



PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This section provides detailed information regarding the numbers and figures. Projections give the Town an idea of the future demands the Town should anticipate.

User Analysis

Virgin has experienced growth in both businesses and visitors over the last several years. This growth will have an impact on the Town's recreational facilities, resulting in the need for future planning. The following assumptions and calculations are as follows:

- Population Growth Rate: 1.24%
- 10-year Planning Period
- Existing Statistics
 - Population: 670 in 2020
 - Recreational Equivalent Population
- Projections for 2024
- Population: 703
- Recreational Equivalent Population

	All Agencies	Less than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More Than 250,000
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Table 1

Demand Analysis

The demand analysis focuses on the desired, or target LOS, and the future LOS needed to maintain the current, or existing, LOS.

Target LOS:

NRPA guidelines of 13 acres/1,000 people

Assumed Target LOS = 13 acres/1,000 people

Total Apparent LOS = 36.2 acres/1,000 people

Virgin's demand analysis exceeds the NRPA's guidelines for acres per 1,000 residents. The area of Virgin's parks is approximately 36.2 acres, with an existing Level of Service (LOS) of 36.2 acres per 1,000 people, placing Virgin's park areas in the upper quartile of the NRPA's metric. Virgin currently lacks trails, placing it in the lower quartile in this regard. Virgin may consider NRPA metrics in future planning efforts, though these metrics serve as benchmarks from a survey of communities and should be adjusted by each community to meet their specific needs. The town is situated in an ideal outdoor recreational space with access to various land. A relatively lower existing LOS compared to NRPA metrics can be satisfactory for rural areas.

INTRODUCTION

This section reviews the purpose and scope of this Parks and Recreation plan and analysis, provides background information, analysis area, and population projection.



Purpose and Scope

In January 2024, the town of Virgin expressed a need for a Parks and Recreation Plan from the Public Administration program of Southern Utah University. As directed by the Town, the specific objectives of this plan are to identify existing parks and recreation facilities, as well as establish a park plan that accommodates future growth and the needs of residents.

This Parks and Recreation Plan for Virgin, Utah is intended to update the existing parks and incorporate new park facilities. This plan is comprehensive, addressing existing conditions, future needs, priorities, levels of service, goals, and other components of the park's system. The goal of this plan is to provide a general guide to the Town for making decisions pertaining to the future development of parks and recreation. This comprehensive and tailored Parks and Recreation Plan is intended to enhance the quality of life for residents in Virgin.

Background Information

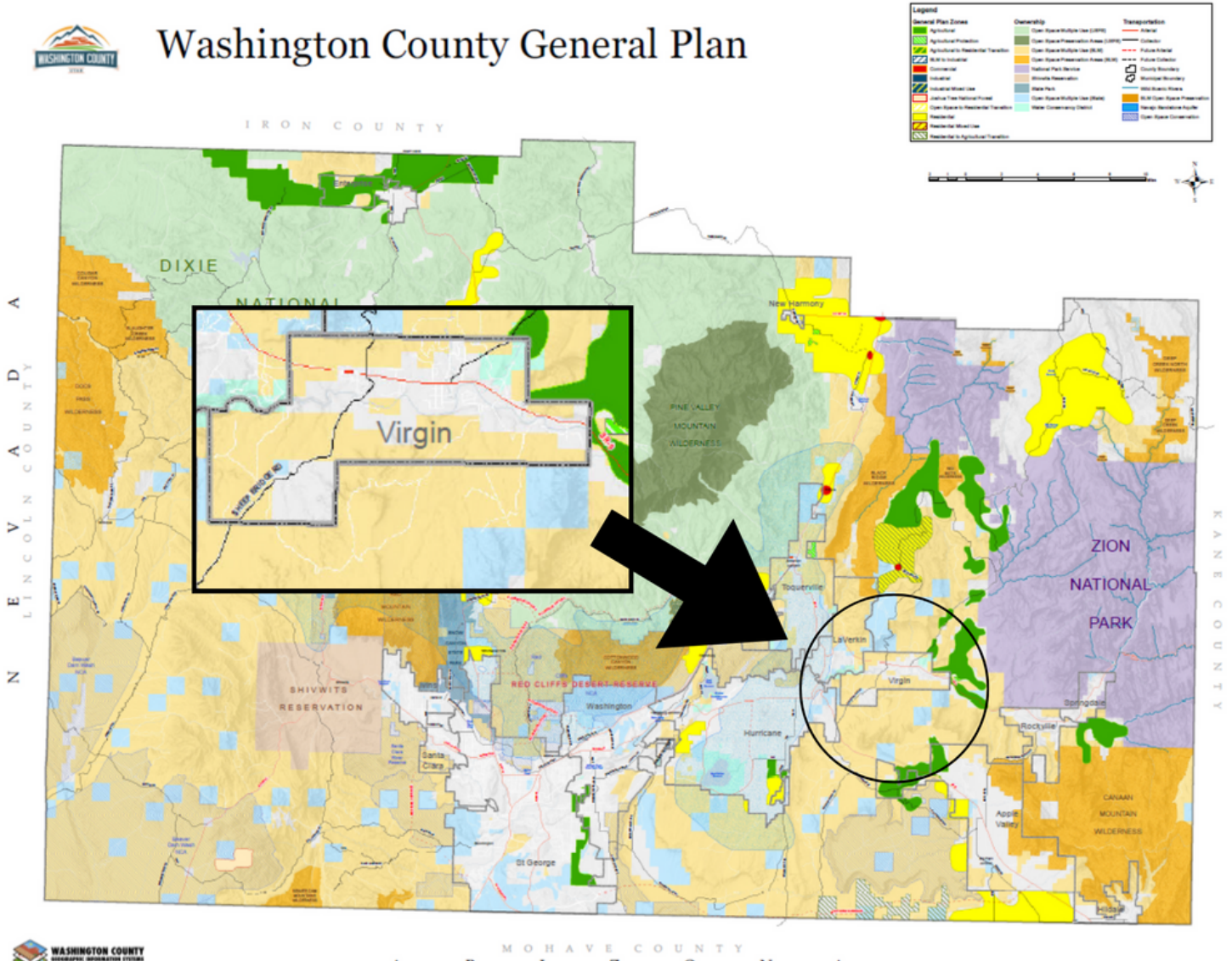


Established in 1857, Virgin, Utah is located along the Zion Canyon corridor in Southern Utah. Surrounded by breathtaking plateaus, mesas, the Virgin River, and farmland, this is a prime area for recreational use. The terrain surrounding Virgin attracts many activities including mountain biking, climbing, canyoneering, hiking, river rafting, and more.

It is essential to provide accurate baseline demographics and projections to develop a Parks and Recreation Plan that responds to residents' needs and desires. Population and household data give concise demographic projects for projecting future park needs. Further demographic results can be found below.

Analysis Area

The Parks and Recreation plan is contained within Virgin town limits in Washington County.



Analysis Area

Population Projection

Virgin had a population of 670 (1) in 2020 with a growth rate of 1.24%. It is estimated that the population for 2024 is 703 which serves as a baseline for this plan. The population is projected to increase by 93 people to 796 in 2034, which is the assumed ten-year planning horizon (2024-2034).

Equation 1: Compound Growth Formula

$$F = P(1+i)^n$$

F = Future Population

P = Current Population

i = Projected Growth Rate

n = Number of Years

Virgin Population

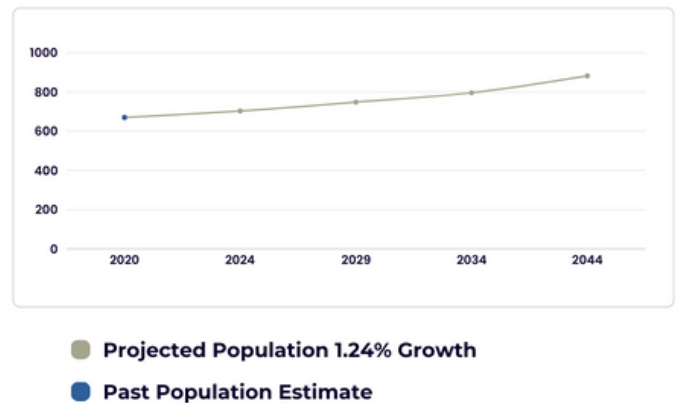


Table 2

As of 2020, Virgin's census population is 670. Using the compound growth formula in Equation 1, the projected populations were calculated and shown in Table 2.

Population data for this plan has been taken from the U.S. Census, it is important to note the population figures in this plan may not fully reflect the recreational needs of Virgin. This plan does not take into account the current rate of growth for businesses and visitors. The projected population only considers Virgin residents and current growth rate trends.

Household and Age Characteristics

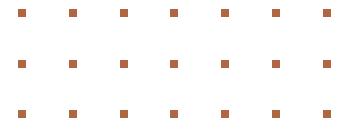
The demographic profile for Virgin's Parks and Recreation Plan is verified by the U.S. Census Bureau (2), which indicates that the average family size is 3.29. 31.4% are under 18 years old. The median age is 47.5. As the population ages and the community changes, different demands are likely to arise that will require a more balanced and diverse range of park facilities to meet changing needs.

(1) Bureau, U. C. (2023, June 29). Search results. The United States Census Bureau. https://www.census.gov/search-results.html?q=population%2Bprofiles&page=1&stateGeo=none&searchtype=web&cssp=SERP&_charset_=UTF-8

(2) Bureau, U. S. C. (n.d.). Explore census data. Explore Census Data. <https://data.census.gov/>

PUBLIC INPUT

This section reviews the public input conducted in March 2024 to help determine the uses and needs of residents.



Through Southern Utah University, an informal internet survey was conducted in March 2024 to help determine the uses and needs of residents. The survey was conducted between March 6, 2024, and March 18, 2024. This survey was advertised via email and social media and received 113 responses. The results of the study provide a decent sampling of the desires and needs of survey participants.



Parks

Of the 113 responses, 96% are residents of Virgin while 4% are not. 41% of respondents used the parks less than monthly, 24% monthly, 20% weekly, and 15% of respondents use the park daily. Several reasons people seldom use existing parks is due to not having park features they are interested in, ease of access (i.e. non-existent sidewalks), locked bathrooms, unleashed dogs, playground equipment needs improvement, etc. Of these respondents, the highest number was 41% of respondents have 65+ age group living in their homes which is followed by 34% between 55-65 age group and 33% at 45-54 age group.

The chart below outlines the various activities people within these households participate in. It was also listed that respondents participate in softball, recreational shooting, fishing, walking dogs, baseball, basketball, canyoneering, walking the dog, and vehicular activities such as dirt bike riding and side x side and bicycle riding.

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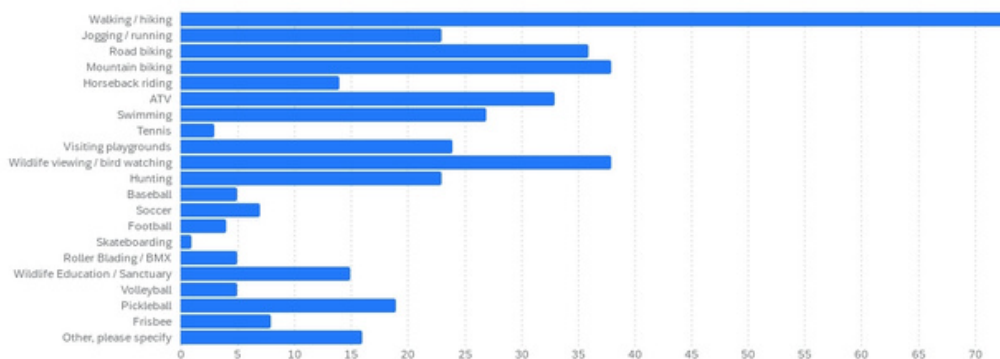


Table 3

The chart below outlines what type of park land is most needed in Virgin, respondents were encouraged to select up to two choices. Park land not specified in the survey, but suggested by respondents include veterans memorial, dog parks, kayak park, mountain bike skills park with asphalt pump track, skate park, MTB bike trails, none, and one suggests to take care of current parks and not to sacrifice these parks for businesses or developers.

