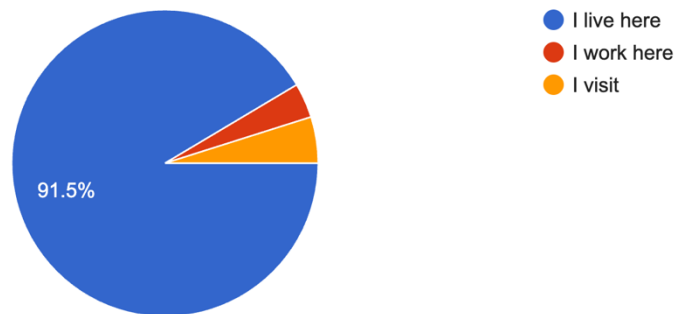


Port Huron Township Parks & Recreation Survey

83 responses

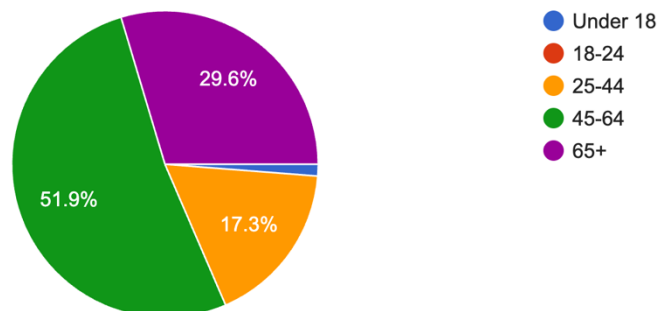
What is your connection to Port Huron Township?

82 responses



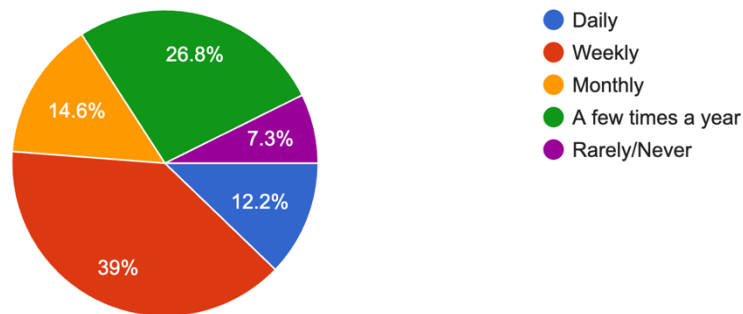
What is your age group?

81 responses



How often do you visit parks or recreation facilities in/near the Township?

82 responses



Which parks or recreation areas do you visit most often? (Examples: local township parks, nearby trails, regional parks like Fort Gratiot area, etc.)

