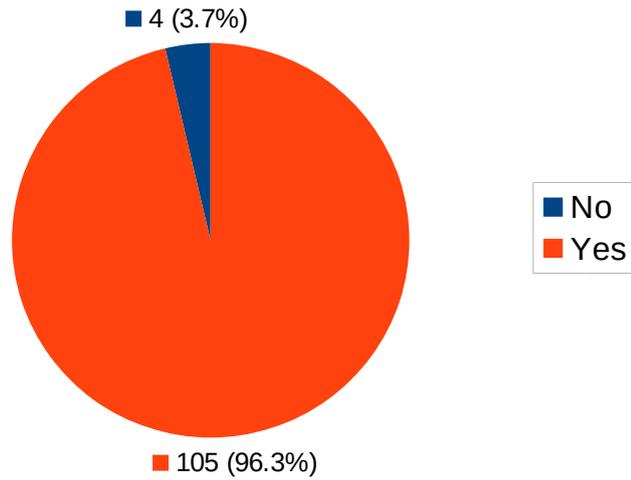


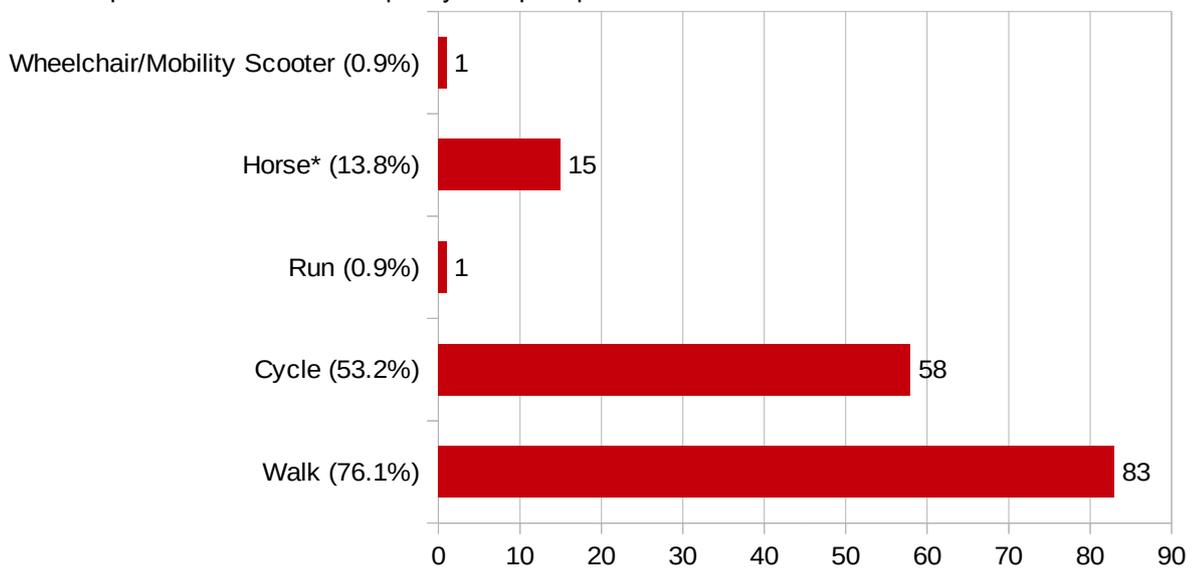
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Have you used the Trent Vale Trail between Collingham and Besthorpe?



