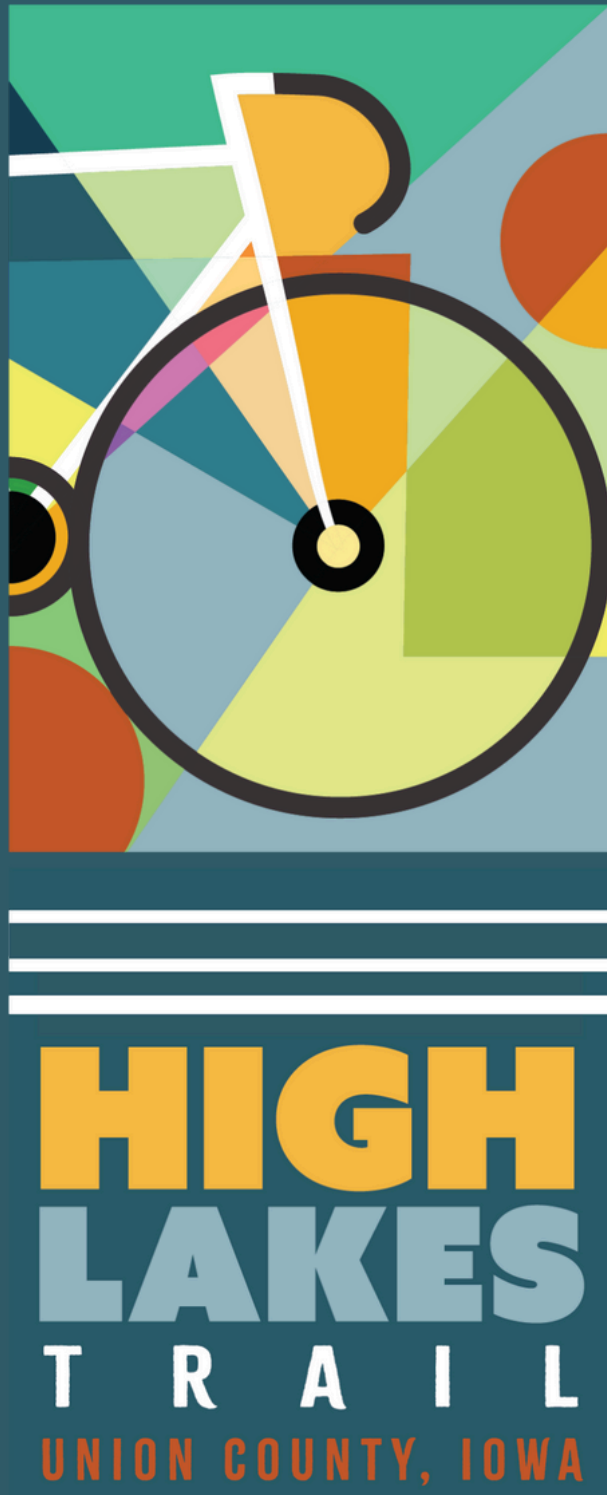
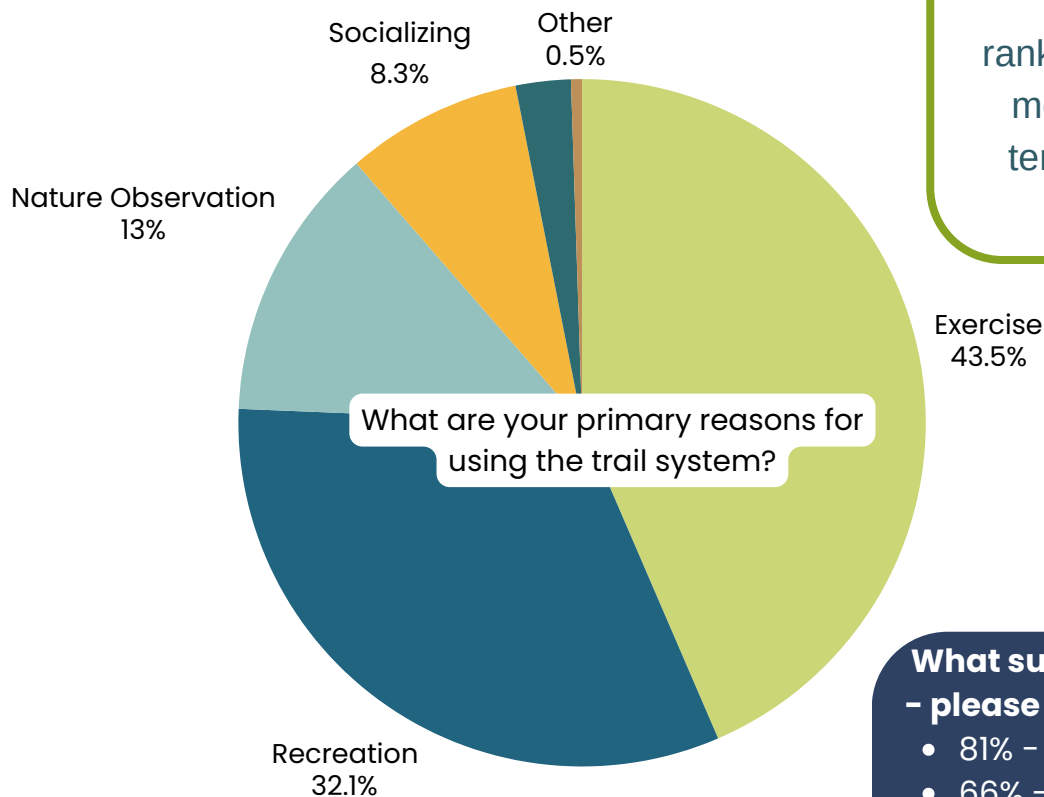
