made a mess.
Better maintenance
Fenced dog parks.
Establish and enforce parking time limits for the limited spaces that are taken up all day by transient campers and commuters. Enforce already established rules for dogs off leash, alcohol and smoking, day camping, littering, sleeping or passed out, drugs and public intoxication and crazy behavior.
Dedicating and converting a park to pickleball courts.
More help with maintenance.
No idea
Keeping the rest rooms maintained and cleaned.
Increased funding
Free access to more public land
I'm not sure.
better management of multi-use trails
Cleaning up the drug use and homelessness that remains at the inner city parks
Keep out the homeless.
Better bike parks
Accessiblity via bike or walking.
More dog parks/ dog areas.
more mountain biking trails and dog friendly trails
outdoor basketball courts, county led sports activities.
more mountain bike trails
Attention and resources
Investment in them.
More bike parks and bike paths
Mountain Bike Trail Network that increases viable connections
Open up more areas for bikes. The bike industry in SC is tremendous and the city should take advantage of it and could make lots of money

Inclusion of a program to establish a regional trails system (reconsider the Trails Master Plan). To establish regional connections across properties and to connect biking and hiking trails to public parks.
I think maintaining the infrastructure we currently have to keep the parks clean, safe and open is the number one priority. I don't feel like that is always the case when I visit county parks. Especially when it comes to the limited aquatics programs available countywide.
More MTB trails. There is relatively few legal trails compared to the number of people that ride here.
A standout bike park on the level of Truckee, Lompoc, or what is being built at Lake Cunningham. We have a huge biking community, lets use open space and make a world class facility. We have the will and manpower to maintain it.
Volunteers in the dog park keeping things flowing. San Luis Obispo does that.
More mountain bike specific trails with legal and logical connection between parks
Investment in facilities.
Inclusion of local organizations in development ie trail building and maintenance.
Mountain Bike-specific trails
More picnic and bike locations
More bike trails, signage, access and volunteering
More mountain biking
Getting more organization like MBOSC involved in planning.
Need more safety. Ha e had some negative experiences with homeless and assumed drug users at two parks.
Connectivity
Make SC the MTN Bike Mesa it could be by opening trails in pogonip, connecting trails in wilder to diary etc. we could generate massive amounts of \$\$ as a result of enhancing our MTN Bike offering
Make them safer by removing the homeless and drug abusers.
more bicycle access
Better maintenance after storms. Better erosion control and better engineering of trails to accommodate rain run off
Deal with the transients and drug users at Covered Bridge and other county parks. Insist on good behavior in our parks
Bike trails that connect them!
More mountain bike trails!
Bike trail interconnectivity between
More bike trails!
More access
More pleasant bike lanes, paths and routes to get to different parks that are safe to ride and away from major car routes if possible.
More access to bikes and related activities
getting the homeless oout
Connectivity of trails
Cleanliness
Catering to markets that will use, and willfully support the park systems.
We recently moved to South county and are disappointed by the lack of parks here compared to the north county area. Also, there are no bike facilities (pump tracks/trails) on this side of the county despite the large population here.
More mountain bike trails
Getting the homeless and drug addicts out of the parks

Bike facilities and connections. I don't want to sit in summer traffic in my car to get to a park.
I think the activation of the Miller property for mountain bike use and the activation of the Bert Scott property with a bike park would be the best things the county parks program can do. Adding access for mountain bikers will help all trail users by decreasing trail congestion. Reducing trail conflicts between users will also be aided by providing dedicated mountain bike-only trails.
More legal mountain biking trails and other recreational cycling opportunities
-Increased connectivity between Santa Cruz County trails -Creation of a county wide trail plan -Acquisition of easements or new properties to create key trail connections -Creation of mountain bike specific trail opportunities -A bike park to replace the Post Office Jumps and Aptos -Pumptrack which would provide for the needs of all skill levels of riders from tots to elite pros. -Funding for bike facilities construction and maintenance -Activation of the Miller Property in the San Lorenzo Valley for mountain bike use -Mountain bike specific trails -Activation of the Bert Scott Property with a bike park
More trails for Mt biking
More bike trails
Cleaner bathrooms, and more..vending machines..sliding scale events, classes..
More patrols to decrease homeless people In parks. We do not ever go to Covered Bridge Park in Felton because there are so many homeless people and people using drugs there.
More native vegetation in urban parks to improve quality of habitat for native wildlife.
better maintenance
Safety---too many homeless---and cleanliness--- same problem. Not safe to take my kid there.
A comprehensive plan for a regional trail system. County Parks is well positioned to help create increased connectivity between existing trail networks. I would also like to see the county take a leading roll in creating a regional trails program that would allow for a trail crew to work with various agencies.
Maintenance of facilities and trails.
Some infrastructure improvements, PATROLS.
Sheriff and or Ranger presence increase at the known "sketchy" parks
Consistent and responsive law enforcement to stop illegal coastal trashing, after hours use, camping and fires. Increased community and education-based ecological restoration of trashed natural resources. Fostering a culture of stewardship in coastal visitors.
Maintenance of existing facilities. Timely dumping of garbage cans. Vigilance against graffitti.
more community gardens and free interpretive programs.
If there was a way to address the transient populations that often camp in local parks.
widen off leash dog access, to everywhere except in special areas - diffuse the load (rather than concentrating the dog activity)
Having a park director and supervisors who listened to what the community wants instead of telling the community what they will get.
More of them.
Increase safety for park users.
Inter-connectivity with rail-trail and other safe, walking, biking trails.
More spots for quiet contemplation
Not sure... the ones we frequent seem very well-managed and cared for.
More county funding for maintenance and facilities, trail work, beautification of existing parks
Integration with city and state parks for access and ease of bikes, hiking (and horse?) use

Cleaning up the homeless and drug use at parks. The city seems to favor drug addiction over health living and a safe place for families to go. I.e. Park on San Lorenzo river next to court house. Huge issues. Could be a great location for the city to have bigger events. You can't use the bathrooms since there are needles and homeless everywhere.
Better maintenance of existing facilities.
More in South County; better dog park at Pinto; stair railing at Pinto and elsewhere
Keep the exiting parks clean! Stay focused, and maintain brilliantly rather than sloppy growth.
Make sure it's clean and safe so people can enjoy them.
Improving safety and maintenance. Not allowing the junkies to overtake our public spaces with their needles and trash. More employees to patrol and maintain the areas.
less hobos, less drug use, less needles left behind. more bike trails in and around parks.
Environmental education enrichment. Appreciatoon for hiking and birding. Stargazing/ astronomy. Not all parks need to offer mowed grass, night lights, fertilizer, killing ground squirrels and so forth. The open spaces support the native wildlife and has as much value as little league does.
More trash pickup
A large regional facility that could be used by the community and sporting events to boost tourism!
Sufficient sanitary facilities and garbage receptacles at Davenport and other north coast beaches
Park Ranger program, fully implemented.
Regular Maintenance
More dog off leash areas; community volunteer days at parks
cleanliness; clean up litter at beach access
More parks
Unknown
Repair and maintain restrooms, benches, play structures. Get rid of graffiti. No tolerance for gangs! Listen to the desires of the local residents. No homeless/drug abusers loitering.
More safe bike trails connecting slv to Scotts valley and Santa Cruz.
Upgraded restroom facilities, kept clean.
The county needs park rangers!!! Not possible to take children to any park in the county without having to be on the look-out for transients and for off leash dogs!! Do something about this!!! Enforcement of the leash law and loitering law is essential to the enjoyment of our county parks.
Parks would improve with resources and organized efforts to remove homeless camps in the Anna Jean Cummings open space and other parks. I don't believe activity programs or amenities should be added to the Parks agenda before solving the problem of homeless camps, which are fouling our parks and hold the potential for dangerous encounters. They are also a safety risk, as open-flame fires or camp stoves could start fires during the dry season.
Strict enforcement of leash laws at the beach parks, or better yet, banishing dogs from the beach parks, as is done in Capitola, would go a long way towards making those parks both safe and enjoyable for all.
More restroom access, improving some of the trails at coastal access points, enforcing the "dogs on leash" rules, and the "pick up after your dog" rules.
More interpretive walks and talks, family friendly events.
Better maintenance
More use for events.
acquisition of open space; integration of open spaces with all other units in the county