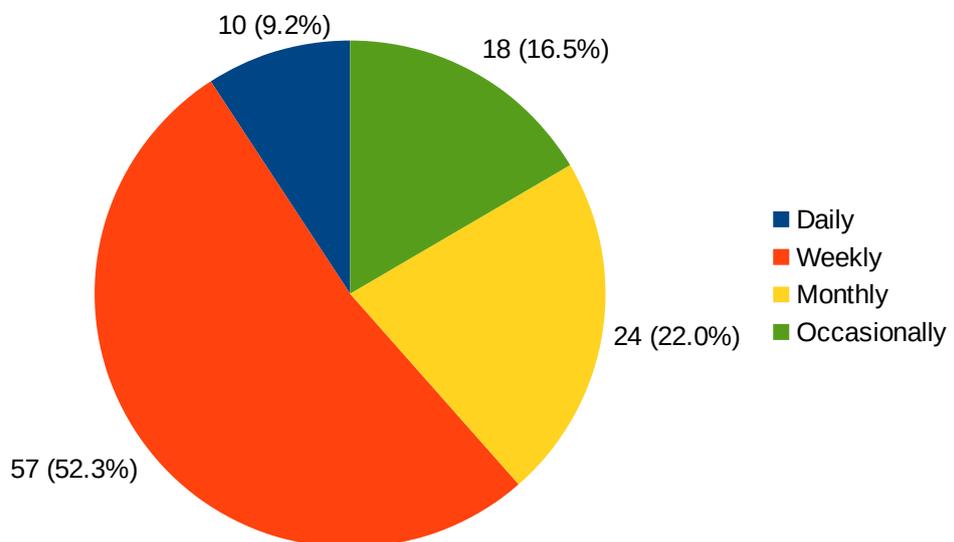
How did you use the Trail?

NOTE: Respondees were able to specify multiple options



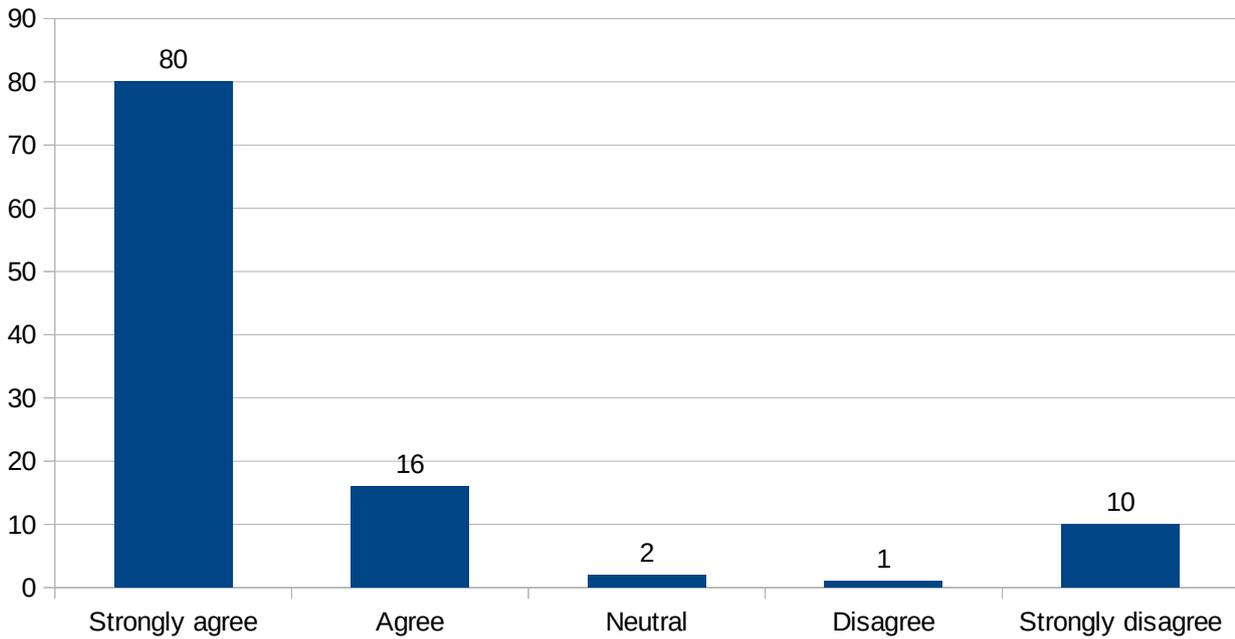
*Users pointed out that the trail between Besthorpe and Collingham isn't fully accessible to Horse riders

How often are you likely to use the Trail?