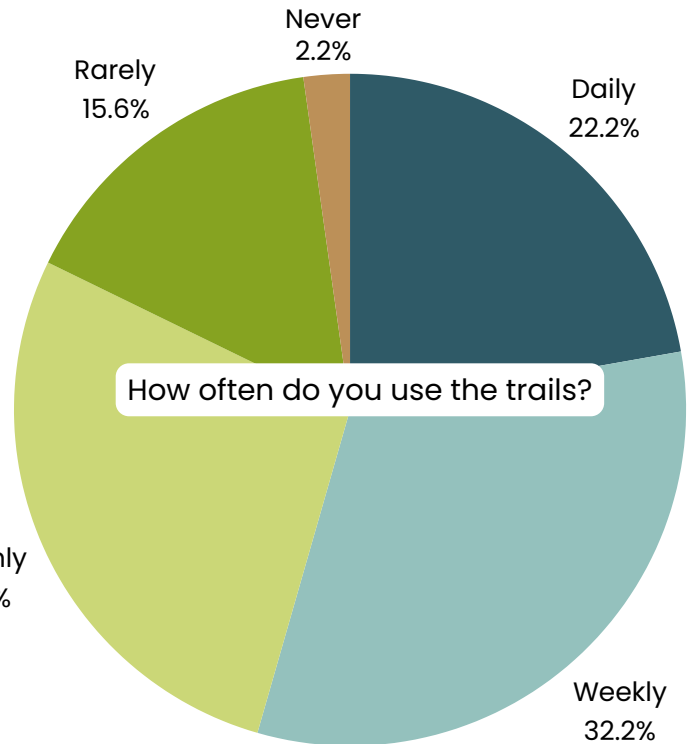
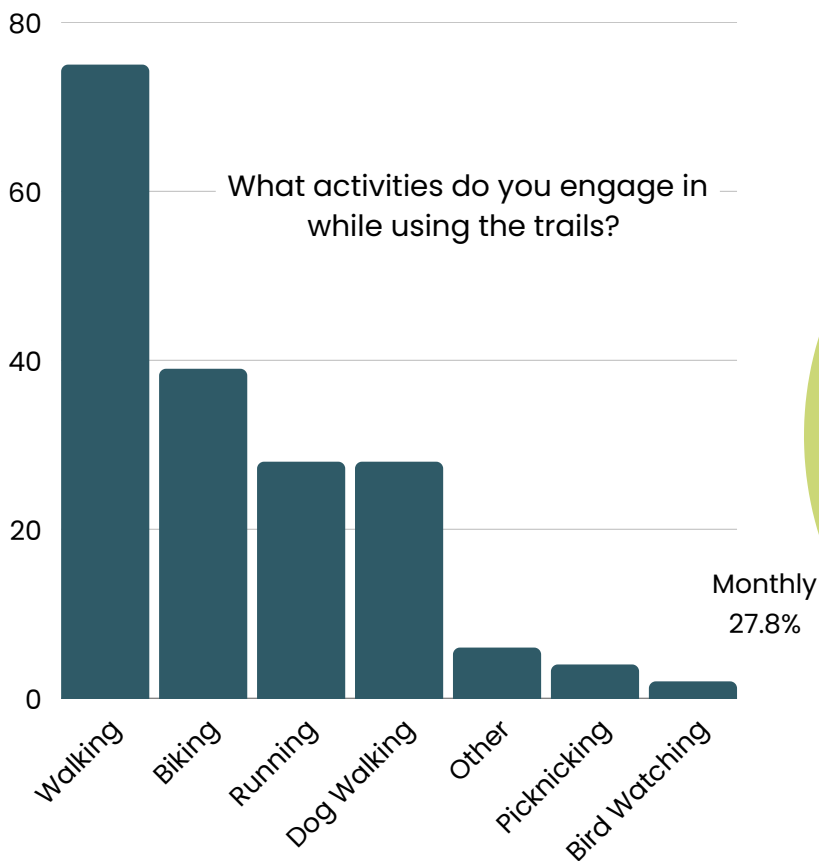


