

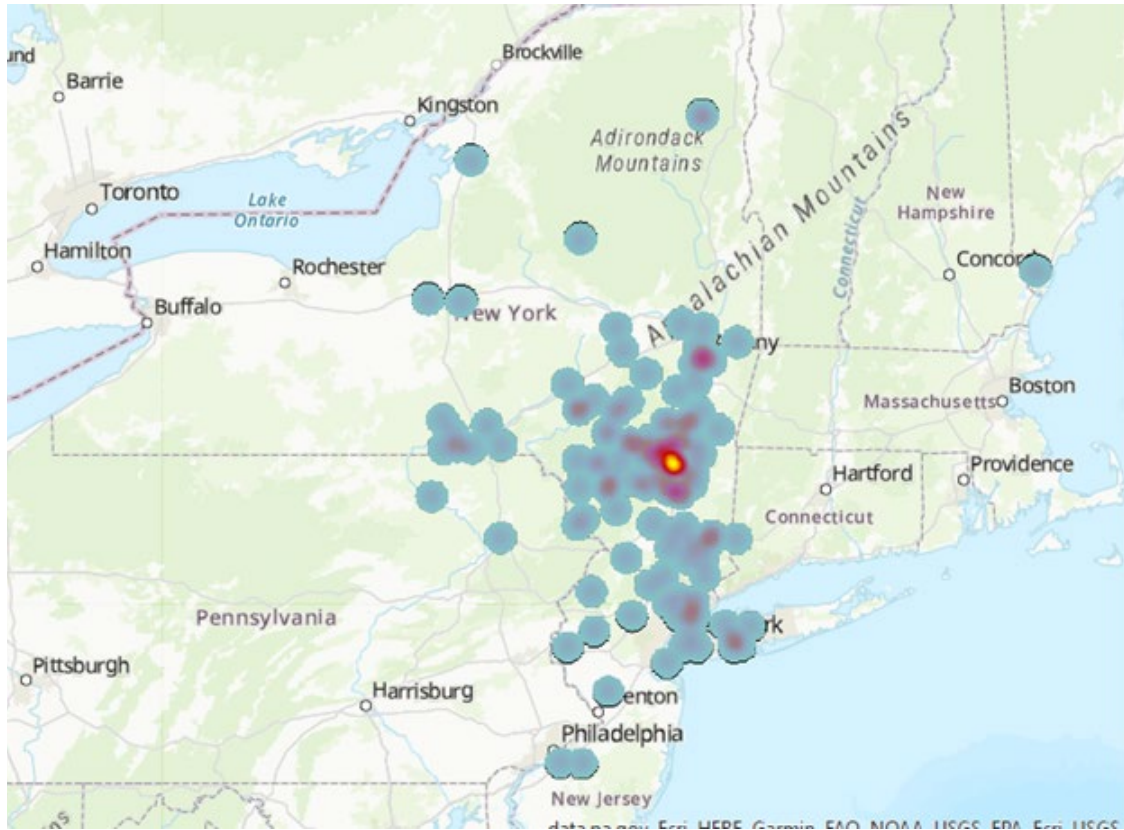


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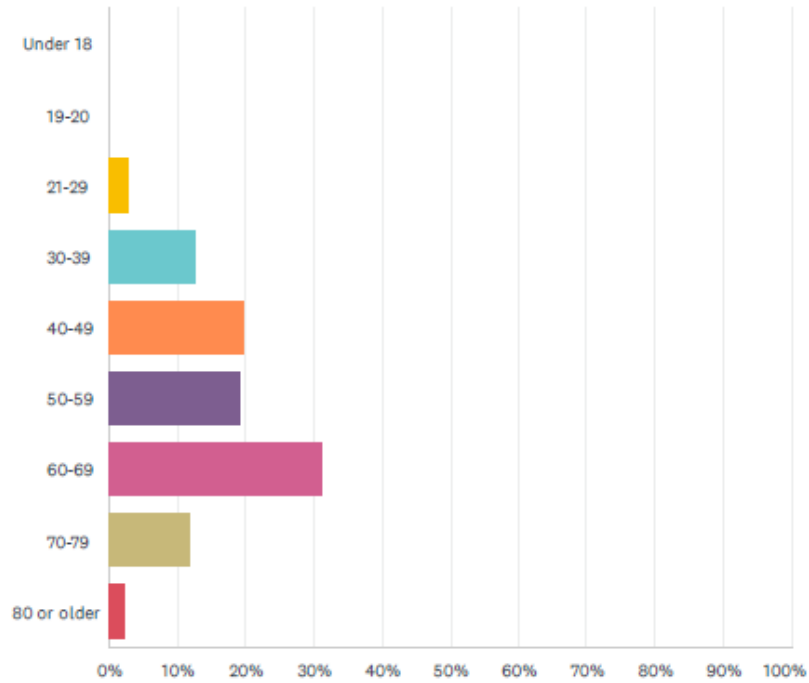
# 2022 Visitor Experience Survey Results for the Formerly Trailless Catskill High Peaks

December 2022

What is your zip code? (Answered: 168, Skipped: 1)

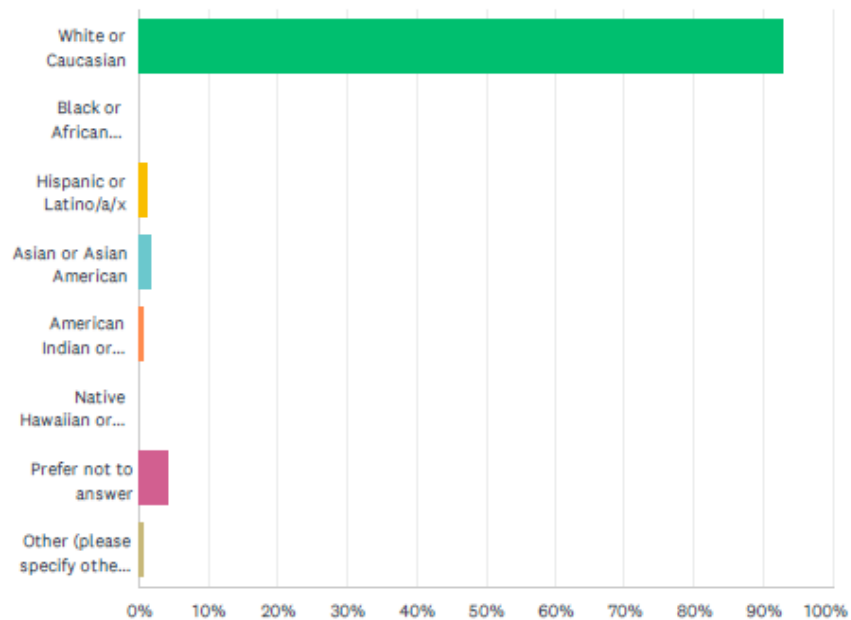


What is your age range?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
19-20	0.00%	0
21-29	2.99%	5
30-39	12.57%	21
40-49	19.76%	33
50-59	19.16%	32
60-69	31.14%	52
70-79	11.98%	20
80 or older	2.40%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>167</b>

How would you describe yourself? (Answered: 166, Skipped:3)

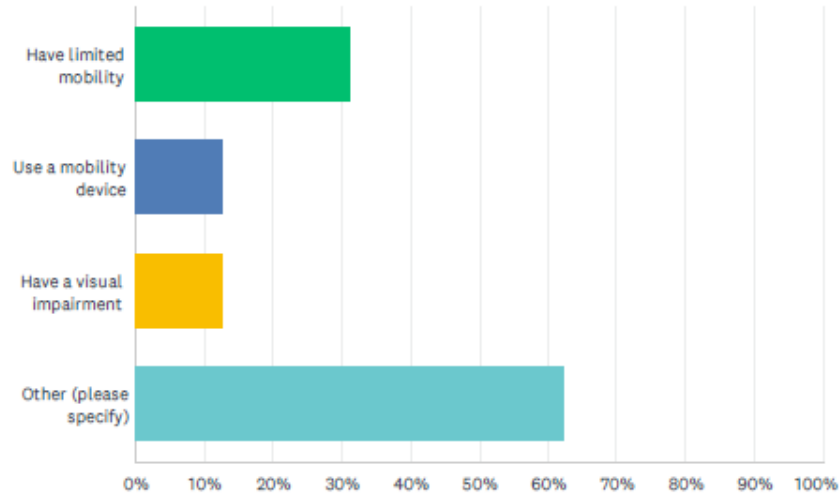


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White or Caucasian	92.77%	154
Black or African American or African Heritage	0.00%	0
Hispanic or Latino/a/x	1.20%	2
Asian or Asian American	1.81%	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.60%	1
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Prefer not to answer	4.22%	7
Other (please specify other race)	0.60%	1
Total Respondents: 166		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY OTHER RACE)	DATE
1	jewish	10/25/2022 10:12 AM

Do any of the following apply to your recreational abilities? Check all that apply  
 (Answered: 16, Skipped: 153)

