



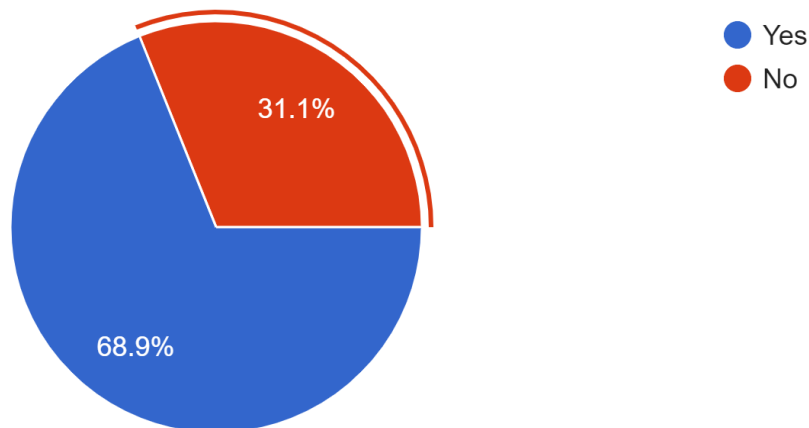
## Member + Supporter Survey Fall 2021 - Results

**Greetings, Riders! Thanks for offering up your input about your cycling experience in the Yampa Valley, and the initiatives that matter to you moving into 2022. Your responses will help RCR craft its next strategic plan and improve how we interact with our community of supporters.**

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Are you an RCR Member?

74 responses



**If you answered "Yes" above, please tell us WHY you are a member of Routt County Riders.**

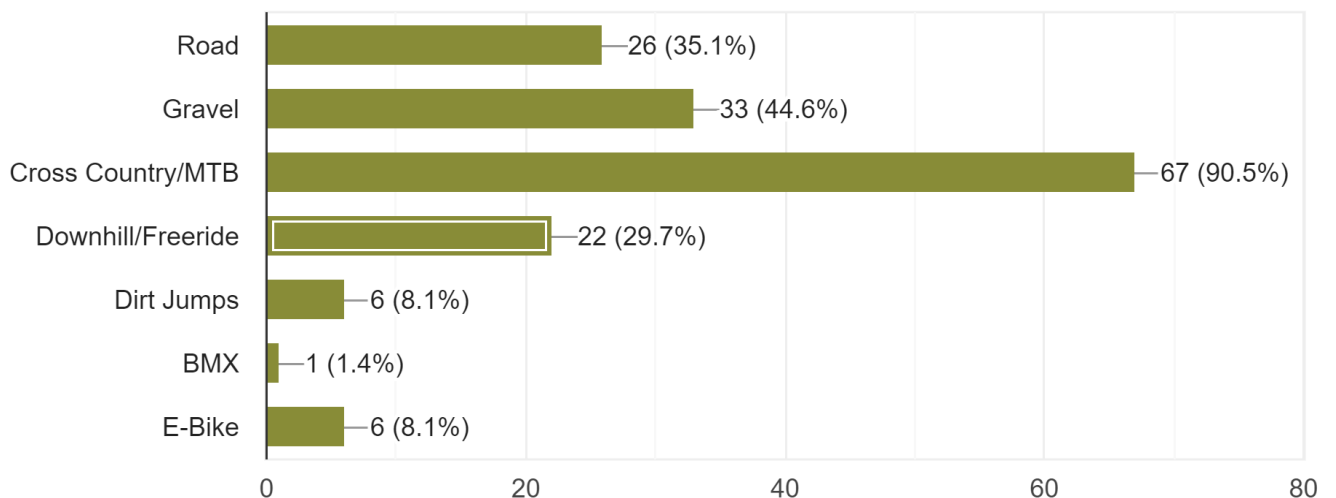
**(Highlights)**

- "I deeply care about stewardship of our trails"
- "Want to learn more about riding in the area, and get involved and help any way I can"
- "I think RCR is an invaluable asset to our cycling community and larger community as a whole. Being a member is a no brainer, in that it helps support a cause and organization I feel passionate about."

