

Wausau City Parks and Recreation Survey

1. Which of the following parks and recreation facilities have you or a member of your family visited during the last 12 months?

	# of Respondents
Airport Park	327
Alexander Park	85
Athletic Park	389
Barker-Stewart Island	191
Big Bull Falls Park	278
Boileau Field	35
Brockmeyer Park	167
City Hall Park	130
Forest Park	83
Gilbert Park	158
Hammond Park	60
Horgen Park	8
Isle of Ferns Park	557
Kaiser Pool	126
Memorial Park	403
Memorial Pool	170
Oak Island Park	660
Paff Woods Preserve	59
Picnic Island	142
Pleasant View Park	77
Reservoir Park	82
River Edge Trail	248
River Highlands Park	36
Riverside Park	177
Scholfield Park	197
Schulenburg Pool	103
Stewart Park	119
Swiderski Park	7
Sylvan Hill Park	453
Tenth Street Park	70
Three "M" Park	206
Westview Park	14
White Water Park	236
Woodson Park	148
Yawkey Park	192

2. During the last 12 months, which of the following recreation activities have you or a member of your family participated in at a City of Wausau park?

Baseball	156
Biking	420
Bird/Nature Watching	248
Cross-Country Skiing	114
Fishing	258
Frisbee Golf	84
Ice Skating	169
Jogging	141
Kayaking/Canoeing	132
Picnics	475
Power Boating	130
Skateboarding	39

Sledding	268
Swimming	320
Tennis	142
Tubing as Sylvan Hill	303
Walking Pets	370
Walking/hiking	803

3. Do you feel safe while visiting the above parks and recreation facilities?

No Opinion	106
Not at all safe	5
Not too safe	24
Somewhat safe	320
Very safe	649

4. Overall, how satisfied are you with the appearance, maintenance and cleanliness of the above City parks and recreation facilities?

No Opinion	95
Not at all satisfied	6
Not too satisfied	14
Somewhat satisfied	305
Very satisfied	678

5. How would you rate the Park Administration efforts in the following areas? (Please check the best answers.)

Acquiring new park land

Fair	160
Good	244
No Opinion	578
Poor	59
Very Good	64

Developing quality park facilities

Fair	167
Good	460
No Opinion	308
Poor	31
Very Good	141

Maintaining park land

Fair	108
Good	515
No Opinion	173
Poor	15
Very Good	296

Restoring park land

Fair	155
Good	343
No Opinion	462
Poor	28
Very Good	118

Preserving land

Fair	134
Good	396
No Opinion	397
Poor	27

Very Good	150
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Education

Fair	208
Good	252
No Opinion	500
Poor	68
Very Good	78

Providing recreation programs

Fair	185
Good	349
No Opinion	371
Poor	56
Very Good	143

6. How would you rate the importance of each of the following initiatives that Park Administration could pursue?(Please check the best answers.)

Acquiring new park land

No Opinion	255
Somewhat Important	316
Somewhat Unimportant	201
Very Important	157
Very Unimportant	176

Continuing to provide swimming opportunities

No Opinion	141
Somewhat Important	296
Somewhat Unimportant	114
Very Important	474
Very Unimportant	82

Acquiring more scenic areas

No Opinion	200
Somewhat Important	381
Somewhat Unimportant	174
Very Important	219
Very Unimportant	132

Building more boat launches

No Opinion	289
Somewhat Important	233
Somewhat Unimportant	293
Very Important	80
Very Unimportant	210

Building more hiking trails

No Opinion	190
Somewhat Important	396
Somewhat Unimportant	120
Very Important	308
Very Unimportant	91

Building more bike trails

No Opinion	187
Somewhat Important	354
Somewhat Unimportant	122
Very Important	353

Very Unimportant	91
Signing more bike trails	
No Opinion	220
Somewhat Important	337
Somewhat Unimportant	150
Very Important	306
Very Unimportant	91
Developing more youth recreation programs	
No Opinion	220
Somewhat Important	388
Somewhat Unimportant	126
Very Important	312
Very Unimportant	59
Developing more adult recreation programs	
No Opinion	231
Somewhat Important	381
Somewhat Unimportant	207
Very Important	202
Very Unimportant	83
Starting nature programs	
No Opinion	266
Somewhat Important	361
Somewhat Unimportant	199
Very Important	155
Very Unimportant	124
Building more picnic areas	
No Opinion	215
Somewhat Important	399
Somewhat Unimportant	258
Very Important	117
Very Unimportant	116
Building more athletic facilities	
No Opinion	287
Somewhat Important	267
Somewhat Unimportant	311
Very Important	73
Very Unimportant	167
Building more soccer facilities	
No Opinion	298
Somewhat Important	228
Somewhat Unimportant	287
Very Important	77
Very Unimportant	215
Building more baseball facilities	
No Opinion	307
Somewhat Important	206
Somewhat Unimportant	343
Very Important	50
Very Unimportant	200

