TUBAC NATURE PRESERVE

SURVEY RESULTS REPORT
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TUBAC NATURE CENTER



SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

How many people did we reach?

189
Respondents

...and want the following **BENEFITS** for the Tubac community



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



MORE TOURISM



HEALTHY RIVER



MORE SOCIALIZING

People want to **ENHANCE** existing uses and features...



BIRDING



“NATURAL FEEL”

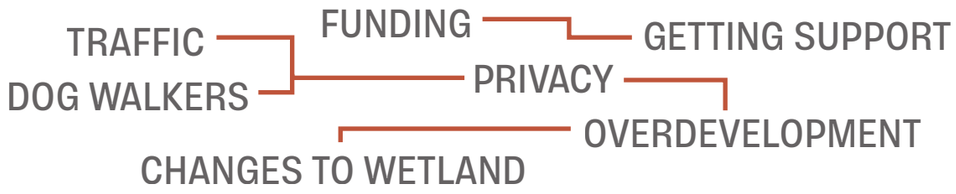


HIKING / WALKING



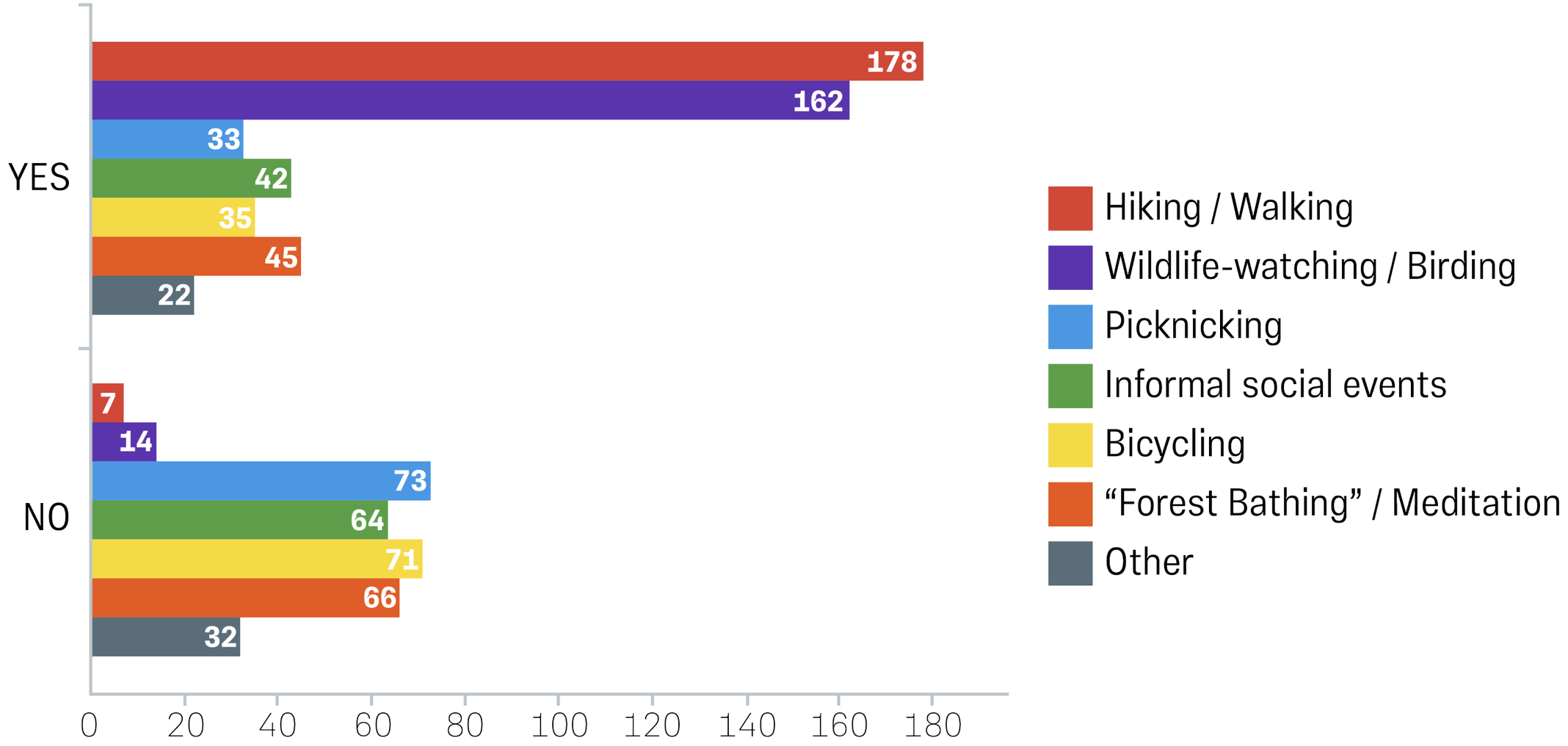
ECOSYSTEMS

Most **CONCERNS** have to do with...



