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INTRODUCTION

Both Coed y Brenin and Afan Argoed have been developing as destinations for recreational mountain bikers for the past four to five years and during 2001/2002 further development of FE's mountain bike trail product has been underway at both locations.

The recent developments have been part of FE's MTB Wales strategy, which centres on the development of recreational mountain biking facilities at five key locations in Wales. Both Coed y Brenin and Afan were among those five along with Gwydyr Forest near Betws y Coed, Nant yr Arian near Aberystwyth and Cwmcarn near Newport. The aim of the strategy has been to create five short break destinations geographically spread throughout Wales, which can be combined to create a longer-term destination.

FE has already accumulated unique information on the nature of the mountain bike visitors to Coed y Brenin, which has been used to create a market-focused product. That product currently relies on the construction of dedicated trails radiating out from trailheads, which have varying degrees of facilities. One of the aims of this survey has been to ascertain how successful the product is at meeting the needs of the users and to help tailor facilities and trails to better meet the needs of the users.

Daffyd Davis Forest Sports Advisor, FE Wales

SUMMARY

This report provides results from a mountain biking survey that took place at Coed y Brenin and Afan forest park. A total of 143 questionnaires were completed: 55 at Afan forest park and 88 at Coed y Brenin.

34 % of groups consisted of two people, but with 20 % of groups consisting of six people or more and 17 % four person groups, there was an average of 3.4 people per group. The majority (92 %) of groups included adults aged between 25-59 years, 22 % included young adults aged 16-24 years, 6 % included children and only 1 % of groups included senior citizens. 98 % of groups at Afan forest park had bikes with them whilst 69 % of groups had bikes at Coed y Brenin. 5 % of all groups had dogs with them.

At Afan forest park 71 % of the respondents were day trippers, 15 % holiday makers and 13 % locals. At Coed y Brenin, however, almost three-quarters (74 %) of respondents were holidaymakers, with 24 % day trippers and only 2 % locals. Of all of the respondents who were holidaymakers, 30 % were camping or staying in a caravan, 29 % were staying in self catering accommodation, and 18 % were staying in a B&B or guest house. One half of holidaymakers had budgeted between £11 and £30 for overnight accommodation, with 36 % of holidaymakers budgeting up to £10.

Just under a half of all respondents (47 %) had budgeted £4 - £5 for lunch and the same number had budgeted nothing for dinner. 95 % of respondents did not budget for bike hire, and 60 % had budgeted under £10 for other expenditure.

Two-thirds of all respondents had travelled over 50 miles to the site, 21 % had travelled between 16-50 miles and 11 % had travelled less than this. Almost all (94 %) of the respondents had travelled by car or van to get to the woodland, 4 % by minibus or coach, and 1 % had cycled.

69 % of respondents had ridden at the forests before. 90 % of respondents said that they mountain-bike once or more a week for leisure in the summer but only 18 % mountain-biked once or more a week at Coed y Brenin or Afan forest park, with the majority (70 %) mountain biking once or less a month at these sites. Over two-thirds of respondents (70 %) gave the technical challenge as their main reason for biking in the forests, with 9 % giving the wilderness experience as their reason and 8 % citing both landscape and quietness as their reason.

96 % of groups had used a waymarked mountain-bike trail and 24 % had at some time ridden off the waymarked trails. At Afan forest park nearly all groups used the 9feet.com trail (98 %) and around 40 % had used The Wall trail. Around 40% of riders at Afan had also previously visited Coed y Brenin and used one of the trails Karrimor, Red Bull, or MBR trails. These three trails were also the most popular with riders at Coed y Brenin, with over two thirds of respondents having used each of the three. Only 15 % of groups at Coed y Brenin had previously used one of the trails at Afan forest park.

The quality and waymarking of all trails along with the information at the trailheads was generally rated as good or very good. The vast majority of respondents rated the forests as very good places to ride and believed that there were adequate facilities for mountain-bikers at both forests. 57 % of groups had seen some of 'Mountain bike Wales' publicity material and of those who had seen the material, almost three-quarters (73 %) had seen it on the Internet.

45 % of respondents had first found out about the forest from friends or relatives, and a further 33 % had always known about the site.

At both sites respondents were asked to rate the desirability or otherwise of particular facilities on a mountain-bike holiday. Most groups believed that a sauna facility and an internet access area were unnecessary, but the majority rated a secure area for bikes, a bike wash, a drying room and a repair/ spares facility all as either essential or desirable facilities. Groups were then asked to rate the desirability or otherwise of particular services on a mountain-bike holiday. The majority rated mountain bike hire as not necessary but rated a mountain bike guide, local knowledge expert, cooked meals, and a bar/ social area as essential or desirable services.

Having considered the desirability or otherwise of particular services and facilities, respondents were then asked if they would consider using 'high quality forest lodge style' accommodation. Almost three-quarters of respondents said they would, and of those who would over half thought the accommodation should be self-catering, 63 % said they would prefer to book on the phone, and 58 % said that the existence of suitable on-site accommodation would encourage them to visit more often.

1 % of the respondents said that at least one of their party had a special need.

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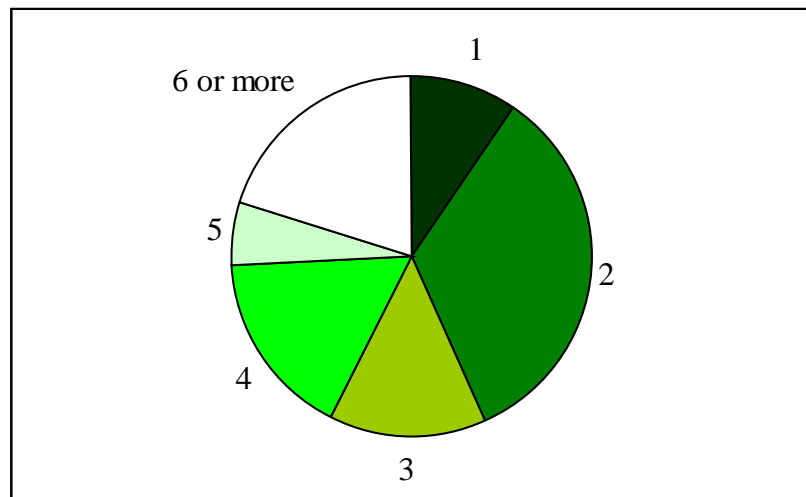
A Mountain Biking Survey was carried out at Coed y Brenin and Afan forest park during June-July 2002.

Group Composition

There were a total of 600 visitors in the 143 groups interviewed. There were considerably more male than female visitors (85 % of all visitors were male).

A large proportion of the groups (34 %) included 2 people, and one in five consisted of 6 or more visitors. A further 17 % were in groups of 4, with 18 % in groups of 3 and 10 % lone visitors. Excluding groups of 10 or more, there were on average 3.4 people per group (Figure 1).

