

Alberta Recreation Survey

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Hello:

Every four years, information is collected about the recreation activities of Albertans. Information collected is used by the province, the municipalities and private firms who do work on behalf of public groups to plan recreation, parks and leisure services. Your participation in this survey is voluntary but your response is very important, as we don't send out many questionnaires.

Most of the questions are easy to answer. Just fill in the boxes, circle the numbers, or write in a few words. If there are any questions you prefer not to answer, you may leave them blank. Individual responses will be kept confidential. Your answers will be combined with those of other Albertans and the results will be used for planning purposes.

Please spend a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and return it within two weeks of receiving it. For your convenience, a prepaid return envelope is enclosed.

The collection of this information is in accordance with section 32 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Thank you for your help.

2000 Alberta Recreation Survey

Survey Partners:

Alberta Community Development
Alberta Centre for Well-Being
Alberta Environment
City of Calgary
City of Edmonton
City of Lethbridge
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Who Should Answer Our Questions?

Please **give the survey to the ADULT** who will **NEXT HAVE A BIRTHDAY** and have that person complete the survey.

1. (a) Please indicate the **Number Of People in your household** who took part in each of the following leisure or recreational activities during the **PAST 12 MONTHS**. In the last column, please indicate whether **YOU** personally took part in that activity.

	Number of People (including yourself)	Did you personally take part (please check those that apply)
Walking for Pleasure	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnicking (within a city)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnicking (in the countryside)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming (in pools)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming (in lakes, rivers, ponds, etc.)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judo/Karate	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weight Training	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aerobics/Fitness/Aquasize	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jogging/Running	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Triathlon	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Track and Field	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gymnastics	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Table Tennis	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Badminton	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Racquetball	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Squash	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice Skating (not hockey)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-line Skating	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboarding	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycling	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountain Biking (off road)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
BMX Racing	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curling	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice Hockey	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ringette	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Number of People (including yourself)	Did you personally take part (please check those that apply)
Basketball	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volleyball	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Softball/Baseball	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rugby	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bowling/Lawn Bowling	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Golf (other than driving range or mini-golf)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tobogganing/Sledding	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cross-country Skiing	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Downhill Skiing	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snowboarding	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canoeing	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sailing	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
River Rafting	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sailboarding/Windsurfing	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motor Boating	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Skiing	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overnight Backpacking	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overnight Camping	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountain Climbing	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day Hiking	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Orienteering	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birdwatching	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseback Riding/Trail Riding	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunting	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shooting (Trap/Skeet/Target)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Archery	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snowmobiling	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motorized Trail Biking (i.e., dirt biking)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moto-cross	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
ATV/off Road Vehicles	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gardening	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Number of People (including yourself)	Did you personally take part (please check those that apply)
Visiting a museum, live theatre, art gallery, etc. (not movies)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doing a craft or hobby (photography, woodwork, sewing, etc.)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taking part in drama, music (singing or playing), drawing, writing, etc.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dancing (social, folk, ballet, jazz, etc.)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attending educational courses	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playing bingo, casinos, etc.	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playing video, computer or electronic games	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attending a sports event as a spectator	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attending a fair or festival	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. (b) **Walking for pleasure** is an important recreational activity. This question breaks down this activity into several types of walking. Please answer this question according to the instructions given in question 1 (a).

	Number of People (including yourself)	Did you personally take part (please check those that apply)
Walking as transportation to work and elsewhere	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking a pet	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking on trails	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking on streets	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. (c) **Cycling** is a popular recreational activity. This question breaks down this activity into several types of cycling. Please answer this question according to the instructions given for question 1 (a).

	Number of People (including yourself)	Did you personally take part (please check those that apply)
Cycling as transportation	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long distance bicycle touring	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cycling on trails	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cycling on streets	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountain bike riding on challenging terrain	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please answer the following questions about the way YOU spend your leisure time. Your answers will help us learn more about the leisure or recreational activities of Albertans.

2. (a) Please **LIST** your **three (3)** favorite leisure or recreational activities and indicate how many times you participated in **EACH** activity during the **PAST 12 MONTHS**.