Trail Survey Results



**Over 90 Participants responded to
the survey**



95%

ranked trails as high or moderate priority in terms of community development

What surface to you prefer for trails – please rank in order of preference:

- 81% – Paved :: #1 choice
- 66% – Crushed Gravel :: #2 choice
- 65% – Dirt :: #3 choice
- 70% – Primitive :: #4 choice

What Areas Would You Like To See The Trail System Expanded?

77% – Creston

67% – Green Valley State Park

49% – Three Mile Lake

46% – Connecting Two or More Cities

46% – Afton

37% – Twelve Mile Lake

14% – Arispe

11% – Cromwell

5% – Lorimor

3% – Thayer

3% – Shannon City

What improvements would you like to see in the existing trail system?

- Operating water fountain.
- SWCC trail and 150 street to connect trail can stay quite muddy
- Updated maps with distances between trailheads indicated
- More options
- Maintenance
- Parking places to access the trails for non city residents
- Add a trash can for litter in between Adams and Prairie
- Equestrian trails
- More bike lanes or trails to and from grocery stores, and other shopping. Better access for college students to downtown. Bike/pedestrian lane on Lincoln from Townline to Adams St. Bike lane or trail on Adams from Lincoln to downtown. Bike lane to/from Cromwell.
- Resurfacing is needed! Places to throw away dog waste bags.
- I would like to see the primitive trail on the west side of Green Valley upgraded to crushed gravel. I would love to see some gravel added to the trails at Kelly Park. The grass is fine if dry, but gets my shoes wet in the morning (which is when it is often cool enough to walk). Long term, it would be amazing to see the Kelly trail system expanded and educational signage added (covering history, plant biology, wildlife facts). This would potentially draw tourists and provide an educational option for our local schools.
- More finished surface around green valley. longer connecting trails
- Promote them more.
- Extending paved walking trails in Afton
- More trails connecting Uptown to parks. Sidewalks on the highways
- Trash cans for people to utilize do they do not litter.
- Mile markers and maps at trailheads letting you know what the paths look like, how long they are, etc.
- Finish trail on Cottonwood between Adams & Prairie. Also from High school to Lincoln.
- Working drinking fountain
- Expand all the way down Cottonwood
- Accessible maps to show where they are and what they consist of.
- More distance and trailheads
- Drinking fountains and bathrooms
- Water fountain at Green Valley
- More bathrooms and lights during night
- I would love to see a trail that has the existing pavement alongside a crushed gravel trail to incorporate a designated trail for both running and biking.
- CRUSHED GRAVEL/LIMESTONE! Our trail system is great, however it would be so much better if the surface was softer. Ex: Raccoon River Park trail in West Des Moines.
- less concrete, more asphalt
- Cottonwood loop, uptown connection, Green valley expansion, Sumner Section
- Create more designated primitive trails.
- More Better Signage – Wayfinding and Expansion
- trails and variation in surfaces
- Art

