Ridge to Rivers Fall 2022
Trail User Survey

Open September 26 – October 31, 2022

3,131 Total Responses
What is your age?

- Under 20: 2%
- 21-30: 7%
- 31-40: 20%
- 41-50: 24%
- 51-60: 25%
- 61-70: 16%
- 71-80: 5%
- 80+: 0%
What is your gender identity?

- Man: 50%
- Woman: 40%
- Non-Binary: 10%
- Prefer not to respond: 0%
- Other (please specify): 0%
What is your residential zip code?

Responses by Zip Code

- 83702: 733
- 83703: 367
- 83712: 308
- 83706: 267
- 83716: 256
- 83714: 218
How long have you lived in the Treasure Valley?

- 0-10 years: 32%
- 11-20 years: 21%
- 21-30 years: 15%
- 31-40 years: 15%
- 41-50 years: 9%
- 50+ years: 7%
How often do you use the Ridge to Rivers Trail System?

**Answer Choices**

- Never: 0.83%
- A few times a year: 6.91%
- Once per month: 8.15%
- Once per week: 25.74%
- 3-5 times per week: 46.69%
- Daily: 11.67%
Please tell us your ways of enjoying the Boise Foothills.

**Primary Use:**
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Motorcycle/ATV riding
- Mountain biking
- Trail running

**Secondary Use:**
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Motorcycle/ATV riding
- Mountain biking
- Trail running
- This does not apply to me
Special Trail Management Strategies Feedback:

Following a pilot program in 2021, Ridge to Rivers adopted a series of special trail management strategies on Lower Hulls Gulch, Polecat Loop, Around the Mountain, and Bucktail Trails.

What is your overall satisfaction with the special management strategies?
Lower Hulls Gulch is one of the busier areas in the Ridge to Rivers trail system. The special trail management strategy in place means that on even days of the month, the trail is closed to downhill mountain bike traffic and open to all other uses. On odd days of the month, the trail is open to downhill mountain bike traffic and closed to all other uses.

What is your satisfaction level with the separation of uses on this trail?
**Special Trail Management Strategies Feedback:**

**Polecat Loop Trail** now requires all trail users to travel in the same direction. Currently, all users travel clockwise through 2022. Following the pilot program, user feedback supported changing the direction of travel annually to provide a different experience.

Would you support changing the direction of travel on Polecat Loop to counterclockwise for 2023?
How do you currently get information about Ridge to Rivers?
Open-Ended Trail Feedback:

- People love hitting the trails with their pups, but need to be better about cleaning up after them
- Lots of gratitude for trail crew members + maintenance
- Responsible users are frustrated at the continued use of wet and muddy trails
- Users enjoy the special management strategies and like separation of use options
- Trailhead and trail accessibility is important to users
What is your favorite thing about the Ridge to Rivers trail system?

• Proximity and easy access from Boise; ease of free outdoor recreation
• Wide variety of diverse trail experiences
• Good management and beautifully maintained
• The implementation of directional trails
• Volunteer + community involvement opportunities
• Proactive management and the willingness to trial new ideas

“The beautiful open space that we can enjoy is right in our backyard.”

“The communication about what’s going on, ease of finding info and the genuine care of the trail system.”

“That it exists! The trails are my favorite thing about living here.”