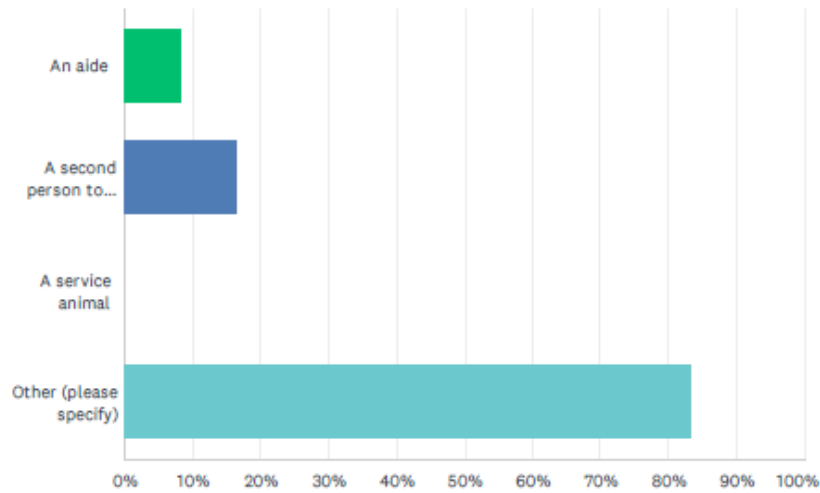
ANSWERED: 10 SKIPPED: 100



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Have limited mobility	31.25% 5
Use a mobility device	12.50% 2
Have a visual impairment	12.50% 2
Other (please specify)	62.50% 10
Total Respondents: 16	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	recent limited mobility	11/11/2022 1:39 PM
2	asthma	11/1/2022 9:07 AM
3	no	10/26/2022 7:48 PM
4	experiencing health issues that make strolls over 2 miles challenging	10/26/2022 11:26 AM
5	Poorly written question.	10/25/2022 2:37 PM
6	use poles to hike	10/25/2022 1:02 PM
7	None	10/25/2022 10:30 AM
8	Glasses, cane	10/25/2022 10:22 AM
9	none	10/25/2022 10:04 AM
10	None	10/25/2022 10:01 AM

When visiting outdoor recreation areas, do you require any of the following? (Answered: 12, Skipped: 157)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
An aide	8.33% 1
A second person to accompany you	16.67% 2
A service animal	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	83.33% 10
Total Respondents: 12	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	recently can't hike. hopefully temporary	11/11/2022 1:39 PM
2	inhaler	11/1/2022 9:07 AM
3	no	10/26/2022 7:48 PM
4	I don't require a second person with me but am unlikely to hike alone	10/26/2022 11:26 AM
5	I think it's safer to have a companion canine or human.	10/25/2022 1:02 PM
6	prefer a second person to accompany me	10/25/2022 10:32 AM
7	None	10/25/2022 10:30 AM
8	none	10/25/2022 10:04 AM
9	Level surfaces and benches	10/25/2022 10:01 AM
10	None	10/25/2022 10:01 AM

This sub-section presents the results of the survey questions regarding participants support for various potential visitor use management actions as well as their experiences during a trailless peak hike. Also included in this section are participants' reactions to heatmap images and photographs, perceptions of acceptable and unacceptable impacts to natural resources and support for, or opposition to potential management actions.

Question 6: We would like to know what type of trail network configurations you think are acceptable on summits over 3,500' in the Catskills. To help you judge this, we are providing you with maps of formal (designated) and informal (visitor created) trail networks from several summits over 3,500'. Please look at the images and rate the trail networks in the provided chart by how acceptable you find them. (Answered:166, Skipped: 3)



Photo A. Slide Cornell Wittenberg Trail over summits



Photo B. N. Dome & Sherrill Summit Informal Trail Network

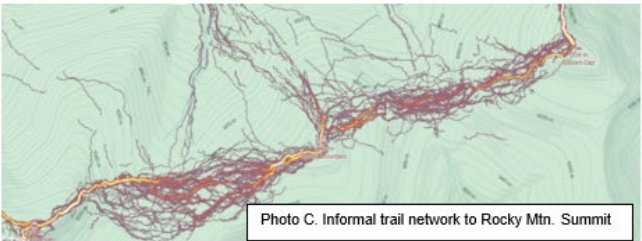


Photo C. Informal trail network to Rocky Mtn. Summit

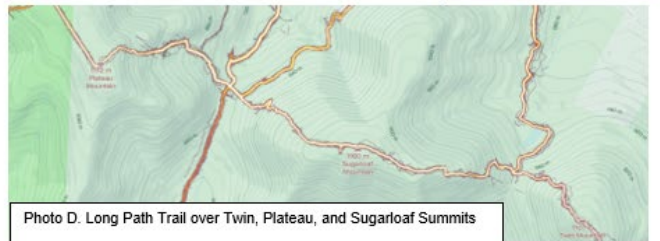
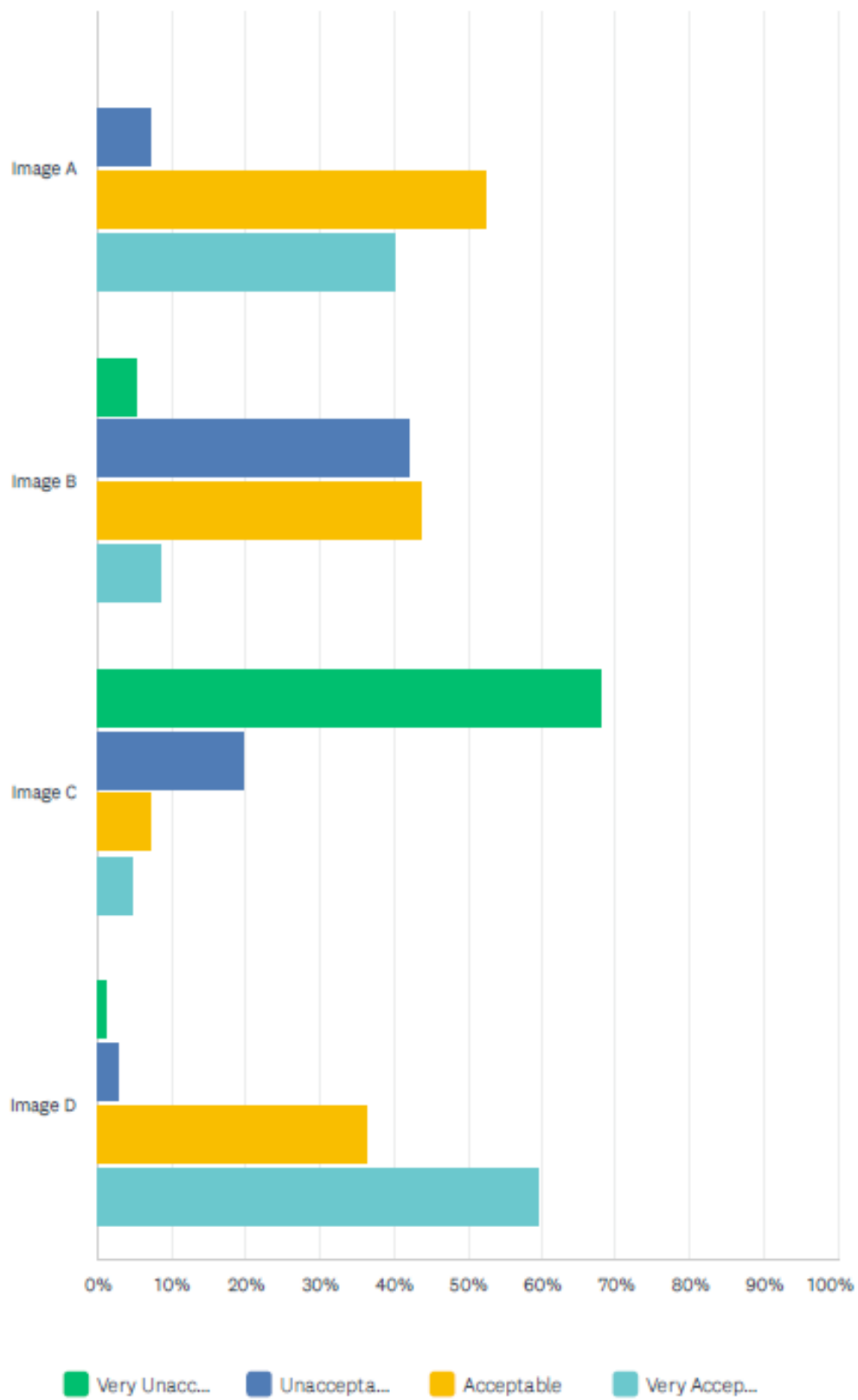


