



# BWCA 2023 Usage and Experience Survey

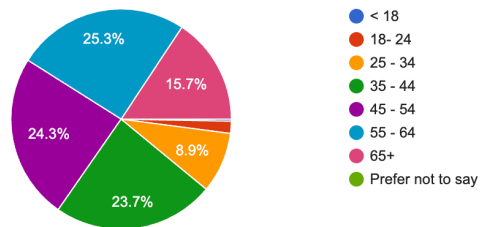
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What is your age?

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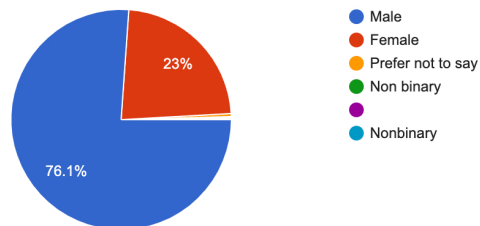
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What is your gender?

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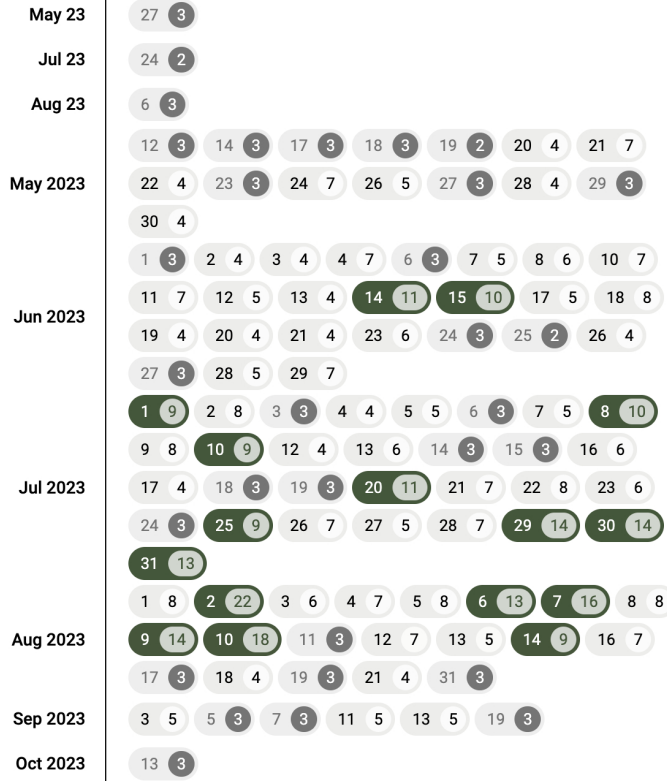
What entry point number did you enter at? (e.g. 16 or 30)

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What was your entry date?

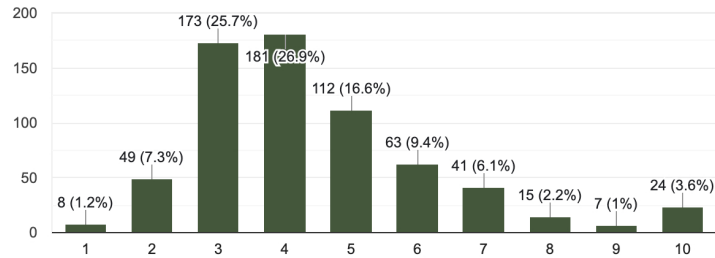
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### How many nights did you stay?

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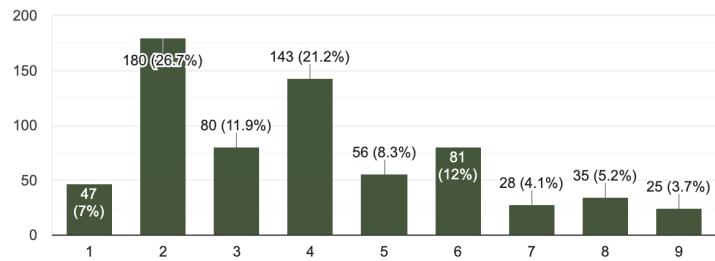
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### How many people in your group?

