

Below is a summary of the Question 18 in a pie chart along with a written description. There were 554 written responses from the *Town of Windham Community Survey* (Question 18: “What was your activity at town parks or trail amenities?”), the following **seven primary activity categories** clearly emerged as the most commonly mentioned by residents:

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## 1. Walking and Trail Use (Most Frequent)

Nearly every respondent referenced walking or trail use as their main activity.

- Common phrases included “walking trails,” “trail walking,” and “walking at Donnabeth Lippman Park, Gambo, or East Windham Conservation Area.”
  - This indicates that general walking, nature walking, and trail accessibility are by far the most valued and used amenities.
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## 2. Hiking

Hiking was the second most frequently mentioned activity.

- Residents consistently listed “hiking” alongside specific local preserves such as Lowell Preserve, East Windham Conservation Area, and Black Brook Preserve.
  - Several responses combined hiking with other nature activities like birdwatching, fishing, or dog walking, showing the desire for mixed-use natural spaces.
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## 3. Dog Walking

Dog-related recreation appeared in a significant share of responses.

- Entries such as “walking my dog,” “dog walking on trails,” and “dog park use” were consistent.
  - This highlights a clear interest in pet-friendly park and trail amenities, particularly those offering safe, off-leash or shared-use spaces.
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## 4. Playground and Family Use

Families frequently mentioned using **playgrounds** and taking **children or grandchildren** to parks.

- Examples: “Playgrounds and walking trails,” “playing with grandchildren,” and “playgrounds with kids.”

- This suggests strong community engagement around child-friendly spaces and multi-generational recreation.
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## 5. Biking

Bicycling and mountain biking were regular mentions.

- Respondents referred to the *Mountain Division Trail* and local conservation trails as key sites for biking.
  - A few noted electric biking (“e-triking”) and multi-use trails accommodating both walkers and cyclists.
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## 6. Water-Based Recreation (Swimming, Kayaking, Fishing)

Several responses mentioned **Dundee Park**, **Babb’s Bridge**, and nearby rivers or ponds for:

- *Swimming, kayaking, fishing, and ice fishing.*
  - This indicates year-round interest in maintaining and improving water access for recreation.
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## 7. Organized or Community Activities

Although less frequent, there were recurring mentions of structured or social activities such as:

- *Pickleball, soccer, basketball, concerts, community events, CPR courses, and food trucks.*
- These indicate that residents also value parks as community gathering spaces beyond individual recreation.

### Top Activities Reported at Windham Parks and Trail Amenities