Trail Systems

Currently, Virgin does not feature any existing trail systems. 83% of respondents would like to see trail systems while 18% do not want trail systems. Of the respondents that would like to see trails, 22% prefer asphalt while 78% prefer natural trails such as gravel or dirt.

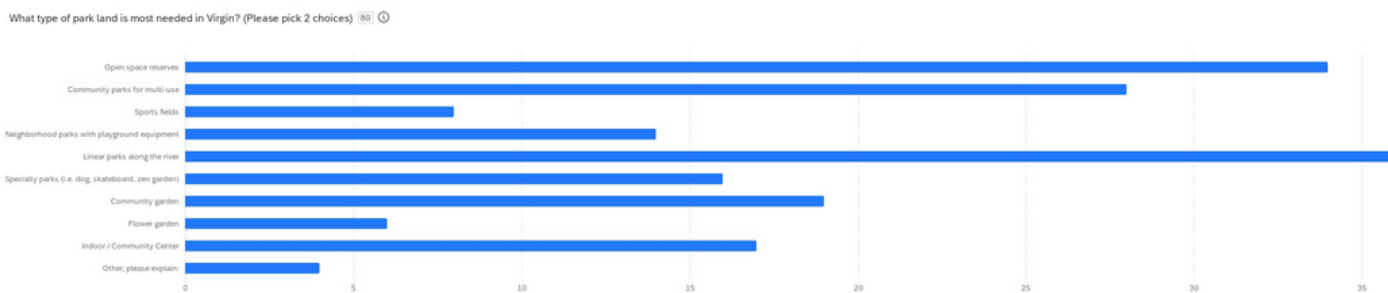


Table 4

Recreational Group Classes and Programs

Many communities offer recreational group classes, often there is a user fee for certain amenities and classes. 25% of respondents are very willing and 25% are willing to pay a reasonable user fee. 30% are somewhat willing, 13% are very unwilling, and 30% are somewhat willing.

Recreational group classes suggested various activities including exercise, arts and crafts, yoga, tai chi, aerobics, tennis, pickleball, dance, canyoneering, group workout classes, swift water rescue classes, etc.

The chart below outlines various recreation programs, it is also suggested that tournaments that utilize the existing athletic courts also be considered.

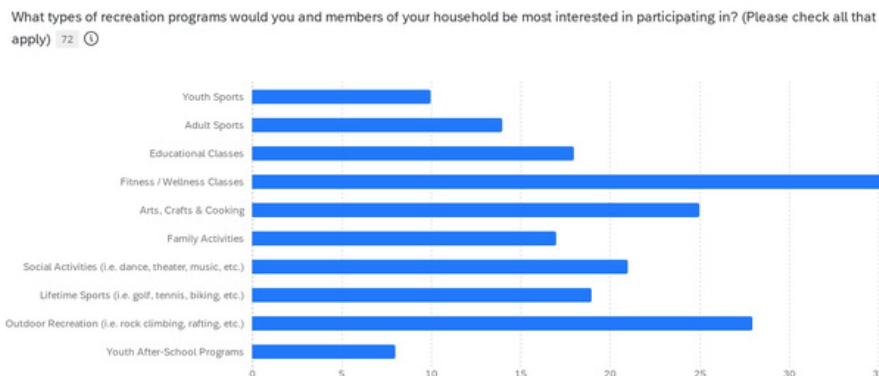


Table 5

Future Parks

Within a 10-year plan, there are various programs and facilities that respondents want to see included in the chart below. There are also three potential pieces of land for pocket parks located alongside the Virgin River, 74% of respondents would use these parks while 26% would not.

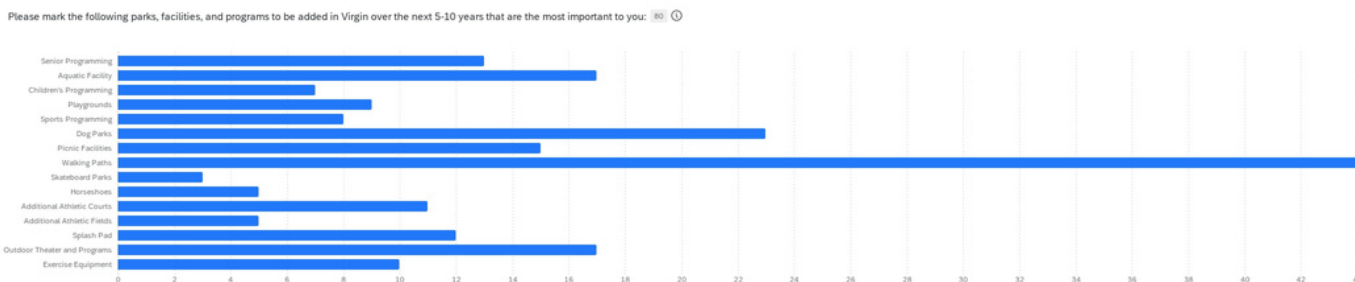


Table 6

Survey respondents also suggested various improvements that can be made to existing parks and recreation, in addition to the chart below, these include a dog park, fencing along Pocketville Park, sidewalks for accessibility, disc golf, equestrian facilities, removing sticker burrs, purchasing a new American Flag, an MTB skills park, and reseeding the lawn at the Town Park.

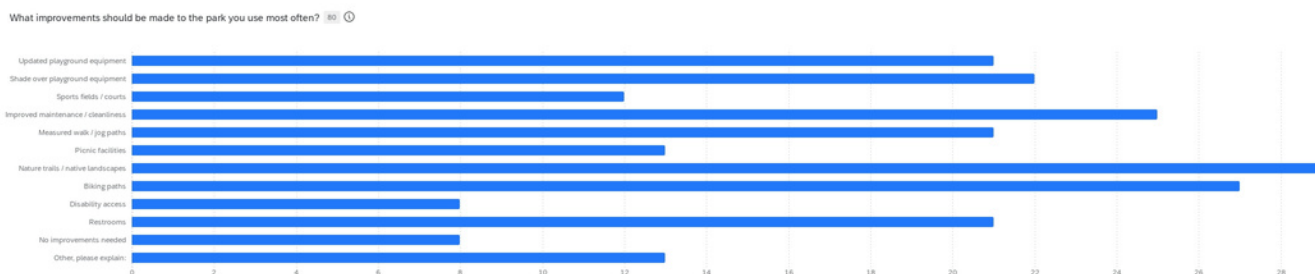
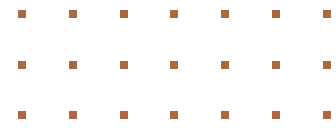


Table 7



Summary of Key Issues and Comments



The following are comments and ideas provided by survey respondents. The comments are divided into two main categories: Summary of Key Issues and as Verbatim Comments. The number in the parentheses (x) indicates the number of similar comments received for a given topic/issue.

Key Issues

General

- Existing facilities are not used (3)
- Dangerous to cross SR9 to play at the Town Park
- Remove sticker burrs
- Lack of pavement
- “Dog poop and weeds in the grass. Ballpark dirt hard as cement.”
- Existing facilities don’t have what people want.

Town Park

- Outdated playground equipment (3)
- Lack of trails, walking paths, and bike paths
- Reseed lawn
- “Sticker weeds and ants in the gravel at the playground.”
- Locked bathrooms



Pocketville Hollow

- “Fencing on the side of the park bordering the old post office property. For around 9 years the name Pocketville park has not been changed from the sign saying Sierra Bella Park”
- Unleashed dogs (3)
- Planned landscaping

Trails

- Lack of trails, walking paths, and bike paths (20)

Verbatim Comments and Wants

General

- Dog park (6)
- Gathering areas
- Concert/Entertainment areas
- "Interpretive and historical visitor information or welcome center"
- No improvement needed (8) "Keep Virgin beautiful not with buildings all over it."
- "Take care of what we already have. Don't sacrifice the citizen's park for business or developers."
- Veterans memorial
- "Not much money so far in the town budget to improve Pocketville park and Falls park. A pickleball court was put into Town park but parks are for children too. Maybe not many children in Virgin but there are visitors, families and relatives with children. It feels like discrimination to neglect upgrading and building facilities for children."
- Improve Falls Park
- "Need to have natural spaces that are not aimed at children. Playgrounds are unattractive and noisy."
- Maintenance.

Trails

- Bike paths, walking trails, and hiking trails (21)
- Equestrian Trails



Recreation

- Softball/Baseball (2)
- Motorcycles (2)
- Recreation shooting
- Fishing
- Walking the dog
- Canyoneering, Rock Climbing, Kayaking and Rafting (4)
- Basketball (2)
- Swimming Pools and splash pads (4)
- Skate park

Recreational Classes

- Exercise (11)
- Arts, crafts, sewing (3)
- Yoga (9)
- Tai chi (3)
- Pilates
- Dance (3)
- Age appropriate

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

This section offers an overview of the existing parks within Virgin and sets forth guidelines, standards, classifications, and level of service to be used in both current facilities and forthcoming parks and recreation initiatives. The content in this section has been compiled through diverse investigations and online research.

Existing Facilities

Town Park

Nestled in the heart of Virgin’s community, this park is a hub for outdoor recreation, catering to a diverse range of interests. The playground provides space for children to play and explore, fostering a sense of community and fun. Adjacent to the playground are pickleball courts and a basketball court, promoting an active and social atmosphere. The park contains a covered picnic area equipped with a BBQ facility, and small kitchen area. Additionally, people can enjoy a baseball game in the baseball field or use the outdoor stage. According to survey responses, this park is used most often by 44%.



Heritage Town Square



This park blends historical charm and modern convenience. The centerpiece is remodeled historical buildings which add charm to the square. The old Church building serves as a versatile venue for a myriad of events and gatherings. The Heritage Town Square is used by 18% of survey respondents.

Inside, a full-size kitchen is nearly ready to cater to culinary needs and potential recreational classes. The historical charm is complemented by the integration of contemporary amenities, creating a unique atmosphere. The park’s mature courtyard provides a serene outdoor setting, perfect for socializing or simply enjoying the natural beauty that envelopes the space. Whether hosting weddings, community events, or cultural celebrations, this park transcends its historical roots. This park provides a harmonious blend of the past and present.

Pocketville Hollow



This expansive park provides an informal backdrop for both canine companions and their owners. Featuring open space, the park provides an ideal environment for dog owners to bring their pets for exercise and socialization. This park's dog-friendly atmosphere encourages a sense of community among pet owners. The Pocketville Park is used by 35% of respondents.

*Please note that this document, tables, and survey may refer to this as Pocketville Park.

