



Cultus Lake Provincial Park

Recreation Facility Plan

Community Input Summary
June, 2024



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A photograph of a dense forest. In the foreground, a large tree trunk is covered in thick green moss. The ground is covered with various types of ferns and other forest floor vegetation. In the background, many tall, thin tree trunks rise up, some with yellowing leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. The lighting is soft and dappled, filtering through the canopy.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Cultus Lake Provincial Park is within the asserted traditional territory of the Boston Bar First Nations, Peters First Nation, and the Halq'eméylem-speaking Stó:lō peoples, including the Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe which comprises seven Stó:lō First Nations.

We honour their connection to the land and respect the importance of their diverse teachings, traditions, and stewardship practices within these territories. BC Parks has committed to developing a new relationship with Indigenous Peoples based on respect and acknowledgment to align with the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

Engagement Summary

Park Strengths

- Variety of trails and recreation opportunities for all ages and abilities close to urban areas
- Biodiversity and diverse landscapes
- Engaged citizens and park stewards

Park Challenges

- Condition of washrooms and other facilities
- Access challenges – summer visitor volume exceeds built capacity, safety concerns due to congestion
- Limited trail network with maintenance needed

Top Objectives

- Address safety and accessibility on land and water at peak times
- Improve education, interpretation, and wayfinding
- Protect environmental integrity with a focus on non-motorized recreation

Top Facility Suggestions

- Improve washrooms and other facilities
- Improve safety of access and parking
- Expand and improve trail system with clear signage

Engagement



**212 surveys,
914 comments**

**44 workshop
participants**





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A scenic landscape photograph showing a calm blue lake in the foreground. A small white boat with people is on the water. The middle ground is a dense forest of evergreen and deciduous trees. In the background, misty mountains are visible under a clear sky. A dark blue vertical bar is on the left, and a dark blue horizontal bar with the title 'Background' is at the top.


Background


- BC Parks is working on a Recreation Facility Plan to identify what facilities and services are needed to:
 - provide a range of enjoyable, high-quality, and safe outdoor recreation opportunities for visitors, and
 - help manage the increasing number of visitors to protect the environmental and cultural integrity of the park.
- The Recreation Facility Plan will identify and recommend facility improvement projects to potentially complete in the future. The plan will consider existing visitor use challenges and recommend facilities that provide practical solutions to problems.
- An online survey was hosted on the Let's Talk BC Parks website from May 10 to July 24, 2023 to collect community input on this project. The survey responses will help guide the Recreation Facility Plan.
- Virtual workshops, summarized here, were held with interest holder and resident groups from May to August, 2023.
- Engagement with First Nations governments is happening separately to ensure BC Parks meets its commitments in alignment with the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. The results of that engagement are not included in this report.
- Engagement with equity, diversity, and inclusion groups will be happening separately to help BC Parks improve accessibility and inclusion in keeping with the BC Parks Commitment to Inclusion.

Engagement Process

First Nations Engagement

 **Initial stage**
informing and
emails /
conversations
Spring 2023

Preliminary review stage
sending and reviewing
draft text related to First
Nations interests
 Fall 2023

 **Plan review
stage**
circulation of
draft plan for
review

Communications



**Let's Talk BC Parks'
Project Page**



**Park web-
pages**



**BC Parks social
media (Facebook
and Instagram)**

Community Survey



**Community survey with
mapping tool**

May – July 2023
212 respondents
924 comments

Outreach



**Direct emails to
interest holders and Snap
Ad mail mailing inviting
residents to participate
in workshops**
March 2023

In the Wild



**In-park
posters**

Workshops and Interviews



**Interest Holder
Workshops**

May & June 2023
19 participants



**Resident
Workshops**

June 2023
25 participants



**Interviews with
key interest
holders,
park operators**



**Community Survey
Summary posted**



**Public posting
of Draft Plan**



**Public posting
of Final Plan**

Results



Workshops Summary

The following is a synthesis of workshop input. The details of individual workshops will be in the final project report.



Park Strengths

- Great variety of trails and recreation opportunities and diverse park users
- Proximity to urban areas
- Diverse landscapes and ecosystems; biodiversity and Species at Risk
- Nature refuge from urban areas, especially in the summer
- Accessible outdoor recreation opportunities for families
- Horseback riding opportunities
- Clean lake water and beautiful beaches
- Boat launches for motorized and non-motorized boats
- Many large and accessible parking lots
- Engaged citizens and park stewards

Park Challenges and Barriers

- Limited trail network and horse trails
- Trails require maintenance and accessibility improvements
- Park use and parking is often overcapacity in the summer creating conflicts and safety issues, parking lot conditions and access need improvement
- Limited active transportation access and shuttles to reduce car dependency
- Water safety concerns - motorized and non-motorized boaters, swimmers, and other water activities
- Restricted hours for horseback riding, evening kayaking, etc.
- Limited and poor condition of washroom facilities
- Ineffective and unclear signage
- Road safety issues including only one access, illegal parking, speeding, pedestrians crossing randomly
- Poor emergency access for park visitors and local residents when park is busy
- Environmental degradation of park and lake



Objectives for New Facilities

- Safety and improved access and accessibility (to facilities and lake)
- Protection of environmental integrity (biodiversity, lake)
- Trail expansion (including more easy trails) and maintenance
- Education, interpretation, and better communication including improved signage and wayfinding
- Collaboration to limit motorized watercraft / safety controls
- Focus on non-motorized recreation opportunities
- Maintaining through road access for residents and emergency vehicles
- Alternatives to vehicular access to the park
- Consideration of the experiences of residents versus visitors
- Match number of visitors to facilities and lake capacity (wholistic planning)
- Emergency management

Ideas for the Future

- More parking safety/enforcement
- Integrated approach to planning and improving parking
- Expansion and improvements to trails (e.g., Lakeside Trail, Watt Creek, International Ridge)
- Additional camping facilities
- Improved accessibility of trails, park areas, lake
- Better and safer access to park via transit, active transportation
- Improved washroom facilities and waste disposal
- More and improved signage – regulations, wayfinding, interpretive
- Other (few mentions) - day use pass, zones for motorized and non-motorized boating, places to clean gear (bikes, boats), goose management

Community Survey Summary



Community Survey Summary

Most Popular Activities: Walking, hiking, swimming

Most Used Areas: Maple Bay, Entrance Bay, Delta Grove Campground

Most Popular Trails: Teapot Hill Trail

Important Values:

- Retaining locations for peaceful enjoyment and views
- Preserving environment
- Supporting recreation opportunities

Facilities Satisfaction: Hiking/running trails, swimming areas, day use areas

Facilities Dissatisfaction: Parking availability and locations, road cycling

Park Services Strengths: Year-round opportunities, dog walking, accessibility for all users

Park Services Challenges: Transit service, bike access, campground reservation system

Top Strategies:

- Protection of environment
- Increasing transportation to park
- Improving and increasing parking

Top facility suggestions:

- More equestrian facilities
- Completed lakeside trail
- More parking

Response Rate



212

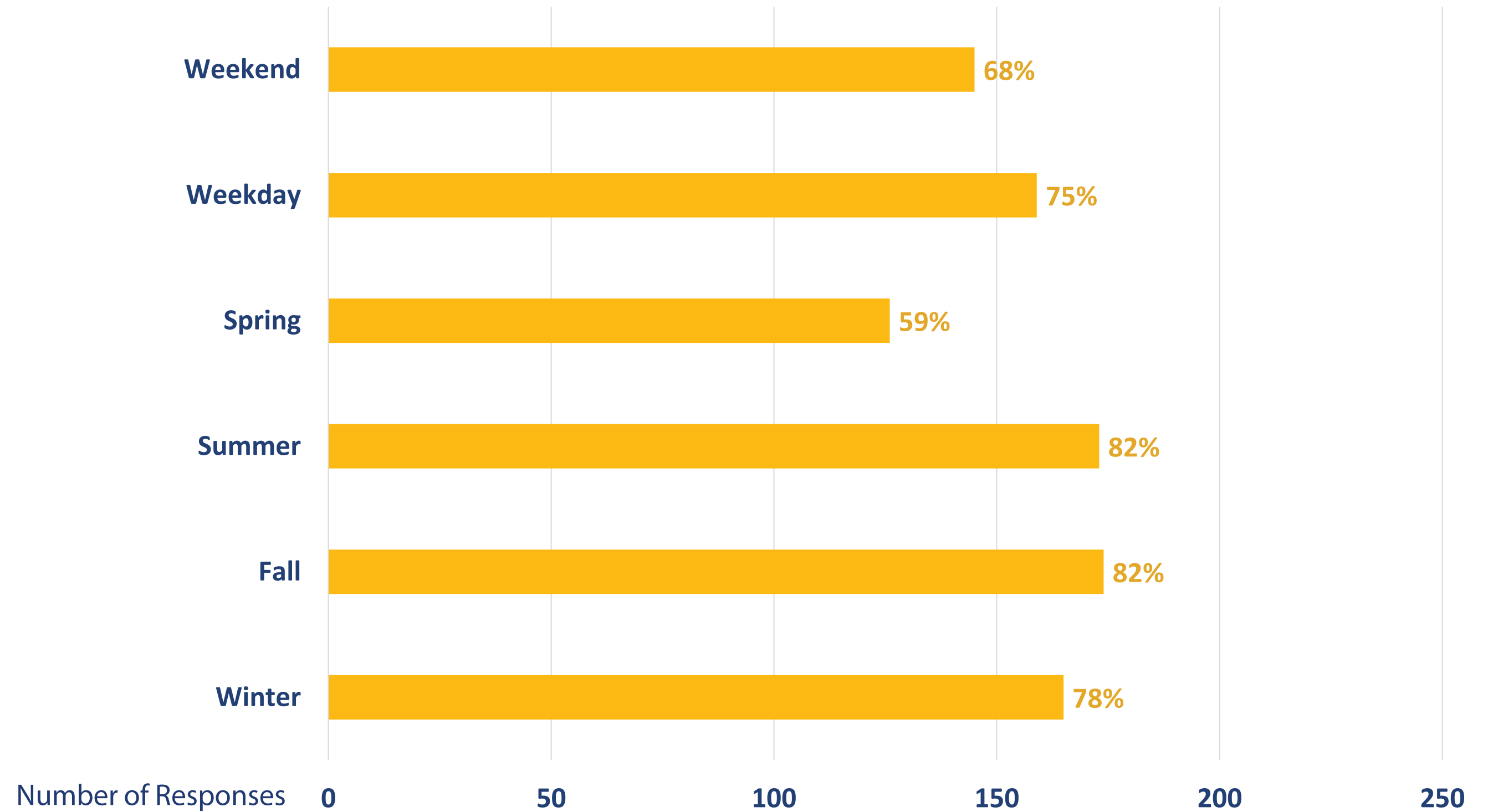
RESPONDENTS



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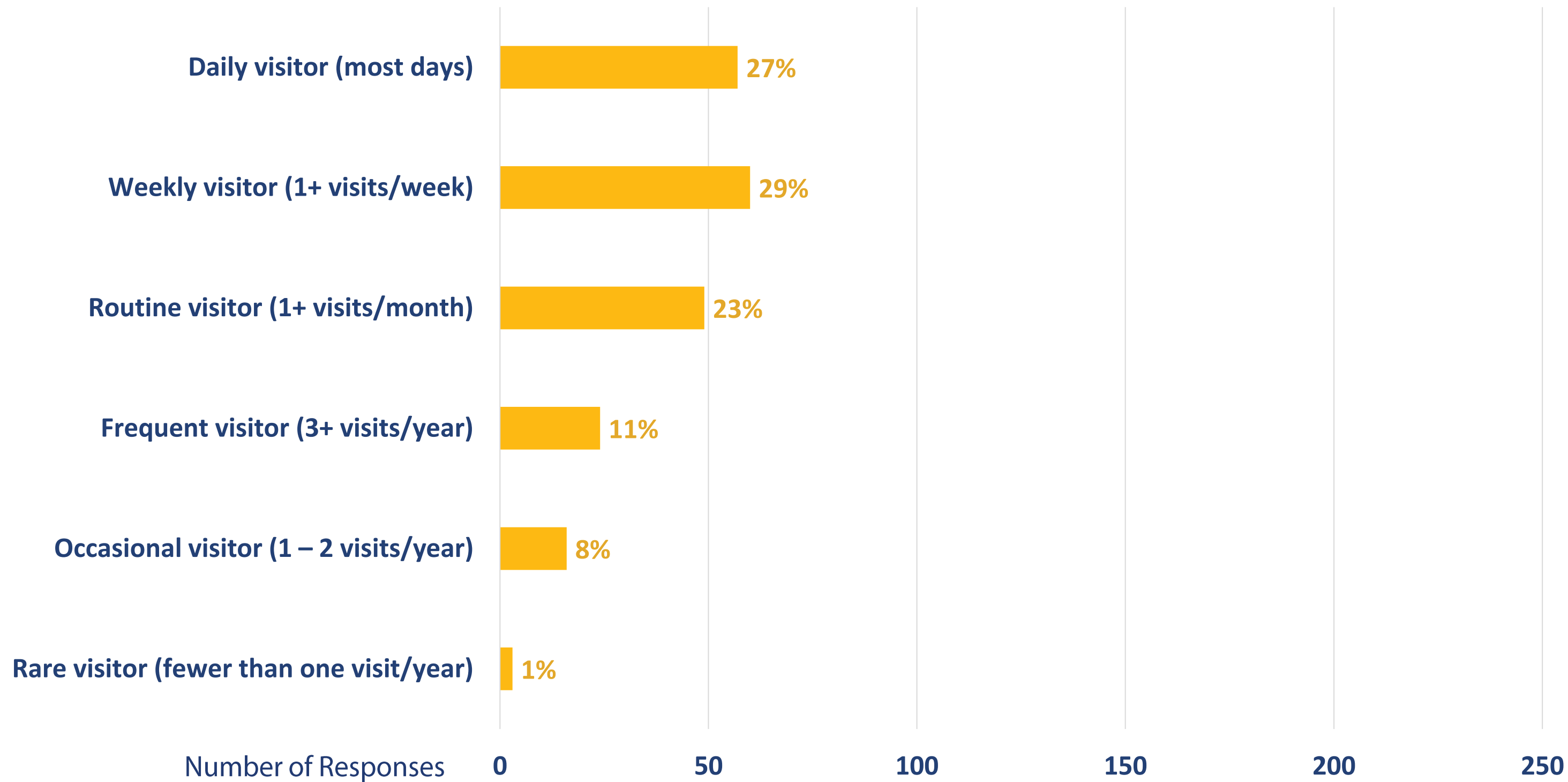
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Timing of Visit



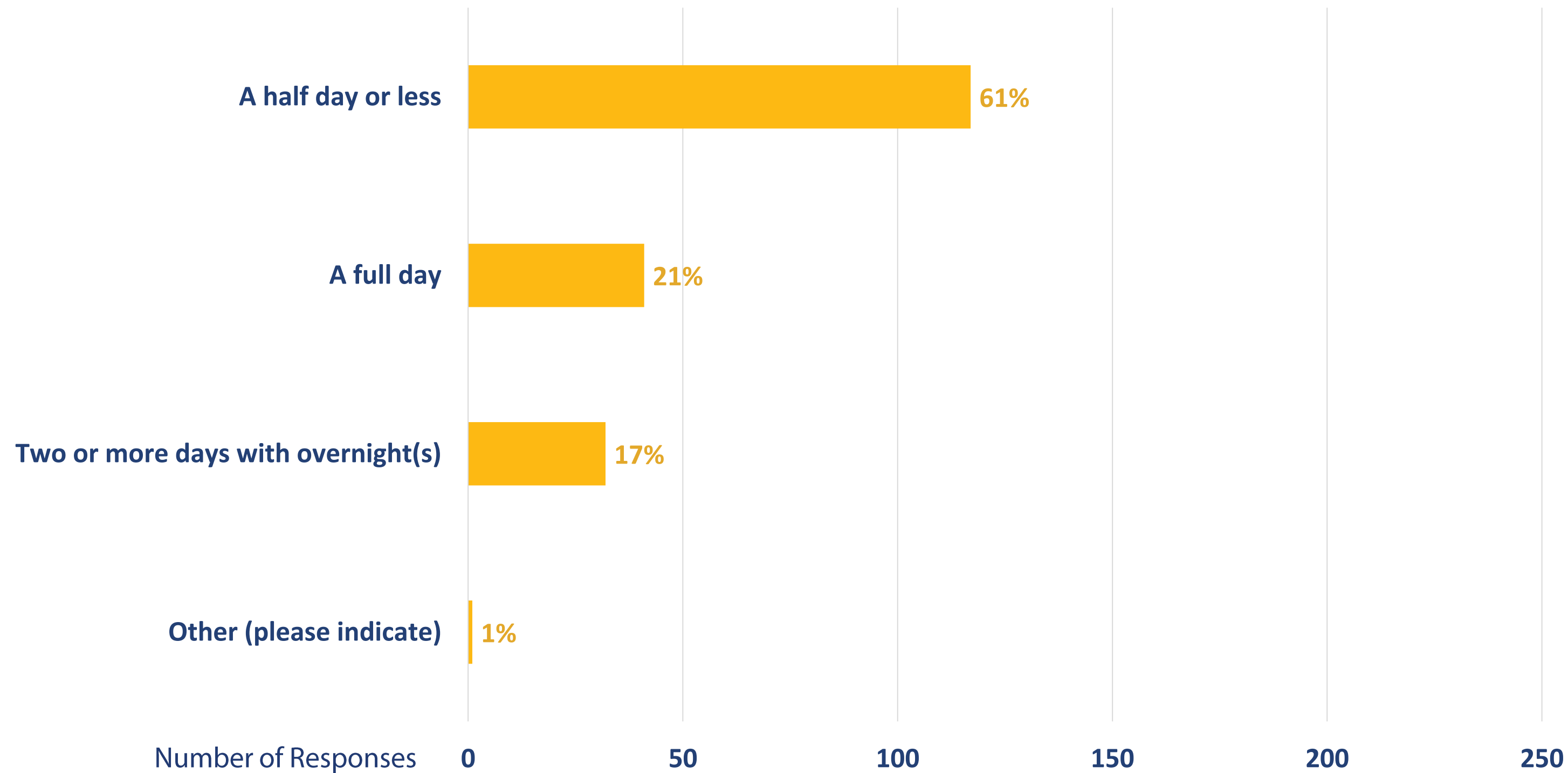
Q: When do you typically visit Cultus Lake Provincial Park? (Check all that apply)
N (number of responses): 212

Frequency of Visit



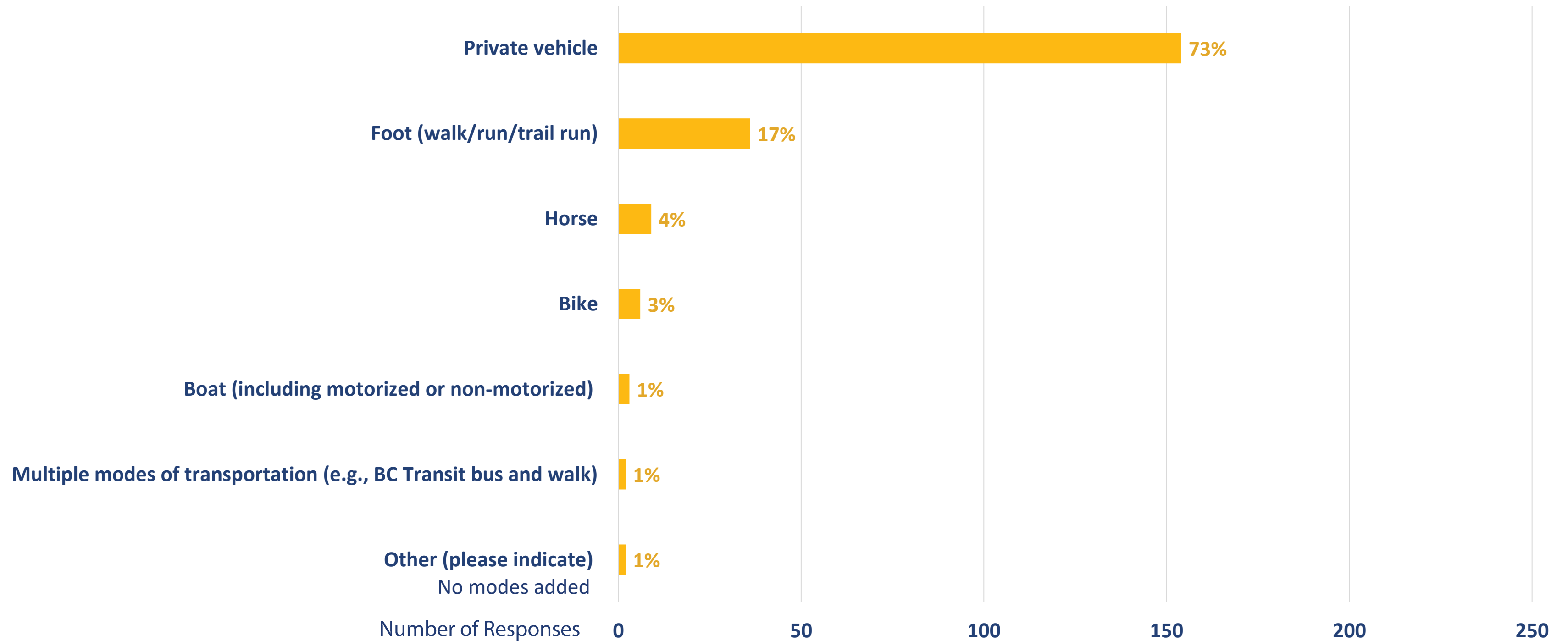
Q: How often do you visit Cultus Lake Provincial Park?
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Length of Visit