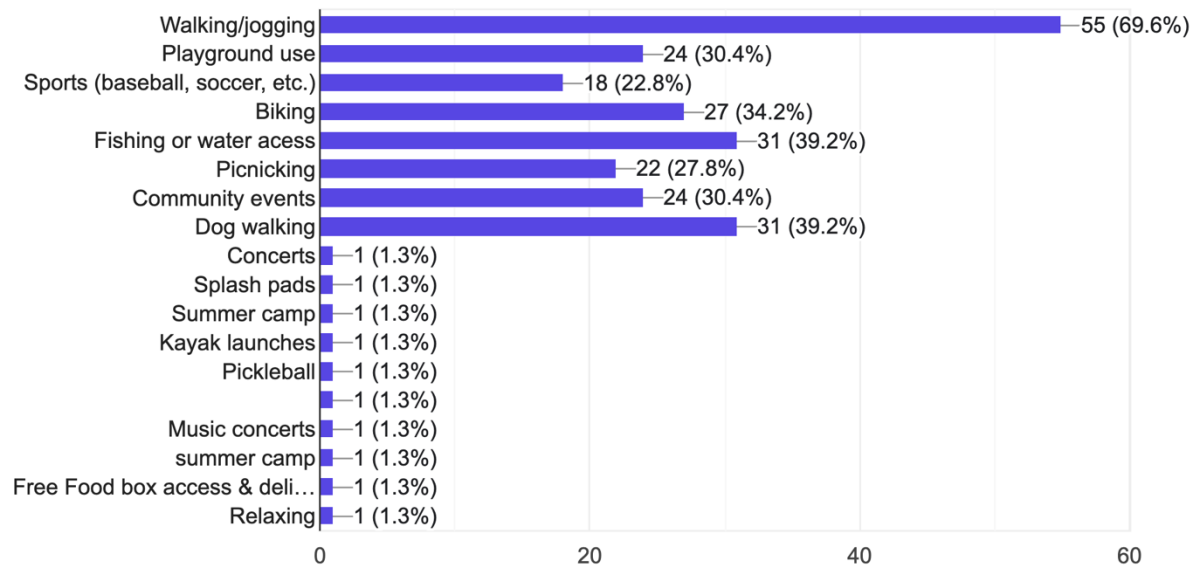
75 responses

- Local township parks
- Bakers Field
- Beach road
- Bakers field
- Bakersfield
- Township parks
- Nearby trails
- Trails
- Trails in the area
- local parks
- beach road
- Near by trails, pine grove park, marysville park, lakeside park
- Nearby trails, township parks, regional parks
- other parks
- Beach Rd Park and other parks in our area
- Pine grove park, marysville park, lakeside beach
- Beach Rd, Bakers Field
- Wadhams to Avoca Trail
- Nearby County and State Parks, bike trails
- Regional parks
- For kayak launches Port Huron Twp. For walking trails I use other parks nearby or go to the boardwalk. For biking a mixture- Port Huron Twp isn't really bike friendly.
- Bakersfield & Beach Road
- Nearby trails & parks
- 40th st pond, fort grstiot park, pine grove park and other places.

- Lincoln Park, 40th St Pond, Hoover Park
- Bakersfield
- Local parks, Fort Gratiot and Port Huron trails.
- Bakers
- Thompson
- Trails and Beach Road park
- Bakersfield, pine grove park
- Beach rd park, lakeside beach, fort Gratiot parks
- Memorial Park
- Parks with trails, parks with views of or access to water
- Beach Rd, Baker's Field
- Baker's Field
- Random park hopping
- Local parks and trails
- Memorial (Beach Rd), Bakersfield (Strawberry Ln)
- Beach rd
- Walkway
- Local parks
- Water Street Park & Adjacent
- Baker's Field
- Local Township
- Bakersfield Park, Avoca Trail off Wahdams
- Thomson Pond & Bakersfield
- We go to the little park by my house but I forgot the name of it
- Port Huron twp only
- 40th street pond
- Local parks and bike trails
- Township Parks
- township parks, city parks
- Ft Gratiot
- Other regional parks
- 40th St Pond, and the one by Stawberry land AND the area by the old lions club
- Bakers field
- Bakers Field. Thompson Pond, Beach Road park, Wadhams to Avoca Trail, Columbus County Park, and others
- None

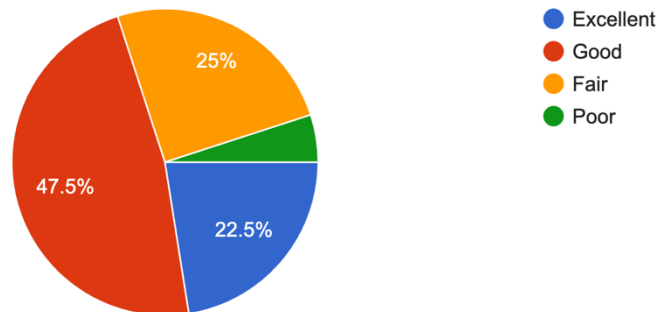
What activities do you typically participate in? (Select all that apply)

