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Spoooner Lake And Backcountry State Park Visitor Demographics



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Park Visitation

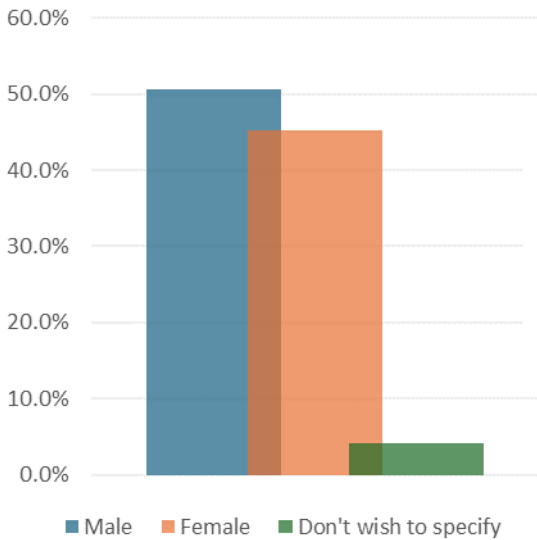
Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Visitors	93,741	121,244	65,802	88,021	95,272
Visitor-Days	88,072	113,912	61,823	82,698	89,511

Over 57% of single day visitors attended the park for two to three hours.

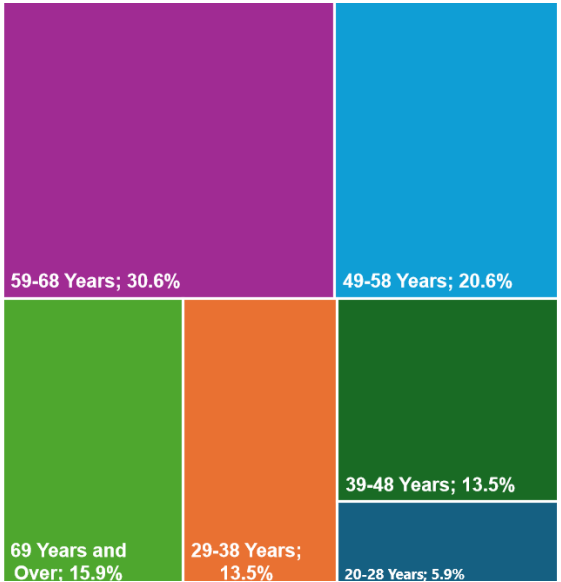
“Visitors” is defined as the total number of people who visited the park in a given year. This may include repeat visits throughout the year, but does not include multiple entries for a single park visit.

“Visitor-Days” is the weighted duration of the visitor number by the amount of time visitors were at the park. Someone visiting for a couple hours is weighted less than someone who spent the entire day at the park, who is, in turn, weighted less than someone who camped at the park for multiple nights.

Gender



Age (Adults)



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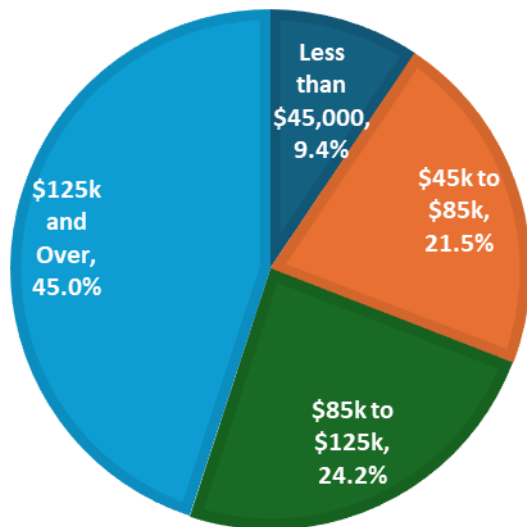
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Educational Attainment

