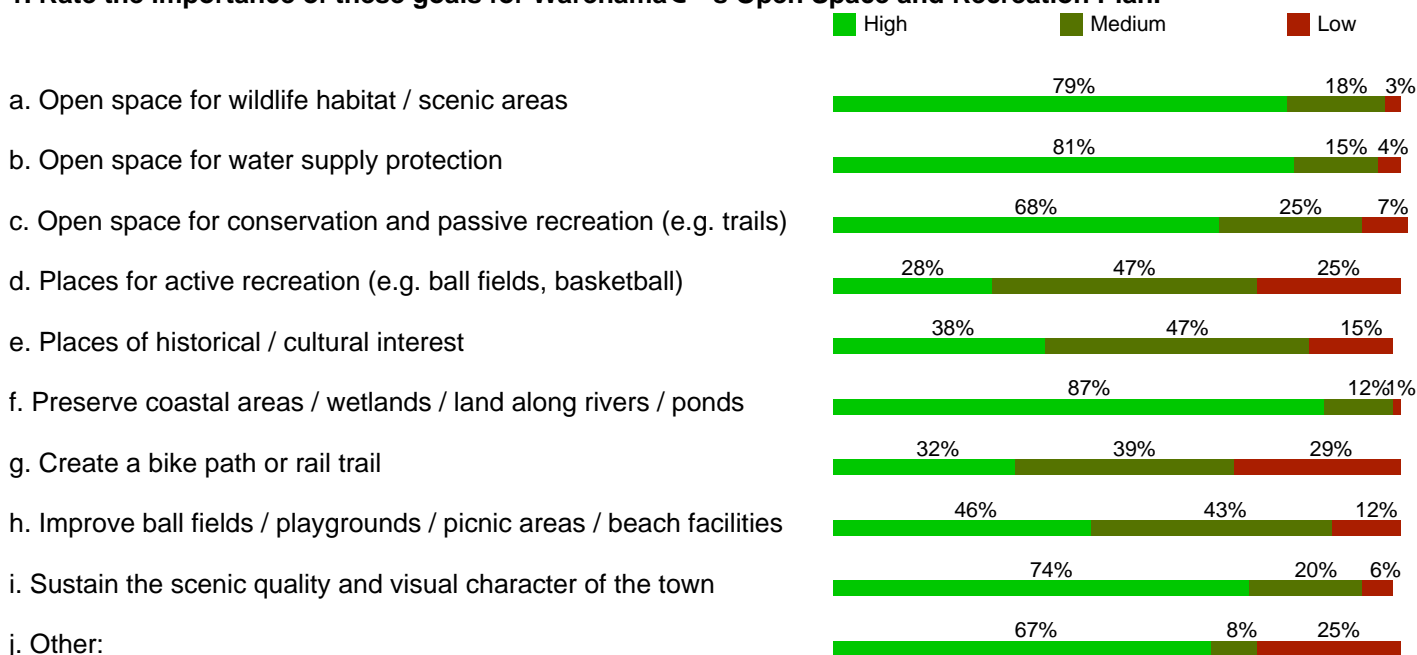


# Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey

Responses: 71

## 1. Rate the importance of these goals for Wareham's Open Space and Recreation Plan.



## 2. If Other (please specify)

Answered: 10 Skipped: 61

Dog Park

all projects new and updated should be inclusive.

See new self evaluation and transitional plan for the Town of Wareham.

More accessible areas for children. Accessible recreation opportunities and more accessible beach and water access.

A dog park! The closest dog parks to Wareham are either Fairhaven or Falmouth. One in town would be a great in-between.

Access to the water through additional boat ramps/kayak launches, ease regulations to increase access opportunities for private property owners and neighborhood associations

Don't take more valuable property off the tax rolls!

Maintain what we already own

Protect our waterways especially dredging Onset Bay, Sunset Cove before we lose the use of the water that attracts so many to Onset/Wareham

Would really like to see a nice dog park.