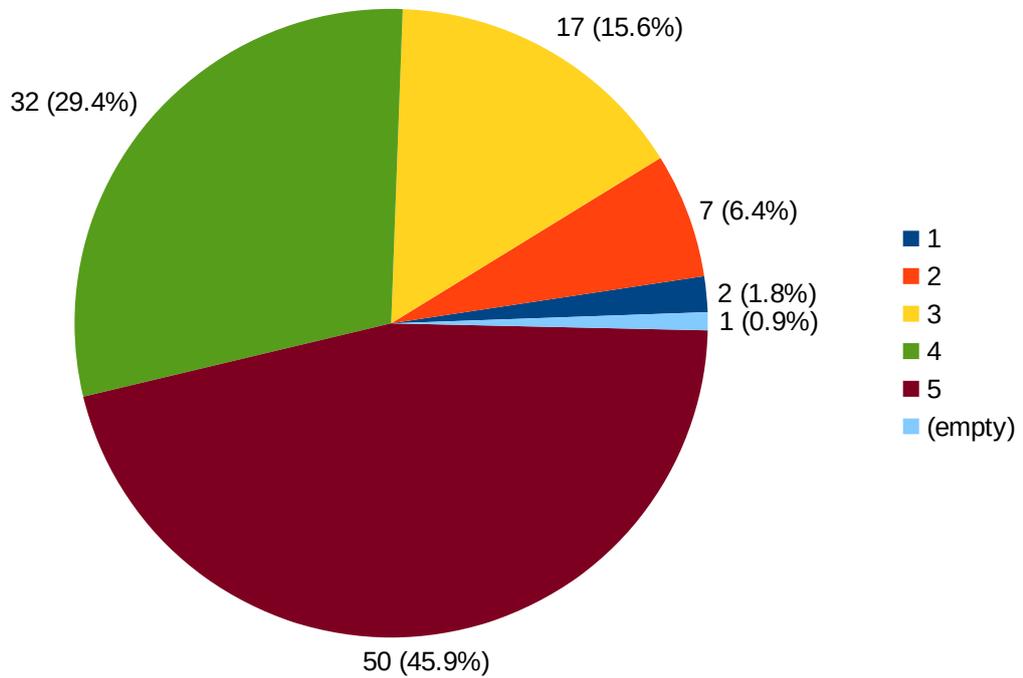


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"The Trail provides an excellent facility for leisure activity"
Do you agree with this statement?

