

Location Survey Administered:

Artesian Commons Park – 415 4th Ave SE, Olympia WA 98501

Date and Time Survey Administered:

Wed. August 17 through Sat. August 20 (2016), 8am-7pm

Surveys Gathered During this Time:

414

Purpose of Survey:

During four days in August the Artesian Leadership Committee administered a survey to the public at the Artesian Commons Park in downtown Olympia. The survey had two purposes. One, to gauge the use and frequency that water is gathered at the park; and two, to gain insight into the experience of gathering water at the park.

Conducting Survey:

The survey was conducted from 8am to 7pm, Wednesday August 17th through Saturday August 20th. All surveys were administered onsite. All surveys were conducted either by an Artesian Leadership Committee representative asking the questions or by the community member filling out the survey themselves. 414 surveys were collected during this time.

**Artesian Leadership Committee:**

The Artesian Leadership Committee (ALC) is a group of public and private organizations that have an interest in the success of the park. Local business owners, social service agencies, community advocacy groups, the Olympia's Parks, Arts & Recreation Department, the Olympia City Council and the Olympia Police Department all are represented on the ALC. The ALC meets once a month to discuss issues at the park and ways to improve the overall experience.

ARTESIAN WELL SURVEY**2016**

Thank you for participating in this survey! This anonymous information will be used to better serve our community. Feel free to add comments in response to any question and/or add comments on the back of this form.

Date _____ Time _____

Home City/County _____

Age _____

Number in your household _____

About how far do you travel to visit the well? _____

How long have you been visiting the well? _____

How often do you visit the well? _____

How long do you usually stay? _____

Average amount of water you collect per trip? _____

Do you need vehicle access to the well? Yes No

Is this your primary source of drinking water? Yes No

Is this your **only** source of drinking water? Yes No

Usage? (circle one) Personal Commercial Both Other _____

Is visiting the well the primary reason for your trip today? Yes No

If Yes, will you make other stops today?

For what? (Circle any that apply) Work School Errands Entertainment Other _____

If No – what is the primary reason for your trip? Work School Errands Entertainment Other _____

In general, how has the creation of the Artesian Commons affected your experience of collecting water?

(Circle one) improved about the same worsened

Comment?

Have you had difficulty finding a place to park, to collect water? Yes No

If so, about how often?

Does the traffic flow generally work well? Yes No

If not, what problems have you experienced?

Olympia Parks and Recreation have heard from well users on a variety of behaviors of people using the Artesian Commons; some positive, some negative. Please check any you have experienced and indicate approximately how often.					
Positive	how often	Not so positive	how often	Negative	how often
cleaning up		unpleasant appearance		unhygienic behavior	
courtesy		excessive noise		aggressive begging	
friendliness		interference		intimidation	
helpfulness		rudeness		threats	
respect		harassment		drug use	
turn-taking		smoking		drug dealing	

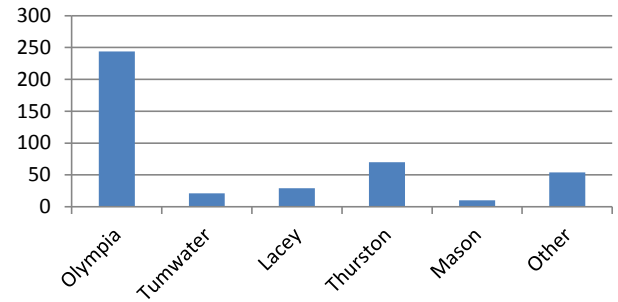
Have you been threatened, attacked or had any other difficulties with dogs in the well area or the Commons? Yes No

If so, how?

What impact have the Well Host and Park Ranger positions had on your experience?

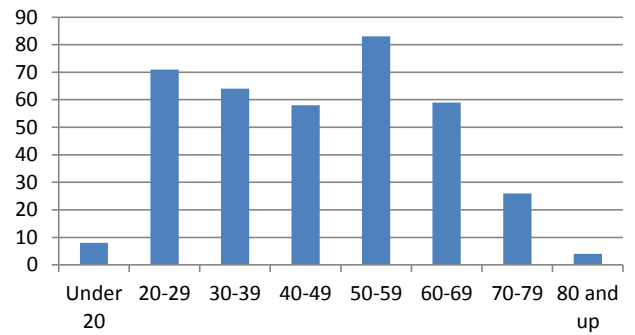
What is your home city/county?

