

# Gandy Dancer Trail Study

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## I. About Your Most Recent Use of the Gandy Dancer Trail:

1. How important were the following issues in your decision to use the Gandy Dancer trail?

	not important			somewhat important				very important				
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
quality of the trail	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
weather	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
closeness to home	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
quiet, rural atmosphere	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
other recreational opportunities	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
family/friends in the area	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
privacy and solitude	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
nearby natural features	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
snow	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
other (specify _____)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

2. What activity served as the primary reason for your Gandy Dancer Trail recreation visit?

Please check only one of the following activities:

<input type="checkbox"/> Cross-country skiing	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling
<input type="checkbox"/> Walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Other non-motorized use (type: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other motorized use (type: _____)

3. Please estimate the number of additional users that you encountered on your most recent visit to Gandy Dancer.

_____ # Cross-country skiers	_____ # Snowshoe-ers	_____ # Hikers/Walkers
_____ # Snowmobilers	_____ # Hunters	_____ # Horseback riders

4. Please identify how involved you are with the following recreational activities.

	not involved			somewhat involved				very involved				
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
bicycling	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
roller blading or skating	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
walking	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
camping	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
cross-country skiing	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
downhill skiing	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
ice skating	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
hunting	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
fishing	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
horseback riding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
swimming	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
ATV riding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
snowmobiling	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

5. Approximately how many miles of the Gandy Dancer Trail did you use? \_\_\_\_\_ miles

6. Approximately how much time did you spend on the Gandy Dancer Trail? \_\_\_\_\_ hours

7. Please rate how the following items that would affect your return to the Gandy Dancer Trail System.

	not important			somewhat important				very important			
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
# of encounters with others	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
quality of the trail itself	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
weather and season	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
price of gasoline	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
availability of suitable lodging	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
access (parking, etc.)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
promotional materials	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
nearby shops and stores	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
price of the trail license	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
snow	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

8. What is the likelihood you will visit the Gandy Dancer Trail again (circle the appropriate response)?

Very Likely                  Likely                  Don't Know                  Not Likely                  Very Low

**II. Your perception about the encounters you had on this trip to the Gandy Dancer**

How do different recreational uses interact? Answers to this question will vary from good to bad and represent what some have termed “*The Spectrum of Compatible Use*”. Primary uses that completely conflict with other uses are often termed “*Antagonistic*”. On the other end of the spectrum, primary uses that enhance other uses can be termed “*Complementary*”. In between antagonistic and complementary interactions lie “*Competitive*” (one use is traded off for another use) and “*Neutral*” (one use has no impact on the other use).

9. Using this spectrum of compatibility from fully antagonistic (1) to fully complementary (10), please fill out the following chart of recreational use interactions asking yourself ...

From the perspective of my primary trail activity (see response to Q2), how compatible are the following other uses?

	Antagonistic			Competitive				Neutral		Complementary		
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
cross-country skiing	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
snowmobile use	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
snowshoeing	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
horseback riding	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
hunting	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
hiking/walking	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

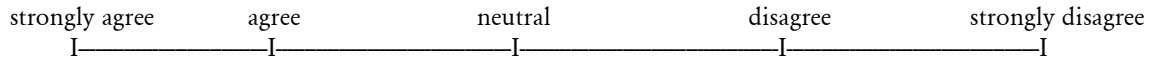
For the following statements, mark the spot on the line that most closely aligns with your level of agreement.

10. My use of the Gandy Dancer Trail for recreation does not impact the enjoyment of others who use the trail.

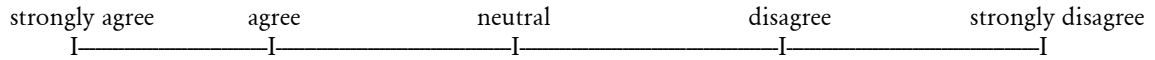
strongly agree                  agree                  neutral                  disagree                  strongly disagree

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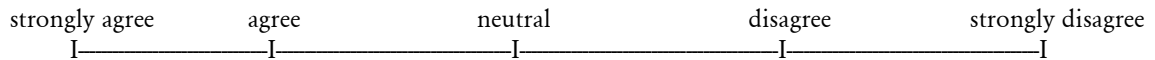
11. The people that I encounter while using the Gandy Dancer Trail do not generally bother me.



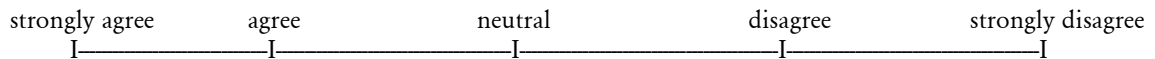
12. The Gandy Dancer Trail has exceeded its ability to produce high quality recreational opportunities.