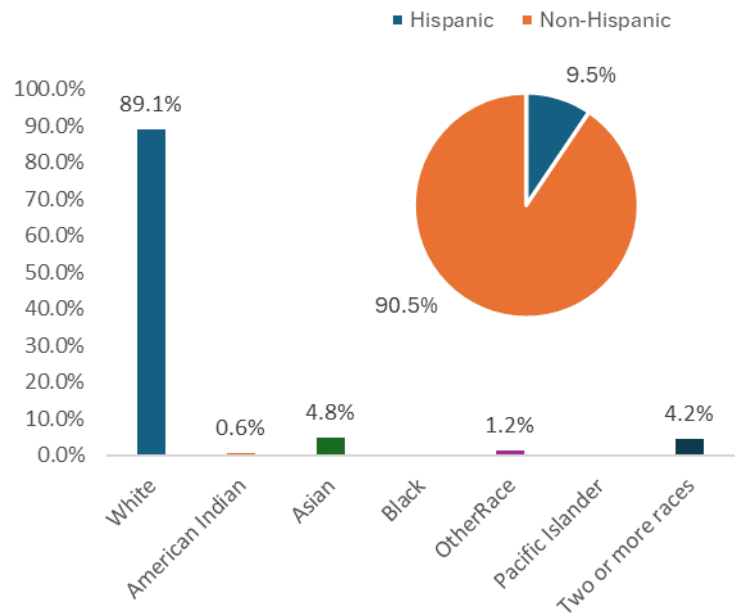
<u>Level of Education</u>	No High School Diploma	High School Diploma	Some College	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
<u>% of Respondents</u>	0.0%	5.0%	14.3%	9.3%	31.1%	40.4%



Household Income



Race and Ethnicity



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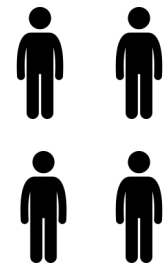
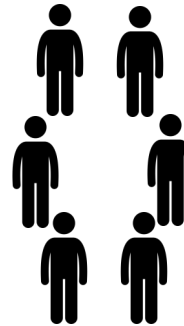
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Nevada Residence

Are you a Nevada Resident?

Yes
55.3%

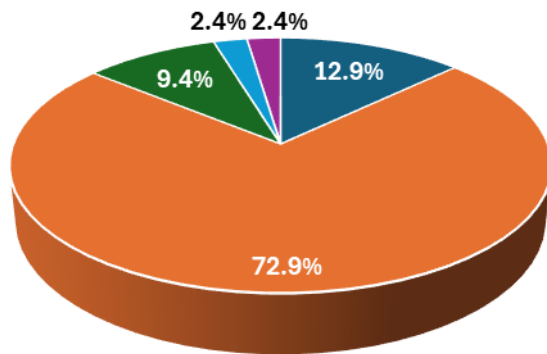
No
44.7%



Distance from Park

Do you live within 50 miles (approximately one hour) of the park?
Yes: 60.0%
No: 40.0%

Group Size



- Solo
- 2 to 3 People
- 4 to 5 People
- 6 to 7 People
- 8 or More People



Group Type

Visitors were asked: For groups of two or more people, how would you best describe the composition of the group?

Friends	21.0%
Family	68.9%
Friends & Family	9.5%
Other	0.7%

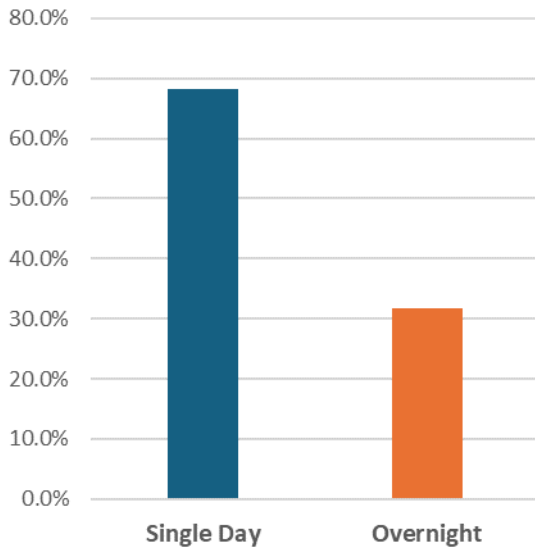
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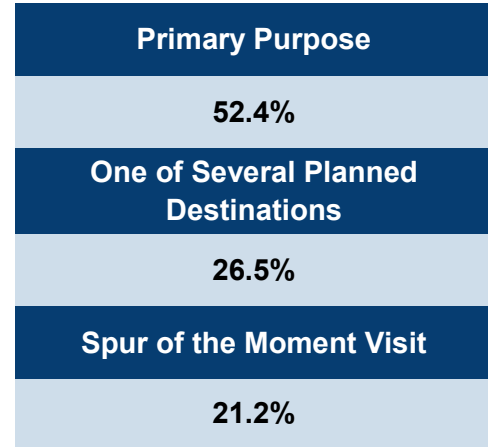
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Trip Length

Visitors were asked: Was your trip to visit this park a single day trip or an overnight trip away from home?