		%
Olympia	244	0.57
Tumwater	21	0.05
Lacey	29	0.07
Thurston	70	0.16
Mason	10	0.02
Other	54	0.13
Total Responses	428	



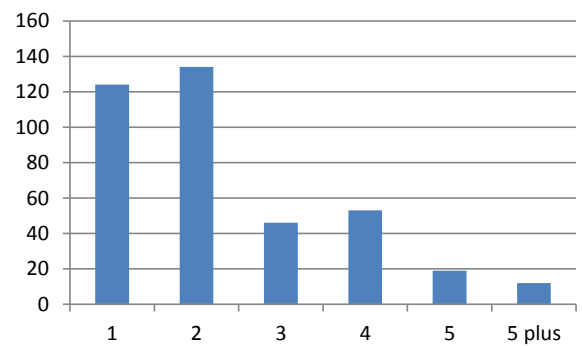
Whats your age?

		%
Under 20	8	0.02
20-29	71	0.19
30-39	64	0.17
40-49	58	0.16
50-59	83	0.22
60-69	59	0.16
70-79	26	0.07
80 and up	4	0.01
	373	



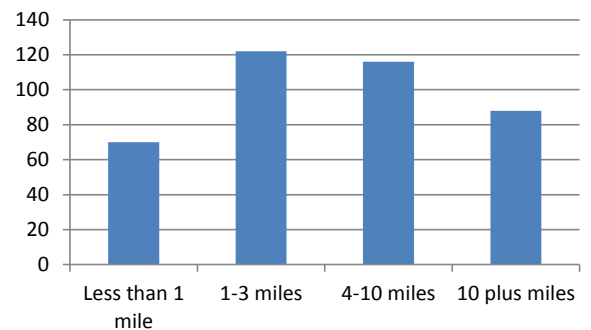
Number in your household?

		%
1	124	0.32
2	134	0.35
3	46	0.12
4	53	0.14
5	19	0.05
5 plus	12	0.03
	388	



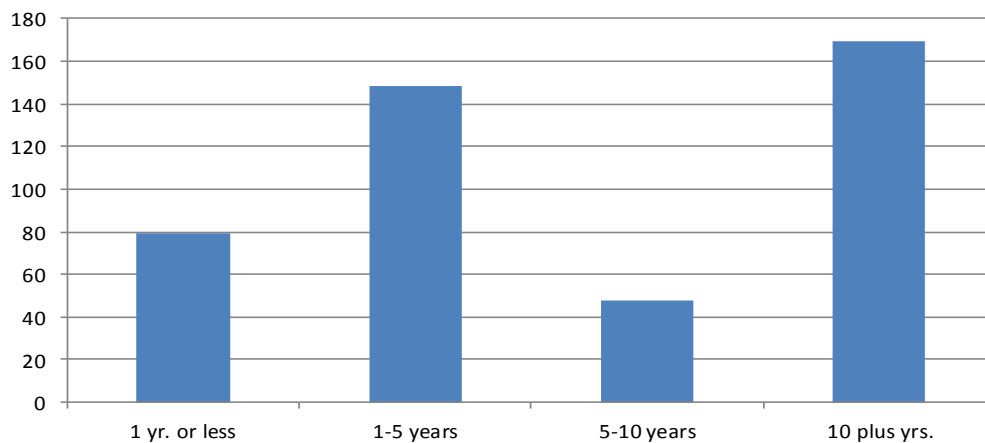
How far do you travel to visit the well?