Falls Park

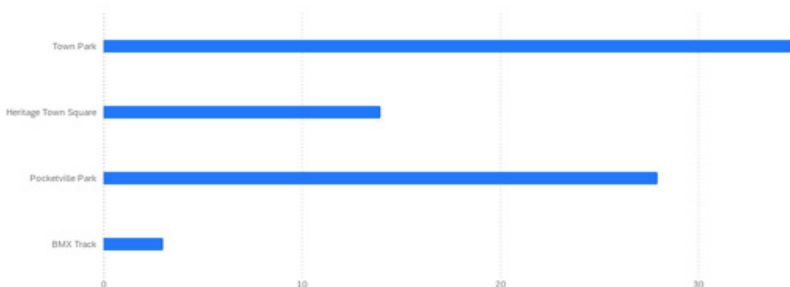
Nestled alongside the Virgin River eschewing formal structures, the park embraces the organic landscape. With no designated structures, the park encourages gatherings, picnics, and impromptu activities. The survey results failed to capture the amount of respondents that use Falls Park, although it was mentioned by several survey respondents.

BMX Track

This track's course features a series of jumps, berms, and challenging obstacles. The BMX track is used by 4% of survey respondents.



Which park do you use most often? 89



This Table analyzes the parks used most often.

Table 8

Inventory

Compiling a list of parks and trails is essential for assessing Virgin's current recreational Level of Service (LOS). An inventory of park and trail facilities was collected through online research and communication with Town staff to identify park and trail facilities. Upon completion of the inventory, the existing LOS was determined through the following calculation:

- Existing Facilities:
 - 5 parks = 25.45 acres approximately
 - 3 undeveloped pocket parks = 1.175 acres approximately
- Existing LOS:
 - Parks = 36.2 acres/1,000 people (undeveloped parks not included in calculation)

Level of Service and Park Needs Analysis

The Level of Service (LOS) measures how much access to parks, greenways, and indoor facility space residents have based on the park system's current inventory and Virgin's total population. LOS metrics cannot be used as absolute recommended standards, they serve as valuable tools for identifying shortfalls or excesses in Virgin's offerings over a 10-year period.

Equation 2: parks and recreation offering/portion of population (1000) = Level of Service

Existing LOS: 36.2 acres/1000 people

Existing Parks Inventory

NAME	APPROXIMATE ACERAGE
HERITAGE TOWN SQUARE	0.684
TOWN PARK	2.246
POCKETVILLE PARK	5.977
BMX TRACK	10.189
FALLS PARK	6.335*
TOTAL	25.45

*This only accounts for land used on the southside of the river

Table 9

Acres of Parkland per 1,000 Residents (By Jurisdiction Population)

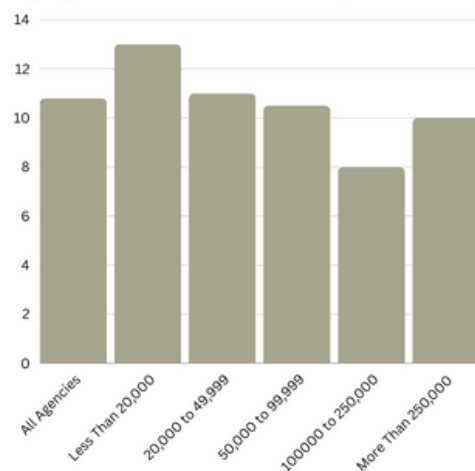


Table 10

NRPA Metrics

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) previously set guidelines for park facility development to assist communities in defining the types, sizes, proximity, and quantity of recreational facilities required. These metrics offer insights into the distribution of facilities across communities, including the lower quartile, median and upper quartile. Table 11 outlines the quartile data for various metrics applicable to communities like Virgin, serving under 20,000 residents, as per the 2023 NRPA Agency review.

2023 NRPA Metrics (Under 20,000 Residents)

	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile
Residents per Park	2042	1,225	666
Acers per 1,000 Residents	6	13	21.1
Miles of Trails	2	4	10
Average Community Size with Recreation Centers	9,745		

Table 11

GOALS AND POLICIES

This section offers goals and policies to meet satisfactory standards for existing and future parks and recreation within Virgin.



Goal 1: Improve maintenance and operations in parks

Policy 1.1: Provide an annual budget allocation for park improvements and upgrades.

- a. *Implementation Measure:* Quarterly review inventory of all parks and park facilities, documenting needed improvements and upgrades.
- b. *Implementation Measure:* Work with local neighborhoods and potential interest groups to establish an “Adopt-A-Park” program.
- c. *Implementation Measure:* Seek funding options that allow for the progress on potential parks or improvement on existing parks.
- d. *Implementation Measure:* Apply design standards to reduce maintenance requirements and costs, assuring the longevity of facilities.
- e. *Implementation Measure:* Install adequate facilities for residents to “self-maintain” parks and park facilities.
- f. *Implementation Measure:* Provide a Parks and Recreation Department to oversee the maintenance on all parks.

Goal 2: Assure that Virgin's residents have access to parks and park facilities

Policy 2.1: Maintain an exemplary level of service. Consider planned development for future parks to accommodate accessibility for residents.

- a. *Implementation Measure:* Update the Impact Fee Study as needed, and to include the acquisition of property and rights-of-way.
- b. *Implementation Measure:* Upgrade existing parks that have been identified for additional facilities or improvements.
- c. *Implementation Measure:* As the community grows, particularly in the undeveloped and proposed annexation areas, be sure that the standard is maintained or exceeded and that parks are readily accessible to residents.
- d. *Implementation Measure:* Work alongside developers to incorporate park development into future residential development proposals.
- e. *Implementation Measure:* Require as a condition of development approval, the location of park land in the site development master plan.

Goal 3: Promote the balanced distribution of parks, amenities, and facilities to serve the residents of Virgin.

Policy 3.1: As existing parks are improved and new parks are developed, conduct frequent reviews of the Parks Master Plan. Monitor changing site conditions, wants, and needs to ensure that the location, design, and maintenance to each park is satisfactory to the needs of the surrounding neighborhoods and town.

- a. *Implementation Measure:* Maintain, update, and utilize the Parks Master Plan as needed to promote unified growth and development of Virgin's park resources.
- b. *Implementation Measure:* Establish, maintain, and utilize a GIS record of all the parks, trails, and related facilities and amenities.
- c. *Implementation Measure:* Consider the needs of all age demographics of Virgin residents when designing and developing future parks.

PARK DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

This section offers an overview of park development priorities for existing and future parks including trails, mini parks, neighborhood parks, and community parks.

In order to ensure that existing and future parks meet community needs, the establishment of minimum standards for park development are recommended. These standards should reflect the needs and expectations of the public, as contained in the 2024 Park and Recreation Survey. To meet the need for future parks, existing gaps must be filled and proposed parks developed as envisioned. However, the current and projected LOS is currently met.

All existing parks should be upgraded as necessary to meet the minimum requirements for amenities and features in parks. Future Parks should be designed and developed from the outset with amenities and features that meet these standards.

Trails should include, space permitting, at least the following amenities:

- Trail heads
- Connections with other trails, recreational areas, or neighborhoods
- Environmental considerations such as natural grading and erosion control measures
- Rest areas and facilities
- Consideration for equine uses

Mini Parks should include, space permitting, at least the following amenities:

- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Small-scale amenities such as pavilions
- Trail connections
- Natural landscaping

Neighborhood Parks should include, space permitting, at least the following amenities:

- All amenities found in mini-parks in the above list
- Drinking fountains
- Restrooms
- Walking paths that are connected to other trails and open spaces
- Playgrounds
- Pavilions and shade structures
- A regional draw such as a skate park, splash pad, or dog park.

Community Parks should include, space permitting, at least the following amenities:

- All of the amenities found in the Neighborhood Parks above
- Additional restrooms sufficient for anticipated need and ADA compliant
- Specialty complexes or features such as a community center, swimming pool, or nature reserve.

FUNDING

This section explores potential funding opportunities through various channels such as government grants, private foundations, and networking with relevant communities and organizations.



List of Funding Possibilities

By securing government funding, Virgin can enhance resources, promote economic development, and improve residents' quality of life. Below are several funding opportunities that specifically promote recreation.

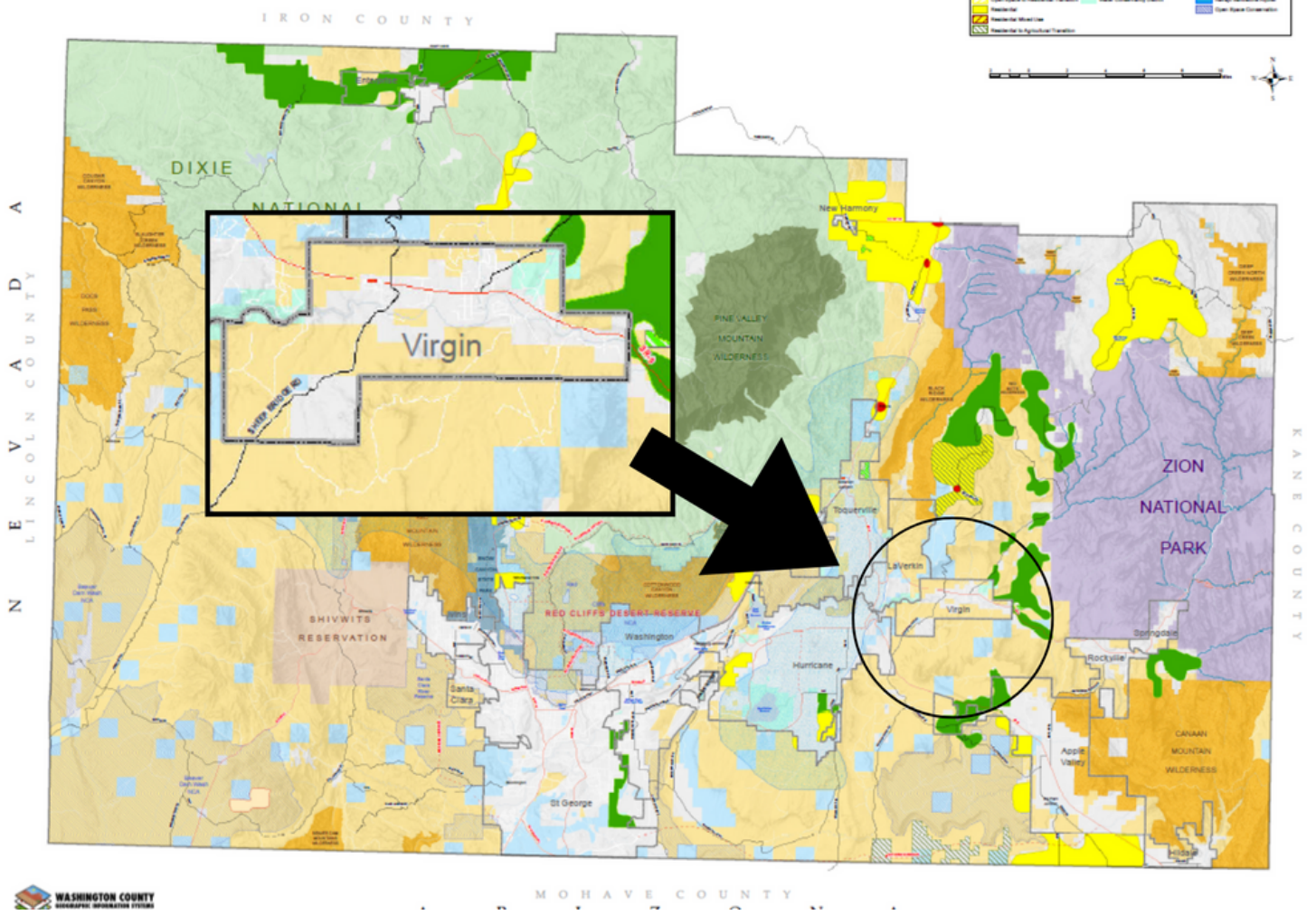
- **Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant:** for new outdoor recreation infrastructure projects and helping communities build recreation amenities that support local economic development.
- **Recreational Trails Program:** a federally-funded Recreational Trails Program that has helped with non-motorized and motorized trail developments and maintenance, trail educational programs, and trail-related environmental protection projects.
- **The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State and Local Assistance (SLA):** provides grants for projects that will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public. This is accomplished through the acquisition of lands and waters for parks and other outdoor recreation areas, as well as through the development of new, or the renovation of existing, outdoor recreation facilities.
- **BLM Bureau of Land Management Utah Recreation and Visitor Services Program:** enhances community-supported partnerships in tourism, marketing, and conservation. Improves motorized and non-motorized trails including trail construction and maintenance, comprehensive travel and transportation inventory and assessment, planning management and monitoring.
- **Hometown Grants and T-mobile:** builds new high trails, revitalizes historic buildings, and more. This grant helps fund projects that foster local connections, such as technology upgrades, outdoor spaces, the arts, and community centers.
- **Together Outdoors:** funds outdoor inclusion initiatives that are “by the community, for the community.”
- **Adopt-A-Park:** these programs allow individuals, families, or organizations to help in preserving parks. This option enhances parks while promoting civic engagement, pride, and environmental stewardship.

