

Lower Youghiogheny River Management Survey

November-December 2018

American Whitewater

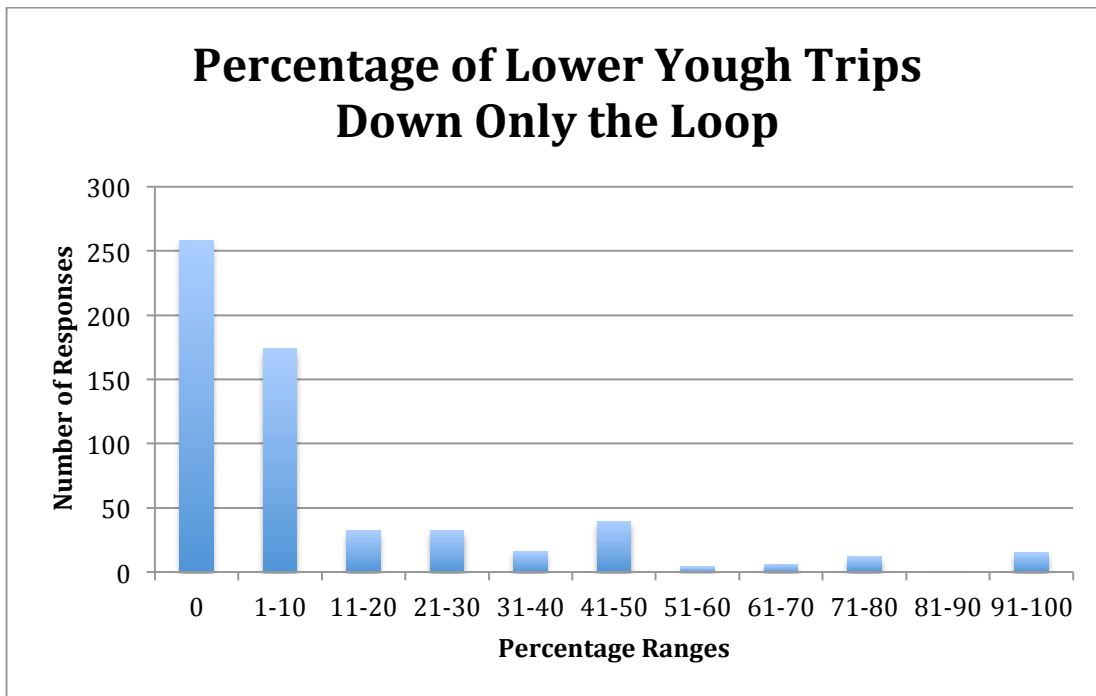
Q3 On how many days have you paddled any portion of the Lower Yough in the past 12 months? Answer with only a whole number.

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Mean response: 12.9 days per year.

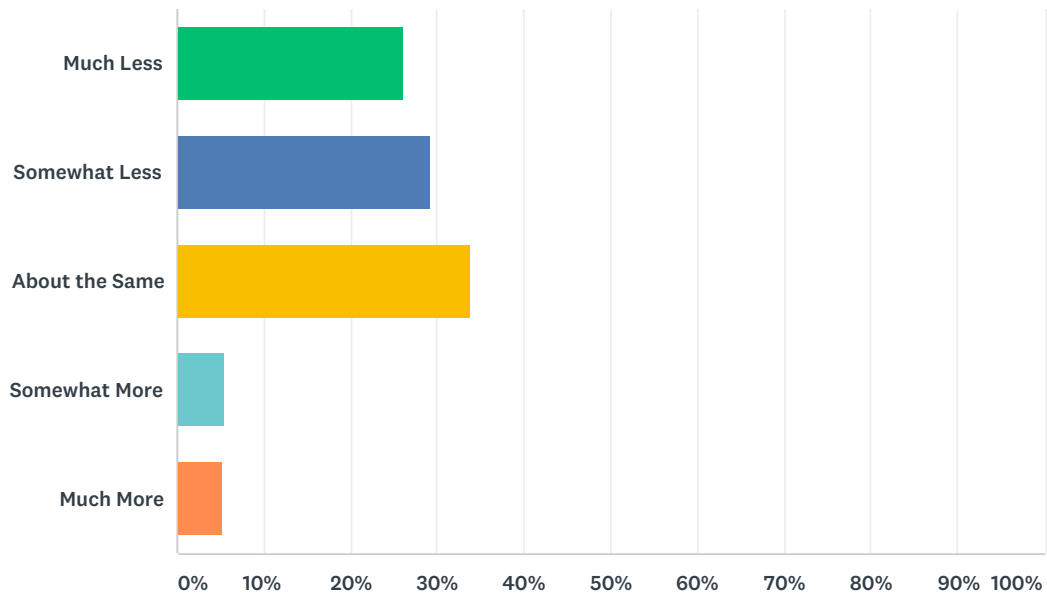
Q4 What percentage of these Lower Yough trips were trips down only the Loop? (answer with only a whole number 0-100).