		%
Less than 1 mile	70	0.18
1-3 miles	122	0.31
4-10 miles	116	0.29
10 plus miles	88	0.22
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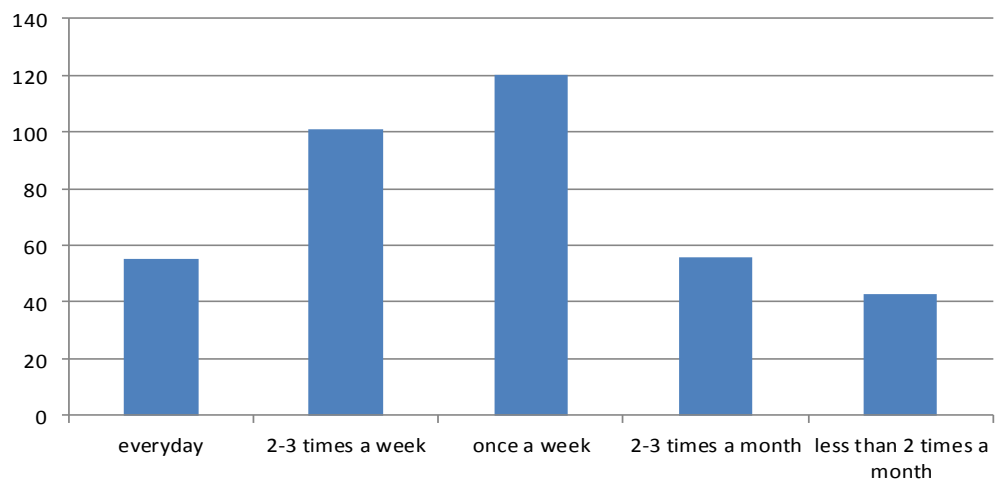
How long have you been visiting the well?

		%
1 yr. or less	79	0.18
1-5 years	148	0.33
5-10 years	48	0.11
10 plus yrs.	169	0.38
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How often do you visit the well?

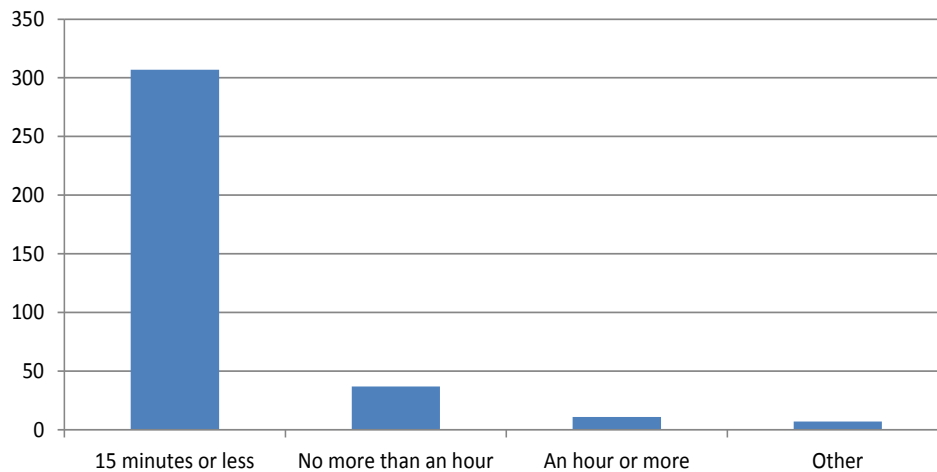
		%
everyday	55	0.15
2-3 times a week	101	0.27
once a week	120	0.32
2-3 times a month	56	0.15
less than 2 times a month	43	0.11
	375	



How long do you usually stay?

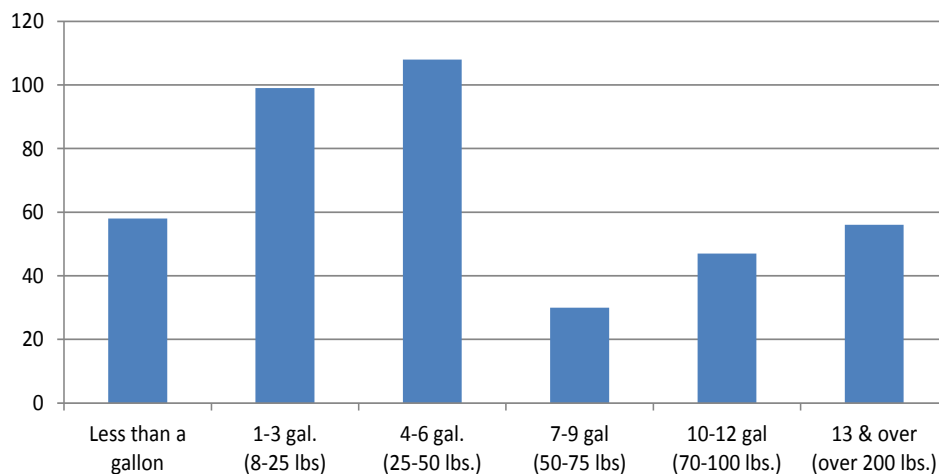
		%
15 minutes or less	307	0.85
No more than an hour	37	0.10
An hour or more	11	0.03
Other	7	0.02
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This question was misleading to some. Some folks who answered that they visited the park everyday said they only stayed for 15 minutes or less, when their other responses would lead you to believe they meant they collect water for 15 minutes or less, but stay in the park longer.



