

Dalton Open Space and Recreation Survey

The town of Dalton is updating its Open Space and Recreation Plan. **THE TOWN NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Your input and opinions will help to determine the future of recreation and open space in town!

The plan will make Dalton eligible for state reimbursement grant programs for the improvement of recreation areas within town and the protection of open space.

This survey is open to year-round residents, seasonal residents, and second homeowners. All responses will be confidential.

This survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.

The following series of questions examine interest and opinion regarding the future preservation of open space in the town of Dalton. Open space is defined as land that has not been developed for residential, commercial, or industrial uses and includes publicly and privately owned land. Open space often has particular interest for conservation or recreation and includes:

1. Land which contributes to the public water supply
2. Forests, fields, and agricultural lands
3. Wetlands
4. Rivers, streams, and lakes
5. Parks and other recreation lands
6. Wildlife or animal habitats
7. Land which preserves scenic views or town character

Please answer all survey questions. Please answer questions either as an individual or on behalf of your spouse or family.

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* 1. Choose up to **five (5)** activities that you enjoy doing in Dalton.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird watching | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds / Swings / Slides |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating / Canoeing / Kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Running |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Court Sports (Tennis, Basketball, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance / Yoga | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Sports (Soccer, Baseball, Football, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing - downhill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing - cross country |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor recreation / Fitness activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile Riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

2. In a given year, how often do you visit the following parks & playgrounds in Dalton? (Please answer all items.)

	Very Frequently (13+ times/year)	Frequently (6-12 times/year)	Occasionally (1-5 times/year)	Never	Haven't heard of it
Chamberlain Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Craneville School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Greenridge Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pinegrove Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Of those Parks and Playgrounds, which is your favorite?

3. In a given year, how often do you visit the following Open Spaces and Trails in Dalton? (Please answer all items.)

	Very Frequently (13+ times/year)	Frequently (6-12 times/year)	Occasionally (1-5 times/year)	Never	Haven't heard of it
Appalachian Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Old Mill Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cemeteries (any)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Holiday Brook Farm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waconah Falls State Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Pines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Boulders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wahconah High School & Nessacus Middle School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Saint Agnes Academy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
American Legion Post 155	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Craneville Elementary School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wahconah Country Club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housatonic River Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rural and town roadways	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Of those Open Spaces and Trails, which is your favorite?

4. For the places mentioned in questions 2 and 3, what improvements would you suggest? Please try to be specific.

5. Does the town of Dalton need more recreation opportunities for: (Check all that apply.)

- Youth
 Older adults
 Don't know
 Adults
 People with disabilities
 Other (please specify)

6. What, if any, specific additional recreational opportunities would you like to add in Dalton?

* 7. For what improvements should Dalton use its open space and recreation funds? **Choose up to 3**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Paths (both on and off-road) | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds and park amenities (benches, grills, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat / Kayak / Canoe Launch | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Playing Courts (Tennis, Basketball, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Playing Fields (Baseball, Football, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating or Ice Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Area / Access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Recreation (Fitness, Weight Lifting, Yoga, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Paths (including along town and rural roadways) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space Access Areas (Parking Lots and Trailheads) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

8. Which of the following are you willing to do to support or preserve open space and recreation resources in Dalton? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in maintenance and cleanup | <input type="checkbox"/> Donate land or money for open space or recreation (may receive tax benefits) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach a class / lead an activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Pay a little more in taxes, if it was guaranteed for open space and recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate equipment or materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a meeting or join a committee |

9. Any additional thoughts or comments on Dalton's open space and recreation:

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Demographics

Questions in this section are intended to gather basic demographic information about survey respondents.

10. Are you a year-round resident or part-time resident of Dalton?

- Year-Round Resident Seasonal Resident
 Part-Time Resident I do not live in Dalton

11. Do you live, work, or go to school in Dalton? (Please check all that apply)

- I work in Dalton I live in Dalton I go to school in Dalton

12. What is your age?

- Under 9 years 40-49
 10-19 50-59
 20-29 60-69
 30-39 70+

13. If your answers represent other members of your family, please indicate their number in the following age brackets (including yourself) that your answers represent:

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Under 9 years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10-19	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20-29	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
30-39	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
40-49	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
50-59	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
60-69	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
70+	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. If you want to be kept informed, please add your email.

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Thank you for completing the survey!