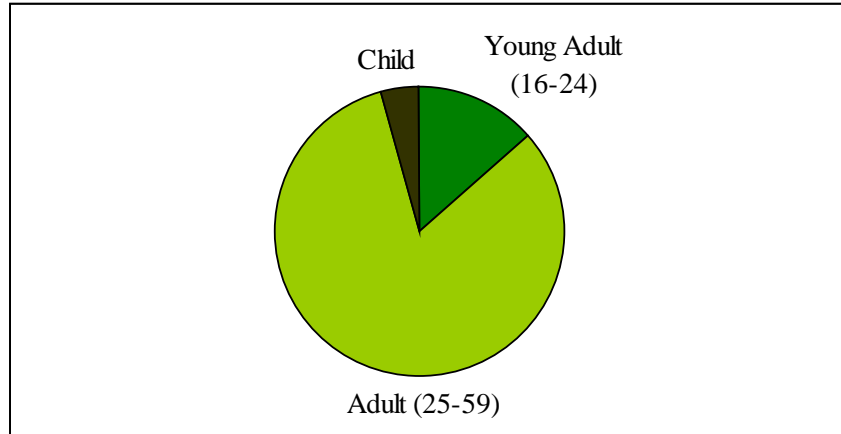
Figure 1: Size of groups visiting Coed y Brenin and Afan forest park



Almost all groups visiting Coed y Brenin and Afan forest park contained adults aged between 25-59 years, and 22 % included young adults. Only 1% of groups included senior citizens and 6 % of groups had children with them.

In terms of total visitors, adults aged between 25-59 years accounted for 82 % of all visitors, and 14 % were young adults. A further 4% were children and not even 1 % were senior citizens (Figure 2).

Figure 2: Age of visitors to Coed y Brenin and Afan forest park



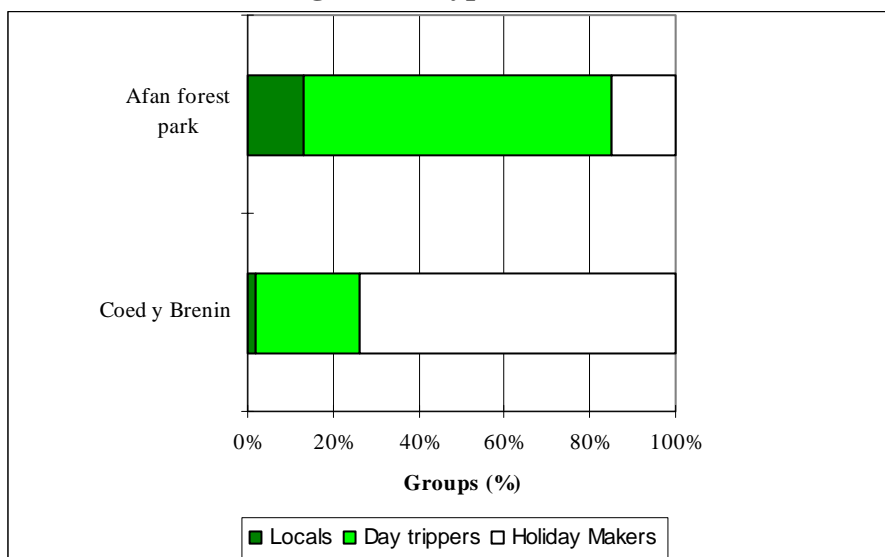
Groups with dogs and bicycles

Almost every group visiting Afan forest park had bikes with them (98 %), whilst at Coed y Brenin over two thirds of groups had bikes with them (69 %). There were also 5 % of groups who had dogs.

Type of Visitor

Almost three-quarters of the visitors to Coed y Brenin (74 %) were on holiday in the area. A further 24 % were on a day trip from home, and the remaining 2 % lived locally (Figure 3). By contrast, 71 % of the visitors to Afan forest park were on a day trip from home, with 15 % on holiday in the area and 13 % living locally (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Type of visitor



Type of accommodation

The groups who were holiday-makers were asked about the type of accommodation they were using. Of these groups, 30 % were camping or caravanning, 29 % were staying in self catering accommodation, and 18 % were staying in a B&B or Guest House. Almost one half of holidaying groups (47 %) were staying for 2 nights in the area, 27 % were staying 1 night, and 13 % were staying for more than 4 nights. Groups who were holidaymakers were also asked to give their approximate budget for overnight accommodation with the majority (63 %) budgeting up to £20 per night.

Travel to the Forest Site

Almost half (49 %) of the visitors to Afan forest park had travelled over 50 miles to the site, a further 22 % had travelled between 26 and 50 miles, and 28 % had travelled between 6 and 25 miles. At Coed y Brenin more than three-quarters of visitors (77 %) had travelled over fifty miles to the site, with only 13% travelling between 16 and 50 miles and 11 % travelling less than that.

At both forests, groups had travelled to the site almost entirely by car or van. Overall 94 % of visitors had used a car or van to get to the site, 4 % had arrived by minibus or coach and 1 % had cycled.

Length of Stay

The average length of stay of groups at Coed y Brenin was 5.1 hours. 89 % stayed for four hours or more with 6 % staying for around 3 hours. At Afan forest park the average length of stay of groups was 3.5 hours. Almost one half (47 %) stayed for four hours or more, 38 % stayed for around 3 hours, and 9 % stayed for around 2 hours.

Finding out about the site

Most groups visiting Coed y Brenin and Afan forest park said that they had found out about the site from friends or relatives (45 %), or that they had always known about the site (33 %). A further 15 % had found out about the site by a method other than was suggested on the questionnaire. This tended to be either from a mountain bike magazine, or on the internet.

Budget for visit

Groups at both Coed y Brenin and Afan forest park were asked to give their approximate budgets for the following: accommodation (if staying overnight in the area), lunch, dinner, bike hire and other expenditure. Of those groups staying overnight in the area, 36 % budgeted up to £10 for accommodation, 27 % budgeted £11 - £20 and 23 % budgeted £21 - £30. 10 % had budgeted nothing for accommodation and only 4 % had budgeted over £30.

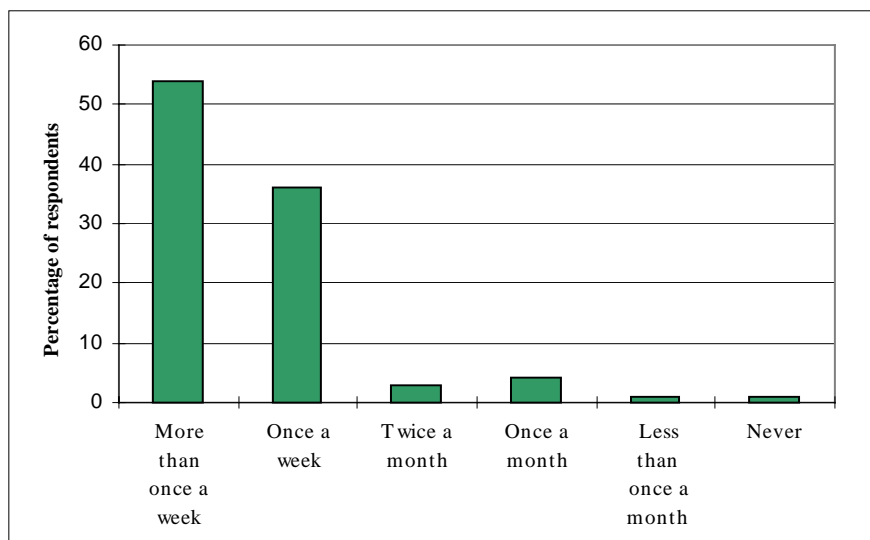
Just under one half of all visitors (47 %) had budgeted £4 - £5 for lunch, with a further 24 % budgeting £2 - £3, and 20 % budgeting less than £2. Just under half of all groups did not intend to include dinner in their days plans, with 47 % budgeting nothing for dinner. 44 % budgeted up to £10 and only 7 % budgeted between £11 and £20.