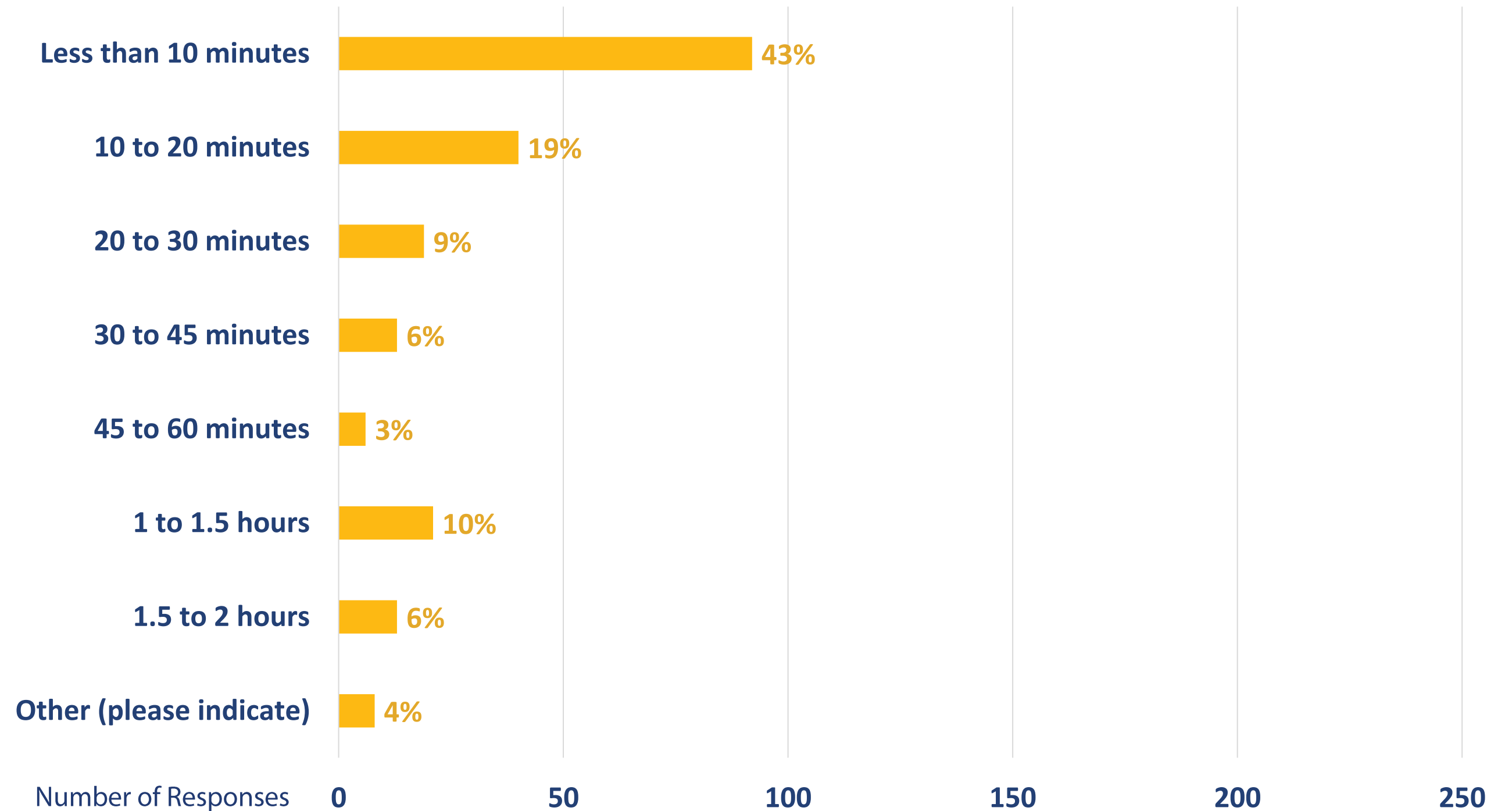
Q: How long is your typical visit to Cultus Lake Provincial Park?
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Mode of Access



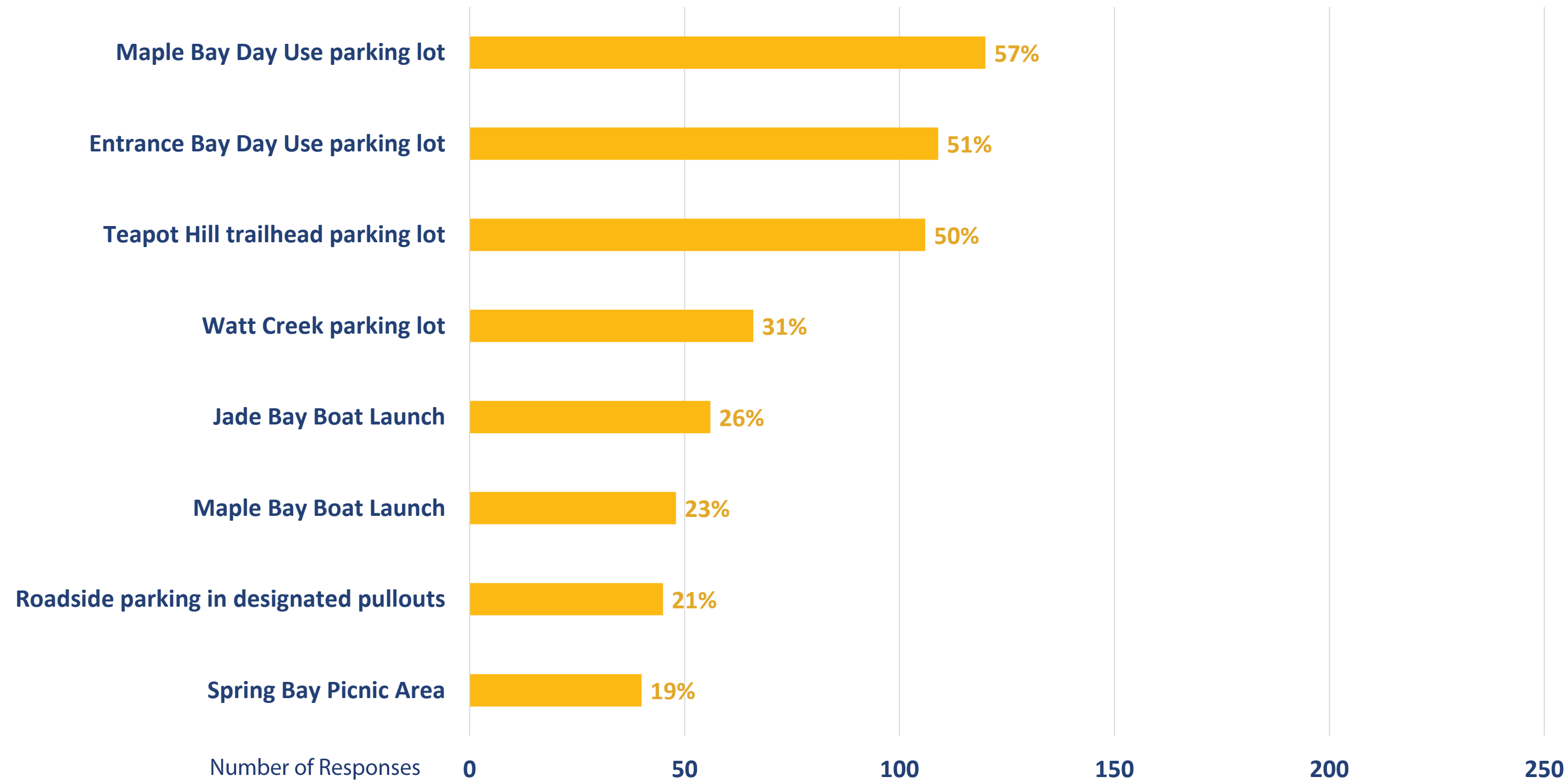
Q: How do you most often access Cultus Lake Provincial Park?
N: 210

Travel Time to Park



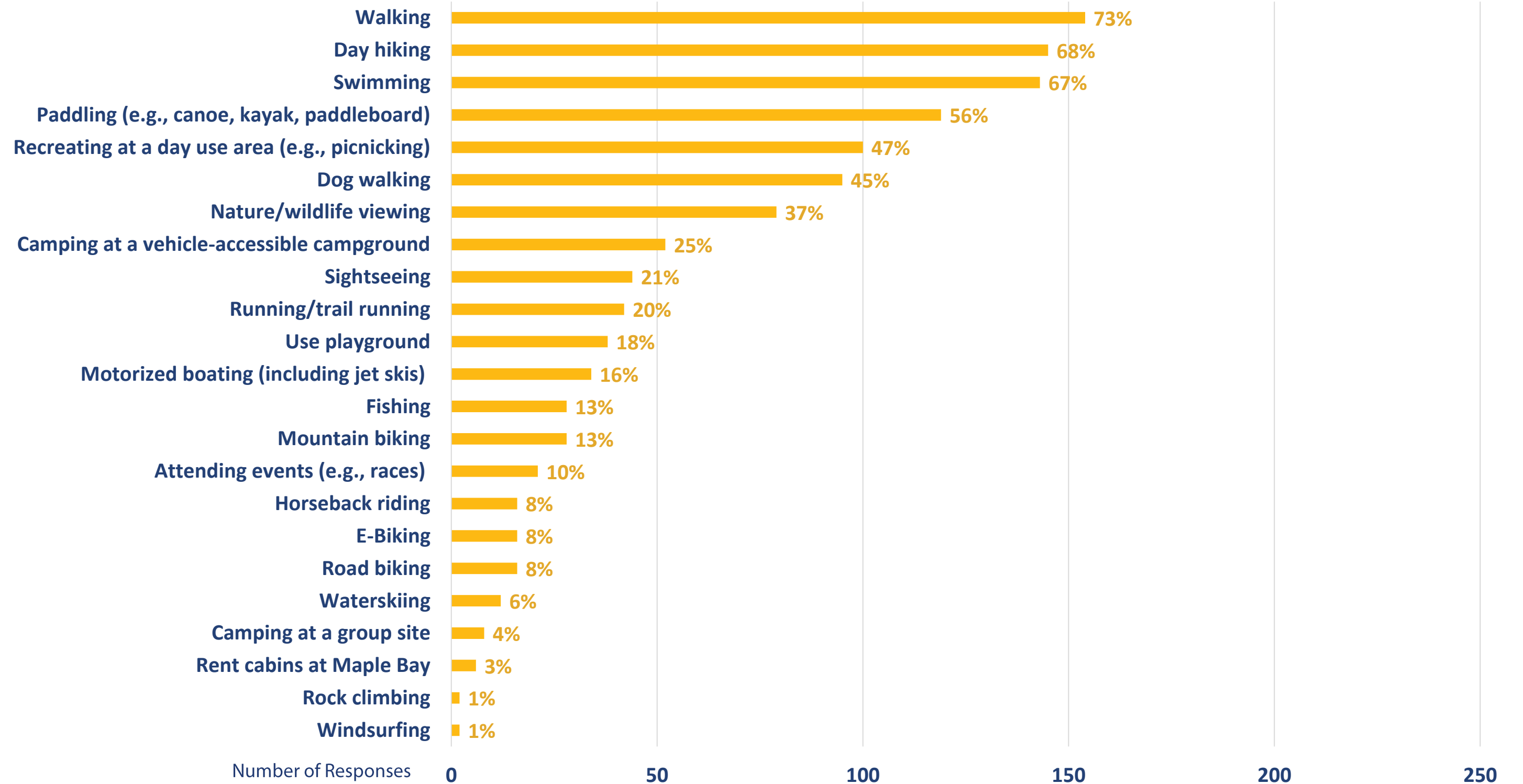
Q: On average, how long is your trip from your home to Cultus Lake Provincial Park (for the travel mode you identified in the previous question)?
N: 204

