

Big Elk Creek State Park

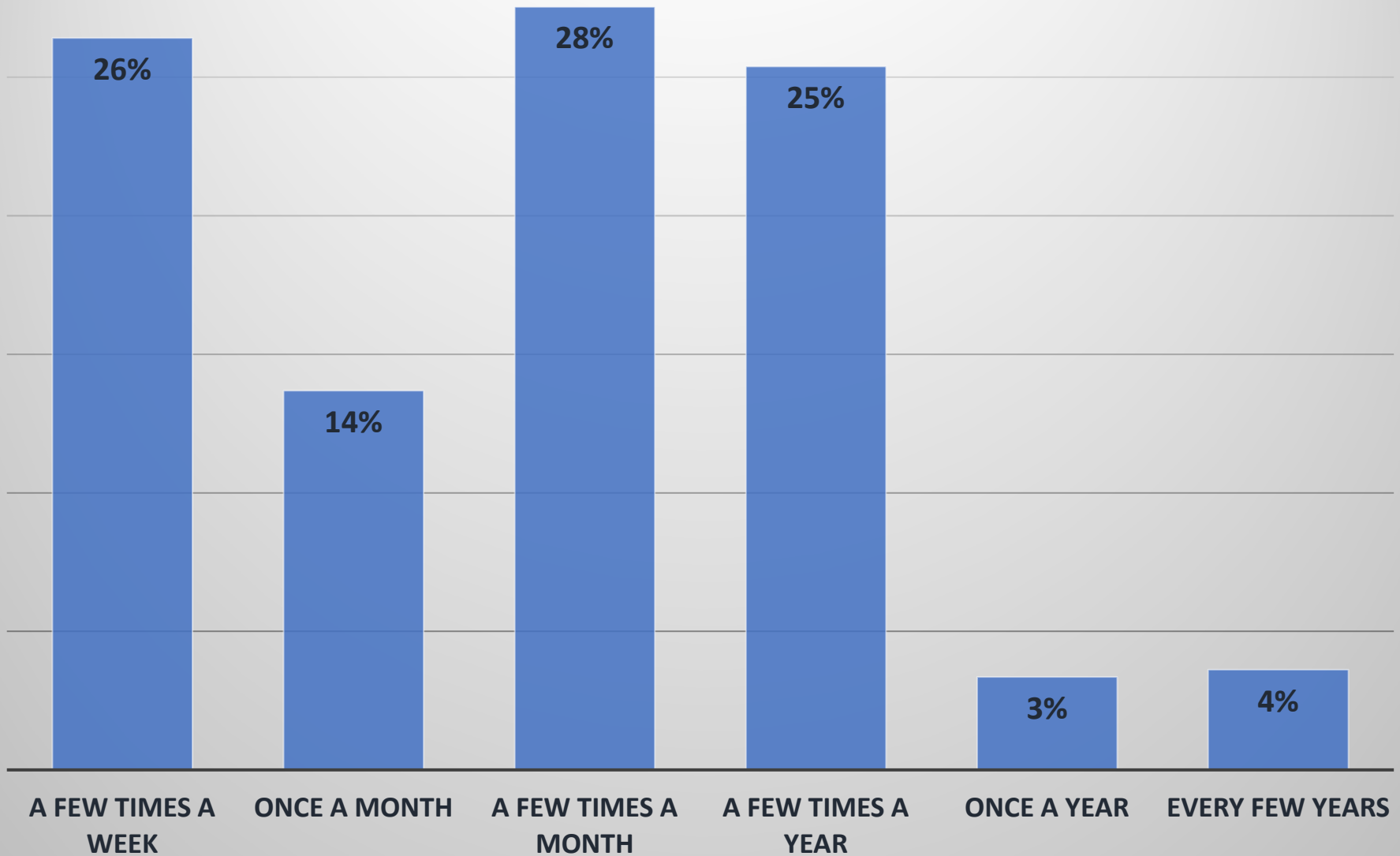
Public Input Survey

The ten-question survey was available May – September 2023 via scanning a QR code posted throughout the park or from a link shared via the park's webpage, DCNR newsletter and other social media outlets.