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Q5 How does this level of use of the Lower Yough relate to your average use over the prior 3-5 years?

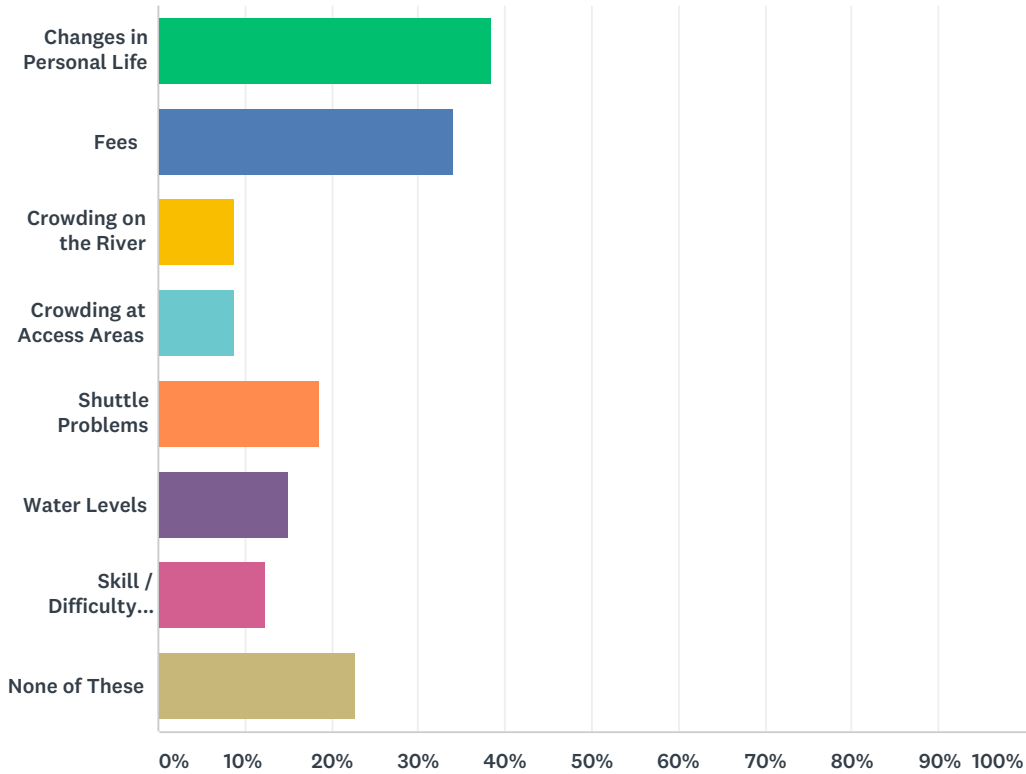
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much Less	26.07%	152
Somewhat Less	29.33%	171
About the Same	33.96%	198
Somewhat More	5.49%	32
Much More	5.15%	30
TOTAL		583

Q6 Based on your answer to the previous question, please select the descriptions that most closely matches the cause of your change in use. Check all that apply.