APPENDIX A - MAPS



Washington County General Plan

General Plan Zones	Ownership	Transportation
Agricultural	Open Space/Multiple Use (OSMU)	Roadway
Agricultural Protection	Open Space/Multiple Use (OSMU)	Corridor
Agricultural to Residential Transition	Open Space/Multiple Use (OSMU)	Future Roadway
Rural to Residential	National Park Reserve	Future Corridor
Commercial	National Park Reserve	County Boundary
Industrial	State Park	Municipal Boundary
Industrial/Mixed Use	State Park	Water Right
Industrial to Residential Transition	State Park	Water Conservation District
Open Space to Residential Transition	State Park	Water Right
Residential	State Park	Water Right
Residential to Agricultural Transition	State Park	Water Right

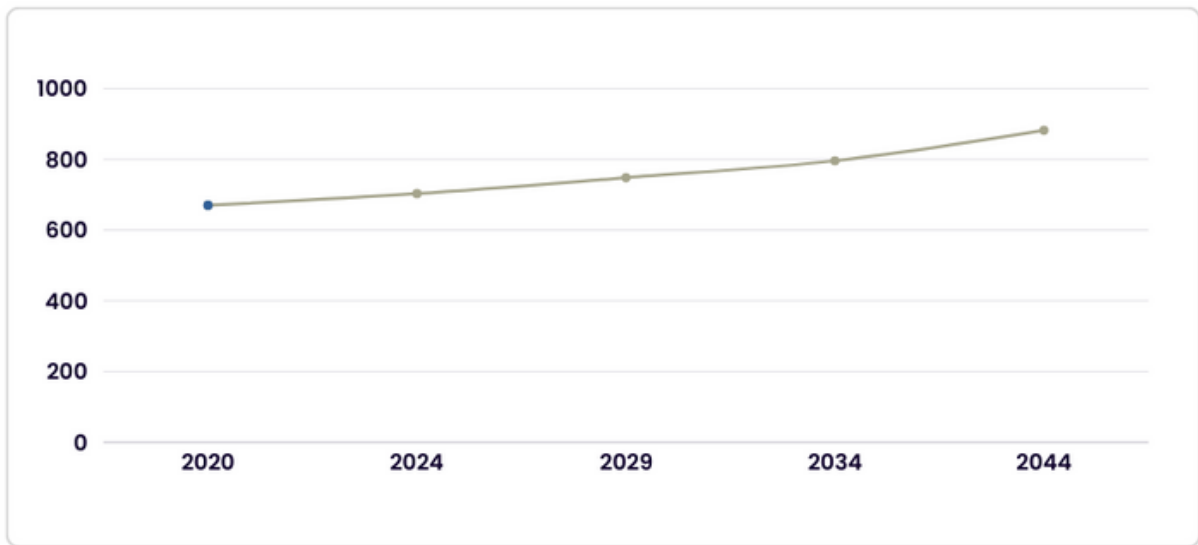


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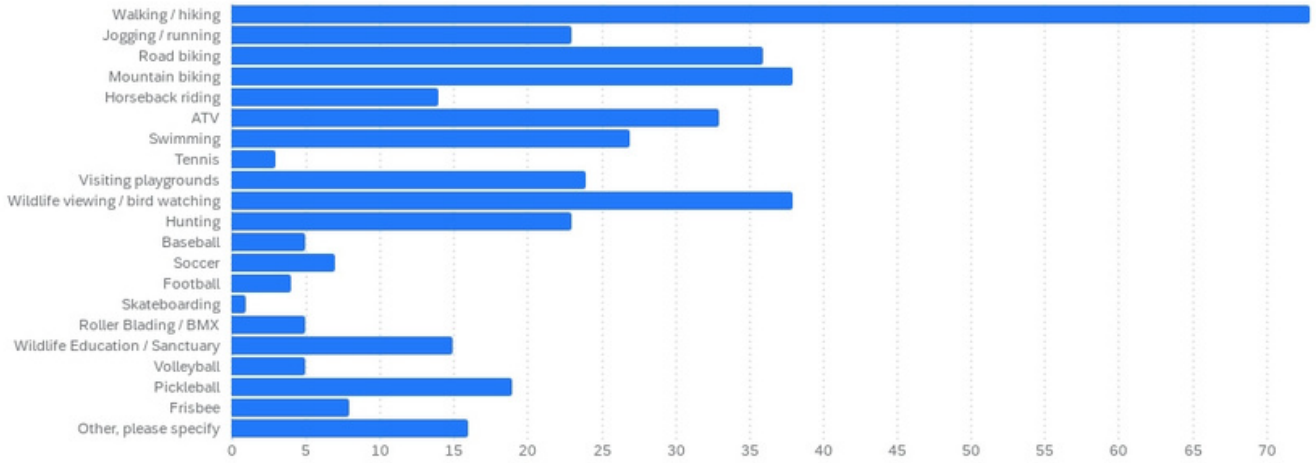
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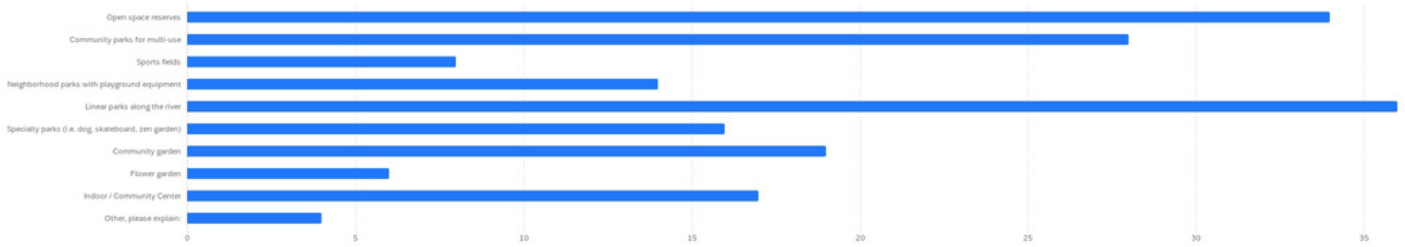
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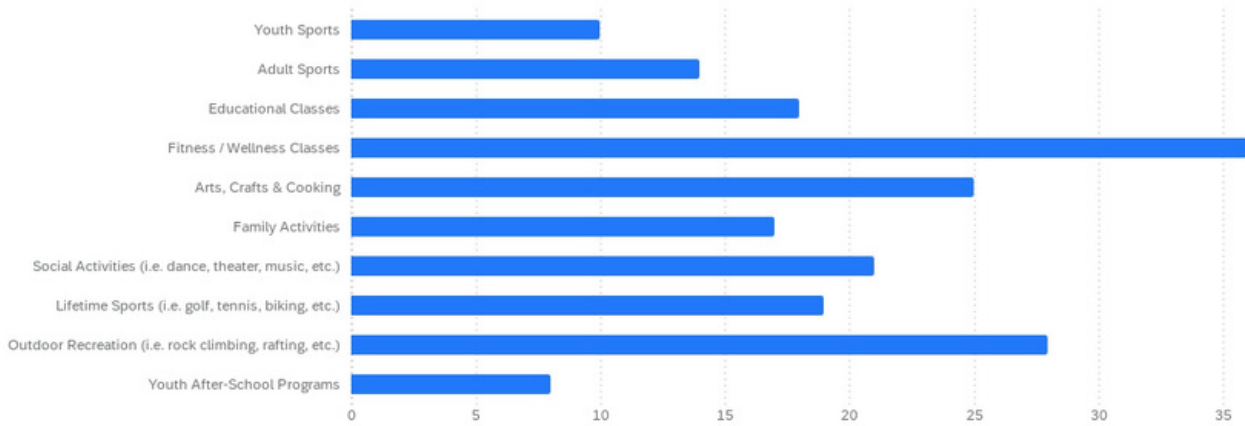
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What type of park land is most needed in Virgin? (Please pick 2 choices) 80 0



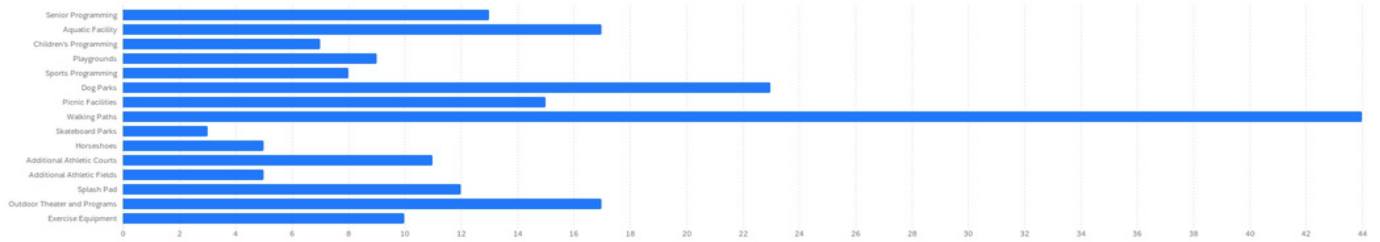
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What types of recreation programs would you and members of your household be most interested in participating in? (Please check all that apply) 72 ⓘ



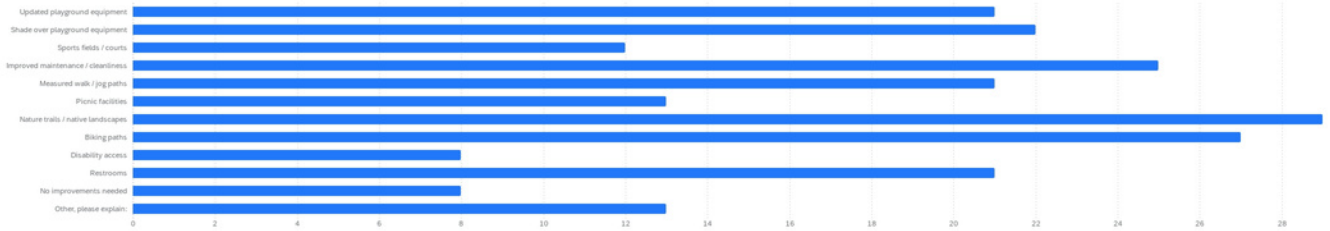
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Please mark the following parks, facilities, and programs to be added in Virgin over the next 5-10 years that are the most important to you: 80



