# Access and camping in the Pentland Hills Regional Park

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Responses to this survey: **1872**

## 1: How are you responding to this survey?

**Who is responding**

There were 1865 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| As an individual | 1828 | 97.65% |
| On behalf of an organisation | 29 | 1.55% |
| On behalf of a local community group | 8 | 0.43% |
| Not Answered | 7 | 0.37% |

**Write name of organisation or community group here**

There were 38 responses to this part of the question.

## 2: Do you live within the regional park or own property within the regional park boundary?

**Live or own property in park boundary**

There were 1819 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| Yes | 203 | 10.84% |
| No | 1616 | 86.32% |
| Not Answered | 53 | 2.83% |

**Post Code**

There were 1357 responses to this part of the question.

## 3: How often have you visited the regional park during the past year?

**Visit Frequency**

There were 1630 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| I have never visited | 14 | 0.75% |
| Only been once | 57 | 3.04% |
| Less often than once a month | 303 | 16.19% |
| Once a month | 266 | 14.21% |
| 2-3 times a month | 403 | 21.53% |
| Once a week | 209 | 11.16% |
| More than once a week but not daily | 307 | 16.40% |
| Daily | 71 | 3.79% |
| Not Answered | 242 | 12.93% |

## 4: How far do you generally travel to access the regional park?

**Travelling distance**

There were 1628 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| Less than 1 mile | 218 | 11.65% |
| 1-2 miles | 344 | 18.38% |
| 3-5 miles | 500 | 26.71% |
| 6-9 miles | 339 | 18.11% |
| 10-14 miles | 127 | 6.78% |
| 15-19 miles | 43 | 2.30% |
| 20-29 miles | 26 | 1.39% |
| 30+ miles | 31 | 1.66% |
| Not Answered | 244 | 13.03% |

## 5: How do you generally travel to the regional park?

**Mode of transport**

There were 1628 responses to this part of the question.

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Option | Total | Percent |
| Private vehicle | 982 | 52.46% |
| Public Transport | 90 | 4.81% |
| Cycle | 222 | 11.86% |
| Run or walk | 316 | 16.88% |
| Horse | 18 | 0.96% |
| Not Answered | 244 | 13.03% |

## 6: Why do you visit the regional park? (select all that apply)

**Activities**

There were 1627 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| Walking without dog | 813 | 43.43% |
| Walking with dog | 453 | 24.20% |
| Hill walking / rambling | 1083 | 57.85% |
| Bird watching | 198 | 10.58% |
| Mountain Biking | 364 | 19.44% |
| Photography | 268 | 14.32% |
| Picnic / Barbeque | 122 | 6.52% |
| Running | 457 | 24.41% |
| Cycling | 390 | 20.83% |
| Nature / natural history visit | 335 | 17.90% |
| Fishing | 57 | 3.04% |
| Horse riding/Pony trekking | 94 | 5.02% |
| Climbing | 17 | 0.91% |
| Other | 162 | 8.65% |
| Not Answered | 245 | 13.09% |

**Other**

There were 226 responses to this part of the question.

## 7: Have you experienced any issues with parking provision at any of the four principal car parks in the regional park?

**Parking provision - Harlaw**

There were 1740 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| Yes | 952 | 50.85% |
| No | 521 | 27.83% |
| Don't know | 267 | 14.26% |
| Not Answered | 132 | 7.05% |

**Parking provision - Threipmuir**

There were 1709 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| Yes | 749 | 40.01% |
| No | 631 | 33.71% |
| Don't know | 329 | 17.57% |
| Not Answered | 163 | 8.71% |

**Parking provision - Bonaly**

There were 1636 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| Yes | 516 | 27.56% |
| No | 640 | 34.19% |
| Don't know | 480 | 25.64% |
| Not Answered | 236 | 12.61% |

**Parking provision - Flotterstone**

There were 1701 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| Yes | 862 | 46.05% |
| No | 532 | 28.42% |
| Don't know | 307 | 16.40% |
| Not Answered | 171 | 9.13% |

## 8: Do you agree or disagree that the proposals will improve parking at the four principal car parks in the regional park?

**Support for parking propsal**

There were 1858 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| Strongly agree | 383 | 20.46% |
| Agree | 874 | 46.69% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 266 | 14.21% |
| Disagree | 203 | 10.84% |
| Strongly disagree | 132 | 7.05% |
| Not Answered | 14 | 0.75% |

## 9: Would you use a 'Park and Ride' facility to the regional park from Hermiston, Ingliston or Straiton?

**Park and ride facility**

There were 1848 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| Yes | 378 | 20.19% |
| No | 1470 | 78.53% |
| Not Answered | 24 | 1.28% |

## 10: Please share any comments you have on this proposal.

**Comments on parking proposal**

There were 1236 responses to this part of the question.

## 11: Would you use a path instead of a vehicle to access the regional park if we were able to create more path links?

**Path or vehicle access**

There were 1851 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| Yes | 1184 | 63.25% |
| No | 312 | 16.67% |
| Not sure | 355 | 18.96% |
| Not Answered | 21 | 1.12% |

## 12: Please give your comments on the proposal to upgrade key access paths.

**Comments on paths proposal**

There were 931 responses to this part of the question.

## 13: Do you see the new Warden position with associated eco-campsite as a viable solution to anti-social camping behaviour?

**Warden position**

There were 1855 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| Yes | 970 | 51.82% |
| No | 358 | 19.12% |
| Not sure | 527 | 28.15% |
| Not Answered | 17 | 0.91% |

## 14: Please give us your comments on this proposal.

**Comments on eco-campsite proposal**

There were 1067 responses to this part of the question.

## 15: We propose installing two toilets at each of our four main car parks. In order to pay for the maintenance and cleaning of these toilets, a charge will be required. What is the maximum you would be willing to pay?

**Willing to pay for toilets**

There were 1768 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| 20p | 424 | 22.65% |
| 30p | 137 | 7.32% |
| 50p | 774 | 41.35% |
| £1 | 379 | 20.25% |
| £2 | 54 | 2.88% |
| Not Answered | 104 | 5.56% |

## 16: Please let us know any comments you have.

**Comments on toilets proposal**

There were 955 responses to this part of the question.

## 17: Would you support the introduction of an annual charging scheme similar to a residents’ permit?

**Support for annual charging**

There were 1847 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| Yes | 964 | 51.50% |
| No | 475 | 25.37% |
| Not sure | 408 | 21.79% |
| Not Answered | 25 | 1.34% |

## 18: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements in relation to car parks?

**Car park proposals agreement - Car parking charges should be introduced at the four principal car parks in the regional park.**

There were 1864 responses to this part of the question.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Option | Total | Percent |
| Strongly agree | 590 | 31.52% |
| Agree | 652 | 34.83% |
| Neither agree or disagree | 233 | 12.45% |
| Disagree | 164 | 8.76% |
| Strongly disagree | 225 | 12.02% |
| Not Answered | 8 | 0.43% |

**Car park proposals agreement - Income raised through these charges should go towards regional park infrastructure (e.g. car park and path improvement).**

There were 1839 responses to this part of the question.

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| Option | Total | Percent |
| Strongly agree | 1194 | 63.78% |
| Agree | 380 | 20.30% |
| Neither agree or disagree | 141 | 7.53% |
| Disagree | 34 | 1.82% |
| Strongly disagree | 90 | 4.81% |
| Not Answered | 33 | 1.76% |

## 19: Please let us know any comments you have on proposals.

**Comments on car park charges proposal.**

There were 951 responses to this part of the question.