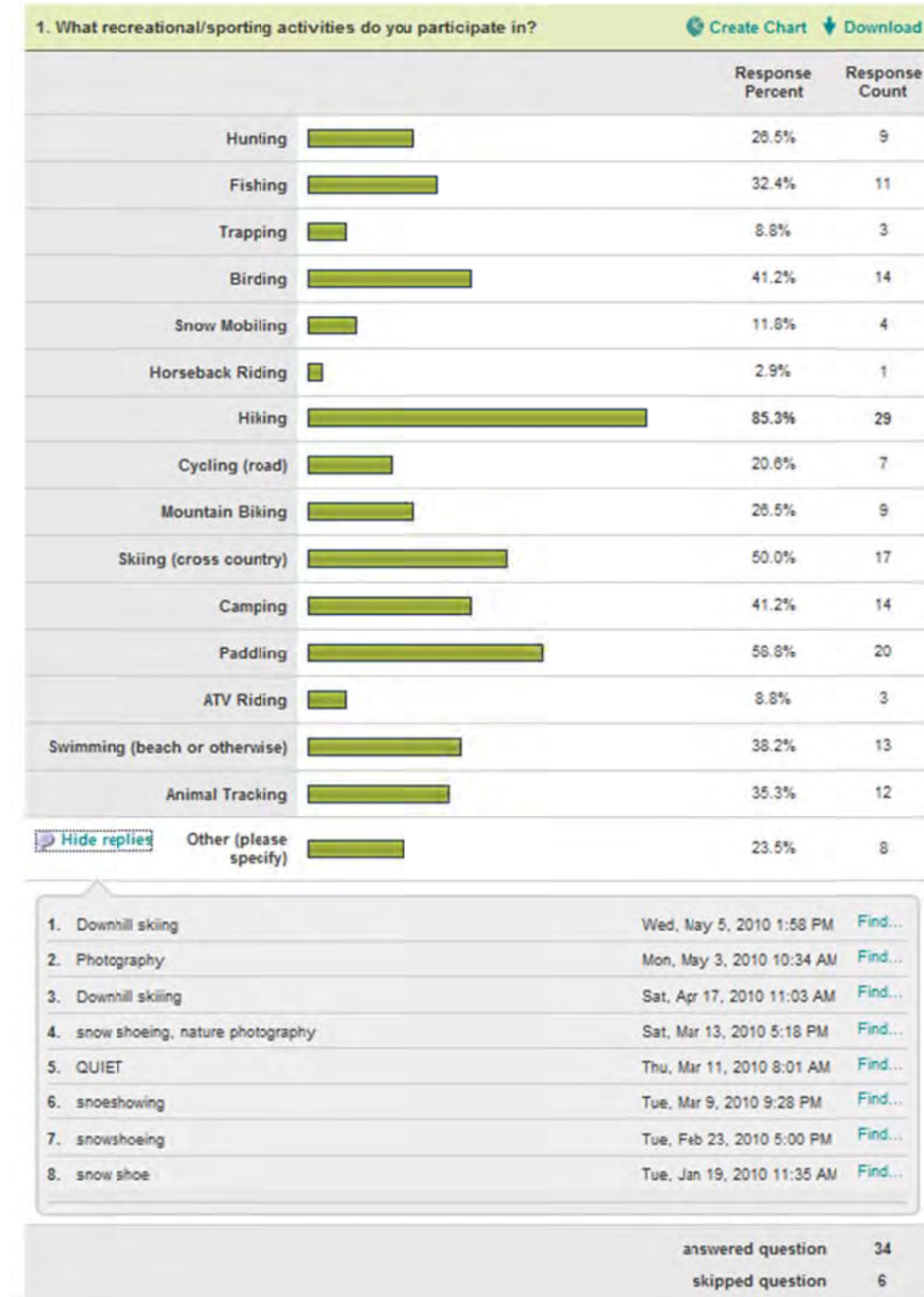


## Rensselaer Plateau Alliance Results of Online Survey

This survey was conducted from March 2010 to September 2010. There was a link from the [www.rensselaerplateau.org](http://www.rensselaerplateau.org) web site, numerous e-mails to the RPA e-mail list and several press releases that mentioned the survey. 40 people started the survey and 36 completed it. There are 10 questions total.

