

Survey Results: Parks and Trails

[Survey Info](#) - This survey was sent on behalf of the City of Bedford to the FlashVote community for Bedford, TX.

These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

369

Total Participants

354 of 664 initially invited (53%)
15 others
Margin of error: ± 5%

Applied Filter:
Locals only

Participants for filter:
317

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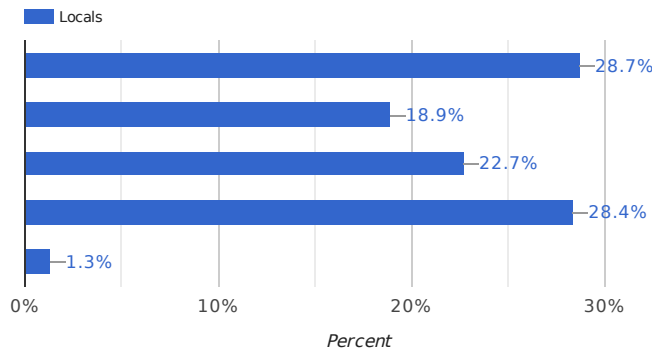
Started:
May 3, 2022 11:06am CDT

Ended:
May 5, 2022 11:02am CDT

Target Participants:
All Bedford

Q1 In the last 12 months about how often have you used the City of Bedford's parks or trails?
(317 responses by)

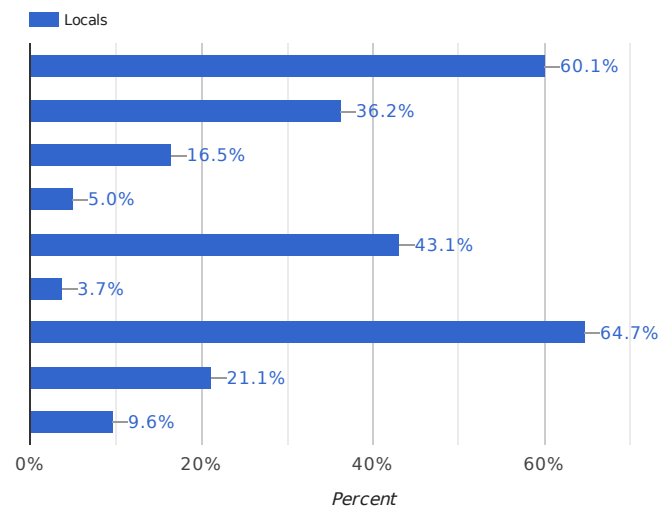
Options	Locals (317)
More than once a week	28.7% (91)
Once a week to once a month	18.9% (60)
Once a month to once in the last 12 months	22.7% (72)
I haven't used them	28.4% (90)
Not Sure	1.3% (4)



Q2 In the last 12 months which of the following Bedford park and trail amenities have you used, if any? (Choose all that apply, if any)
(218 responses by)

Options	Locals (218)
Open space/nature areas	60.1% (131)
Playgrounds	36.2% (79)
Picnic areas or picnic pavilions	16.5% (36)
Baseball/softball or soccer fields	5.0% (11)
Park benches/seating	43.1% (94)
Multipurpose sport courts	3.7% (8)

Options	Locals (218)
Hike or bike trails	64.7% (141)
Dog park	21.1% (46)
Other:	9.6% (21)



Monkey bars, general old exercise equipment

Walking the Boys Ranch. We do this regularly and are thankful for a beautiful safe place to walk.

We are going to the Mall to walk. We walk Pennington Field parking lot and adjacent school parking.