Photo D. Long Path Trail over Twin, Plateau, and Sugarloaf Summits



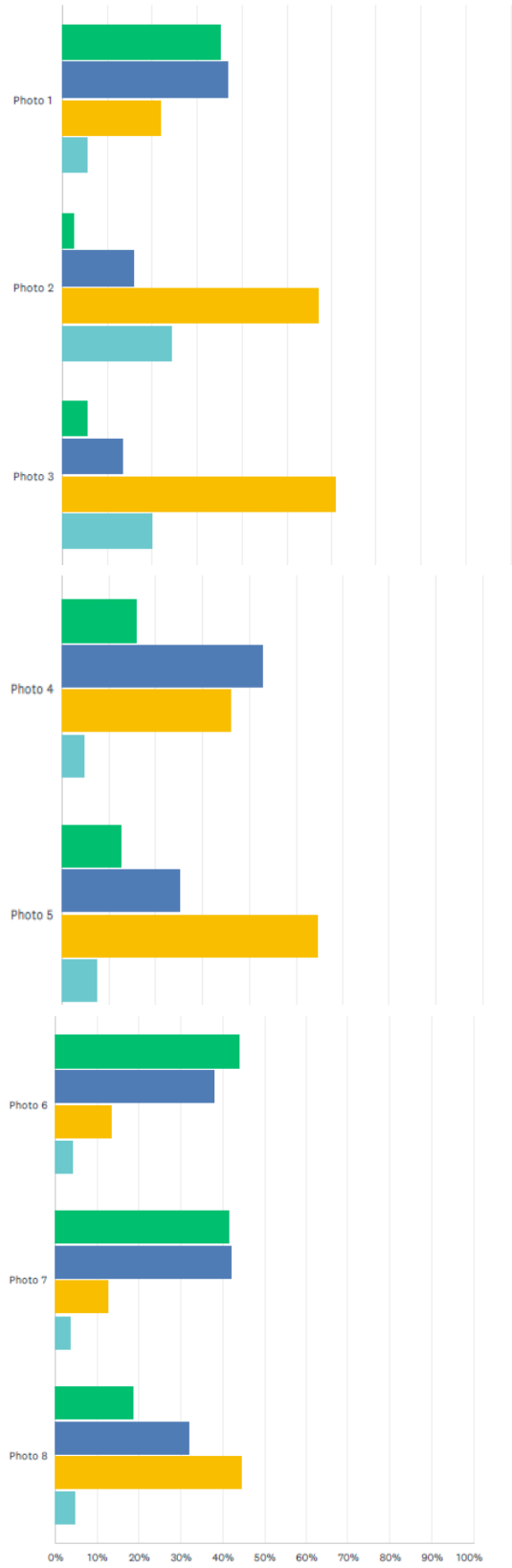


	VERY UNACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	ACCEPTABLE	VERY ACCEPTABLE	TOTAL
Image A	0.00% 0	7.23% 12	52.41% 87	40.36% 67	166
Image B	5.42% 9	42.17% 70	43.98% 73	8.43% 14	166
Image C	68.07% 113	19.88% 33	7.23% 12	4.82% 8	166
Image D	1.21% 2	3.03% 5	36.36% 60	59.39% 98	165

Questions 7-9: We would like to know how much visible impact you think is acceptable on **informal** trails in the Catskills. (widened trails, trampled vegetation, erosion, standing

water, etc.). To help you judge this, we are providing you with a series of photographs that show different levels of impacts on informal trails. Please look at each photograph and rate in the provided chart how acceptable you find the impact shown. (Answered 164 Skipped:3)



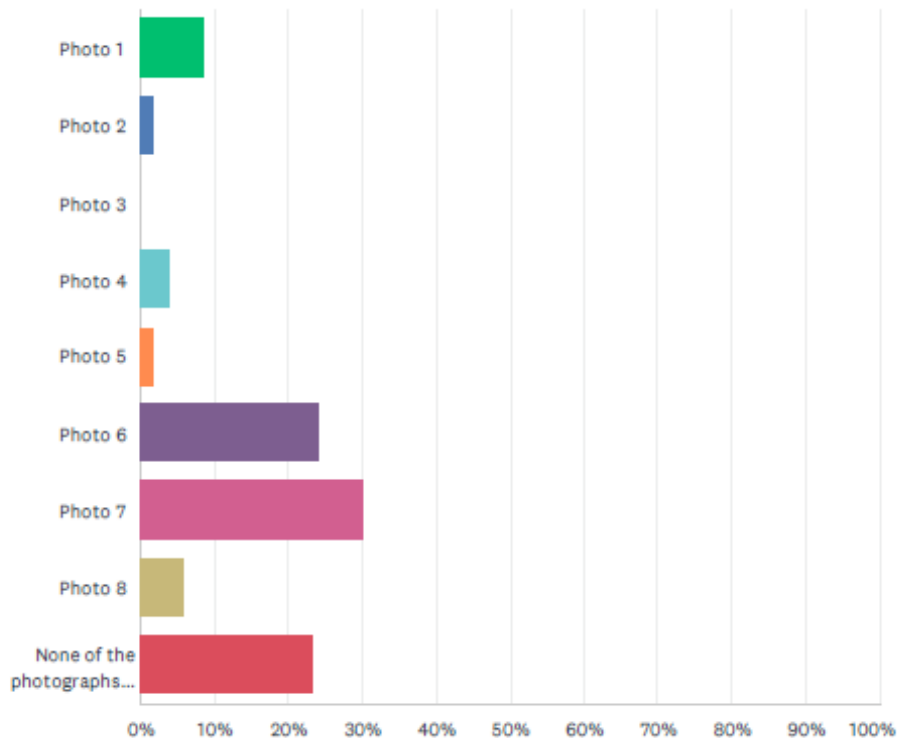


	VERY UNACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	ACCEPTABLE	VERY ACCEPTABLE	TOTAL
Photo 1	35.37% 58	37.20% 61	21.95% 36	5.49% 9	164
Photo 2	2.45% 4	15.95% 26	57.06% 93	24.54% 40	163
Photo 3	5.49% 9	13.41% 22	60.98% 100	20.12% 33	164
	VERY UNACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	ACCEPTABLE	VERY ACCEPTABLE	TOTAL
Photo 4	15.95% 26	42.94% 70	36.20% 59	4.91% 8	163
Photo 5	12.88% 21	25.15% 41	54.60% 89	7.36% 12	163
	VERY UNACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE	ACCEPTABLE	VERY ACCEPTABLE	TOTAL
Photo 6	44.24% 73	38.18% 63	13.33% 22	4.24% 7	165
Photo 7	41.57% 69	42.17% 70	12.65% 21	3.61% 6	166
Photo 8	18.67% 31	31.93% 53	44.58% 74	4.82% 8	166

## Perceptions of Potential Management Proposals

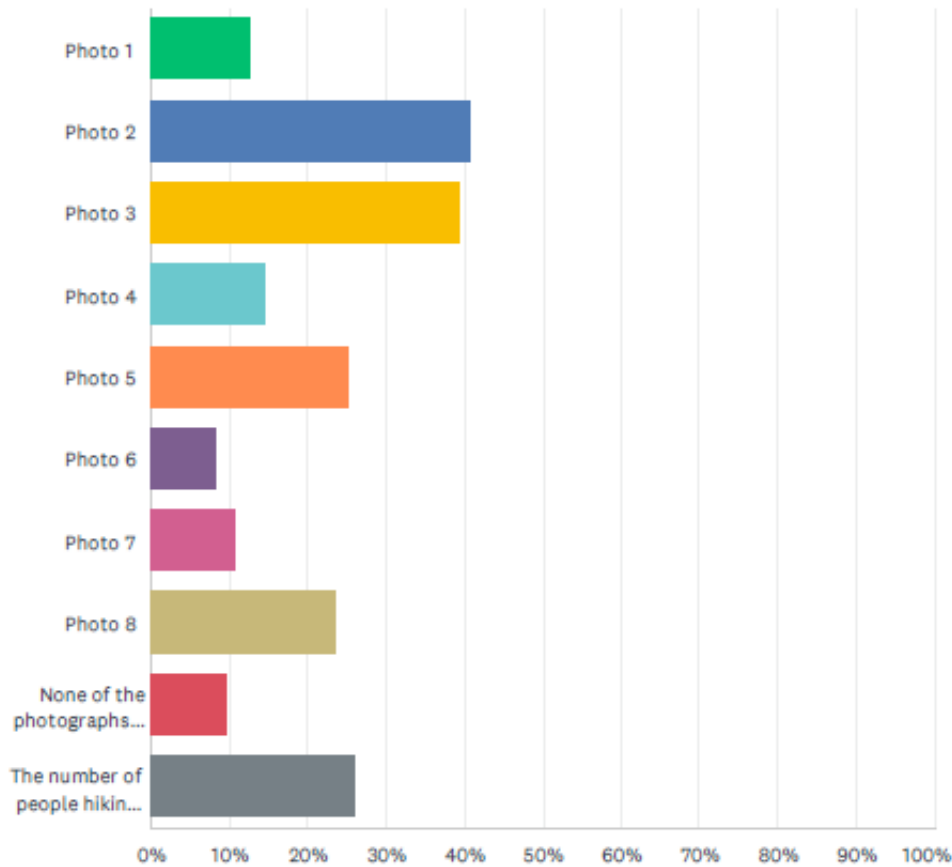
This section of the survey produced evaluative information regarding visitor's perceptions of, tolerances for, and attitudes about managing visitor use on the formerly trailless peaks.