Make parks and beaches accessible (handicap access). Historic/cultural museum and info center

Soccer fields

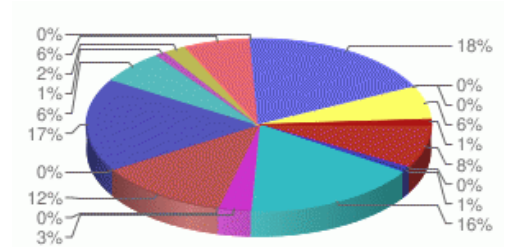
water runoff into BUTTERMILK BAY

## 3. Which recreation options are MOST important to you and your family?

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Answered: 71 Skipped: 0

- Multi-use Bike Path / Rail Trail (16)
- Indoor Recreation Facilities (1)
- Athletic Fields/Running Tracks (2)
- Protected Conservation Areas (33)
- Public Boat Access/Ramps (7)
- Tennis Courts (1)
- Walking Trails (24)
- BMX Parks (0)
- Wildlife Habitat (35)
- Playgrounds (12)
- Swimming Pools (3)
- Picnic Areas (4)
- Neighborhood Parks (13)
- Golf Courses (0)
- Beaches (36)
- Basketball Courts (0)
- Skateboard Parks (1)
- Scenic Areas (12)
- Other (3)



#### 4. If Other (please specify)

Answered: 8 Skipped: 63

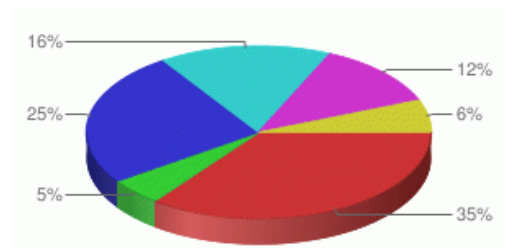
Indoor rec facilities, conservation areas, walking trails, wildlife habitat, playgrounds, picnic areas  
 dog park  
 Dog parks  
 Kayak access  
 local inlets and waterways are silting up and becoming unusable to recreational watercraft.  
 outdoor fitness park,  
 Dog park.  
 Dog Park

#### 5. Which beaches do you or your family use?

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Answered: 61 Skipped: 10

- Little Harbor Beach (Little Harbor Road) (44)
- North Water Street Beach (North Water Street) (6)
- Onset Beach (Onset Avenue) (31)
- Shell Point (South Avenue) (20)
- Swifts Beach and Swifts Neck (Shore Road, Circle Drive) (15)
- Point Independence Beach (Point Independence Road) (8)

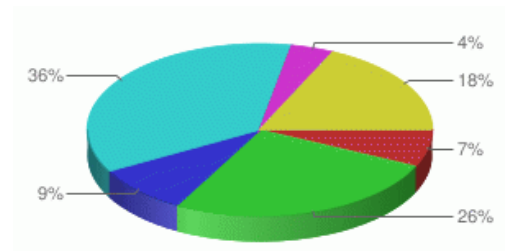


#### 6. What reasons discourage you from using a Beach?

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Answered: 59 Skipped: 12

- Cost of Sticker (7)
- Inadequate Parking (25)
- Unsafe Area (9)
- Pollution / Trash (35)
- Unknown Location (4)
- Other (18)



### 7. If Other (please specify)

Answered: 20 Skipped: 51

lack of town support for facilities, lifeguards(safety)...

Not accessible. ADA mats and wheelchair beach chairs need to be at all public access areas.

No handicapped parking

Poor quality of beach

Have other beach

There should be a dog friendly area at every beach. And also real bathrooms.

Don't have time and it is not a recreation mode I prefer if I did.

Proximity to private/association beach

We have access to a private beach area on our street.

parking cost.

Not discouraged, just enjoy what we have, so don't venture further.

None of the above, I'm within walking distance so the only that really deters me is weather.