Sidewalks for running/walking

Generations Park

Walking

Trail around lake at BBR

Swimming pool

Walk path around lake at Generations Park

Drinking fountains

Walk around the Bedford Boys Ranch lake

Boys Ranch Walking Area

Used to fish but the fish we're killed hope that change's soon

Walk the pond at Boys Ranch

Walking trail

None

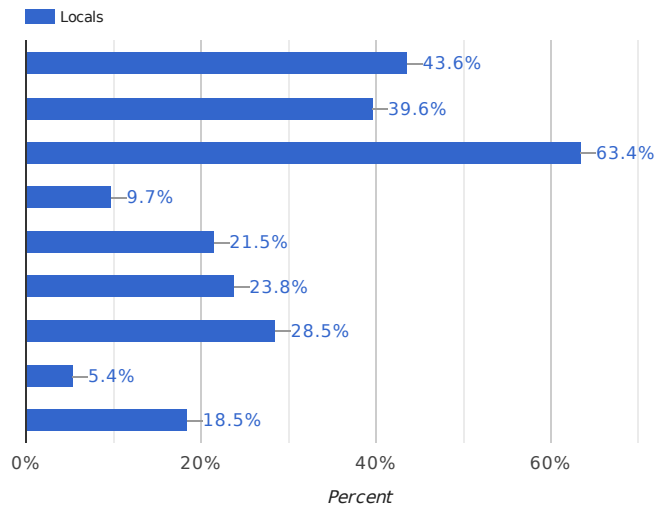
Walk around water at Boys Ranch

TENNIS COURTS

Q3 Which park amenities do you think Bedford parks need more of, if any? (You can choose up to FOUR)

(298 responses by)

Options	Locals (298)
Restrooms	43.6% (130)
Park benches/seating	39.6% (118)
Shade structures	63.4% (189)
Parking	9.7% (29)
Picnic tables/BBQs	21.5% (64)
Open grass areas	23.8% (71)
Playground equipment	28.5% (85)
None of these	5.4% (16)
Other:	18.5% (55)



swings playground wildflowers landscaping
 public tennis splash open pickleball
 nature courtswalk fountains
 basketball dog fields water
 grass trails paths flowers
 plants bike tree trash pet cans
 lighting hiking pad good
 people shade free
 soccer covered

trails!!!

Sand Volleyball, Basketball Courts (Should have both at new Generations Park) Bob Eden is good ex.

Walking and/or biking trails

Tree and nature preservation. Another dog park

Bicycle paths.

Splash pads/spray grounds

Skate Park

Each park should contain what amenities can be there. Some do not have parking but are tiny!!

Shade over playground

Shaded walking paths

Hiking and biking trails

dog parks

Trails

Water fountains for people & pets, pet waste stations, TREES!

Water fountains for pets

Walking and bike trails. Would it be popular to reb

planting wildflowers and native grasses on trails and in open spaces

Flowers/landscaping

Skatepark/ hangouts for tweens and teens

Trees, Trees, Trees

more trees and wildflowers

Tennis courts

Covered / tented children's playground equipment. Shuffle board.

Shade trees over trails and walking areas

Tennis courts

Basketball courts with lighting

Maintain/renovate current structures

Tennis courts

Water fountains

Fishing

Lighting

Hiking/Walking Trails

Splash pad

Trees!! Don't cut them down.

Better dog parks

Pickleball courts

signage focusing on Bedford/Texas history

Markers for distance for walking

TENNIS

Splash pad at the dog park

Facilities for limited mobility people - My husband can walk only a few steps with his walker.

Trash cans/dog poop bags

dog parks

Free Splash pads

eco landscaping - trees and other plants that are not grass. Flowers to help pollinators & educate.

Cycling paths that connect

Trails

Hiking trails

nature hiking trails

Tennis COURTS

Swings (in particular, the dual swings for parent and child), replace wood chips w/ rubber surface

Walking paths and trails.

Covered trash cans(vs. Open barrels) on the trails. The open barrels collect rainwater

Bike/Walking trails

Q4 Which additional recreational features do you think we need most in Bedford? (You can choose up to FOUR, if any)

(290 responses by)

Options	Locals (290)
More fields (soccer, baseball/softball)	13.1% (38)
More playgrounds for younger kids (2 to 5 year olds)	33.1% (96)
More playgrounds for older kids (6 years old and up)	35.9% (104)
Inclusive playgrounds (handicap/ADA accessible)	26.9% (78)
Pickleball courts	31.7% (92)
Bocce courts	9.7% (28)
Tennis courts	25.9% (75)

Options

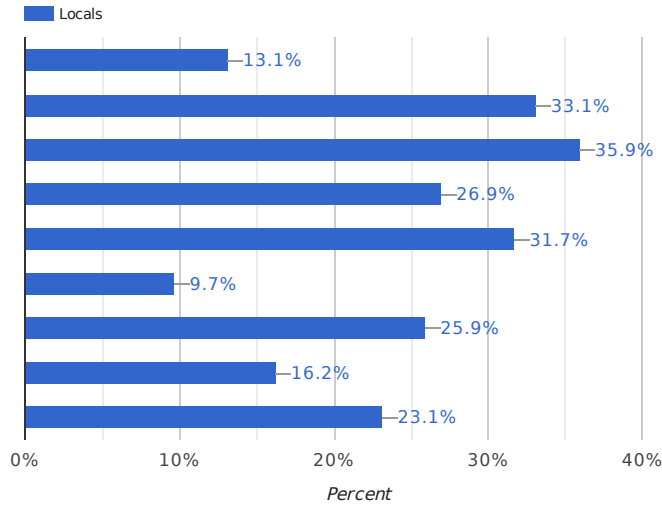
Locals (290)

More basketball courts

16.2% (47)

Other:

23.1% (67)



Gaga ball

trails!!!