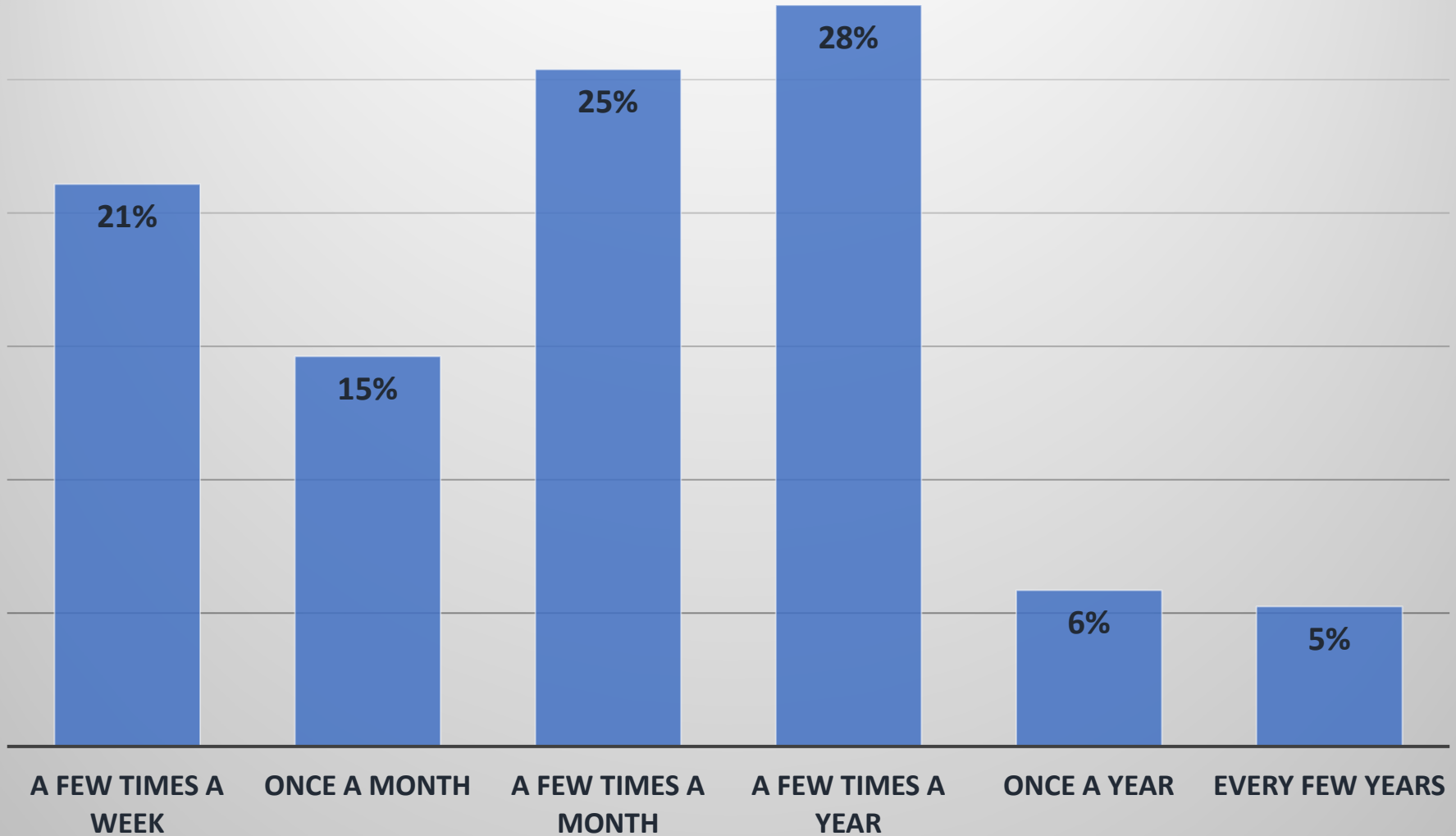
Summary of the over 1160 responses:

- Most respondents anticipate visiting Big Elk Creek State Park between a few times a week and a few times a year.
- Respondents strongly recognized Big Elk Creek State Park's importance to **regional trail connections, ecosystem health, and the quality of life in the area.**
- Respondents strongly favored a **relaxed** atmosphere for the park, with some support for a secluded atmosphere.
- Opinions on appropriate activities varied. There was support for classes and **hands on activities**, with some support for health and fitness, arts and culture and recreational competitions (such as 5-10K races or similar activities). Most respondents opposed rentals of park space for private events (for instance, weddings).
- Strongly supported (>50% of respondents) development of **walking / hiking, wildlife watching, fishing, water access, and biking opportunities.**
- The **restoration of water quality, forests, and aquatic habitat** was considered critically important by >80% of respondents.
- Respondents indicated strong support (64%) for **camping** at Big Elk Creek State Park. However, less than 30% sought full amenities (electric, water, sewer) at sites. Less than 15% of respondents indicated they were not in favor of camping opportunities being developed at Big Elk Creek State Park.

