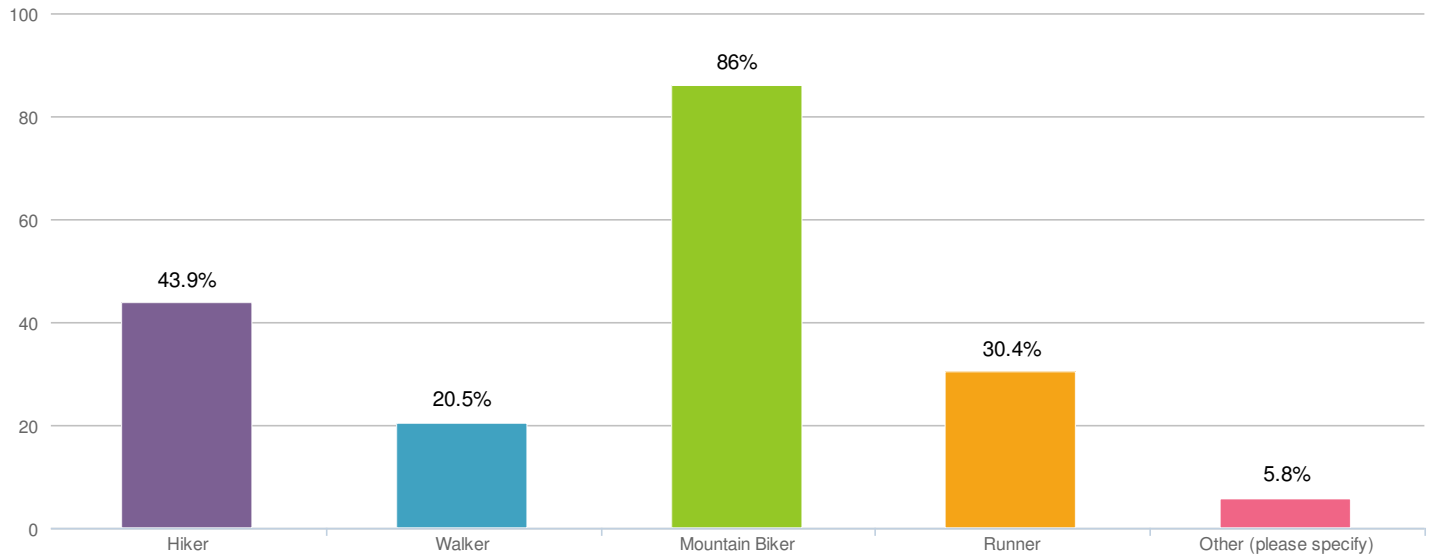


New Summary Report - 22 October 2015

1. What type of trail user are you?

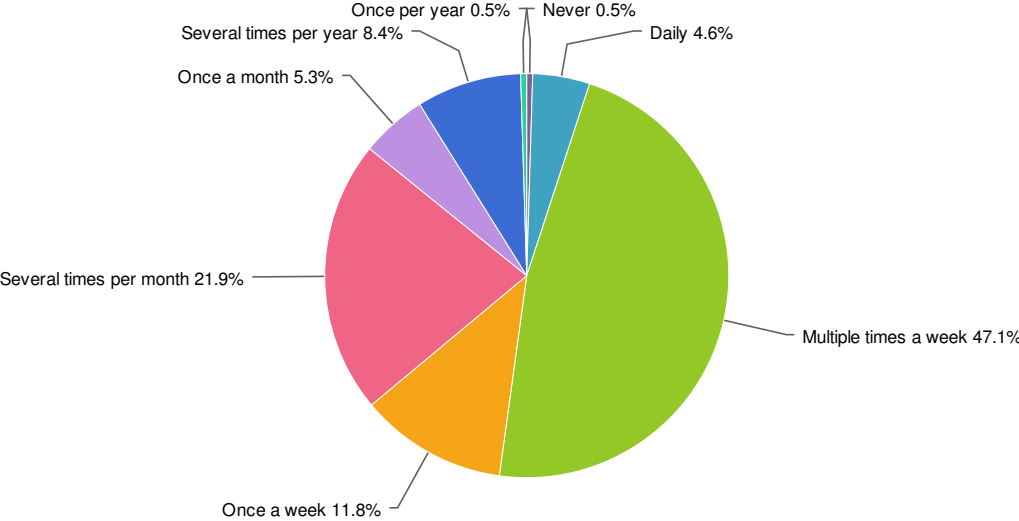


Hiker	43.9%		182
Walker	20.5%		85
Mountain Biker	86.0%		357
Runner	30.4%		126
Other (please specify)	5.8%		24
Total			415

Responses "Other (please specify)"	Count
Left Blank	394
Also bring my dog	1
Birder	1
Bow hunter	1
Disc golf	1
Dog running/walking	1
Dog walker	2
Fishing at creek and ponds	1
Hiking with my dog	1
Hunter	5

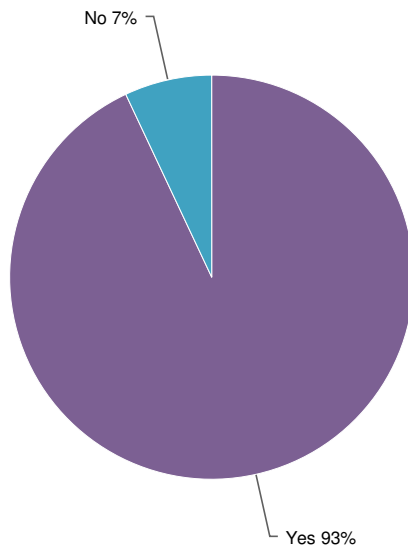
Responses "Other (please specify)"	Count
Hunter/Fisherman	1
Kayaker	1
Letterboxer/Geocacher	1
Pot smoker	1
XC ski	2
cross country skier	1
disc golf	1
nature observer	1

2. How often do you currently use the trails at White Clay Creek State Park?



Never	0.5%	<div style="width: 0.5%;"></div>	2
Daily	4.6%	<div style="width: 4.6%;"></div>	19
Multiple times a week	47.1%	<div style="width: 47.1%;"></div>	196
Once a week	11.8%	<div style="width: 11.8%;"></div>	49
Several times per month	21.9%	<div style="width: 21.9%;"></div>	91
Once a month	5.3%	<div style="width: 5.3%;"></div>	22
Several times per year	8.4%	<div style="width: 8.4%;"></div>	35
Once per year	0.5%	<div style="width: 0.5%;"></div>	2
Total			416

3. Do you support extended park hours for trail use?



Yes	93.0%	<div style="width: 93%; height: 15px; background-color: #6a3d9a;"></div>	386
No	7.0%	<div style="width: 7%; height: 15px; background-color: #00a0c0;"></div>	29
Total			415

Comments

Count	Response
1	This allows me to enjoy exercising and nature after the daylight savings time change.
1	About time!
1	Absolutely!
1	Alapocas should also be included (paved section) for walking, running and biking
1	Allowing commuters to continue to bike to and from work during shorter daylight hours is a plus.
1	Allows for outdoor exercise after work, that isnt otherwise possible due to early sunset
1	Are we going to encourage more illegal activity with this?
1	As a deer hunter, I believe it has an negative impact on the deer population.
1	Better than night riding the road.
1	But not for Mt bikes. Only on creek rd.
1	Concerned about coon hunting if we get it. I would attend park everyday if Creek Road was open
1	Depends. Can we play disc? Use lighted ones. Very cool
1	During winter it allows me to use the trails, otherwise week days are not an option
1	Excellent benefit to the community.
1	Extended hours would allow so many more options for my training plan

Count Response

1	Extended park hours enable folks to enjoy the trails in the fall/winter evenings
1	Extended park hours help keep people active as the days get shorter in the fall/winter.
1	For people with kids this would allow me to ride when I usually wouldn't be able to.
1	Give the wildlife a break.
1	Good way for people to be enabled to utilize their park system while having to work day jobs.
1	Great idea
1	Have safety concerns
1	Hopefully this is a start to opening the entire park.
1	How will parks enforce the curfew?
1	I
1	I am a resident of Woodrose II and I support extended hours
1	I believe the park should close at dark
1	I believe this would work for multiple users and the State as well.
1	I don't think the trails should be open past dark.
1	I like to mountain bike in the fall/spring but the daylight is so limited.
1	I live in Philadelphia and being able to ride in the evenings would be great.
1	I strongly support extended park hours for trail use.
1	I think there were be more vandalism and accidents.
1	I would also like a.m. extended, hours before sunrise.
1	I would be able to enjoy the park more since I sometimes work late (close to sunset).
1	I would like to use the trail at night.
1	I would love to continue my mtn biking year round at White Clay
1	I'd love to see the park open 24*7 :)
1	I'm excite to see this happen
1	It is an impossible to use the trail system during the weekday winters with my full time job.
1	It is difficult to exercise outdoors in the winter when I'm working when it daylight.
1	Its discriminating - special use only. Potential for crime. Extra expense for park.
1	Maybe. If Mt Bikers behave responsibly and don't ride like maniacs.
1	More options for midweek trail use if there were extended hours
1	More people using the parks is always a good thing.
1	My winter activities are greatly reduced by lack of trail access...