Parking Location



Q: Which parking lots in Cultus Lake Provincial Park do you use? (Check all that apply)
N: 198

Outdoor Activities



Q: What activities do you participate in when visiting Cultus Lake Provincial Park? (Check all that apply)
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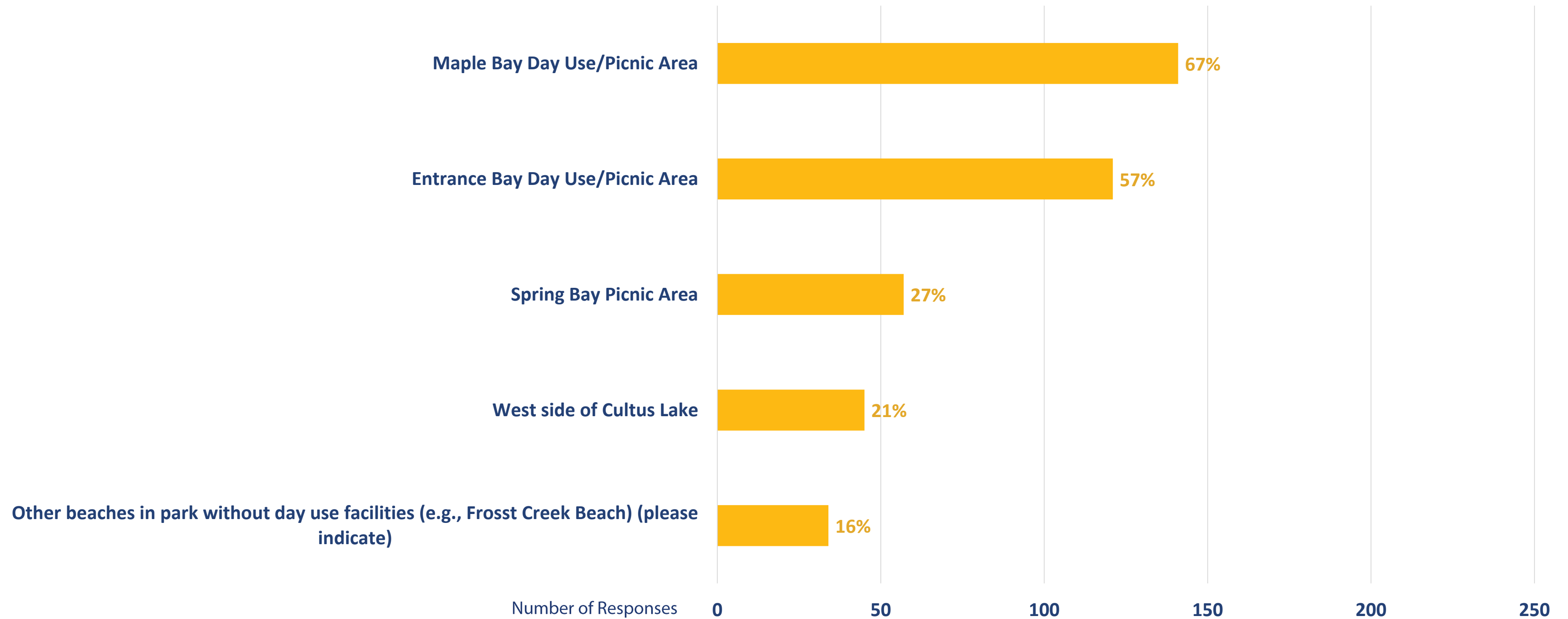
Other Activities

- **Using local property (4)**
- **Sailing (3)**
- **Leisure driving (2)**
- **Educational programming (2)**
- **Using the beach (2)**

Comments mentioned once:

- Community events
- Eating at restaurants
- Geocaching
- Playing basketball
- Shopping
- Wakesurfing
- Watching sunsets

Day Use Areas Used



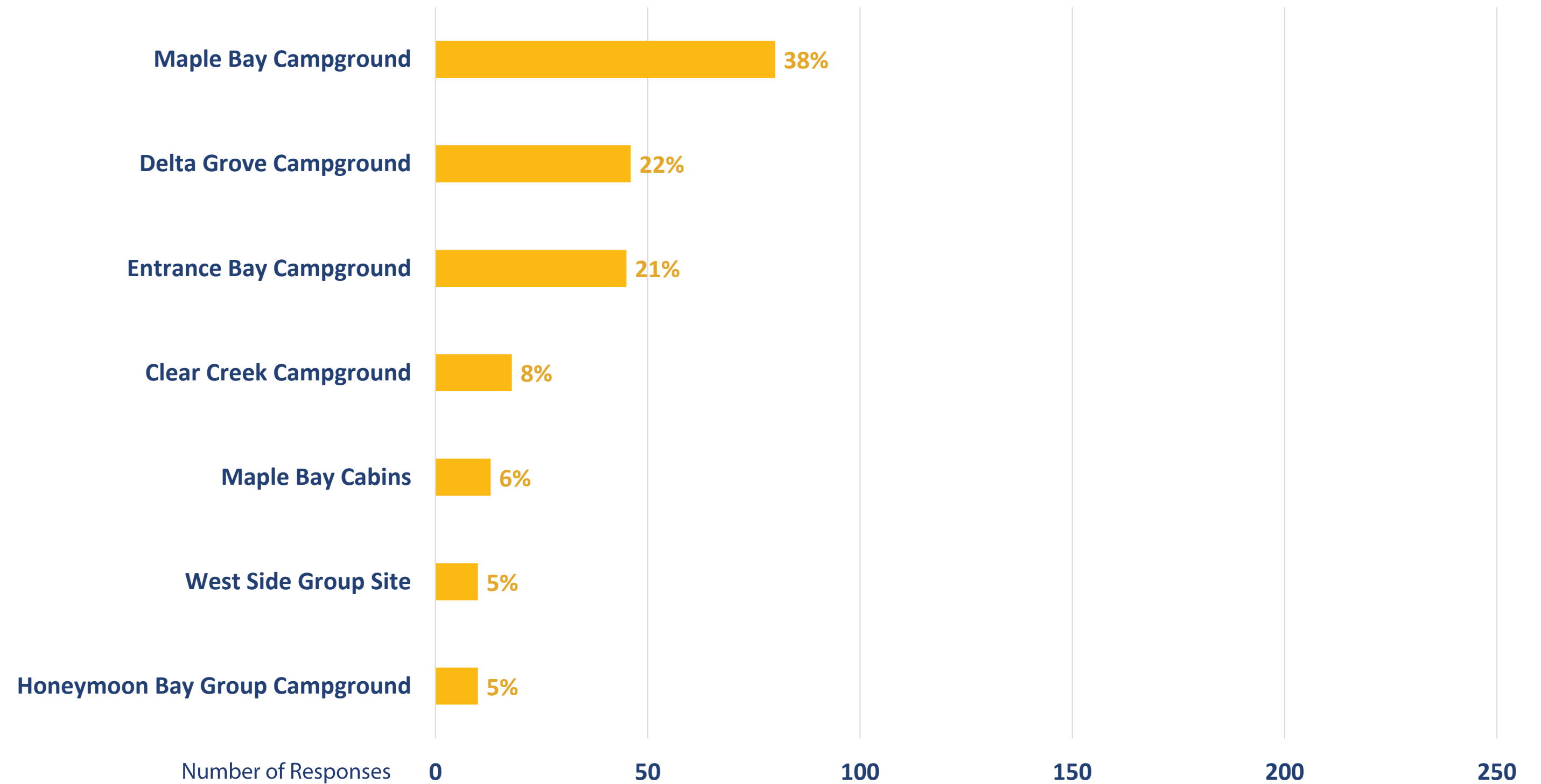
Q: Which day use areas in Cultus Lake Provincial Park do you use? (Check all that apply)

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Other Day Use Areas Used

- **Frost Creek Beach (19)**
- **Jade Bay (3)**
- **Lindell Beach (3)**
- **Watt Creek (3)**
- **Pull out beach areas (1)**
- **Sunnyside (1)**