No visitors budgeted for bike hire at Afan forest park and only 6 % budgeted for hire at Coed y Brenin, most of whom budgeted for spending under £10. For other expenditure, 43 % of visitors budgeted less than £5. A further 17 % budgeted £5 - £10, 16 % budgeted £11 - £20, and 13 % budgeted for spending nothing.

Mountain biking habits

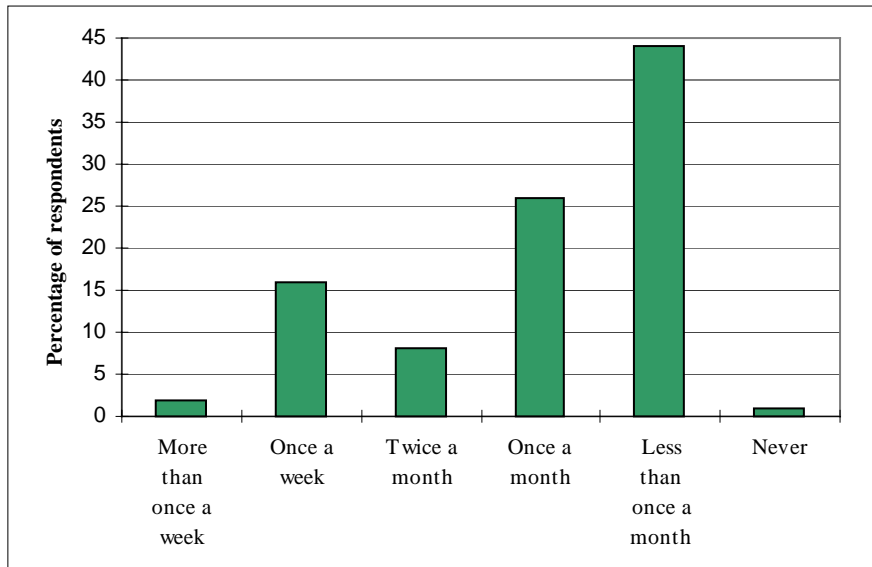
69 % of respondents had ridden at the forests before. Over half of visitors (54 %) said that they mountain-bike more than once a week for leisure in the summer, with a further 36 % biking once a week. Only 4 % said they mountain-bike once a month and 3 % said twice a month (Figure 4).

Figure 4: Frequency of leisure mountain-biking in summer



Groups were then asked how frequently they mountain-biked at Afan forest park and Coed y Brenin in the summer. Only 2 % said they mountain-bike more than once a week in the forests, with 16 % saying they bike once a week and over two thirds (70 %) biking once or less a month (Figure 5).

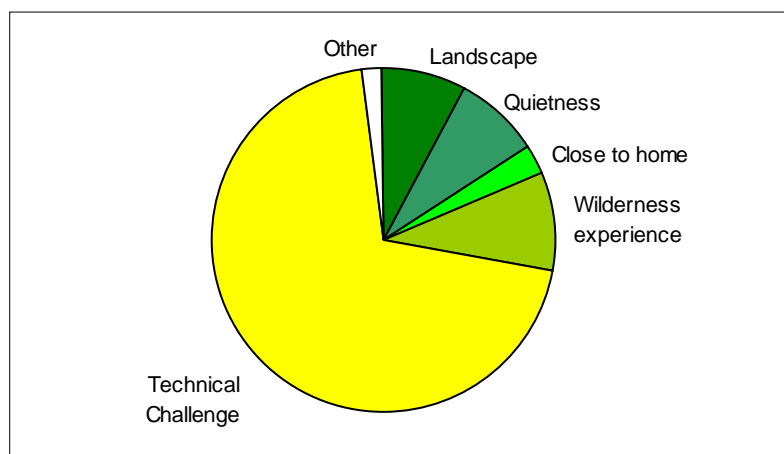
Figure 5: Frequency of mountain biking at Afan forest park and Coed y Brenin



Main reasons for biking in Afan forest park and Coed y Brenin

69 % of groups had ridden at the forests before. Over two-thirds of groups (70 %) were attracted to biking in the forests by the technical challenge. 9 % gave the wildlife experience as their main reason for biking at the forests and 8 % said they were attracted by both the landscape and the quietness (Figure 6).

Figure 6: Main reasons for biking in forest

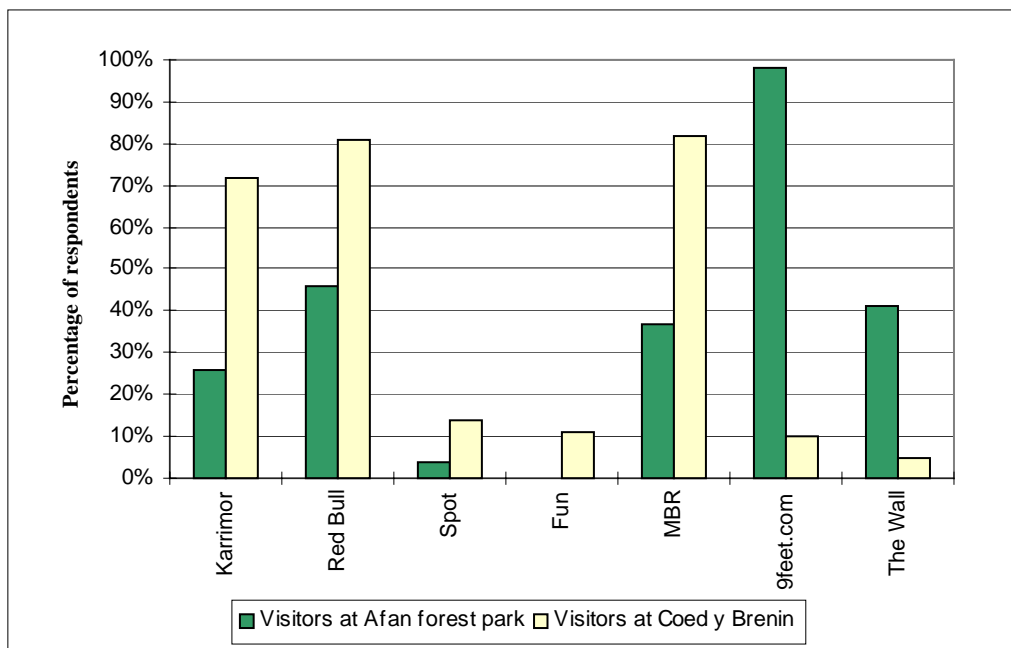


Waymarked mountain bike trails

Almost all groups (96 %) had used the mountain bike trails, with 24 % having at some time ridden off the waymarked trails. Afan forest park has two trails; 9feet.com trail and The Wall trail, whilst Coed y Brenin has five trails; Red Bull trail, MBR trail, Karrimor trail, Spot trail and Fun trail.

At Afan forest park nearly all visitors (98 %) had used the 9feet.com trail and 41 % had used The Wall trail. A proportion of riders at Afan had previously visited Coed y Brenin, with 46% having used the Red Bull trail and 37 % having used each of the Karrimor trail and the MBR trail (Figure 8). These three trails were the most popular with riders at Coed y Brenin itself, with just over 80 % having used each of the Red Bull trail and the MBR trail, and 72 % having used the Karrimor trail. Only 15 % of groups at Coed y Brenin had previously used trails at Afan forest park, with 10 % of groups having ridden the 9feet.com trail (Figure 7).