Purpose of Visit



Visitors were asked: Was visiting the park the primary reason for your travel away from home, one of several destinations, or was this a spur of the moment decision?

Multi-Day Trip Length

Visitors were asked: For those Overnight Trips, how many days away from home were you?

<u>Trip Days Away From Home</u>	2 Days	3 Days	4 to 7 Days	8 to 14 Days	15 or More Days
<u>% of Respondents</u>	15.1%	15.1%	50.9%	17.0%	1.9%

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Spoooner Lake State Park Park Performance



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Completed Surveys, n = 170

Visitors were asked to rate their trip to the park on a variety of prompts including park staff interactions, overall trip experience, and for certain amenities available.

Park staff were available when needed or requested.	
Agree or Strongly Agree	68.6%
Disagree or Strongly Disagree	5.9%



Interactions with park staff were positive.	
Agree or Strongly Agree	91.7%
Disagree or Strongly Disagree	0.6%

Interactions with Park Staff

How would you rate your experience at this park?	
Good or Excellent	96.5%
Terrible or Poor	1.8%



Trip Experience



How likely are you to return to this park?	
Somewhat or Extremely Likely	90.0%
Somewhat or Extremely Unlikely	8.2%

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Additional Visitor Experience Ratings on Amenities at the Park.

Historical and cultural features were well maintained and preserved.
Agree/Strongly Agree: 65.9%



Did you use the picnic areas at the park?

Yes: 29.4%

Picnic Areas

Were the picnic areas clean?

Agree/Strongly Agree: 86.4%

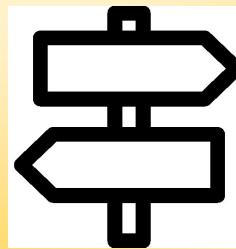
Did you use the walkways or trails at the park?

Yes: 96.5%

Walkways / Trails

Were the walkways and trails clean?

Agree/Strongly Agree: 93.8%



Signs and markers were clear and plentiful.
Agree/Strongly Agree: 85.2%

Garbage and litter were not a problem.
Agree/Strongly Agree: 95.9%



Did you use the educational content at the park?

Yes: 37.3%

Educational Content

Were the educational areas clean?

Agree/Strongly Agree: 91.2%

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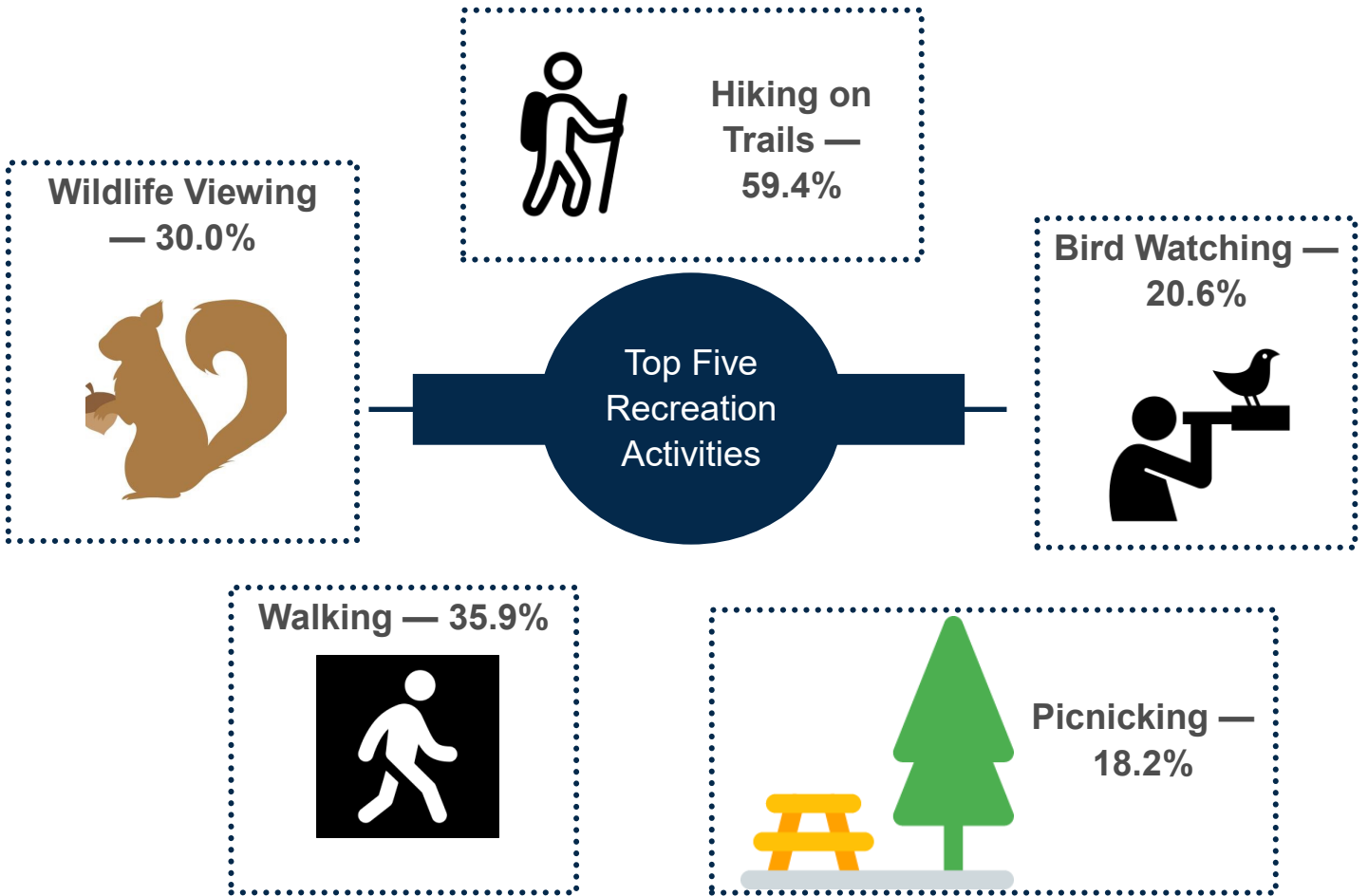
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Spoooner Lake State Park Recreation Activities