Disc golf

Skateboard park

Trees that were removed by the city

DISK GOLF

Sand Volleyball Courts

Walking trails, biking trails,

Fix sidewalks that are not dangerous, uneven, or broken. Bike lanes throughout the city.

skateboard area

Better walking trails

Splash pad. Skate park. Hiking or nature trails.

Sand volleyball

Skate park

Skate park

shaded walking paths (even if the shade comes from well placed trees)

Sand volleybal

More hiking trails surrounded by trees

Frisbee golf

Walking trails with exercise stations

Roller hockey

Cycling lanes/shared lanes

More walking trails now that the Boys Ranch is a sea of concrete.

Fitness equipment that is for all ages. Things that promote moving your body?

Roller hockey rink

Roller hockey/skateboard

Garden areas

None

Nothing else. Enough has been spent. The Boys Ranch was fine the way it was

Walking trails

Obstacle, Fitness course

None don't we have Generations Park?

Open spaces

We have a lot of skateboarders in our area, we need to add something for them.

Dog park that isn't just a grass field

Trails

green space

Skate park

More trails for walking, running, biking

Fishing

Skate park

Splash Pad

splash pads

Putting greens

Pools

Racquetball courts

Outdoor music venue

swimming pools

Skateboarding park

distance markers on trails

Skate park please

Splash pad at the dog park

disc golf

Gaga ball ring

Dog play area

Biking trails.

Free splash pads

Bigger areas for dogs to b let off the leash

Shade trees, nice evergreens for year long interest, native TX trees

Lets see how much of the existing is being used first.

I had to move to the Hurst Senior Center as they offer exercise equipment and better facilities

racquetball court

A bouldering wall would be cool

Bike/hiking trails

Playgrounds that are more natural/nature based; more nature center type walking trails

Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about park improvements or amenities in Bedford?

(105 responses by)



My family utilizes the trails for walking and biking. We also use the older style outdoor playground equipment for fitness exercises.

more trails please

My kids love gaga ball and we drive to grapevine to play. We'd love to see a gaga ball pit set up in the boys ranch.

Bike paths are desperately needed

We really enjoy the Boys Ranch and are excited about the new developments! We know this will be appealing to new families coming into Bedford.

Please stop trying to reinvent the wheel. The ego of city leaders are going to bankrupt the city

We have wonderful parks. Need more disc golf please!!!! Also more dog parks!

Better lighting. Need lighting on walking trail

Walking/running/biking trails especially with challenging distances 1/2 to 3 miles one way.

The parks are well maintained, and making them as family friendly as possible should always be the top priority

I have not used the parks in the last 12 months because the Boys Ranch is closed. I have gone to Colleyville and Hurst.

More walking and running sidewalks. Separate bike lanes that are protected by a curb or something to keep vehicles out. Fix the broken sidewalks and lack of sidewalks on Forest Ridge (there are either no sidewalks, or they are so uneven/broken that it is hazardous to run on them). Add more walking and running sidewalks throughout Generations Park--if possible, connect the sidewalks all the way to the sidewalks at the Bedford Trails Linear Park so that people can walk, bike, or run between them.

It would be nice to have a couple of covered areas along the linear trails. Every so often, there is a surprise storm and it would be nice to have a place to take cover.

There's bound to be a way to get more shade along the Bedford Trails. Trees that grow up to about 30 feet, planted away from underneath the overhead and south of the sidewalks would help.

We drive to grapevine, farmers branch, even occasionally Frisco to use FREE splash pads. Texas summers make parks nearly unusable for months at a time unless there are water features. I believe a skatepark would be heavily used. It will bring a lot of outside traffic to Bedford which is A GOOD THING as it brings business and sales tax revenue to the city.

Do what best fits each size park. Small ones do not need parking. Restrooms would be nice but may require more maintenance than is feasible/practical. I do see more people using basketball courts near me so maybe add to some that do not have one. Otherwise, parks is doing a great job!