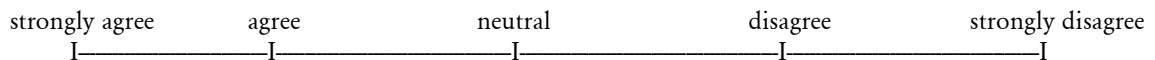
13. Increased popularity of the Gandy Dancer Trail has compromised my enjoyment in use of the trail.



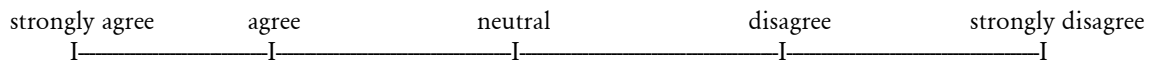
14. I prefer to be alone (without other human encounters) while recreating on the Gandy Dancer.



15. The Gandy Dancer Trail has become too crowded.



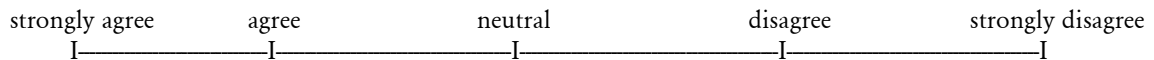
16. Conflict among users of the Gandy Dancer Trail is effectively controlled through strict enforcement of rules.



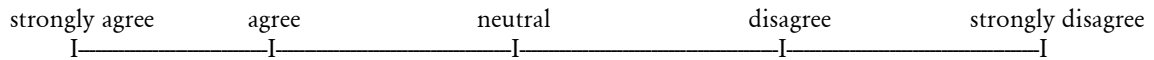
17. For the following questions, evaluate the impact of each situation on your enjoyment of the Gandy Dancer Trail.

	Much Better	Somewhat Better	The Same	Somewhat Worse	Much Worse
Were I to have encountered twice as many cross-country skiers, my enjoyment of the trail experience would be:	1	2	3	4	5
Were I to have encountered twice as many motorized users, my enjoyment of the trail experience would be:	1	2	3	4	5
Were I to have encountered hunters near the trail, my enjoyment of the trail experience would be:	1	2	3	4	5
Were I to have encountered more horses on the trail, my enjoyment of the trail experience would be:	1	2	3	4	5
Were I to have encountered twice as many hikers, my enjoyment of the trail experience would be:	1	2	3	4	5

18. Trail design can help minimize recreational conflicts (check your level of agreement).



19. I would be more likely to use this trail regularly were there to be no other uses allowed (only like uses).



### III. How You Impact the Local Economy:

20. The following question pertains to your spending on items used during your most visit trip to the Gandy Dancer Trail and surrounding communities (local residents should report spending related to the use of the trail only). Please estimate the total dollar amount spent away from home and the portion spent in the local communities surrounding the Gandy Dancer Trail System (either in Polk or Burnett Counties). Please use the following categories for reporting spending on this trip

	dollar amount spent during this trip away from home	percentage spent in Polk & Burnett Counties
<b>EXAMPLE</b>		
<i>groceries/liquor</i>	\$ 50	20 %
groceries/liquor	\$ _____	_____ %
restaurants/drinks	\$ _____	_____ %
gas, auto service	\$ _____	_____ %
recreation ( <i>downhill skiing, amusements, etc.</i> )	\$ _____	_____ %
recreational equipment ( <i>skis, snowmobiles, sporting goods, etc.</i> )	\$ _____	_____ %
other retail ( <i>gifts, souvenirs, clothing</i> )	\$ _____	_____ %
casinos/gambling	\$ _____	_____ %

21. Review the list of recreation equipment items and place a check in the box next to any item that your household has purchased in the last 12 months. For those items you checked, please estimate the price and enter the dollar amount in the space provided and indicate if purchased locally.

Item of recreation equipment:	Amount?	Purchased in	
		Polk &/or Burnett Counties?	
campers ( <i>trailers, RV, truck or other</i> )	\$ _____	___ yes	___ no
motorized recreational equipment ( <i>snowmobiles, ATVs, boats, etc.</i> )	\$ _____	___ yes	___ no
non-motorized recreation equipment ( <i>skis, snowshoes, etc.</i> )	\$ _____	___ yes	___ no
tents and other camping gear	\$ _____	___ yes	___ no
other recreation items (list: _____)	\$ _____	___ yes	___ no

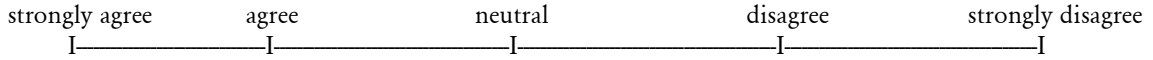
22. How many separate visits have you made to the Gandy Dancer Trail System during the past year (12 months)?