### Location & Recreation



2. Which publicly accessible lands do you visit regularly? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Tibbits State Forest	<div><div></div></div>	11.1%	4
Pittstown State Forest	<div><div></div></div>	11.1%	4
Grafton Lakes State Park	<div><div></div></div>	58.3%	21
Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center	<div><div></div></div>	50.0%	18
Barberville Falls Preserve	<div><div></div></div>	25.0%	9
Capital District Wildlife Management Area	<div><div></div></div>	19.4%	7
Cherry Plain State Park	<div><div></div></div>	50.0%	18
Rensselaer Land Trust lands such as the Geiser Preserve	<div><div></div></div>	8.3%	3
Snowmobile Trails	<div><div></div></div>	11.1%	4
Pineridge Cross Country Ski Area	<div><div></div></div>	25.0%	9
<a href="#">Hide replies</a> Other (please specify)	<div><div></div></div>	8.3%	3

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| 1. snow hole                            | Sat, Mar 13, 2010 5:18 PM | <a href="#">Find...</a> |
| 2. The Plateau !!!                      | Thu, Feb 11, 2010 8:03 PM | <a href="#">Find...</a> |
| 3. Five Rivers and Saratoga Battlefield | Sat, Jan 23, 2010 7:32 PM | <a href="#">Find...</a> |

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3. To the best of your knowledge, do you live on or near the Rensselaer Plateau? The Plateau extends roughly from Rt 7 in the north to Rt 20 in the south. On the east it starts as you head uphill from the Rt 22 valley. On the west it starts as you head uphill from Cropseyville on Rt 2, the hamlet of Poestenkill on Plank Road or from Crooked Lake on Route 43.

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	Response Percent	Response Count
I'm not sure	0.0%	0
I live on the Plateau	42.9%	15
I live near the Plateau (within 5 miles or so)	28.6%	10
I live in Rensselaer County but not near the Plateau	5.7%	2
I don't live in Rensselaer County	22.9%	8
<a href="#">Hide replies</a> Your zip code		31

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19.	12052	Tue, Feb 23, 2010 2:25 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
20.	12185	Sun, Feb 14, 2010 8:38 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
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23.	12018	Thu, Feb 11, 2010 12:49 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
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25.	12118	Mon, Jan 25, 2010 8:24 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
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28.	12198	Thu, Jan 21, 2010 6:25 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
29.	12144	Thu, Jan 21, 2010 5:25 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
30.	12018	Tue, Jan 19, 2010 2:34 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
31.	12052	Tue, Jan 19, 2010 10:54 AM	<a href="#">Find...</a>








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## Economy

4. Do you work in the forests or natural areas of the Plateau, or make a living from them? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)







		Response Percent	Response Count
No		73.5%	25
Yes, I do maple sugaring		2.5%	1
Yes, I'm a forester		2.5%	1
Yes, I'm a logger		2.5%	1
Yes, I cut firewood		17.5%	6
Yes, I own or work at a sawmill		0.0%	0
Yes, I own or work for a recreational business		5.5%	2
Yes, I own or work for a tourism related business		0.0%	0
<a href="#">Hide replies</a> Other (please specify)		11.5%	4

1. although I made a living from forest industry elsewhere in New York Tue, Mar 23, 2010 1:51 PM [Find...](#)
2. market gardening, mushrooms, bee keeping. Sat, Mar 13, 2010 4:20 PM [Find...](#)
3. On my land, several miles from the Plateau proper, for my own use Thu, Feb 11, 2010 12:51 PM [Find...](#)
4. artist (painter). I derive work from the landscape Tue, Jan 19, 2010 11:37 AM [Find...](#)

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5. Do you own land on the Rensselaer Plateau?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
No		50.3%	18
Yes, under 5 acres		19.4%	7
Yes, 5 - 24 acres		8.2%	3
Yes, 25 - 49 acres		13.3%	5
Yes, 50 - 99 acres		2.6%	1
Yes, 100 - 499 acres		5.0%	2
Yes, Over 500 acres		0.0%	0
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6. If you own woodland on the Rensselaer Plateau, have you done any management activities in the past five years?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
n/a (I don't own woodland on the Plateau)		48.4%	15
No, I haven't done any management in the past five years		6.5%	2
Yes, I cut my own firewood/logs		22.6%	7
Yes, I did wildlife habitat improvement (releasing mast trees, clearing trees to create openings, etc.)		19.1%	6
Yes, I have enhanced recreational values by improving access trails, etc.		29.9%	9
Yes, I did timber stand improvement (thinning, cull removal)		19.1%	6
Yes, I sold timber/firewood/pulpwood which was cut by a logger		9.7%	3
Other, please specify		6.5%	2
I have used the services of a professional forester to help with a timber sale (in the past 5 years)		0.0%	0
I have used the services of a professional forester to help with a management plan		6.5%	2
I have used the services of a professional forester for another purpose (please specify)		3.2%	1
<a href="#">Hide replies</a> Comments or additional information			7

