



Frequently Asked Questions

Can we do the manual counts during survey sessions?

- You may, but it might become difficult to do both. Also, if the counter is placed in a narrow part of the path it might become difficult to count if people are obstructing your vision
- We encourage volunteers to keep these separate
- If you do decide to do both at the same time. Have one volunteer specifically do the manual count while other volunteers are surveying
- Remember that manual counts are conducted at the counter location, while surveys should be conducted away from the counter

What if I intercept someone who says they already filled out the survey?



- If they completed the survey THIS year, do not survey again.
- If they completed the survey in past years, ask them to complete the new survey. Some questions have changed- and maybe their situation has changed too!

Do we survey children?

- Children can be surveyed as part of the Census but currently we cannot analyze data from respondents under the age of 18.
- If your local trail users group would find this information useful you may collect it but we won't be able to analyze it until we receive permission of the UConn Institutional Review Board.

Can two of us fill out the same survey?



- No, surveys are designed to be taken by one person.
- If you intercept a couple be sure they both fill out separate surveys

A man on a bike politely declines to take the survey because he is timing his ride. Is this a refusal?

- This still counts as a refusal and you would be able to mark as such on the survey summary and refusal form.





Connecticut Trail Census

A statewide multi-use trail user study

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Connecticut Trail Census Data Summary & Refusals Form

One form should be completed for each survey session.

Number of Surveys Collected _____ Hours of Surveying: ____ am/pm to ____ am/pm

Date of Data Collection _____ Location of Data Collection _____

Weather - Describe _____ Estimated temperature _____ F

Your Name _____ Your Phone _____

REFUSALS TALLY BY REASONS GIVEN - Track refusals like this |||| ||||

_____ Do not have time.

_____ Could not intercept - Bicyclist

_____ Could not intercept - Other

_____ Other. Please list given or assumed reasons.

_____ **TOTAL Refusals** (During busy trail times if you are not able to intercept all users please do your best to estimate those missed, including members of a group of only one participant completed the survey.)

Notes: _____

Thank you!



Any questions or comments email
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