We also use riverside beach which is not always as maintained as the main beach. Since we live outside the sticker zone but in onset it's limited where we can park without paying

Lack of bathroom facilities. Dirty beach areas.

So many beaches, so little time...

Not beach-goer.

Live on Sippican River

Add North Blvd Beach

Live on beach

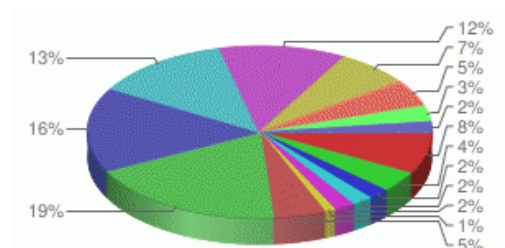
STREET RUNOFF

### 8. What type of recreational activities do you or your family enjoy?

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Answered: 71 Skipped: 0

- Picnicing (27)
- Tennis (12)
- Soccer (5)
- Football (5)
- Baseball / Softball (6)
- Basketball (4)
- Going to a Playground (17)
- Walking in the Woods (62)
- Going to the Beach (54)
- Wildlife Viewing / Bird Watching (43)
- Canoeing / Kayaking (39)
- Boating (24)
- Camping (16)
- Running (10)
- Other: (5)



9. If Other (please specify)

Answered: 8 Skipped: 63

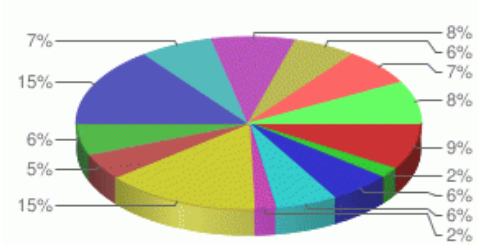
biking  
Community gardening  
Taking our dogs to dog-friendly parks and trails.  
Bicycling  
Biking  
why didn't Swifts get the new playground equipment. Sandy Slavin came to the playground and passed out papers with the new equipment. Never happened. Now two other playgrounds on town got money for their playground.  
Biking  
visiting historic places

10. Which fishing and boat launch areas do you or your family use?

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Answered: 56 Skipped: 15

- Besse Park - no launch area (Main St.) (11)
- Carver Road Courts - no power boats (Carver Rd.) (2)
- Ellis Playground - no power boats (North Blvd.) (7)
- Lyman Reserve - no launch area (Red Brook Rd.) (8)
- Oakdale Playground - no power boats (Apple St.) (2)
- Onset (East Blvd.) (19)
- Route 195 Rest Area (6)
- Swifts Neck Beach (Shore Ave.) (8)
- Tempest Knob Terrace (Oak St.) (19)
- Tremont Nail Complex - no power boats (Elm St.) (9)
- Wareham River Fishing Piers - no launch area (Narrows) (10)
- Whitlock's Landing - no power boats (Glen Charlie Rd.) (7)
- Agawam Mill Pond (Cranberry Highway) (9)
- Other: (10)



11. If Other (please specify)

Answered: 13 Skipped: 58

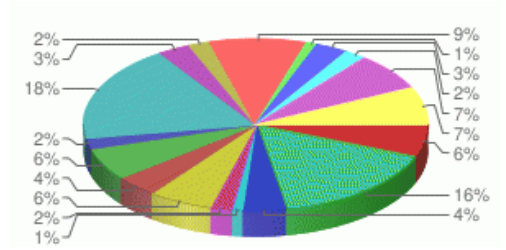
we don't boat  
n/a - no boating or fishing  
Agawam River Trail Launch  
none  
Not a boater  
Private/association  
Onset Bay Marina ramp is public  
Minot forest, Great neck, Westgate and others with walking trails.  
Matawan River Trail at Knowles Ave. It is owned by the Wareham Land Trust.  
None, no boat  
We swim at Ellis beach  
Glen Charlie Pond  
None