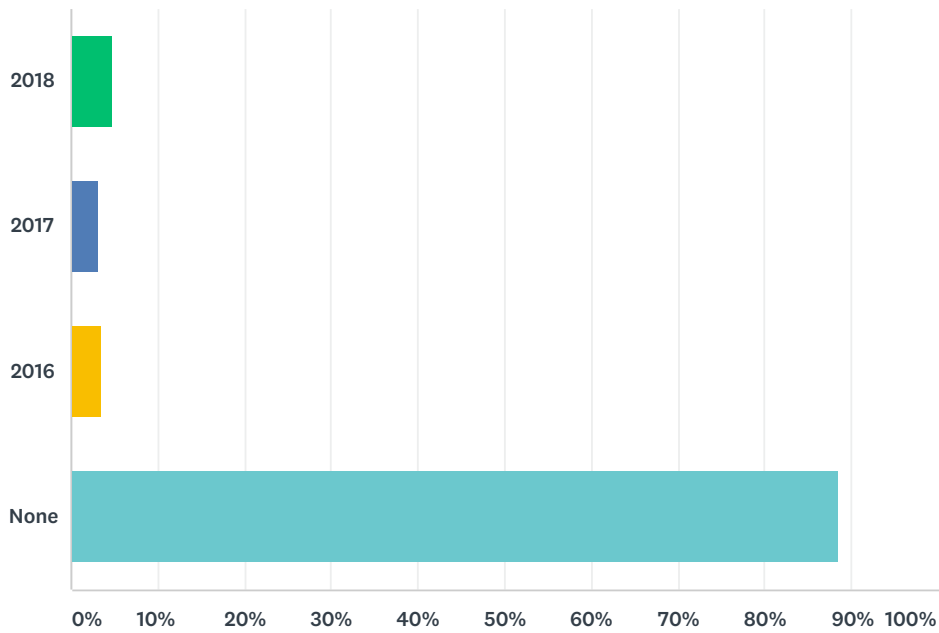
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Changes in Personal Life	38.46%	225
Fees	34.02%	199
Crowding on the River	8.72%	51
Crowding at Access Areas	8.89%	52
Shuttle Problems	18.63%	109
Water Levels	15.04%	88
Skill / Difficulty Level	12.31%	72
None of These	22.91%	134
Total Respondents: 585		

Q7 During which years have you purchased an annual pass for paddling the Lower Yough?

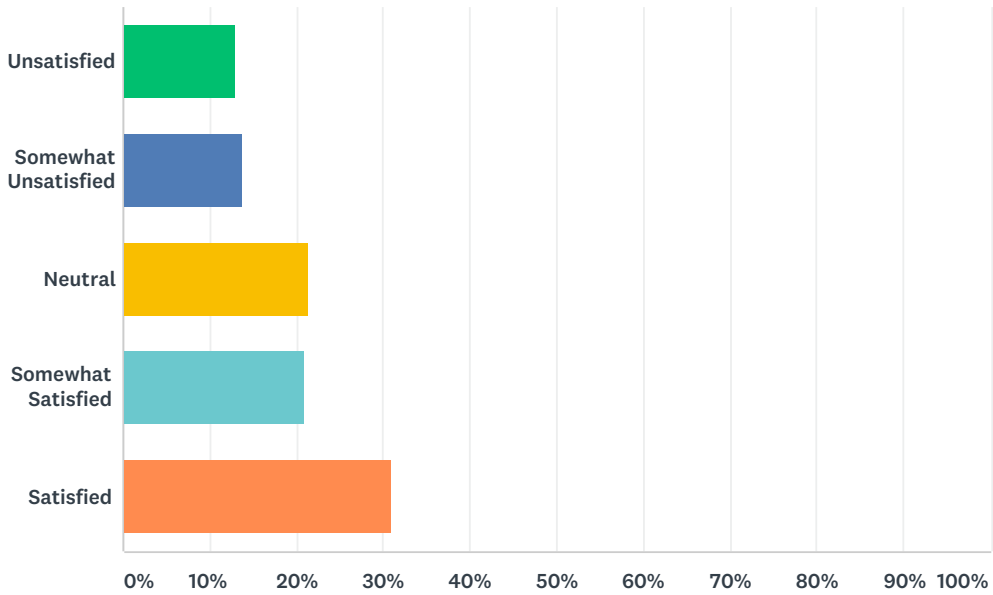
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2018	4.78%	28
2017	3.07%	18
2016	3.58%	21
None	88.57%	519
TOTAL		586

Q8 Please rate your satisfaction with the shuttle service on the Lower Yough.