- “Our family loves bikes and being a part of an organization that advocates for trails is important to us. Plus, we love trail days and all the great people involved!”
- “To support cycling advocacy for recreation and transportation”
- “If I bike in this town, love this town, and want to give back to my town, then I must be a member! I love supporting organizations that have a shared mission that I do.”
- “So I can support the group that supports my mountain biking habit.”
- “I don’t have loads of free time to volunteer so I want to donate financially to support the program that keeps our trails thriving.”
- “To be part of our local cycling club and help advocate for positive initiatives, meet and ride with other cyclists and enjoy giving back to the local community”
- “I don't live in Routt County full-time, but want to support the cycling scene that I enjoy so much when visiting”
- “Support all biking in Steamboat and support trail MAINTENANCE”
- “Because RCR does so much for the trails and roads in this valley and cycling is a lifelong passion for me that I want my kids to grow up loving as well.”
- “RCR is the hub of our cycling/riding community.”

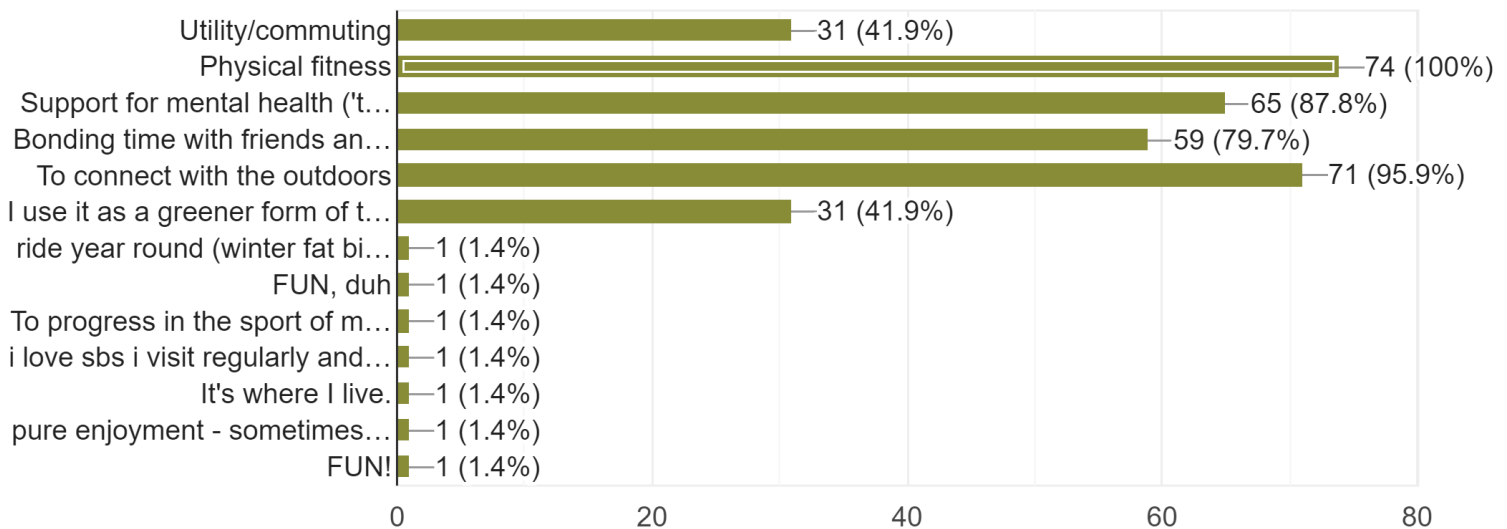
### What kind of riding do you prefer in Routt County? (mark all that apply)