1) Have you participated in any of the following activities in the area within the black boundary line?

Most people use the area for *recreational uses*.
Despite the low numbers on picknicking, there is a *strong demand for picnic tables and areas*.



1) Other - Fill in the blank

Amongst respondents that chose “YES” and filled in the blank, the following activities were the most popular.



1. Dog Walking - 11 mentions
2. River/trash cleanup - 5 mentions
3. Hawk Watch - 3 mentions
4. Photography - 2 mentions
5. Stargazing - 2 mentions

2) What amenities and features would you like to see in these areas? (text entry)

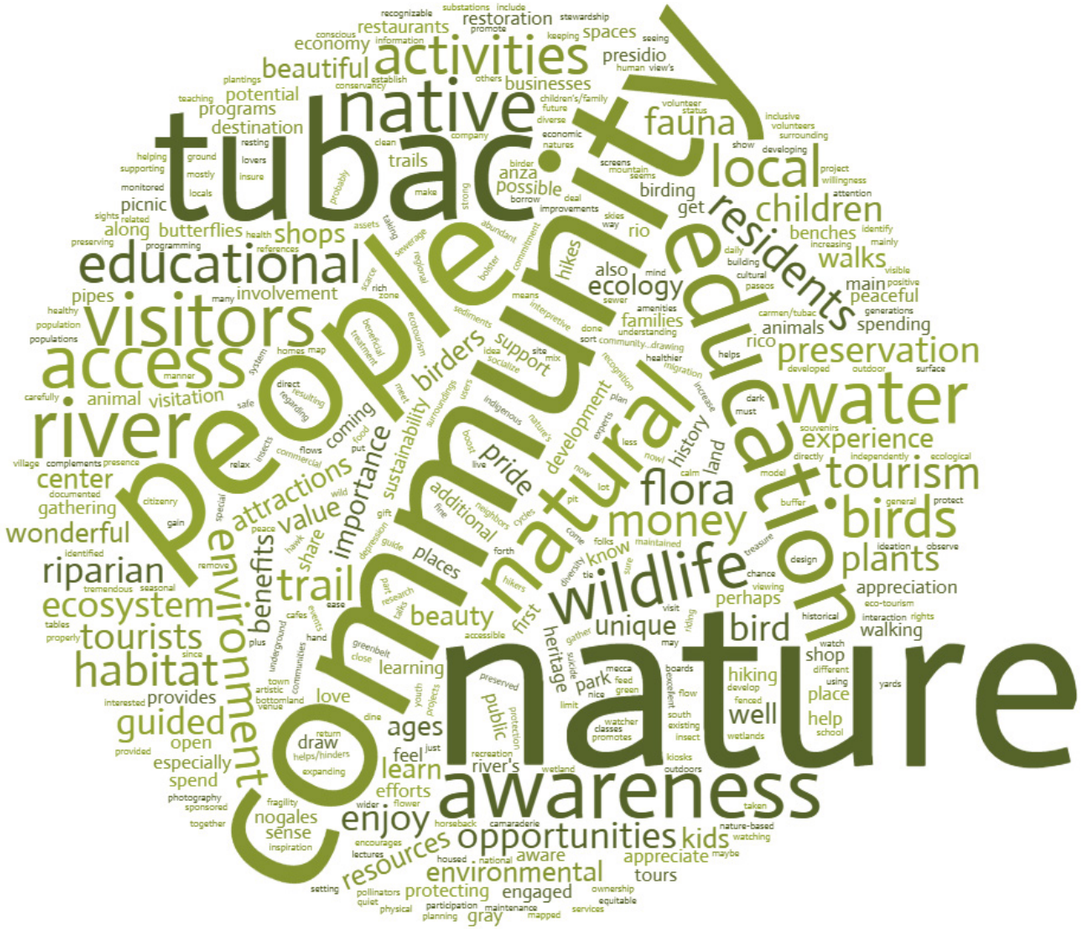
Most people agree that *seating, signage, and restored ecosystems are necessary in the area while minimizing intervention*.



