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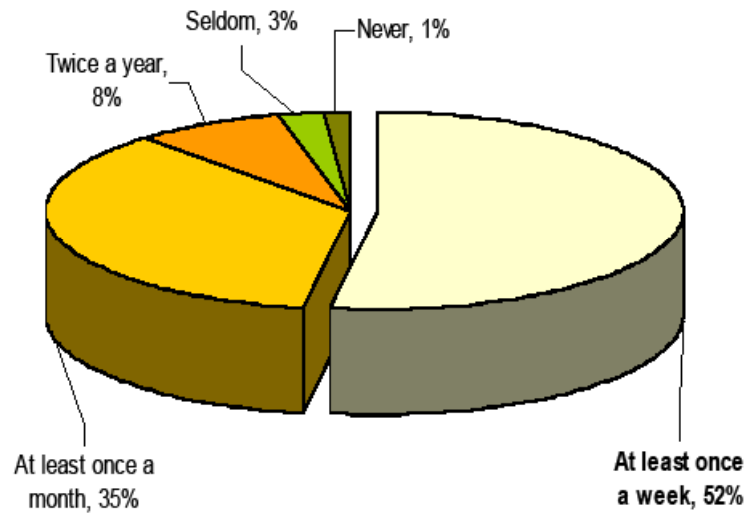


City of Punta Gorda

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey Results

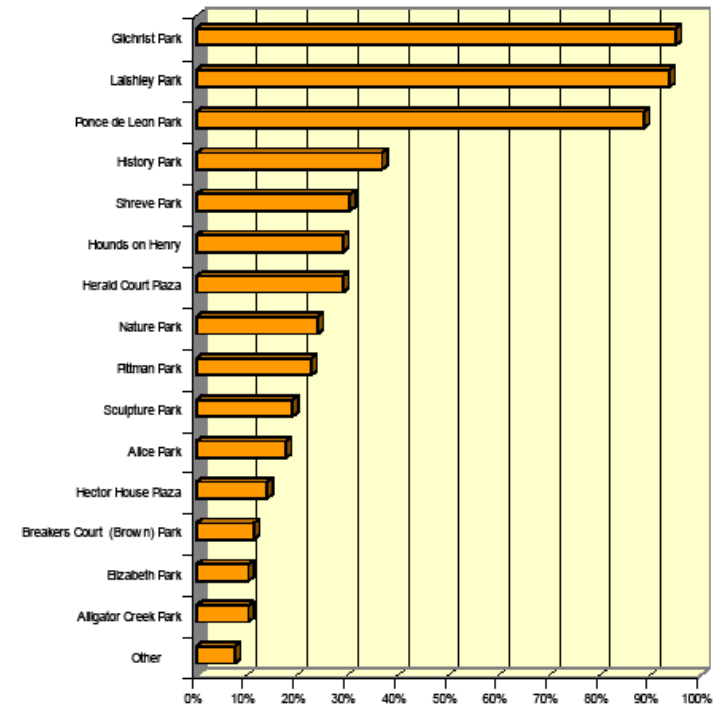
The following pages contain the data & analysis collected from the Parks & Recreation Survey attained from our citizens.

1. In a year's time, how often do you visit one of the City of Punta Gorda's Parks?



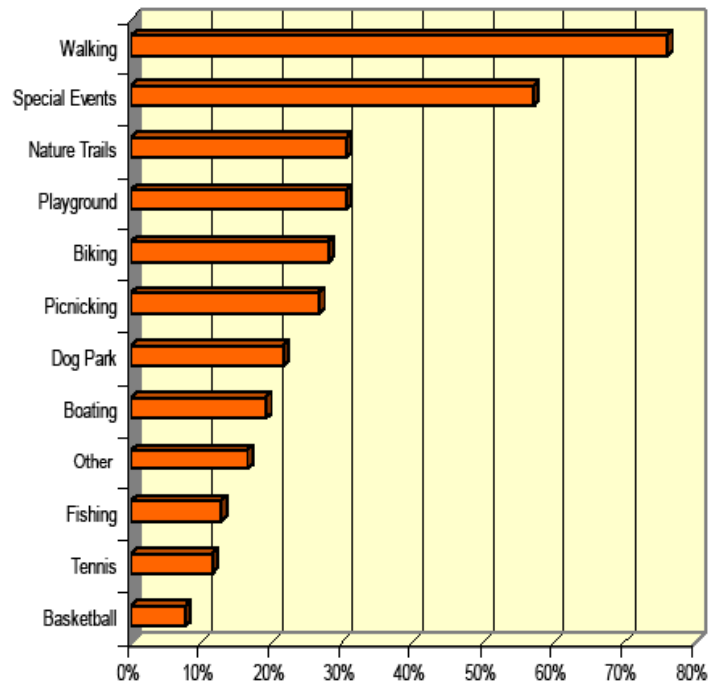
2. What Parks have you visited?