11. In your opinion, which photograph in Question 7-9 shows the amount of environmental impact that is so unacceptable that you would no longer hike on that informal trail. If none of the photographs represent this, condition, please choose the last option in the dropdown list. (Answered:153, Skipped: 16)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Photo 1	8.50%	13
Photo 2	1.96%	3
Photo 3	0.00%	0
Photo 4	3.92%	6
Photo 5	1.96%	3
Photo 6	24.18%	37
Photo 7	30.07%	46
Photo 8	5.88%	9
None of the photographs represent conditions that are so unacceptable that I would no longer hike on the informal trails.	23.53%	36
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>153</b>

12. In your opinion, which photographs in Questions 7-9 show the level of environmental impact that you think that we should allow on the formerly trailless Catskill High Peaks? If you think visitor use should not be restricted at all, please check the appropriate box below. (Answered: 157, Skipped: 12)



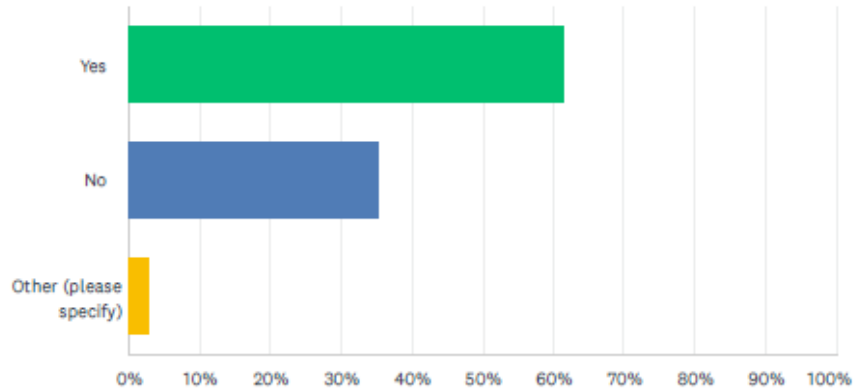
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Photo 1	12.74% 20
Photo 2	40.76% 64
Photo 3	39.49% 62
Photo 4	14.65% 23
Photo 5	25.48% 40
Photo 6	8.28% 13
Photo 7	10.83% 17
Photo 8	23.57% 37
None of the photographs show a high enough level of environmental impact that warrants restricting people from hiking on these informal trails.	9.55% 15
The number of people hiking on these informal trails should not be restricted.	26.11% 41
Total Respondents: 157	

13.

Prior to the presentation, were you aware that the formerly trailless peaks provides



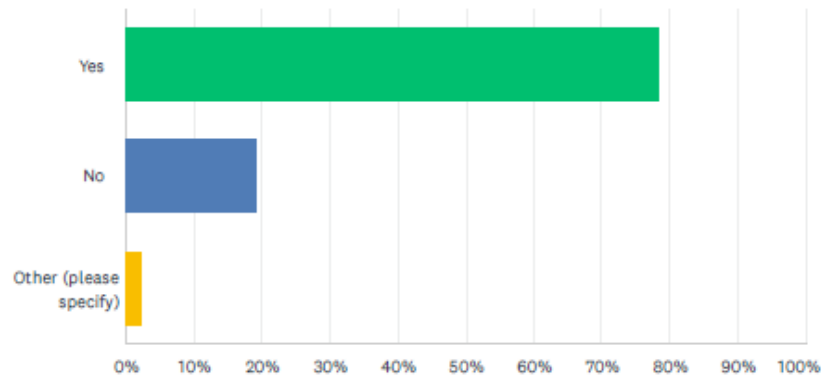
critical nesting habitat for several species of ground nesting threatened and/or vulnerable bird species? (Answered:167, Skipped: 2)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	61.68% 103
No	35.33% 59
Other (please specify)	2.99% 5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>167</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The amount of damage we do to this planet, you're barking up the wrong tree.	11/11/2022 5:30 PM
2	I don't care. Animals can go in my stew.	11/11/2022 4:51 PM
3	Several threatened and/or vulnerable documented?	10/25/2022 3:08 PM
4	As a responsible hiker, I would make that assumption	10/25/2022 2:02 PM
5	Assumed yes	10/25/2022 9:49 AM

14. Prior to the presentation, were you aware that vulnerable plants communities have been detected on some of the peaks? (Answered:167, Skipped:2)

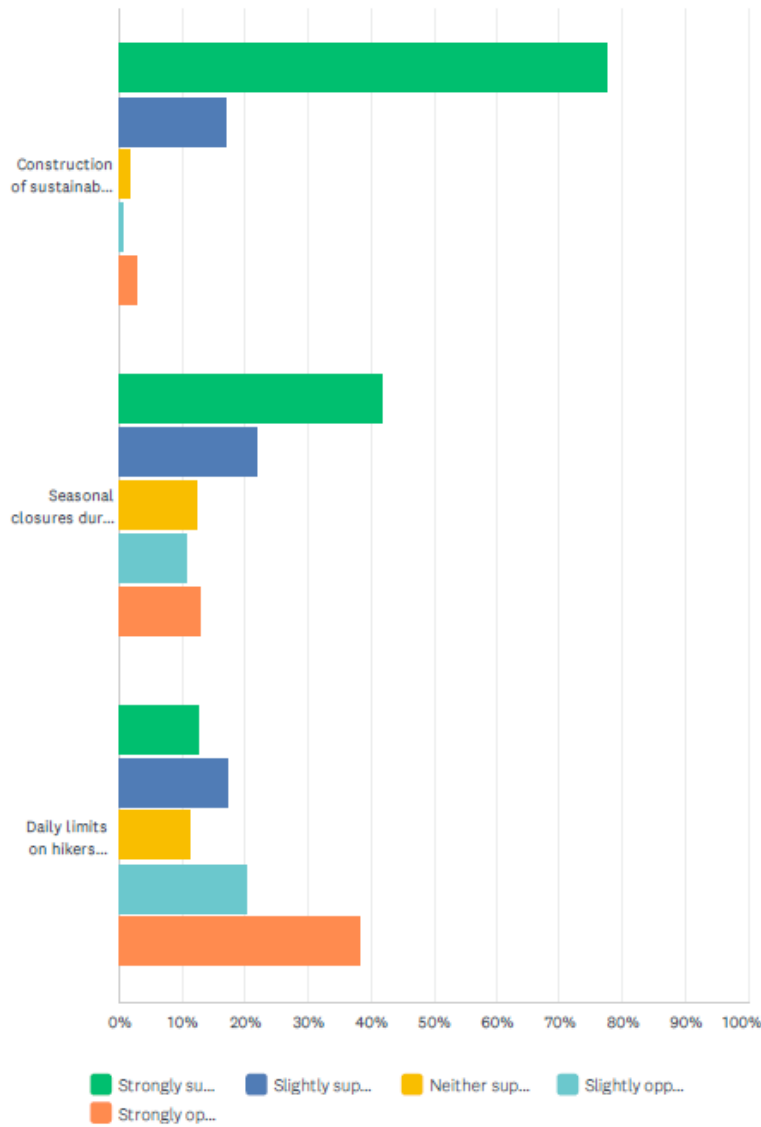


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	78.44% 131
No	19.16% 32
Other (please specify)	2.40% 4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>167</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I don't care. There are enough plants already.	11/11/2022 4:51 PM
2	Im sure I had some ideas...when I was doing them.	10/26/2022 3:07 PM
3	As a responsible hiker, I would make that assumption	10/25/2022 2:02 PM
4	Assumed yes	10/25/2022 9:49 AM