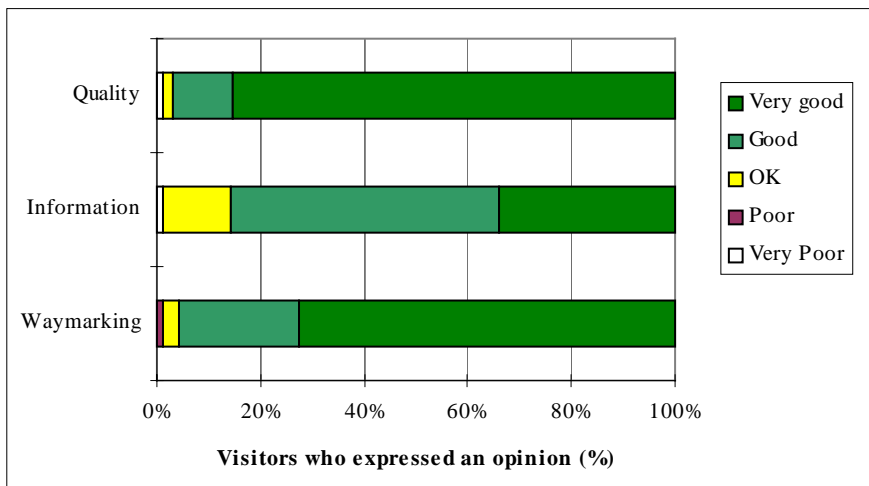
Figure 7: Mountain bike trail usage



Trail Ratings

Those respondents who had used the waymarked mountain bike trails were then asked to rate the quality and waymarking of all trails along with the information provided at trailheads. The rating for each aspect of the trails was generally good or very good (Figure 8), and 93 % rated the forests very good overall as places to ride.

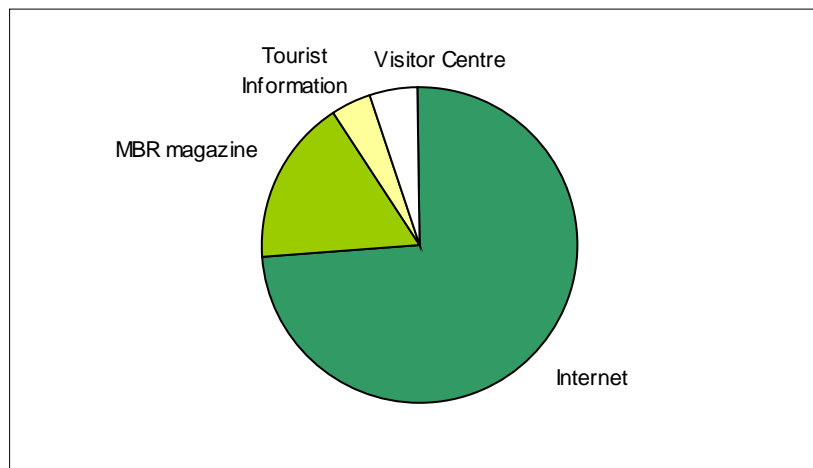
Figure 8: Mountain bike trail ratings



Mountain Bike Wales

Over half of groups (57 %) had seen some of the ‘Mountain bike Wales’ publicity material. Almost three-quarters of these groups (73 %) had seen the material on the internet with a further 17 % having seen the material in Mountain Bike Rider (MBR) magazine. 5 % had seen the material at the Visitor Centre and 4 % had seen it in the Tourist Information (Figure 9).

Figure 9: Where ‘Mountain Bike Wales’ publicity material seen

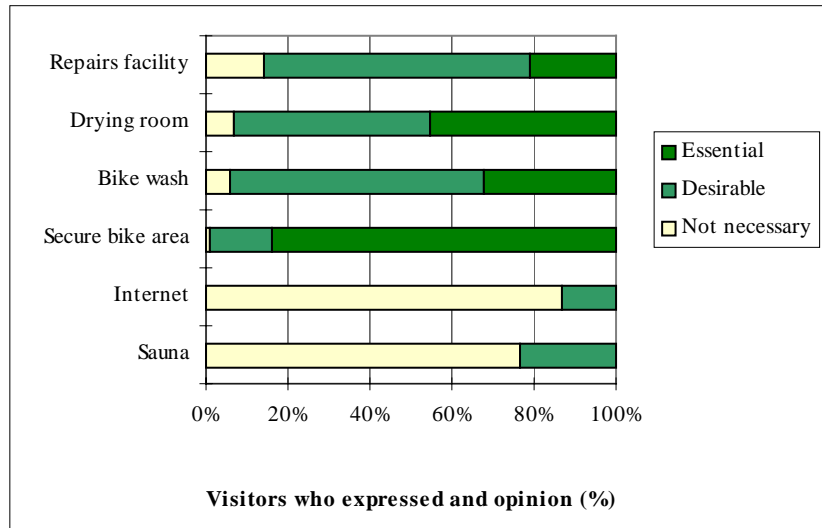


Mountain Bike Holiday Facilities and Services

87 % of groups thought that the current facilities for mountain bikers in the forests were adequate. At both Afan forest park and Coed y Brenin respondents were then asked to rate the desirability of particular extra services and facilities on a mountain bike holiday. The facilities rated were: a sauna, an internet access area, a secure area for bikes, a bike wash, a drying room and a repair/ spares facility. In general groups

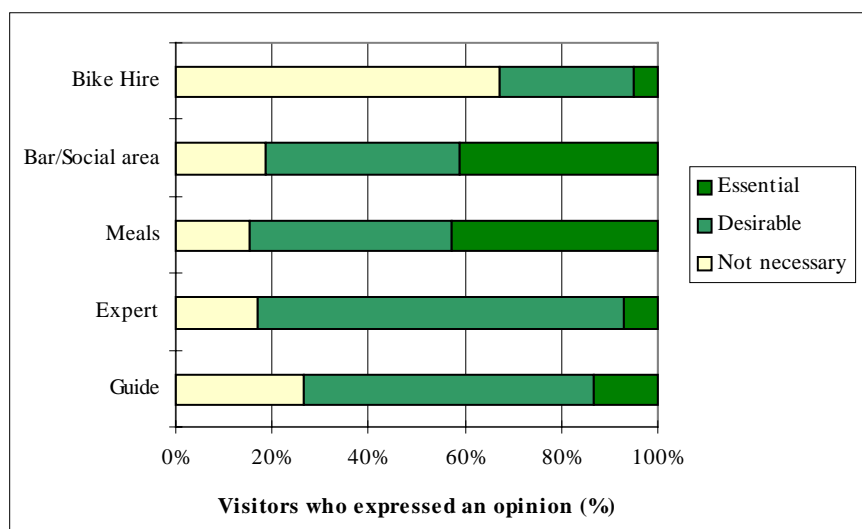
believed that a sauna and an internet access area were not necessary, but that a secure area for bikes, a bike wash, a drying room and a repair/ spares facility were all either essential or desirable facilities (Figure 10).

Figure 10: Facility ratings



The services rated were: a mountain bike guide, a local knowledge expert, cooked meals, a bar/ social area and mountain bike hire. In general mountain bike hire was rated as an unnecessary service but a mountain bike guide, a local knowledge expert, cooked meals, and a bar/ social area were all rated as essential or desirable services (Figure 11).