12. Which of these recreational areas do you or your family use?

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Answered: 46 Skipped: 25

- Arruda Playground (Marion Rd.) (6)
- Besse Park (Main St.) (16)
- Brown Memorial Playground (Union Ave.) (4)
- Carver Road Courts (Carver Rd.) (1)
- East Wareham Playground (Knowles Ave.) (2)
- Ellis Playground (North Blvd.) (6)
- High School Tennis Courts (Viking Dr.) (4)
- Running Track (Viking Dr.) (6)
- Indian Mound Playground (Shawnee Dr.) (2)
- Lopes Playground (Onset Ave.) (18)
- Oakdale Playground (Apple St.) (3)
- Shangri-la Playground (Peaceful Ln.) (2)
- Swifts Neck Beach Playground (Circle Dr.) (9)
- Sylvester Gardens Playground (Marion Rd.) (1)
- West Wareham Playground (Main St.) (3)
- Westfield (Cataumet Way) (2)
- Weweantic Playground (Hathaway St.) (7)
- Other: (7)



### 13. If Other (please specify)

Answered: 13 Skipped: 58

We would use them all if they were updated and accessible.

Parkwood playground

Hammond School playground

Parkwood Beach playground

Minot Forest,

none

None

None

Westgate Conservation Area off Papermill Road

Shell Point

Decas school playground

boat launch Oak street & Onset

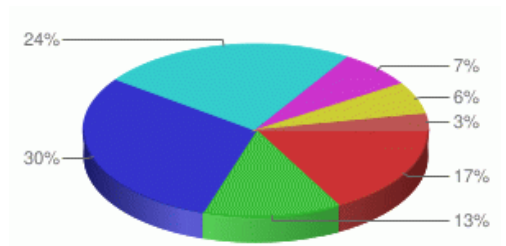
didn't even know most of these even exist - use Decas playground

### 14. What reasons discourage you from using a boat launch or recreation area?

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Answered: 48 Skipped: 23

- Inadequate Parking (17)
- Unsafe Area (13)
- Pollution / Trash (30)
- Poorly Maintained Facility (24)
- Launch Area Obstructed (7)
- Unknown Location (6)
- Other: (3)



### 15. If Other (please specify)

Answered: 6 Skipped: 65

No wheelchair accessibility on any private or public access launches. Included in this is all private marinas which have

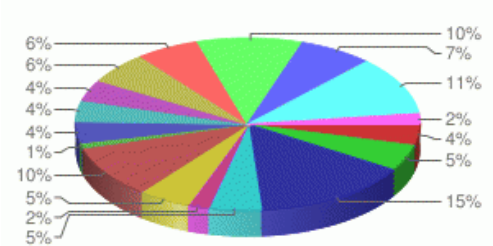
been recently updated.  
Distance from home  
none - no boat  
Restrooms. There should always be restrooms.  
not a boater  
None

16. Which of these natural areas do you or your family use?

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Answered: 64 Skipped: 7

- Agawam Bryant Farm (Sandwich Rd., Minot Ave.) (10)
- Agawam River Pine Barrens (Agawam Rd.) (14)
- Mass. Audubon Great Neck Wildlife Sanctuary (Stockton Short Cut) (42)
- Crooked River / Great Neck (Crooked River Rd., Bourne's Point Rd.) (13)
- Eldridge and Brown (Shady Lane) (5)
- Fearing Hill Conservation Area (Fearing Hill Rd.) (14)
- Great Neck Road Conservation Area (Great Neck Rd.) (27)
- HLM Bay Point (Broad St.) (3)
- Indian Neck Land Conservation Area (Towhee Rd.) (12)
- Marks Cove (Shady Lane) (12)
- Agawam River Trail (Knowles Ave.) (11)
- Westgate Conservation Area (Papermill Rd.) (16)
- Horseshoe Pond / Birch Hill (Station St.) (17)
- Lyman Reserve (Red Brook Rd.) (29)
- Tweedy and Barnes (Blackmore Pond Rd.) (21)
- William Minot Forest (Minot Ave., Stillman Dr., Indian Neck Rd.) (31)
- Other: (6)