79 responses

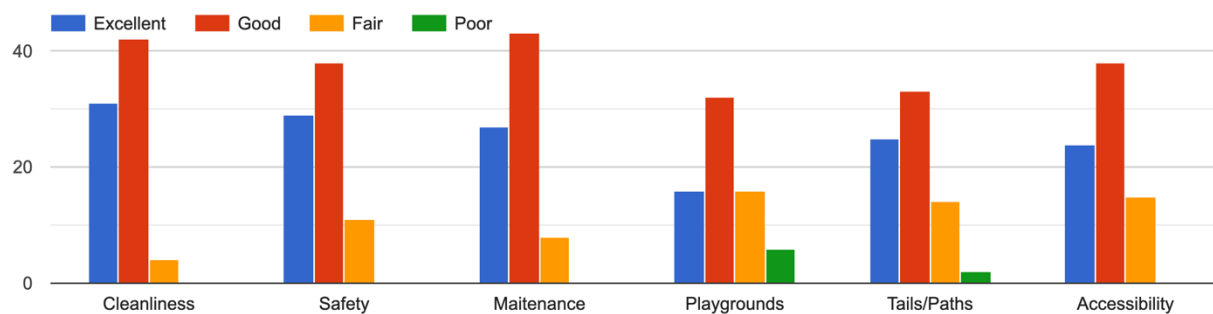


Overall, how would you rate parks and recreation opportunities in Port Huron Township?

80 responses

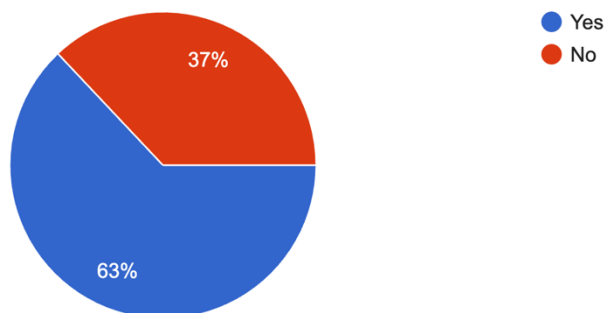


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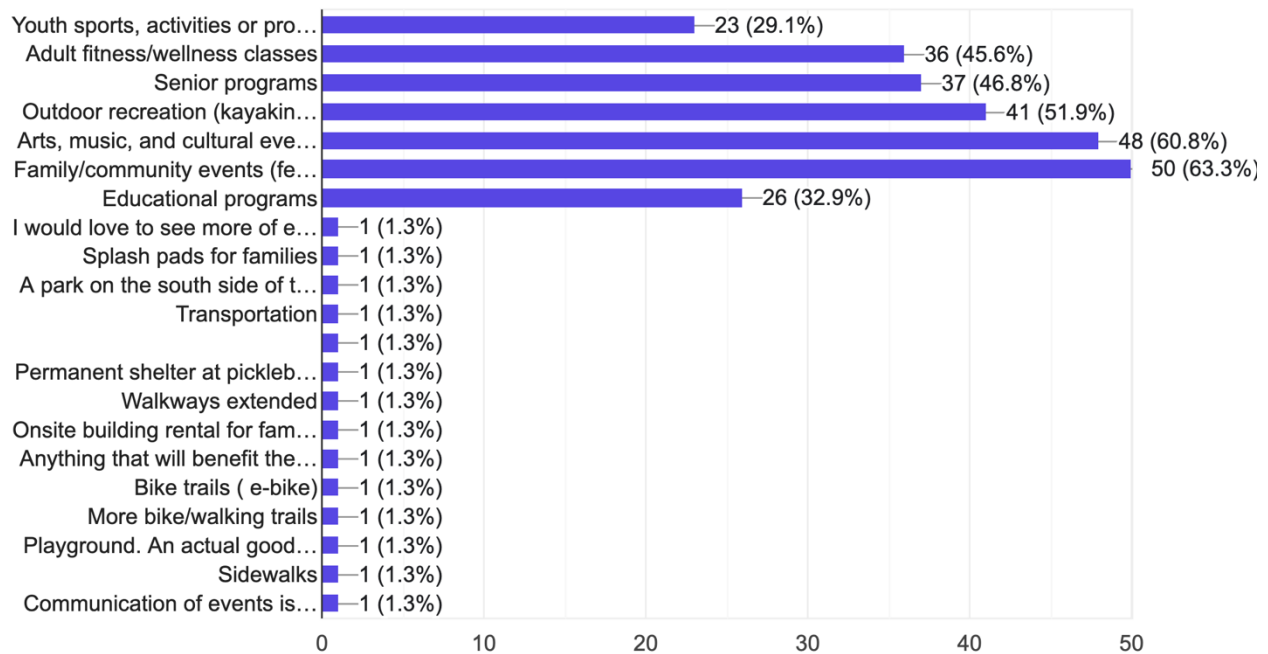
Are you aware of recreation programs/events offered in or near the Township?