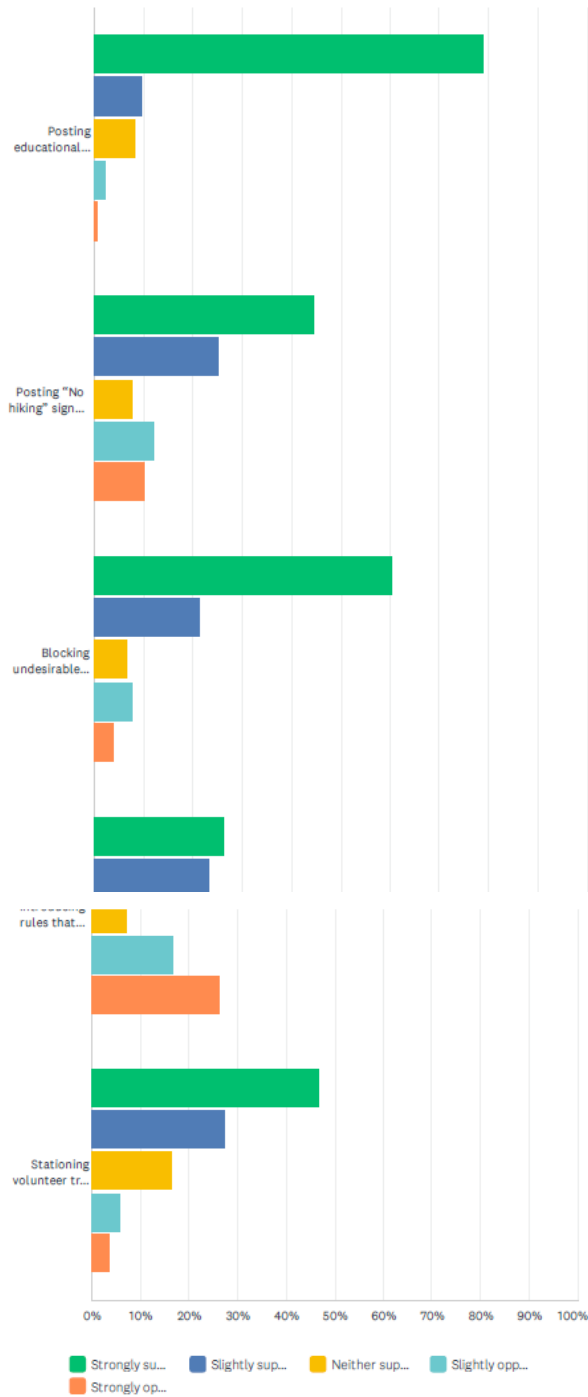


15. Would you support or oppose the following potential long term management practices for hiking on a formerly trailless peak? (Answered: 169, Skipped:0)



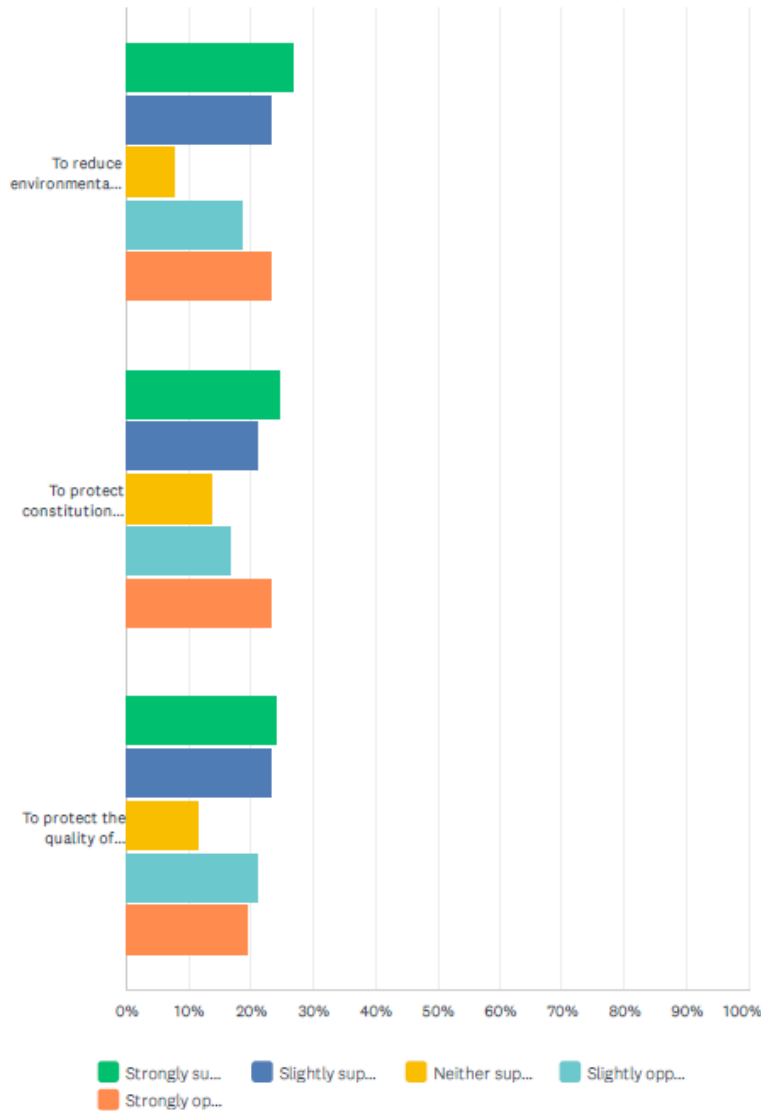
	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SLIGHTLY SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT OR OPPOSE	SLIGHTLY OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	TOTAL
Construction of sustainably designed trails to summits of formerly trail-less peaks to prevent impacts to natural resources.	77.51% 131	17.16% 29	1.78% 3	0.59% 1	2.96% 5	169
Seasonal closures during bird breeding and nesting months on formerly trail-less peaks to protect vulnerable bird species.	42.01% 71	21.89% 37	12.43% 21	10.65% 18	13.02% 22	169
Daily limits on hikers permitted to each summit to each mountain in lieu of constructing trails to each summit	12.57% 21	17.37% 29	11.38% 19	20.36% 34	38.32% 64	167

16. Would you support or oppose the following potential management and educational outreach actions to reduce informal trail travel in sensitive areas? (Answered: 169, Skipped:0)



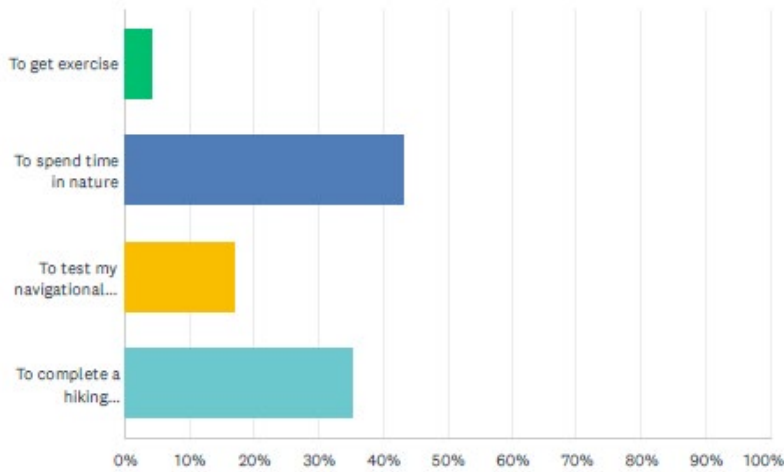
	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SLIGHTLY SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT OR OPPOSE	SLIGHTLY OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	TOTAL
Posting educational signage at trailheads that provides information on the damage that can informal trails can cause to rare plants and ground nesting birds.	79.04% 132	9.58% 16	8.38% 14	2.40% 4	0.60% 1	167
Posting "No hiking" signs at those unofficial non-blazed informal trail segments that are unsustainably aligned and impact natural resources.	44.58% 74	25.30% 42	7.83% 13	12.05% 20	10.24% 17	166
Blocking undesirable segments of informal trails with brush and logs.	60.36% 102	21.30% 36	6.51% 11	7.69% 13	4.14% 7	169
Introducing rules that prohibit visitors from hiking outside designated formal trails.	26.35% 44	23.35% 39	7.19% 12	16.77% 28	26.35% 44	167
Stationing volunteer trail stewards who engage with visitors and ask them to stay on designated trails.	46.75% 79	27.22% 46	16.57% 28	5.92% 10	3.55% 6	169

17. In your opinion, should the number of people allowed to hike a formerly trailless peak be limited by permit or other mechanism for any of the following reasons? This may limit when you can hike in those areas. Please mark your level of support for each row. (Answered:138, Skipped:31)



	STRONGLY SUPPORT	SLIGHTLY SUPPORT	NEITHER SUPPORT OR OPPOSE	SLIGHTLY OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	TOTAL
To reduce environmental impacts	26.81% 37	23.19% 32	7.97% 11	18.84% 26	23.19% 32	138
To protect constitutionally protected wilderness values	24.82% 34	21.17% 29	13.87% 19	16.79% 23	23.36% 32	137
To protect the quality of visitor experiences in wilderness areas	24.09% 33	23.36% 32	11.68% 16	21.17% 29	19.71% 27	137

18. What was the primary motivation for you to hike a trailless peak? (Answered: 141, Skipped: 28)

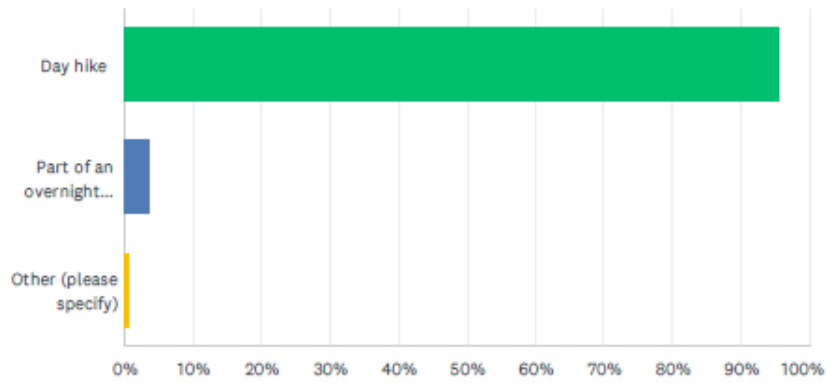


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
To get exercise	4.26% 6
To spend time in nature	43.26% 61
To test my navigational competency using a map and compass	17.02% 24
To complete a hiking challenge (please indicate which challenge(s) in the box below.	35.46% 50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141</b>