17. If Other (please specify)

Answered: 10 Skipped: 61

maple springs WMA, 1/2 mile from proposed site for dog park. Free and already available for people and dogs..  
None no accessibility.  
the Hammond preserve behind the old Walmart.  
Crab Cove  
not aware of other locations  
None  
DCR bog land southeast of White Island Pond  
Sandy Point dike. Buzzards Bay, Wareham river  
I would probably use many of these if I knew about them. Have lived here just over a year and haven't found info to be very accessibility e.  
Wildlands Trust Great Neck  
Philip Saltonstall-Weld Memorial Forest Great Neck

18. Is there a specific recreational area in Wareham that you feel needs improvement? What improvement would you like to see?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 43

swift beach boat ramp located on wrong end of beach. accreting of natural striping and accreting process. Should be located 400 yards to the west at end of Barnes street, striping end.

Hammond school playground. Christopher Donovan school now leases. Would like to see the playground updated for their special needs.

Lopes field hope that the inclusive playground is on target for 2018. Lukey playground will create a much needed playground and recreational area for that part of Town. Personally I feel that every playground that was included in the Study should be updated. I think it sends to our children in each neighborhood a important message. You are our first priority.

Outdoor sports fields like soccer and baseball fields need to be accessible

Little Harbor Beach needs more trash pickup and litter prevention

Decas ballfield

Parking and trail sign Minot Forest

little harbor clean up

Swifts beach near the playground. There should be a completely fenced area for dogs to run off leash.

None

DCR land connectivity - Red Brook corridor to Agawam corridor - trails, parking, mapping, blazing trails; Glen Charlie has drug dealers hanging out there - need more patrol and cleanup

Minot Forest - trails maintained

The track needs to be redone. It is in bad condition.

An indoor track facility could actually bring money to the town if one was funded. The only indoor track in the area is New Bedford and all the meets are there. With the creation of an indoor multi use facility Wareham could host track meets and tournament basketball games. Time to focus on what can bring income to the town and keep students here. Increased parking at Tempest Knob boat ramp if possible.

Bryant Farm & Fearing Hill need trails and parking

Trash receptacles

Dogs on leashes or no dogs

Dog mess boxes + maintenance

Swifts beach playground and the footbridge that was supposed to be built to connect swifts neck beach and swift beaches, never happened, some other people took over and don't want people to use the beach, AGAIN it's happening

Bring back trash cans and lifeguards to Onset Beach

Trash barrels near the beaches!

Swifts Beach playground and beach area

Better water quality.

No

Park next to Hammond School and Temple Park-central to Onset Village

Onset Pier restoration

The Narrows (Baker property is an eyesore), and the area behind Merchant's way. Parking for boat trailers in Onset.

Fearing Hill Conservation Area desperately needs trails and to be connected to Westgate.

Shangri-la Playground. Safe playground equipment,removal of broken glass pieces, & control of weeds

Rebuild of Lopes playground

would be nice to see all this info on locations in one place. I've lived here 23 years and wasn't aware of most of them.

The playgrounds are in rough shape - especially concerning are broken or lacking gates. Herding a toddler is tough on a grandmother. The better playgrounds are attached to schools and not usable during school hours.

## **19. What is your wish list for recreation opportunities in Wareham?**

Answered: 34 Skipped: 37

More protected open space in its natural state to help keep Wareham's rural/agrarian character

safe bike paths

Inclusive play

Senior opportunities

Pickle ball, yoga, chair volleyball, bocce,and any activity that includes our under served senior population.

That all playgrounds and beaches are fully accessible for all!

I would love to see more trash receptacles at all our parks, the trash situation is disgusting. Would also love to see some of the public preserves better maintained like the hammond preserve behind the old walmart.

walks and trails in coastal areas

Clean trash-free beaches

More & better maintained walking trails

A dog park!