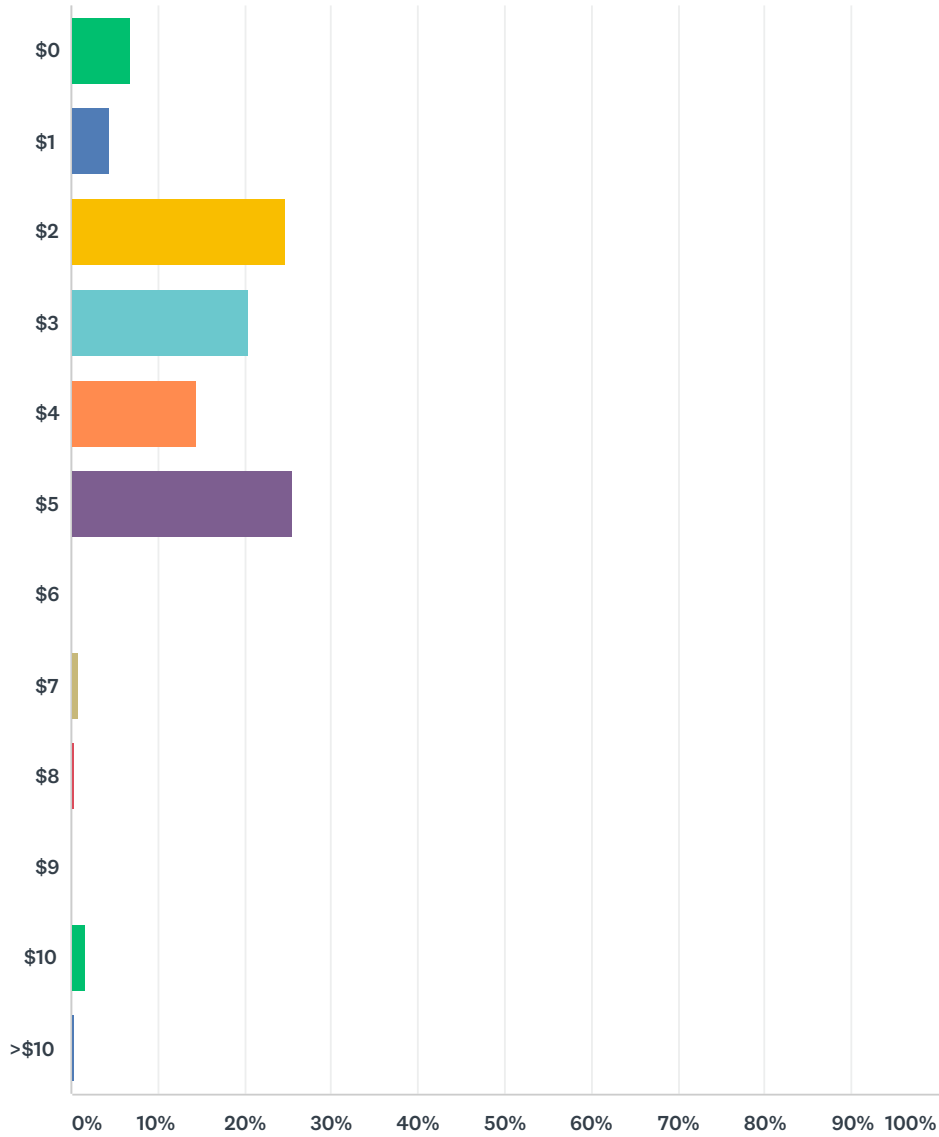
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Unsatisfied	12.88%	76
Somewhat Unsatisfied	13.90%	82
Neutral	21.36%	126
Somewhat Satisfied	20.85%	123
Satisfied	31.02%	183
TOTAL		590

Q9 What do you think a reasonable fee is for the shuttle service?