1. Planted apple trees as well as spruce and balsams	Sat, Mar 20, 2010 7:47 AM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
2. We attended a program about woodland management planning put on by this organization. it was helpful. Thank you.	Sat, Feb 27, 2010 10:29 AM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
3. Member of Berlin Mtns Fish and Game Club which owns 500 acres on plateau. Live at camp there in the summer full time. Would like to formulate management plan for club lands.	Tue, Feb 23, 2010 6:55 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
4. The Spring Lake Association has managed the 350 acres jointly owned.	Thu, Feb 11, 2010 6:05 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
5. On my land, several miles from the plateau.	Thu, Feb 11, 2010 12:51 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
6. cleared trash	Tue, Jan 19, 2010 11:37 AM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
7. I have used a professional horse logger to harvest trees that had been knocked down in a storm (about 100 trees). I have used the services of a professional ecologist to help determine what areas to salvage the timber from and what to leave.	Tue, Jan 19, 2010 10:55 AM	<a href="#">Find...</a>


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## Values

7. The Forest of the Renssealer Plateau provide many benefits. Please rank the following benefits as to how important they are to you.



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	1 Very important	2	3 Important	4	5 Not Important	Ratio Average	Response Count
Clean abundant water (streams, aquifers, reservoirs)	97.3% (36)	2.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	3.97	37
Clean air	86.5% (32)	8.1% (3)	2.7% (1)	2.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	3.78	37
Climate moderation (absorption of greenhouse gases)	66.7% (24)	22.2% (8)	11.1% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	3.56	36
Economic products (maple syrup and timber)	38.2% (13)	29.4% (10)	20.6% (7)	2.9% (1)	8.8% (3)	2.85	34
Recreational opportunities	78.4% (29)	10.8% (4)	10.6% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	3.68	37
Scenery (rural character, quality of life, aesthetics)	81.1% (30)	13.5% (5)	2.7% (1)	2.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	3.73	37
Habitat for large mammal species such as moose and bear	75.7% (28)	16.2% (6)	5.4% (2)	2.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	3.65	37
Habitat for forest interior birds (Important Bird Area)	74.3% (26)	17.1% (6)	8.6% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	3.66	35
Biodiversity (overall ecosystem health)	80.6% (29)	13.9% (5)	5.6% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	3.75	36
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8. Do you feel a special connection to any place(s) on the Plateau?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, one or more of the public parks or forests	<div><div></div></div>	59.5%	22
Yes, a privately owned forest area	<div><div></div></div>	29.7%	11
Yes, land that has been in the family	<div><div></div></div>	5.4%	2
Yes, a specific natural area	<div><div></div></div>	21.6%	8
Yes, a home or camp	<div><div></div></div>	35.1%	13
Yes, a body of water	<div><div></div></div>	35.1%	13
Yes, other (see my comments below)	<div><div></div></div>	2.7%	1
No	<div><div></div></div>	5.4%	2

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1. I would like to be able to explore this area, as well receive a map or find out where there are trails so that I may make use of my photographic skills. Mon, May 3, 2010 10:41 AM [Find...](#)
2. Our family has been a summer member of Taconic Lake for 4 generations. The PEACE & QUIET is MOST important to us. Thu, Mar 11, 2010 3:04 AM [Find...](#)
3. Dyken Pond, Pineridge, Cherry Plains, Grafton are all places we have regularly visited when raising our children to appreciate the natural world. Since I was a child Grafton and Cherry Plains were where my large family gathered for picnics, fishing swimming hiking.) We had lived on a busy highway and frequented programs and recreation through these and 4-H events. Three of our children are in natural sciences related majors in college and post graduate. I believe, largely due to these inspiring educational and recreational experiences. Now we have a little land of our own to appreciate. Sat, Feb 27, 2010 10:42 AM [Find...](#)
4. We kayak the Grafton Ponds, Dunham Reservoir and Dyken Pond. Tue, Feb 23, 2010 5:18 PM [Find...](#)  
We enjoy the Dyken Center trails.
5. A cottage on Spring Lake. Let's have some emphasis on the lakes on the plateau, in addition to the forested areas. Thu, Feb 11, 2010 8:08 PM [Find...](#)
6. Taconic Lake is a place my grandfather and his brothers summered. I remember visiting the house there many times as a young kid. Tue, Feb 9, 2010 12:15 PM [Find...](#)
7. Pineridge is one of the most beautiful places in the Capital Region. Thu, Jan 21, 2010 5:28 PM [Find...](#)
8. The lands at and surrounding the Dyken Pond Center and the forests near my home in Stephentown are very special to me. Tue, Jan 19, 2010 2:07 PM [Find...](#)