74 responses



## Why do you ride bikes in Routt County? (mark all that apply)

74 responses



## What are the best things about riding a bike in Routt County? (Highlights)

- “Fellow riders are awesome. Best trails and best weather conditions in the world”
- “Emerald Mtn is a gem, and the road riding is fantastic.”
- “We are so lucky to have access to amazing trails and gravel roads across the county, and to have a passionate cycling community is icing on the cake.”
- “The vast number of quality trails. The area is a XC rider’s dream. I love being able to link gravel / trail systems into ultra loops.”
- “The beauty and peacefulness of our little part of the world.”
- “Wide open feeling, backcountry access, strong community, many different options locally.”
- “Accessibility; you can be on trail from town in three different areas within minutes”
- “It’s beautiful of course! And drivers seem to “get” sharing the road. For the most part anyway.”
- “The views of the beautiful town and the wide open clean trails ❤️”
- “The scenery, the friendliness on the trails, the care given to the trails and roads, the challenges and the fun.”
- “The trails are always in good shape”

## What could be improved for your rider experience in Routt County? (Highlights)

- “More trails. To spread out load during peak times”
- “In-town connections need significant improvement (13th street area and 3rd street area are disasters).”

- “Trail improvements should lean towards a better balance in beginner and expert riders. Our youth beginners don't need flat, straight and wide, they need singletrack that is interesting that minimizes steep climbs and overall vertical change.”
- “Honestly, the E-bikes concern me. I'm not trying to be elitist, but these folks in general are not experienced bike handlers, and these e-bikes are extremely heavy and thus don't corner or stop well. It's only a matter of time before there are collisions and conflicts, and then the whole bike community gets painted with these issues.”
- “Dedicated winter fat bike trails”
- “More trails on Rabbit Ears Pass, ideally linking to the divide trail, with some trails designed for expert riding. Also, a skills development park would be awesome.”
- “North Routt needs some trail love and maintenance, please help RCR!”
- “I love the trails we have but long for some more technical riding”
- “More info on gravel rides and road conditions.”
- “New DH trails at Howelsen to take advantage of new chairlift, new trails on Rabbit Ears”
- “More bike paths, like the core trail for commuting and recreation.”
- “Allowing class 1 e-bikes on trails.”
- “Bike lanes”
- “Uphill only trail on Emerald.”
- “More shared trail love. Less haste. More friendliness”
- “More fast-and-flowy-meets-tech trails”
- “We have tons of intermediate riding, but lack a lot of diversity in the more advanced or a wide range of family friendly trails”
- “More tourist education on trail etiquette: signage on trails, info at bike shops”
- “Stop making the trails easier”
- “Better downtown access for bikes, more bike racks and dedicated bike paths.”
- “The outhouses on roads are great, one on three sisters would be good. Many are close in, but none to few are out for the long rides.”
- “Stop marketing the sh\*\* out of biking in SBS. Take better care of what we have, act in the manner of being a steward of the land.”
- “I still find it interesting that on Spring Creek, the second trail was built in order to separate hikers and bikers. But the first section up to the sign is where the majority of that interaction happens, and there isn't a two-way trail for that purpose. So now there are two trails that have taken up a ton more space and dispersed many animals. Now that it is done I feel duped by the system.”
- “For everyone to appreciate each other a bit more.”
- “A Core Trail that connects Hayden, Oak Creek, and Steamboat; a community bike hub, like FreeCycle in Missoula.”

## **What are some things that Routt County Riders is doing well in the community, i.e. what are our strengths? (Highlights)**

- “Great planning for future, recent investments in youth programs, building community support”
- “High profile events like Emerald Epic. The bike match program rocks. And continuous social media educating about stewardship”
- “I think the biggest strength is simply getting out there and maintaining the trails. Advocacy is also a strength.”
- “A place for bike advocacy. A platform to unite trail users - providing the voice for cyclists. To not only work for additional trails in the future, but also to ensure we do not lose trails we currently have.”
- “I think y'all are doing an AMAZING job advocating for our cycling community and bringing a ton of different user groups together for important and productive conversations regarding cycling in Routt County. The passion is contagious and I think that really shows.”
- “Communication”
- “Engagement with the public and presence at community events/forums.”
- “I like the low-key advocacy aspect. Soft but firm plays well in the long run with non-bike people.”
- “Helping to increase accessibility to bikes.”
- “The sense of community that RCR has created is inspiring.”
- “Communication, community engagement/involvement (trail status FB group), frequent events (trail work days), bike match program! Porta-potties (thank you)”
- “Getting trails built”
- “As a new member, what I see immediately is tremendous support by members for things like race events, trail maintenance and additional trail development. I think RCR does an outstanding job collaborating with stakeholder agencies on projects as well!”
- “The trails are almost always in great shape!”
- “Supporting the Tour de Steamboat and SBTGRVL are big.”
- “You use your voice very well and you are not exclusive. Everyone is welcome in RCR and you help all riders.”