The county needs more baseball fields, in particular, 1 maybe 2, 60/90 size fields. If a kid of high school age wants a place to play or practice the county parks system offers no place to do it. High schools in the county are reluctant to allow use of their fields. The only other alternative is Harvey West field #4 which is usually booked.
wheelchair accessibility
Better bathrooms Shade at seascape Fences around playstrucures
Protect open space from mountain bikers and organized sports. We need wildlife and bird protection from bicyclists!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Safety
Don't let them get overdeveloped--remember you are not a city park department.
More available spaces for dogs only, so dog owners are more likely to follow the leash laws and pick up after their dogs.
More maintenance by security and/or police to ensure that there are no needles, drug use, and/or mentally unstable people in the parks near children and that owners with off-leash dogs or that are not cleaning up after their dogs get citations.
I'm having trouble with trash and the homeless intersecting our park experiences. There are some things (like needle caps, and old food wrappers) that I really don't want to be a part of my kids experience.
Reprioritizing so that \$\$ is put into infrastructure and maintenance.
Policing to deter drug activity and illegal camping.
Keep everything in repair before considering expanding current sites or creating new ones.
get rid of the transients and their drugs
Improve maintenance
A trail system in the San Lorenzo Valley so kids can access the parks safely. I know, such a wild dream!
Fewer parks with better maintence of the remaining parks. We can not afford and do not need a park in every neighborhood.
Keep parks maintained, clean, & sage for all of our residents.
More hiking trails, more dog friendly hiking trails
Environment education that makes community proud of their Parks
Extended access hours
Safety for kids, pedestrians, and cyclists.
For watsonville, Quit focusing on Mexican migrants and go back to good old fashion town events that we used to have.
Consistent maintenance and enforcement of rules (e.g., leash laws); year-round active habitat and resource conservation in sensitive habitats, with explanatory signage for public education.
Separated bike/ped parkway greenway. Linking parks by bike/ped greenway.
1. Consistent maintenance of existing infrastructure, to demonstrate that Parks can properly manage and maintain its current inventory of parks and natural areas within those parks. 2. Attention to County beach access infrastructure and the addition of creative educational signage that draws attention to both the Monterey Bay national Marine Sanctuary as a whole and to the value of the beaches as wildlife habitat, especially for migratory and resident nesting avian species. This kind of signage is imperative to demonstrate that Parks understands its obligations to protect wildlife habitat as found in the Local Coastal Program of the County's General Plan, California Fish & Wildlife law and Federal law.
Removing homeless anf or drug addicts. It really sucks to go to the park and find needles and baggies on benches and around the grassy areas.
Lighting, cleanliness

Expanding and improving services to the South County area. Dire shortage of park locations for largest and youngest population in our County.
Protect trails from bikes and erroision.
Less bike trails, more handicapped parking! They've taken away so many spaces for us! Please fix it.
Ranger program
Eliminating the drug and trash culture
Round up homeless and campers, ship them to Mexico and Canada. Take back the sAn lorenzo river.
connect castle rock, big basin and the park in san mateo county.
Providing smaller parks within urban areas of the unincorporated area of the County so everyone has good access to parks and parkland.
Enforce the leash law for dogs. Patrol more to keep the parks safe. There are too many drug users and homeless types hanging around.
More parks, bigger parks.
More dog friendly spaces and better beach access and parking at beaches.
An active transit route/linear park that connects neighborhoods, parks, business corridors and beaches.
Perhaps encouraging musicians to congregate and jam in parks, which might mean they need electricity sources.
Planned, scheduled maintenance.
Keeping bicycles and pedestrians apart. Bikes should not go where people walk.
Keep drug users and their needles out of our parks
Enforcement of regulations, especially leash laws.
Better facilities and more maintenance.
Awareness

**Q18 Please share a memory you have from
a county park or program:**

Answered: 303 Skipped: 499

Q18 Responses
Many, many surfing memories from the Hook area...and our wedding reception at Quail Hollow....
Hiking
My daughter's first soccer game in this county was at Highland Park.
We celebrated my husbands 30th work anniversary at Highlands park. Wonderful and low key
Dog getting completely muddy at dog park because of all the rain.
I have never attended any
Kids playing
Together in the Park was integral to my daughter's early years!
I go to the parks with my kids snowy every day. We spend a lot of time there. We have beautiful parks, thank you!
Picnic @ De Larveaga...
15 years ago I take my dogs all along east cliff dr beaches off leash and never be hassled by police
Walking with my dog along the beach
Paws in the Park - monthly walks along San Lorenzo river ☐
When my daughter was two (10 years ago), she wanted to play basketball with the men at the park on Broadway overlooking the boardwalk. She walked up and asked if she could play and I sat down to watch. Then I looked at the gear from the basketball players next to me, and saw a gun. I picked up my kid and left. I moved away from the area shortly after that. Just moved back two years ago and it seems the problems are far worse.
Running on the beach in Santa Cruz with my dog as the sun was setting.
Sending my kids to junior guards - it is a sacred institution in this town.
Playing with my dog on the beach
The bi annual event could be so awesome if it were better supported by the staff. I have people willing to donate art and money to Natural Bridges as long as it doesn't go to the park's general fund.
I met several "mom" friends in my prenatal aquatics class at Simpkins.
Roaming the beach at Greyhound Rock on a beautiful fall day with my elderly (but still mobile) Aussie.
I remember while I was growing up in Santa Cruz, I spent a lot of time at Henry Cowell, & it is a strong part of my childhood; feels like a second livingroom to me.
walkin my dog watching dolphins/whales on the beach
My dad helped design part of Highlands park in Ben Lomond so it holds a special little place in my heart
Soccer and baseball at Anna Jean Cummings aka blue balls park as well as walking my dogs, watching my kids ride bikes and jogging.
We used to be able to ride our horses on the beaches in the '70's, those are some of my favorite memories. Also hiking through the redwood forests with my dogs.
My two young sons and my sweet girl dog climbing the big oak tree together in Twin lakes park; watching dolphin pods playing at 21st Ave.
I love the wine and art festival at sky park in Scotts valley. I've never felt unsafe there.
Watching dogs running and frolicking on the beach= pure joy
Thanksgiving at Twin Lakes beach!
Walking the beach with my dog and throwing her ball into the waves, seeing her fly over the incoming waves to retrieve her ball and swim/surf back in. Makes me SO happy to see her so happy. She's my best friend, and that's with whom I want to go to the beach!
Happily walking on the beach with my dogs off leash on the beach the ranger recommended only to be approached by animal control and told I can't have my dogs off leash here. I asked where I could go to have dogs off leash legally. All he could offer were fenced dog parks where I stand around and the dogs get bored as well.

My dog Ralph E, passed away and the staff at Highlands Park, carried him out and in to my car on his last day, to have his last meal, a burger, he was so happy to be on the grass and I will never forget their kindness and love for my ailing dog. So sweet, a great crew there. Love Highlands.
I have many fond memories of family gatherings
Anna jean Cummings park is a great example of a park that offer something for everyone! I love the hiking trails and open meadow area up top. Lots of photography opportunities there.
Playing tennis at Twin Lakes Park, birthday parties for my niece and nephew at various neighborhood parks
I used to love the huge playground a Frederick street, with ropes and bridges across a giant oak tree. As an adult I would probably avoid that park because children are loud and inconsiderate assholes.
I loved taking my twin daughters for swim lessons every year (years ago) and watching them grow in confidence as they learned to swim and dive.
Cleaining the parks, hauling off trash, with our Park Rangers & other tax payers speaking a variety of native tongues.
Raising my children here and being able to go to a variety of parks for outdoor play
Coming together as a community to design and build Felton Covered Bridge Park. Our son's design for a meandering sidewalk he submitted as an elementary school student was chosen for the present sidewalk.
Over 30 volunteers giving their time and energy to create a neighborhood park
Potluck picnic for all tai chi participants at the Jose Ave. park.
I actively participate in habitat restoration and removal of invasive non-native plant species at Quail Hollow Ranch.
watching a homeless drunk take a shit in san lorenzo park with families around to see. very nice!
One time, we were yelled at to move our spikeball court over 2 feet so that the NP truck could have a clear driving path. On a wide open sandy beach.
when I found a needle on the ground at Ocean View Park and there were two people fighting each other in the locked bathroom
Walking carefully to avoid used hypodermic needles, seeing human waste and breathing smoke from smoldering homeless campfires during my morning walks at Moran Lake Park.
My son took his first walks across the Covered bridge in Felton
Llama walks at Quail Hollow Ranch with my children
My daughter climbing to the top of the rope structure at 4 in highlands park. She was so proud of her achievement.
My kids learning to ride their bikes. Junior guards on the beach.
Hiking and running and walking on beaches, especially at low-tides.
The peace and tranquility of walking along 20th Ave beach watching the wildlife and hearing only the surf.
A Philippine family was having a big party at Jose park and we complimented them about the food and they insisted we have some. It was delicious!
My baby blessingway behind Simpkins under the huge gorgeous oak tree. Amazing surrounded by ladies with fabric flags draped on the tree
My 2 Grandsons play soccer and baseball in the summer camps. It's great to watch them.
playing with my kids
Junior Guards!
Finding an Eastern Kingbird at Pinto Lake County Park
I go to Quail Hollow all the time and it is so beautiful and peaceful.
I sat many times by the pond at Quail Hollow with a disabled friend and we greatly enjoyed the wildlife and serenity