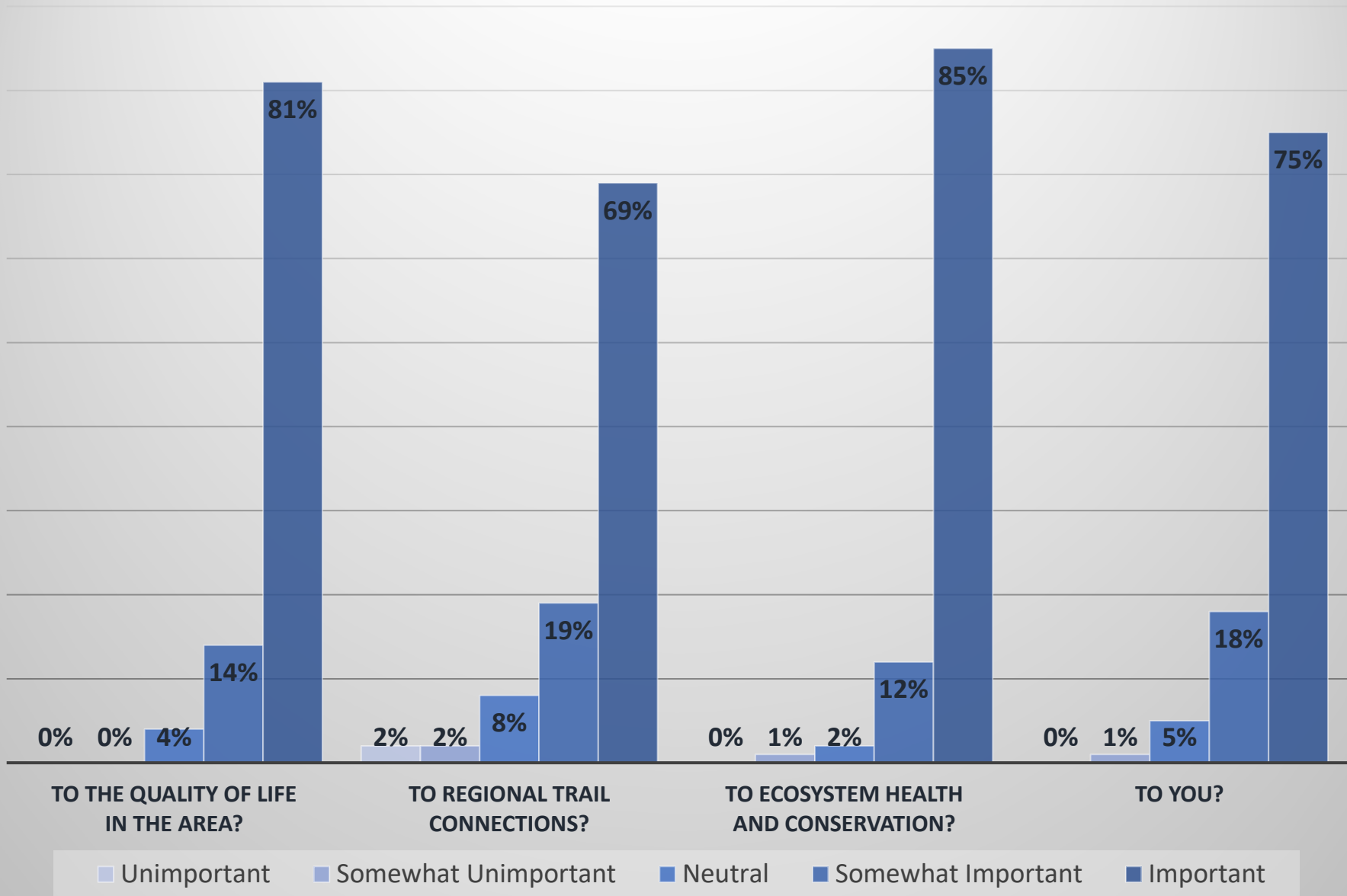
Q1 How often do you visit a Pennsylvania State Park?