## **What are some things that Routt County Riders could improve upon within the community - i.e. what needs work? (Highlights)**

- “I like the idea of a dedicated public RCR location- for repairs, used bikes, events, classes, meetups.”
- “We need a greater voice to protect and expand our riding opportunities. With the new development projects in the approval process, thousands of new people with recreation as a top priority will be arriving in our town. We need them to know about the issues and support RCR efforts to grow and maintain recreational opportunities for cyclists and other trail users.”
- “More maintenance of existing trails”
- “Advocate for Mad Rabbit trails.”
- “Continue to educate the community on the benefits of new trails for all user groups and wildlife.”
- “Making sure RCR is engaged with gravel community / advocacy will be important in the future.”
- “North Routt needs love!”
- “Any chance we add some tech sections on Emerald? :)”
- “Clearing trails, more trail work, more volunteers”
- “Bridge to other trail users and groups, this cross-advocacy breeds more allies.”
- “Fundamentally, the organization needs to continually develop and improve our strategic vision, continue communicating to our members and the rest of the community what that vision is, and always work to continually meet our goals and deliver what we promise so that we have a large percentage of the community supporting our mission/vision.”
- “Engage with the city regarding more bike safety education/ training for local kids and visiting bike renters of all ages. City needs to require more from the shops that rent bikes.”
- “I would like to see more advanced trails that are geared towards downhill with big features.”
- “Organization visibility.”
- “Somehow we need to educate mountain bike riders on trail courtesy.”
- “Clinics/education workshops? Bike wash station? Figure out how to get more maintenance done on high-use trails?”
- “Support the effort to allow e-bikes.”
- “Reducing hiker/walker and bike conflict on crowded trails like Spring Creek and Core Trail.”
- “Work with Moto clubs to build and work on trails together.”
- “Get behind extending the Core trail to AND PAST Steamboat 2 (like to Milner)”
- “Maybe educating bike shops who provide rentals to tourists about e-bike/biking 101. No bikes on sidewalks, no e bikes on trails, etc. I know this isn’t RCRs responsibility, but RCR is a great resource and respected, so I believe it would be well received.”
- “More advanced communication around the volunteer options would be nice. I also think there could be more information about the trail etiquette, trail use (when muddy/not to ride, etc.), and

also e-bike use. More signage up on Buff trails (above FOG/BTR intersection) would be helpful/beneficial. I was always giving people help/directions up there.”

- “Getting that positive attitude of the community to get back where it needs to be”
- “Getting mad rabbit built”
- “Come out with a clear stance on E-bikes, I know it is very polarizing, but I want to know where RCR stands on the topic.”
- “Stop advocating for e-bikes, advocate for 2A \$ to be spent in town, not buff/rabbit ears”
- “Increase marketing, we would like to join and didn't know about the group.”
- “Continue getting kids of all backgrounds out on the trails. Every person in this town should have access to and know how to ride a bike.”
- “Stop trying to build more trails up Rabbit Ears/Mad Rabbit - we don't need to carve up the mountains any further. Let's protect wildlife corridors. Also, Focus financial effort on expanding core trails and for bike education to make it safer for hikers and walkers to coexist with bikers on trails.”
- “Trying to counter the elk hunters from gate keeping. Trying to build a better relationship between drivers and cyclists on our roads”