The park in most familiar with is Anne Jean Cummings because we would run there for some of our track practices in high school
picnics in the 1950's
My 1 year old daughter learning to go up & down stairs at the steps from Fredrick Street Park to the harbor.
Quail Hollow history and Heart of Soquel opening day.
Watching my kids learn to ride their bikes
I remember when my daughter first managed to get all the way across the monkey bars at Anna Jean Cummings Park.
Riding the new pump track at harvey west
A great BBQ for a friends birthday
watching the sunset from natural bridges
Taking the family to the Highland Games at Highland Park.
Birding trips at pinto Lake County Park & seeing the first eagles in years building a nest. Seeing coyotes in Struve Slough.
I work in Live Oak and go for a walk in Chanticleer Park just about everyday. I love seeing how many people use it and that everybody keeps it clean. I hope that we are able to add a playground to this park.
I was jumping my bike at the Polo grounds have a lot of fun just yesterday and look at all the people having fun at the new Brighton facility build it and they will come.
Every year on April, we had a big jump session at the post office jumps. Some of the best days of my life and I'll remember them until the day I die
Over the years I have spent a lot time at the Polo Grounds jumps, Aptos Village pump track, and Post Office jumps. My fondest memory is the camaraderie between users of all ages while enjoying a healthy activity. Also to see parents bringing young children out to enjoy a healthy activity.
Having a picnic by the San Lorenzo river with my family on Mother's Day.
As a volunteer in the Quail Hollow Nest Box Project, seeing a mother bird brooding her young.
Playing with my children at Brommer Park is always a happy memory!
Growing up at the Aptos Post Office Jumps shaped my entire life and career path not just for myself but for many others. It provided a safe fun place for young kids and environment to grow.
I used to live 2 blocks from Pogonip and ride the Emma McCrary trail every day. I'll remember that for the rest of my life.
Who hasn't got caught out on Greyhound rock with the tide coming in?
I discovered the Chanticleer Pump Track several years ago and found it to be an amazing, fun challenge of mind and body.
American Bitterns breeding at Pinto Lake and then watching the babies grow.
Riding my bike out to Pinto lake county park
Any of the events that were held at the Aptos Post Office Jumps. The events cost \$0 to achieve and would bring 100's of people from all over.
Grew up riding aptos post office jumps. Which started a career in our local bicycle industry
Junior life guards for our son was a sweet time. He did it for 4 years and is a safer swimmer for it.
Hiking at Anna jean with my late husband, kids, and the dog. And catching tadpoles in the small streams that run through the park.
In my youth: Ben Lomand Damn Summer evening entertainment at Ben Lomand Damn Which is now ruined! Do something about that. Good location for summer weather.
My kids enjoyed the heck out of Lee Summer's Time Travelers day camps at QHR.

The final days of the Post Office. Everyone was out - the riders and the neighbors. It was such a sense of community.
Hiking the trails
I love bringing my dog to the beach, we both really enjoy having space to run around and play in the water
Increased fitness from lap swum
Taking family from out of town to hike and run at Pinto Lake County Park. Also a big party in one of the pavilions was very beautiful
My husband and I were married at Aptos Village Park!
I love all the friendly and happy people I meet on the "promenade" along East Cliff Drive from the Hook to Pleasure Point.
I did not meet my wonderful neighbors until I rescued a dog and started walking every day at Pinto Lake County Park.
I have a lot of memories of having bonfires on county and state beaches
fishing at westlake pond when i was little
one time i saw some bitches
my friends and I watched the sunset at the beach up the coast
Breaking my arm at harvey west park
biking and hiking
I had a birthday party there when I was little
skateboarding at mike fox skate park every day after school for 3 years
Watching the sunset at the beaches
Peeing down a slide
I grew up going to greyhound rock beach, and I have lots of fond memories of climbing things and going tidepooling
playing Sunday league at blue ball park
Swimming at Simpkins
Mountain biking
i saw a homeless man blowing another homeless guy
playgrounds
I had multiple birthday parties at Brommer Park and Jose Park
spending time with my lover in the grass <3
Playing basketball with my brother at parks around town is something I will always remember and something I will continue to do:)
i always had a great time at the park with my cousins
harvy west was the best. i would do swim lessons and then play at the park there or doing a sport activity or a baseball lesson. but again that where all the homeless go to hangout so no one goes there
ballin at garfield
I have gone to many parks growing up and i have plenty of memories from them.
I grew up playing at all of the different parks and going to the beaches as a kid.
when I was little I climbed to the top of a really tall tree and no other kids were man enough to do it so I got to be "it" when we played tag next
none
spending quality with friends and attending birthday parties
Playing basketball with my friends at Garfield.
the ducks

my brother won his first soccer game @anna jean
feeding the ducks, the geese chasing me till i cried
I took swim lessons at harvey west when I was younger. Also I attended a lot of birthday parties at blue ball park.
Ballng up on my friend
when I was a young boy I would mostly go to davenport landing beach every weekend and it was fun to play in the sand.
My family and I used to go hiking in the mountains and I remember the beauty of nature.
playing basketball
birdwatching
i have no memories. that is an insensitive question you prick
My dad and his friend's host the "Davenport Downwinder" at Davenport Landing. This event is attended by many and it grows every year. We love Davenport and everything about this beach. Ever year we look forward to returning.
i saw a lot of meth heads at the skatepark, almost like the county put it in the beach flats..wow!
swimming in the water on westcliff
Me and some buddies sitting at a park bench at natural bridges while the sun set over the horizon
I spent a lot of time playing at Blue Ball Park and remember being really excited when the giant slide was installed.
Falling off a play structure
Meeting my friends at the park in between our houses everyday of summer
I don't go.
Hanging out with friends in nature
I loved being out at the Big Blue Ball Park in the spring for softball and soccer and walks around the field.
growing up skating at jose ave park with my family `
Trees
playgrounds&dogs
junior guards
Walking my dogs off leash and the active social life I used to have doing so, before the cops chased everyone away.
Lots of days at the beach as a child. Foggy mornings on east cliff. Taking my swim test for the state junior life guard programs at Simpkins as a kid. Peaceful walks through Schwan Lake. Watching butterflies at Moran Lake Park. Good times!
Lighting of the Felton Covered Bridge!
Kids playing soccer
Many good times at the Santa Cruz Blues Festival.
Fun at dog park at Polo Grounds
I brought my young sons to the Quail Hollow park for a reptile day and the boys got to handle snakes and lizards. They were enthralled!!!!
Wonderful evenings listening to music at New Brighton in the Summer!
Super fun Halloween Pickleball party
Watching my kids play freely
Swimming with my grandchildren at Simpkins
I grew up using the Graham Hill Showgrounds. It's a really important part of our community! Many baby boomers can now afford horses they've always wanted so we really need Graham Hill Showgrounds, Aldridge Lane, and Quail Hollow for our Horse Community.
Birthday parties