- Other: South County, Patti, Carmalita, Bayshore



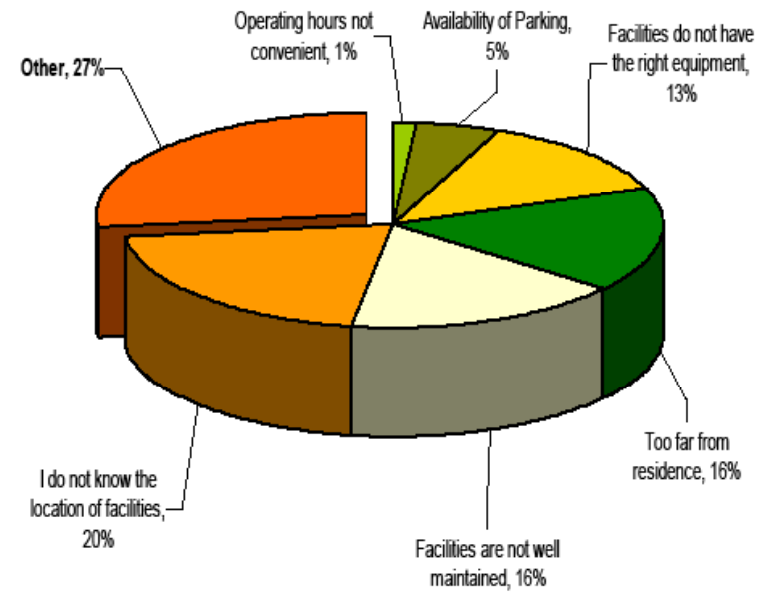
3. Why do you visit the Parks?

- Other: Beach, hot dog stand, running, enjoyment, bird watching, being around other people, boat ramp, being outdoors



4. What are the reasons that prevent you from using the City of Punta Gorda Park System?

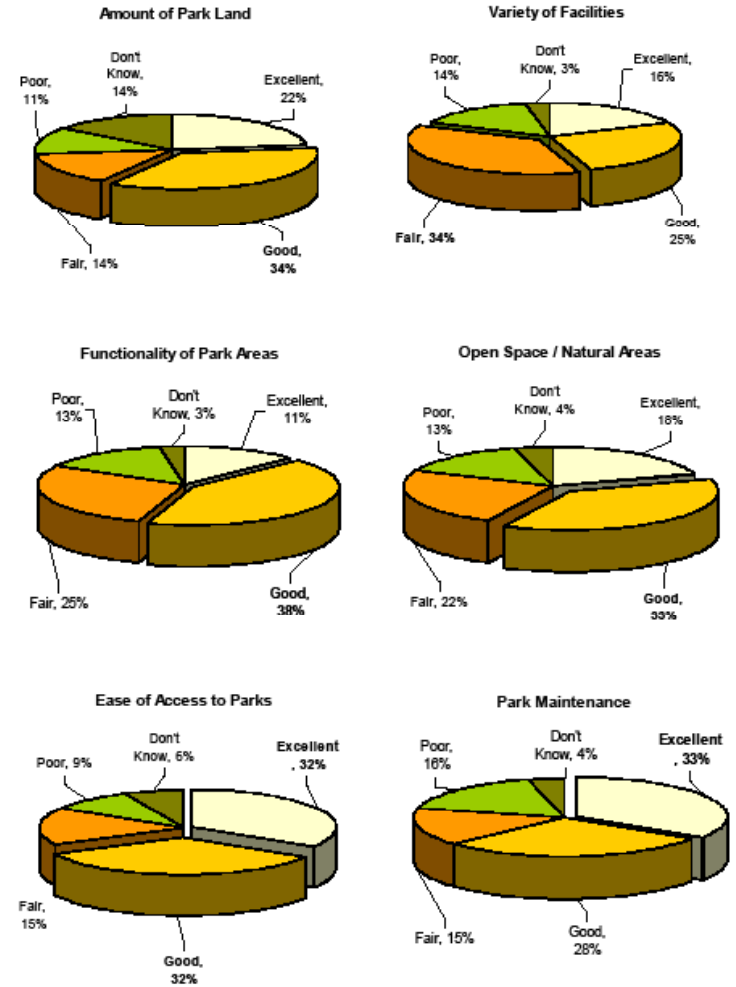
- Other Comments included: poor lighting, safety issues, dog friendly, no bocce courts, no pickleball courts, no beach area, too crowded, more food vendors and lack of shade trees.