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9. How important do you feel it is to conserve what we have on the Rensselaer Plateau for future generations?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely Important	<div><div></div></div>	81.1%	30
Very Important	<div><div></div></div>	16.2%	6
Somewhat Important	<div><div></div></div>	2.7%	1
Mildly Important		0.0%	0
Not Important		0.0%	0

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1. Due to the sprawl and reduction of much of the areas with in the county as well as the contamination of these areas by those who pollute, the woodlands. I notice trash when I drive in some different areas. Mon, May 3, 2010 10:41 AM [Find...](#)
2. Important to do so and be respectful of private property rights and local government involvement and consent. Tue, Mar 23, 2010 1:53 PM [Find...](#)
3. Children need these places to go to experience the natural world. The pop culture can not possible tap into the introspective and connective mysteries provided by these experiences. Respect ad appreciation can not easily be 'taught but rather caught' by personal, frequent outdoor moments. Sat, Feb 27, 2010 10:42 AM [Find...](#)
4. The Plateau is nearly wilderness near at hand requiring much less fossil fuel to get there to enjoy. Tue, Feb 23, 2010 5:18 PM [Find...](#)
5. Open space is an important part of the Capital Regions quality of life. I find that Renn Co is becoming more and more important in that regard. Tue, Feb 9, 2010 12:15 PM [Find...](#)
6. Conserving public land on the plateau is important for all. Conserving private land benefits the landowners and their heirs directly; others indirectly only. Thu, Jan 21, 2010 6:28 PM [Find...](#)

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## General

10. When did you first hear the term 'Rensselaer Plateau' used to describe the region? [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Just Now (today)		0.0%	0
In 2009 or 2010	<div></div>	36.1%	13
In 2008	<div></div>	22.3%	8
In 2007		0.0%	0
2000 - 2006	<div></div>	19.1%	7
1996 - 1999	<div></div>	5.8%	2
1990 - 1995	<div></div>	8.3%	3
Before 1990	<div></div>	8.3%	3
<a href="#">Hide replies</a> How did you hear?			17

1. The Advertiser newspaper.	Mon, May 3, 2010 10:41 AM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
2. Moved here	Sat, Mar 20, 2010 7:49 AM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
3. The alliance	Sat, Mar 13, 2010 5:23 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
4. Friends who volunteer and work for the land trust and rensselaer plateau alliance.	Tue, Mar 9, 2010 9:33 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
5. I think when attending the county fair in the New York products building possibly or at one of the state parks or Dyken Pond and at the museum exhibits then publications at libraries and after attending a program, e-mails.	Sat, Feb 27, 2010 10:45 AM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
6. A recent Saturday there was an open house/outdoor activities at Grafton Lakes state Park	Wed, Feb 24, 2010 8:28 AM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
7. Facebook	Tue, Feb 23, 2010 10:41 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
8. neighbors	Tue, Feb 23, 2010 6:56 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
9. Through RLTC	Tue, Feb 23, 2010 5:19 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
10. Always heard it called the Grafton Mountains, part of the Taconic Klippe (sp?)	Sun, Feb 14, 2010 8:40 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
11. A presentation by the Land Trust.	Thu, Feb 11, 2010 6:39 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
12. Studying the geology when I first bought my land.	Thu, Feb 11, 2010 12:54 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
13. Jim Bonesteel	Mon, Jan 25, 2010 8:28 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
14. research on the web	Fri, Jan 22, 2010 9:26 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
15. emails from Jim Bonesteel and Fran Egbert.	Thu, Jan 21, 2010 9:04 PM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
Also articles in Times Union		
16. Times Union article	Tue, Jan 19, 2010 11:39 AM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
17. I honestly don't remember...	Tue, Jan 19, 2010 10:58 AM	<a href="#">Find...</a>
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