\_\_\_\_\_ separate visits to the Gandy Dancer.

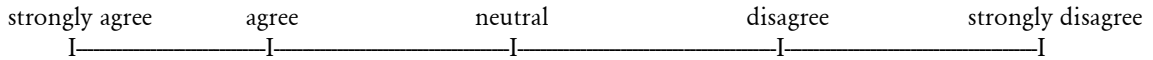
#### IV. Your Attitudes About Community Issues

For the following statements, mark the spot on the line that most closely aligns with your level of agreement.

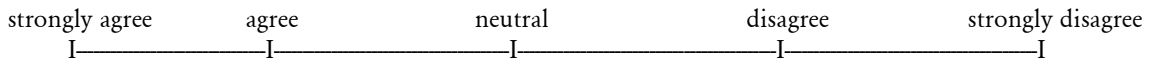
23. I feel welcome in the local communities surrounding the Gandy Dancer Trail System



24. I believe my views about recreational opportunities available on the Gandy Dancer Trail System are considered fairly by those who manage the trail



25. I feel my satisfaction as a consumer is deemed important to the local business owners that I have come in contact with in the communities surrounding the Gandy Dancer Trail System.



26. Please examine the following **local services in the communities surrounding the trail** and indicate both the LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE and the LEVEL OF SATISFACTION you associate with each service.

	<u>Level of Importance you place on:</u>					<u>Level of Satisfaction you experienced:</u>				
	Very Unimportant		Neutral	Very Important		Very Unsatisfied		Neutral	Very Satisfied	
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Medical Facilities	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Law Enforcement	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Fire Protection	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Streets & Roads	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Bridges	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Cell Phone Connections	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Clean Drinking Water	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Libraries	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Public Schools	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Job Opportunities	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Local Officials	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Shopping Facilities	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Cost of Living	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Environmental Quality	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Public Health Services	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Dental Services	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Housing	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Solid Waste Disposal	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Local Business Hours	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Hi-speed Internet	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

## V. Your Perceptions about Local Tourism and Recreational Amenities

27. Please examine the following elements of **tourism in the area surrounding the trail** and indicate both the LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE and the LEVEL OF SATISFACTION you associate with each of the services provided.

	<u>Level of Importance you place on:</u>					<u>Level of Satisfaction you experienced:</u>				
	Very Unimportant		Neutral	Very Important		Very Unsatisfied		Neutral	Very Satisfied	
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Fast-Food Restaurants	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Sit-Down Restaurants	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Take-Out Restaurants	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Hardware Stores	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Hotels/Motels/B&Bs	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Amusements	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Handicrafts & souvenirs	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Local Arts and Theatre	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Movie Theatres	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Historical sites	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
WiFi Locations	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Ski Shops/Repair	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Sporting Goods Stores	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Interpretive displays	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Gambling	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Festivals and Events	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

28. Please examine the following **recreational elements associated with the Gandy Dancer Trail System** and indicate both the LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE and the LEVEL OF SATISFACTION you associate with each element.

	<u>Level of Importance you place on:</u>					<u>Level of Satisfaction you experienced:</u>				
	Very Unimportant		Neutral	Very Important		Very Unsatisfied		Neutral	Very Satisfied	
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Trail signage	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Accessible restrooms	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Type of trail surface	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Grooming of trail surface	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Trail safety (emergencies)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Enforcement of trail rules	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Camping Facilities	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
RV Parks	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
XC Ski Security Facilities	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Picnic Areas	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Cleanliness of Public Areas	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Refreshment Stations	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Drinking Fountains	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Scenery	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5



37. If you are employed, what is your occupation?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical worker                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service worker                | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales worker                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laborer                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Manager/administrator          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transport equipment operative | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional, technical worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craftsman                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify: _____ )        |

38. Please characterize yourself as a:

- year-round resident of Polk and Burnett Counties  
 seasonal resident of Polk and Burnett Counties  
 visitor to Polk and Burnett Counties

39. What is your current annual pre-tax household income?

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$15,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$149,999  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 - \$29,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 - \$199,999  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 - \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 - \$249,999  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - \$69,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than \$250,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,000 - \$99,999 |   |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!**

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