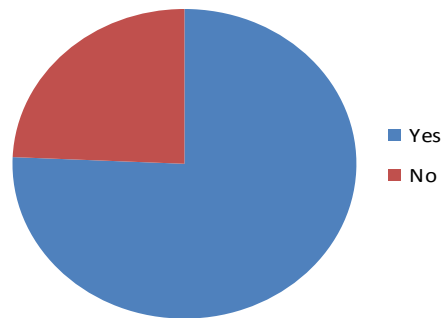
Amount of water you collect per trip?

		%
Less than a gallon	58	0.15
1-3 gal. (8-25 lbs)	99	0.25
4-6 gal. (25-50 lbs.)	108	0.27
7-9 gal (50-75 lbs)	30	0.08
10-12 gal (70-100 lbs.)	47	0.12
13 & over (over 200 lbs.)	56	0.14
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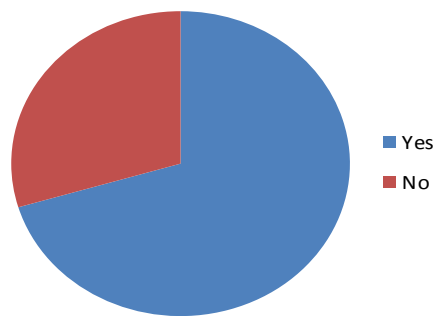
Do you need vehicle access to the well?

			%
Yes	302	0.76	
No	97	0.24	
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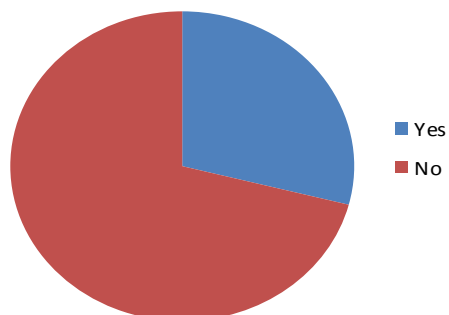
Is this your primary source of drinking water?

			%
Yes	354	0.70	
No	149	0.30	
	503		



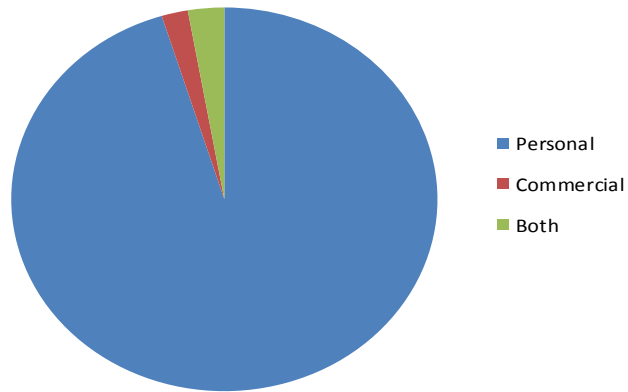
Is this your ONLY source of drinking water?

			%
Yes	114	0.29	
No	279	0.71	
	393		



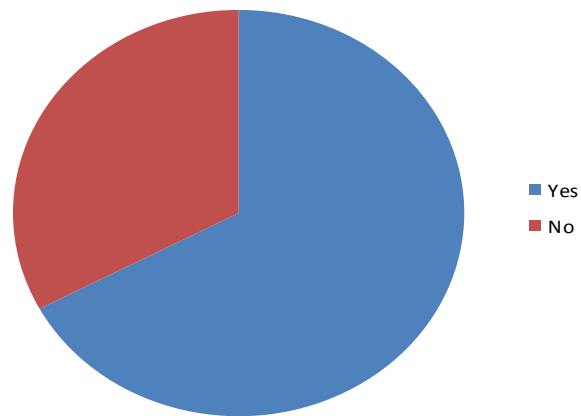
Is your usage of water personal, commercial or both?