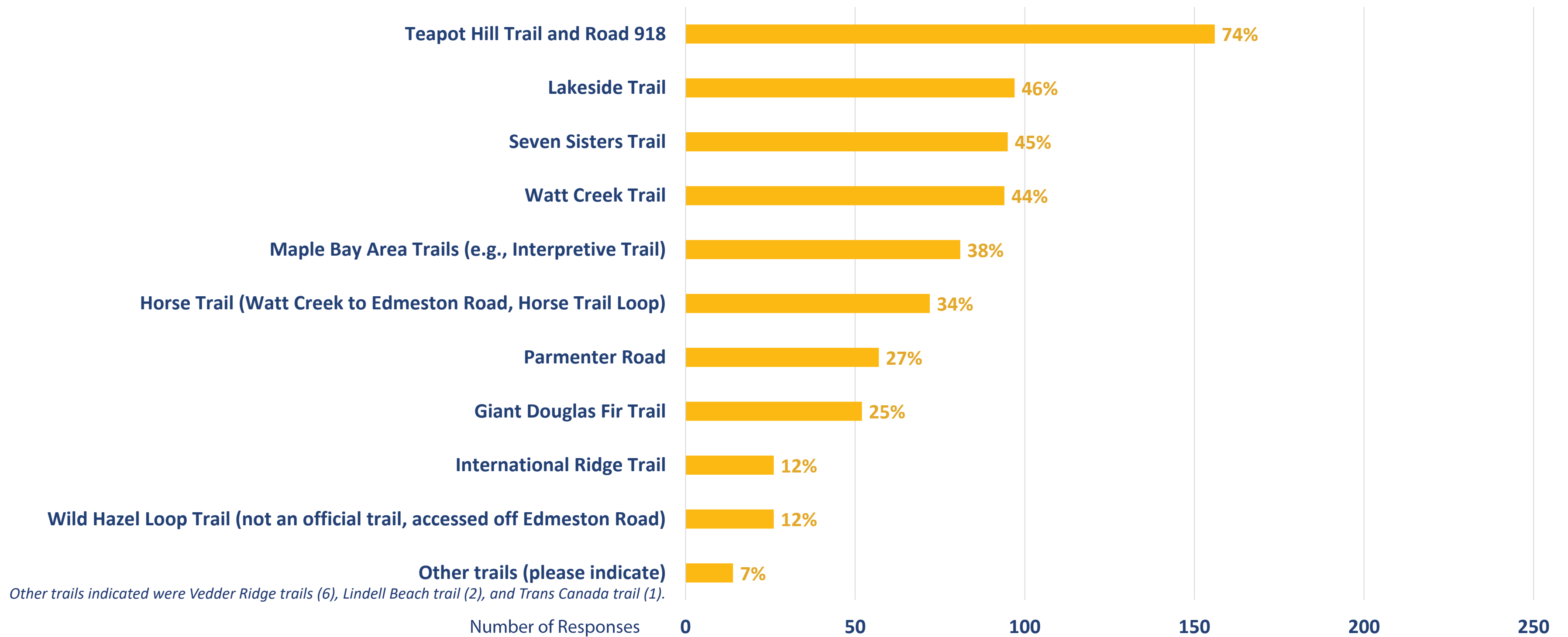
Campgrounds Used



Q: Which campgrounds in Cultus Lake Provincial Park do you use? (Check all that apply)

N: 122

Trails Used

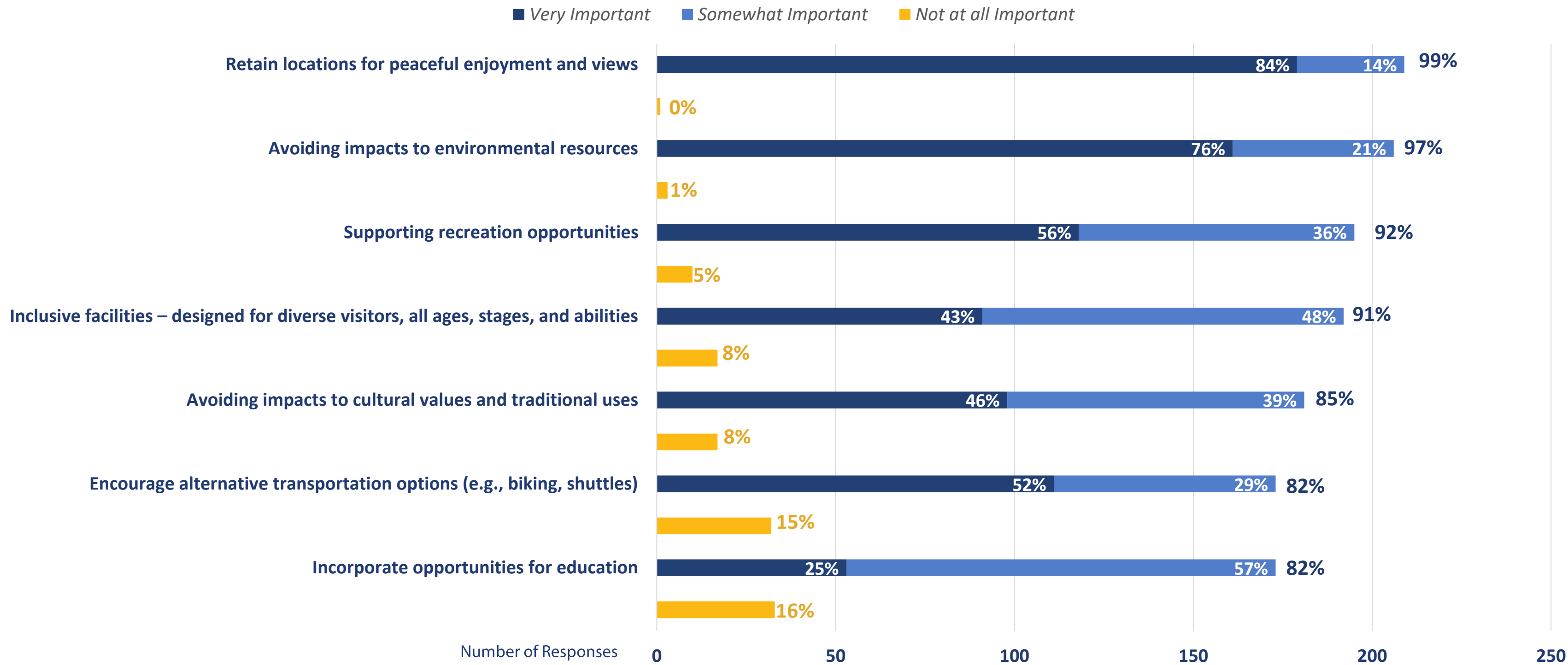


Other trails indicated were Vedder Ridge trails (6), Lindell Beach trail (2), and Trans Canada trail (1).

Q: Which trails in Cultus Lake Provincial Park do you use? (Check all that apply)

N: 202

Values



Q: How important is each of the following values to planning future facilities of Cultus Lake Provincial Park?
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Responses are shown only for those with important values or not, and exclude those who are not sure.

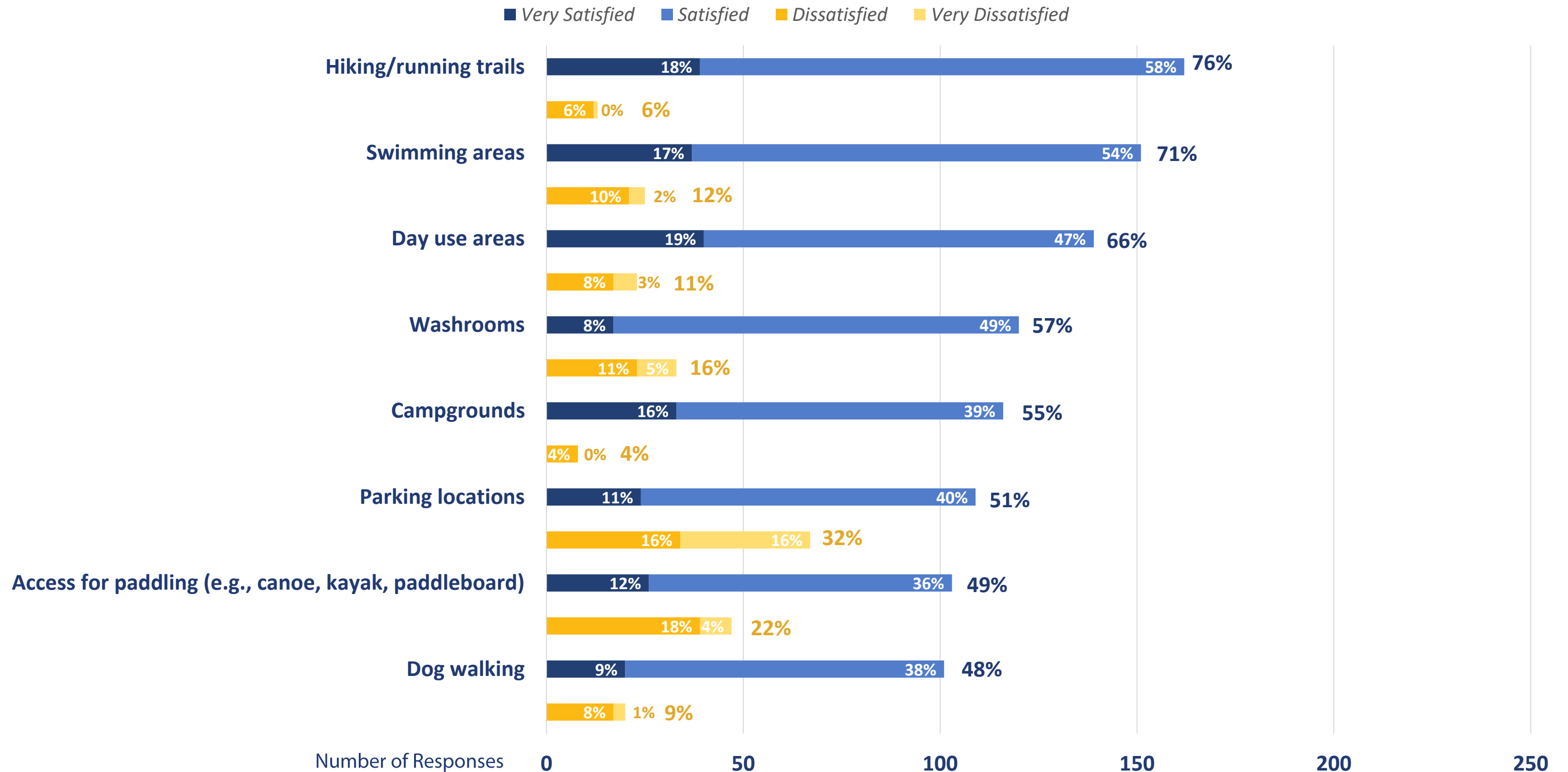
Other Values

- **More road safety and enforcement (33)**
- **Implement day use pass (16)**
- **Protect lake (15)**
- **Protect nature (14)**
- **Limit motorboats on lake (10)**
- **More parking (10)**
- **Reduce traffic congestion (7)**
- **Maintain park cleanliness (6)**
- **Encourage safety education (5)**
- **Reduce crowding (5)**
- **Support local residential use (5)**
- **Maintain equestrian facilities (4)**
- **Expand Columbia Valley Highway (4)**
- **Noise pollution management (4)**
- **Enforcement of park rules (e.g., speeding vehicles and boats, intoxicated park users, campfire bans) (3)**
- **Improve road safety for cyclists (3)**
- **Goose management (3)**
- **Maintain park quietness (3)**
- **Complete Lakeside Trail (2)**
- **Fire management (2)**
- **Implement an evacuation plan (2)**
- **Improve washroom sewage, environmentally safe (2)**
- **More facilities (2)**
- **More trails (2)**
- **More swimming areas with docks (2)**
- **Reduce speeding (2)**
- **Shuttle bus / transit to park (2)**
- **Support Indigenous engagement and values (2)**

Comments mentioned once:

- Add traffic calming features
- Encourage boater safety education
- Encourage park etiquette
- Expand beach area
- Family friendly opportunities
- Horse camping opportunities
- Improve accessibility
- Maintain day use areas
- More dog-friendly opportunities
- More food options
- No pay parking
- Outdoor equipment rentals