Count Response

1	Need to connect Newark to MR/WC
1	Night riding is a wonderful experience. Helps with staying in shape year round.
1	Now with daylight winding down I usually cant make it out until dusk
1	Opens more opportunities for users
1	Please open this later. It would give me a chance to exercise outside in fall and winter.
1	Resoundingly
1	Riding both day and night is a great experience and should be used as much as possible!
1	Safety
1	Safety concerns for one thing. Dawn to dusk is plenty of time to be open.
1	Scared something bad will happen if I use the parks after hours.
1	Strongly support extended hours.
1	Thank you
1	Thank you. Please keep us informed how to exceed expectations as a community.
1	That would help as the sun goes down earlier and you can finish your ride.
1	The extended hour permit requirement is concerning. Is the permit available online?
1	The limited trails and not starting until 11/15 do not make sense.
1	The only thing is that you should open up David English as pomeroy empties out right to it
1	Why has this not happened yet?
1	With the shorter daylight hours, it is much harder to get in outdoor recreation!
1	Work prevents me from utilizing trails during normal hrs
1	Would LOVE extended hours. Its harder to enjoy the park with later working hours.
1	Would appreciate a later time than 8:30 p.m.
1	Would be nice to have the ability to access these trails with my 3 sons after work
1	Would rather see daylight hours. Sunrise to Sunset.
1	Yes but not if you have to buy a special permit
1	simply have a policy for lights....not just reflectors!
1	Would be wonderful to avoid riding the road home. Living on Richard Lane, access through Judge Morris at night
1	Would appreciate being allowed to run legally in the park until 8 p.m. during fall, winter and spring
1	Access to all paved trails that are park of the Greenway system should be the same as the public highway, open 24 hours a day as these trails are promoted for commuting as an alternative to driving.

Count Response

1	If you don't specify what the hours are, how can I possibly answer this? You're asking the public to comment on something extremely vague.
1	The hours for the park ought to be dawn to dusk even if the parking lots are only open for shorter hours. Particularly in the summer early morning hours would be much appreciated
1	Only for clearly defined events that can only take place at night, such as sky viewing event, night birding, etc. I currently live inside a DE state park, which has low level ongoing vandalism, and I suspect having extended hours will make this harder to manage. Interactions between cyclist and hikers in the dark seems like a potential for injury.
1	I work during the day so my riding is done late evenings usually its dark therefore extended park hrs would be appreciated.
1	my wife and i use the trails almost daily. when the days get shorter it becomes increasingly harder to exercise. the extention of the trail hours will help keep us off the roads in the dark while trying to exercise after work.
1	I have never ridden in the dark, but recently started meeting for group rides and would very much like to ride with them during extended hours. Otherwise, I would be limited to weekends or vacation days.
1	Yes as it allows the recreational exercise/cycling community to have options during times of the year with less daylight.
1	Strongly support this. Otherwise forced to isolated areas, pockets and practices that our considered really unsafelike turning off lights when passing through regulated areas
1	It is very difficult for me to find the time to utilize the trails on weekdays in the fall and winter when the sun sets earlier.
1	If you're a roadie and loose light we still ride. However, if you're a MTBer you have to pack up and go home. With the technology in lights today that shouldn't be the case. The MTBer's who ride these trails and are involved in this process are extremely dedicated to these trails. They will teach people how to ride the trails at night and what is expected of them. They take their responsibility of these trails very seriously.
1	It gets dark so early in winter and trail running is fun. It would be great to be able to run in the evenings. I'm not a morning runner.
1	Would be very helpful while riding responsibly, especially during winter evenings when the sun goes down early.
1	With dusk soon to be at 5pm-ish, it would be a beautiful thing to be able to ride the WC and MR trail network.
1	It's a great trail system and it would be great if it could be enjoyed in the evening, regardless of the season.
1	This will be beneficial especially during the DST change which usually makes weekly after-work trail access nearly impossible.
1	With modern LED light technology their is really no reason night riding is significantly more dangerous than during the day. I have been driving my car at night for 30 years without thinking twice about it. The US and State of Delaware have a healthcare crisis largely due to preventable disease and lack of regular activity is a major factor. Restricting trail access for any reason should be thoroughly debated.
1	This idea has been implemented in another local park (Fair Hill NMRA) and has worked well as long as the event is organized. (Rides start from one location,sign in/out sheet,group participating provides sweepers during the event to assure nobody is left in the woods.)
1	With work it is difficult to get to the park before dark to ride during the week. The ability to ride at night would be great for me to continue biking in the fall and winter months.
1	I like to exercise outdoors much more than indoors, and extended trail hours would allow me and my family to exercise outdoors all year. Once daylight savings time kicks in, it is tough to get out after work.
1	During the winter it is difficult to find the time to ride during the day during the week. Night riding allows me to continue getting my workouts in during the winter.

Count Response

1	I fully support this effort. Beyond the underlying logic to me, I also believe it makes the trails safer overall. Right now there are violators out there secretly. If someone were to get hurt, the likely hood of a passer by or someone having knowledge were they are is very minimal.
1	I think this is a fantastic idea. Working 9-5 I don't get to enjoy the trails in the winter months and I much prefer trail over road. Its actually safer.
1	Hopefully night riding can be a viable option i run a local bicycle shop and work til 6pm or after and it will only get dark earlier I would love to coordinate with local trail usage groups and park rangers on a night program involving extended hours and proper trail usage with rules ,protective gear and lighting as late as possible .
1	I enjoy the trails. I travel from NJ to walk/ride the trails here. I also support local restaurants after my outdoor activity.
1	I see very few negative aspects of extending the park hours for trail use. To the contrary, extended hours would allow some users to use park facilities during winter months when they otherwise could not. Also, extended hours may alleviate crowding of the park on weekends, as many users will opt to hike, run, bike, etc., during the week. In other words, use of the park will be more spread out over the course of a week, rather than concentrated on weekends. Similarly, on a daily basis use will be more spread out, rather than concentrated to daylight hours.
1	Extending the hours for trail use increases the possibility for local businesses to benefit, without any negative impact. In addition, it positions the Delaware State Parks as a jewel in the mid-Atlantic.
1	I would like to see Sunrise to Sunset. Although I have no scientific gather information, I believe trails opened during dark hours will effect wildlife. Also during the late fall and early winter months sunset occurs before 6:00 PM, according to a DE table I was.
1	It will enable responsible citizens to enjoy the park for a few extra hours a day while helping the park office monitor the park after dark.
1	Drugs,accidents, disturbing nocturnal animals, and additional Ranger requirements are all negatives! Give me one good reason why!! Prediction-"Lighted Pathways will be next request."
1	I live off 896 in Fairfield and frequently use Creek road and adjoining trails to run and bike from home and have done so for years. I recently retired and am using them even more now, sometimes daily. They are away from most traffic and safer to use than city streets.
1	These trails are a destination in the Mid-Atlantic for Mountain Biking and the local Mountain Biking community and Trail Group is outstanding.
1	This will allow individuals with unconventional work hours a chance to use the trails on days other than weekends when they are likely to be more crowded.
1	I enjoy exercising outdoors all year, especially in the evening after work. Being able to be on the trails in the evening in the fall & winter would add much needed variety to my fall/winter exercise routine, as well as a distinctly unique way to experience our natural environment.
1	Running and mtb riding with lights is great in many ways. For one, people that work can make time to get in their activity after the time change. This is huge. Also, when riding at night it gives you an opportunity to see the Park in new way.
1	Absolutely. I prefer to run in the morning before work, and would love to run in white clay as it's right out my door (instead of on the road). Would also like to mountain bike after work with friends, and it gets dark so early in the fall/winter that this becomes very difficult.
1	It would allow me and my family to spend time together, performing an activity that we enjoy doing together.
1	With winter upon us it would be very nice to be able to extend the usage of the park. Definitely extending tge hours of the park would allow for the public to take advantage of the park.

