

How important is accessibility in Vermont's natural spaces?

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Tell us: what's important to you about accessibility in a natural outdoor area?



CDCI & Nature Conservancy Vermont surveyed people's accessibility needs in Vermont's natural outdoor spaces.

Ranked Importance of Accessibility Features in Vermont's Natural Spaces

n = 23

Extremely Important Neutral Not Important

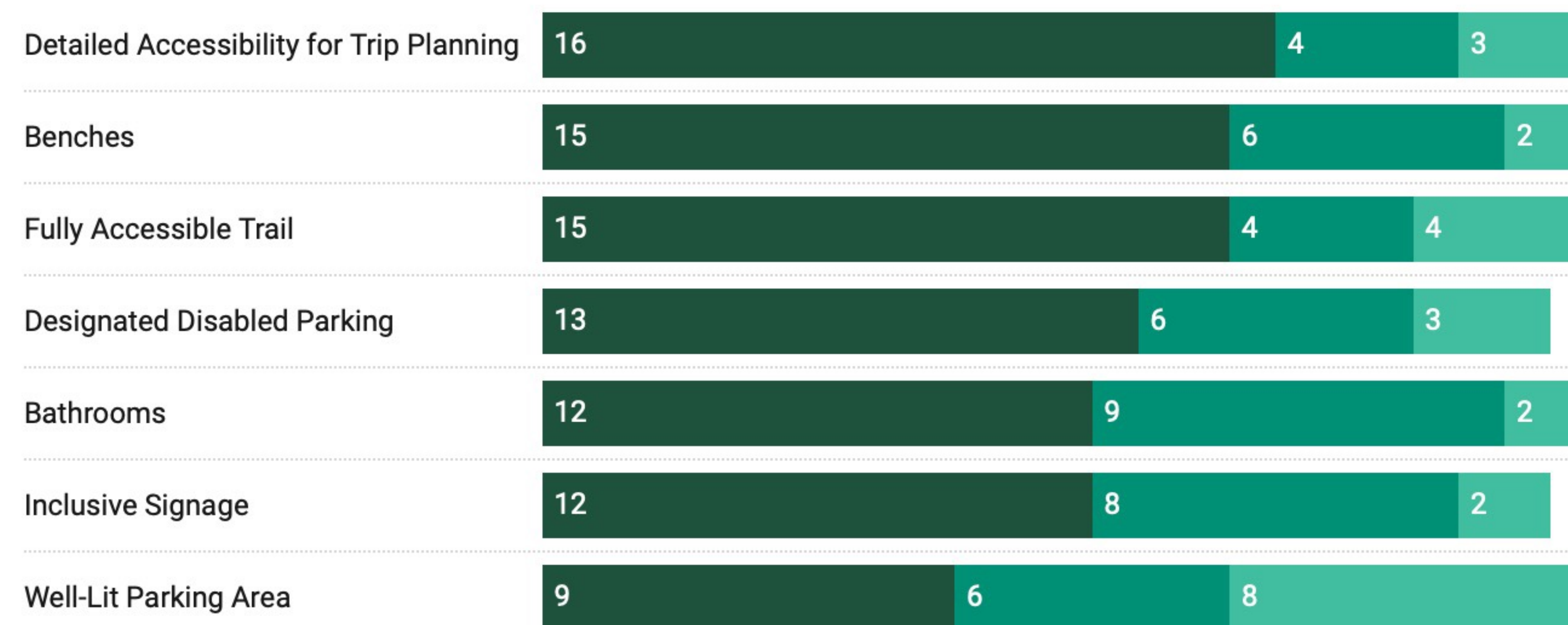


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“When thinking of visiting a natural area, how important is it...”

But most compelling were the stories from the survey:

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I use a wheelchair and access to natural and wild spaces is so limited.
It's such a gift to find a place I can access. It's more memorable to me because I think able-bodied people may take access to nature for granted. It's sacred and special.
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If it isn't flat, I am probably not going to be safe and I don't want to hold back others.
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I don't think a lot about visiting natural areas because I always assume that they may not be accessible.
I have somewhat limited mobility and chronic pain and worry that I won't be able to easily and safely stop and rest or exit if needed.
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