81 responses



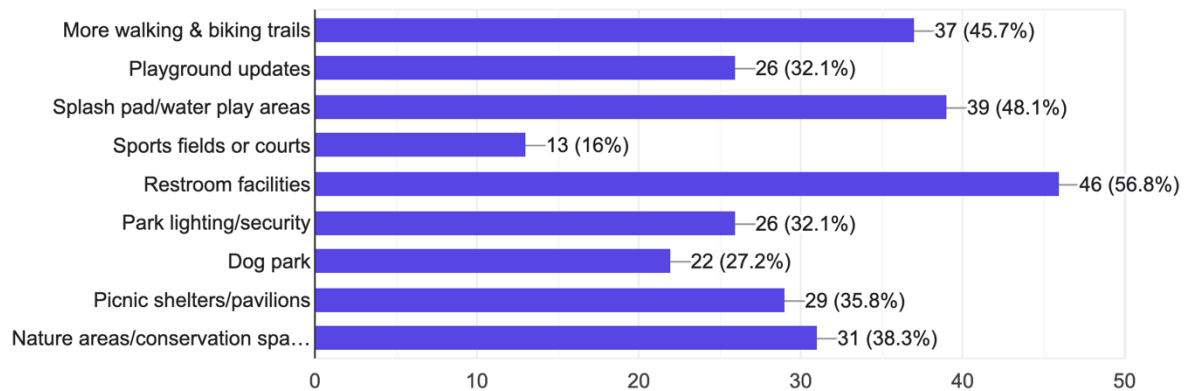
What types of programs would you like to see more of? (Select all that apply)

79 responses



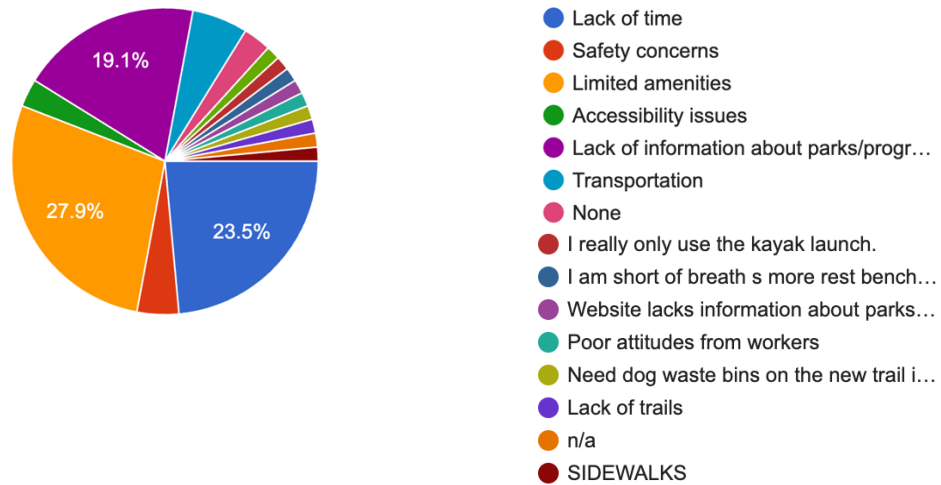
What improvements are most important to you? (Select up to 3)

81 responses



Are there difficulties that prevent you from using township parks more often?

68 responses



What do you like most about parks in Port Huron Township?59 responses

- Clean
- Close to home
- I love that they're all within minutes of each other and they all have for the most part something different to offer. I don't think we need a playground at every park. Bakersfield is the perfect adult/fitness park, Memorial park is a great family park with children's amenities. They others all have their own perks to offer as well.
- That they are connected to water and they have the opportunity to take advantage of this for their residents and visitors.
- Clean, easily accessible
- The summer rec program
- The views of the water
- Their availability close to my home.
- Being able to take my grandchildren somewhere close to home.
- Availability
- The one on Moak street is barely used. Not a nice area so we go elsewhere
- I can plan a fun day of walking my dog at a park and then head into downtown to grab some food!
- Quiet
- I don't go to any township parks.
- Very clean, kept up nice. Easily accessible
- I like the updates and additions being done at Baker's Field.