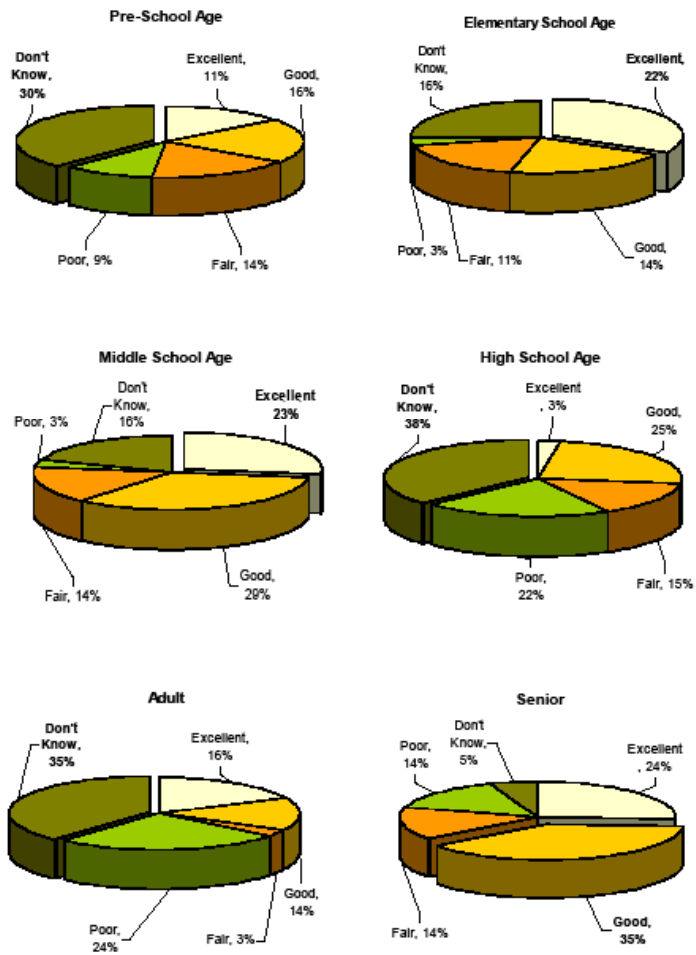
5. What makes the City of Punta Gorda Parks different from other local Parks

- Nostalgia, landscape, small town feel
- Clean and well maintained
- Convenient—part of everyday life
- Natural Beauty
- The beautiful waterfront & friendly people
- Variety of locations
- Free Access
- Peace & Quiet
- Lots of Water
- Beautiful water and nature views
- Availability use for events
- Generally well maintained and have restrooms
- Nice parks & restrooms
- There are a lot of small parks
- Location
- Nice parks & people