Q2 How often do you envision visiting Big Elk Creek State Park?



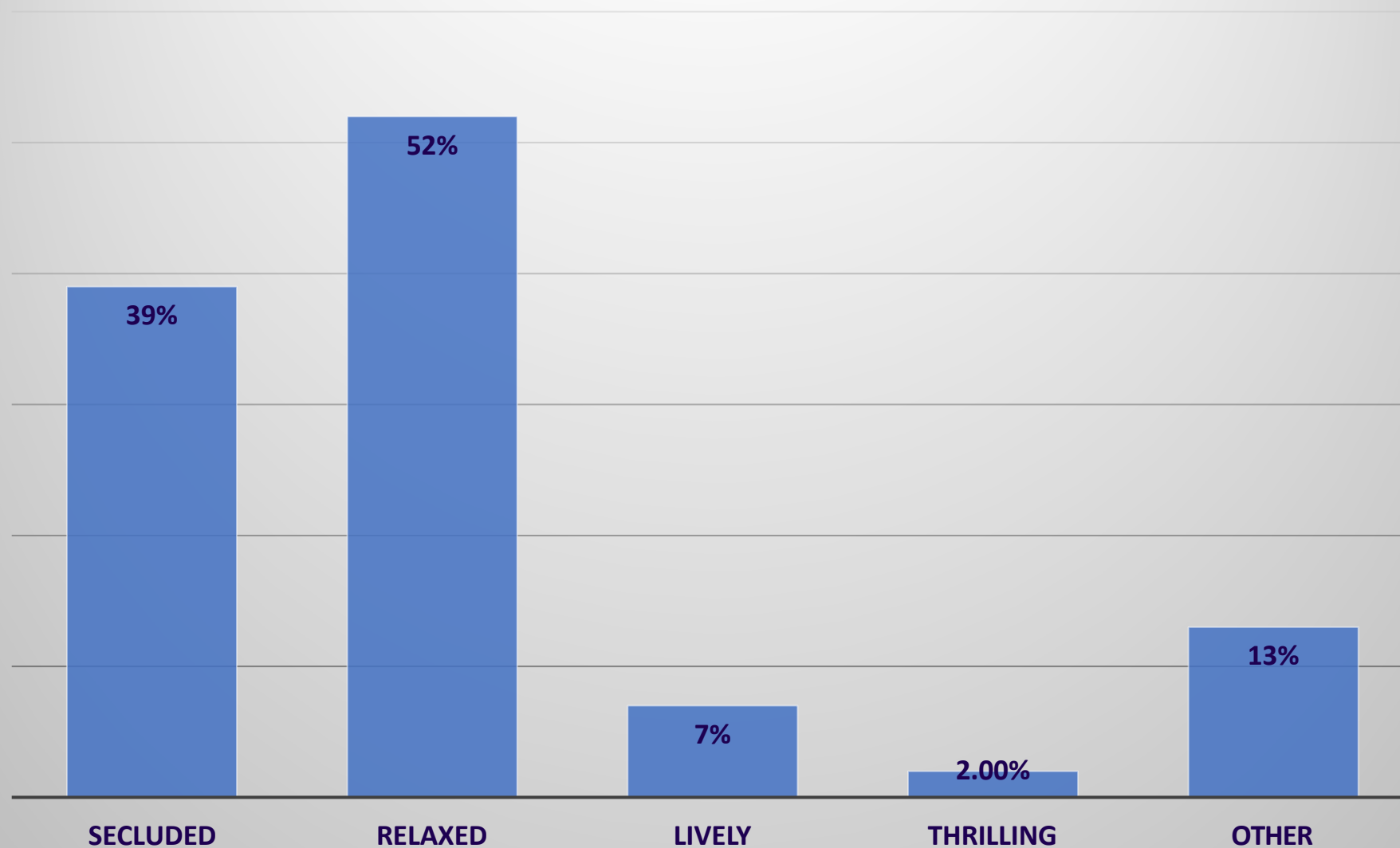
Q3 How Important is Big Elk Creek State Park?