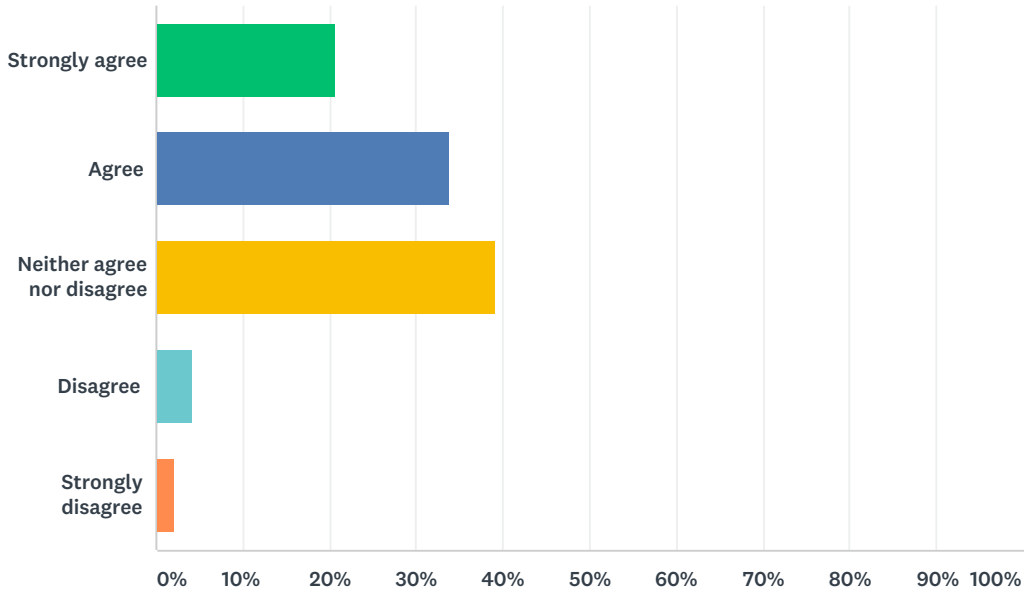
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$0	6.97%	41
\$1	4.42%	26
\$2	24.66%	145
\$3	20.41%	120
\$4	14.46%	85
\$5	25.51%	150
\$6	0.17%	1
\$7	0.85%	5

Q10 Do you agree that there are likely cost-effective solutions that would improve the efficiency, safety and user experience of the shuttles and/or takeout access? If so, what changes do you think would help?

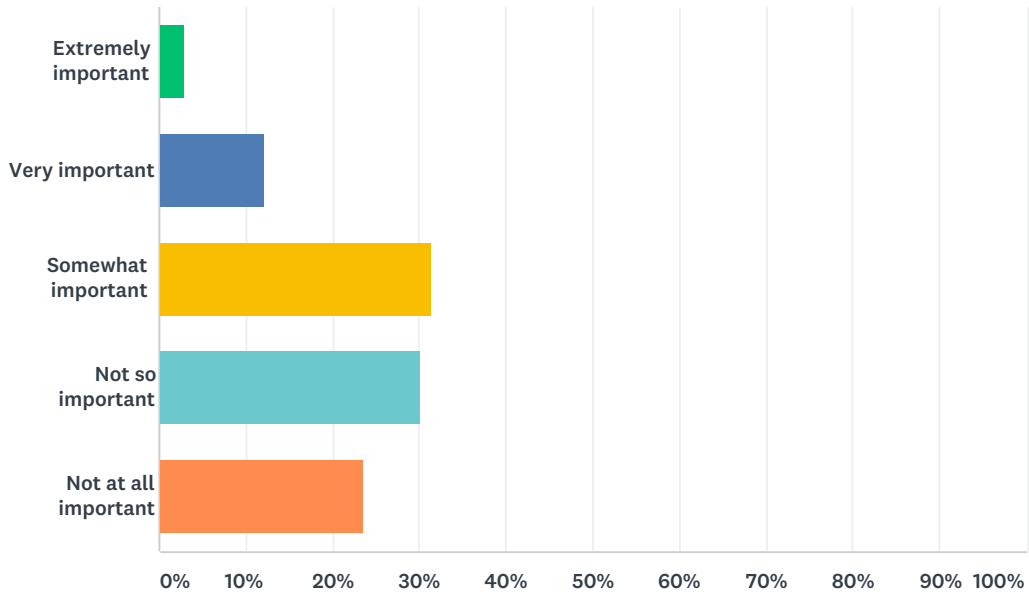
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	20.75%	121
Agree	33.79%	197
Neither agree nor disagree	39.11%	228
Disagree	4.29%	25
Strongly disagree	2.06%	12
TOTAL		583

Q11 Do you feel that the quota and reservation system on the Lower Yough is important?