I love going some where that one member of my family can play a sport on the field and another can play on the play ground.
Playing fetch with my dog at davenport landing
Brommer St park and Jose Ave are two of our favorite parks for the variety they offer. There is space to play and walk and play sports.
The excitement of my 4-year-old at climbing to the top of the climbing structure at Highlands park.
Married in Aptos Village Park almost 30 years ago.
Watching the solar eclipse in Highland park on the stands, sharing different viewing tools with other people.
Wonderful time spent with my family at many beaches & forrest of nisene marks!
All the festivals at Aptos Village
Walking my dog and watching him excited in the grass and around the ground squirrels. :)
Watching my child learn to swim - from Mommy and me classes, to swim lessons, to pre-comp team, to Jr Pool Guards, to now being a volunteer assistant at Pool Guards this summer. And then, of course, our beautiful wedding in 2002 at Aptos Village Park with 200 guests.
I was married at Highlands Park.
On Martin Luther King Day, my kids and I pulled Scotch Broom at Quail Hollow one year, and it was a great experience of giving back and caring for our local landscape. Sunset hikes to the overlook at Quail Hollow have been peak experiences, and surfing with my kids at Pleasure Point and the Hook have been a focal point of our family joy. We also have loved events we have attended at the lovely old ranch house at Quail Hollow, and I love all the classes they offer related to nature. We did an amazing nature hike there with our son's class at school, led by one of your docents, and it was beautiful and informative, well done. Everything I've attended at Quail Hollow has been done well, and I hope it continues to be given a priority by the County. When my kids were younger, the playground equipment at Highland, Ben Lomond Park, and Felton Covered Bridge were a daily part of their lives, and we had a local neighborhood playgroup that rotated between those three parks - LOTS of beautiful memories from that. Also enjoyed Together in the Park with my little ones years ago at Felton Covered Bridge and also down at Frederick St. Park. Went to many happy gatherings at Felton Covered Bridge Park including birthday parties,
I remember swimming days ;and playing on the old train.
Sharing community
Nisene marks is this amazing piece of land close to Soquel that I can feel safe to walk for hours and always finding friendly people. It is very very great park!
Wonderful picnic at the park in Soquel (with Blue Balls)
I don't really use them much anymore since my child is a teen. When he was little, though, we would travel every Saturday morning to San Jose Ave. park to play. Afterwards, we would stop and get donuts at Ferrells. It was a great way to start the week-end. Being a stay-at-home mom, I had plenty of time to explore the county parks. It was really fun trying different parks and different neighborhoods. I could tell staff cared because they were well tended to -even if people tried to break and dirty things.
Many happy days with the kids at Sunny Cove and other beaches.
I have gone to Quail Hollow park when there is free stargazing, and telescopes are set up for you to see the moon, Crab Nebula, etc. Every one on a different object. Nice!
My happiest memories have been, and continue to be, swimming with the adult fitness program at Simpkins.
Felton Covered Bridge Park Original Concept with Jim Bricken, should make the park a memorial to him. We were told initially that no one would use it.
Throughout my 30 years in Santa Cruz, I have spent countless hours on beaches and in parks. My favorite memories are probably Sunrise Services on 7th Ave. Beach.
Surfing. Watching the sunset. Exploring tide pools.

the sand hills at Quail Hollow are amazing!
As a child from the 80's I remember going to Kids club every summer. That was something to look forward to and the schedule was great 1/2 summer per session. Best field trip was to Yosemite.
bringing my kids to Oceanview St park to use swings and slides. Also, lots of little league and skateboarding at Highlands park.
Soaking my aching joints in the San Lorenzo River after some sport activity at Highland Park - I guess my wedding there has to be up there too!
Beautiful day at Hidden Beach
Hiking the new Woodrat trail at Quail Hollow.
For the last 3 years I have been playing pickleball and I want to let you know it has changed my life. I would only go to parks to use the children's playgrounds for my grandkids..now I quit babysitting my grandkids because I love having this new activity in my life..called pickleball. Now there is no time for monkey bars...can't wait for my grandkids to be able to play on the pickleball court.
The Pickleball group has fun games available to the community at brommer 2 days a week and Willowbrook 1day a week.
many great Sr. trips
My fondest memory is not (yet) being run down by speeding drivers at the Sumner Ave.-Hidden Beach trailhead. Or the street in front of Beer Can trailhead, or the street in front of the entrance to Seascape Park. My family gave me a bodycam for xmas so they would at least know who killed me.
More dog friendly spaces.
My kids exploring Hidden beach
great pickleball at Brommer park
Taking the kids to the play equipment when they were young and just hanging out and chatting. Also, going to Quail Hollow and hiking.
Many games of capture the flag at the Quail Hollow field with our homeschool group.
Walking at very low tide on the beach at 36th. Amazing tide pools!
riverwalking @ highlands park
Playing pickleball at Brommer park is terrible there are pot holes everywhere. It's very run down.
love riding my bike in the park
I remember when the San Lorenzo Park opened.
enjoying being in a natural environment in open space
Watching my children grow up at Ben Lomond Park, Highlands and the beach
Riding up Emma mcrary with my friends.
Ben Lomond and Highlands park is where I grew up
I loved teaching my dog how to swim at the river in Highlands Park. It is my favorite place in the entire county.
Dog park goes banning together several times to fix issues (humans acting strange, minor injuries coming up with EMT off the clock).
Swimming at Simmons over lunch break.
When my friends lived in Watsonville we enjoyed going to Pinto Lake park to play disc golf.
Hanging out with all my friends at the Harvey West pump track
Cycling in demonstration forest fun!
Numerous memorable evenings spent with loved ones watching the Sunset near Steamers Lane and le cliffs
Aquatics is outstanding
That time there were a dozen trash bags with used needles around a group of homeless people who were defecating in public.

My husband and I got married at Quail Hollow park. It was a wonderful, affordable place to have our event.
pump track time
The last time I rode up Aptos Creek road, there were at least 8 trees I had to through my bike over. I stopped the ride short because of it.
Swimming in the river in Ben Lomond.
Beach clean up with Gualt school at sea bright.
I remember hiking in quail hollow ranch when I was little and seeing the sun rise with the fog was awesome along with snakes!
Having birthday parties there for my young children.
Riding bikes at polo grounds
Taking 4h kids out to teach them how to ride bikes and handle pump tracks safely.
Walking hand in hand with my wife after she was in the hospital
Spending a summer afternoon at the Harvey west pump track with friends
Mountain biking
Learning to body surf at Davenport landing.
Helping my brother build his first mountain bike and riding with him to Chanticleer to take his first lap.
Going to Aptos Park and going to the creek and seeing big piles of trash!
I love watching them ride mountain bikes at the Harvey west park..And hiking up around de laveaga
Loved Little Guard programs!
We got married at Highlands Park, so clearly that's a favorite. We also spend a lot of time down at the river there, from the time my kiddos were tiny.
I really enjoyed participating in the Polo Grounds jump park rebuild.
Many birthday parties at Highlands Park
I was with my 3 children and we witnessed male junkies going into the ladies room and coming out after about 10 minutes, flying high. Another time, we were nearly run down by hooded guys on bikes with bandanas partly tied over their mouths, screaming obscenities at my daughter. And another time we saw an obviously homeless couple camping on the perimeter of a park.
Surfing the Point to Jacks, excitingly the Hook
My most recent memory is from yesterday, Easter Sunday, where my wife and two daughters walked through our local Davenport Town Beach. We encountered human excrement, several permanent camps with an improvised latrine, graffiti on rock bluffs, plastic burning in multiple illegal campfires (which we smell from our home), broken glass in the sand that cut the feet of our daughter, 100's of pounds of trash on land and in the ocean, scavenging gulls and crows which in turn impact threatened and endangered species such as coho salmon and marble murrelets, burgeoning populations of scavenging ground squirrels which can carry the plague, over 20 persons camping on the beach next to smoldering toxic fires with trash spilling out of their tents, a severely eroded coastal trail, vandalized signs, a derelict appliance illegally dumped next to the county sponsored dumpster, and stolen equipment belonging to the local fire department. Towards the end of our ¼ mile loop our girls (5 and 7) began crying saying they wanted to go home. Law enforcement (County Sheriff) was present with citation booklets however they were unable to issue any citations because it was "after 6am." Law enforcement lacks capacity to
I watched both of my kids learn to swim at Simpkins and vividly remember them letting go of the side of the pool and making it to the other side. We've held many fantastic birthdays at local parks so I have wonderful memories from all of those, not to mention the bike rides.
25 years of working towards a park at the Farm.
Felton Covered Bridge Celebration and Craft Fair December 2016 - great experience, loved working with parks staff.