1. Trails - 52 mentions
2. Benches - 46 mentions
3. Signage - 26 mentions
4. Wetland - 17 mentions
5. Restrooms - 16 mentions
6. Picnic - 14 mentions
7. Tables - 11 mentions
8. Parking - 10 mentions
9. Seating - 8 mentions
10. Platform - 7 mentions

3) What community benefits would you like to see from this project? (text entry)

Preserving nature, new amenites and spaces, social and educational benefits, and economic benefits are listed.


nature
community
tubac
people
education
natural
awareness
native
activities
water
river
visitors
access
educational
local
children
residents
preservation
tourism
birds
plants
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4) What concerns or comments do you have for this initial concept plan? (text entry)

Most concerns relate to *access & parking, the wetland, funding and maintenance, and misuse of the preserve*.

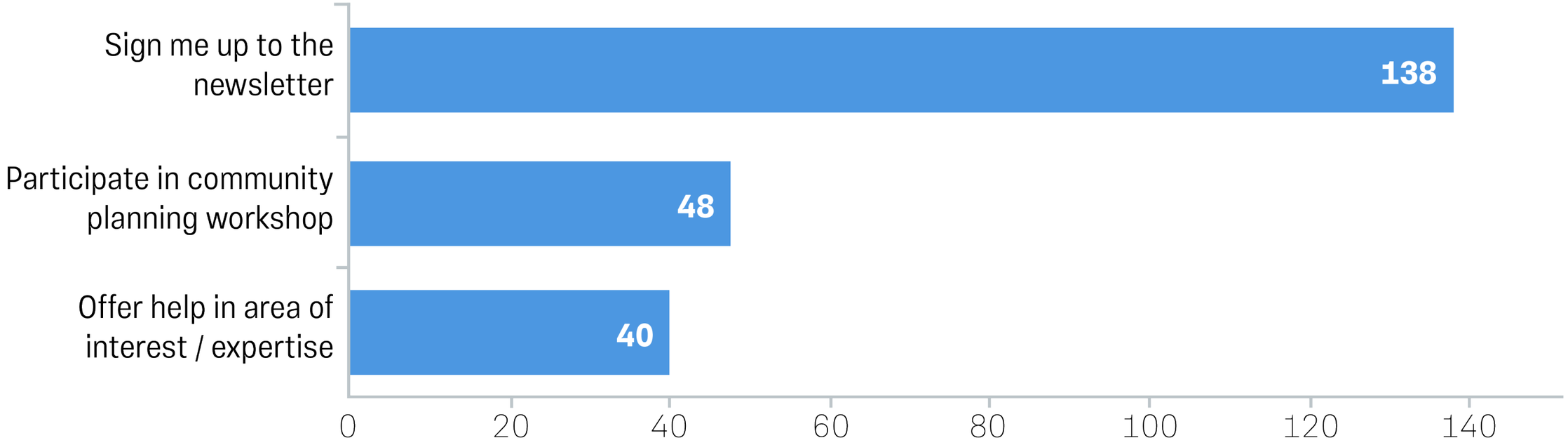


1. Trails - 20 mentions
2. Parking/traffic - 15 mentions
3. Wetland(s) - 13 mentions
4. Access - 11 mentions
5. Natural - 11 mentions
6. Dog(s) - 10 mentions
7. People - 8 mentions
8. Volunteers/support - 8 mentions
9. Cielito Lindo - 6 mentions
10. Funding/money - 6 mentions