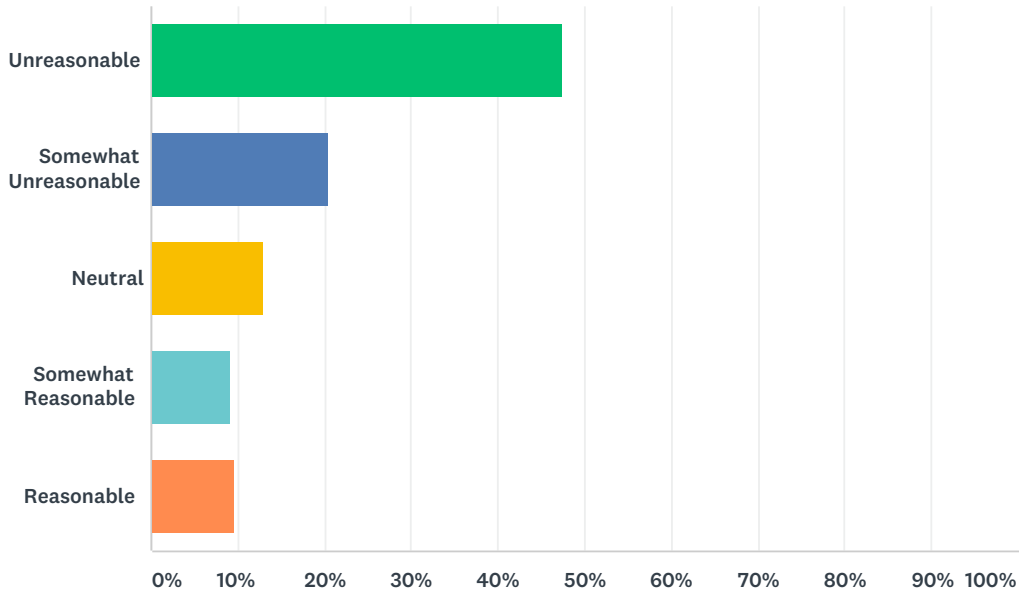
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	2.89%	17
Very important	12.07%	71
Somewhat important	31.29%	184
Not so important	30.10%	177
Not at all important	23.64%	139
TOTAL		588

Q12 Ohiopyle State Park charge a transaction fee (\$6 per group, increasing to \$7 in 2019) and reservation fee (\$2 per person) on certain days. Please rate how reasonable you think the transaction and reservation fees are for paddling the Lower Yough?

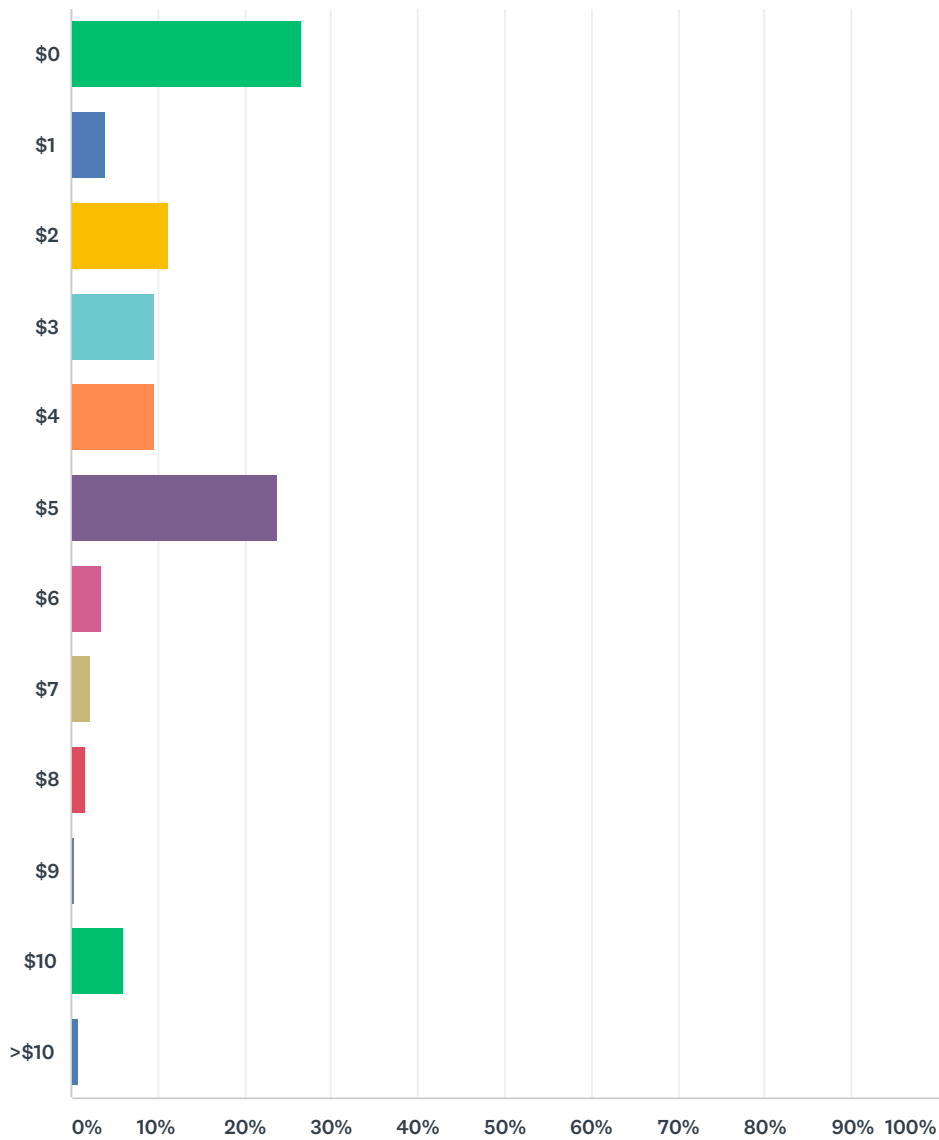
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Unreasonable	47.55%	282
Somewhat Unreasonable	20.57%	122
Neutral	12.98%	77
Somewhat Reasonable	9.27%	55
Reasonable	9.61%	57
TOTAL		593