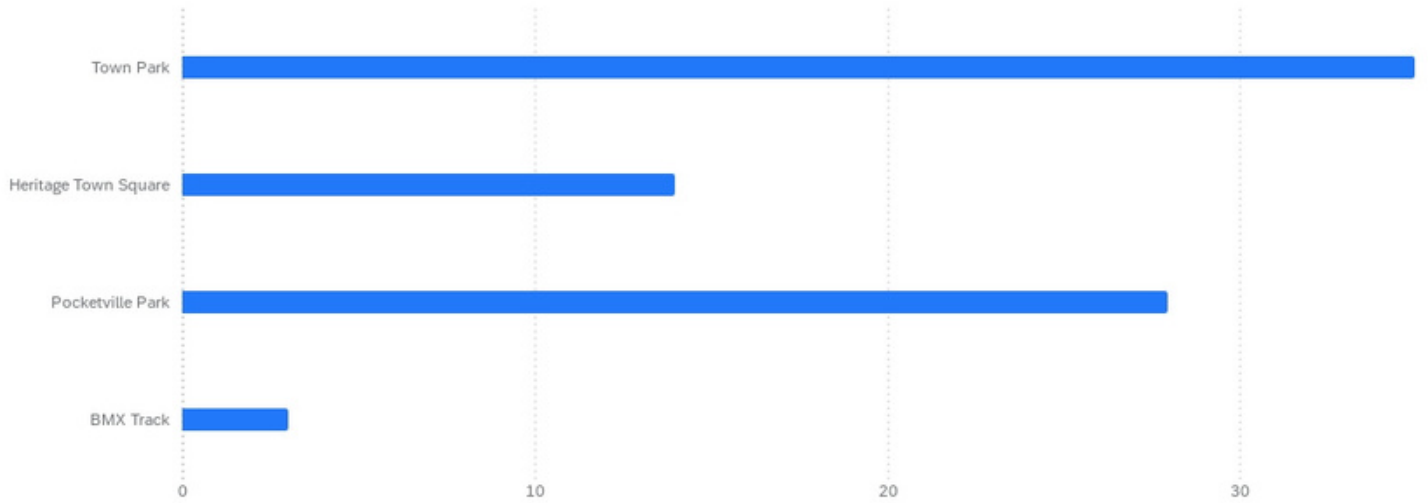
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What improvements should be made to the park you use most often?



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Which park do you use most often? 80 ⓘ



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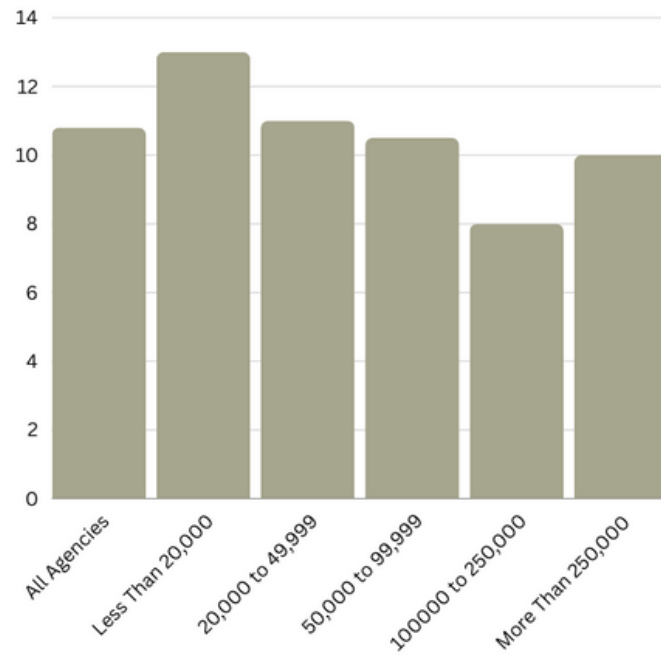
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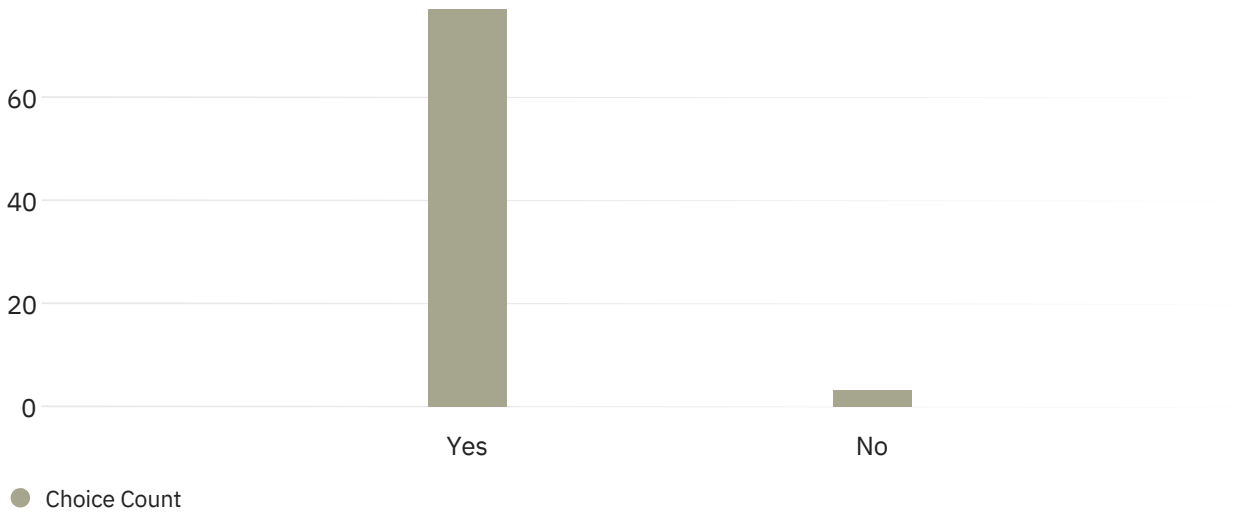
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2023 NRPA Metrics (Under 20,000 Residents)

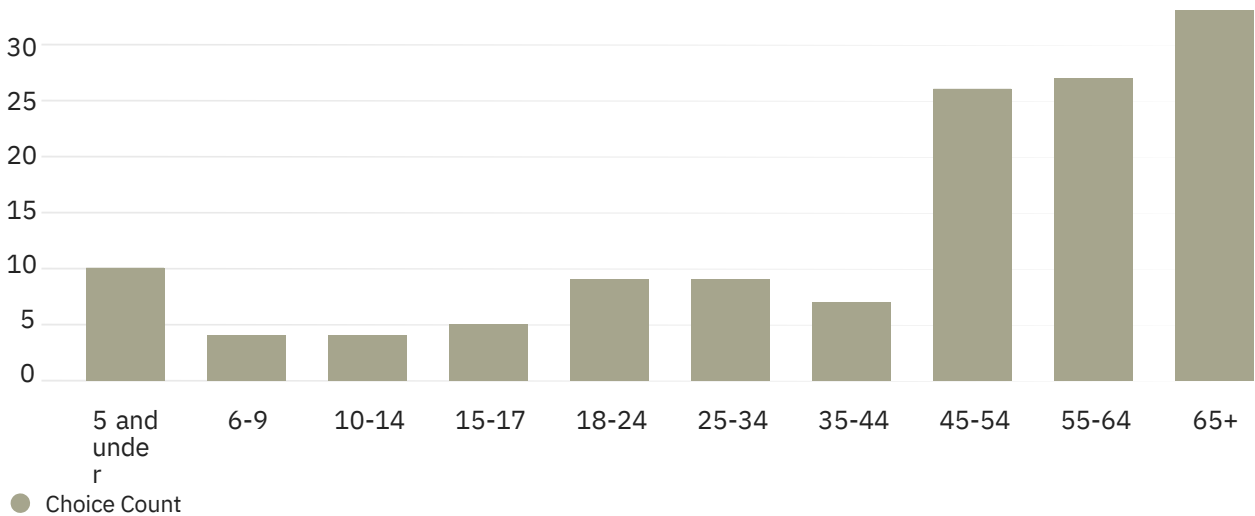
	Lower Quartile	Median	Upper Quartile
Residents per Park	2042	1,225	666
Acers per 1,000 Residents	6	13	21.1
Miles of Trails	2	4	10
Average Community Size with Recreation Centers	9,745		

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Q1 - Are you a resident of Virgin?

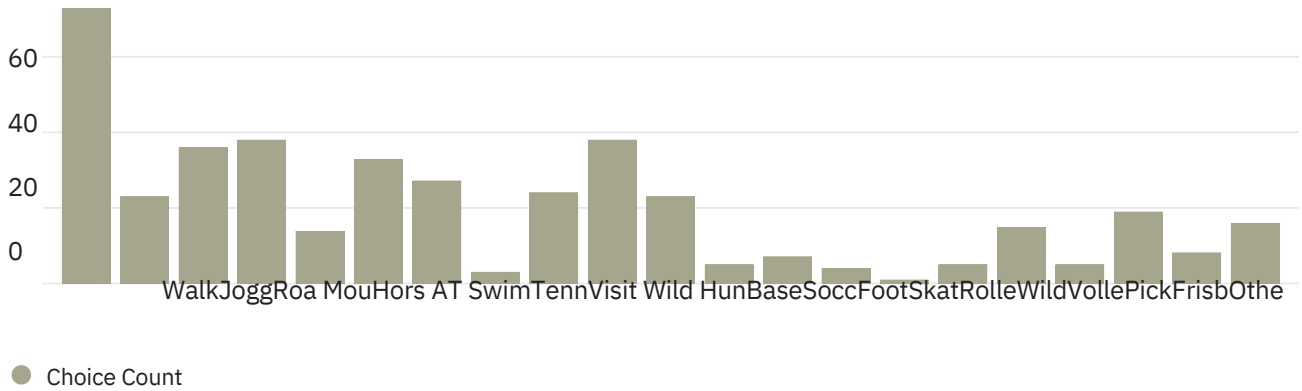


Q2 - Please select the number of people in each age group living in your household:

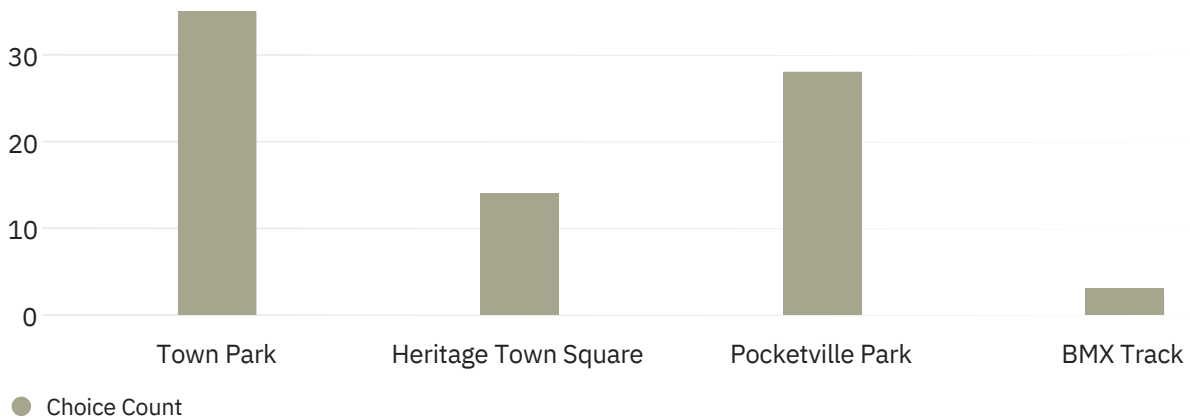


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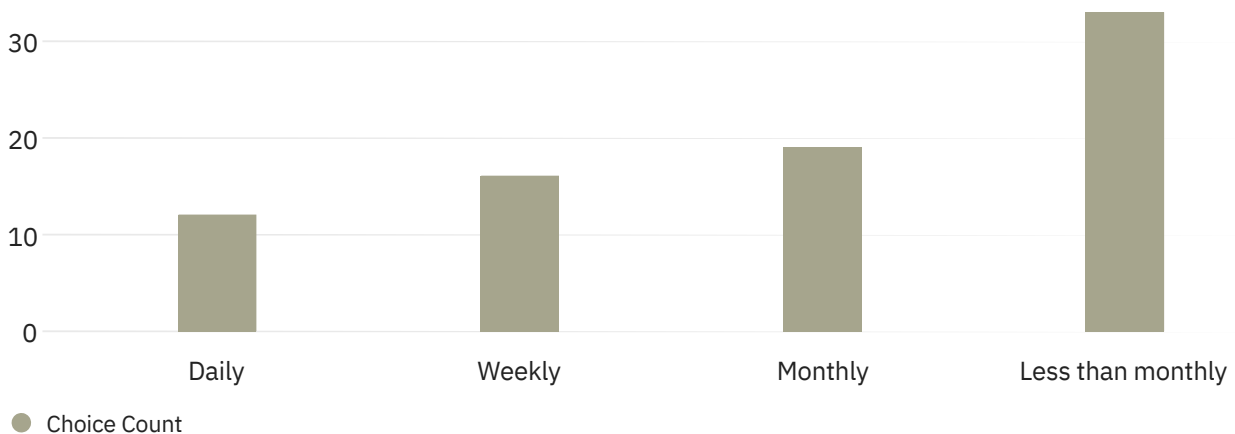
Q3 - From the list below, mark the outdoor activities you or your family members currently participate in: - Selected Choice



Q4- Which park do you use most often?



Q5 - How often do you visit any of Virgin's Park facilities?



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Q6 - What type of recreational amenities would you like to see in Virgin?

What type of recreational amenities would you like to see in Virgin?

Swimming pool, dog park, biking trails, coffee diner or establishment breakfast, bagel, donut, etc to sit and mingle and enjoy the morning or afternoon, evening out..

Can't think of any at the moment

Walking, running and biking trail

Bike path

Dance class

Bike or walking path

A spa with steam, sauna and pool.

Small water park for the kids. A concert area at pocketville park

None

Baseball fields, swimming pool,

Walking paths

walking and road bike trail

Bike & hiking trails

Park benches

Splash pad

Better sidewalks/more sidewalks to ride bikes, riding in the road is very scary with the heavy traffic

Highway 9 biking trail to Springdale.

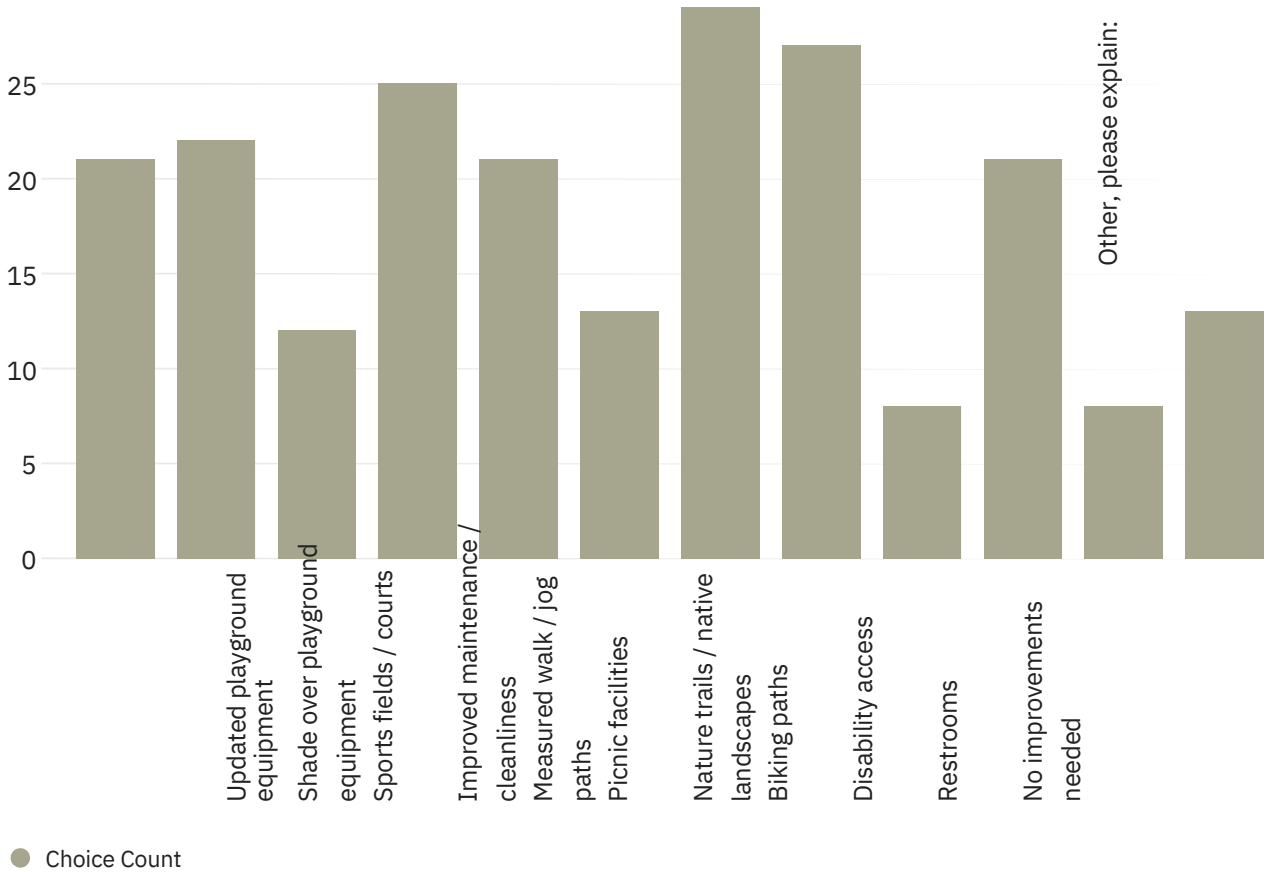
Nothing new

We have enough

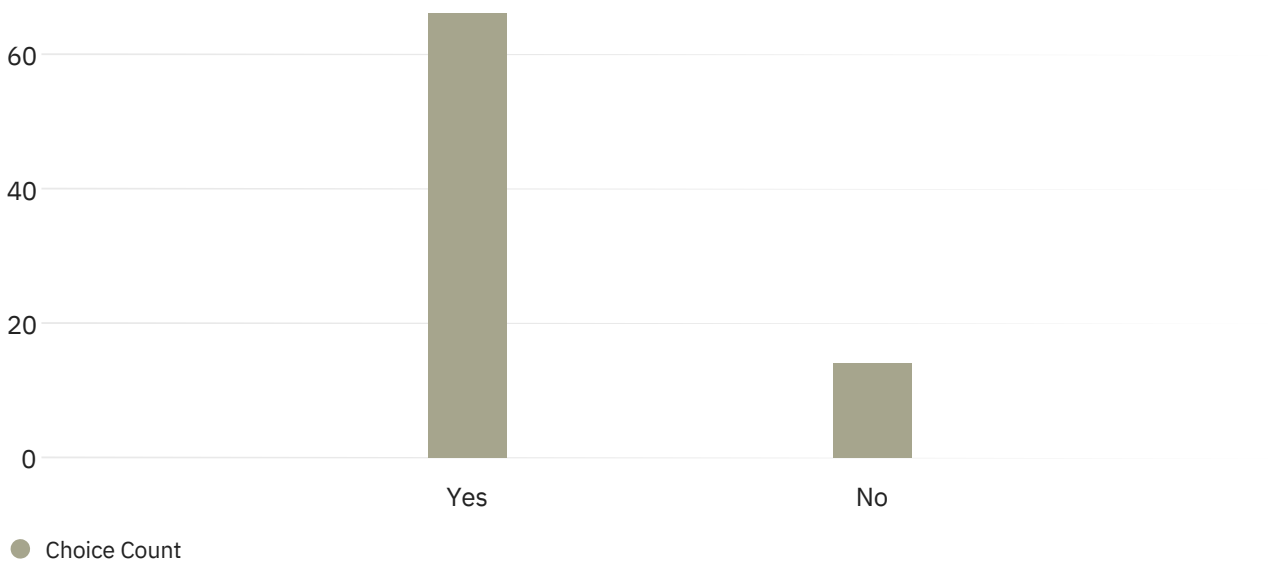
walking trails / paths with only LEASHED dogs

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Q7 - What improvements should be made to the park you use most often? - Selected Choice

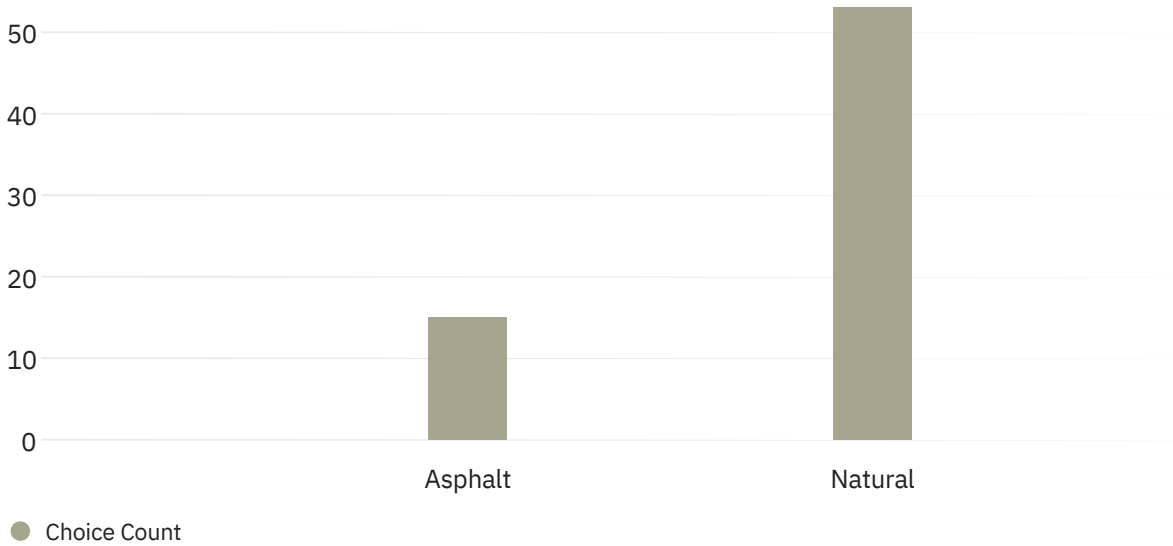


Q8 - Would you like to see trail systems in Virgin?