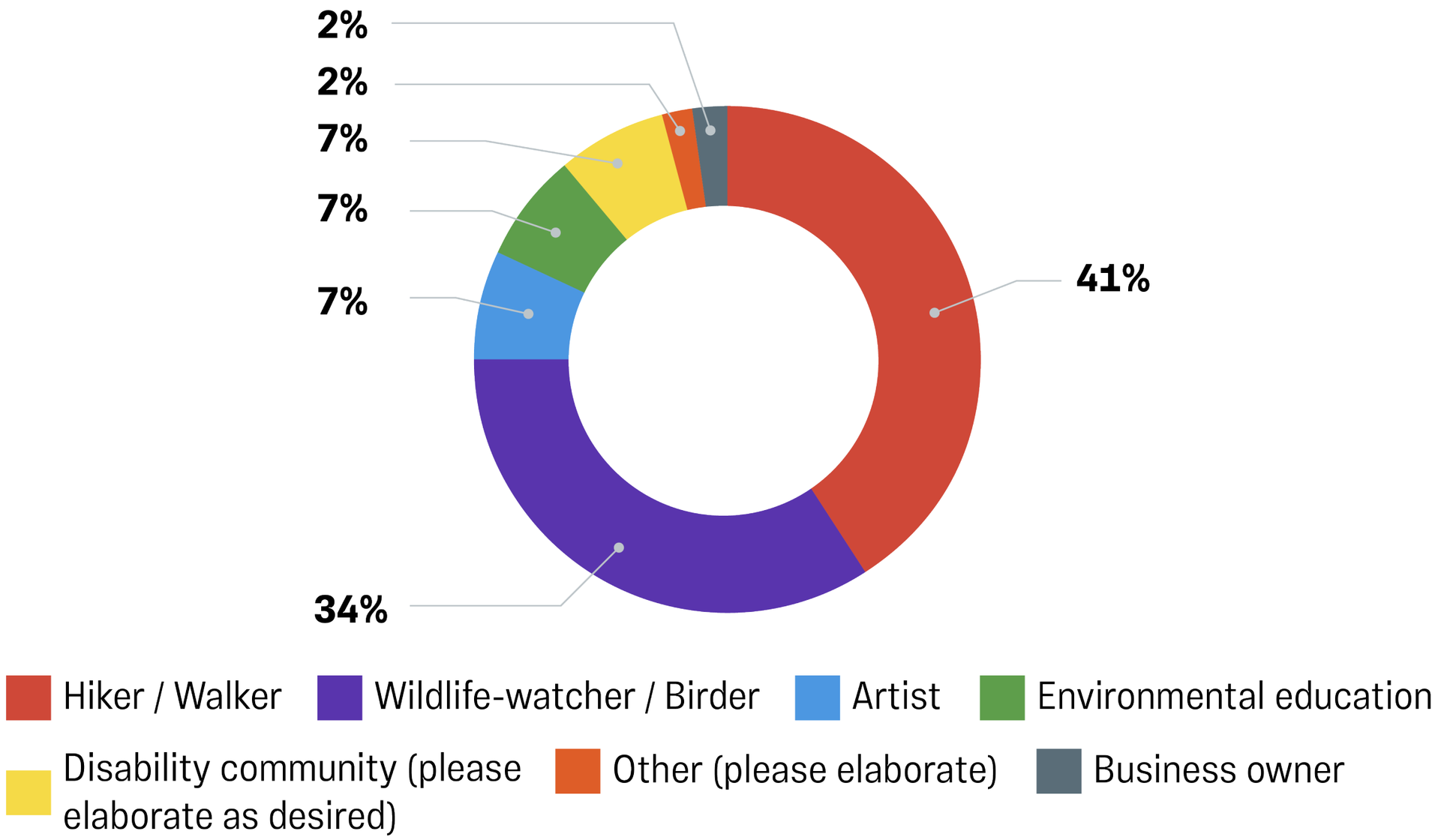
5) Let us know how you would like to be involved, and what skills or expertise you would like to offer.

Most respondents showed interest in the project in one way or another. Multiple people are willing to help with *educational programs, site construction, publicity, and much more*.

This information is conveyed in great detail on the Excel table associated with this presentation, along with the results of Q6) Contact information and proximity to project, in order to facilitate communication with people willing to engage more closely with the Nature Preserve.



7) Do you identify yourself or anyone in your household as any of the following?



7) Disability community

Only six respondents specified a disability. These are all the responses for this question.

“Family members with dementia and extreme medical issues”

“Mobility constraints”

“Walk with a cane”

“Use walker and scooter”

“I have three girlfriends in wheelchairs that I hope will be able to finally access this area”

“Mobility challenges”

7) Other - Fill in the blank

1. **Nature lover / Outdoor enthusiast - 4 mentions**
2. **Photographer - 4 mentions**
3. **Volunteer - 2 mentions**

Dark sky advocate

Publisher

Pima County master naturalist

Butterfly enthusiast

Gadfly

Anza Trail maintenance

Board member - Community Garden of Tubac

President, Friends of Sonoita Creek

Dog walker

Horseback rider

Biker

Botanist, mycologist

Daughter and grandsons of Tubac resident

Visitor

Heritage advocate

Gardener

Master naturalist in Michigan

Docents at AZ-Sonora Desert Museum

8) What age groups are present in your household? (check all that apply)

Only 11% of respondents have members in their household younger than 55 years of age. However, many respondents still called for greater attention to kids and educational programs.