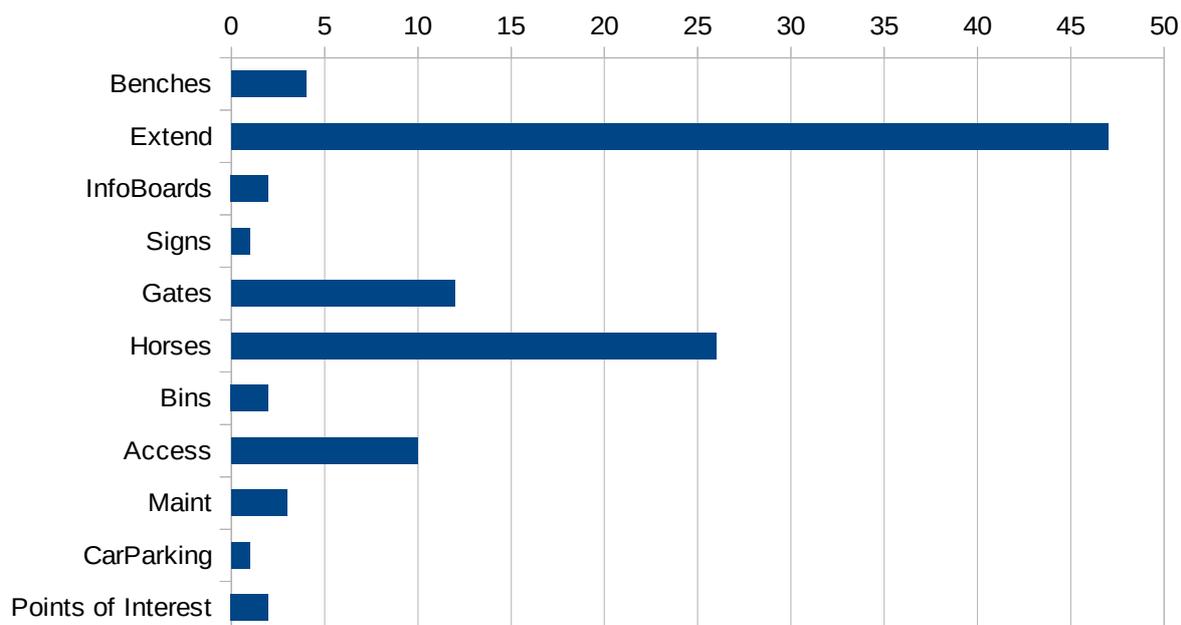


How do you rate the accessibility of the Trail?
(5 = Excellent, 1 = Poor)



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How would you improve the Trail?



Benches

4 suggestions, including...

- Seats would be nice
- Extend further to meet up with Fledborough. Add activity trails to spot wildlife / flora. Add rest areas. Provision of bins for dog poo.
- More benches and litter bins

Extend route to Clifton, Feldborough and beyond

47 suggestions, including...

- By extending it. I live in Girtton and would love to cycle to Collingham but can only access the trail at present via the A1133 which is for me too dangerous and frightening because of the speed of the traffic and the amount of HGVs.
- Continue to develop and provide quality links to other locations / villages.
- Continue with plans to extend from Besthorpe up to North Clifton and link with NCN 647
- Extend it to enhance the experience for all groups
- Extend it to meet the National Cycle track at North Clifton
- Extend to link with sustran routes especially 64 on the old railway from South Clifton to Lincoln, this would give a virtually off road link from Newark to Lincoln with great disability access
- Great trail just need it to be longer to avoid the need to use the main road which is increasingly dangerous for horses bikes and children
- Improve the quality of the RoW path around the current trail, enabling circular walks.
- It needs to be made longer and extended further as this offers a fantastic safe off road place to walk, cycle run and horse ride for all ages
- Make it as long as possible! It's fantastic to be able to walk and bike in the beautiful Trent Vale. Such an asset for our communities and the Newark/Lincolnshire area.
- Minor improvements to the existing Trail can only be achieved with extra funding which would be better spent on extending this already splendid facility.

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Information Boards

2 suggestions...

- Extend further to meet up with Fledborough. Add activity trails to spot wildlife / flora. Add rest areas. Provision of bins for dog poo.
- Signs along the way giving information about birds flowers butterflies etc

Signs

1 suggestion...

- Signs off a1133?

Gates

12 suggestions...

- Put in gates that can be operated both ways for cyclists
- I struggle with my cycle and the gates, but nothing I can't handle
- Open it up as a bridleway and change gates to a more bike/horse friendly option. Also extend the path all the way to South Clifton to link up the the national cycle network.
- More cycle friendly gates
- The large green gates are over the top and hard to open and close . A normal swing gate like the one on Northcott lane should be more than adequate I think
- Better gates and please concentrate on the sections where it is difficult to pass rather than the easy bits. ie clifton
- Gates for horse riders
- The gates are quite difficult to operate for someone on their own in a mobility scooter - is there anyway of improving this?
- Gates can be a bit tricky with a bike!
- The green gates are difficult to navigate on a bike and impossible with a bike trailer. Change to a more suitable bike friendly system
- More bicycle'friendly gates please
- A bit tricky manoeuvring a bike through the gates of the Nature reserve, but doable! lengthen it to the Cliftons to join the Sustrans track.

Open up access to Horseriders

26 suggestions, including...