		%
Personal	381	0.95
Commercial	8	0.02
Both	11	0.03
	400	



Is visiting the well the primary reason for your trip today?

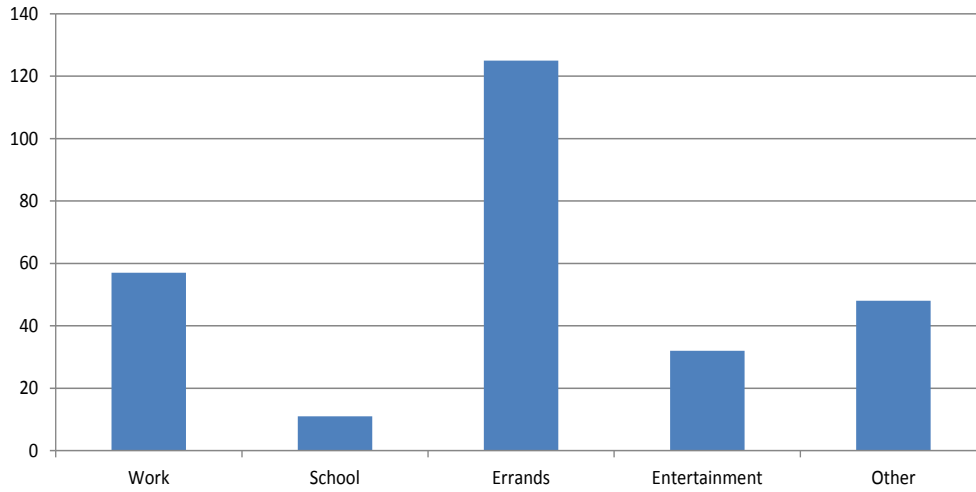
		%
Yes	252	0.67
No	123	0.33
	375	



If yes, will you make other stops today?

		%
Work	57	0.21
School	11	0.04
Errands	125	0.46
Entertainment	32	0.12
Other	48	0.18

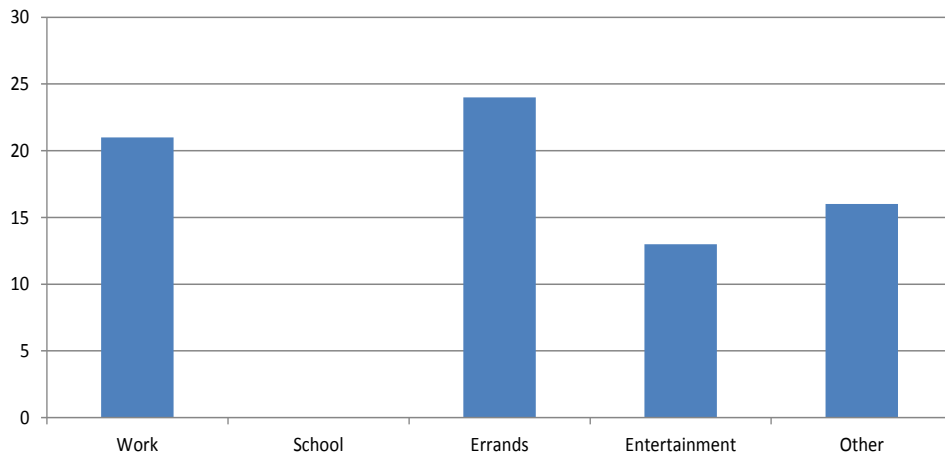
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If no, what is the primary reason for your trip today?

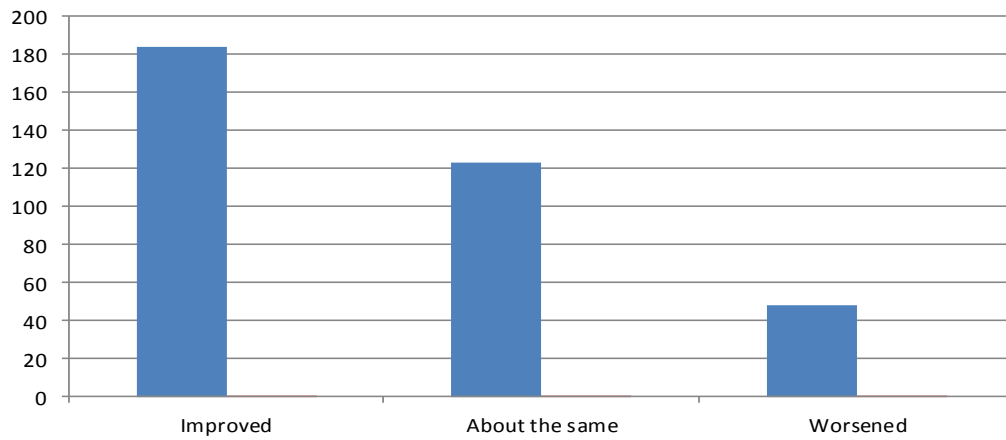
		%
Work	21	0.28
School	0	0.00
Errands	24	0.32
Entertainment	13	0.18
Other	16	0.22