Satisfaction with Facilities

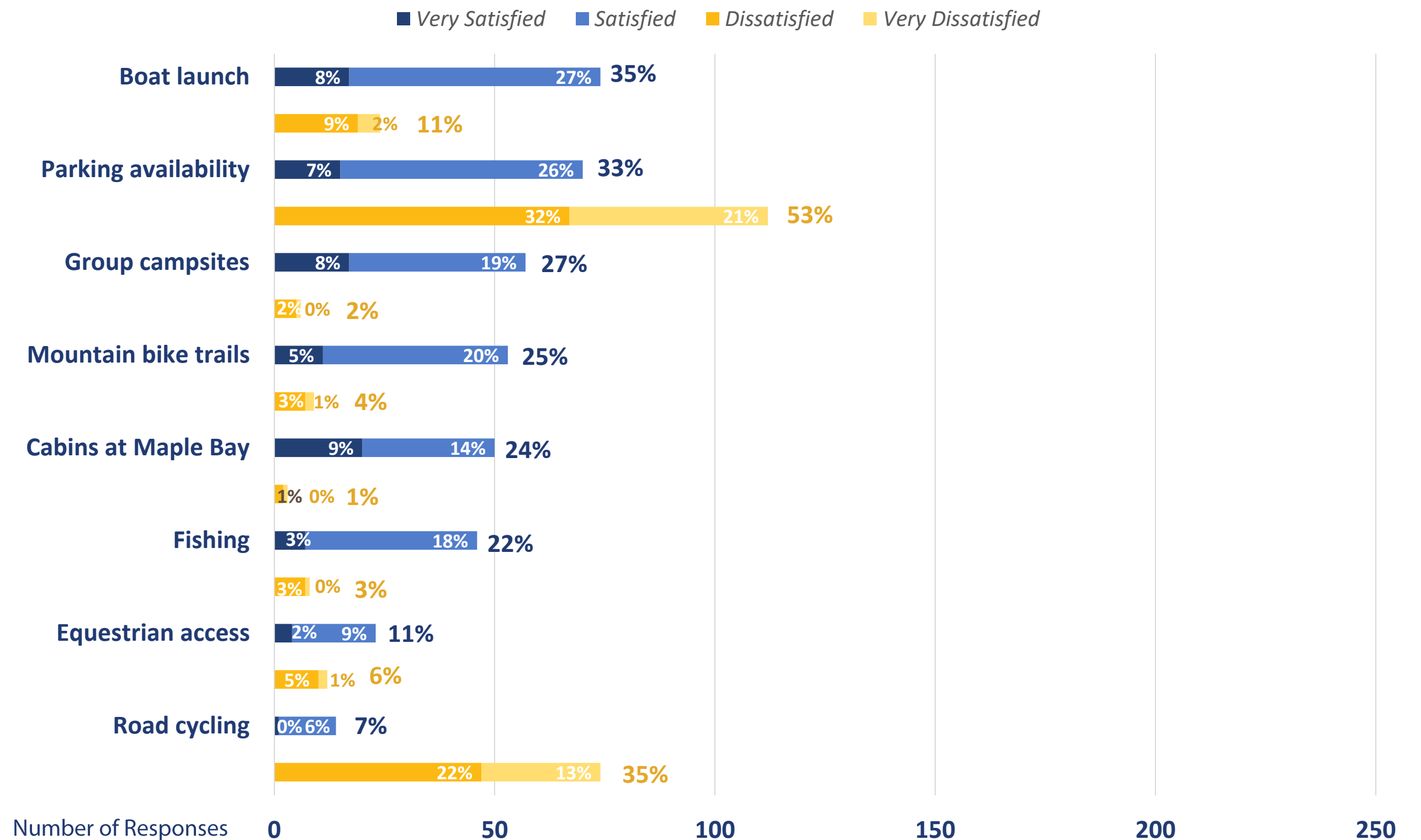


Q: *The list only includes facilities within Cultus Lake Provincial Park, which is different and separate from locations outside the provincial park in Cultus Lake Park, the local community at the north end of Cultus Lake.

N: 211

Responses are shown only for those satisfied or not, and exclude those who do not use certain facilities or services.

Satisfaction with Facilities (continued)



Q: *The list only includes facilities within Cultus Lake Provincial Park, which is different and separate from locations outside the provincial park in Cultus Lake Park, the local community at the north end of Cultus Lake.

N: 211

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Comments on Facility Satisfaction

- **Dissatisfied with parking (38)**
- **More road safety and enforcement needed (26)**
- **Dissatisfied with road safety for cyclists (20)**
- **Implement day use pass (14)**
- **Improve boat launch (9)**
- **Limit motorboats on lake (9)**
- **Facilities need maintenance (9)**
- **Satisfied with day use areas (7)**
- **Goose management (6)**
- **Upgrade facilities (5)**
- **Need shuttle bus / transit to park (5)**
- **More trails needed (5)**
- **More facilities needed (5)**
- **Maintain equestrian facilities (4)**

- **More campsites (4)**
- **Year-round access to park (4)**
- **Enforcement of park rules (e.g., speeding vehicles and boats, intoxicated park users, campfire bans) (4)**
- **Concern with washroom sewage into lake (3)**
- **More / better signage - maps, names, distances, users, interpretation, etiquette (3)**
- **Satisfied with facilities (3)**
- **Reduce traffic congestion (3)**
- **Maintain trails (2)**
- **Expand beach area (2)**
- **Protect lake (2)**
- **Reduce crowding (2)**
- **Encourage safety education (2)**
- **Dog management (2)**
- **More swimming areas with docks (2)**

Comments mentioned once:

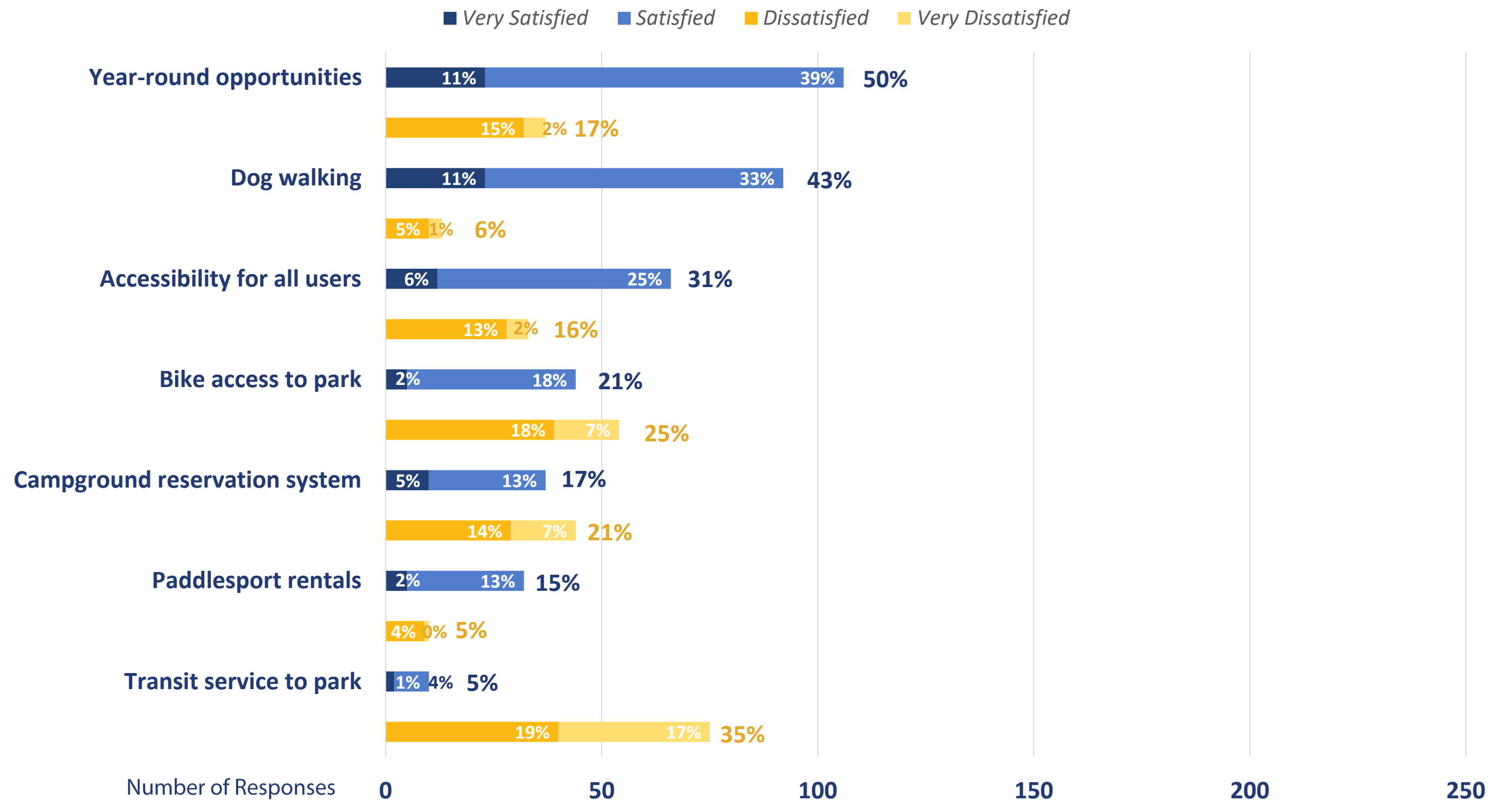
- Improve accessibility
- More cabins
- More facilities
- More playgrounds
- Noise pollution management
- Protect nature
- Reduce speeding
- Satisfied with parking
- Satisfied with swimming areas
- Satisfied with trails

Q: Please explain the reasons for your satisfaction ratings or provide comments on other facilities if you wish. *Other (Please indicate).*

N: 210

Number in brackets represent the number of times a comment was mentioned

Satisfaction with Services



Q: What is your level of satisfaction with the following services and management in Cultus Lake Provincial Park?
N: 209

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Comments on Services Satisfaction