I would love to see our trails connect to other trails so that especially when biking, running or roller blading, we can have longer safe rides.

Disc golf courses

More bike lanes in town and on the trails.

More trees/shade

Need drinking fountains that work

The park my family uses all the time is Chisholm park in Hurst and very close to my house. It's got everything I look for. I suspect when Boys Ranch re-opens, it'll be a close competitor for Chisholm to me. (Chisholm is closer to me than Boys Ranch but I'll ditch it if I enjoy Boys Ranch more.) I also hope lots of trees for shade get planted there. It's much too hot most of Texas to be outside for long without coverage.

Aqua

I really could use tennis courts

Will it even matter?

Benches along sidewalks and trails. Improve trail on cheeksparger including benches

Can we make these improvements without additional tax burden being placed on Homeowners?

Stop trying to monetize the parks in Bedford.

Work with oncor to get an alternative amenity approved for residents in East Bedford. Can a playground be added in an area not directly under the power lines? Paint interactive activities on the trails (hopscotch, counting activities, seek & find in nature)? Small play stations rather than the larger playground?

Bedford is sorely lacking in park space and amenities so whatever you do, make it the best possible for our residents.

Place a playground back in the linear trail near Hastings place

It will be interesting to see how maintenance of the \$53 Million park will be respected by the public and parks department.

The big dog park is constantly waterlogged. Too much watering maybe? It's not just after rain. There's a lot of room in the field for a 3rd dog park that would allow closing one for long term recovery/maintenance, something some other cities do.

Plant more blubonnets in the trail spaces to bring people for photos

Our family uses parks and trails every day. Extending the trails within the city would be amazing!

Spend my tax dollars on more important things like resident medical & financial assistance.

Stop spending taxpayers money. The facilities at the Boys Ranch were fine just the way they were

Most of our parks feel very average. I wish we could spruce them up and make them feel fresher. Thanks for doing this and taking the time to help bedford!

I would like to see more landscaping along major thoroughfares and replace the Bradford Pears with better quality trees

More widespread information in park events!

Have trash cleaned from creeks and culverts.

Walking trails with parking

We need Tennis courts in Bedford, now that all courts were removed from Generations Park, I have to drive to other cities to play. All school tennis courts are locked from public use.

We have a lot of skateboarders in our area but they do not have anyplace to enjoy skating. It would be nice for them to have a place to do this. All you see are signs saying no skateboarding.

Please add a crosswalk and button at the intersection of Heritage Ave and Cheek Sparger. Unfortunately only ONE of the four sides has a crosswalk (and that one is fairly useless as it allows you to cross the dead-end street - it doesn't allow you to cross Cheek Sparger). This intersection connects the Bedford Trails Park to Bob Eden, McCormick, and Glade Parks in Euless. The car sensors on the street lights do NOT detect bicycles on the road trying to cross Cheek Sparger.

We need more trash receptacles and water drinking stations

Park patrol persons and police call boxes, monitor and respond to surveillance cameras

More green space, water features, trees, walking paths

Crossing light on Harwood and Woodson for the Linear Park trails. It would be nice if the trail along Woodson was also widened to be more friendly for sharing between cyclists and pedestrians, or cyclists headed in opposite directions.

Outdoor basketball and tennis courts at Boys ranch would of been nice versus so many baseball fields.

Hope Generations Park open soon. Have missed using it

not at this time

Maintain current parks. The park off Wade has a basketball goal that has been broken for years for example

We need more trails

We tend to use the trails at Hurst and Colleyville parks (Mayfair, Chisholm, Sparger). Trails with separate lanes for wheels (bikes, rollerblades, scooters) would be really nice. With the lack of sidewalks in our neighborhood, we have to drive somewhere to safely walk, and Hurst park trails mentioned above don't allow bikes or rollerblades. Ideally, separate trails for dog walking. My daughter is terrified of dogs and you can't avoid them on the trails.

Looking forward to seeing the boys ranch renovations finished

Our city has 0 tennis courts and we absolutely need them!

More lighted walking trails

Central Park desperately needs the playground equipment to be replaced. It seems to be 25-30 years old or more. There's plenty of room for more playground equipment, like separate play areas for younger kids, older kids and differently abled kids. It seems like the south side of Bedford doesn't get the same attention and budget as the north side, even though we pay taxes too.