Count Response

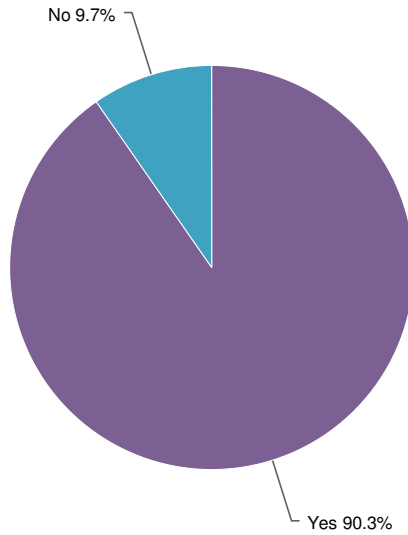
1	This is a great advantage especially during the fall and spring hours when daylight is limited. Trying to hit the trails after work usually doesn't leave me much daylight to ride in.....extending hours would be a huge benefit.
1	It is difficult to get out for a mid-week ride or run during daylight hours between autumn and spring
1	Thank you to the parks dept. for allowing this pilot program to happen. This should serve as a benefit to the community, without any negative impacts on the trails/parks, surrounding neighborhoods or parks management.
1	When I lived in Texas most of the trails were open till 10pm or 11pm. I really enjoy riding later at night it's cooler, and It's a totally different experience than riding during the day. Everyone should be allowed to experience twilight riding.
1	I feel with decreased daylight hours in winter my time is limited to daylight (nonexistent) which is severe drawback to recreation and enjoyment. I also feel increased access to responsible people will discourage illegal activities.
1	Who is going to pay for enforcement? And will bike users be paying entrance fees to help support this?
1	The people looking to extend trail hours are true nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts. With sunset coming earlier every day, it becomes increasingly difficult for us to utilize the trail system after work based on them being closed after dark. And personally I believe it's safer to walk and bike in the woods at night then being on the roads after dark.
1	the permits are concerning. do i have to pick it up from the park office or can i download it? one reason for biking after hours is due to the fact i may not be able to get to a park office during working hours...will the office have extended hours too? trying to get to an office just to go for a walk seems like an unnecessary burden.
1	Extended hours would be great and connecting Pomeroy Trail with Middle Run and White Clay would allow us to cover more miles.
1	I worry about safety and security of after hours use. When, not if something happens, who's going to be there to see it happen or be there to help when it does.
1	With the advent of todays high intensity LED lighting systems, night time off-road cycling is now safer than ever. I'm middle age now and began night trail riding when I lived in NJ in 1986. The old time halogen bulbs with Lead acid batteries made it safe back then. Today's microprocessor controlled LED lights with lithium ion batteries now effectively turn night into day. Truly amazing. Modern systems incorporate strobe flashing modes should that be necessary. Technology (lights) have made off-road cycling safer while at the same time technology (cell phones) have made on-road cycling much less safe. Speaking from personal experience. As a professional with a family I'm for this pilot program as winter has traditionally been a difficult time for me to get adequate exercise. This pilot program will surely help keep me motivated. Thank you for evaluating this program.
1	I also signed the original petition for extended trail hours with a note stating that I would like the parking lots to remained closed at night, which I'm pleased to see included in this proposal.
1	I support extended park hours because it is hard to find time exercise after work during the fall, winter, and spring. Parks currently close too early.
1	Great idea. Allows additional trail use which is currently restricted to middle run as the evening progresses.
1	I support it totally, I would pay addition monies for annual pass to enable this benefit across multiple parks.
1	I support the extended park hours for trail use but would like to see the morning hours moved earlier to accommodate those who like to hit the trails early. I would think that earlier mornings are a more logical fit to increased hours because there is natural sunlight.
1	Please extend the hours of the park so that I can use these wonderful trails after I get home from work in the fall and spring when daylight ends early. This area is a treasure! Please make it available for use year round for us workers.
1	Hell no. that's crazy talk. don't care if you have a spotlight with ya. Someone's gonna get killed.

Count Response

1 Hard to get rides/exercise in during fall, winter, and spring when the parks close early. It would be great to ride with lights in the parks.

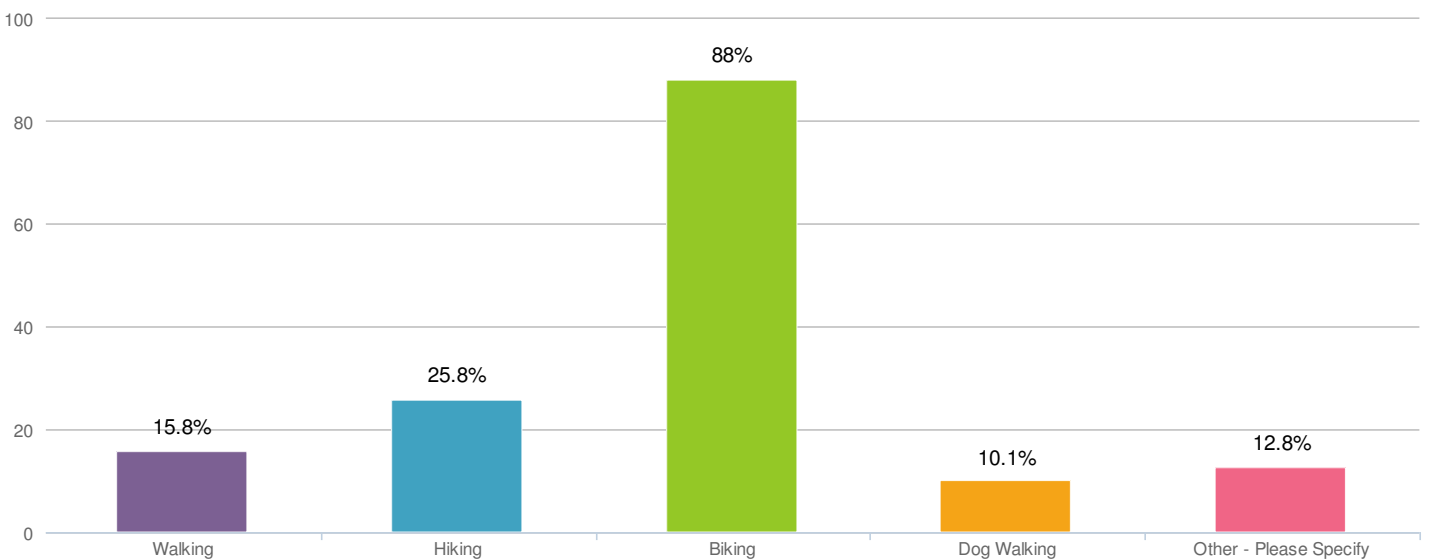
1 Only in late summer, fall and winter. My concern is disturbance to breeding wildlife. And the trails should only be open until 830pm. The concern here is disturbance to citizens living near the trails and trailheads