- Open it up as a bridleway and change gates to a more bike/horse friendly option. Also extend the path all the way to South Clifton to link up the the national cycle network.
- Please can this trail be available to horse riders, particularly if it links from collingham to Girton and south Clifton which would enable horse riders to have safe, off road access from collingham across to the dismantled railway which runs from Lincoln to Fledborough which would give horse riders access to miles and miles of safe, off road rides as far as Skellingthorpe woods. This would be absolutely incredible for the local horse riding community. Currently the safe riding in collingham is very limited but the chance to safely link these villages together for all to enjoy would be a life changer as the risks when riding on the roads is simply too great now. I would be delighted to help and discuss this further.
- Allowing horse riders to access the trail to south Clifton would allow them to have access to more trails, keeping horses off the roads.
- The trail should be accessible to everyone including horse riders. To have access to the Trent vale extension would open up our safe off road riding options.
If we get access across to south Clifton and onto the dismantled railway line which runs from Fledborough to Lincoln, we will have safe off road access for miles.

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- Make the full length of the trail open to horse riders to enable more/safer off road riding
- Please can this extension provide access to horse riders. Linking collingham to south Clifton would greatly improve the off road safe riding for the collingham horse riders. It would enable us to have miles of off road riding as far as Skellingthorpe woods.
- Horse riding access- the roads in collingham are increasingly dangerous and access to safe off road riding would be life changing for horse riders in the village, and get us off the roads!
- Open it to horse riders. It is advertised as an "all user" trail.
- Open up the trail to horse riders for safe off road hacking.
- Gates for horse riders
- There is very little option for horse riders in terms of bridleway and surfaces aren't suitable for horses in some parts. It would be great if the extension of the TVT could be opened up to horses too
- The trail is brilliant!!! Thanks for doing it!! It would be even more useful if you could please allow horses and ponies. If you ride or drive a horse & carriage (there are many riders and carriage drivers in the East Trent area) you have to use the main road A1133 to get from Collingham to Besthorpe to Girton. Very dangerous and scary due to uneducated traffic, but currently the only way!!!
- Please allow horse riders to use this trail. People on bikes are way faster than us, and they are allowed 😞. There is no where for us to ride anymore, and having this off road place to ride would be beyond amazing 😊
- Horses being able to ride all the way along
- For horse riders to have access to the Trent vale extension which would open up our safe off road riding options. If we get access across to south Clifton and onto the dismantled railway line which runs from Fledborough to Lincoln, we will have safe off road access for miles.
- Horse is an option in an answer above however it's not a physical option on the trail. So make much more accessible to horses and riders for safer off road riding just like bike riders can.
- Make it horse friendly along its whole length so that horses can stay off the busy roads.

Bins

2 suggestions...

- Extend further to meet up with Fledborough. Add activity trails to spot wildlife / flora. Add rest areas. Provision of bins for dog poo.
- More benches and litter bins

Access

10 suggestions, including...

- The access from Besthorpe is rough in places. However the trail is lovely and would benefit from being extended towards Girton and South Clifton for a greater experience.
- Make it impenetrable to off road motorbikes
- Provide pathway suitable for walking/riding whilst preventing motor vehicle access, unless on public roadways.
- Extend it naturally. Non agricultural Vehicle access is a worry
- The gates are quite difficult to operate for someone on their own in a mobility scooter - is there anyway of improving this?
- Improve the dirt track leading to parking at Rspb nature reserve - I tend to walk from collingham but its too far for my elderly mother so I have to park at the rspb car park when she wants to come along so that she can do the shorter circuit around the nature reserve.

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- Keep improving access to and from the Trail with smaller circular walks of interests locally
- By extending it. I live in Girton and would love to cycle to Collingham but can only access the trail at present via the A1133 which is for me too dangerous and frightening because of the speed of the traffic and the amount of HGVs.
- Lengthen it and keep it accessible

Maint

3 suggestions, including...

- Temporary damage at Collingham end of Northcroft Lane preventing Prams and wheelchairs needs sorting.
- The recent repairs would be of the standard of the original surface
- With an improved track surface - potholes make it unsafe and very loose road chippings in places make my cycle unstable. I realise its only a track but it's a shame its as rough as it is!

CarParking

1 suggestion...

- More car parking Artwork and sculptures along the route

Points of Interest

2 suggestions, including...

- Extend further to meet up with Fledborough. Add activity trails to spot wildlife / flora. Add rest areas. Provision of bins for dog poo.