- Close by
- Kayak launch. Clean restrooms or porta Johns.
- The rural, laidback atmosphere
- Cleanliness
- That they are kept up.
- Pickleball
- Distance, they are near my home.
- Black River
- Summer Rec program is great! Melissa and Kizzy are very organized, and there is always something fun going on.
- I wish they were built up more rather than just for selected people like kayakers and boaters
- Closeness to my home.
- Family atmosphere; safe; well-kept yards
- Almost all the parks have views of or access to water! This is underutilized and promoted, especially at Beach Road Park! Beach Road park's trails are not well-signed and river views/access are minimal/non existent considering the large frontage the park has.
- Great job with Baker's Field.
- Trees and trails near water.
- well maintained
- very nicely kept
- Beautiful scenery
- Location
- Events
- Walking near the river
- Rural, non city, a more country feel, relax, community events, free
- Variety
- Boat access
- Our parks are close for biking activities. Fun activities for all ages.
- Bakers Field is where i go the most, it is the eally nice now, or the field by Lions Club on Water St.
- They are close to home for us many programs
- Safety
- That they are clean and close by
- Nature
- Clean, beautiful parks
- Close to hime
- Well maintained
- The pond seems to get the most attention
- Available access
- Easy to get to
- Its for the people of the twp
- Community Awareness and PROFESSIONALISM

- the continuous improvement
- Clean, quiet, peaceful
- Good places for dog walking. Often use kayak ramp at Bakers Field.

What is the biggest improvement we should make?⁶³ responses

- I think we need to utilize our parks more often highlighting what they have to offer.
- More restrooms
- Help with the canal more, when the black river flows blue it enhances the entire area. It adds value to residents property and all those around. Way worth the investment
- More parks and update Lion's park besides a paint job
- Make more
- Improve the playgrounds and water access
- Work with Kimball Township on a SAFE way to access the Wadhams to Avoca Trail from the West Water area; possible a trail (not on or along the road) along Allen Road to the Trail. There are a lot of homes along West Water that would benefit for such an improvement.
- Children's areas
- It was suggested by a gal to buy the property by 40th street pond and expand that into a really nice area. I think it is a good idea.
- Improved safety, increased lighting, etc. I walk my dog alone often and have to be very selective where I go to stay feeling safe
- More walking areas- just having basic sidewalks would be nice!
- Build a park on the south side of the township
- Update of playground at Beach Rd, additional court at Bakers Field, perhaps rethink Water St and put in a unique feature. Splash pad? Walking story feature at Bakers Field pathway. Bakers field needs a kids feature but maybe not a traditional play structure. Something that ties in with the fitness or water theme.
- A pool at Bakers Field would be nice as well as making Strawberry Lane and West Water safer for walking
- Accessible playgrounds and splash pad with restrooms.
- Bike lane along West water Move the kayak launch to North side of park to allow two boats to launch at the same time
- Walking trails, biking trails.
- More activities & amenities
- More tennis & pickleball courts
- Work on the park at the end of beach rd. Update play area. And pt some grills in the parks.
- Not sure
- Permanent shelter at pickleball courts
- Patrol the area and enforce rules. Post several signs regarding speed, no smoking or vaping.
- More police patrolling and cameras
- Clean restrooms
- Beach road- fishing dock, maybe easier access to water then climbing up and down bank

- Bring a splash pad for the township, playground for Bakersfield.
- Get more property for more events with easy parking. Community building would be nice. Concert Venue
- Dog park and wheelchair accessibility
- Improve views of and access to water, especially at Beach Road Park; offer more family-friendly programming/nature/education events in parks; promote and advertise park facilities better (website); provide year-round access to parks (snow plowing, don't close Beach Road park, clear trail for winter use at Bakersfield). Hoover Park is a hidden gem and sorely underutilized and desperately needs updates and modernization. Maybe the Township should engage in a Park Utilization & Improvement Study.
- West Water is incredibly dangerous for bikes and pedestrians, of which there are many. Creating a safe connection between the neighborhoods and along the entire road should be a priority.
- Upgrade park benches, add small rain covers
- more walking & biking paths
- regular bathrooms and dog park
- More respectful and hard working workers
- Pave Wadhams to Avoca Trail further
- More playground equipment
- Disability access
- More players and workers
- Benches and dog poop bags
- More pickleball courts, tennis courts, basketball courts, walking paths, splash pad, playground equipment, pavilions and picnic areas
- Ways for children to bike to places in the area where they are active
- N/A
- I would like to see a trail like Fort Gratiot has around Kettlewell Pond behind Meijers. That would be give our township some positive exposure from the expressway.
- Playground equipment
- Drinkable water availability
- I'd like to see our parks tied to other county parks.
- Add more community involvement activities
- Not sure
- Splash pads, more pickleball courts. A second boat launch at Bakers Field
- Improve 40th Street pond. It's getting left behind. Focus on a major park on the north side of Port Huron Township and a major park on the south side.
- Better parking
- More trails for walking and biking
- Make sure there is something for everyone
- playgrounds and bathrooms
- More bike paths to businesses
- Drinking water fountains
- A disk golf course

