

Foster Park Trail Questionnaire Results

(2,549 Responses)

1. What is your age?

18-29 Years old (10.40 %)

30-39 Years old (23.93 %)

40-49 Years old (19.29%)

50-59 Years old (15.61 %)

60-69 Years old (20.09%)

70 years or older (10.71%)

2. In what zip code is your residence?

48607 (43%)

Other (57%)

3. In general, what are your top motivations for using the paved trail? (Check top 3)

Exercise (72.16 %)

Health and wellness (63.45%)

Observe nature (46.92%)

Spend time with family members and friends (39.93%)

Relaxation (38.91%)

Have fun (29.84%)

Exercise for my pet (25.87%)

Solitude (13.66%)

Transportation/commuting (4.40%)

Other (2.94%)

Events (2.67%)

4. What is your primary activity on the paved trail?

Walking (50.31%)

Biking (19.98%)

Jogging/running (14.44%)

Walking pet (11.66%)

Other (2.32%)

Hiking (0.82%)

Roller blading/long boarding/roller skating (0.47%)

5. On average, how often do you use the paved trail?

Daily (6.55%)

3-5 times a week (24.56%)

1-2 times a week (20.91%)

A few times a month (26.95%)

Once a month or less (17.225%)

Other (3.81%)

6. What factors would increase your use of the paved trail? (Check top 3)

Safety/lighting (49.02%)

Connectivity to other trails (43.41%)

Boardwalks/river overlooks (40.72%)

Nature observing opportunities (32.14%)

A wider paved trail around the entire loop of the golf course (32.10%)

More amenities along the trail (benches, picnic tables) (25.61%)

Other (9.94%)

Trail located further away from the golf course (9.74%)

Improved exercise stations (9.34%)

Terrain variation (uphill and downhill) (9.10%)

Trail located closer to the golf course (3.13%)

7. What paved trail features are most important? (Check top 3)

Safety/openness (60.55%)

Trail width (49.37%)

Experiencing nature (48.48%)

Accessibility (30.96%)

Opportunity to view the river (30.13%)

Lighting (30.09%)

Terrain variation (uphill and downhill) (9.99%)

Open view of Golf Course (7.74%)

Seating (7.03%)

Sculpture/art (6.32%)

Other (4.78%)

Exercise equipment (3.99%)

8. Do you support relocating and modifying the width of the trail in exchange for making improvements at the golf course?

No (52.38%)

Unsure (25.99%)

Yes (21.63%)

9. What improvements can be made to the current paved trail?

Additional lighting is needed (260)

Leave the trail as is (206)

Widen existing trail (194)

Additional benches (87)

Repave (78)

Safety concerns/alarms needed/patrols (69)

Improve nature components (tree maintenance /floral along the trail) (53)

Separate bike and walking lane (51)

Additional water fountain (48)

Golf course footprint should not expand into the trail system (46)

Connection to other trails (43)

Maintenance (trash/general maintenance) (37)

Additional trash bins along the trail (33)

Restrooms along the trail (33)

Markings (miles) (30)

Additional activities (information board, maps) (21)

Additional doggy poop bags along the trail (17)

Trails need to remain wheelchair accessible (14)

Option for shorter walk path (11)

Miscellaneous

10. What are your concerns regarding the existing paved trail?

Width-do not want it changed (186)

If trail were moved concerned about safety/security (180)

Do not want the trail moved (150)

Do not prioritize golf over the trails (113)

Current fall/winter/evening security issues (due to darkness/lack of lighting) (82)

Losing openness of park (55)

Keeping existing trail length (47)

Flooding of the trails if moved by river (44)

Safety/security issues currently (40)

Preserve nature (38)

Security for women (if trail is moved) (32)

Maintain cleanliness (27)

Wider width (15)

Miscellaneous

11. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us. If you have any final thoughts about the paved trail and the rest of Foster Park, please add them below.

Leave trail alone (175)

Stop focusing on Golf Expansion/leave the golf footprint the same (100)

Love all the park amenities as they are now (67)

Maintain park floral amenities (50)

Don't change the existing trail distance (25)

Keep pursuing golf Improvements (20)

Concerned would lose nature focus if trail changed (14)

Safety concerns (12)

Playground upgrade needed (7)

Updates on the sewer/stench (6)

Miscellaneous