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Visitors were asked: What recreational activities did you take part in while at the Park?
Visitors could choose more than one answer.



<u>Top 5 Recreation Activities</u>	Hiking	Walking	Wildlife Viewing	Bird Watching	Picnicking
<u>Share of Respondents</u>	59.4%	35.9%	30.0%	20.6%	18.2%

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Mountain Biking — 14.1%



Wildlife Viewing —
%



Lake Fishing — 6.5%



Recreation
Activities —
Additional
Responses

Viewing
Historical and
Cultural Sites —
9.4%



Snowshoeing — %



Using the Rest Stop
— 7.1%



Using Self-
Guided
Educational
Content —
10.6%



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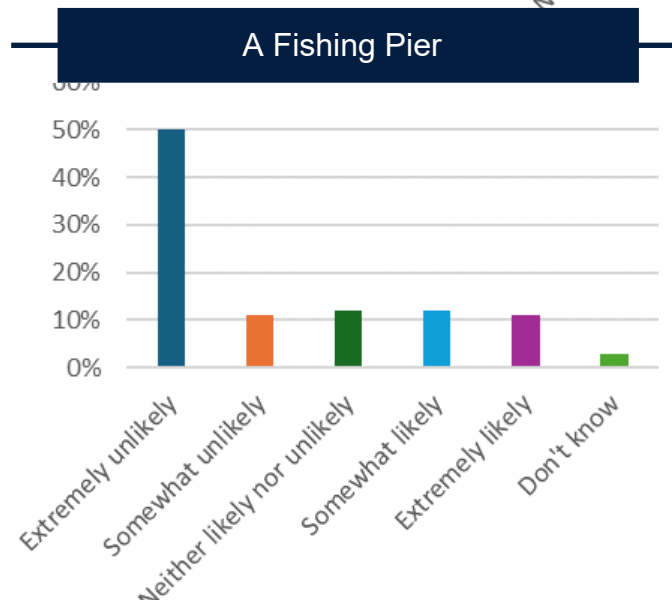
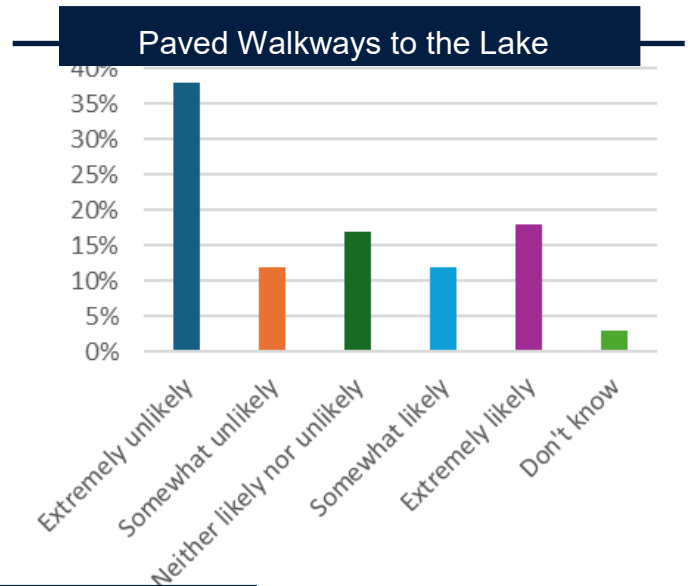
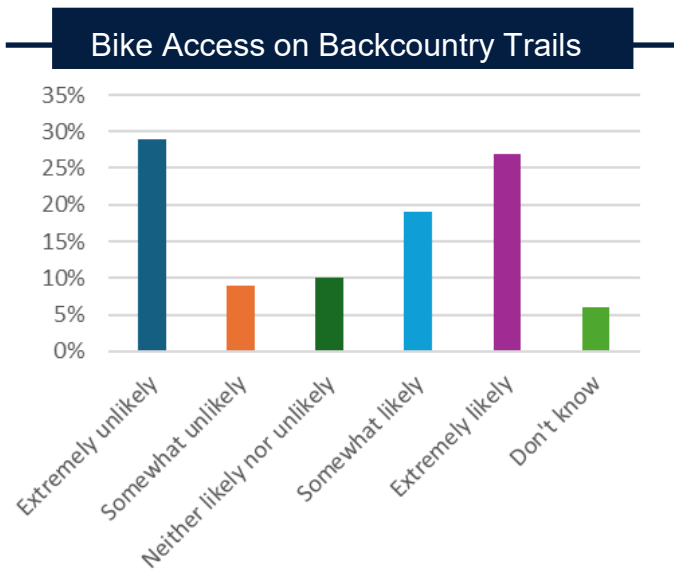