4. Will you use designated trails during the proposed extended hours?



Response	Percentage	Count
Yes	90.3%	373
No	9.7%	40
Total		413

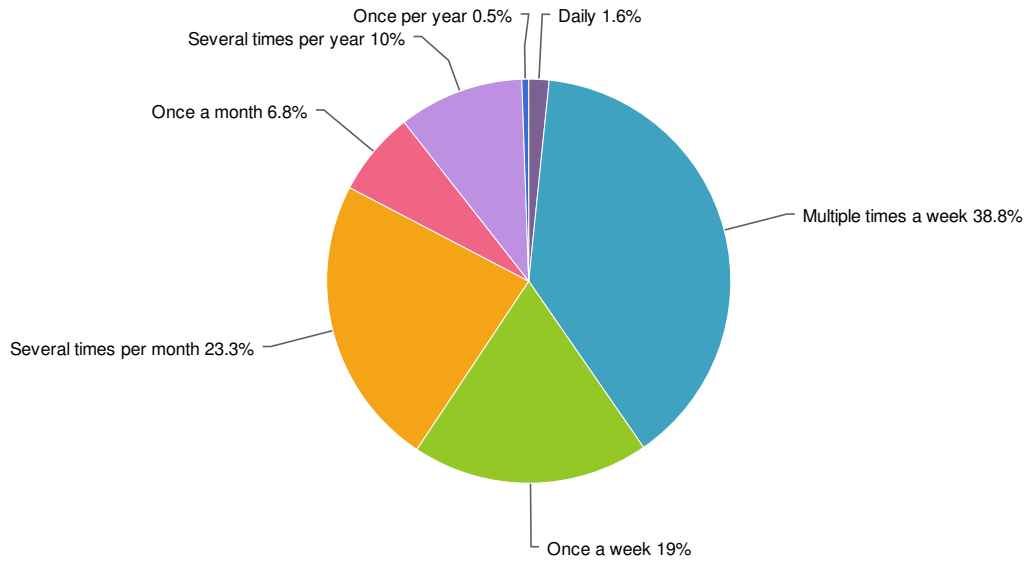
5. How will you use the trails during the extended hours?



Walking	15.8%		58
Hiking	25.8%		95
Biking	88.0%		324
Dog Walking	10.1%		37
Other - Please Specify	12.8%		47
Total			368

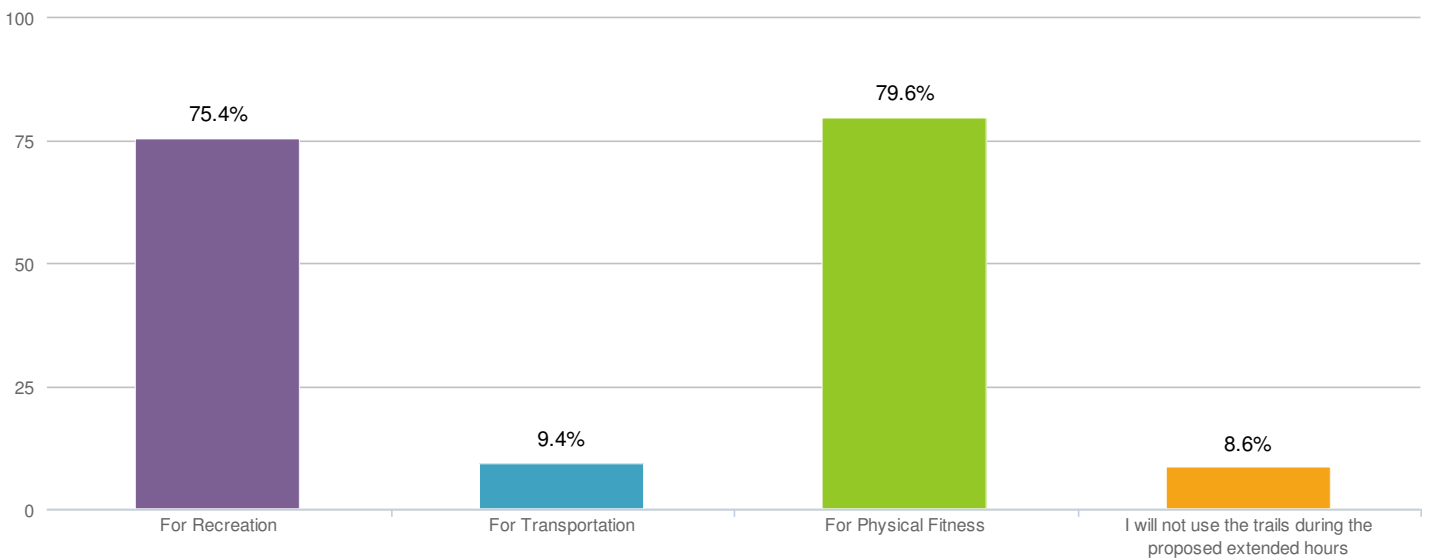
Responses "Other - Please Specify"	Count
Left Blank	370
Mt biking	1
Mtn Biking	1
Owl Watches	1
Pot smoking	1
Probably won't use	1
Running	21
Running	1
Running and Mountain Biking	1
Running, maybe	1
Trail running	3
XC ski	2
disc golf	1
running	11
running; commuting from work	1





6. How frequently will you use the trails at White Clay Creek State Park during the extended hours?



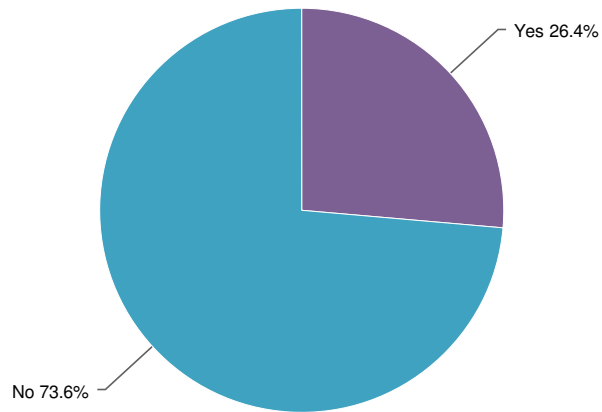
Daily	1.6%		6
Multiple times a week	38.8%		143
Once a week	19.0%		70
Several times per month	23.3%		86
Once a month	6.8%		25
Several times per year	10.0%		37
Once per year	0.5%		2
Total			369



7. How will you use the trails during the proposed extended hours?



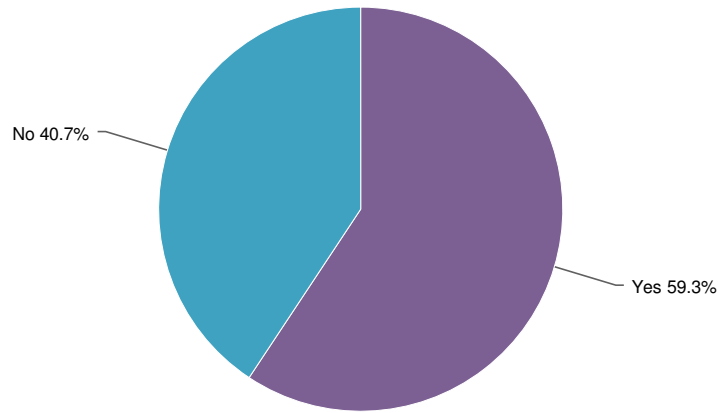
For Recreation	75.4%		306
For Transportation	9.4%		38
For Physical Fitness	79.6%		323
I will not use the trails during the proposed extended hours	8.6%		35
Total			406

8. Are you a park volunteer?



Yes	26.4%		109
No	73.6%		304
Total			413

9. Do you have a Delaware State Parks Annual Pass?



Yes	59.3%		242
No	40.7%		166
Total			408

10. What is your zip code?

Count	Response
1	08003
1	08007
1	08012
1	08021
1	08035
1	08043
1	08051
2	08053
1	08054
1	08060
1	08068
1	08070
1	08071
1	08075
1	08081

Count	Response
1	08085
1	08090
1	08094
1	08096
1	08106
1	08109
1	08332
1	08361
1	17313
1	17356
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1	19148
2	19311
4	19317

Count	Response
1	19341
1	19347
6	19348
17	19350
4	19352
2	19355
1	19362
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1	19380
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8	19804

Count	Response
6	19805
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1	21013
2	21014
1	21015
1	21401
4	21901
4	21911
1	21914
1	21920
21	21921
1	95459

11. Do you have additional comments regarding the proposed extended hours at White Clay Creek State Park?

Count	Response
1	About time!
1	Add the requirement that riders and hikers travel in pairs after hours
1	Adding a connector trail from Pomeroy or Brian's field.
1	Are the rangers happy about this? Bet not.
1	Been visiting park since 1993 and love how much it is improved
1	Consider an additional fee for a night riding permit. I would pay.

