

Web Based Questionnaire

Section 1 – When and why you use Lagan Valley Regional Park (This allows us to understand when people are most likely to visit the park and why)

1) Are you aware of the existence of Lagan Valley Regional Park?

Yes No

If you answered no to the above, please skip to question 7.

2) How did you first become aware of the park?

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3) Are you aware of the park boundaries?

Yes No

If you answered yes, where do you enter and exit the park most frequently?

Enter.....Exit.....

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4) How often do you visit Lagan Valley Regional Park?

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Daily/Most Days				
Weekly				
Monthly				
A few times a year				
Seldom				
Never				

5) What are your main reasons for visiting the park? List as many as you wish in order of preference.

Relaxation & fresh air		Appreciation of nature and natural heritage	
Health & Wellbeing		Appreciation of built heritage	
Walking		Friends and/or Family Outing	
Dog Walking		Photography and/or Painting	
Cycling		Running/jogging	
Hiking/orienteering		Athletics	
Angling		Adventure sports	
Commuting		As a short cut to another destination	

Other (please specify).....

6) Are you a member of a club/society/organisation that uses the park?

Yes No

If yes, please specify.....

Section 2 – A little bit about you

(This section helps us to understand who our respondents are. Please tick the appropriate boxes.)

7) Are you:

Male Female

8) What age are you?

Under 16 16-25 26-35 36-45 45-55
56-65 65+

9) Employment Status:

Student Employed Homemaker Unemployed Retired

Section 3 – Our Park Users (this section allows us to build a profile of who avails of the park facilities)

If you do not use any of the park facilities, we are interested to understand why so that we can learn from your feedback. Please fill out Section 3 regardless and as appropriate to you. Please fill in 'not applicable' if you do not use the park.

10) If you do not use the park, what are your main reasons for this?

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11) Do you use the towpath regularly?

Yes No

12) Relating **only to the towpath**, please rate from 1 to 5 how satisfied you are with the following?

5 = Very Satisfied

2 = Dissatisfied

4 = Satisfied

1 = Very dissatisfied

3 = Neither

N/A = Not Applicable

	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
Cleanliness of Surface						
Litter						
Entrances and Exits						
Signage & Information						

13) Please rate from 1 to 5 your level of satisfaction with of the following in Lagan Valley Regional Park?

- 5 = Very Satisfied 2 = Dissatisfied
- 4 = Satisfied 1 = Very dissatisfied
- 3 = Neither N/A = Not Applicable

	5	4	3	2	1	N/A
Path Surface						
Entrances & Exits to Park						
Car Parking						
Lock Keepers Cottage Visitors Centre facilities						
Rest Points						
Signage and information notices						
Leaflets and literature about the park						
Park website						
Toilets						
Other park users						

14) Have you any comments regarding accessibility? (Accessibility to the park can include anything in the box above or something specific to your needs)

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15) What is your home post code? (Please do not give us your house number - we only want this information to learn about the parks catchment area)

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16) Do you feel safe in Lagan Valley Regional Park? Are there occasions or places where you think safety could be improved?

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Section 4 – Attitudes and Perceptions (the aim of this section is to understand your awareness of the Lagscape Scheme and Lagan Valley Regional Park)

17) Prior to completing this survey, were you aware of the Lagscape Partnership Initiative?

- Yes No

If your answer is no, please skip to question 19. If your answer is yes, please outline what projects you are aware of:

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18) Do you see a value to the Laganscape Scheme in Lagan Valley Regional Park?

Yes No

19) Are you aware of volunteering opportunities in the park?

Yes No

20) How important do you think it is to engage with the natural environment that surrounds you?

Very Important Quite Important Fairly Important Slightly Important
Not important at all

21) How important do you think it is to engage with the heritage (i.e. remains of the past) that surrounds you?

Very Important Quite Important Fairly Important Slightly Important
Not important at all

22) Please number in order of preference who you believe is most responsible for maintaining the landscape and features of Lagan Valley Regional Park.

Lagan Valley Regional Park Staff and Ranger		Land Owners E.g. Dept. of Environment, Dept. of Arts & Leisure, Local Councils, National Trust	
Each Individual Park User		Nobody	
Other (please specify)			

23) Have you witnessed any enhancements to Lagan Valley Regional Park in the last 4 years?

Yes No (If yes, please specify)

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24) Have you any suggestions for improvements you would like see in the park?

Yes No (If yes, please specify)

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Please rate how strongly you feel about the following statements:

25) Access to parks and green spaces is important.

Strongly agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

26) Lagan Valley Regional Park has little or no benefit for local people.

Strongly agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

27) Discovering the outdoors is a valuable education for children.

Strongly agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

28) There is little or no value in managing the landscape and environment of the Lagan Valley area.

Strongly agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

29) Every park user has a responsibility to take care of the park.

Strongly agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

30) Exercising outdoors supports mental and physical wellbeing.

Strongly agree Agree Undecided Disagree Strongly Disagree

Section 5 – Your Contact Details (optional)

- If you would like to receive an email of our quarterly Laganscape newsletter about what's happening in Lagan Valley Regional Park, please fill in your contact details below.
- Beginning in September 2011 is our 'Friends Of' members' forum where you can share your opinions and get involved with the park. If you are interested in joining or hearing more, please tick the relevant box and provide your contact details.
- Finally, if you would like to volunteer your time with the Laganscape scheme or to find out more about their projects, please complete the section below.

Newsletter 'Friends Of' Members Forum Laganscape/Volunteer

Name.....

Email Address.....

Please return by post or email to Lagan Valley Regional Park Office, 3 Lock Keepers Lane, Milltown Road, Belfast, BT8 7XT or admin@laganvalley.co.uk

Thank you for participating in this survey, your feedback is very valuable to us