Our family's priority are walking/biking trails, playgrounds, and splash pads. A swing set was removed from Harris Ryals Park and we'd love to see it replaced.

Looking forward to the development at Generation park to be completed to be able to use the park again. Disappointed the tennis courts were removed!

The Park Dept. needs to take better care of the the pond. Also they need to limit the number of geese and duck s walking around. I also think they should have small Arts festivals or Shakespeare or Jazz in the park.

A skatepark would put Bedford on the map. It could be used for inline skating, skate boarding, BMX, scooters and even wheelchairs. Tournaments would draw attention to the City! Especially if you had seating to watch them. Would need lights of course. The closest one is in Roanoke or Arlington.

Grass areas without stickers

More bike trails

Keep some green space to keep Bedford beautiful. More wildflower areas for photo opportunities, more activities at old Bedford school

I am so grateful to live in a city that cares for parks. Please do not cut more trees. Increase shaded areas. Thank you for the bathroom, the water fountains, and clean parks.

More trees!!! Hail shelters! Wild flowers —celebrate TX wild flowers...have "stomps" in fall. Investigate grant programs for Lady Bird Johnson's wild flower vision. Create partnership with HEBISD sites for wild flower gardens.

Very disappointed that Oncor chose to destroy East End Trails Park. Is that whole area an easement? Would love to see a replacement close by. Lots of families in our neighborhood walked to that playground

More water fountains with pet water bowls at base.

We absolutely love the book walks at the two parks. Would love to see this in more places!

I'm pretty happy about the condition and overall layouts of our parks.

More lighting

More natural plant growth(flora) around lake that are safe for wildlife. Positive signage about feeding wildlife (not to feed bread). Many visitors to the park need a place to relax. The ducks provide this to both adults & children.

No

Keep the trees. Don't chop them down like you did at Bedford Boys Ranch. Shameful!

on trails, put historical or informational signage on distance markers

With Generations park having been closed, my almost four-year-old and I have spent the last two years exploring the playgrounds of Bedford and surrounding communities. The playgrounds of other cities seem to have embraced the importance of play for young children and appear to consider and incorporate many philosophies of play and exploration. Maybe it's just that Bedford's playgrounds are older but as a young family, it does send the message to us that the little kids aren't as important in Bedford as they are in other communities.

Activities and activity areas that are accessible to children, youth and adults with disabilities is extremely important. Rubberized ground for playgrounds and sensory items would be very beneficial.

Shade on the trails especially over the benches. It gets so hot.

A skate park that could be used for skateboarding and inline skating would be great!

Dog friendly area at generations park

Little neighborhood parks are important, too. I'm concerned that the YMCA's proposal to run Generations Park is not comparable to the consultants' estimate of the cost of the city running it, and that the Y will under deliver. There are gotchas in their proposal, I'm sure. The Bedford Y is not maintained well. Engage our smart city manager to prepare an alternative, and find the holes in the Y's proposal.

Better organization of the parks for community use. Grills, picnic tables, etc. just seem to be randomly scattered around. Makes family or friends gatherings more difficult to accomplish in the parks. Things are too dispersed. Make them somewhat mapped out with general usages for different areas

Boys ranch and water park?

Shade over playgrounds, no sand use the spongy all season material instead for playground equipment

Lighting

A skate park and splash pad would be great additions

The boys ranch generations park needs landscaping.

Can't wait for the newest park upgrade to be finished!!!

More short hike trails

More bike/walking trails.

I know the cheeksparger road sidewalk is designated a park. It needs to be upgraded BAD. ideally concrete would last longer but even if it was just asphalted again.

No

Will the Boys Ranch open in stages? or, will certain areas open earlier than others?

Outdoor fitness stations along park trails. Splash pads near play areas with some covered picnic tables for parents to watch kids & serve lunches/snacks. Similar to Parr Park in Grapevine.

Lighting for the trails would be nice

Bedford needs to build tennis courts for it residents

Make sure the areas are taken care of. Keep them mowed, edged and clean. Drinking fountains would be nice.

Keep up the good work!

More variety in swings offered. "Ride" type equipment such as merry-go-round and zip lines. Splash pads. Basketball courts (preferably enclosed).

Don't ever let the HEB ISD sell the vacant Meadowpark land, unless to the City for park expansion.

Relocate playground equipment on Bedford trail east from under power lines

Definitely more shaded areas/structures. Would love a true nature center to explore. Playgrounds that are built into the nature around them-so helps encourage more adventure, exploring, risky play.