Count Response

1	Cool idea. Can concerts go on later too?
1	Definitely getting an annual pass with the great work you guys are doing down there!
1	Don't our park rangers have enough to do with the hours in place?
1	Excellent idea for responsible park users.
1	Expect to see more wear and tear on the trails.
1	Extended hours is a great thing. Very excited about this opportunity. Thank you.
1	Extended hours will be a great addition to an already awesome place
1	Extended trail use could also include prior to sunrise (6am)
1	Good idea but I won't buy a special permit to do it
1	Great idea and very excited about it.
1	Great idea. I support this
1	Hoping this is approved.
1	Hours-good. Need more trails in WCC-Creek Road, David English, Boundary Line
1	How will I get to David English without Creek Road access?
1	I fully support
1	I fully support the extended hours at WCC.
1	I handed in A-Z page, list of concerns to the park manager
1	I hope not only White Clay but Brandywine get extended mountain bike hours.
1	I just wish this pilot program was also in place at Lum's Pond state park. :)
1	I live next to judge morris. Would it be possible to open there trails during the pilot? Thanks
1	I love the idea.
1	I really support this effort
1	I support extended hrs at WCCSP. The park is a natural beauty and I would like to enjoy it more.
1	I think it's great to have access in the evenings. I can drive down after work. Thank you.
1	I think this is a great idea as long as it can be done safely. I support it.
1	I think this would be wonderful!
1	I volunteer for DE trailspinners on trail maintenance but I do not cycle
1	I would prefer all the trails be accessible and for longer hours.
1	I'd like to use the parks after hours, but fear for my safety.
1	I'd love to see all state parks with trails have extended hours. Especially Lums Pond.
1	I'm not sure where would be convenient to park to access the trails.

Count Response

1	Innovative idea and great alternative option for the winter season
1	It just seems like a bad idea. Somebody is going to get hurt.
1	It would be nice to have the David English Area open also during this trial period.
1	It would be nice. Thank you, Mike
1	It's a great idea.
1	Keeping the trails open during evening hours would be a good idea especially in winter.
1	Let us use your, I mean our trails. Thank you
1	Let's ride baby
1	Looking forward to be able to ride at night
1	Looking forward to smoking up and taking some night hikes with my bros.
1	Love the idea of being able to participate in some night rides during the extended hours!
1	Nah
5	No
1	No lights please
2	No.
1	Our parks are a wonderful local resource and it is nice to be able to use them in a new way.
1	Park connect Pomeroy trail to access to MR/WC portion
1	Parking will be a concern?
1	Please move forward with this! What a wonderful opportunity for our community!
1	Please open judge Morris and David English for night riding
1	Please open the Judge Morris and more parks around the State.
1	Please see my earlier comments.
1	Please. Pretty Please with sugar on top.
1	Provide extended hours for enforcement
1	Really need at least one parking lot open late.
1	SAA
1	Since it is a pilot I do not see a downside.
1	Skills trail should remain open if trails around it can be used.
1	Thank you extending the hours
1	Thank you for being open to this suggestion
1	Thank you for your consideration of this change.

Count Response

1	Thank you!!!
1	Thanks
1	Thanks so much for considering this!
1	Thanks so much for piloting this.
1	This is a great idea. Add David English and Judge Morris and Chambers Rock
1	This is a wonderful thing.
1	Typo in question "How will you used the trails during the proposed extended hours?"
1	Who's going to be there if I need help?
1	Why isn't the David English trail included?
1	Would like to extend Pomeroy trail to David English for a larger radius of park.
1	Would like to see a program like this at Brandywine Creek State Park.
1	Would like to see more trails open. Live next to Judge Morris but can't use.
1	Would love the extended hours for night riding. Would ride several times a week if passed.
1	Yes there should be no time tbe trails are closed
1	You do not need extended hours. Dawn to dusk is enough
1	Your taxpayers gonna have to pay for this. Hahaha.
1	great idea.
1	no
1	please keep the trails open for extended hours starting right away rather than from november.
1	please support this !!
1	thank you thank you thank you!
1	It would be beneficial to start the program as soon as possible with the limited daylight that is almost upon us. It would also be good to include all the trails except the skills trail as knowing what is open and not open could become confusing.
1	I love the idea of extending the park hours and am glad you are considering it. If it could start a little earlier in the year (maybe mid-Sept) that would be great.
1	With the limited amount of daylight during the winter, it is very much appreciated that this is being considered.
1	Thank you for considering the extended hours. I'm a working mom so evenings are my chance to get my exercise. I'm no a traditional gym user...only enjoy outdoor activities so I will benefit from this immensely. Thank you for your time.
1	I think it is a great idea and will benefit many people like myself who cannot utilize the trails during day light hours due to work in the fall and winter months.
1	During the Fall and Winter months it would be extremely beneficial to be able to use the park after Day-light hours. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Count Response

1	I would like to see all of the trails open for the extended hours. It would make sense for those who commute from pike creek to Newark
1	[I volunteer at various locations with Trail Spinners. I think it is a wonderful idea. I question why Creek Road trail/Tri-valley stops so early? Couldn't it go all the way past Chamber's Rock to the PA line? That would make a very nice long, continuous commuter route or route to use when wooded trails are wet.
1	I was for a time a park volunteer; I have had an annual pass for the past three years, just not this year.
1	Please add the David English loop, Pomeroy and Creek Road connectors, all sections for night use.
1	Currently extended use trails would not connect close enough to my house to commute for transportation purposes. Thanks for the opportunity to discuss proposals.
1	Would like to see David English loop included and Pomeroy and Creek Road connecting all sections for night use.
1	If the pilot program is a success allow access to more of white clay continuing extended hours. Thank you for this trial run opportunity.
1	Mt bikes are too dangerous to ride at night. They are a fatality waiting to happen. Hiking ok. and riding on creek rd or pomeroy ok.
1	I think this is a great idea. Would love to start it sooner and would love more trails to be part of the access, but understand that this is a pilot program.
1	I was hoping the extended hours would mean an earlier than 8am opening. I would love to be able to use the parking lots and get in a morning walk before 8am. Night openings would not help me.
1	Please allow full access to the trails during extended hours, particularly Judge Morris, the Skills park, David English & Creek Road/Pomery areas. Thank you.
1	I urge you to adopt extended hours at White Clay. It would be so wonderful to be able to use the trails after the days grow short.
1	Please open all of the trails. How can we call ourselves one of the most bike-friendly states in the country if we restrict riding hours? Open David English and Cart Path.
1	I've done some night riding with lights. It's always in groups and done very responsibly and respectfully.
1	I was really excited to read about the pilot program and looking forward to the extended hours pilot at WCCST! The one comment I have is related to the map. With the Creek Rd trail stopping short of Chambers Rock Rd and the David English loop being closed, many users will be cut off from access from Newark.
1	I believe it is a good idea for those of us who work less than usual hours to still use the trails after it gets dark but before 8:30 pm during the winter months.
1	my wife and i use the trails almost daily. when the days get shorter it becomes increasingly harder to exercise. the extension of the trail hours will help keep us off the roads in the dark while trying to exercise after work.
1	Can you leave the parking lots open and also the David English section open? Also on a side note, can we have the Michael Castle and Lums Pond trails open as well?
1	There needs to be parking open past dusk. The reason I bike trails is to stay off the road. One option is to open Redd Park for night riding so there is legal parking with access to the trails
1	is it possible to have creek/pomeroy open to Chambers Rock? I start from downtown Newark. It would be nice to include David English if creek/pomeroy were open to Chambers Rock. It seems the plan avoids road crossings. I think road crossings are safer at night because vehicles lights make them more visible.
1	Think is great idea and will help those that work 8-5 remain active in the winter months during the week. Well done