Kids disregarding the rain and having the time of their life at the Seacliff Village Park. Ditto for sliding down sides and into huge rain puddles at AJC during the 2017 storms.
Watching kingfisher catching lunch at pond.
I just spent a week watching my son in Catalyst soccer at Anna Jean Cummings Park. I thoroughly enjoyed the park, the trails, walking my dogs, meeting other parents, enjoying the plaques along the trail, etc... Our community should be very proud of a park like this!
History session at quail hollow county park, hiking at Miller property
Junior guards growing up. Loved it.
Picnic on DVP beach with friends and stargazing after.
People watching at Pleasure Point.
My daughter loves the slides at Anna Jean Cummings park. Our family loves spending time at Twin Lakes beach during the summer, playing in the sand and the ocean.
The free days you have at simkins pool have been super fun. Although I do remember two women tattooing each other at the far end of the pool.
Seeing a mother bobcat bring her two kittens to the Quail Hollow pond for a drink and to hunt birds in the brush cover around the pond. I have seen fox at the pond too. The wildlife there is extroridnary for a park. Please keep it as untouched as it is.
I appreciate having a place for children and adults to play sports in our parks systems in a safe, clean environment...but we need more since our population has grown!
I haven't done many programs
soccer with my children; beach with children
Getting married at higlands, going to weddings at quail hollow ranch, the earthquake of 1989 at highlands whlle practicing soccer.
Mom would take me to the "curvy slide" down by the river, and I would climb on the big colorful snake. Now it's gang-bangers, druggies, and homeless.
It was great fun to participate with my (then) young kids in the public art project at Jose Ave Park. We collected broken pieces of pottery, marbles & I think even an old key and donated them for use in the creation of those incredible bird sculptures. It's fun to revisit the park & those memories; but also feels good to have made a family contribution to our community art culture.
My now 19 year old daughter participated in the jr guards program.
All the dragonflies I saw on a naturalist-led walk at Quail Hollow.
Happy memories of children's swim lessons at Simpkins last summer and of grandchildren playing on the play structures at Blue Ball Park, Floral Park. There are abuses by dog owners of the leash law at all inland parks and the county beaches. Very unpleasant and recent unhappy memories of my grandson being jumped upon by off leash dogs at Corcoran Lagoon Beach- 2 recent incidents! Unpleasant memories of trying to enjoy Sunny Cove beach last month only to find the small beach occupied by two groups of transients who were apparently living there and by off leash dogs--one a pit bull.
I have ongoing, unpleasant memories of negative encounters between irresponsible dog owners and people who are just trying to enjoy the beauty and splendor of our beach parks. Having to listen to dogs barking while they run off leash, defecating and urinating all over the beach. Watching multiple dogs running off leash while they scatter flocks of shore birds. Seeing little children being terrorized by off leash dogs while their owners watch from a distance. Seeing senior citizens being knocked off their feet by dogs chasing balls.
Birding, watching a hawk stalking mhis prey.
Walking and riding the trails at quail hollow during wildflower season
Too many...

handling bats, snakes and other wildlife at Quail Hollow
Love Michael Gray Memorial. Spent many evenings there practicing with my youngest son's travel team as they aged out of little league and went to the next level. Not many fields that size (56/80) in north county.
3 times weekly i ride arana gulch lovely nature trail in my power chair between broadway - brommer to my lap swim at simpkins. what a delightful addition to my exercie routine! passing families on bikes,scooters,strollers,joggers,skateboarders,birds and wildlife,and freedom from traffic! the contact to the harbor and live oak communiy is a precious resorce!
Daughter's birthday at blue ball. Many sunny afternoons at seascape.
I was walking in Anna Jean Cummings park and all of a sudden a huge garter snake slid upon the path in front of me. It had just swallowed a gopher and I could see where the snake was trying to digest the gopher.
I used to take my children to the Jose Ave together in the park programs and enjoyed the camaraderie I had with other parents and learning about child development from the instructor
Seeing a mountain lion at Quail Hollow--what a thrill! So great to know it is quiet enough there to see wildlife!
At the Twins Lakes open space behind Simpkins Swim Center my sons and my friend and her son were all on a bike ride/stroll through the paths when a man approached and threatened to shoots us if we didn't leave immediately. He was irate and obviously homeless and scared my son so much that we haven't gone since. We called the police, but they never found him and I still see him walking by Shoreline Middle School and other areas of the neighborhood once and a while. This is our home, but we do not feel safe in many of the park and open space areas here. It's extremely disheartening.
Taking a hike with my son and husband on the forest path next to simpkins swim center to relax after my son's first swimming lesson.
Discovered the surprising little shrine at Pinto Lake County Park.
Throwing horse shoes at Quail Hollow.
Jr guards
My daughter's wedding at Aptos Village Park. My grandson's birthday parties at the Corralitos Park.
It seems that there was always something to do at Quail Hollow Ranch. My kids grew up going almost (it felt) every weekend; from taking hikes around the grounds and checking out the horses to birthday parties or herps walks. I love that there is so much to do in such an idyllic setting and led by such a knowledgeable naturalist. Lee is great!
Many positive experiences at Harvey West Park.
Birthday party at Highlands Park
Walking along the Beach & watching Dolphins play in the Ocean
Every year my children's birthday parties are at Anna Jean Cummings Park.
Walking on Corcoran Lagoon beach at sunset, watching flights of California pelicans drift by on the breeze, and shorebirds on the sand at the waters edge feeding unmolested by off-leash dogs.
I remember a day in February 2015. As we approached Hestwood Park we noticed a beautiful egret there, as the park was not occupied by people at the time. We stood for a long time and enjoyed that opportunity to see wildlife at the neighborhood park. The egret was a delightful addition to the other park animals that are mounted on the fence. I took a picture and am happy to share it with Parks.
Watching my dog run at Frederick Street park
Playing with my godchildren
Playing with children and watching children's soccer games. These events build sense of community and inclusiveness for South County population which has youngest population with most need.
Finding Fairy Lantern and other native wildflowers growing in Quail Hollow Park.
Searching for snakes and salamanders with Leigh at Quail Hollow

Used to be my favorite places to go as a kid, now not safe for kids
Loved junior guards. Playing at San Lorenzo park, seeing the wily hippies.
I saw a headstone made for someone's loved doggie in miller park. Clearly the person and their dog spent many fine hours walking, hiking in this lovely park.
Coaching youth soccer when my son was in grade school and having most games at Polo Grounds, which has nice playing fields with easy car and bike access for parents and spectators.
Snake handling at Quail Hollow Ranch.
Finding the beautiful, fragrant and endangered Santa Cruz Tarplant at Anna Jean Cummings Park
tide pooling at Davenport Landing
Seeing trees fall on a home.
Tide pool trips at the hook

**Q19 Other comments for the County Parks
Department:**

Answered: 251 Skipped: 551

Q19 Responses
We have great County parks. I am hopeful that this process will make them even better!
it is a tough business to be in. Keep up the good work.
Thank you for hiring more staff! It is really making a difference in all the parks. Maintance is getting done and places are cleaner.
Please provide a dog park for Santa Cruz Gardens. In the afternoon, traffic is so bad we can't drive to Aptos or Meder Street and are stuck in our own neighborhood. There is nothing for dogs here.
Killing some of the poison oak on trail sides would be amazing!
Cleaner and safer
Thanks, keep up the good work, we enjoy...
You should have to be a permanent resident to vote for how beaches are handled managed
Waste of tax money ticketing dog owners
Stop vilifying dog owners. Make them your allies! They are the part of the community that can help decrease the crime in the parks (more people trafficking an area = less crime). Open up San Lorenzo park to dogs (on leash)
I would like to see a natural resource enhancement plan for County Parks
Please do not allow bicycles (or motorized vehicles) into Quail Hollow Ranch County Park.
Please keep track of the needles that you are finding in our parks. The County Health dept and Board of Supervisors will not know the extent of the issue if you are not keeping track. Our parks and beaches should be safe for children to run around without worrying about being stuck by a dirty needle!!
Please increase enforcement of off-leash dogs, thank you!
Please allow dogs everywhere!
Find uniforms and aren't God-awful for those park employees. Find something that is more flattering and find better people to wear them! I still can't believe the etymologist they hired at Natural Bridges actually specializes in ants. What's going on there? Create interactive art pieces to celebrate the butterflies with the local art people. Network with the Pollinator Protector group. This town could be a Mecca for monarchs. Have you been to Pacific Grove or Pismo? Even Santa Barbara's park that's not staffed has a better exhibit. Also, I'd like to see the inmates working to help clean up the parks! It would be a lot better use for their time than watching tv. Inmates like to get outside and it makes everything go better if people are being productive.
I am an ex-ranger from the National Park Service, and I firmly believe in protecting our natural resources. However, in an urban area like Santa Cruz, I think you need to serve the needs of your population as well. We have several parks that cater to bikers, hikers, and equestrians, but the number of parks that allow dog access is very low, thanks in part to how many state parks we have locally (which are notoriously dog-unfriendly). I think it is in the county's best interest to consider supporting dog use in more of the parks. It doesn't have to be in all parks, but opening a few more to dog use would be a great service to the needs of our county. Catering to the needs of a very small part of the community who are very vocally against dog access in any part of the county does not serve the overall population.
Please allow more space for dogs, especially dog-friendly beaches! Thank you!
Turn the dog fountain back on at Lighthouse Field! Maybe that isn't a county park...
Please keep dog friendly access for responsible dog owners. If necessary consider putting a program in place such as Coloroda has: https://bouldercolorado.gov/osmp/voice-and-sight
Stop listening to the dog-haters and be reasonable. Healthy dogs need exercise to be good neighbors and contribute to the happiness of our community. In many cities dog parks vary in size, landscape and terrain. All dogs are screened and then registered for each park for an annual fee, so the city makes money, people pay entrance fees for however many parks they want to use per year, and THE CITY MAKES MONEY! There is no reason this system wouldn't work here. Chicago comes to mind.