Q13 What do you think a reasonable combined transaction and reservation fee is?

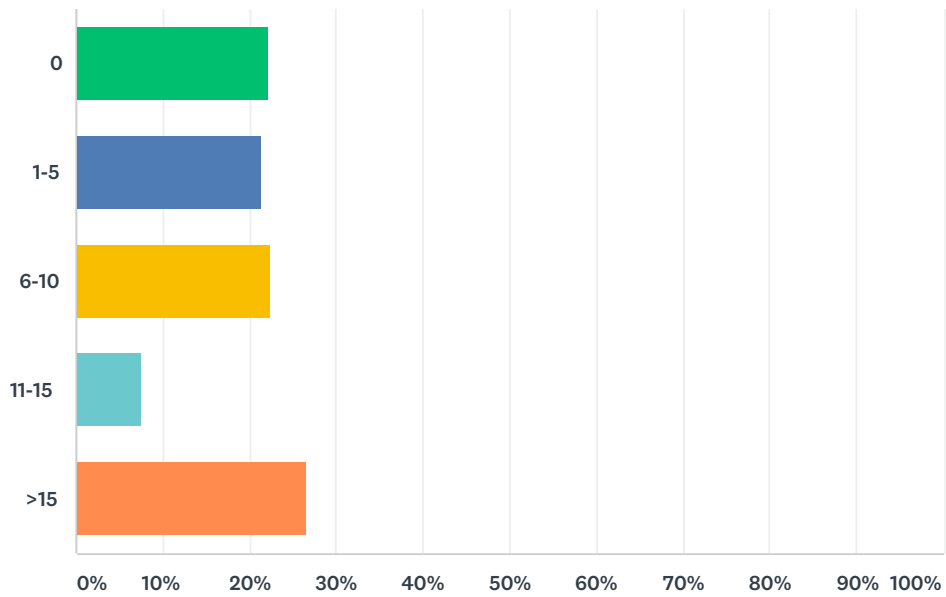
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
\$0	26.62%	156
\$1	3.92%	23
\$2	11.26%	66
\$3	9.56%	56
\$4	9.73%	57
\$5	23.89%	140
\$6	3.58%	21

Q14 If there were no reservation or launch fees, how many more days would paddle the Lower Yough each year?