Count Response

1	Please open Judge Morris, David English and cart path for night riding. This would really solidify DE as one of the most bike friendly states in the country.
1	In some ways, I feel that cycling at night is safer than during the day. I frequently encounter runners and walkers using headphones, and they cannot hear my bell, or voice alerting them of my presence. If I have a bright light shining in the dark, I am much less likely to surprise other trail users when I come around the corner.
1	I would love to see the hours extended a bit beyond 8:30, and opening up more trails for the extended hours would be wonderful, though I would imagine there are good reasons for limiting the program to the trails shown on the map. Finally, I would request that the extended hours program begin earlier than the proposed November date. Thank you very much for this pilot program. Having the ability to legally ride/run at night would be great.
1	Start the program sooner, we are already in night riding hours. Some people can't go out riding until they get off work. We typically start riding at 5:30 or 6. In order to get a good ride in, we would be riding into the dusk/closing hours right now!
1	Open at 5 a.m. for commuters. I would like to use the trail network to avoid dangerous section of road. Encouraging commuters to use the park trail network as a corridor will reduce cars on the road and improve health.
1	No comment about the extension itself, but only to say thank you for considering it. WC is a phenomenal park!
1	This is a fantastic idea and I hope it becomes a permanent policy. Would like to see the amount of approved trail expanded beyond that shown for the pilot and hope that next year it could begin earlier than November 15th.
1	White Clay is a fine example of what parks maintained by different trail users can be. PA. parks need to take some tips from DE!
1	Lots will be closed. Where can people park? Is biking prohibited during icy/muddy conditions? If rangers are off duty how will permit requirements be enforced? Is hiking still permitted during icy/muddy conditions?
1	I attended the forum and after a discussion with a couple hunters, who were in opposition, I'd like to address of couple of their legitimate concerns. One, in regard to a 'free' pass for users during the pilot phase... I support a fee based extended hours pass similar to hunting and surf permits etc. should this go live. Only fair that we pay our share to support the park system and it's staff. Second, to their point about having only 19 actual days to hunt... I'm in agreement that the trails remain completely closed to all other users during that time for safety and exclusive hunting use. This is all about finding compromises that we can all live with while benefiting from additional recreational activities in the offseason. Thanks!
1	This would be great for those who work or people like me who love to get out on the trails after school or work throughout the entire year.
1	Maybe just creek road or something but not park trails. Night riding on the trails is dangerous.
1	I'm very excited at the possibility of this happening. Work prevents me from enjoying the park on the weekdays in the winter. I think this plan would be beneficial to the park and the community.
1	Think it is a great idea. Gives me an opportunity to spend time outdoors with my 3 sons after work.
1	Most useful when sun sets earlier. Car parking in lots should be allowed. Annual permit holders should also have extended hours permit.
1	I would like to see this extended to Brandywine Creek S.P. And to also see it start earlier in the season vs. the proposed date.
1	Great project! Thanks for the pilot program and allowing the trial to commence. I think it will be a big hit! Not a tremendous amount of activity but it will be used and appreciated, especially as the hours of daylight shorten.
1	I commute to and from work a couple nights a week which are sometimes after hours and have been told I was not allowed to ride in the park after dark but I feel much more comfortable riding through the woods than down a dark street at night,

Count Response

1	Extending park hours allows for local residents to better enjoy the benefits of outdoor activities during the months in which natural light is scarce. It's a terrific pilot which will promote fitness and Health.
1	I enjoy the park year round. Extended hours during fall-winter would dramatically increase my ability to enjoy the trails.
1	I and I'm sure all of the local IMBA/Trail Spinners members and volunteers appreciate Delaware State Parks for considering this extended hours program. As a regular user of the trails for both biking and occasional hiking, the extended hours will allow those of us who work 9-to-5 to enjoy the state park trails during those times of the year when decreased daylight hours could prohibit access. The prospect of being able to ride the state park trails at and a couple of hours after dusk translates to less time I spend pedaling nowhere in my basement. Sincerely, Dave Duncan
1	After hours use should be limited to activities supervised by Park personnel, such as hayrides, full moon hikes, owl prowls, etc! You are asking for drug and crime issues with the ease, after dark, uncontrolled access from Newark and the University.
1	Night riding is taking off and White Clay should be at the forefront of the movement. Lights are getting cheaper and more affordable for everyone, including myself. Being able to ride at night opens up so much more ride time that I and many others want to be able to use. Please consider making the hours a little bit later, as I come from NJ after work and want as much ride time as possible. Typically, the group I ride with in South Jersey doesn't start their ride until 8:30pm. Don't get me wrong, I'm grateful for even 8:30, but in my experience staying open later would be more beneficial to many, including out of towners like myself.
1	Extending the hours only taxes the employees who are already overworked and underpaid. This agenda is only being put forth by a small group who have their own personal agenda and wants as opposed to the mission of the agency as a whole. There is no need to extend the hours of a park because of a selfish want of a minority of mountain bikers who want to ride their bikes at night at WCCSP. Maybe they can fund the salaries of the employees who will have to deal with them and remain on duty long after the rest of the regular park visitors have gone home. As a mountain biker, I feel some within this group have done good work to improve relations and trail conditions at WCCSP, but asking a thinly stretched park to expand services is entirely irresponsible and unnecessary.
1	Thank you for the tremendous work that you do to keep the parks and trails in fantastic condition. Extending trail hours is a very welcome move to help in enjoying the trails a little more during normal off-limit hours!
1	Please consider extending access on the Pomeroy to Hopkins Road so that those of us entering from Newark can enter the trail system safely.
1	As a Delaware native that now lives and works in Maryland I have an annual park pass solely to ride/hike with my wife at White Clay, Brandywine, and Lums Pond. This time of year our only options are to stay in MD and go to Fair Hill during the week, or only visit DE parks on the weekends. We fully support the opportunity (and are quite excited) to use these select trails beyond dusk, as do a number of my riding partners from Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley, and central MD.
1	I am supportive of program and will apply for permit and abide by program rules as I hope the program is successful. One concern is that some riders may inadvertently use Whitley Farm, Boundary Line and Cart Path trail as many consider it part of same trail system (permit should help limit). If pilot is successful would like to see permit requirement re-evaluated and year round usage to 8:30. I suspect some people will see permitted users using trails and they may use trails and not realize the need for a permit.
1	This would be great for our community, in regards to physical fitness, commuting, trail maintenance, and keeping runners and cyclists safer (not on the road). I will often run or ride on the roads with lights since the trails are closed, and this is MUCH less safe. Would prefer to use my local trails. Thanks for looking into this!
1	Yes. Why is the pilot program starting so late? It's already dark in the woods by 630pm. I hope the program works out and you consider opening up more of the park since a lot of communities are not linked with David English and Judge Morris trails closed. Thank you so much for considering this. It's for the better of a healthy Delaware!
1	I'm hoping that the extended hours will entice mountain bikers to use the trails during those times and thus the trails will be less crowded for walkers/hikers during daylight hours.

Count Response

1	I think this is going to put an extra burden on park enforcement because of the need to search for trail users after the designated hours (830pm). As a former park enforcement employee, it can be very difficult to track down people in the park after hours as is, extending the trail hours could make locating these users much more difficult.
1	Live right across from middle run white clay and support extended trail hours. I use the trails for recreation and for commuting from Newark to home.
1	In regard to the requirements, I find it exc drive that you will require users to use/wear reflective clothing in addition to wearing a light. The light is sufficient to be seen by other trail users. Why should users have to go buy additional clothing just to use the trails at night. Some clothing has reflective components, but having to wear specifically reflective clothing is overkill.
1	Been using Brandywine for after hours. Would use WC's cleaner safer trails if they were available
1	I live in Chapel Hill Development. I think extended hours are good for the park and good for the neighborhood.
1	I would like to be able to attain night riding permits online. Also would like to see additional night time hours for the other parts of the year that are not specified currently. Thank you.
1	I'm a local resident who uses the park for recreation and fitness, also volunteering with the Trail Spinners to maintain the trails for all users. Please approve this. It's much needed, especially now that it's getting darker earlier otherwise I'm unable to use the trails on weekdays after work. Thank you!
1	I can commute on my bike home from work through White Clay Creek State Park. Would feel safer doing that than being out on the road on my bike.
1	Trail access is always nice and extended hours would allow people to be able to do their regular activities in the winter months as well, which is great to keep in shape and wellness
1	After looking at the map, the trails that are proposed to being open are not connected. Why isn't there a trail off of Creek Rd open? Can you work with PA to get the PA side of Creek Rd open also? Since you share a park, I think you should be working together for a common cause.
1	I think it is a good idea and the people I ride with are polite and park cleanliness and the environment is our major concern along with a safe and energetic ride
1	It seems like it would be hazardous to have the trails open after dark for anything other than hunting or fishing (of which I do neither) or for special events like owl watching, full moon guided hikes. Mountain biking and hiking in the dark don't seem like a good mix either. It could also be problematic to those who live adjacent to the park.
1	With texting drivers these days, trails are safer than the road. Please give runners and bikers this accommodation. As a runner, parking will be needed to access the trails you are proposing without lots of distance to get to the trailhead on foot may be too great for runners/hikers
1	We should be looking to accommodate all users. The park should be open for a standard Sunset to Sunrise opening, which would provide for morning and evening users most of the year. This would also coordinate with PA trail use. Also by opening the trails only we are forcing legal parking for people who do not live near the proposed open trail. There are no public parking facilities near the Smith Mill Road, Bryan Field and Whitely Farms Trails. This is a good fit for Creek Road and the Pomeroy Trail because of the town and university and ample parking. But sunrise and sunset should be the limit. If you have information that counters what I have said I would be glad to hear it. These comments are provide by Gary Kirk, Member of the Council on Greenways and Trails.
1	Thinking that many people using the extended hours do not have park passes, and therefor pay nothing toward the costs of running the park. Who is going to pay for this?
1	please elaborate on the permit. requiring a visit to the park makes no sense in the digital age. and it almost defeats the purpose of trying to use the park after hours...if i was able to get to the part during the day to pick up a permit, i wouldnt need to be hiking/biking at night.