- Signs that say no e bikes or golf carts on trails
- SIDEWALKS
- Updates of playgrounds throughout and more security
- Walking trail 40th st pond
- Extend path all the way around Thompson Pond. Also the pond itself is very weedy making it difficult to fish or swim.

Any additional comments or ideas?33 responses

- None
- Lions park is not being utilized to its fullest potential. The lions club is getting a steal. We rent the building for pennies considering we get nothing in return while the Lions club rents that space for a minimum \$400 per rental(day). Township residents do not even get a discounted rate when renting. To me that's a waste for the township when we could utilize that building or at minimum be the ones who rent it out and bring in money that could be utilized for other park/rec costs. I also hope that they are not allowed to rename. That part the way that they hope to. AYSO at Memorial Park, is another concern. It is another great example of renting a space for pennies and the township gets nothing in return. I have witnessed personally how they take advantage of our park and our park manager. During big tournaments, they end up taking over the entire parking space and our park doesn't get utilized by residents or the community during those times. I personally hope the contract does not get renewed and would love to see the property utilized in a way that would better benefit the township. Perhaps more softball diamonds and a splash pad. That's a great park to grow a volleyball league. All in all our township has some very beautiful parks and programs and it appears by the survey that we are headed in a good direction. Thank you.
- Off Allen Road, the pond (lake) is not very clean
- Have more concerts
- Parks and recreation areas/activities are so important!
- We love all that you guys do for our community and parks!!! Thank you!
- Parks need playground equipment like pine grove and marysville parks have
- I don't think all parks should necessarily have the same things.
- There really aren't any walking or bike trails here.
- To add more activities, amenities, picnic areas, and maintenance
- The Bakersfield court is nice, but overrun by pickleballers. Perhaps vacant land could be used for more courts
- Permanent shelter at pickleball courts
- Maybe connected Atkins bike and walking path to the park. No shoulder on Beach but Atkins is worst. Especially during soccer and baseball season.
- Would love to have a splash pad in the township and a playground at Bakersfield.
- I heard one gal at a meeting online talk about a Veterans memorial. That would be nice to have. We need to be more patriotic in this township and clear up the junk and blight.

- The parks cannot be adequately and consistently managed by two different entities as they are now. The parks should not be overseen/managed by two different entities. They should all be managed by one department/commission for a more holistic, cohesive and unified approach.
- The lack of safe bike and pedestrian travel between the neighborhoods on West Water is the main reason I consider moving back to the city, which is much more walkable.
- Status of Lions Park should be identified
- July 4th security assistance at lakeside park parking entrance between 350-430pm were rude, disrespectful and hand foul mouths towards me Infront of my Son.
- Good Job
- More amenities and updated structures, more events, maintenance of grounds
- N/A
- It would be nice to connect the Water Street Park and 40th Street Park to the Wadhams/Avoca Trail by means of Water Street, Lapeer Ave. and Michigan Rd/32nd. St./Griswold Rd.
- Loved the music event they had at Bakers Field. More of that please! I think a building rental for parties would be a great thing and would generate income for our township
- Many of our county parks are starting to come together through trail systems. Our residents would benefit by joining this action.
- Keep things free or inexpensive
- we love the summer camp program at beach rd!! melissa and kizzy do amazing with the kiddos!
- Modify boat launching ramp wider.
- thank you for reaching out for the feedback!
- You have typos in your survey. And should've included a link to the survey in the text that went out.