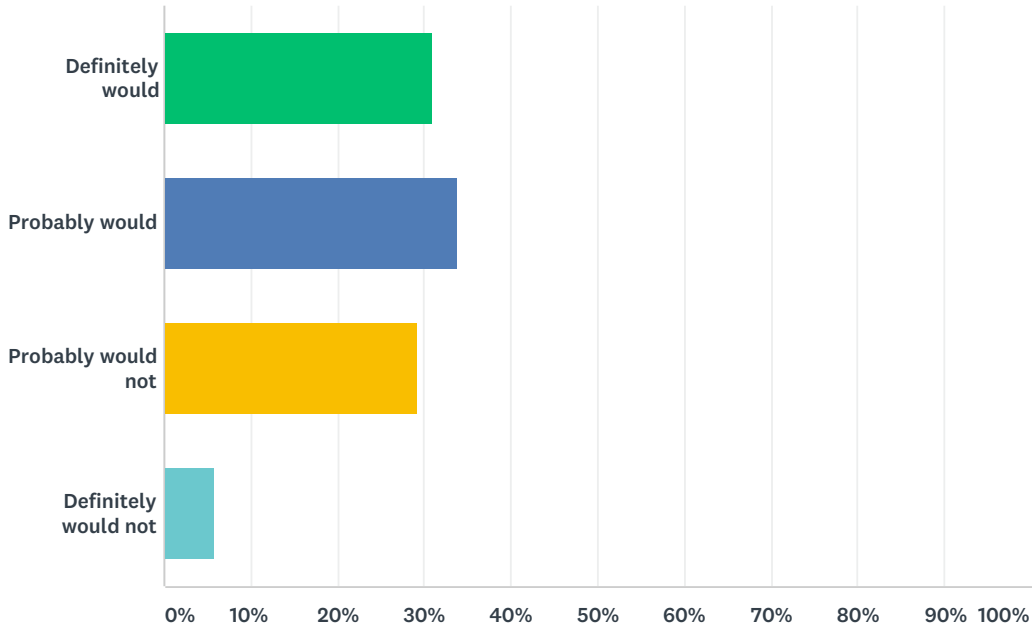
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	22.07%	130
1-5	21.39%	126
6-10	22.41%	132
11-15	7.47%	44
>15	26.66%	157
TOTAL		589

Q15 Would you be more likely to paddle the Lower Yough during peak times on summer weekends (when fees are currently charged) if fees were no longer charged?

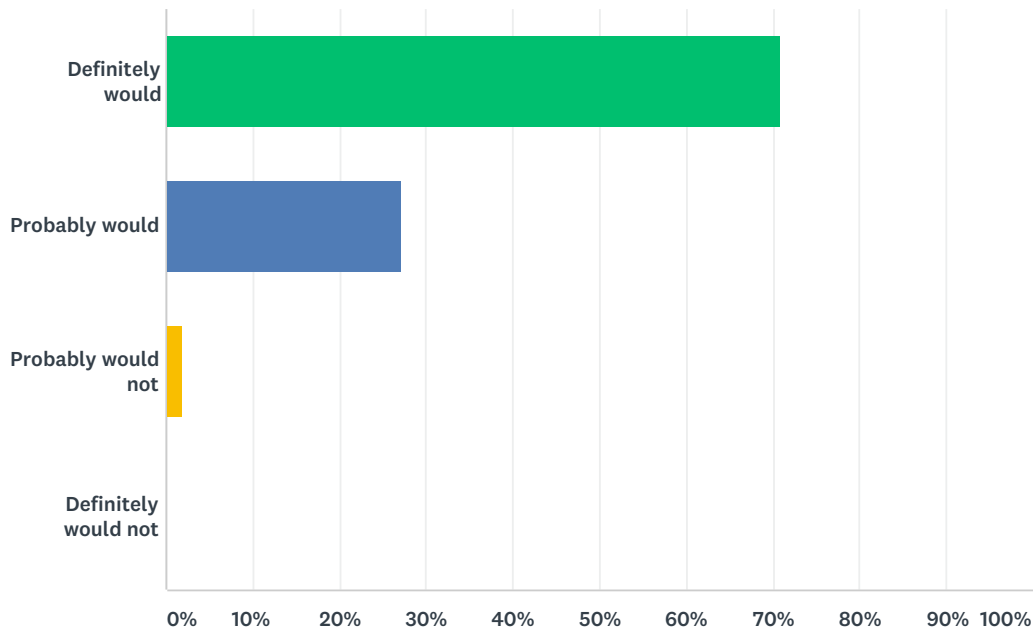
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Definitely would	30.86%	183
Probably would	33.90%	201
Probably would not	29.34%	174
Definitely would not	5.90%	35
TOTAL		593

Q16 Do you feel like Ohiopyle State Park would benefit from more paddler input into access and management decisions?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Definitely would	70.88%	421
Probably would	27.27%	162
Probably would not	1.85%	11
Definitely would not	0.00%	0
TOTAL		594