Figure 11: Service ratings



Forest Lodge accommodation

Exactly two-thirds of visitors said they would consider using on-site 'high quality forest lodge style' accommodation should it become available. Those groups who would consider using such accommodation were then asked to give preferences for the type of accommodation and also the method of booking the accommodation. Over half (54 %) preferred self-catering accommodation, 32 % preferred bed and breakfast and 13% half-board. 63 % of respondents preferred the idea of booking the accommodation by phone, whilst 23 % preferred the web and 13 % e-mail.

Of those groups who would consider using such lodge accommodation, 58 % said the presence of suitable accommodation would make them visit the site more often.

Special needs

Only 1 % of all groups stated that one of their party had a special need.

Improvements

Groups at both sites were asked what (if any) additional or improved facilities for mountain-bikers they would like to see, and 68 % of groups gave a suggestion. 38 suggestions were made at Afan forest park and 59 suggestions were made at Coed y Brenin, the most popular suggestions are listed here. At Afan forest park, 28 groups (74 %) suggested improvements to and increased numbers of showers. The only other main group of suggested improvements was for there to be a bike or spares shop on site. At Coed y Brenin, 41 groups (75 %) suggested the site could be improved by having shower facilities. 6 groups suggested the site could be improved by having changing room facilities and 3 groups suggested improvements to the trails.

WALES, Coed Y Brenin and Afan Argoed

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Form

Hello; I am carrying out a survey for Forest Enterprise, part of the Forestry Commission. Can you please spare a few minutes to answer some questions?

1. Are you staying overnight in the area?*Circle One*

Yes **1** → Q2a
No **2** Skip to Q3b

2a. What type of accommodation are you using? (if more than one, list the main one)*Circle one*

Bed & Breakfast/ Guest House **1**
Hotel **2**
Camping/ Caravan **3**
With friends/ relatives **4**
Youth Hostel **5**
Self Catering **6**
Other **7**

2b. Can you say which town / village you are staying in?**2c. How long will you be staying in the area?***Circle one*

1 night **1**
2 nights **2**
3 nights **3**
4 nights - 1 week **4**
Over one week **5**

3. What is your approximate budget (per person per day) for the following;**3a: Accommodation:***Circle one*

Nothing **1**
Up to £ 10 **2**
£ 11 - £ 20 **3**
£ 21 - £ 30 **4**
£ 30 - £ 50 **5**
£ 51 - £100 **6**
Over £ 100 **7**

3b: Lunch:*Circle one*

Nothing **1**
Less than £ 2 **2**
£ 2 - £ 3 **3**
£ 4 - £ 5 **4**
£ 6 - £ 10 **5**
Over £ 10 **6**

3c: Dinner:*Circle one*

Nothing **1**
Less than £ 4 **2**
£ 4 - £ 6 **3**
£ 7 - £ 10 **4**
£ 11 - £ 20 **5**
Over £ 20 **6**

3d: Bike hire:*Circle one*

Nothing **1**
Less than £ 2 **2**
£ 2 - £ 3 **3**
£ 4 - £ 5 **4**
£ 6 - £ 10 **5**
Over £ 10 **6**

3e: Other expenditure (additional to accommodation, food, bike hire):*Circle one*

Nothing **1**
Less than £ 5 **2**
£ 5 - £ 10 **3**
£ 11 - £ 20 **4**
£ 21 - £ 40 **5**
Over £ 40 **6**

4. How far have you travelled to get here today?*Circle one*

Up to 5 miles **1**
6 - 15 miles **2**
16 - 25 miles **3**
26 - 50 miles **4**
Over 50 miles **5**

5. What was the main type of transport you used to get here today? (The one used for the longest distance)*Circle one*

Car/ van **1**
Minibus/ coach **2**
Public transport **3**
Bicycle **4**
On foot **5**
Other **6**

6. How long in total are you staying at this site today?

hours	mins

7. Have you ever ridden in this forest before?

Circle One

Yes	1
No	2

8. How did you first find out about this forest ?

Circle One

Always known	1
Friend/ relation	2
Road signs	3
Forest Enterprise leaflet	4
Local guide book or map	5
Exhibitions/ displays	6
Newspaper/ TV/ Radio	7
Other	8

Please specify _____

9. What are your main reasons for biking in this forest?

Circle One

Landscape	1
Quietness	2
Keep fit	3
Close to home	4
Wilderness experience	5
Technical challenge	6
Other	7

Please specify _____

10a. How often, on average do you mountain-bike for leisure in the summer?

Circle one

More than once a week	1
Once a week	2
Twice a month	3
Once a month	4
Less than once a month	5
Never	6

10b. (only if they have ridden here before, (e.g. Q7=yes)) How often, on average do you mountain-bike at this forest in the summer?

Circle one

More than once a week	1
Once a week	2
Twice a month	3
Once a month	4
Less than once a month	5
Never	6

11. Have you ridden any of the waymarked mountain-bike trails here?

Circle One

Yes	1	→ Q 11a
No	2	Skip to Q12

11a. Which trail(s)?

AT COED Y BRENIN:	<i>Circle all</i>
Karrimor	1
Red Bull	2
Spot	3
Fun	4
MBR	5
AT AFAN ARGOED:	<i>Circle all</i>
9feet.com	6
The Wall	7

11b. I would like to ask you to rate any of the facilities that you have used here, on a scale of Very good, Good, OK, Poor, or Very poor. What is your overall rating for:

(circle one number in each row)

	VG	G	OK	P	VP	Not used
Waymarking on trails	1	2	3	4	5	6
Information at the trailhead	1	2	3	4	5	6
Quality of the trails	1	2	3	4	5	6

12. Have you ever ridden off the waymarked trails?

Circle One

Yes	1
No	2

13. Have you seen any of the 'Mountain bike Wales' publicity material? (Show example of publicity material)

Circle One

Yes	1	→ Q 13a
No	2	Skip to Q 14

13a. If yes, where did you see it?

Circle One

Internet	1
Mountain Bike Rider magazine	2
What Mountain Bike magazine	3
On the Hill magazine	4
Other 'outdoor/lifestyle' magazine	5
Exhibition	6
Newspaper	7
Guidebook	8
Tourist Information	9
Visitor Centre	10
Other	11

Please specify _____

14. Overall how would you rate this forest as a place to ride?

	<i>Circle One</i>
Very Good	1
Good	2
OK	3
Poor	4
Very Poor	5
No Opinion	6

15. Do you think there are adequate facilities for mountain-bikers at this forest?

	<i>Circle One</i>
Yes	1
No	2

15a. What (if any) additional or improved facilities for mountain-bikers would you like to see?

We are investigating the types of and demand for accommodation facilities for mountain-bikers. Your answers to the following questions will help us to provide the best possible facilities for mountain-bikers such as yourself :

16. If staying away from home on a mountain-bike break, which of these facilities would you like to find at your place of accommodation? For each please state whether they are essential, desirable or not necessary for you. (Tick one box per row)

	Ess ent ial	De sir abl e	No t nec ess ary
Sauna	1	2	3
Internet access area	1	2	3
Secure area for bikes	1	2	3
Bike wash	1	2	3
Drying room	1	2	3
Repair/ spares facility	1	2	3
Other facility (please specify)			

17. If staying away from home on a mountain-bike break, which of these services would you like to be provided at your place of accommodation? For each please state whether they are essential, desirable, or not necessary for you. (Tick one box per row)

	Ess ent ial	De sir abl e	No t nec ess ary
Mountain bike guide	1	2	3
Local knowledge expert	1	2	3
Cooked meals	1	2	3
Bar/ Social area	1	2	3
Mountain bike hire	1	2	3
Other facility (please specify)			

18. If 'high quality forest lodge style' accommodation were available on-site, would you consider using it?

	<i>Circle One</i>	
Yes	1	→ 18a
No	2	Skip to 21

18a. If yes, would you prefer self-catering, bed and breakfast, half-board or full-board service?