#	TO COMPLETE A HIKING CHALLENGE (PLEASE INDICATE WHICH CHALLENGE(S)) IN THE BOX BELOW.	DATE
1	Navigation, exercise and beauty. And because they are there and I have not hiked them.	11/25/2022 6:43 PM
2	3500 Club, then Winter, now All Seasons	11/13/2022 7:04 PM
3	Catskill 3500	11/13/2022 5:25 PM
4	Catskill 35	11/13/2022 1:05 PM
5	Catskill 3500 Club	11/13/2022 11:56 AM
6	3500 club, 3500 Grid to spend time in nature	11/12/2022 4:03 PM
7	35ers	11/12/2022 10:48 AM
8	3500 3500/winter	11/12/2022 5:40 AM
9	Catskills 3500	11/11/2022 8:21 PM
10	3500 club	11/11/2022 8:09 PM
11	Hikers Anonymous Single Season Challenge	11/11/2022 4:51 PM

12	3500 Club; Winter 35; All-Seasons; 420 Grid	11/11/2022 4:46 PM
13	3500 club	11/11/2022 3:05 PM
14	3500 club	11/11/2022 2:46 PM
15	3500	11/11/2022 2:20 PM
16	Catskill 100 Highest	11/11/2022 2:15 PM
17	Catskill 3500	11/11/2022 1:50 PM
18	Catskills 3500	11/11/2022 1:39 PM
19	Catskill 3500	11/11/2022 1:25 PM
20	Catskill 3500 Club Membership	11/11/2022 1:07 PM
21	Catskills 3500 cliv	11/11/2022 12:25 PM
22	Catskills 3500	11/11/2022 12:06 PM
23	Catskill 3500 Club and Catskill Mountain Club	11/11/2022 11:51 AM
24	Catskill 3500 club	11/11/2022 11:43 AM
25	Catskills 35er but learning how to navigate peaks without trails has been an important skill	11/11/2022 11:22 AM
26	3500	11/11/2022 11:13 AM
27	Catskill 3500	11/11/2022 10:56 AM
28	3500 club	11/11/2022 10:50 AM
29	3500 club	11/11/2022 10:48 AM
30	All of then	11/11/2022 10:41 AM
31	Catskill 3500 Club the first time. Now I hike them to spend time in nature and get exercise	11/11/2022 9:48 AM
32	do not wish to identify the challenge	11/5/2022 5:55 PM
33	3500	10/28/2022 10:55 AM
34	Catskill 3500	10/26/2022 3:07 PM
35	Catskil 3500 club.	10/26/2022 1:26 PM
36	peaks over 3500 feet	10/26/2022 12:48 PM
37	3500 club	10/25/2022 9:47 PM
38	3500 club and test my compass skills	10/25/2022 9:34 PM
39	3500 club	10/25/2022 8:45 PM
40	To get away from the crowds and find my own journey to the summit	10/25/2022 3:56 PM
41	3500 Club	10/25/2022 3:39 PM
42	3500 winter	10/25/2022 3:33 PM
43	3500	10/25/2022 2:52 PM
44	W35 and foraging	10/25/2022 1:56 PM
45	Catskill 3500	10/25/2022 1:49 PM
46	3500 club	10/25/2022 11:56 AM
47	I am a volunteer backpacking leader with AMC.	10/25/2022 10:57 AM
48	four season 3500 challenge	10/25/2022 10:12 AM
49	Catskill 3500	10/25/2022 10:04 AM

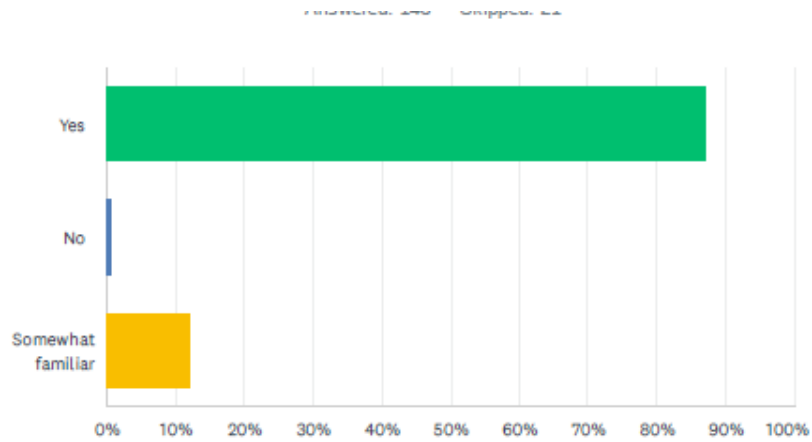
19. Which of the following best describes your last hiking experience on one of the formerly trailless peaks? (Answered:141 Skipped: 28)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Day hike	95.74% 135
Part of an overnight backpacking trip	3.55% 5
Other (please specify)	0.71% 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Backcountry skiing	11/11/2022 1:46 PM

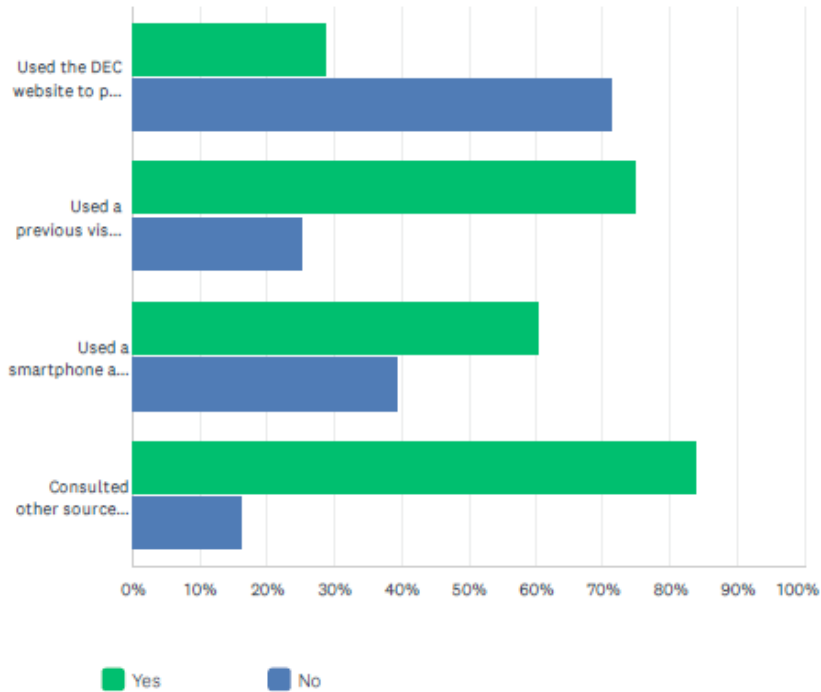
20. Are you familiar with the seven principles of leave no trace? (Answered 148 Skipped:21)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.16%	129
No	0.68%	1
Somewhat familiar	12.16%	18
TOTAL		148

21. We would like to know which of the following types of information you used to plan and/ or prepare for your hike on a formerly trailless peak? (Answered:143 Skipped 26)





	YES	NO	TOTAL
Used the DEC website to plan and or prepare for your hike to a formerly trail-less peak	28.79% 38	71.21% 94	132
Used a previous visit to plan and/or prepare for a hike on a trail-less peak	74.81% 101	25.19% 34	135
Used a smartphone app to plan and/or prepare for a hike on a trail-less peak? If yes, please indicate which app you used below.	60.58% 83	39.42% 54	137
Consulted other sources of information. Please indicate what sources of information you used:	83.85% 109	16.15% 21	130