Additional Comments

- Trash cans would be nice along the trails
- More awareness for the trail system.
- The Park to Park Trail we have now is wonderful, extending it with hard surface to the West side of Green Valley would be outstanding!! I appreciate all that we have now.
- The trail needs to be finished down Cottonwood st. This area is being developed so there is a lot of foot traffic on the road from people trying to get to the trail either on Adams or Prairie. It is just a matter of time before someone gets hurt.
- Keep up the good work improving our trails
- A nice wide multi-use path that connects Townline to Adams to Taylor.
- I won't be able to make the meeting, but I would really love to see a sidewalk or trail along Cottonwood, I love walking a loop from Adams to Prairie, Prairie, and down Cottonwood. It is dangerous walking on Cottonwood Road.
- I am new to ebiking as of last summer. I am excited to be a part of this discussion and brainstorming.
- Signage that indicates where trail goes/connects. Hard to know how Green Valley connects to McKinley w/o someone telling you.
- Places to throw away dog waste bags.
- Reiterating need for drinking fountain at green valley
- I understand why the improvements to Green Valley are being made and I support bringing it back to native trees. However, that was the one shaded trail available anywhere nearby. It's so hot in the summer, we would like somewhere with shade.
- As of now, there is are three >2.5 mile stretches on the green valley trail that do not have access to restrooms. As someone who is regularly running these three stretches, the distance between bathrooms is far too vast and I am forced me to resort to carrying back up wipes. We don't need large restrooms that are built by brick, a couple porta potty scattered between the gaps would be more than amazing. I think restrooms are the biggest priority, but a couple other things to consider are shade and drinking fountains. The green valley state park trail is missing a huge opportunity to plant trees alongside to path. This would provide shade while also boosting the scenery and environment. If trees could be implemented alongside the trail across the entire green valley to McKinley trail, I wholeheartedly believe more people would use them, similar to that of the raccoon river park trail.
- Another need for the current trail is garbage bins. When I clean up after my dog on the trail, I'm having to carry it with me for far too long because there aren't garbage bins to throw it in.
- For runners and anyone, restrooms are much needed
- The number of miles is limited on the current trails. I enjoy the Waukee trails as you can ride for miles without going on the road, which is way safer.
- Connect the lakes to Creston and Afton. One big beautiful trail
- The addition of the sidewalk on the west side of McKinley Lake has been the most beneficial change I've seen to the trail system. Not sure if it's possible, but something similar on the right side would be a huge benefit to avoid walking on the road.
- Would like the trail to connect to accessible playground either at Green Valley or McKinley
- Have restrooms that are open till weather gets super cold not because winter starts & open up earlier
- LOVE them! A safe way to get around town given the lack of sidewalks.
- Operating water fountain. The one on Green Valley Road never seems to be on.

Priorities In Trail Expansion/Development

1. Safety

2. Accessibility

3. Scenic Value

4. Connectivity To Parks

5. Proximity To Residential Areas

6. Environmental Impact