	<i>Circle One</i>
Self-catering	1
Bed and Breakfast	2
Half-board	3
Full-board	4

19. If accommodation were available on-site, how would you prefer to book?

	<i>Circle One</i>
In writing/ by post	1
Phone	2
Fax	3
Email	4
Online/ web	5

20. If suitable accommodation were available on-site, would you visit more often?

	<i>Circle One</i>
Yes	1
No	2

21. To give us an idea of where visitors come from, can you tell me your postcode?

Yes: Record full postcode

No: Record part postcode if possible, then ask Q21a.

21a. (only ask if full postcode not given) Can you tell me instead which town or other area you live in?

Record name of town or other area (e.g. English/Welsh county, Scottish council area, or country if from abroad)

22. Do you (or does anyone in your group) have any disability or special needs?

Circle One

Yes **1** → 22a
 No **2** *Skip to end*

22a. What type of special need is it?

Circle all

Sight **1**
 Hearing **2**
 Mobility **3**
 Other **4**

Specify

That's all! Thank you very much for your time.

Group size - Please enter number of people in each category in each box

	Male			Female
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Number of interviews

	AFAN FOREST PARK	COED Y BRENI N	ALL
	No.	%	No. , %
N	55	100	88, 100
ALL	55	100	88, 143

Group size

Number in Group	AFAN FOREST PARK	COED Y BRENI N	ALL
	No.	%	No. , %
1	8, 15	6, 7	14, 10
2	22, 40	26, 30	48, 34
3	10, 18	10, 11	20, 14
4	8, 15	16, 18	24, 17
5	3, 5	5, 6	8, 6
6 or more	4, 7	25, 28	29, 20
ALL	55, 100	88, 100	143, 100

Number of Males	AFAN FOREST PARK	COED Y BRENI N	ALL
	No.	%	No. , %
0	.., ..	2, 2	2, 1
1	11, 20	19, 22	30, 21
2	19, 35	17, 19	36, 25
3	11, 20	17, 19	28, 20
4	8, 15	12, 14	20, 14
5	3, 5	2, 2	5, 3
6 or more	3, 5	19, 22	22, 15

Number of Females	AFAN FOREST PARK	COED Y BRENI N	ALL
	No.	%	No. , %
0	50, 91	47, 53	97, 68
1	4, 7	21, 24	25, 17
2	.., ..	11, 13	11, 8
3	1, 2	1, 1	2, 1
4	.., ..	5, 6	5, 3
5	.., ..	2, 2	2, 1
6 or more	.., ..	1, 1	1, 1

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Number of Adults	AFAN FOREST		PARK		COED Y BRENI N		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1	10	18	7	8	17	12		
2	20	36	25	28	45	31		
3	11	20	11	13	22	15		
4	7	13	17	19	24	17		
5	3	5	6	7	9	6		
6 or more	4	7	22	25	26	18		

Number of Senior Citizens	AFAN FOREST		PARK		COED Y BRENI N		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	55	100	87	99	142	99		
1			1	1	1	1		

Number of Other Adults (25-59)	AFAN FOREST		PARK		COED Y BRENI N		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	3	5	9	10	12	8		
1	15	27	9	10	24	17		
2	16	29	22	25	38	27		
3	9	16	11	13	20	14		
4	5	9	16	18	21	15		
5	3	5	6	7	9	6		
6 or more	4	7	15	17	19	13		

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Number of Young Adults (16-24)	AFAN FOREST		COED Y BRENI N		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	47	85	64	73	111	78
1	3	5	5	6	8	6
2	1	2	11	13	12	8
3	4	7	2	2	6	4
4	.	.	3	3	3	2
6 or more	.	.	3	3	3	2

Number of Children	AFAN FOREST		COED Y BRENI N		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	52	95	83	94	135	94
1	3	5	2	2	5	3
3	.	.	1	1	1	1
5	.	.	1	1	1	1
6 or more	.	.	1	1	1	1

Number of Male Senior Citizens (Over 60)	AFAN FOREST		COED Y BRENI N		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	55	100	87	99	142	99
1	.	.	1	1	1	1

Number of Female Senior Citizens (Over 60)	AFAN FOREST		COED Y BRENI N		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	55	100	88	100	143	100

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Number of Male Other Adults (25-59)

	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENI N	ALL
	No.	%	No.	%
0	3	5	11	13
1	18	33	22	25
2	13	24	14	16
3	10	18	18	20
4	5	9	8	9
5	3	5	2	2
6 or more	3	5	13	15

Number of Female Other Adults (25-59)

	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENI N	ALL
	No.	%	No.	%
0	50	91	50	57
1	4	7	22	25
2	.	.	11	13
3	1	2	3	3
4	.	.	1	1
6 or more	.	.	1	1

Number of Male Young Adults (16-24)

	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENI N	ALL
	No.	%	No.	%
0	47	85	67	76
1	3	5	3	3
2	1	2	10	11
3	4	7	2	2
4	.	.	5	6
6 or more	.	.	1	1

Number of Female Young Adults (16-24)

	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENI N	ALL
	No.	%	No.	%
0	55	100	82	93
1	.	.	4	5
2	.	.	1	1
4	.	.	1	1

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, Number of Male Children , (Under 16)	, AFAN FOREST ,		, PARK ,		, COED Y BRENI N ,		, ALL ,	
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, 0	, 52,	, 95,	, 84,	, 95,	, 136,	, 95,		
, 1	, 3,	, 5,	, 2,	, 2,	, 5,	, 3,		
, 2	, .,	, .,	, 1,	, 1,	, 1,	, 1,		
, 6 or more	, .,	, .,	, 1,	, 1,	, 1,	, 1,		

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, Number of Female Children , (Under 16)	, AFAN FOREST ,		, PARK ,		, COED Y BRENI N ,		, ALL ,	
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, 0	, 55,	, 100,	, 85,	, 97,	, 140,	, 98,		
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	, No. ,	, % ,	, No. ,	, % ,	, No. ,	, % ,	, No. ,	, % ,
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, 0	, 1,	, 2,	, 27,	, 31,	, 28,	, 20,		
, 1	, 8,	, 15,	, 4,	, 5,	, 12,	, 8,		
, 2	, 21,	, 38,	, 13,	, 15,	, 34,	, 24,		
, 3	, 10,	, 18,	, 9,	, 10,	, 19,	, 13,		
, 4	, 8,	, 15,	, 17,	, 19,	, 25,	, 17,		
, 5	, 3,	, 5,	, 2,	, 2,	, 5,	, 3,		
, 6 or more	, 4,	, 7,	, 16,	, 18,	, 20,	, 14,		

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, Number of Dogs	, AFAN FOREST ,		, PARK ,		, COED Y BRENI N ,		, ALL ,	
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	, No. ,	, % ,	, No. ,	, % ,	, No. ,	, % ,	, No. ,	, % ,
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, 0	, 55,	, 100,	, 81,	, 92,	, 136,	, 95,		
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1. Staying overnight in the area	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENNIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	8	15	65	74
No	47	85	23	26
Total	55	100	88	100