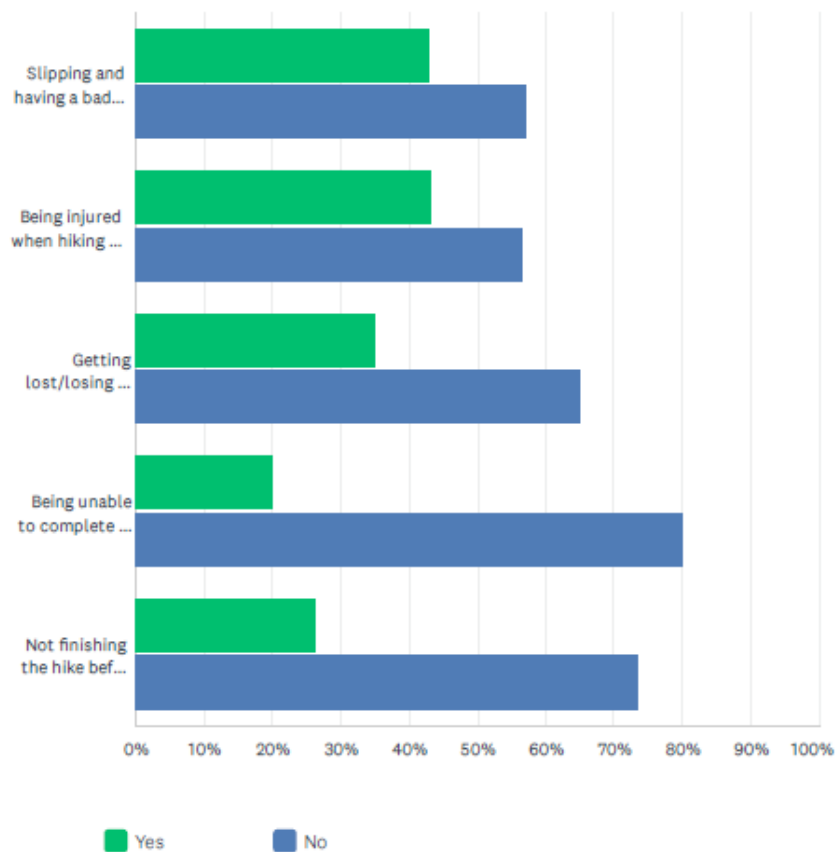
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	AllTrails, and went with friend who had hiked those peaks.	11/25/2022 6:43 PM
2	NYNJTC Maps	11/15/2022 7:44 AM
3	Trail Conference maps, both print and Avenza Maps	11/14/2022 9:15 AM
4	Gaia GPS, NYNJTC Map	11/13/2022 11:42 PM
5	All Trails	11/13/2022 7:04 PM

6	Research the best paths on multiple websites	11/13/2022 5:25 PM
7	All trails and paper map	11/13/2022 1:05 PM
8	New York-New Jersey Trail Conference maps	11/13/2022 11:56 AM
9	NJ NY trail conference maps	11/12/2022 4:03 PM
10	Websites, guidebooks and printed maps	11/12/2022 1:32 PM
11	CalTopo/SARTopo, AllTrails, Avenza using NYNJTC maps, and sites from other well-known Catskill hikers.	11/12/2022 12:30 PM
12	maps and web sites	11/12/2022 10:23 AM
13	Website and maps	11/12/2022 8:35 AM
14	Hiking books, maps including USGS topographical maps	11/12/2022 5:24 AM
15	Avenza, NYNTC maps	11/11/2022 10:20 PM
16	NYNJ trail conference maps, Facebook pages	11/11/2022 8:21 PM
17	Avenza and Gaia Apps.	11/11/2022 6:34 PM
18	Avenza app with NYNJ trail conference maps, also carrying the physical maps. Hiking friends, FB hiking groups, hiking meetup groups, hiking blogs	11/11/2022 5:58 PM
19	Google maps and paper maps	11/11/2022 5:30 PM
20	Gaia, CalTopo, NYNJTC paper map set	11/11/2022 5:19 PM
21	Catskillhiker.com Catskill mountaineer.com Catskill trail conditions Facebook 3500 club website	11/11/2022 5:01 PM
22	AllTrail	11/11/2022 4:51 PM
23	Avenza and Gaia; map & compass	11/11/2022 4:46 PM
24	All Trails and Avenza with NYNJTC maps	11/11/2022 3:05 PM
25	Nynj Trail conference maps; Catskill 3500 newsletter	11/11/2022 2:20 PM
26	Talked/ communicated with knowledgeable, experienced hiking friends.	11/11/2022 2:15 PM
27	Catskills Trail Conditions Facebook group	11/11/2022 2:09 PM
28	Hiking websites	11/11/2022 1:50 PM
29	Catskillhiker.net	11/11/2022 1:49 PM
30	Avena w/NJNYTC maps	11/11/2022 1:47 PM
31	Map	11/11/2022 1:46 PM
32	Maps, and trail conditions pages on social media	11/11/2022 1:39 PM
33	maps	11/11/2022 1:39 PM
34	Avenza/NYNJTC maps; websites like catskill mountaineer with terrain description to avoid steep ledges and dangers	11/11/2022 1:25 PM
35	All Trails and Catskill Trail Conditions Facebook Group. I also consult with other experienced hikers who have recently gone to the areas I am looking to hike.	11/11/2022 1:07 PM
36	Catskill mountaineer.	11/11/2022 1:04 PM
37	Catskills 3500 club guided hike	11/11/2022 12:25 PM
38	All Trails	11/11/2022 12:06 PM
39	Garmin Basecamp, Caltopo.com, Catskill Mountaineer Website	11/11/2022 11:51 AM
40	Trail conference maps, hiking groups on social media	11/11/2022 11:43 AM

41	I use the Avenza App with the NY/NJ Trail Conference Catskill Combined map as well as Gaia. I have ALLTrails but use it more in the planning phase rather than for navigation.	11/11/2022 11:38 AM
42	All trail, Gaia, speaking with other hikers about routes	11/11/2022 11:22 AM
43	Gaia, Avenza, maps	11/11/2022 11:19 AM
44	Catskill Mountaineer	11/11/2022 11:18 AM
45	I use gaia to track my 'bushwhacks' so I can use the same route, but most of my planning is map and compass :-)	11/11/2022 11:08 AM
46	Alltrails Catskillmountaineer Mountain-hiking	11/11/2022 10:56 AM
47	Gaia Other hiking resources (books, websites, other hikers experiences)	11/11/2022 10:51 AM
48	Other websites, reports from other hikers	11/11/2022 10:50 AM
49	Mapped out route via caltopo.com and brought a printed map	11/11/2022 10:49 AM
50	Friends with experience	11/11/2022 10:48 AM
51	NY NJ TC paper maps, their digital map in Avenza, and Gaia gps is used to track my hikes (kept private for me to see only)	11/11/2022 9:48 AM
52	3500 Club, NYNJTC	11/10/2022 3:52 PM
53	Avenza app with NYNJTC maps is used in addition to map and compass.	11/10/2022 3:05 PM
54	gaiagps for navigation hired a NYS licensed guide	11/5/2022 5:55 PM
55	Catskill Park trail maps (Nat Geo and NYNJTC)	11/2/2022 4:12 PM
56	Avenza Maps, All Trails and Facebook groups to learn of daily information.	10/31/2022 12:39 PM
57	too map and compass	10/28/2022 11:16 PM
58	All Trails, hiking book, hard copy maps	10/28/2022 10:55 AM
59	Catskill Mountaineer info on each mountain. Alan Via's book for the other 65 of the hundred highest. I very rarely use DEC website because it is poorly designed. I do use the notifications that are emailed also.	10/27/2022 11:01 PM
60	Web searches & trip reports. All Trails on the web	10/26/2022 4:55 PM
61	Used NY/NJ trails maps	10/26/2022 1:26 PM
62	NYNJTC Catskill maps	10/26/2022 12:48 PM
63	Friend, family member	10/26/2022 8:03 AM
64	catskillhiker	10/25/2022 10:50 PM
65	internet websites	10/25/2022 9:47 PM
66	Adirondack mountain club Catskill trails 4th edition	10/25/2022 9:34 PM
67	Friends knowledge (a registered guide)	10/25/2022 8:45 PM
68	trail guide publications trail maps hiking organization websites hiking social media sites	10/25/2022 5:50 PM
69	GaiaGPS.com, NYNJTC maps	10/25/2022 5:36 PM
70	NY/NJ Trail conference maps	10/25/2022 5:08 PM
71	maps, books, websites	10/25/2022 5:03 PM
72	NY NJ TRAIL CONFERENCE MAP & COMPASS AS WELL AS AVENZA	10/25/2022 4:06 PM
73	PAPER MAPS!!!	10/25/2022 3:56 PM
74	Avenza, NYNJTC maps & compass	10/25/2022 3:39 PM
75	NYNJTC maps Catskill mountaineer	10/25/2022 3:33 PM