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1	Don't wreck our beautiful park. Please. Don't need criminal activity defacing this place. Thank you.
1	Thank you for considering. It is important to promote physical fitness, and during the fall and winter months, it is not feasible to access the trails after work during day light hours. Our entire family uses the trail system, and we would benefit from the extended hours. Furthermore, while this survey is regarding extended hours, I believe there should be more trail use for mountain bikers at White Clay Creek State Park, specifically, Carpenter Park.
1	I didn't get to attend the public meeting; announcing it only two days ahead of time excluded a lot of people from the process. But these trails should definitely be open after sunset.
1	I would encourage parking access where possible to limit opposition from neighboring businesses and community concerns about illegal or overflow parking demand.
1	It would be great to be able to use the trails after dark. i work a busy schedule and i can only get on my bike after 5:00. winter is always hard to stay in shape since it hard to get out after work. i feel much safer trail riding my mountain bike rather that riding my road bike at night.
1	Please consider extending the hours in the future. Many of us use the parks both as recreation and transportation. Much safer during late night to ride trail in certain areas.
1	How about registering the bikes using the park to control them. Some of them ride without regard for others on trails.
1	More information on obtaining a permit would be nice. Do you have to visit park office? Online?
1	My work schedule makes it extremely difficult to use the trails during the week. The extended hours will allow much greater use of the trail systems for me.
1	If these hours are extended (I work in Wilmington), I'll surely find my way down there more often! Wonderful trails you have there! Cheers
1	Appreciate the progress being made and the consideration. I am a hard working professional who commutes to Philly. It is extremely difficult to find times to exercise and recreate...especially through the winter months. Benefit outweigh the risk with the modern light technology. We already have been riding at night for years without any serious issues.
1	There are many benefits: you'll get more people visiting the area which generates more revenue. It's eco friendly for the bike commuters. The outdoor community can really enjoy evening activities without having to travel. For the cycling community it will raise the fun factor and allow us to ride when we previously we not. As someone who abides the current rules it would be awesome to know riding extended hours will not result in a fine. Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinion.
1	This is a very welcome change/pilot program. In looking at a map, it would be ideal for safe access from Newark to open Creek Rd to Chambers Rock and David English to access the trail system.
1	There are many endurance events that require nighttime running/biking, but for Delawareans, there are no places to practice this. Extended hours are going to be amazing to help with that. My only worry is the ease of getting the permit to be out on the trails.
1	I used to live in PA and rode at night pretty much all winter. A lot of people get off after dark and have no viable outdoor recreation. All of the years I rode at night I never had one problem. I actually very much enjoyed riding at night as there were no hikers to yield to and honestly very few other riders. Also riding at night kept the trails in better condition because I could ride them at below freezing conditions with much less mud. I see there are lots of restrictions and requirements to ride at night,, I think you guys went a little overboard and are just asking for people to violate all these requirements. Keep it simple. People riding at night are not the young reckless college dummies that frequent white clay middle run during the day (especially on the weekends). Although I do not live in the area and will not take advantage of night riding here I do definitely promote night riding. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Regards Colin
1	This is EXCEPTIONAL that you are considering this addition. Use of the parking area (esp Pomeroy trail) would be nice for 'not so veteran' night riders. May don't like to ride even short dist on road at night. Not everyone uses facebook. trail notices need to be posted elsewhere. Thank you very much !!

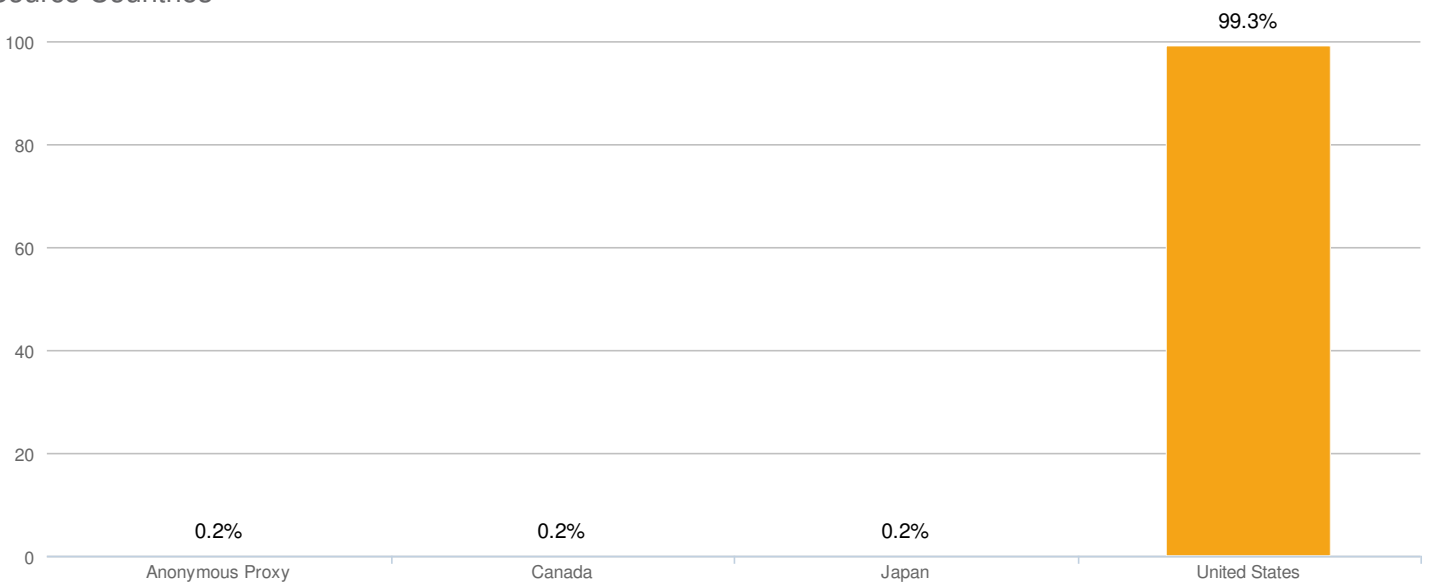
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1	Thank You for this pilot program, I hope it becomes permanent and possibly expanded both in geography and additional hours.
1	Please consider allowing access to Judge Morris and Middle Run. Myself, neighbors and many friends in Newark ride these trails.
1	I would love to get involved with trail maintenance and local legislation and park rangers to make sure this idea catches on and can grow ,we all need to use the trails and rules should be followed accordingly
1	As I said before David English should be included with the extended hours. I can understand why the skills trail will be closed. Good call on that.
1	I am not an official volunteer at White Clay but do participate in trail maintenance there. I am a Volunteer Ranger at Fair Hill NMRA just outside Newark in Maryland and have participated in night time events there over the last 15 years. I don't feel implementing this program will increase crime in the parks at night,form what i have seen over the years having extra eyes in the park during the designated early night time hours will help prevent crime.
1	Please extend the usable trails. Include trails such as all of Creek Road to PA border, White Clay area, and David English Trial. Also please make year around.
1	I hope that this program is a success as I would like to see it also be extended to the Northern DE Greenway, Alapocas, and Lums Pond.
1	Please...Please allow night access. Thanks for all the hard work, White Clay is a fantastic Park system!!
1	I appreciate the consideration and foresight in expanding the usefulness of public land. I work in DE but live in MD currently.
1	What better way to keep the park safe after daylight hours than with approved members of the community travelling approved trails, for the soul purpose of recreation and caring for the parks trails year round.
1	Parking and access from the Pike Creek Church seems like a good idea. But I understand that trail head is not in the proposed extended hours trails. The church allows mountain bikers to park there. We have a positive relationship. Can the trail to the trailhead be included in the trial please?
1	Due to current traffice being at all time high, it would be ideal to gain access to trails after hours for transportation purposes as well as fitness
1	I would buy a Delaware State Parks Annual Pass if the extended hours proposal becomes a reality.
1	Would like David English open since I ride in from that direction. Would like Pomeroy trail open since my neighbor commutes to work on it. Thank you for considering this pilot program - much appreciated.
1	I do not think the park and the trails are the safest at night. I would not want to interfere with the deer season. The hunting season is short as it is.
1	Thank you! I am grateful for the opportunity to continue mountain biking after work, throughout the fall and winter.
1	Sundown closure all times of year is a simple and enforceable rule that should be kept intact for all times of year to avoid confusion and need for more enforcement.
1	I would also like to see the trails open earlier - like 5:30 am or 6:00 am. My property backs up to WCC State park, so it is always my first choice for exercise and dog walking. I also like to use the Pomeroy/Creek Rd Trail to commute by bike to the train station from my house. I currently can only do this in summer because of sunset times. This proposal/pilot is very exciting for my family!