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(Only those who stayed overnight in the area)

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2a. Type of accommodation	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENNIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
B&B/Guest House	3	38	10	15
Hotel	..	..	5	8
Camping/Caravan	3	38	19	29
With friends/relatives	1	13	1	2
Youth Hostel	5	8
Self Catering	21	32
Other	4	6
Mission	1	13
Total	8	100	65	100

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2c. How long will you be staying in the area?	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENNIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
1 night	4	50	16	25
2 nights	2	25	32	49
3 nights	1	13	7	11
4 nights - 1 week	6	9
Over one week	4	6
Mission	1	13
Total	8	100	65	100

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3a. Approximate budget for: AFAN FOREST

Accommodation	PARK		COED Y BRENI N		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nothing	2	25	5	8	7	10
Up to £10	3	38	23	35	26	36
£11 - £20	1	13	19	29	20	27
£21 - £30	2	25	15	23	17	23
£31 - £50	2	3	2	3
£51 - £100	1	2	1	1
Total	8	100	65	100	73	100

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3b. Approximate budget for: AFAN FOREST

Lunch	PARK		COED Y BRENI N		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nothing	18	33	2	2	20	14
Less than £2	4	7	4	5	8	6
£2 - £3	14	25	21	24	35	24
£4 - £5	18	33	49	56	67	47
£6 - £10	1	2	10	11	11	8
Over £10	2	2	2	1
Total	55	100	88	100	143	100

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3c. Approximate budget for: AFAN FOREST

Dinner	PARK		COED Y BRENI N		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nothing	54	98	13	15	67	47
Less than £4	..	..	2	2	2	1
£4 - £6	1	2	35	40	36	25
£7 - £10	26	30	26	18
£11 - £20	10	11	10	7
Over £20	2	2	2	1
Total	55	100	88	100	143	100

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3d. Approximate budget for:	AFAN FOREST				Total	
Bike hire	PARK		COED Y BRENI N			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nothing	55,	100,	81,	92,	136,	95,
£4 - £5	2,	2,	2,	1,
£6 - £10	2,	2,	2,	1,
Over £10	1,	1,	1,	1,
Missi ng	2,	2,	2,	1,
Total	55,	100,	88,	100,	143,	100,

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3e. Approximate budget for:	AFAN FOREST				Total	
Other expenditure	PARK		COED Y BRENI N			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Nothing	7,	13,	11,	13,	18,	13,
Less than £5	47,	85,	15,	17,	62,	43,
£5 - £10	1,	2,	23,	26,	24,	17,
£11 - £20	23,	26,	23,	16,
£21 - £40	11,	13,	11,	8,
Over £40	5,	6,	5,	3,
Total	55,	100,	88,	100,	143,	100,

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4. How far travelled to forest	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
Up to 5 miles	4	5	4	3
6-15 miles	7	13	5	8
16-25 miles	8	15	7	10
26-50 miles	12	22	4	11
Over 50 miles	27	49	68	77
Missing	1	2	.	1
Total	55	100	88	100

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5. Main type of transport	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
Car/Van	54	98	80	91
Mini bus/coach	.	.	6	7
Bicycle	.	.	1	1
Other	.	.	1	1
Missing	1	2	.	1
Total	55	100	88	100

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6. Length of stay	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
Missing	3	5	2	5
Around 1/2 hr	.	.	2	2
Around an hour	.	.	1	1
Around 2 hrs	5	9	.	5
Around 3 hrs	21	38	5	26
Around 4 hrs +	26	47	78	89
Total	55	100	88	100

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7. Have you ever ridden in this forest before?	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	39	71	60	68
No	16	29	28	32
Total	55	100	88	100

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8. How first found out about AFAN FOREST PARK COED Y BRENI N Total						
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
the forest						
Always known	7	13	19	22	26	18
Friend / relation	13	24	22	25	35	24
Road signs	..	..	1	1	1	1
Forest Enterprise leaflet	..	..	3	3	3	2
Newspaper/TV/Radio	..	..	1	1	1	1
Other	1	2	11	13	12	8
Missing	34	62	31	35	65	45
Total	55	100	88	100	143	100

9. Main reasons for biking in forest						
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Landscape	..	..	11	13	11	8
Quietness	2	4	8	9	10	7
Close to home	2	4	2	2	4	3
Wilderness experience	1	2	11	13	12	8
Technical challenge	44	80	49	56	93	65
Other	3	3	3	2
Missing	6	11	4	5	10	7
Total	55	100	88	100	143	100

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10a. How often do you mountain-bike for leisure in the summer?						
	AFAN FOREST		COED Y BRENI N		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
More than once a week	23	59	30	50	53	54
Once a week	12	31	24	40	36	36
Twice a month	.	.	3	5	3	3
Once a month	3	8	1	2	4	4
Less than once a month	.	.	1	2	1	1
Never	.	.	1	2	1	1
Missing	1	3	.	.	1	1
Total	39	100	60	100	99	100

10b. How often do you mountain-bike at this forest in the summer?						
	AFAN FOREST		COED Y BRENI N		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
More than once a week	1	3	1	2	2	2
Once a week	11	28	5	8	16	16
Twice a month	5	13	3	5	8	8
Once a month	11	28	15	25	26	26
Less than once a month	11	28	33	55	44	44
Never	.	.	1	2	1	1
Missing	.	.	2	3	2	2
Total	39	100	60	100	99	100

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11. Have you ridden any of the waymarked mountain-bike trails here?						
	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENI N	Total		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	54	98	83	94	137	96
No	1	2	3	3	4	3
Missing	.	.	2	2	2	1
Total	55	100	88	100	143	100

(Only those who used a waymarked trail)
(Includes multiple responses)

11a. Which trail?						
	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENI N	Total		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Karri mor	20	14	60	26	80	22
Red Bull	25	18	67	29	92	25
Spot	2	1	12	5	14	4
Fun	.	.	9	4	9	2
MBR	20	14	68	30	88	24
9feet.com	53	37	8	4	61	16
The Wall	22	15	4	2	26	7
Total	142	100	228	100	370	100

11b. Ratings: Waymarking on trails						
	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENI N	Total		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very good	35	64	66	75	101	71
Good	17	31	16	18	33	23
OK	2	4	2	2	4	3
Poor	.	.	1	1	1	1
Missing	1	2	3	3	4	3
Total	55	100	88	100	143	100

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, 11b. Ratings: Information at, AFAN FOREST , , ,

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	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
, Very good	12,	22,	30,	34,	42,	29,
, Good	27,	49,	36,	41,	63,	44,
, OK	3,	5,	13,	15,	16,	11,
, Very Poor	.	.	1,	1,	1,	1,
, Not used	12,	22,	5,	6,	17,	12,
, Missing	1,	2,	3,	3,	4,	3,
, Total	55,	100,	88,	100,	143,	100,

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, 11b. Ratings: Quality of the, AFAN FOREST , , ,

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	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
, Very good	44,	80,	73,	83,	117,	82,
, Good	7,	13,	9,	10,	16,	11,
, OK	1,	2,	2,	2,	3,	2,
, Very Poor	.	.	1,	1,	1,	1,
, Missing	3,	5,	3,	3,	6,	4,
, Total	55,	100,	88,	100,	143,	100,

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12. Have you ever ridden off the waymarked trails?	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENNIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	18	33	17	19
No	37	67	71	81
Total	55	100	88	100

