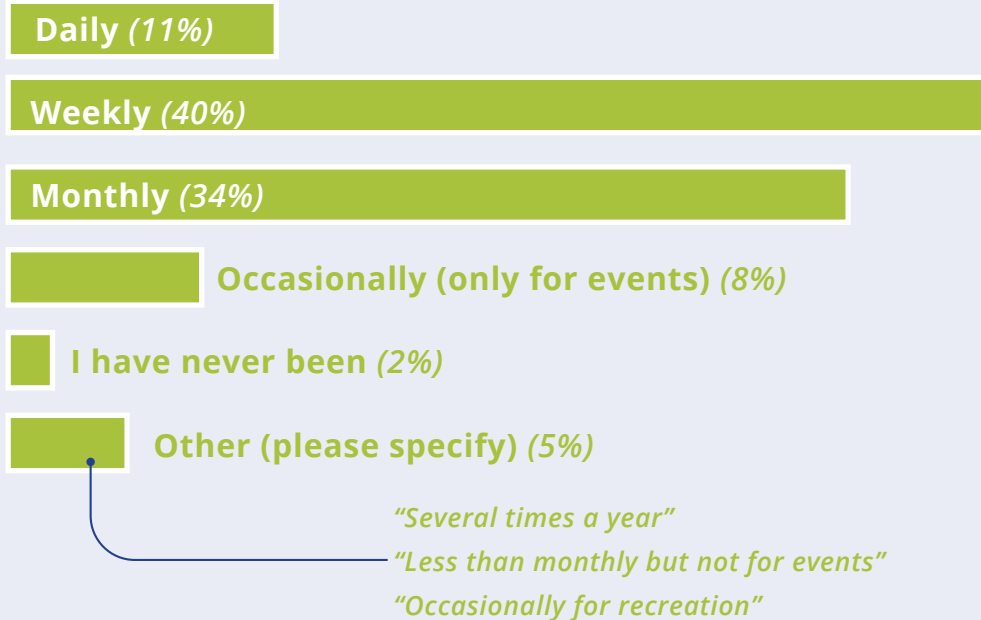


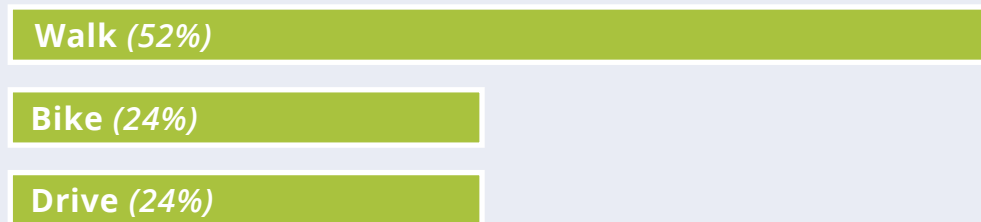
Hidden Falls Overlook Feedback Summary*

May 13 - July 11, 2024

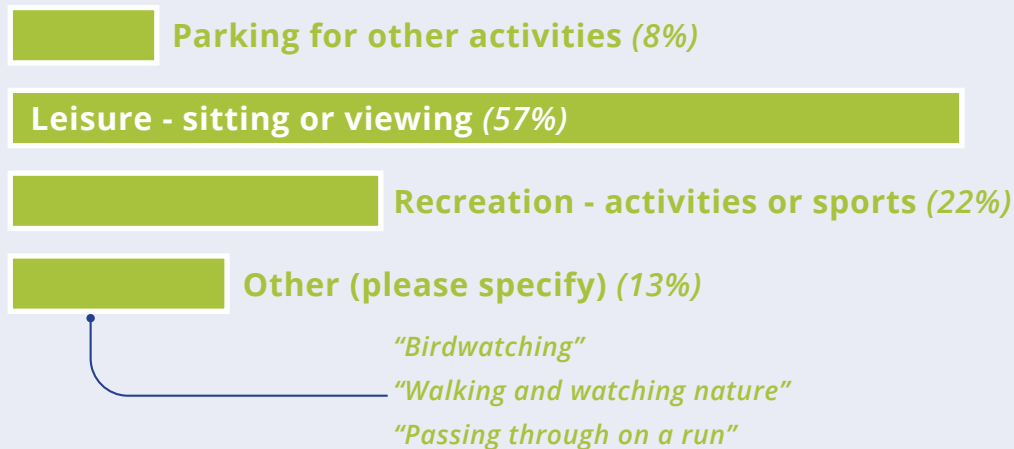
How often do you visit the Hidden Falls Overlook?



How do you get to the Overlook?



What is your primary activity at the Overlook?



What do you like about the Overlook? (Summary of comments received)

- Views - Mississippi River Gorge, nature and wildlife, enjoyment of seasons
- Peaceful, quiet, not too busy, limited impact on surrounding natural environment
- Parking access to Hidden Falls and other park amenities including access to Highland Bridge community
- Location - easy to get to by bike and by walking
- Good bird watching, especially during migration
- Resting spot for bikers, runners, and walkers

What could be improved about the Overlook? (Summary of comments received)

- Less parking, shift focus from cars to bikers, pedestrians, and neighbors who use the park
- Safety - desire for security cameras, flashing crossing indicators to cross parkway, path and parking lot lighting, raised crossings for bikes/pedestrians
- Removal of invasive species
- Selective clearing to enhance views to River - retain natural feel
- Water source for drinking fountain
- More benches/seating areas and bike parking
- Create more welcoming space - improve pavement condition, upgrades where necessary; currently looks neglected
- Desire for connection from Overlook to lower Hidden Falls area

What do you think is missing at the Overlook? (Summary of comments received)

- Trees (desire for more trees), trees at center overlook area
- Connections to lower park areas
- Seating, small picnic shelter
- Better parking
- Connection to nature - passing and parked cars detract from potential connection to nature; beautiful location wasted by large parking lot
- Access to water, restroom
- Bike parking
- Better lighting
- Signage to trailhead and falls; maps; educational and interpretive signage describing natural and indigenous significance of the area
- Better views to River

* Feedback was received via online survey between May 13th and July 11th 2024. Responses from 64 participants are summarized in this document. All feedback received is valued and evaluated thoroughly. Project information and updates can be found on the project website: www.stpaul.gov/hidden-falls-regional-park-projects