Building more softball facilities	
No Opinion	308
Somewhat Important	208
Somewhat Unimportant	347
Very Important	53
Very Unimportant	190
Building more nature centers	
No Opinion	247
Somewhat Important	324
Somewhat Unimportant	251
Very Important	137
Very Unimportant	147
Building more outdoor ice rinks	
No Opinion	273
Somewhat Important	259
Somewhat Unimportant	318
Very Important	61
Very Unimportant	194
Building more basketball courts	
No Opinion	301
Somewhat Important	219
Somewhat Unimportant	337
Very Important	48
Very Unimportant	200
Building more dog parks	
No Opinion	244
Somewhat Important	232
Somewhat Unimportant	252
Very Important	143
Very Unimportant	235
Building more skateboard parks	
No Opinion	295
Somewhat Important	185
Somewhat Unimportant	299
Very Important	50
Very Unimportant	273
Building more frisbee golf courses	
No Opinion	297
Somewhat Important	190
Somewhat Unimportant	312
Very Important	46
Very Unimportant	260
Building more splash pads	
No Opinion	283
Somewhat Important	214
Somewhat Unimportant	282
Very Important	74
Very Unimportant	250
Building more playgrounds	
No Opinion	250

Somewhat Important	358
Somewhat Unimportant	230
Very Important	122
Very Unimportant	146

7. How much of a property tax increase would you be willing to pay to acquire more park land or add new amenities to our park system?

\$12-25 per year	399
\$26-60 per year	176
More than \$60 per year	39
No Opinion	117
None	371

8. Within the next five years the City needs to do something about its three deteriorating outdoor swimming pools--- Memorial Pool, Schulenburg Pool and Kaiser Pool. Now, let's assume the total project cost is the same, should the City improve the three neighborhood pools or build one aquatic center like the Village of Weston has done?

Build one aquatic center	311
Improve neighborhood pools	579
Neither, CLOSE the neighborhood pools and do NOT build an aquatic center	114
No Opinion	92

9. Overall, how satisfied are you with the appearance and maintenance of the trees that the City plants along most streets between the sidewalk and the curb?

No Opinion	75
Not at all satisfied	43
Not too satisfied	70
Somewhat satisfied	344
Very satisfied	566

10. Your Age:

<u>Age</u>	<u># of Respondents</u>
19	2
21	1
22	2
23	5
24	3
25	6
26	10
27	13
28	15
29	13
30	14
31	10
32	14
33	13
34	13
35	12
36	14
37	14
38	18
39	20
40	24
40's	1

41	14
42	26
43	23
44	25
45	19
46	16
47	19
48	18
49	24
50	42
51	20
52	23
53	27
53.5	1
54	32
55	36
56	23
57	29
58	24
59	30
60	31
61	10
62	20
63	13
64	25
65	24
66	20
67	17
68	8
69	16
70	15
71	17
72	15
73	11
74	6
75	13
76	13
77	10
78	11
79	7
80	16
81	5
82	10
83	11
84	4
85	6
86	8
87	2
88	3
89	1
90	2
91	3
92	1
95	1
97	1

11. Gender:

Female	567
Male	523

12. Do you Own or Rent your residence?

Own	917
Rent	54

13. About how long have you lived in Wausau?

<u># of Years</u>	<u># of Respondents</u>
1	14
10	25
11	14
12	13
13	12
14	9
15	29
16	8
16.5	1
17	12
18	13
19	14
2	19
2.5	1
20	37
20+	1
21	7
22	10
23	6
24	10
25	22
26	8
27	6
28	9
29	9
3	22
30	55
31	8
32	18
33	6
34	10
35	26
36	10
37	7
38	11
39	2
4	28
40	36
41	2
42	9
43	10
44	12
45	15
46	6

47	9
48	8
49	7
5	21
5.5	1
50	41
51	8
52	7
53	16
54	8
55	13
56	9
57	7
58	8
59	6
6	17
6.5	1
60	26
61	2
62	5
64	7
65	8
66	4
67	3
68	3
69	3
7	13
70	12
71	2
72	3
73	3
74	2
75	3
76	2
77	3
78	1
8	19
80	7
81	2
82	1
85	3
86	2
88	2
89	1
9	11
Forever	1
Life	1

14. What is your marital status?

Divorced	102
Married	706
Other	8
Single	155
Widowed	83

15. Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

<u>Number of People in Household</u>	<u># of Respondents</u>
1	236
10	4
11	1
14	1
2	443
3	155
4	153
5	57
6	18
7	4
8	2
9	2

16. How many children live with you? (Include any college students)

<u>Number of Children in Household</u>	<u># of Respondents</u>
0	492
1	161
10	1
11	1
2	164
3	59
4	24
5	5
6	2
7	2
8	2

17. Check your highest level of formal education:

College graduate	311
High school graduate	225
Less than high school graduate	34
Post college-graduate studies	213
Some college	277

18. What was your approximate total household income in 2007 from all sources?

\$20,001 to \$50,000	354
\$50,001to \$100,000	414
Less than \$20,000	69
More than \$100,000	147