6. How would you rate the following:

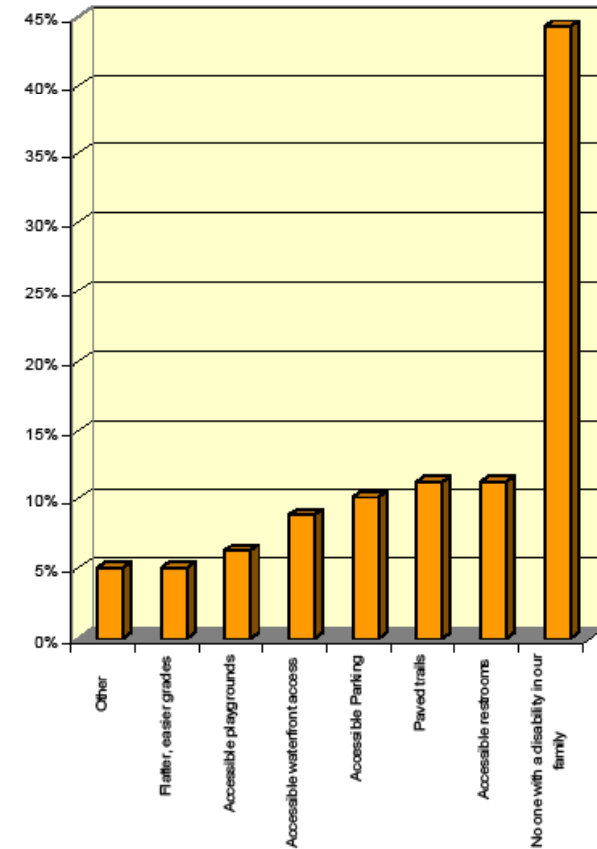


7. How would you rate the City of Punta Gorda Park and Recreation facilities for ages:

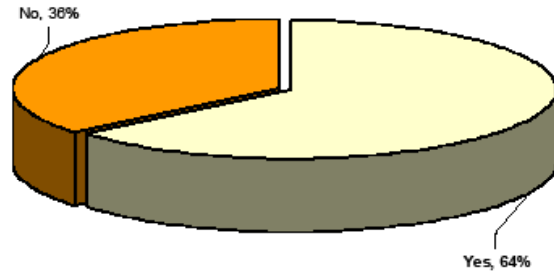


8. If there is a person with a disability in your family, please indicate which of the following would make the City of Punta Gorda Parks more user-friendly.

- Other: Need for a map of facilities, benches along trail, shade trees, & more shelter



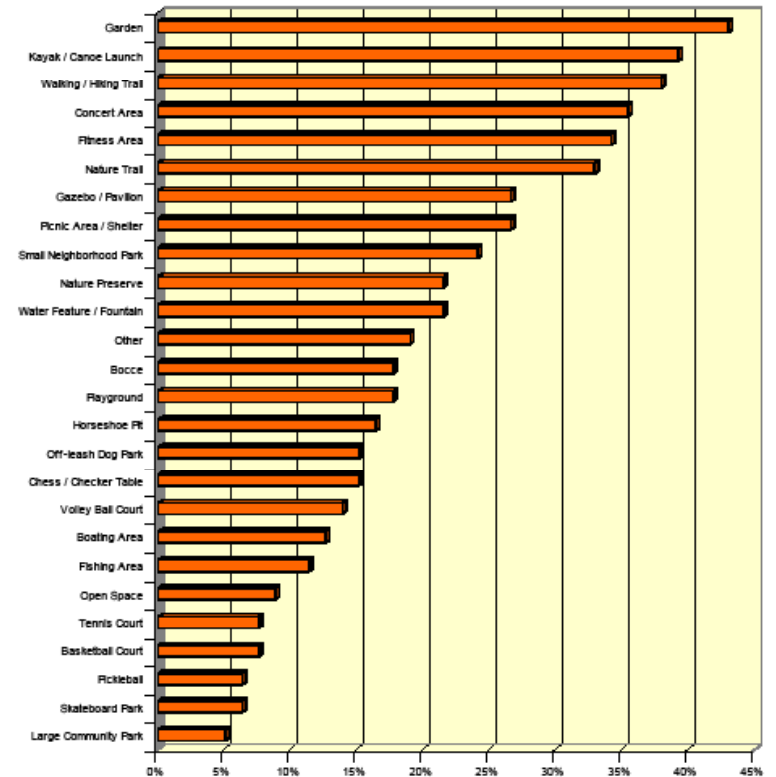
9. Is the City of Punta Gorda Park System meeting your family's local recreational needs?