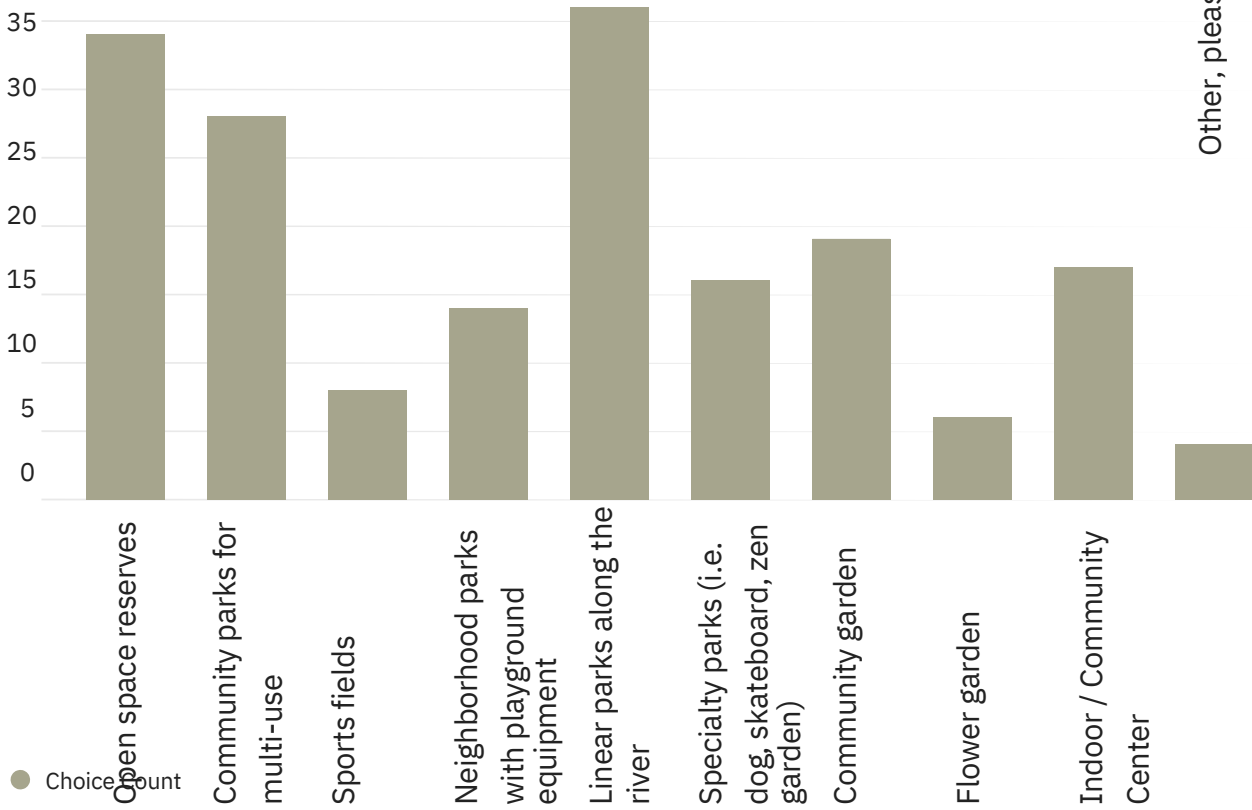


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Q9 - If you answered yes to the previous question, what trail types would you like to see?[QID10-ChoiceDescription-1]

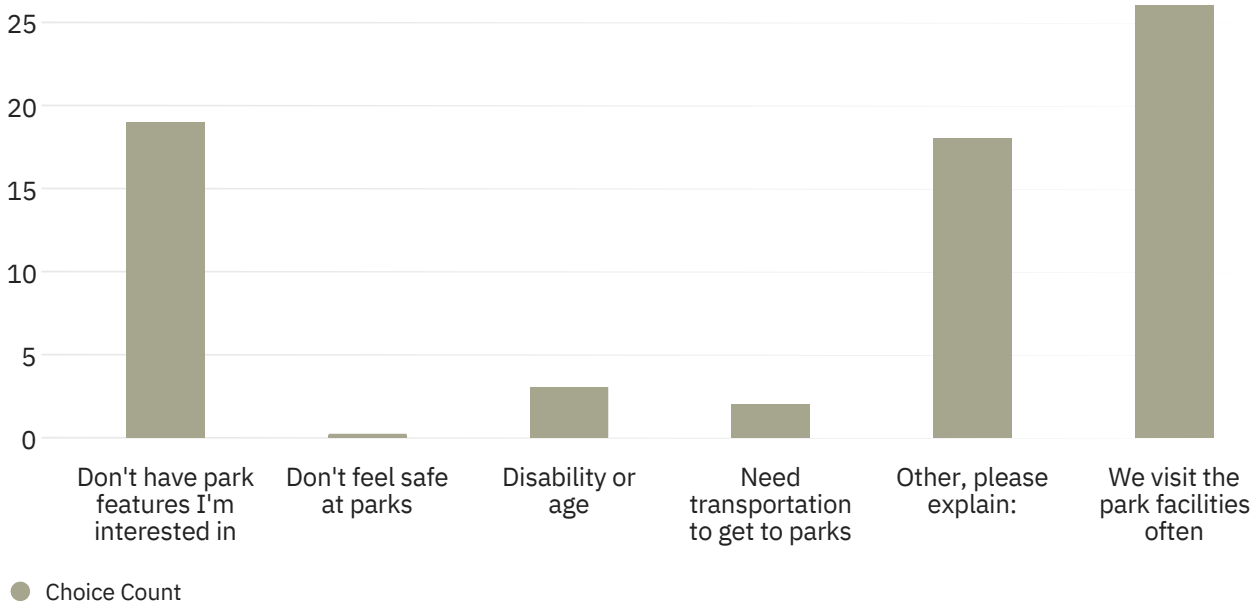


Q10 - What type of park land is most needed in Virgin? (Please pick 2 choices) - Selected Choice



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Q11 - If members of your household seldom use Virgin's park facilities what are the reasons? - Selected Choice



Q12 - What could make your park experience better?

What could make your park experience better?

Dog stations, more amenities to enjoy our own town, why not bring items to our town, .

Better maintenance.

Updated equipment, water fountain more shade

lighting

Open space, scenic, walking or bike paths

More shaded area and seating

Nothing

An area for my dogs to run

trails to and from park

Cleaner, open more

More UNTOUCHED open ground to encourage native landscapes

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Shaded play areas, especially in the summer

More families living in Virgin

Educate visitors to leave no trace.

no dogs

I'm not interested in the park. I want to be out in the open.

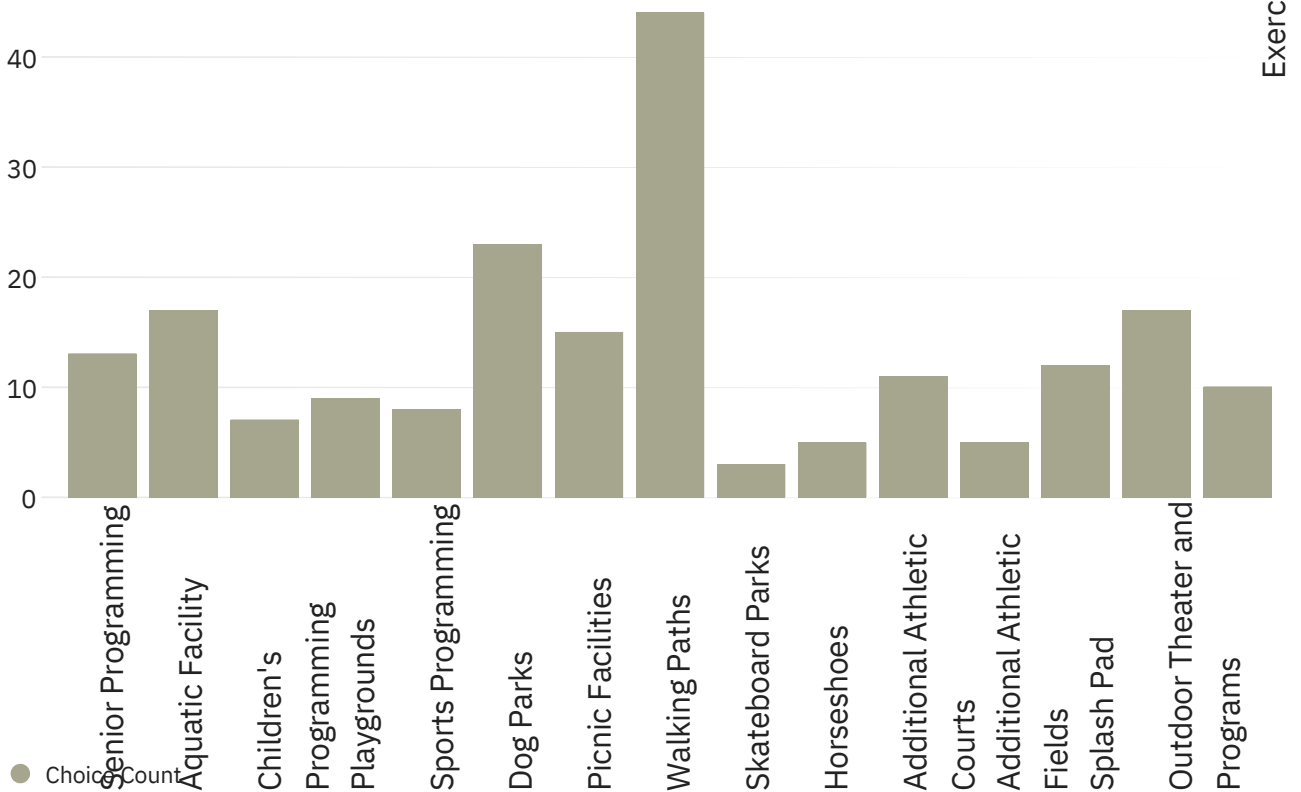
Less tourists

Long paved biking or running trails are needed from Virgin to Zion or Hurricane/La Verkin

Keep it local

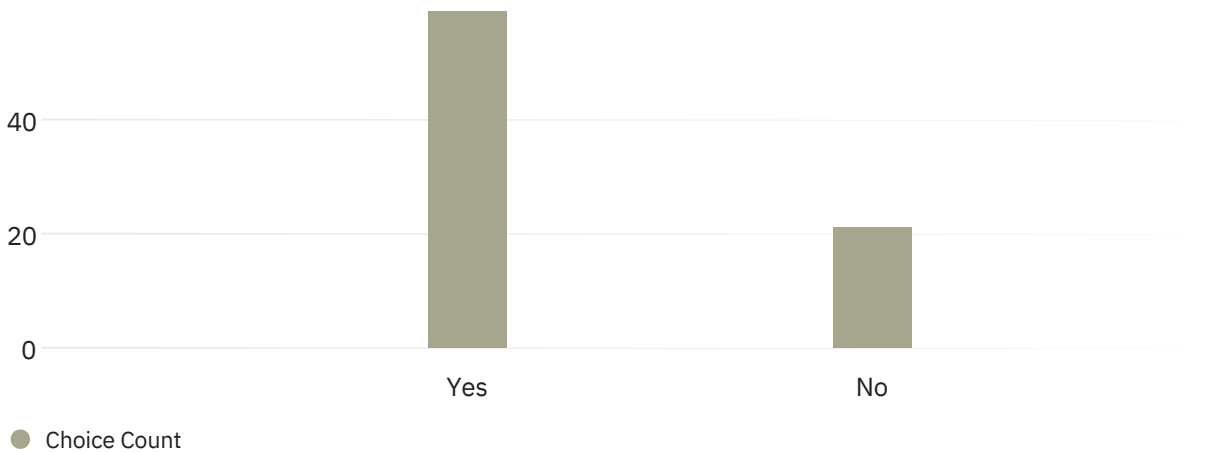
Better sidewalks/paths to and from them

Q13 - Please mark the following parks, facilities, and programs to be added in Virgin over the next 5-10 years that are the most important to you:

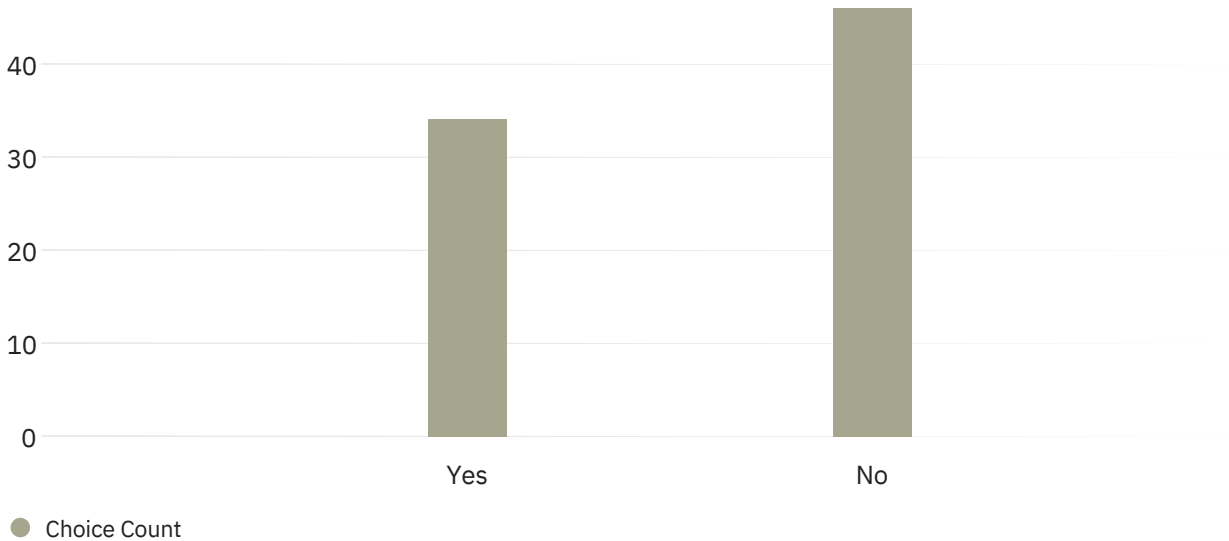


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Q14 - There are three potential pieces of land for pocket parks that lead up to the Virgin River. One is located at the East end of 100 S / Main Street near the old walking bridge. One is at the East end of Jepson Street where it ends at the river. One is at the South end of the intersection of Water Street and 240 W. Would you use any of these parks?



Q15 - Would you participate in recreational group classes?



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Q16 - If you answered yes to the last question, what recreational group classes would you participate in?

If you answered yes to the last question, what recreational group classes would you participate in?

Exerise, crafts, sewing,

Exercise,art

Yoga, meditation, pilates, tai chi and tennis

Exercise, yoga, ti chi, tournaments at athletic courts like Pickleball.

Walking, biking outdoor exercise classes

Exercise

dance class

exercis, yoga, any really

Exercise

Indoor activiies for seniors

Tia chi

outdoor rec

Body weight exercise

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Yoga, group workouts

Dance, Shooting

age appropriate

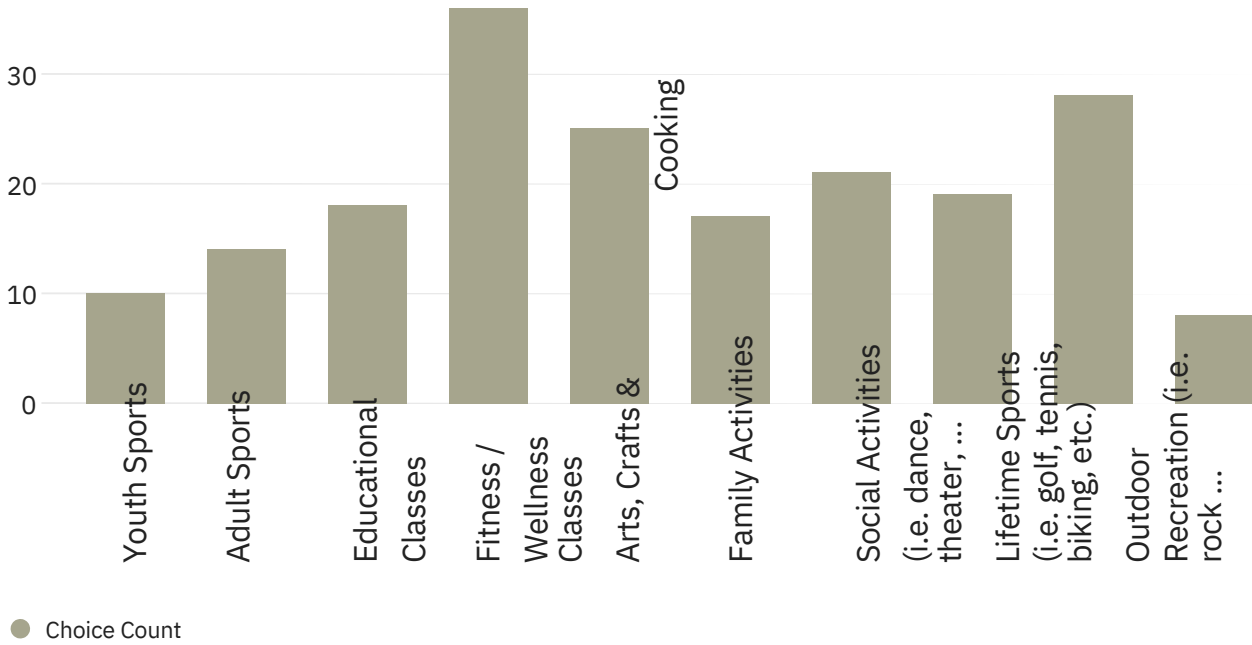
Group rides(mountain bikes)

Swiftwater Rescue Class, and WFR Class

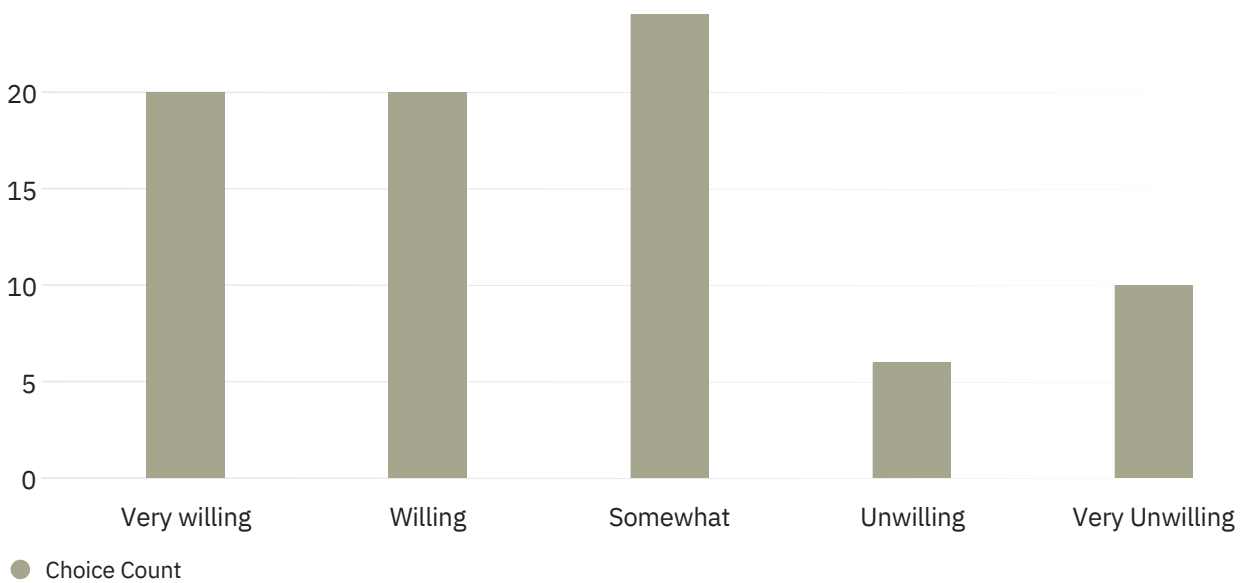
Swimming or exercise

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Q17 - What types of recreation programs would you and members of your household be most interested in participating in? (Please check all that apply)



Q18 - How willing would you be to pay a reasonable user fee for certain amenities and classes?



Q20 - Please provide additional feedback:

Please provide additional feedback:

None

I feel we need to be careful not to take away from the natural beauty and serenity should be highly recommended when we are making these plans

Why is The Falls park not on the list?

It would be convenient to have children classes closer to home.

Please prioritize primary infrastructure before recreation.

I think Hurricane has parks for people from Virgin to use. They aren't that far away.

Get on a bike!

I am under the impression that the Town does not want to have any progress.

No more short term rentals in Virgin.

We need less tourists and safer walking/jogging paths

We believe having public parks is good for the community. Having parks outside the commercial zones allows for the sale of alcohol in the commercial zones. With limited real estate for commercial zones it would be good to have any additional parks NOT be built along SR9. As for the river pocket parks, that is a GREAT idea. We would not use only because we have river access close to our home

Now that Virgin is receiving tax revenues we never had before let's budget for improving all of our parks. Fencing and fence improvement. Staff to maintain parks. Parks are for all of us, adults and children. Don't repurpose "our" park!

We have plenty of public land to use now. The town needs more money put in roads

The Town has struggled in the past with funds to improve existing parks. Not onboard for more parks at this time. Not against acquiring property to hold in common area for future needs and development. I hope the current parks in Virgin will be improved and maintained before jumping in to put money into new parks that are not needed at the current time. The present town parks are in no way overcrowded and Pocketville park and Falls park need improvements.

pay for the above by usage not by tax increase

We feel that Mountain biking is a great sport that brings quality visitors to town. We would like to see a trail system similar to the JEM trail on the North side of the town, below smith mesa that could go from Kolob road all the way to the gun range.

The recreation program question only allows for one answer, even though it says to check all that apply.

Whatever funds riverside areas and trails would be well worth it.

Your survey isn't working right. Some of the fields won't allow me to enter stuff.

Funding Resources

- **Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant:** <https://recreation.utah.gov/utah-outdoor-recreation-grant/>
- **Recreational Trails Program:** <https://recreation.utah.gov/grants/recreational-trails-program/>
- **The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) State and Local Assistance (SLA):** <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352170>
- **IILJ/IRA Bureau of Land Management Utah Recreation and Visitor Services Program:**<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/352516>
- **Hometown Grants and T-mobile:** <https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants>
- **Together Outdoors:** <https://www.togetheroutdoors.com/grantprograms>
- **Adopt-A-Park**