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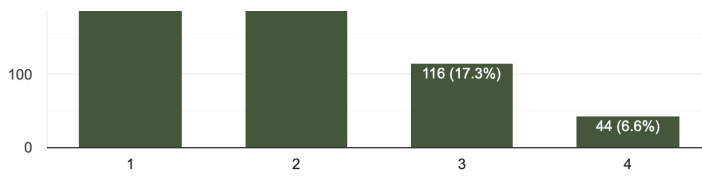


### How many watercraft in your group?

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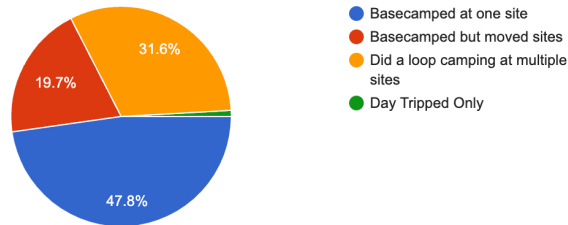




### How would you describe your trip?

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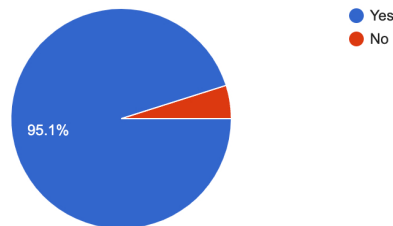


### 2023 BWCA Trip

### Have you been to the BWCA before 2023?

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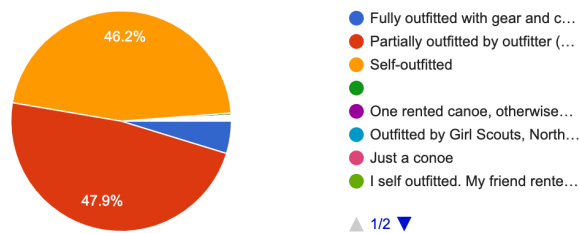
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### How did you outfit your trip with gear?

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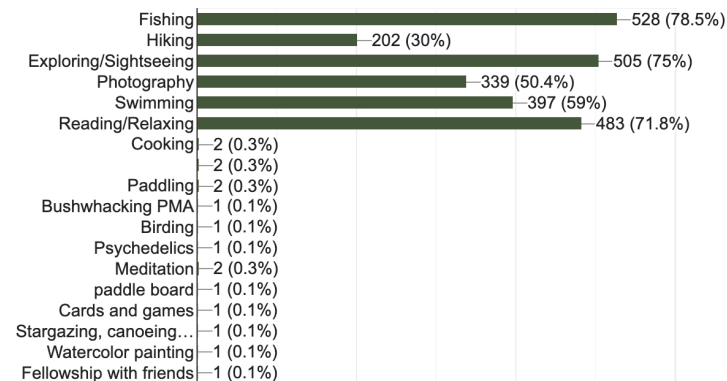
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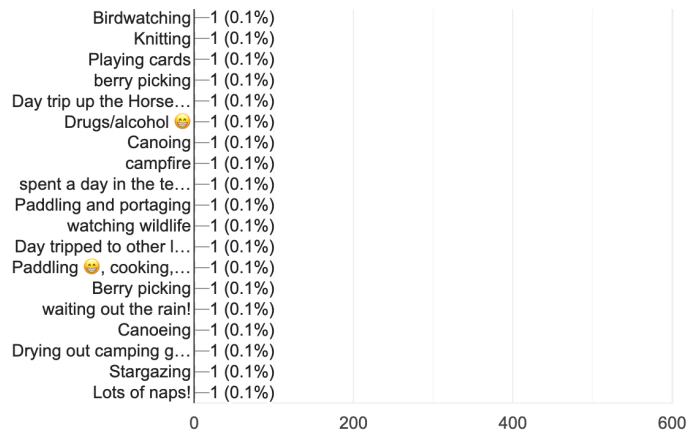


### What activities did you do while in the BWCA? (Check All the Apply)

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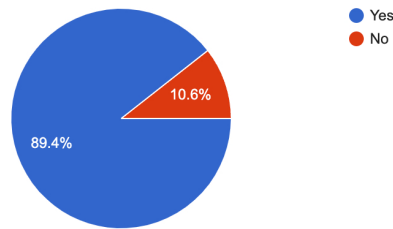




Did you get permits for the entry points and dates you wanted in 2023?

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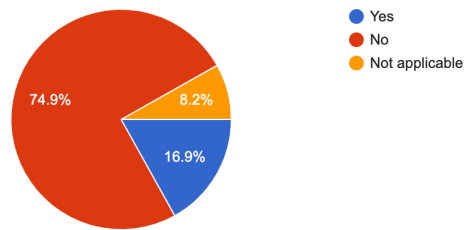
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Did you use an entry point you normally wouldn't use because of permit availability?

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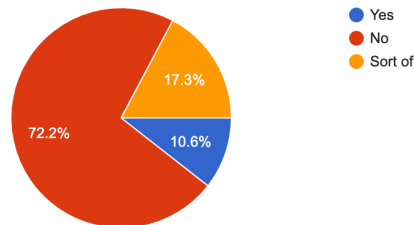
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Did you have trouble finding a campsite?