My favorite park as a kid was San Lorenzo Park. I no longer go there due to the amount of people high/tweaked out and always sleeping there. So tired of it. I was born and raised here and I'm ready to move away. Santa Cruz needs to clean up the drug problems and get rid of the needle exchange. It's polluting our public spaces.
Increase the off leash dog parks!
Lots of pets being allowed to run without supervision while people surf etc. Many needles being found.
I'm so sick of this anti-dog mentality controlling the beach with "the environment" as its excuse. That bridge was crossed long ago with development of the inland areas. We CAN co-exist even though a vocal minority says we can't. It's not fair, and I will just continue to use the beach as I always have: respectful of others and the environment while allowing my dog to run and enjoy a tiny slice of freedom she would otherwise not get. BTW, this is not a great survey--I believe different, or differently-worded questions would have yielded better, more reliable results.
Thank you for all you do for our local parks. Please publicly support establishing places to walk with dogs on and off leash. Thanks much for your service.
Thanks for keeping our parks open and available, we need them and they help us thrive.
Thank you for all you do and for caring!
Would really like to have campsites at a County park, with some kind of "preference" for county residents. Yes, we have great state parks in the county and nearby, but the demand for campsites far exceeds the number available.
Please keep open spaces open and natural. Leave Moran Lake park and the path to 30th Ave. natural. Please keep the Eucalyptus area and open space at the end of Lode and Quartz
You guys are doing a good job, parks are generally clean, safe and well cared for. The rail trail sounds like a homeless highway, so that will be a bummer and probably make your job much harder, so good luck dealing with that headache.
The County Parks Department did not have a map of Chanticleer Park on their website as stated in a recent mailing- I think it's important to have things available if they expect public comment.
Our parks should serve our community which is already overly impacted by tourists. Let's focus on keeping it local
Please address the Sleeping Ban, attacks on the houseless (criminalizing) the challenged populations. Where are the houseless to go to rest and prepare for work?
Thanks for all you do! I appreciate this survey as I'm unable to make the meeting.
I feel the park system is well run by a lot of caring and concerned employees
Thank you. I love parks.
do something to make our parks safer and free from crime drugs and homeless problems.these parks are a disgrace.
I always have a "great I'm probably going to get yelled at for a rule I've never heard of" feeling in my stomach every time I set foot on your parks. I have two dogs as well, Santa Cruz is a huge dog town, and I don't feel like parks really embrace that. I feel like they're going to get in trouble for just being dogs, so I should take them somewhere with more nature and less government.
Enforcement of homeless camping needs to be addressed.
Please don't let tennis become a sport only rich people can play in private clubs. I learned to play as a kid on a backboard in a local park-took Rec lessons-joined a public team as a poor kid, and played against kids from private clubs. If courts are desitibed to be converted, kids won't get that same access that I had.
Why weren't Delaveaga and Pogonip included in this survey? They represent a lot more area than those listed, as well as being places I actually use.
Please keep 20th av beach Corcoran lagoon a on leash beach for the safety of our children
Look at Jade St park for proper maintenance of their tennis courts, modern infrastructure, safe atmosphere and pathways for walking/biking.

Form creative partnerships with the Rail-Trail factions that lead to a vision that bridges the differences and moves the process forward.
thank you for taking the time to ask the citizenry their opinion, i appreciate it. I am very concerned about the impact that off leash animals have on the beach ecosystem as well as on the peace and tranquility of the beach. As a dog owner/lover for over 60 years i completely understand the pleasure pet owners derive from watching their dogs frolic on the beach. However, i also believe that bringing a dog to the beach should in no way impact the experience of others. if dogs were properly trained to obey their owners commands, i would have no issues with off leash activities. A properly trained dog off leash immediately responds to its owners command. This regrettably is never the case. Many (but not all) dog owners think it is acceptable to have their animals run up and interact with walkers on the beach without invitation. I follow County law and always have my dog on leash. I always need to walk with a golf club to protect her from the onslaught of off leash dogs that are allowed by their owners to interfere with our peaceful walk. I also think it unfortunate that off leash pet owners allow their animals to chase off wild, native bird life. Corcoran Lagoon is a place of wonderful wildlife diversity, which is always disturbed by the Love the variety of people who use the parks.
Please deal with off leash dogs on 20th ave beach in particular. Unfortunate ignoring of stated and unenforced rule.
Last year my Grandson participated in the Baseball Hitting Instruction Camp at Santa Cruz High Ball Field. The restrooms were locked and unavailable which is not OK. Please be sure there are always facilities available for the kids to use.
they are great!
Appreciate your efforts to receive community input!.
Irresponsible people who allows their dogs to run free and fail to clean up after them are a constant nuisance as well as a danger to wildlife, other pets, and people. I've been attacked and bitten twice.
Thank you parks department!!
I would like to see more native gardens and more native restoration work done in our parks.
NA
parks dept does a good job.
Thank you for all the hard work you all do to provide recreation space & activities to our community.
Need to encourage birding, connecting with nature, limit noise pollution. Separate erosion creating sporting from more naturally open space and really nice birding and quiet areas. Introducing disc golf and off road biking ruins the peace and quiet these parks provide to an otherwise congested day. Your work is not easy, but being pushed around by speeding bikers or random sporting activities and their trash when you're finally relaxing in a public places ruins the effect of setting aside these places.
Park maintenance is a major issue. You need more and better placed trash and recycling bins.
Overall we are very happy with the park service and appreciate your service
My kids have stepped in dog waste many times at the parks. If there were designated dog areas, perhaps dog owners would use them instead. The signs prohibiting dogs and dog waste do not seem to deter dog owners.
Thanks for all of your work!
great job guys
Continue to enrich our parks especially the sloughs in south county.
The mountain bikers if Santa Cruz can help a lot and trail building and maintenance which you already know. Thank you for reaching out.
I really appreciate the efforts you put forth to get biking programs in the parks! You're keeping the dream alive for generations to come. Keep it up!
Thank you!

Thank you for everything you do!
Please consider the BertScott property for a new Jump park.
Volunteer opportunities for trail maintenance / invasive plant removal. Maybe this already happens & Parks needs to get the word out more. I think of only Quail Hollow as having anything like this.
Thanks for doing what you do.
Please preserve our natural resources! They are what make Santa Cruz County so very special!
Please support the Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz in finding a new home for the Post Office Jumps. It's a low-cost healthy and active solution for a county park that anyone from toddlers to elite pros can enjoy.
A bike park to replace the Post Office Jumps and Aptos Pumptrack which would provide for the needs of all skill levels of riders from tots to elite pros.
Thank you taking for taking the time to consider how we live and play here.
I would like to see more of the parks kept as open space and more care in controlling invasive species. There are lillies from a neighboring property slowing taking over the back side field at Anna jean. This would be easy to maintain before it gets out of control and more expensive to deal with. Also getting rid of the abandon building used by students at Soquel High and homeless people.
Bonny Doon needs a Community Center!! We pay park tax and need a center for the community. Would be nice to have bar b question and swings for kids. It would be wonderful! Please.
I realize your time and budgets are limited, but for some small investments there can be a lot of recreation options opened, especially with respect to mountain biking. Also, I appreciate the beach access points. I like them low key and not built up. Educating people on the ocean and the creatures that live there, like the signs on East Cliff, are a nice feature. Keep up the good work, and thank you for your efforts.
I'd like to see: Creation of mountain bike specific trail opportunities; A bike park to replace the Post Office Jumps and Aptos Pumptrack which would provide for the needs of all skill levels of riders from tots to elite pros; Funding for bike facilities construction and maintenance; Activation of the Miller Property in the San Lorenzo Valley for mountain bike use; Mountain bike specific trails; Activation of the Bert Scott Property with a bike park. Thank you.
Thank you for providing pet poop pick up bags!
Work for more open space, acquire and save as much space as possible, and don't worry so much about facilities, programs, and amenities. The crush of overpopulation is inexorable. Save the land, and draw some lines about overuse. Once it's gone to development, it's gone forever.
I think you do a great job. I would like to see additional funding for your efforts.
One or Two more parks for the Watsonville Area.
Thank you for your hard work!
Keep up the good work! Thanks for asking for our input.
Thank you for our beautiful parks. They really add to the quality of life here in the Mesa Village / Pinto Lake neighborhood.
I believe that there should be larger more protected parks.
add more ponds with bass
get bitches get money vice verca
soooo many homeless
more cleanliness
NA
less homeless please
n/a
none