Activities	Number of Times you Participated in the Past 12 Months					
	<u>1 to 2</u>	<u>3 to 5</u>	<u>6 to 10</u>	<u>11 to 30</u>	<u>31 to 50</u>	<u>51 +</u>
	times					
Favorite _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd Favorite _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 rd Favorite _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. (b) People have many reasons for taking part in leisure activities. Based on your favorite leisure activity, how **IMPORTANT** are **EACH** of the following reasons to you? (Please circle **ONE** number for **EACH**.)

1 = Not Important
3 = Important

2 = Somewhat Important
4 = Very Important

To compete with others	1	2	3	4
Because I am good at it	1	2	3	4
To show others I can do it	1	2	3	4
To improve my skills or knowledge	1	2	3	4
To learn new skills and abilities	1	2	3	4
For a challenge	1	2	3	4
For excitement	1	2	3	4
To keep busy	1	2	3	4
To help my community	1	2	3	4
To be creative	1	2	3	4
For physical health or exercise	1	2	3	4
To be with my family	1	2	3	4
To do things with my friends	1	2	3	4
To meet new people	1	2	3	4
To relax	1	2	3	4
For pleasure	1	2	3	4
To do something different from work	1	2	3	4
To enjoy nature	1	2	3	4
To be alone	1	2	3	4
To be away from my family	1	2	3	4

3. (a) Is there any leisure or recreational activity that you **DO NOT take part in now**, but you **WOULD LIKE to start** doing regularly? (Please check **ONE** box only.)

No Go to question 4 (a), page 8

Yes Please continue

3. (b) Please specify which leisure or recreational activity you would **MOST LIKE TO START**. (Name **ONE** activity only.)

Activity: _____

3. (c) People have many reasons for **NOT** taking part in a leisure or recreational activity. Based on the activity you listed in question 3 (b), how **IMPORTANT** are **EACH** of the following reasons for not starting this activity. (Please circle **ONE** number for **EACH**.)

1 = Not Important
3 = Important

2 = Somewhat Important
4 = Very Important

Admission fees or other charges for facilities or programs	1	2	3	4
The cost (rental or purchase) of equipment, material and supplies	1	2	3	4
The recreational facilities or areas are overcrowded	1	2	3	4
The recreational facilities or areas are poorly kept or maintained	1	2	3	4
I don't know where I can take part in this activity	1	2	3	4
There is no opportunity to do it near my home	1	2	3	4
The cost of transportation	1	2	3	4
Lack of transportation	1	2	3	4
Too busy with my family	1	2	3	4
Too busy with my work	1	2	3	4
I don't have the physical abilities	1	2	3	4
I am physically unable to take part	1	2	3	4
I am not at ease in social situations	1	2	3	4
The recreational facilities are not physically convenient to use	1	2	3	4

4. (a) In 1998, Health Canada released Canada's Physical Activity Guide to Healthy Active Living. Are you aware of this guide?

No Go to question 5 (a), page 9

Yes Please continue

4. (b) Have you used the guide?

Yes

No

5. (a) Have you done volunteer work connected with culture, recreation, sports or parks in the **PAST 12 MONTHS**?
(Please check **ONE** only.)

No Go to question 6, page 10

Yes Please continue

5. (b) With what kind of group did you work as a volunteer? (Please check **ALL** boxes that apply.)

Conservation, parks, ecology, etc.

Community league or association

Youth group (Scouts, Guides, Cadets, etc.)

School

Church

Cultural group

Service club

Local sport team or club

Recreation or parks board

Special sport/recreation event
(tournaments, Regional Games, etc.)

Other, please specify: _____

5. (c) What job(s) did you do as a volunteer? (Please check **ALL** boxes that apply.)

Executive (President, Secretary, etc.)

Committee member

Coach, Manager or Instructor

Volunteer worker

Other, please specify: _____

5. (d) How many hours in an average week did you spend doing volunteer work during the **PAST 12 MONTHS**?
(Please check **ONE** box only.)

1 – 5 hours

6 – 10 hours

11 – 15 hours

more than 15 hours

We would like to know your opinions on the following questions. Your answers will help us plan better recreation, parks and leisure services to meet your needs.

6. Recreation and parks can provide benefits to communities. Below are a few benefits that some Albertans feel they receive from having recreation in their community. For each benefit, please rate **how important** you think they are.

