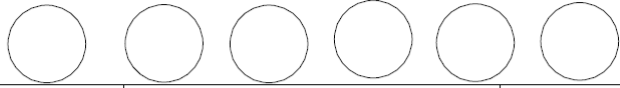


Pere Marquette Rail-Trail Observation Sheet

Day and Date: _____

Weather conditions: _____

Surveyor: _____



	Number of Adults			Number of Children (babies to 18 years old)			Record Refusals
	biking	in-line skating	foot	biking	in-line skating	foot	
site: _____ time start : _____ time finish: _____							Count: Type of User: Why?
site: _____ time start: _____ time finish: _____							Count: Type of User: Why?

Directions:

1. Count during the entire time at each site.
2. Count only in a east to west direction for all site except Coleman, count in a west to east direction for Coleman.
3. Try to count everyone just once - do your best at visually placing people in adult/children categories.
4. At end of site or day, count markings and place a number in each cell.
5. Complete a sheet each day. Mail to MSU each week with completed on-site surveys.

Totals for the day _____ number of attempted on-sites _____ number of completed on-sites _____ number of refusals

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Pere Marquette Rail Trail Use Assessment _____ Date _____ Site (A-F) _____ Time _____ Id No. _____

Dear Trail User:
Michigan State University, the Michigan Department of Transportation and Midland County Parks are cooperating to assess use of the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail. Please take the 4 minutes needed to complete this survey. Your name will be confidential and won't be connected with any results. You indicate your voluntary agreement to participate by completing and returning this questionnaire.

1. Are you a full-time resident of or do you work in Midland County? *(check one)*
 YES, GO TO QUESTION 2
 NO-- please provide name, address, town/state, zip -----

2. What reason **best describes** your use of the trail today? *(check one)*
 RECREATION TRANSPORTATION TO WORK/SCHOOL
 EXERCISE TRANSPORTATION OTHER THAN TO WORK/SCHOOL

3. What activities related to the Rail-Trail have you or members of your group done today?
(check all that apply)
 BICYCLING FISHING ACCESS USE WHEELCHAIR/WALKER
 WALKING NATURE STUDY HORSEBACK RIDING
 WALKING WITH PET VISIT CULTURAL SITES EATING AT RESTAURANT
 IN-LINE SKATING PICKING BERRIES/MUSHROOMS SHOPPING
 RUNNING/JOGGING OTHER (DESCRIBE _____)

4. Which activity is the primary reason for being on the Rail-Trail today? *(fill in)*

5. Considering the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail in segments, please check the segments you will use all or part of today? *(check all that apply)*
 TRIDGE/FARMER'S MARKET TO EMERSON PARK (AB) SANFORD TO N. BRADLEY (DE)
 EMERSON PARK TO DUBLIN AVE (BC) N. BRADLEY TO COLEMAN (EF)
 DUBLIN AVE. TO SANFORD (CD)

6. Did you use any of the designated Rail-Trail parking lots today? *(check one)* YES NO

7. How many **total** hours will you use the trail today? *(fill in)* _____ NUMBER OF HOURS

8. Including yourself, how many people are in your group today? *(fill in)*
 _____ NUMBER OF ADULTS _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN (0-18)

9. Please rate on a scale of 1-9 (1 highly dissatisfied; 5 neutral; and 9 highly satisfied), how satisfied you are with your experience on the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail today. _____ RATING

10. What is the **one most important reason** for your rating? *(provide a few words)*

11. In the past 12 months, how many days have you used the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail? *(fill in by season)*
 WINTER (DEC, JAN, FEB) _____ SPRING (MARCH, APR., MAY) _____
 SUMMER (JUNE, JULY, AUG) _____ FALL (SEPT, OCT, NOV) _____

12. What is your zip code? _____

13. How far is it from where you started the trail today from your home? *(fill in)* _____ NUMBER OF MILES

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14. Are you? MALE FEMALE
15. What is your age? (*fill in*) _____ YEARS
16. Do you have an impairment that seriously limits your participation in work or recreation?
 YES NO
17. Have you been surveyed another day by Michigan State University on the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail?
(*check one*) NO YES, how many times? _____

Thanks for your help in improving Michigan trails. Chuck Nelson, Assoc. Prof., Dept. Park, Recreation & Tourism Resources, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824 (517) 353-5190