more soccer!!!!!!
The country department needs to seriously step up on the homeless population issues. It is ridiculous how much the homeless and drug addicts pollute and ruin public parks that would other wise be for families and the public. They make the parks absolutely disgusting and undesirable to attend. The only improvement to the park is to getting rid of the homeless, because then there would be no destruction of property, less maintenance and clean up, and also more desirable for tourists to attend these parks. Instead you guys create programs such as the needle exchange which allows the drug addicts a constant source of needles to do drugs. Which, I don't know if you know this, will KEEP the homeless here. The County Parks Department either needs to create a park for the homeless and drug addicts in a remote location away from families and the public or strictly manage and remove these people from parks so that the public can actually use a park that your department spent tons of money on developing.
Less trash
the homeless is an issue
Nope
u would save cost on clean up and mantaince if u had no homless people staying there. theres to many homless in this town and they are the ones that (us) citizens have to keep up cleaning after them
yuh
they could be a little cleaner
none
CLEAN THE PARKS!
c:
Thank you for your service
N/A
nope
Adult sized playgrounds please.
none
more birds for bird watching please
no
Santa Cruz needs some more green spaces
N/A
Keep up the good work!
need to get rid of the homeless people hanging out in bathrooms and littering everywhere
Trees
none
why do you allow a hot dog vendor to take up 3 parking spots in the very popular Hook lot? When will the shower be repaired?
Please focus on conservation and protecting the precious wildlife in our parks!
I want off leash dog hours on 20th St beach.
Sorry I can't think of anything specific, but I guess I can just tell you thoughts in here. I am a dog owner and take him every where I go. More poop bags (the black eco friendly ones) would be awesome! Especially on east cliff (pleasure point walk). I am a local gal and love visiting all parts of the county. Thank you to all who are involved in keep the parks clean, safe and beautiful. I would love to see more benches, Picnic benches and garbage cans. I love keeping the natural habitat intact and providing smart conservation. More community gardens PLEASE!! More dog friendly place as well. Thank you again for keeping our county beautiful! I hope this helps! -keana parker

Thank you for all you do!!
I love our parks! It would be great to add the coastal rail corridor as a linear park.
Most of my recreation time is spent with my dog in tow. I would love greater access for dogs and the creation of a few more off-leash dog parks within existing parks.
Don't try to accommodate every trendy activity or sport that comes along. Provide clean safe restrooms at all facilities.
Expand dog parks! More stuff for babies and toddlers! Keep up the good work!
To preserve open space we need to invest in our youth - they are the people that will be protecting and supporting our parks and open space in the future! Instill a love of nature and an appreciation of community in our kids!
I find myself going to Quail Hollow Ranch and the UCSC Arboretum more and more because they do not allow dogs and it is most peaceful. I know it is very difficult to enforce, but places like Fall Creek park , where there are not supposed to be ANY dogs, is overrun by offleash dogs. Of course it is the owners responsibility, they make responsible dog walkers look bad. I volunteer for Native Animal Rescue, and it is so frustrating to be called to the beach to rescue a Seabird , and the biggest challenge is keeping the dogs away. Thank you for listening.
Thanks!
Thank you for all your hard work keeping our parks beautiful! Especially this year with all the extra mowing and trimming that needs to be done.
This didn't mention the sculptures of the late Cliff Short such as the bull in front of the Felton Covered Bridge Park, my favorite.
Clean parks are safe parks for every one
County festivals are really great use of the parks such as Felton Remembers and other annual events.
Public restrooms are so important. They need to be available and clean for all to use. I realize that the homeless can be a burden to the park system, but they need restrooms too, the alternative is even worse...
I'm glad there are lots of ways to use the parks; the big parks are awesome but little parks are important, too.
Thank you for your hard work & our wonderful parks & programs!
Keep up the good work but knowthere is. always room for improvement. :)
It's not okay to keep building if you can't control what you have already.
We really need the Ben Lomond park open again.
Love that we have the horse facility at Quail Hollow - that whole scene at Quail Hollow - from the ranch house to the horse area to the lake and nature trails is sweet, sweet, sweet!! Keep up the funding and programs there, please! Also, I'm very grateful for the tennis courts at Highlands because as far as I know they are the only acceptable ones in the Valley. Our high school has tennis courts, but they are in such disrepair that I believe the high school team has to practice at Highlands.
I enjoy and use the county parks, and can appreciate the difficulty and cost of maintenance. However, I am surprised to hear the parks department push for an open space district. I am completely against the notion of another level of bureaucracy, with taxation authority that is not beholden to my county supervisors.
Thanks
Keep up the good work!
Need to allow dogs and mushroom hunting
Keep up the good work!
I know it is hard but upkeep to the restroom facilities would be number one.
Thank you
That you for taking on this task.
Increase patrols at parks where drinking and drug use are common.

Please conserve our open spaces.
you guys do a great job given limited resources. Do you do volunteer maintenance days (clean up, etc)? Might help.
Thank you for all you do!
Stairs at 38th Avenue need to be fixed ASAP.
Please ask the CHP to do their job and actually patrol Sumner Ave. so that visitors to Hidden, Beer Can and Seascape parks-trailheads are not slaughtered in the street by motorists driving three times the speed limit. This is a tragedy waiting to happen. Maybe you can get the CHP to do their job, because we can't.
Please update Seascape park play structures.
You are doing the best you can, I'm sure.
Please consider the advent of changes that will be wrought by rising sea levels in the next century. All beaches in the county are threatened by this. Any plans for infrastructure additions or improvements should take into account rising sea levels of 3 to 9 feet by 2100.
Please re-open our local park and complete the renovations necessary after our winter storm damage.
I don't use the parks much as getting to them can be difficult, if you drive then parking is limited, if you walk/bike you can only visit those close by your home.
We need more dog parks. I have to drive to Scotts Valley. Neighborhood dog parks would be nice coz many of us could walk there giving us exercise along with our doggies! Thanks.
More access for dogs
Open space is good! Not all Parks need to be so "recreationally driven" - my favorite neighborhood park time is where one can just sit take a "nature-break." You don't have to be out in the woods to watch a bird catch insects on the wing or a squirrel run along a branch or a Monarch sip nectar from a flower. We need places where we aren't "doing" as well as places where we play.
Dedicated Pickleball Courts Please!
This survey was hard to find and use.
Keep on riding!
Please consider more dog-friendly park options! There are MANY dog lovers in SC County and we want parks to be for our pets too?
Very important to retain natural rural space in which to wander among trees and watch birds.
Thank you
Thank you for all you do and asking for my perspective.
Thanks!!!
Please consider the significant number of mountain bikers who live in this county when formulating the strategic plan. To leave mountain biking out of the list of activities people use county parks for would be shortsighted.
You guys are the best! I tell everyone polo grounds is the best dog park in the county. Everyone agrees. (Chanticleer dog park could use a better double gates entrance when you have extra gates and cyclone fencing. Existing one pops open, tools are in the entrance so there is too much coming and going to get scoops. The fencing itself is fine.) Lesley lesleyjon@yahoo.com see Yelp.com review of Polo Grounds and other dog parks with specific comments
You are doing an awesome job!
I am very interested in mountain bike access at the Miller Property. I have walked it and wished for some bike trails in the San Lorenzo Valley as there is nowhere to ride up here.
I like the new trails that are being planned.