1 = Not Important 2 = Somewhat Important
3 = Important 4 = Very Important

Recreation and parks facilities and services improve quality of life.	1	2	3	4
Recreation provides opportunities for children and youth to take part in a variety of activities.	1	2	3	4
Recreation provides opportunities for families to spend time together.	1	2	3	4
Recreation creates partnerships and renews community spirit.	1	2	3	4
Recreation provides opportunities for people to contribute to their communities in many ways.	1	2	3	4
Recreation and parks contribute to the economy of a community.	1	2	3	4
Parks and open spaces preserves Alberta's landscapes, plants and animals.	1	2	3	4

7. (a) On the average, Albertans pay about \$103.00 per person per year on municipal recreation and parks services. The amount you actually pay may be more or less, but \$103.00 is the average. Do you feel your recreation and park services are worth \$103.00 per person each year?

- The amount is too low. (Go to question 7 (c), page 11)
- The amount is reasonable (Go to question 7 (c) . page 11)
- The amount is too high (Go to question 7 (b))

7. (b) If you think the amount is too high, how much would you allocate per person per year? _____

7. (c) How should recreation services and public parks be supported?

- Mainly through taxes
- Mainly through fees for users
- Through a combination of taxes and user fees
- Other, please specify: _____

8. (a) Did you visit an **Alberta Provincial Park** in the last 12 months? Provincial parks are managed by the provincial government and **NOT** managed by municipal or federal agencies.

- No Go to question 8 (d)
- Yes Please continue
- Don't Know Please continue

8. (b) Which **Alberta Provincial Parks** did you visit?

8. (c) Which of the following information sources did you use? (Please check **ALL** boxes that apply).

- Internet
- Publications
- Travel Alberta's 1-800 toll free line
- Recommendations from others
- Visitor Information Centres
- Alberta Parks and Protected Area offices
- Other, please specify: _____

8. (d) The following is a list of reasons why you might not have visited an **Alberta Provincial Park** during the last 12 months. For each one, please indicate how important each is in your decision not to visit an **Alberta Provincial Park** during the past 12 months. (Please circle **ONE** number for **EACH**).

1 = Not Important
3 = Important

2 = Somewhat Important
4 = Very Important

Lack of time (i.e., family responsibilities or work commitments)	1	2	3	4
Not interested in outdoor recreation activities or parks	1	2	3	4
Parks are too crowded	1	2	3	4
Poor health	1	2	3	4
Noisy or rowdy activities of other people	1	2	3	4
Age	1	2	3	4
Prefer National Parks (e.g., Banff or Jasper National Park)	1	2	3	4
Prefer municipal parks (i.e., neighbourhood or city park)	1	2	3	4
Prefer private parks/campgrounds	1	2	3	4
Prefer camping in undeveloped areas	1	2	3	4
Fear of crime, safety and security	1	2	3	4
Lack of information	1	2	3	4
Unaware of opportunities in parks	1	2	3	4
Parks are too far away	1	2	3	4
Costs of camping are too high	1	2	3	4
Transportation and equipment costs are too much	1	2	3	4
Too many restrictive regulations	1	2	3	4
Private sector operation of provincial parks/campgrounds	1	2	3	4
Facilities are poorly kept or maintained	1	2	3	4
Lack of interpretative programs or facilities	1	2	3	4
Lack of RV campsites	1	2	3	4
Lack of handicapped accessible facilities	1	2	3	4
Lack of things to do	1	2	3	4
Others, please specify				
_____	1	2	3	4
_____	1	2	3	4

9. (a) In your opinion, should the following activities or services be allowed in **provincial parks?** (Please circle **ONE** number for **EACH**.)