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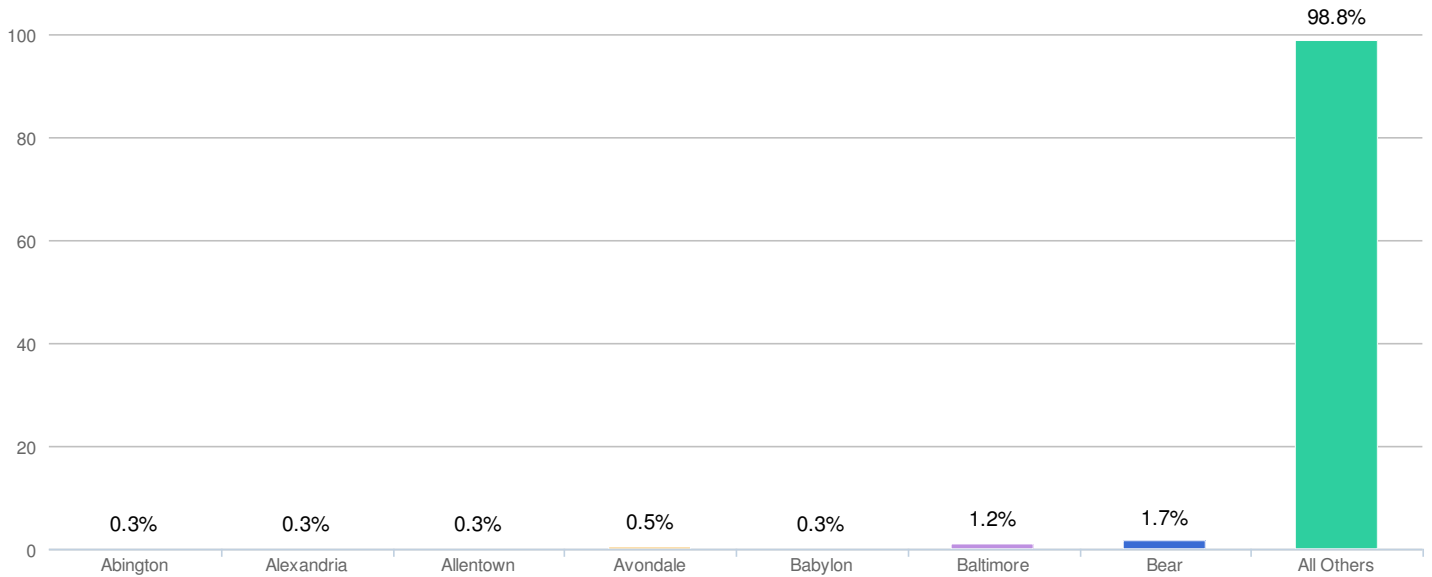
1	My friends and family love the White Clay trail system and parks. We purposely moved to a location that backs up to park land and have a great respect for the State Parks and it's natural setting. We use the trails frequently but once winter's shorter days are upon us we are no longer to use the trails as often (Weekends only). We would love to be able to enjoy the trails during the evening hours and see no reason why trail goers shouldn't be able to maintain the same proper trail ediquette as they do during daylight hours. I am a volunterr for The Friends of White Clay Creek Preserve and have volunteered for trail building and/or maintenance on several occasions through this organization as well as trail clean ups with The Delaware Trail Spinners. We are so fortunate to have this park land virtually in our back yards. I'm hoping that opening up the parks in the evenings will renew interest in park use and volunteerism among the users. Thank you for extending the park hours. My family and I greatly appreciate the program.
1	Be more specific about the proposed extended hours, then ask us for input. Until then, I and many of us can't commit a thumbs up or thumbs down to a proposal that we're being given no details of.
1	I support the extended park hours for trail use but would like to see the morning hours moved earlier to accommodate those who like to hit the trails early. I would think that earlier mornings are a more logical fit to increased hours because there is natural sunlight.
1	I am a strong supporter of physical fitness and in favor of creating opportunities that allow individuals to remain physically active. Thank you for considering extending the hours that trails remain available for use.
1	Having to get and carry a permit to use the trails during extended hours seems excessive and cumbersome, it should be just like using the trails any other time of day.
1	It would be great to see Pomeroy trail connect to the rest of the park to allow people to enjoy more of the trails.
1	I think it's a great idea! Many people can't get out during the daylight, especially in the winter - this gives more options to enjoy the park!
1	Safe parking near Brian's field would be great on Smith Mill Road. Safety is my #1 concern for all users of the park. Would you consider allowing trail users to park on 1 side of that road. Please feel free to call with questions or discuss ideas. Thanks for the opportunity to allow on a trial basis extended hours. George S at 856-207-5136
1	The extended hours will provide a safe alternative to riding on the streets at night...thank you for your consideration!
1	Assuming this is approved there will probably be user demand for additional trails to provide better community access.

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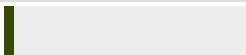
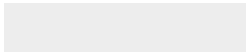
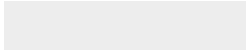
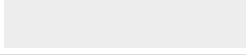
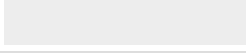
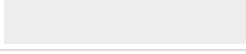
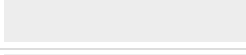
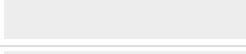
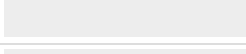
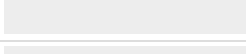
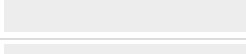
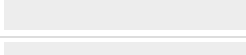
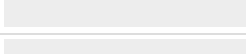
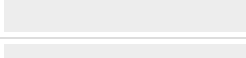
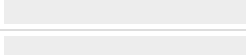

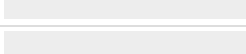
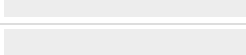
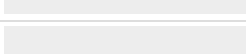
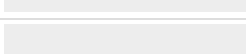
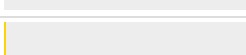
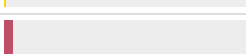
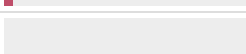
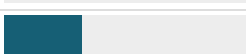
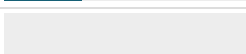
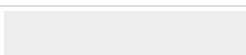
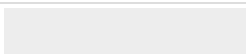

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Burlington	0.3%		1
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Colonia	0.3%		1
Dallas	0.5%		2
Denver	0.3%		1
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Dover	2.0%		8
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Lansdowne	0.3%		1
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