

Derbyshire Citizens' Panel Survey - May 06



County level summary results

ACCESS TO DERBYSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE

The Countryside Service aims to improve the health and well being of Derbyshire people, visitors and its wildlife by sustaining, enriching and providing access to the county's countryside. We want to find out how people are using Derbyshire's network of paths and trails, what is stopping them enjoying these facilities and what would help people to enjoy them more.

Q1. How do you make use of the countryside within Derbyshire? (Please **X all** that apply)

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| 71.2% - Walking / rambling | 14.3% - Nature study |
| 25.8% - Taking the dog for a walk | 18.4% - Health reasons |
| 22.3% - Cycling | 54.8% - Visiting attractions |
| 2.8% - Horse riding | 31.1% - Attending organised events |
| 2.3% - Off-road motorised driving / riding | 11.5% - Other active sport / leisure |
| 61.3% - Countryside scenery / views | 5.7% - I do not make any use of Derbyshire's countryside |
| 23.1% - Children's recreation | 3.4% - Other (Please X & specify below) |
| 33.6% - To picnic | |

If you answered 'I do not make any use of Derbyshire's countryside' to **Question 1** please go to **Question 7** otherwise please go to **Question 2**.

Q2. How often do you walk, ride or otherwise use the network of paths and trails in Derbyshire? (Please **X one** box only)

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| 16.5% - Daily | 8.4% - Once a month |
| 18.8% - 2 / 3 times a week | 22.4% - Several times a year |
| 14.4% - Once a week | 1.7% - Once a year |
| 14.2% - 2 / 3 times a month | 3.5% - Less than once a year |

Q3. How do you usually get to these paths and trails? (Please **X one** box only)

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| 37.9% - Walk | 1.9% - Bus |
| 56.2% - Car | 0.1% - Train |
| 0.1% - Taxi | 0.4% - Off road vehicle |
| 2.2% - Bicycle | 0.9% - Other (Please X & specify below) |
| 0.1% - Motorcycle | |

Q4. Which of the following types of Derbyshire's countryside do you enjoy walking, riding or cycling in? (Please X all that apply)

- 58.6% - Trails / Greenways (former railway lines etc)
- 59.7% - Riverside paths
- 55.0% - Canalside paths
- 45.3% - Other water features (lakes, ponds, etc)
- 56.8% - Formal parkland, Country Parks or picnic sites
- 39.5% - Nature Reserves
- 53.0% - Woodland
- 58.7% - Fields and meadows (via rights of way / footpaths etc.)
- 47.6% - Hills / Moors
- 2.3% - Other (Please X & specify below)

Q5. Which one of the following types of Derbyshire's countryside do you MOST enjoy walking, riding or cycling in? (Please X one box only)

- 13.3% - Trails / Greenways (former railway lines etc)
- 9.9% - Riverside paths
- 8.6% - Canalside paths
- 5.2% - Other water features (lakes, ponds, etc.)
- 14.7% - Formal parkland, Country Parks or picnic sites
- 4.0% - Nature Reserves
- 7.1% - Woodland
- 18.3% - Fields and meadows (via rights of way / footpaths etc.)
- 18.1% - Hills / Moors
- 0.8% - Other (Please X & specify below)

Q6. Do you make use of the paths and trails as much as you would like?

29.3% - Yes

70.7% - No

Q7. What stops you or puts you off walking, riding or otherwise using Derbyshire's network of paths and trails? *(Please **X all** that apply)*

- 10.1% - Poor condition of stiles and gates on public rights of way
- 24.8% - Paths obstructed or overgrown
- 14.3% - Poor sign posting (e.g. roadside signs and waymarkers)
- 16.0% - Not enough information on where to go or how to get there
- 22.4% - Litter / dog fouling
- 8.0% - Animals (e.g. cows / farmyard dogs)
- 9.1% - Lack of suitable paths near home
- 14.7% - Lack of well connected paths to create circular routes
- 39.7% - Don't have enough time
- 16.5% - Other interests
- 0.5% - Too expensive
- 12.7% - Health reasons
- 11.2% - Limited mobility / partially sighted
- 2.9% - Worried about getting lost
- 7.7% - Too dangerous or don't feel safe
- 19.0% - Nothing stops me using the paths and trails
- 6.5% - Other *(Please **X** & specify)*

Q8. What is the MAIN reason why you do not use the paths and trails as much as you would like? *(Please **X one** box only)*

- 1.7% - Poor condition of stiles and gates on public rights of way
- 5.9% - Paths obstructed or overgrown
- 2.3% - Poor sign posting (e.g. roadside signs and waymarkers)
- 3.2% - Not enough information on where to go or how to get there
- 4.5% - Litter / dog fouling
- 1.5% - Animals (e.g. cows / farmyard dogs)
- 1.9% - Lack of suitable paths near home
- 2.0% - Lack of well connected paths to create circular routes
- 36.3% - Don't have enough time
- 5.7% - Other interests
- 0.1% - Too expensive
- 8.0% - Health reasons
- 6.8% - Limited mobility / partially sighted
- 0.3% - Worried about getting lost
- 2.9% - Too dangerous or don't feel safe
- 13.0% - Nothing restricts my use of paths and trails
- 3.8% - Other *(Please **X** & specify)*

Q9. Which of the following are your main priorities for improving access to the paths and trails in Derbyshire? *(Please X a maximum of three boxes only)*

31.5% - Creation of new paths to walk along

2.8% - Creation of new paths to ride a horse

15.7% - Creation of new paths for cycling

2.2% - Creation of new routes for horse drawn carriages or off road motor vehicles

47.2% - Links which create circular routes

8.8% - Safer road crossing points

22.7% - Routes in conjunction with public transport allowing easy access to the countryside

15.3% - Routes from centres of population providing direct access to the countryside

12.6% - Routes used for local journeys such as safe routes to schools, shops etc

15.1% - Routes accessible for those with mobility problems or partially sighted

20.0% - More consideration for nature conservation and biodiversity issues

28.1% - Attractive routes that support the local economy and tourism

7.7% - Health initiatives

8.7% - More events and guided walks

4.8% - Other *(Please X & specify below)*