I'd love to see kayak storage lockers you could rent seasonally at some of the launch areas. Also bike racks at the beach! (Swifts) so many people wouldn't need to drive if there was a place to lock up your bike.

None

Trail connections - Bourne/Carver/Plymouth/Marion-Redbrook/bike trails/Myles Standish/White Island Pond; more kayak access,

Maintain what we own.

I want the bike path that has been promised. Children in other towns have a safe place with no cars to learn to ride their bicycle and Wareham has no such path. It would be nice to connect to the other towns nearby that have them.

More realistic standards for private moorings in Town, current ones have no realistic basis. Chain sizes are especially outrageously oversized. Basing mooring tackle only on length of boat does not take into account weight of boat which can vary tremendously for same length boat.

Cleanup and expansion of walking trails. Picnic areas with fire rings or grills.

hockey rink,

Keep sidewalks open, clear brush.

Safe walking trails.

Signage and identification of rec. areas

Would love to see the bike path completed

Volunteer or town supported maintenance, including trash removal...

Indoor facilities

Dog Park.

Many more bike paths. Deeper chanel in the Sippican River (I don't expect this one).

Safe natural areas-parks and beaches-maintained trash-free by the Town.

Beach cabanas on shell point for residents

Harbors / channels dredging maint.

Water access off Merchant's Way

Rail trail/bike path

That we provide as many as possible and promote them to visitors

Add more areas throughout town so folks can have readily access them.

Playground improvements throughout the parks in town.

Equal access in four or five areas for playing fields ada compliant. Encourage people to get outdoors

free public pool - most of the beaches aren't appropriate for real swimming and the Y is expensive

## **20. Please Provide any additional comments or concerns.**

Answered: 20 Skipped: 51

Sratically reduce the number of actively maintained playgrounds to provide quality areas with adequate parking. The others could be used as open areas without equipment. maybe a few benches. Last thing the town needs are additional parks to maintain when we have so many that are not kept up and underutilized.

A real need to keep dogs off Little Harbor beach during nesting season, also a big problem with people throwing trash there. Often looks like a Cuberland Farms parking lot the next morning.

Thank you for your dedicated service and commitment to Wareham.

Would love to have a public pool or splash pad for the summer

Please no more forest devastation along Route 28 in West Wareham!! We don't want it to look like East Wareham.

Going through this survey causes me to realize just how little I depend on the recreational environment for my quality of



life. Now it is about relationships, preserving watershed and wildlife.

Acquire more land for clean water and the environment. Recreation activities should be kept to a minimum. Save the wildlife for all.

get rid of the vagrants, alcoholics and druggies in Onset Village

The idea of an "off-road" bike/walking path for Minot Road would make it unsafe for those walking.

Thank you!

As newcomer to Wareham, am not even aware of the above recreational areas, and can't always figure out how to access on foot or car.

Please consider maintaining wildlife habitat. We keep building and saying the animals will move to somewhere else but we have very little that isn't under attack from development. Please work to maintain our natural beauty

Recreation at Swifts beach has been forgotten again. We need access to the beaches and a decent playground for the kids. They were promised but promises were broken. People talk about it all the time at Swifts.

Are all these wonderful areas listed anywhere on the town website? If so it's not obvious. See lots of committees, but nothing promoting use of the resources. Just saying...

Repair of the beach on North Water Street. Sand replenishment.

Stand Pipe Hill needs to be cared for and utilized, it's the gateway to Onset.

Get rid of the riffraff!!!!

Merchant's way should offer a marina (need to change the bridges for access), also should have restaurants overseeing the water; think piers or floating seating areas.

The town should focus on five or six recreational areas for youth sports, maintain the public beaches, provide two to three neighborhood playgrounds which are multigenerational, including play structures, walking paths....and that are multigenerational and ADA compliant

the presence of needles at playgrounds is very concerning