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13. Have you seen any of the "Mountain bike Wales" publicity material?	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENNIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	37	67	44	50
No	16	29	42	48
Missing	2	4	2	2
Total	55	100	88	100

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(Only those who had seen material)

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13a. If yes, where did you see it?	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENNIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
Internet	32	86	27	61
Mountain Bike Rider magazine	1	3	13	30
Tourist Information	.	.	3	7
Visitor Centre	4	11	.	.
Missing	.	.	1	2
Total	37	100	44	100

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14. Overall how would you rate this forest as a place to ride?	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENNIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
Very Good	51	93	82	93
Good	3	5	4	5
OK	.	.	1	1
Missing	1	2	1	1
Total	55	100	88	100

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	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENNIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
15. Do you think there are adequate facilities for mountain bikers at this forest?				
Yes	53	96	72	82
No	2	4	10	11
Missing	.	.	6	7
Total	55	100	88	100

	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENNIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
16. On a mountain-bike holiday, rate facility: sauna				
Desirable	21	38	12	14
Not necessary	34	62	74	84
Missing	.	.	2	2
Total	55	100	88	100

	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENNIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
16. On a mountain-bike holiday, rate facility: internet access area				
Desirable	5	9	13	15
Not necessary	50	91	73	83
Missing	.	.	2	2
Total	55	100	88	100

	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENNIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
16. On a mountain-bike holiday, rate facility: secure area for bikes				
Essential	52	95	67	76
Desirable	3	5	19	22
Not necessary	.	.	1	1
Missing	.	.	1	1
Total	55	100	88	100

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16. On a mountain-bike holiday, rate facility: bike wash	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENI N	Total
	No. , %	No. , %	No. , %	No. , %
Essenti al	20, 36,	26, 30,	46, 32,	
Desi rable	34, 62,	53, 60,	87, 61,	
Not necessary	1, 2,	8, 9,	9, 6,	
Mi ssi ng	., .,	1, 1,	1, 1,	
Total	55, 100,	88, 100,	143, 100,	

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16. On a mountain-bike holiday, rate facility: drying room	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENI N	Total
	No. , %	No. , %	No. , %	No. , %
Essenti al	20, 36,	44, 50,	64, 45,	
Desi rable	31, 56,	36, 41,	67, 47,	
Not necessary	4, 7,	6, 7,	10, 7,	
Mi ssi ng	., .,	2, 2,	2, 1,	
Total	55, 100,	88, 100,	143, 100,	

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16. On a mountain-bike holiday, rate facility: repair/ spares facility	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENI N	Total
	No. , %	No. , %	No. , %	No. , %
Essenti al	13, 24,	17, 19,	30, 21,	
Desi rable	39, 71,	53, 60,	92, 64,	
Not necessary	3, 5,	17, 19,	20, 14,	
Mi ssi ng	., .,	1, 1,	1, 1,	
Total	55, 100,	88, 100,	143, 100,	

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, 17. On a mountain-bike	, AFAN FOREST	, PARK	, COED Y BRENI N	, Total	, No.	, %	, No.	, %	, No.	, %
, holiday, rate service:										
, mountain bike guide										
, Essential	, 11,	, 20,	, 7,	, 8,	, 18,	, 13,				
, Desirable	, 41,	, 75,	, 44,	, 50,	, 85,	, 59,				
, Not necessary	, 3,	, 5,	, 34,	, 39,	, 37,	, 26,				
, Missing	, .,	, .,	, 3,	, 3,	, 3,	, 2,				
, Total	, 55,	, 100,	, 88,	, 100,	, 143,	, 100,				

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, 17. On a mountain-bike	, AFAN FOREST	, PARK	, COED Y BRENI N	, Total	, No.	, %	, No.	, %	, No.	, %
, holiday, rate service: local										
, knowledge expert										
, Essential	, 3,	, 5,	, 7,	, 8,	, 10,	, 7,				
, Desirable	, 49,	, 89,	, 58,	, 66,	, 107,	, 75,				
, Not necessary	, 3,	, 5,	, 22,	, 25,	, 25,	, 17,				
, Missing	, .,	, .,	, 1,	, 1,	, 1,	, 1,				
, Total	, 55,	, 100,	, 88,	, 100,	, 143,	, 100,				

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, 17. On a mountain-bike	, AFAN FOREST	, PARK	, COED Y BRENI N	, Total	, No.	, %	, No.	, %	, No.	, %
, holiday, rate service: cooked meals										
, Essential	, 22,	, 40,	, 38,	, 43,	, 60,	, 42,				
, Desirable	, 24,	, 44,	, 35,	, 40,	, 59,	, 41,				
, Not necessary	, 9,	, 16,	, 13,	, 15,	, 22,	, 15,				
, Missing	, .,	, .,	, 2,	, 2,	, 2,	, 1,				
, Total	, 55,	, 100,	, 88,	, 100,	, 143,	, 100,				

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, 17. On a mountain-bike	, AFAN FOREST	, PARK	, COED Y BRENI N	, Total	, No.	, %	, No.	, %	, No.	, %
, holiday, rate service: bar/ social area										
, Essential	, 32,	, 58,	, 25,	, 28,	, 57,	, 40,				
, Desirable	, 18,	, 33,	, 38,	, 43,	, 56,	, 39,				
, Not necessary	, 4,	, 7,	, 22,	, 25,	, 26,	, 18,				
, Missing	, 1,	, 2,	, 3,	, 3,	, 4,	, 3,				
, Total	, 55,	, 100,	, 88,	, 100,	, 143,	, 100,				

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	AFAN FOREST		COED Y BRENNIN		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
17. On a mountain-bike holiday, rate service:						
mountain bike hire						
Essential	1	2	6	7	7	5
Desirable	25	45	14	16	39	27
Not necessary	28	51	67	76	95	66
Missing	1	2	1	1	2	1
Total	55	100	88	100	143	100

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18. If "high quality forest lodge style" accommodation were available on-site, would you consider using it?	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	52	95	43	49
No	3	5	30	34
Missing	.	.	15	17
Total	55	100	88	100

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(Only those who would consider using lodge)

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18a. If yes, would you prefer self-catering, bed and breakfast, half-board or full-board?	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
Self-catering	32	62	19	44
Bed and Breakfast	12	23	18	42
Half-board	7	13	5	12
Full-board	.	.	1	2
Missing	1	2	.	.
Total	52	100	43	100

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(Only those who would consider using lodge)

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19. If accommodation were available on-site, how would you prefer to book?	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
In writing/ by post	.	.	1	2
Phone	33	63	27	63
Email	5	10	7	16
Online/ web	14	27	8	19
Total	52	100	43	100

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20. If suitable accommodation were available on-site, would you visit more often?	AFAN FOREST	PARK	COED Y BRENIN	Total
	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	36	69	19	44
No	16	31	23	53
Missing	.	.	1	2
Total	52	100	43	100

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	AFAN FOREST PARK	COED Y BRENI N	Total			
22. Do you have any disability or special needs	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	1	2	1	1	2	1
No	54	98	76	86	130	91
Missing	.	.	11	13	11	8
Total	55	100	88	100	143	100

(Only those with special need)

	AFAN FOREST PARK	COED Y BRENI N	Total			
22a. What type of special need is it	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sight	.	.	1	100	1	50
Missing	1	100	.	.	1	50
Total	1	100	1	100	2	100