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In general, how has the creation of the Artesian Commons affected your experience of collecting water?

		%
Improved	184	0.52
About the same	123	0.35
Worsened	48	0.14
	355	



COMMENT:

more pleasant
appealing to the eye
too shined up
yup-ifacation
more beautiful
6 pm car parties
tweekers
better/cleaner
basketball has improved
cage, walk around when closed
water area should be more closed off
improved to offer social help
its rad - we love it

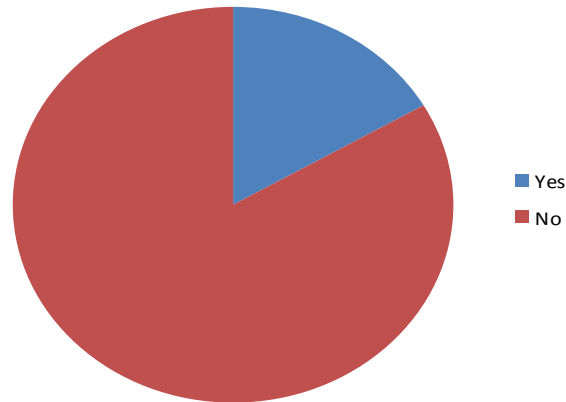
everyone seems to show love down here
cleaner
fun to see people enjoying the park
looks good
I like the improvements
very nice now
not as crowded
like fence
too many undesirables
get rid of it
outstanding
its great
all good
easily accessible
noisy & congested

Comments continued:

*didn't deal with being worried
good except for some creepy people
love it - good way to meet people as long as the homeless aren't
swearing
brightness
love the art work - like black wall
like the company - music - tables & umbrellas
looks better but not "the commons" or common community area too
comment city council for buying this property
I wish people were more respectful
many sleeping junkies - too many crazies
we need more security & food trucks
the group makes me nervous sometimes
too many incidents with homeless
widened consciousness
harassed many times - it's grass here & people (non-water drinkers)
are aggressive
these people need a place to be
love the improvements
worried about safety & security
looks great
young people off putting
need place for homeless but need to police themselves
I really only care about the water
always witness drug use and fighting
used to chat
its convenient
wife used to come
benches are good
tar is melting
would like it to be safer
privileged water users need to be more understanding,
love the mural
needs more shade
slowed it down
would like to see other wells used and improved
the park is nice
visually improved
I appreciate the park
needs smoking section
needs more green space
never had any problems,
lovely nice for people to have tables & umbrellas
I don't think the park should be asphalt
lifesaver
beautiful - amazing - I love it
kids play in the way - this is not a park - community well
not afraid of young people
like the cook - hopefully will take better care of it
needs accommodation for dogs - I don't have a dog but I see the need
too many irresponsible people hang out here
more organized! - chairs & tables
as for looks - seems to be a place for drug users - do not like bringing
my kids here for all the fights and drug users, but glad we're trying
I like the energy - people are safer
people take good care of it - sometimes a bit rowdy
our poor deserve better*

Have you had difficulty finding a place to park, to collect water?