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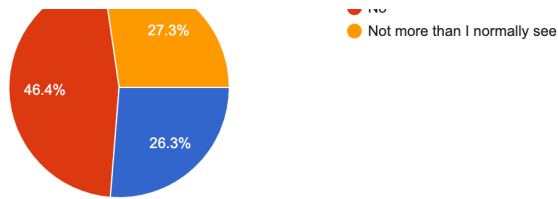


Did you notice Leave No Trace issues?

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Please provide any comments about Leave No Trace issues you ran into.

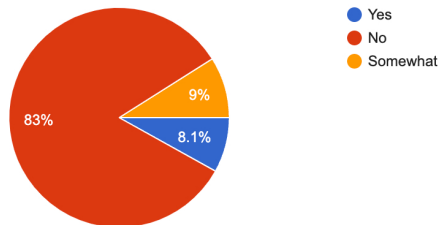
286 responses

- none
- N/A
- Live trees cut down
- Clumps of combed out dog hair in a couple of sites. Toilet paper clumps near water.
- Very disturbing treatment of healthy trees at campsites. Dont understand the need to scar a tree.
- Garbage in fire grate
- toilet paper on portages
- Our campsite, by the fire pit and tent pads, was completely littered with pistachio shells.

Where you bothered by noise pollution while in the BWCA?

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If you were bothered by noise please describe the issue?

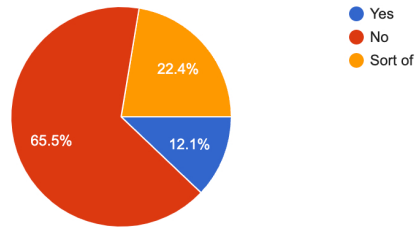
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- n/a
- Planes
- Motor boats
- High flying planes
- Very loud nine person, four canoe, plus dog group paddled by our site
- Campers on the next lake drinking and playing loud music until we'll into the early morning hours
- Group down the lake from us got into a huge argument for about an hour. Extremely noisy.
- Planes and other people

Did you find the BWCA crowded on your trip?

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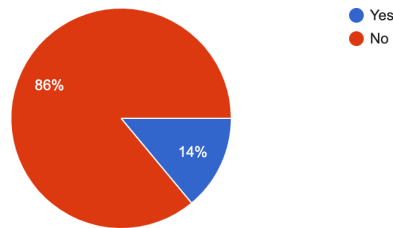
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Did you use a motorized tow while entering or existing the BWCA?

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Please provide comments on motorized tows in the BWCA such as your reason for using a tow or other experiences and comments.

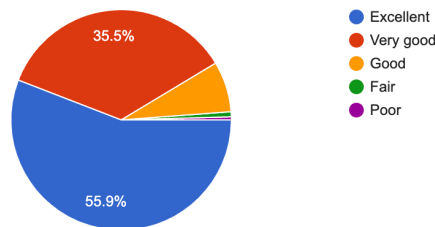
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- n/a
- Tows are OK on large lakes
- Towed across Vermillion last year due to big water, three teens and one adult in a four person canoe
- We couldn't get magnetic lake entry so we entered on Sag and wanted to save 1/2 day paddle to get further in.
- Use it every year for fall trip
- The tow gives us the ability to spend an extra day in the wilderness. If the tow was not had, we would spend the majority of our day not near where we want to be camping.
- We wanted to do the railroad tows just for the experience.
- I don't think they are terrible but I think there should be less. Part of what keeps some

How would you rate your trip(s)?

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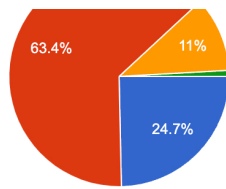


When do you plan to go to the BWCA again?

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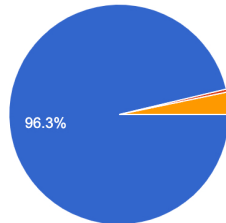


● Future year to be determined  
● Not planning to go again

Would you recommend a BWCA trip to others based on this years experience?

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● Yes  
● No  
● Maybe

Do you have any additional comments about your experience?

218 responses

none

no

Latrines on all sites we visited were very full!

Made permit reservation the day after they opened - options were very limited.

We will go back to our Lake One to Hudson instead of Moose to Jordan as this this trip was harder than expected for someone in their 70's. We had no issues with trip when we were in our 20's.

More motorized lakes, portage. maintenance

We took the last campsite before the mile portage at Basswood Falls on the U.S. side. Another father and son from Duluth came by looking for a campsite at around 4:30 and it was starting to rain. I knew all of the campsites that were close were taken so we let them share our site. We had an incredible time sharing stories and it turned out he

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