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Visitors were prompted: Given that Nevada State Parks has to work with a limited budget for improvements, we're eager to know which projects you think should be our top priority.

If these amenities had been available during your last visit, how likely would you have been to use them?



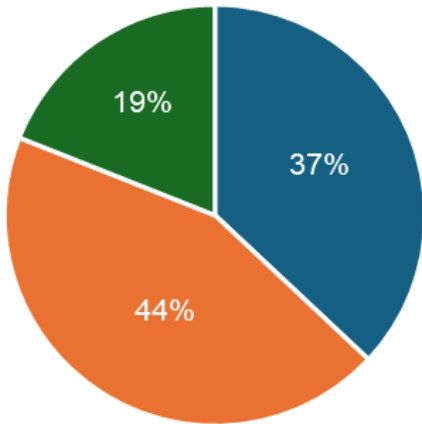
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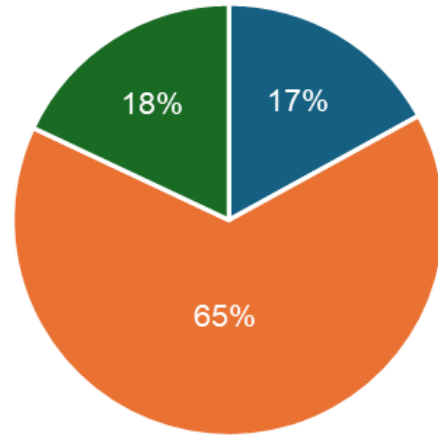
If these amenities become available would you visit the park more often?

Bike Access on Backcountry Trails



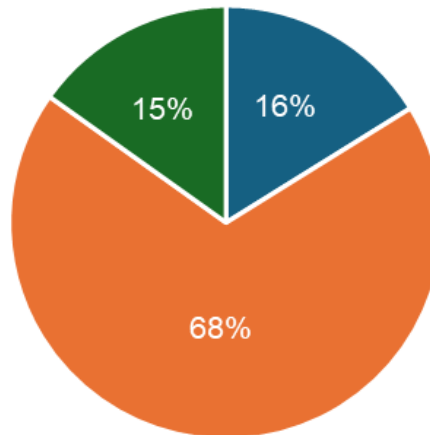
■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't Know

Paved Walkways to the Lake



■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't Know

A Fishing Pier



■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't Know

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