		%
Yes	61	0.17
No	306	0.83
	367	



If so, about how often?

once in a while

35' long RV

occasionally

live & let live

too many people staying longer than necessary, time limit should be reduced to 5 minutes

more crowded

sometimes

around noon

packed during day

lost a lot of parking with City lot,

seldom

every other visit

create drive thru, parking lot too small, cars get stuck trying to back out

main reason to stay in Olympia,

try to come early

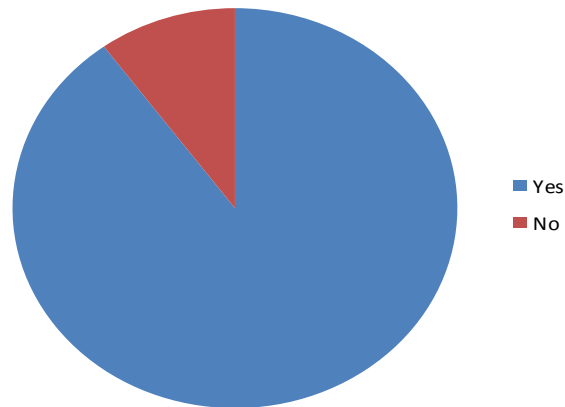
sometimes too busy

only come once a year

1 out of 5 visits

Does the traffic flow generally work well?

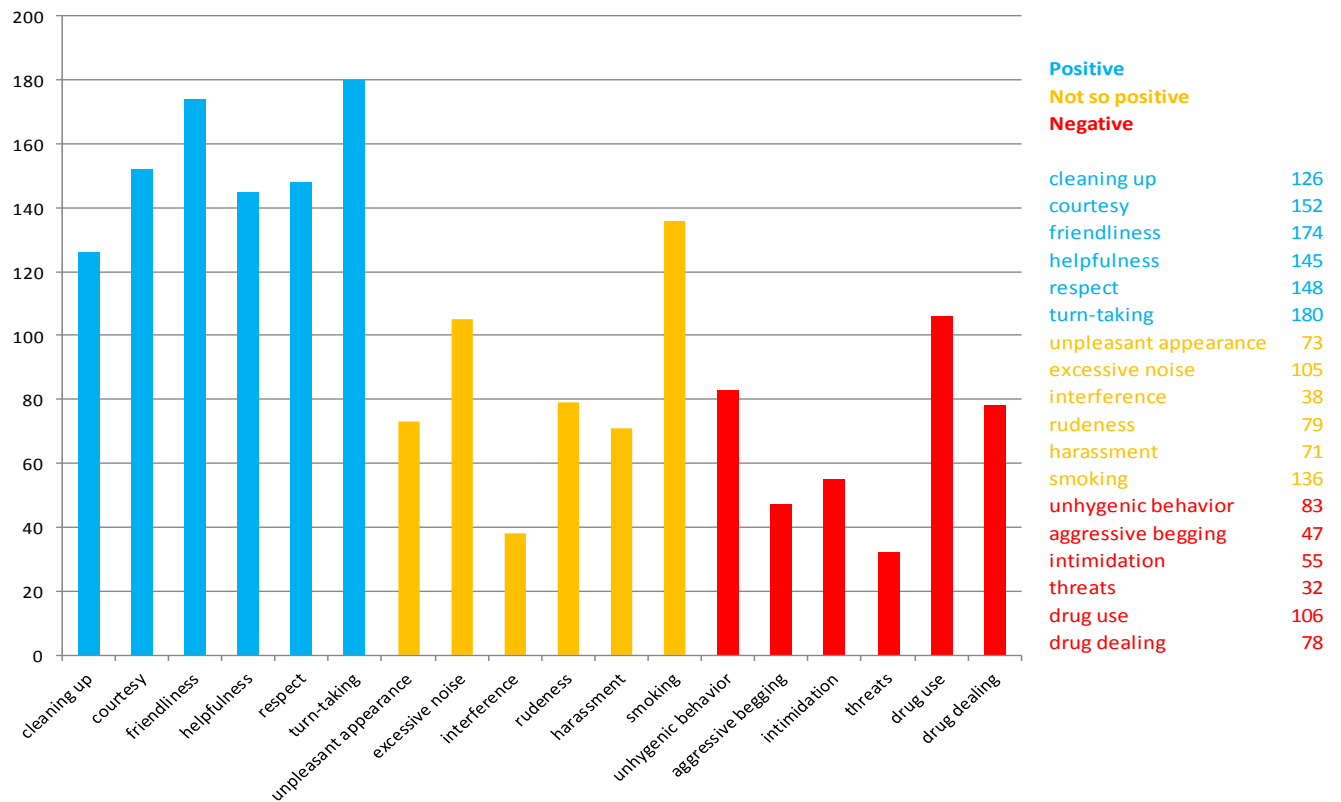
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Yes	314	0.90
No	35	0.10
	349	



If not, what problems have you experienced?