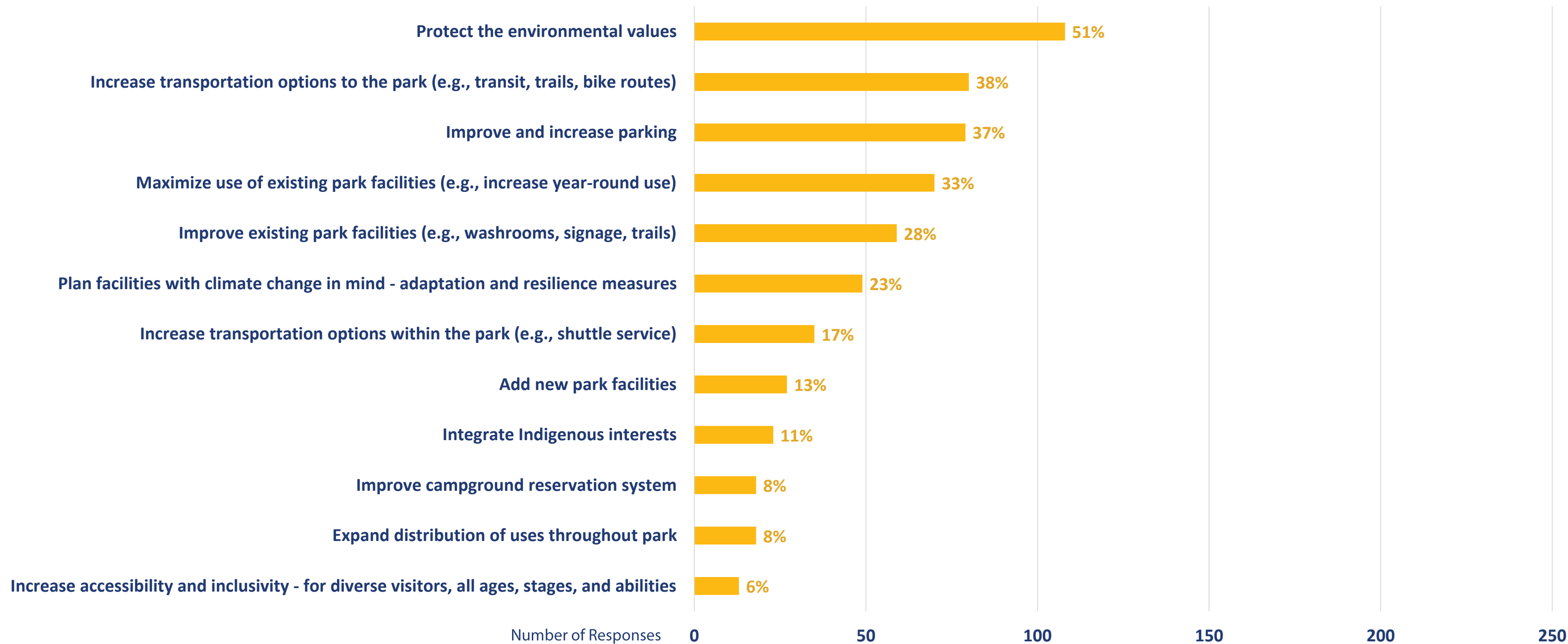
- **Year-round access to park (18)**
- **Need shuttle bus / transit to park (13)**
- **Improve road safety for cyclists (9)**
- **Implement day use pass (8)**
- **Dissatisfied with campground reservation system (7)**
- **Improve accessibility (7)**
- **More road safety and enforcement (6)**

- **Outdoor equipment rentals (3)**
- **More trails (3)**
- **Limit motorboats on lake (2)**
- **More facilities needed (2)**
- **Complete Lakeside Trail (2)**
- **Satisfied with day use areas (2)**
- **Facilities need maintenance (2)**
- **Dissatisfied with parking (2)**

Comments mentioned once:

- Dog management on trails
- Goose management
- Maintain equestrian facilities
- More / better signage – maps, names, distances, users, interpretation, etiquette
- More cabins
- More educational programming
- Protect lake
- Support local residential use

Strategies



Q: Out of the following potential strategies for Cultus Lake Provincial Park, please select your top three priorities.
N: 210

Comments on Strategies

- **Implement day use pass (26)**
- **More road safety and enforcement (22)**
- **Shuttle bus / transit to park (14)**
- **Improve road safety for cyclists (8)**
- **More parking (7)**
- **Limit motorboats on lake (6)**
- **Upgrade facilities (6)**
- **More trails (5)**
- **Protect lake (4)**
- **Protect nature (4)**
- **More / better signage (3)**
- **Maintain park cleanliness (3)**
- **Year-round access to park (3)**
- **Complete Lakeside Trail (3)**
- **Horse camping opportunities (3)**
- **Maintain trails (2)**
- **Reduce crowding (2)**
- **More facilities (2)**
- **Enforcement of park rules (e.g., speeding vehicles and boats, intoxicated park users, campfire bans) (2)**
- **Better collaboration among agencies (2)**

Comments mentioned once:

- Encourage safety education
- Improve accessibility
- Improve boat launch
- Install electric charging stations
- Maintain day use areas
- Maintain equestrian facilities
- More campsites
- Noise pollution management
- Satisfied with facilities
- Support Indigenous engagement and values
- Support local residential use

Q: please select your top three priorities. Please elaborate on the strategies above or suggest additional strategies if you wish. *Other (Please Indicate).*

N: 138

Number in brackets represent the number of times a comment was mentioned

Facility Suggestions

- **More equestrian facilities (e.g., horse camping, corrals, parking) (11)**
- **Complete Lakeside Trail (10)**
- **More parking (10)**
- **More facilities (9)**
- **More trails (9)**
- **Upgrade facilities (7)**
- **Interpretive / cultural centre with program space (5)**
- **More campsites (4)**
- **More food options (4)**
- **Improve boat launch (3)**
- **More / better signage (3)**
- **More swimming areas with docks (2)**
- **More cabins (2)**
- **Maintain park cleanliness (2)**
- **Expand beach area (2)**

Comments mentioned once:

- Maintain facilities
- More playgrounds

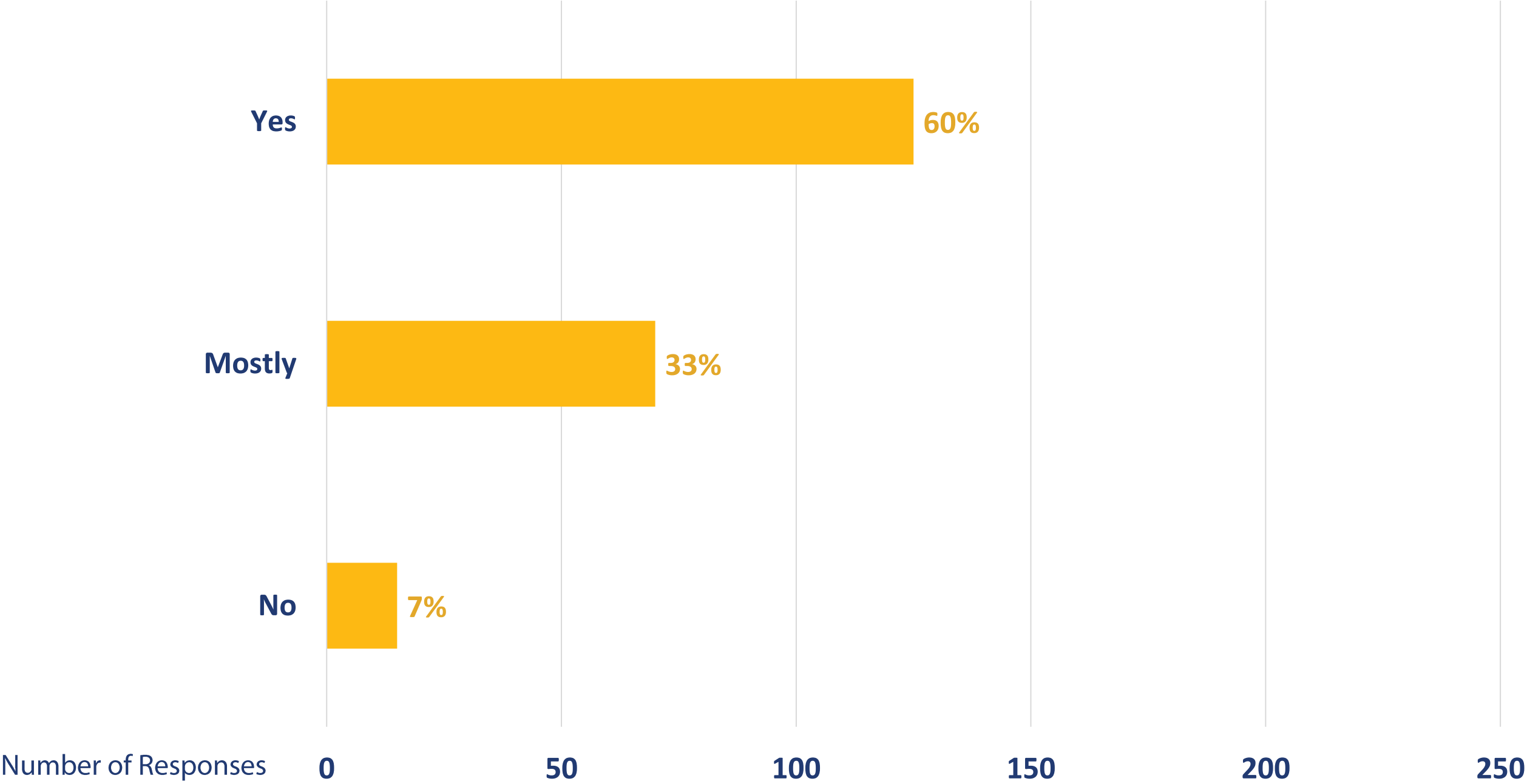
Strategy Suggestions

- **Implement day use pass (17)**
- **More road safety and enforcement (15)**
- **Improve road safety for cyclists (9)**
- **Goose management (6)**
- **Support local residential use (6)**
- **Year-round access to park (3)**
- **Enforcement of park rules (3)**
- **Limit motorboats on lake (3)**
- **Protect nature (3)**
- **Encourage safety education (3)**
- **More dog-friendly opportunities (2)**
- **Outdoor equipment rentals (2)**
- **Noise pollution management (2)**
- **Shuttle bus / transit to park (2)**
- **Protect lake (2)**
- **Better collaboration among agencies (2)**

Comments mentioned once:

- Better cellular coverage
- Family friendly opportunities
- Improve accessibility
- More educational programming
- Support Indigenous engagement and values

