



# Acadia National Park 2009 Carriage Road Monitoring Survey

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1. What was your route on the carriage roads today? [SHOW CARRIAGE ROAD SYSTEM MAP WITH NUMBERED INTERSECTIONS] Please list intersection numbers in order.

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2. Please indicate the number of times you experienced the following behaviors on your visit to the carriage roads today. If you did not experience a particular behavior today, please enter zero. Please enter a number in each blank.

- Bicycles startling you by passing from behind without warning. \_\_\_\_\_
- Bicycles traveling at excessive speeds. \_\_\_\_\_
- Dogs off leash. \_\_\_\_\_
- Visitors obstructing or blocking carriage roads. \_\_\_\_\_

3. How long (hours and minutes) was your trip on the carriage roads today? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Which of the following was your primary activity on the carriage roads today? Circle one.

- Biking      Walking      Running      Horseback riding

5. Which of the following best describes your residency on Mount Desert Island? Check one.

Permanent Resident\_\_\_ Summer Resident (returning annually for 1-6 months)\_\_\_ Not a Resident\_\_\_

6. Did you use the Island Explorer Bus to reach the carriage roads today? Circle one.

- Yes      No

*Thank you for your help.*

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Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_

Site \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer \_\_\_\_\_

(The above information will be entered by the interviewer.)

**Data Analysis and Topic Areas.** Because this is a monitoring activity, it is important to maintain consistency in question wording between this survey and previous monitoring surveys on the carriage roads at Acadia. Data from these questions will be analyzed as follows.

Answers to Question 1 will allow us to sort visitors into either the high use zone or the low use zone established for the carriage roads. Different standards exist for the number of behaviors in each zone. **Topic Area 3:** Visitor Activities and Uses of Park Resources.

From question 2, the average number of occurrences for each behavior in each zone will be calculated and compared with the standards. **Topic Area 6:** Visitor Perceptions of their Park Experiences.

From question 3, the average length of a carriage road visit will be calculated for the entire sample to verify it is still about two hours. **Topic Area 2:** Trip/Visit Characteristics.

Question 4 allows a comparison of the percentages of various user types to previous research and monitoring to show whether user populations are changing. The ratio of hikers to bikers is important to know and can help interpret results of monitoring. **Topic Area 3:** Visitor Activities and Uses of Park Resources.

Question 5 is important because visitors and residents were found to have very different standards for the number of acceptable behaviors. **Topic Area 1:** Visitor Characteristics.

Question 6 will let us know how many carriage road visitors are using the new Island Explorer bus to access the carriage roads. This is important because use of the bus may change the locations used to access the carriage roads or the way carriage roads are used (for example, more one-way trips may take place). **Topic Area 2:** Trip/Visit Characteristics.