	Yes	Nb	Nb Opinion
Accommodations facilities:			
Private cottages	1	2	3
Primitive rental cabins	1	2	3
Hostels or dormitories	1	2	3
Hotels or motels	1	2	3
Resorts	1	2	3
Sport and recreation facilities:			
Courts (tennis, volleyball, basketball, etc.)	1	2	3
Playing fields (baseball, soccer, etc.)	1	2	3
Golf courses	1	2	3
Downhill ski areas	1	2	3
Cross-country ski trails	1	2	3
Service facilities:			
Grocery stores and laundromats	1	2	3
Restaurants or lounges	1	2	3
Gas stations	1	2	3
Outdoor activities:			
Hunting	1	2	3
Snowmobiling	1	2	3
Horse rentals	1	2	3
Motorized off-road vehicles (i.e., quads)	1	2	3
Mountain biking	1	2	3

9. (b) In your opinion, should the following activities or services be allowed in **municipal parks and recreation areas?** (Please circle **ONE** number for **EACH**.)

	Yes	Nb	Nb Opinion
Accommodation facilities:			
Tents and campgrounds	1	2	3
Hostels and dormitories	1	2	3
Sport and recreation facilities:			
Courts (tennis, volleyball, basketball, etc.)	1	2	3
Playing fields (baseball, soccer, etc.)	1	2	3
Golf courses	1	2	3
Downhill ski areas	1	2	3
Cross-country ski trails	1	2	3

	Yes	Nb	Nb Opinion
Service facilities:			
Picnic areas	1	2	3
Restaurants or snack bars	1	2	3
Outdoor activities:			
Snowmobiling	1	2	3
Horse rentals	1	2	3
Motorized off-road vehicles (i.e., quads)	1	2	3
Mountain biking	1	2	3

This part of the survey requests general information about you and the other people who live in your household. All replies will be held in the strictest confidence.

10. What is **your** gender?

- Male
- Female

11. What year were **you** born? _____

12. What is the **HIGHEST** level of education **YOU** have completed? (Please check **ONE** box only.)

- Elementary, Junior or Senior High School
- Technical or vocational program
- College
- University
- Other, please describe: _____

13. (a) In what village, town or city do you live?

Please specify: _____

13. (b) If you live on a farm or acreage, to what village, town or city is your mail addressed?

Please specify: _____

14. Which of the following best describes your household? (Please check **ONE** box only.)

- Couple with no children
- Couple with children

- Single person
- Single parent family
- Two or more unrelated single adults
- Two or more related adults
- Other, please describe: _____

15. How many members of your household are in the following age groups? Please specify the **NUMBER OF PEOPLE** in each **AGE GROUP**. (DO NOT forget to include yourself.)

	How Many?
Under 5 years of age	_____
from 5 to 9	_____
from 10 to 14	_____
from 15 to 19	_____
from 20 to 29	_____
from 30 to 49	_____
from 50 to 64	_____
65 years and over	_____

16. (a) How many people from your household received an income during the **PAST 12 MONTHS?**

Please specify the **NUMBER OF PEOPLE** _____

16. (b) Approximately, what was the **TOTAL AMOUNT OF INCOME** that you and members of your household received during the **PAST 12 MONTHS?** (Please check **ONE** box only.)

- less than \$10,000
- \$10,001 to \$30,000
- \$30,001 to \$50,000
- \$50,001 to \$70,000
- \$70,001 to \$90,000
- \$90,001 or more

17. (a) In order to determine if recreation participants reflect the cultural diversity of Alberta, please check which background applies to you:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arab/West Asian
(e.g. Armenian,
Egyptian, Iranian,
Lebanese, Moroccan) | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black (e.g. African,
Haitian, Jamaican,
Somali) | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White | <input type="checkbox"/> South East Asian
(e.g. Cambodian,
Indonesian, Laotian,
Vietnamese) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> South Asian
(e.g. East Indian,
Pakistani, Punjabi,
Sri Lankan) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | |

Other: _____

17. (b) Please provide us with the language(s) you speak with your family at home:

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arabic | <input type="checkbox"/> Greek | <input type="checkbox"/> Portuguese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Hindi | <input type="checkbox"/> Punjabi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cree | <input type="checkbox"/> Hungarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dutch | <input type="checkbox"/> Italian | <input type="checkbox"/> Tagalog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> German | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish | |

Other: _____

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about parks and recreation? If so, please use this space for that purpose.

Thank you very much for your assistance in answering and returning this questionnaire. Please remember that the envelope enclosed does not require postage.

If you would like us to send you a summary of the results, write your name and address on the back of the return envelope. We will make sure that you get a copy.