Please understand that the loudly vocal anti-mountain bike contingent is small and aging. Santa Cruz county could be a world class cycling destination and the county parks could be the crown jewel. Not increasing access and trails is a detriment to our future.
Mountain biking is a popular and growing recreational activity in Santa Cruz county and is currently under-supported by the county parks department in terms of legal trails available to mountain bikers. Emma Maccreary trail (in Poganip) and the Flow trails in the Soquel Demo Forest are great examples of mixed recreational use and mountain biking trails built and maintained by local MBoSC volunteers and businesses. Would like to see the SC county parks system participate in similar trail-building programs.
Please kkeep up the good work and keep an open mind as users change and really value what parks can offer.
Thank you for all that you do. Please more mountain bike trails and safety.
Thank you for valuing public input into the Strategic Plan. I hope you will consider increasing infrastructure for bikes from paved paths to MTB specific trails!
please try to conserve the natural resources
Please support biking and mountain biking more
Put in a fish ladder; bring back summer swimming in Ben Lomond.
My child is just a toddler so we'll use the park services more in the future but currently my main form of recreation is mountain biking. That means the county isn't offering much. Mbosc has proved to be a ready and willing partner for building and maintaining sustainable trails. The county should take advantage of that as much as possible.
I love the county parks system and may not use it as much as I would like I would definitely use it more and even donate if there were more bike trails or bike specific (or multi use) areas.
Thanks for asking our opinion!
More mountain biking trails please and I will visit and contribute my finances to Santa Cruz county economy.
Homelessness/vagrancy remains a problem
Thank you for everything you do.
More trails for Mt biking
More trail access
Train the rangers to be kinder
Overall doing a really good job.
I would like to see the county prioritize funding for new mountain bike infrastructure. There is a clear need for more mountain bike facilities and trail access. There are currently 220 miles of official singletrack trail in Santa Cruz County, less than 40 of those miles are open to bikes. Our local bike industry does nearly a billion dollars in business every year. Bike related sales total nearly 10 million dollars annually in the city of Santa Cruz alone. The disparity between the size of our cycling community and the amount of trails and facility available speaks to the need.
Please find a way to keep tweakers, et al away from our parks.
You deserve more funding than u get.
I direct the coastal restoration non-profit Groundswell Ecology and we would like to work with County Parks to help build healthy communities by creating proactive solutions that attack the root causes of trashed coastal access points. Thank you for your efforts to enhance our Santa Cruz County Parks.
We need more parks in the Watsonville area that include community gardens. We need clean, safe and affordable family camping areas nearby. We need more bike jumps throughout the County.
We love the work that you do.
Time to do something with the hideous pieces of decrepit bridge you've parked out there.

Go after donors to sponsor some of these parks. Build a rec center where you can host classes, add a gym, pools, tennis, etc
Increase safety for park users.
Legally acknowledge, integrate promotion of donating to non-profit "Friends of SC County Parks" to help subsidize park programs and improvements
We are lucky to have much beauty and many who appreciate it! Keep up the good work.
Good job!
Thank you for the work you do.
I live on the North Coast and we need help. Social media is radically transforming visitation to nearly all beach zones. Any additional help with Davenport Landing, Bonny Doon, Greyhound or even the main Davenport beach would be very welcome. For what ever reason State Parks is ignoring Coast Dairies SP. Maybe they could use some help as well. Here's a Panther Beach example: Just consider the reality that on any good weather weekend from say March to October there's a 300-1000 visitors with no bathrooms, overflowing minimal trash service, dangerous cliffs/trails and virtually no law enforcement. I could think of quite a few in town parks with no where near these challenges that receive a lot more attention. Thank you, Ed
Thank you!
thanks
keep up the good work!
Glad you are asking!
We live on a ranch on the north coast so don't go to parks for recreation. Biggest need we hear of is mentioned in question #17.
Very fun staff. Maybe organize some Octathalons.
Thank you for your work
Please continue to try to work with Sheriff to clean up covered bridge park. It's the one park that does not feel safe or clean
Thanks for all you do!
More hiking land in Boulder creek that is signed and maintained.
Don't let recreational activities expand into parks with natural areas and good bird/ wildlife habitat. (ie, no increase in mountain bike trails). Protect all park lands from erosion and habitat degradation.
The county has provided very attractive, well designed inland parks. They are numerous and should be fun. However, because there is no regular ranger or visible authority, the parks are abused by dog owners who let their dogs off leash and by transients who take over the benches and tables or who sprawl, asleep under the trees. The parks are not SAFE for young children. The beaches are neglected by the county. Please improve the access points to Sunny Cove and Corcoran Lagoon Beach (20th Ave.) and create new signs with large print which list the beach rules...then provide regular, daily visits from park rangers to enforce the stated rules! No matter how well designed a park-inland or beach- if there is no authority present to enforce the rules , certain people take advantage, making the parks and beaches unsafe and unusable.
I greatly appreciate that the County Parks Department has a policy of not using poison to eradicate gophers on the playing fields.

<p>Between local dog owners, who should know better, and visitors who come to our beach parks with their dogs off leash, because some on-line source told them that it is tolerated here, the safety of the public in our county beach parks is being severely compromised. The County Parks Dept. needs to understand that County Animal Services is incapable, under its current administration, of resolving this problem. Public safety has taken a back seat to domestic animal welfare there such that our parks will continue to be unsafe for the foreseeable future. I would suggest that the County Parks Dept work with Animal Services to create and implement a comprehensive program aimed at solving this problem once and for all. Since the last attempt at a solution from Animal Services suggested turning Sunny Cove Beach into a 24/7/365 off leash dog park I think you can see that their perspective is hopelessly skewed towards the needs of dog owners over the needs of county park users in general. I think it also needs to be understood that the off leash dog problem in all of our county parks is only getting worse. The growing prevalence of pit bulls and other types of dangerous breeds in our region means that this threat to public</p>
<p>No more frisbee golf. It ruins the parks for everyone else.</p>
<p>Thank you for providing such nice spaces to spend time.</p>
<p>parks provide space and resources for a balanced life; they are much more than amenities.</p>
<p>Thanks. All the best to Mary Chavez, my hero!</p>
<p>more accessible open spaces or trails would be greatly valued</p>
<p>We need to protect open space. Organized sports cannot and should not take over the little open space that we have. Nature must be protected. There are 72 species of birds at AJC park!!!</p>
<p>Plant more trees at Highland Park playground--it used to be the nicest playground on a hot summer day--nice and shady when all the rest were hot--but now you've cut down almost all the shade trees!</p>
<p>Ocean View Park is now known among families in the area to have needles, drugs, and dog feces (sometimes human) and to be a park to avoid (there are others more known for this like San Lorenzo and Harvey West Parks). I hope we will some day feel safe returning to that once lovely park.</p>
<p>Are there any plans for a park with campsites such as Mount Madonna (Santa Clara County) Park?</p>
<p>Clean up the bums</p>
<p>The county park system has gotten too big and very expensive to maintain those parks. We understand the desire of the Parks Department to increase budgets but taxes are already a huge burden on the population.</p>
<p>I look forward to getting acquainted w/SCCP. I retired 12/2014 at 74 from CA State Pks. Though I don't have a personal need for an aquatic prgm, it is highly needed, well attended, but typically underfunded.</p>
<p>It's important to have programs available for low-income families, because they get excluded due to \$</p>
<p>It's time for the Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services to recognize and address the importance of habitat and natural resource protection and conservation in the County's Open Spaces and Parks. Open Space priorities should receive the same amount and degree of attention as Parks and Cultural Services.</p>
<p>Spaces for aquatic lessons and jr guards fills up so fast! I can only image it favors kids of privileged families who can take off work to sign their kids up in person (little pool guards). We need more recreational (especially summer) opportunities for our kids.</p>
<p>This Strategic Plan should be a Master Plan, with review and acceptance by the Board of Supervisors at a public hearing.</p>
<p>You all are doing a good job with the limited budget you have.</p>
<p>Thank you</p>
<p>Come meet with community, cultural and school leaders in Watsonville area to learn more about how County Parks could serve this area best. One meeting in Watsonville does not seem like enough. Please advertise through schools to get proper attendance at community input meetings.</p>
<p>close trails from bicycles and have more rangers to protect against illegal bikes on trails and off road bikes.</p>

You guys are awesome!
I like the plastic pump track at San Lorenzo Park. Would make a great skate board pump track. I think you guys do a great job, it seems like a lot of your problems are rooted in homelessness and drug addicts. I think our river banks and bike trails could be a crowning gem.
Perhaps facilitate community clean up, roadside weed removal, and beautifying Miller Park. What a gem. Thanks.
The North Coast Beaches Master Plan was successful in "cleaning up" the N. coast beaches from the litter and safety concerns of the 1980's. Using this approach on today's parks could be useful.
I would like to speak in favor of herbicides for control of invasive plants. When used properly these chemicals are very safe, and are a very cost effective way of managing vegetation.
More permission for fires on beaches. Not a fan of dog poop in parks or on beaches. Also, there should be enough bike racks to encourage riding rather than driving.
Organize a meeting of homeowners living adjacent to Moran Lake, to involve us in your planning and in the carrying out of plans.
Parks should be a place of respite from the frenetic hustle and bustle of urban life. They do not need more activities and entertainment infrastructure. Keep the parks as places for quiet contemplation of the natural world.