Park Safety



Q: Do you feel safe while visiting Cultus Lake Provincial Park?
N: 210

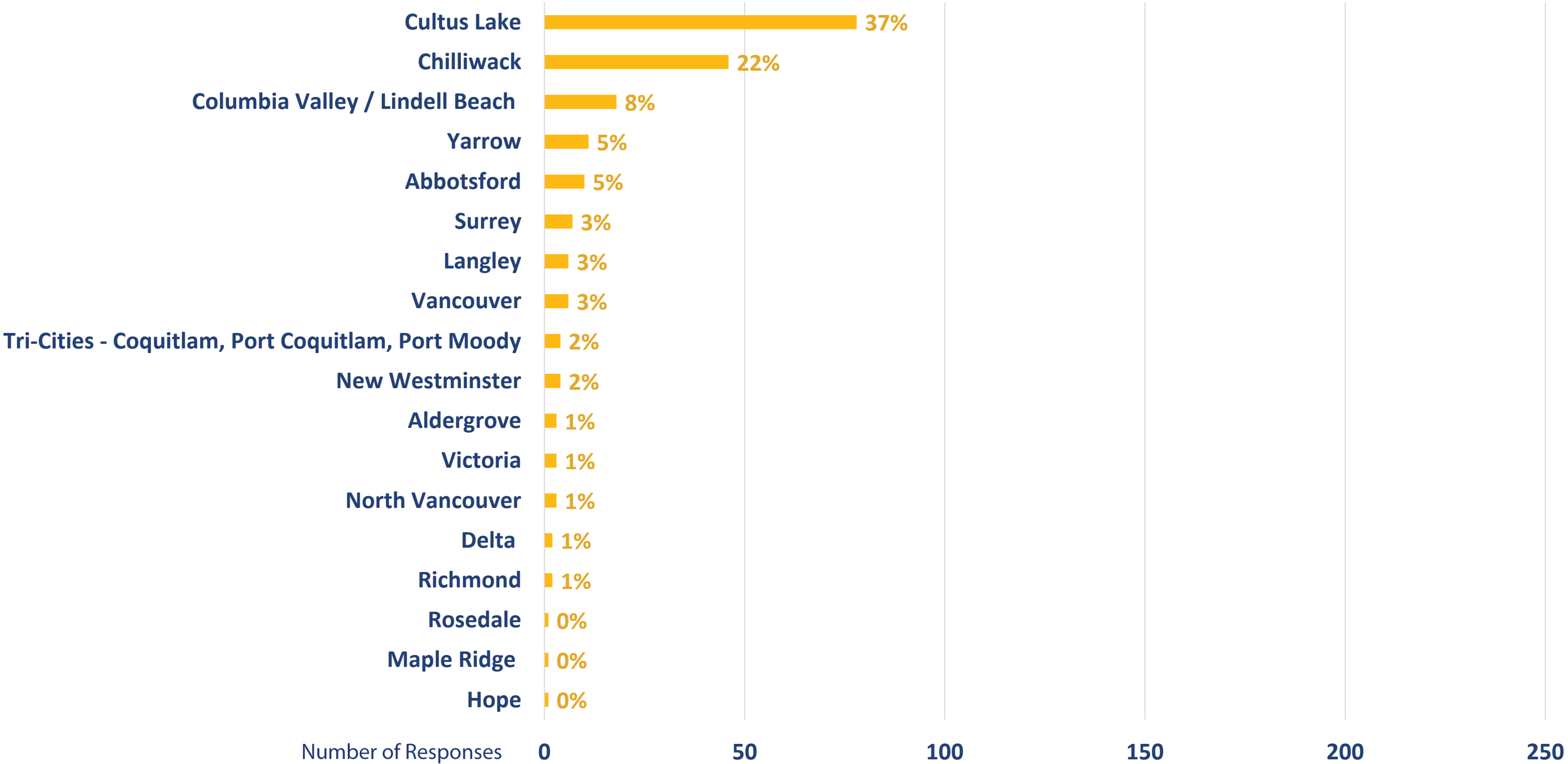
Comments on Park Safety

- **Enforcement of park rules (e.g., speeding vehicles and boats, intoxicated park users, campfire bans) (28)**
- **More road safety and enforcement (28)**
- **Encourage boater safety education (10)**
- **Limit motorboats on lake (7)**
- **Improve road safety for cyclists (6)**
- **Improve road safety for pedestrians (5)**
- **Implement day use pass (4)**
- **Campfire management (3)**
- **Wildlife control (2)**
- **More lighting (2)**
- **Goose management (2)**

Comments mentioned once:

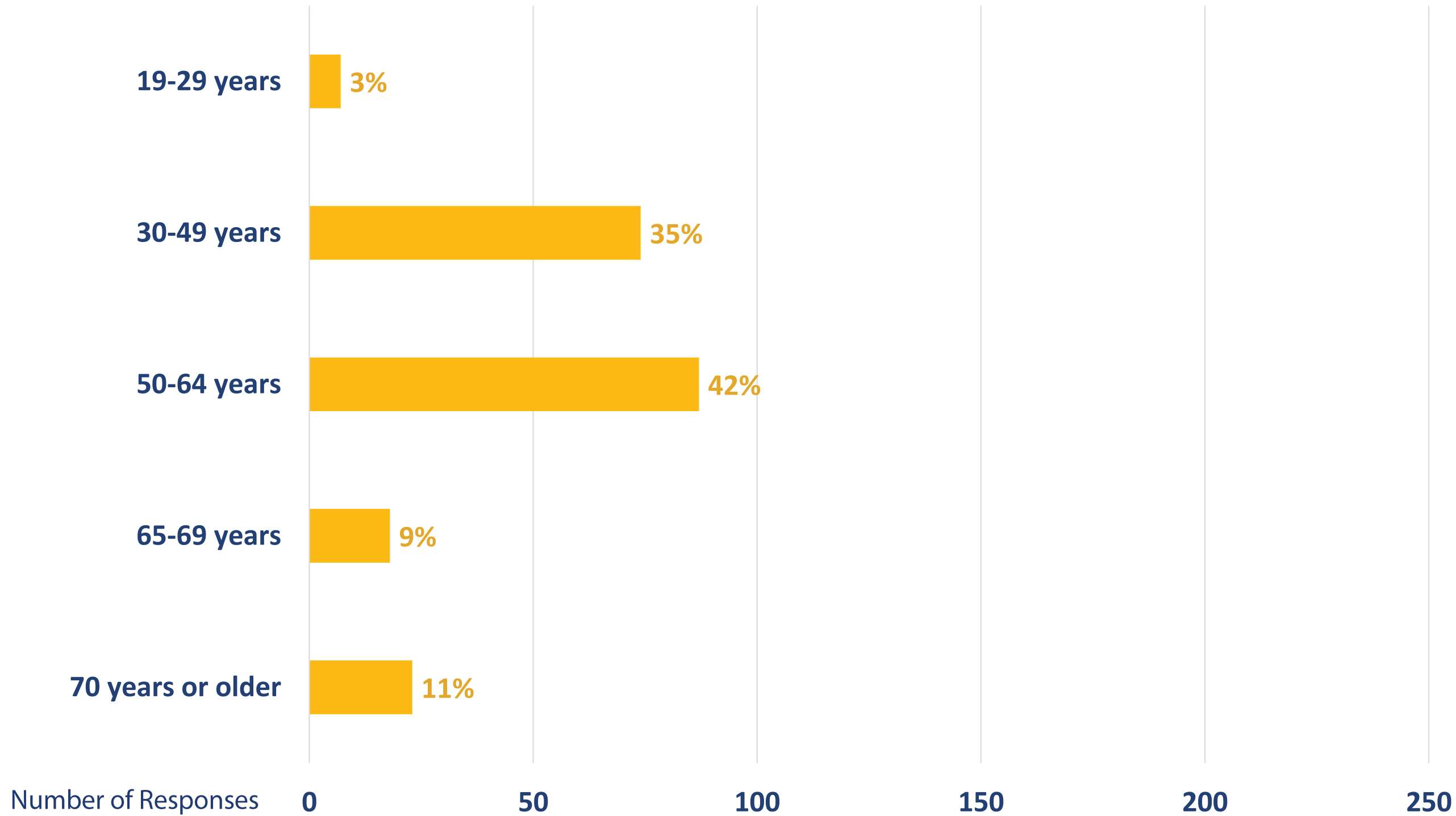
- Better management of off-leash dogs
- Implement an evacuation plan
- Improve boat launch
- Noise pollution management

Location of Residence



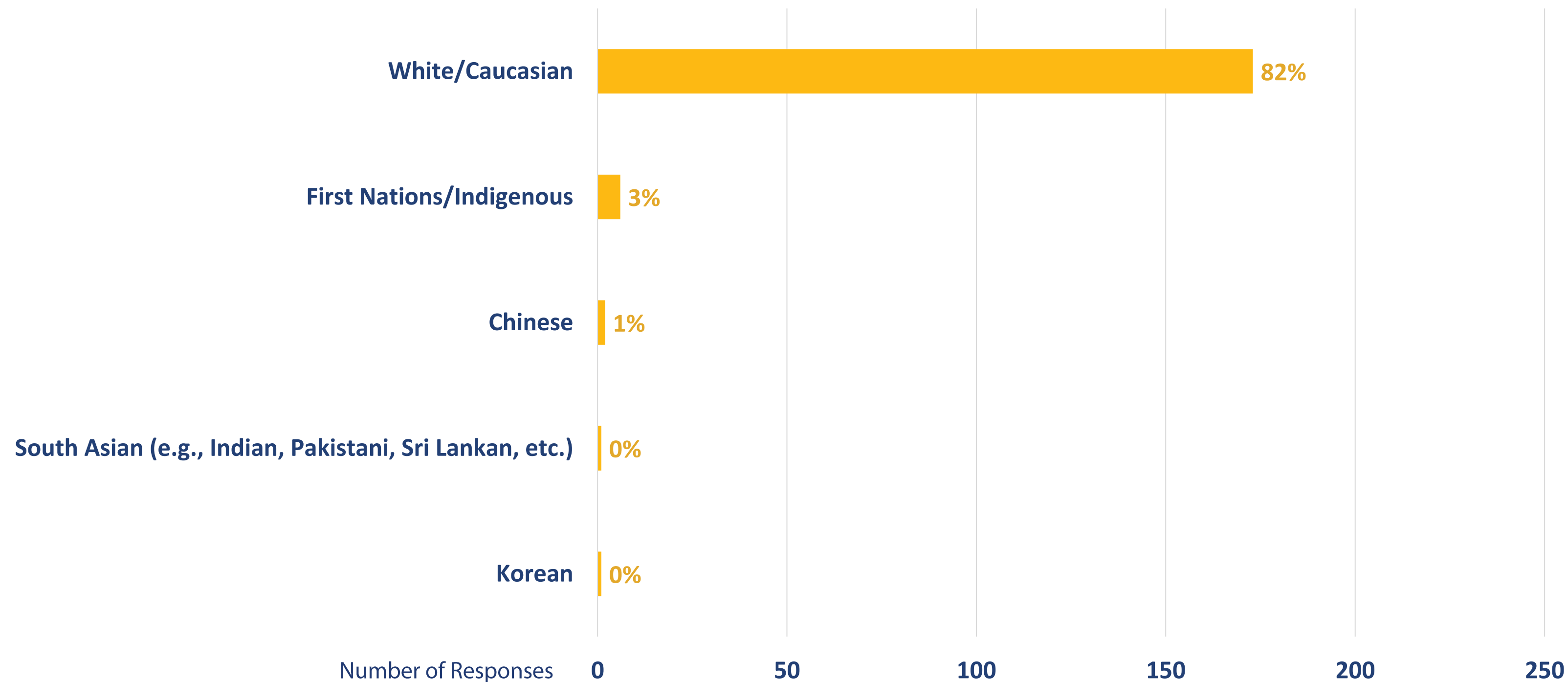
Q: Where do you live?
N: 206

Age



Q: What is your age?
N: 209

Culture



Q: Which of the following best describes you?
N: 183

Interactive Mapping Summary



Interactive Map Comments



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COMMENTS