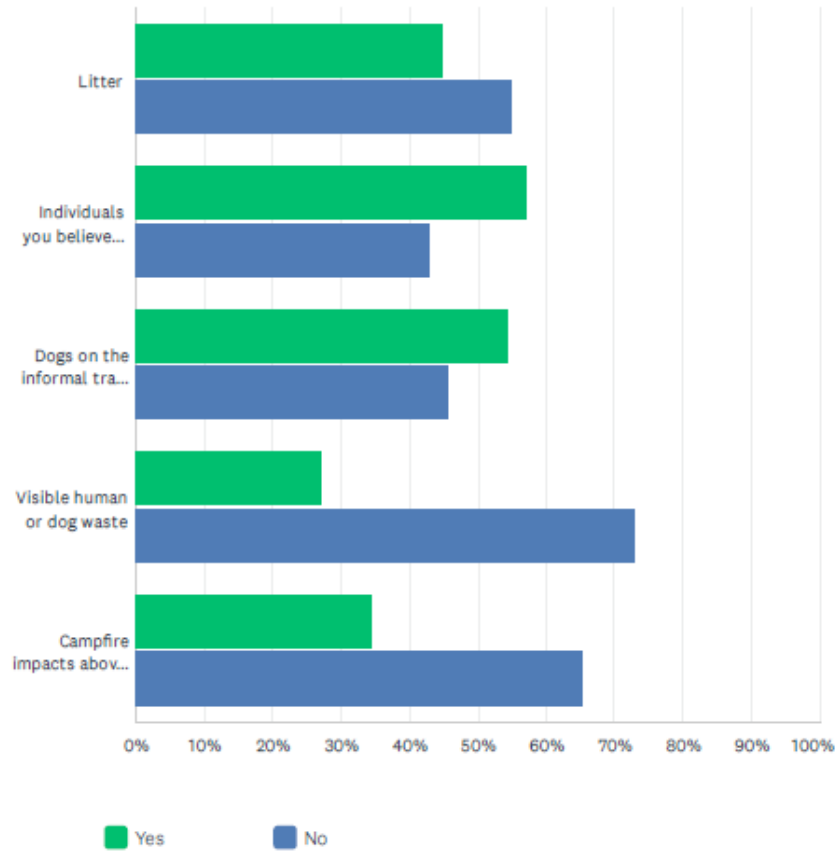
76	AllTrails adk publications and ny nj trail conf maps	10/25/2022 2:52 PM
77	Guide books Map apps & websites	10/25/2022 2:52 PM
78	3D Maps Pro App. and NYNJ trail conference map set. If there is any sign of a herd path, I stay on it.	10/25/2022 2:02 PM
79	Gaia, AllTrails and Avenza	10/25/2022 1:56 PM
80	Not sure	10/25/2022 1:53 PM
81	topographic map and compass	10/25/2022 1:49 PM
82	Books and websites	10/25/2022 1:40 PM
83	Trail maps	10/25/2022 12:26 PM
84	US Topo Maps	10/25/2022 12:15 PM
85	Trail Conference map w Avenza	10/25/2022 11:56 AM
86	I went with a friend who is familiar with the area.	10/25/2022 11:51 AM
87	USGS topographic quadrangles	10/25/2022 11:36 AM
88	Topographic maps	10/25/2022 11:26 AM
89	Gaia (USGS maps), Avenza apps. NYNJTC Map Set	10/25/2022 11:05 AM
90	I have not visited the trail-less peaks. Nevertheless, I am graduated of Mountain Leadership School and volunteer faculty of AMC. Thus, we create trip plans relative to maps, guidebooks or reliable websites, for example, DEC or Parks. I consulted the DEC website when accessing the Danbury Forest, however, have all the maps from the Finger Lake Association. I avoid going off trail unless some emergency occurs. Thus, I like to plan my trips noting water sources and alternative routes including evacuation or bypass.	10/25/2022 10:57 AM
91	Contour Maps , Friends	10/25/2022 10:32 AM
92	Maps, compass or and trail field guides	10/25/2022 10:30 AM
93	Fatmap, other hikers, map & compass	10/25/2022 10:26 AM
94	USGS Maps	10/25/2022 10:13 AM
95	maps, weather reports	10/25/2022 10:12 AM
96	Strava	10/25/2022 10:04 AM
97	Trail Conference Maps	10/25/2022 10:04 AM
98	Friends who have hiked. Books, maps and websites to get familiar with topography.	10/25/2022 10:01 AM
99	Other hikers	10/25/2022 9:57 AM

22. Did you worry about any of the following risks during your hike to a formerly trailless peak? (Answered: 145 Skipped: 24)



	YES	NO	TOTAL
Slipping and having a bad fall while hiking on the informal trail	42.96% 61	57.04% 81	142
Being injured when hiking on the informal trail	43.36% 62	56.64% 81	143
Getting lost/losing the informal trail	34.97% 50	65.03% 93	143
Being unable to complete the whole hike	20.00% 29	80.00% 116	145

23. Did you encounter any of the following on your visit to a formerly trailless peak?



	YES	NO	TOTAL
Litter	45.00% 63	55.00% 77	140
Individuals you believe were unprepared for the hike	57.25% 79	42.75% 59	138
Dogs on the informal trails and summits. If yes, please indicate below if they were leashed.	54.35% 75	45.65% 63	138
Visible human or dog waste	27.14% 38	72.86% 102	140
Campfire impacts above 3,500'	34.53% 48	65.47% 91	139

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Yes leashed.	11/25/2022 6:43 PM
2	Yes the dog was leashed	11/13/2022 11:42 PM
3	Leashed and unleashed but very friendly	11/13/2022 1:05 PM
4	Please create formal trails to these peaks to limit the impact to a single trail rather than having more widespread impact.	11/12/2022 9:56 PM
5	off leash	11/12/2022 4:03 PM
6	Mostly unleashed dogs, but both.	11/11/2022 10:20 PM
7	Most waste and trash encountered is on sustainable trails. If you build it, they will come. People avoid trail peaks out of fear. If you make them easier you invite the masses and achieve the opposite effect of what you set out to do. By all means teach and promote safe practices but leave wilderness areas as is.	11/11/2022 5:30 PM
8	Almost all dogs leashed and well behaved I encountered. Only seen a handful.	11/11/2022 4:46 PM
9	Some dogs not leashed. Camp fire on the summit of rocky.	11/11/2022 3:05 PM
10	Both leashed and unleashed	11/11/2022 1:47 PM
11	Unleashed dogs, off trail and on. Far too often.	11/11/2022 1:46 PM
12	leash was available	11/11/2022 1:39 PM
13	Unleashed dogs common	11/11/2022 1:25 PM
14	Dogs that were unleashed.	11/11/2022 1:07 PM
15	Litter is very rare on the trail-less peaks, but I have seen campfires at or near some of the peaks, certainly above 3500'. However, many of them appeared to be years old. Biggest issue I've encountered is unprepared hikers; I've lead a few back to trailheads...	11/11/2022 11:08 AM
16	Both leashed and unleashed.	11/11/2022 10:51 AM
17	Dogs were leashed or in control of owner	11/11/2022 9:48 AM
18	leashed dogs	11/10/2022 3:52 PM
19	dogs are leashed and unleashed	11/10/2022 3:05 PM
20	dog unleashed on Friday	11/5/2022 5:55 PM
21	Dogs off leash	11/2/2022 4:12 PM
22	Unleashed	10/27/2022 11:01 PM
23	unleashed/marginally controlled	10/26/2022 4:55 PM
24	Summit erosion and herd path that didn't exist on a previous visit	10/26/2022 3:07 PM
25	Leashed dog	10/26/2022 8:03 AM
26	Some were leashed, most were not	10/25/2022 9:47 PM
27	Dog was leashed and great - no problem there	10/25/2022 8:45 PM
28	Thanks for taking this issue seriously.	10/25/2022 8:17 PM
29	well-behaved unleashed dog clearly under voice control	10/25/2022 7:06 PM
30	some were and some not	10/25/2022 6:10 PM
31	I have encountered each of these conditions on trailed peaks.	10/25/2022 5:50 PM
32	People off trail are much more oriented towards Leave No Trace, prepared and accommodating than anyone on DEC trails!! DO NOT CONTINUE THIS!!	10/25/2022 3:56 PM
33	dogs on & off leash	10/25/2022 3:30 PM

34	Dogs are allowed in the Catskills and so far less damage than humans.	10/25/2022 3:33 PM
35	Leashed	10/25/2022 3:08 PM
36	Dogs never leashed, no misbehavior, camp fires rare, happens, not on trail-less. 3500Club# 2422	10/25/2022 2:02 PM
37	Rarely leashed	10/25/2022 1:56 PM
38	I don't hike for peaks/views. I look for places with fewer people. I think that we should discourage peak challenges.	10/25/2022 12:15 PM
39	I have not hiked a trail-less peak, but strongly oppose this due to environmental destruction it causes. Please consider prohibiting all such recreation.	10/25/2022 11:43 AM
40	leashed and unleashed dogs	10/25/2022 11:05 AM
41	I do not hike the untrailed peaks because of all the reasons concerning slip and falls. About AMC, we have a novice backpacking program and a backpacking with your dog program. I am doing the finishing touches on dog program and started the Novice Program in 2017. However, I no longer teach it because I am unable to bring my dog to the Harriman Center but have offered to assist during one day and leave for home.	10/25/2022 10:57 AM
42	Both leashed and off-leash	10/25/2022 10:35 AM
43	Have seen very few dogs on the trails. Worry more about Invasive plants and insects. Campfires usually below 3500.	10/25/2022 10:32 AM
44	leashed	10/25/2022 10:26 AM
45	I think the key is good trail design. So many Catskill trails are straight up and down trails that don't conform to contours and concentrate water movement therefore don't shed water incrementally and cause erosion. Trails need to meander and flow with the topography.	10/25/2022 10:13 AM
46	not leashed	10/25/2022 10:12 AM
47	Unleashed dogs and poop bags!	10/25/2022 10:01 AM
48	Questions 7-9 list "Very Unacceptable" twice when the farthest right choice category should state "Very Acceptable"	10/25/2022 9:56 AM
49	Unleashed	10/25/2022 9:45 AM