- Yes, Comments:
 - Wonderful places for us to walk
 - Good Variety
 - Nice place to ride bikes, but of course would like more places to ride
 - Clean & Inviting
 - Free access to parks
 - Diversity, however geared for seniors, would like to see a focus on younger families
 - Available biking
 - Close to home, good variety of facilities
 - Parks are senior friendly
- No, Comments:
 - No bocce courts
 - Would like to see Gilchrist open to dogs
 - Not enough facilities (playgrounds & tennis)
 - Need better bike path & lightings
 - Parking is hard for boaters
 - Better Waterfront usage
 - More seating, water fountains & dog parks
 - Needs to be an increased presence in the arts
 - We like to bike, but have found the roads to be extremely hazardous
 - Improve tennis program—clay courts would be good for older population
 - Not enough facilities—playgrounds, tennis, etc.
 - Not enough "recreational" activities in the park—Please put in Pickleball courts.
 - Would like to see more bike and nature trails with identification signs

10. What FACILITIES or EQUIPMENT would you like to see added to the City of Punta Gorda Park Systems?

- Other: Shuffle Board, Art Center, Benches, Dog Beach, Pickleball, Butterfly Building, Murals, Disk Golf Course



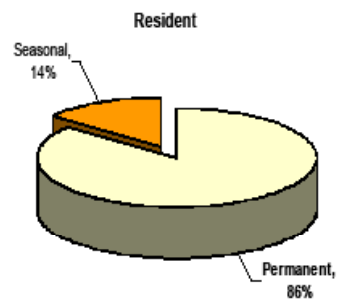
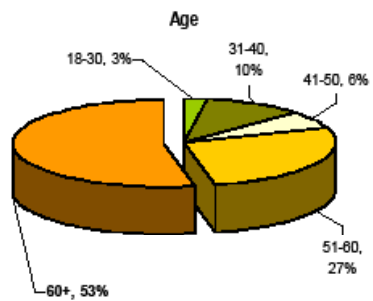
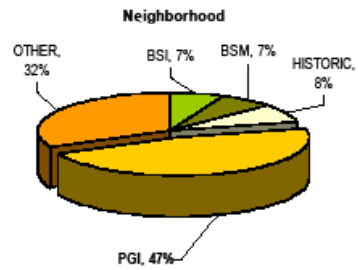
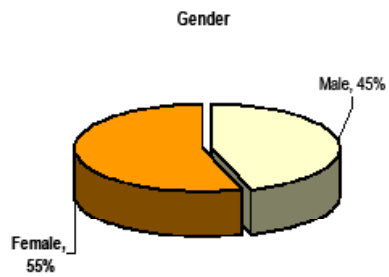
11. What do you think the City of Punta Gorda should do to improve its Park and Recreation System?

- Better up keep of existing parks
- More covered areas at Ponce Park, updated equipment for small children, maybe a water feature
- More color
- Better landscaping
- More boat trailer parking
- Visitor guide to facilities in local stores
- Activities
- Community Arts Center
- Additional things for children to do at parks
- Address connectivity to downtown
- Attention to pre-teen and teens
- Enhance current Harborwalk with landscaping
- Provide shaded sitting areas
- Improve access and parking
- Additional activities in the south end of Punta Gorda
- Better bike routes, better walking routes between Ponce Park & the Hospital
- Add a skate park someplace for the youth and pickleball courts for everyone
- Keep up on the gazebos, power wash & paint them
- Create more nature areas with trails and information about what lives there
- Make Punta Gorda a very friendly biking community so all can visit many parts of our nice town
- Provide access for boaters

Additional Comments & Suggestions:

- Keep small town, old Florida style, maintain historical nostalgic feel of Punta Gorda when making improvements
- Good variety not in the southern City limits.
- Better maintenance of Gilchrist & Ponce facilities and grounds
- Thank you for providing open public spaces
- Everything is fine for us you are doing an exceptional job
- Thank you for this opportunity
- It is great to see the comeback from Charlie
- Just do not know the location of parks beyond waterfront area
- The beach at Ponce could be expanded and be used as a tourist draw
- Have various dog parks based on dog size—not just one park
- Add bocce to Gilchrist Park
- Improve Colony Point Park
- Need bike from BSI to downtown area, clean up the dam area on Alligator to make a park with kayak access
- More plants and trees
- Put in outdoor pickleball courts, more people can play this sport than tennis
- Develop a small format park pamphlet for distribution to the residents and visitors that show parks, trails & amenities
- Have scheduled activities in the parks

Please tell us about yourself:



Thank you to everyone who participated in this survey.