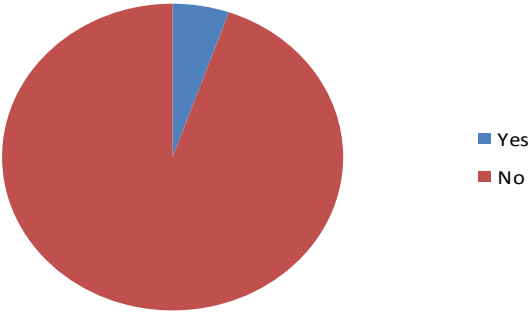
sometimes none, water collectors take up parking space
sometimes special events make it difficult
sometimes people stand in parking spaces
fair
not great
sometimes
no problems
noon is busy
need to be especially careful of pedestrians who pay no attention to traffic
the monthly parking used to be well parking, so there is less space
no problems
could easily have more than one spot
except on hotter days
no traffic in Olympia
gate walk around
older couple insists that others wait
parking used by park people
not well people

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Have you been threatened, attacked or had any other difficulties with dogs in the well area or the Commons?

		%
Yes	17	0.05
No	300	0.95
	317	

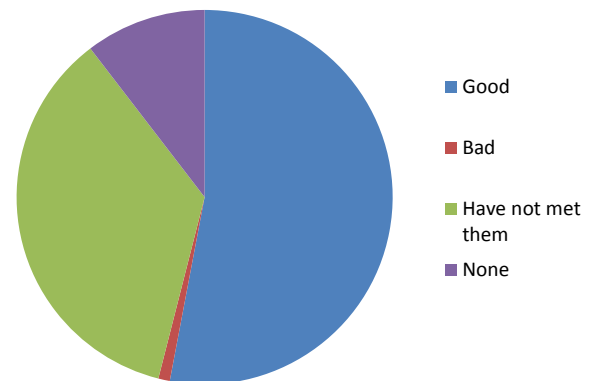


If so how?

threatening towards others
barking dogs forced me to leave when I wanted to talk to people
just people being obnoxious
others yes
too many pitbulls, basketballs running loose hitting tables, don't bring children too young
dog owners, not dogs
comment on dog drinking water and owner threatened me
bit by dog, not his fault
dogs not on leash
don't know how women feel

What impact have the Well Host and Park Ranger positions had on your experience?

		%
Good	107	0.53
Bad	2	0.01
Have not met them	72	0.36
None	21	0.10
	202	



Miscellaneous comments:

- no opinion
- very pleasant!
- they keep this place in good way & safe
- feels much safer
- has friends that no longer visit well because they don't feel safe
- a very positive influence when on duty - need to be funded for more hours
- need them
- more organized - more likely to hangout here - cleaner
- not noticed
- better people using the park - more positive people - not just vagrants
- less drug use
- positive
- a good impact
- keeps everybody calmer
- would like full time security
- no bad experiences
- none but glad to know they are here
- great idea
- am sometimes uneasy because there are fights
- very welcoming and positive
- I like Garrett & Lee personally
- better parking , seems calmer
- it is a positive change , the well feels more like a community now , games/food/outreach all makes for improvement
- big difference , positive
- sexually harassed & physically threatened three times in last year
- we had a pleasant chat
- a little more safe
- the well host and park ranger were courteous and professional - they're approachable and the excessive noise and rudeness issues (around the well) have improved dramatically since they've been in the commons
- Lee and the other ranger are patient - professional and a good mediating force - cops seem more relaxed now
- present when fighting or almost fighting occurs near well , afraid & leave before it involves me, before I get injured some how. Where are the old people in the park? " " families? " " chess games are the tables? Can I come monopolize an entire table all day? Urban lot to make a park, but it is a private park. There is only one clientele that would ever use the park. Constant use of the word "f***" and variations of "f***", yelling, cursing, near fighting, bathing & soap & toothbrushing, abuse of the grounds, graffiti on murals. I get water and I get the hell out. Filthy.
- everyone should have access to free water, love well so much, well really impressed me, don't know of any city that does that
- love them
- they're great
- fashionable
- there is no way I can replace the pipes in my home
- little better
- makes me anxious, hope they don't harass people
- when they are not around it is a different crowd