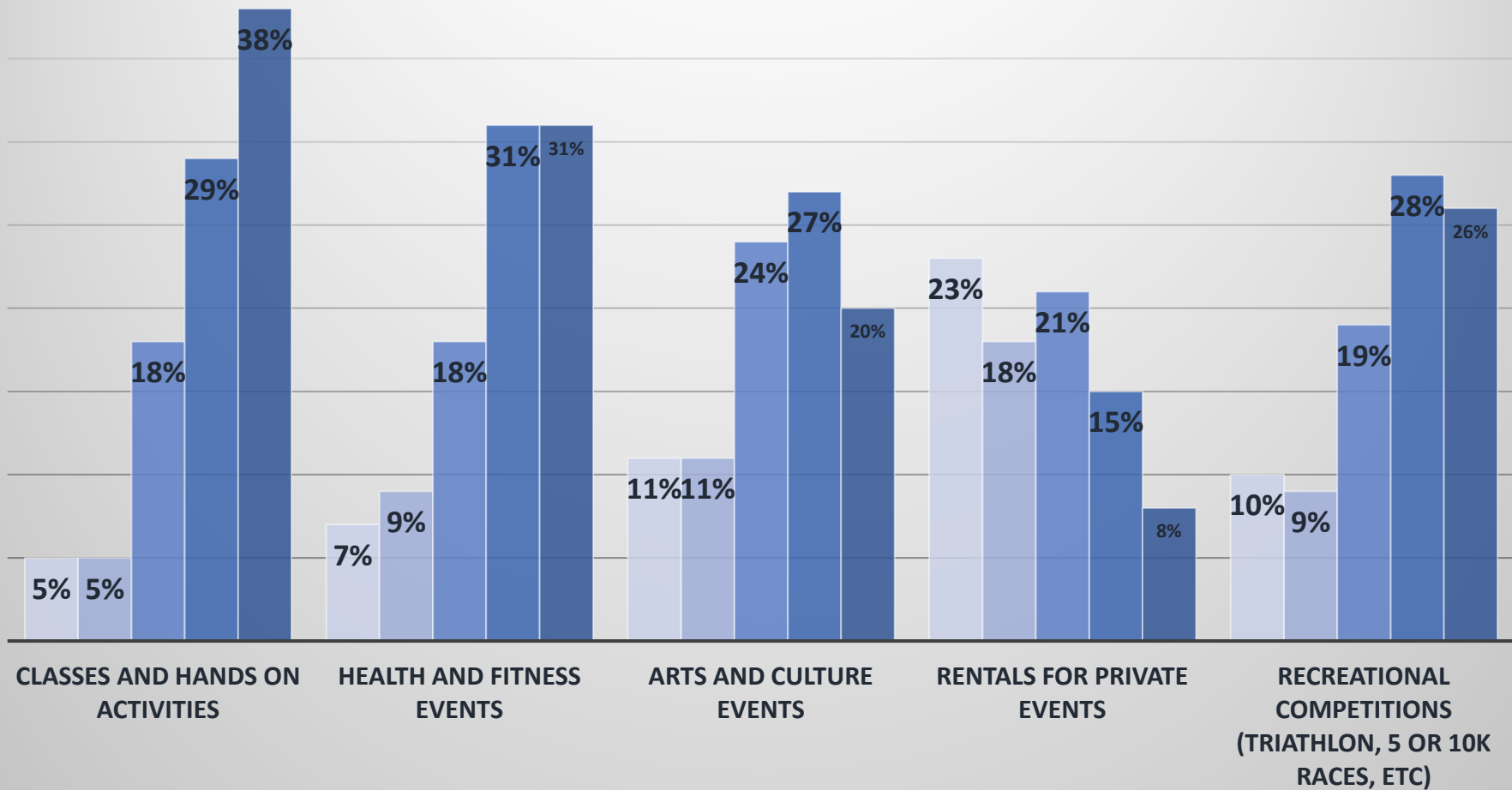
Q4 In Your Mind what Feature Most Represents Big Elk Creek State Park



Q5 What Impression Should Big Elk Creek State Park Give Visitors?

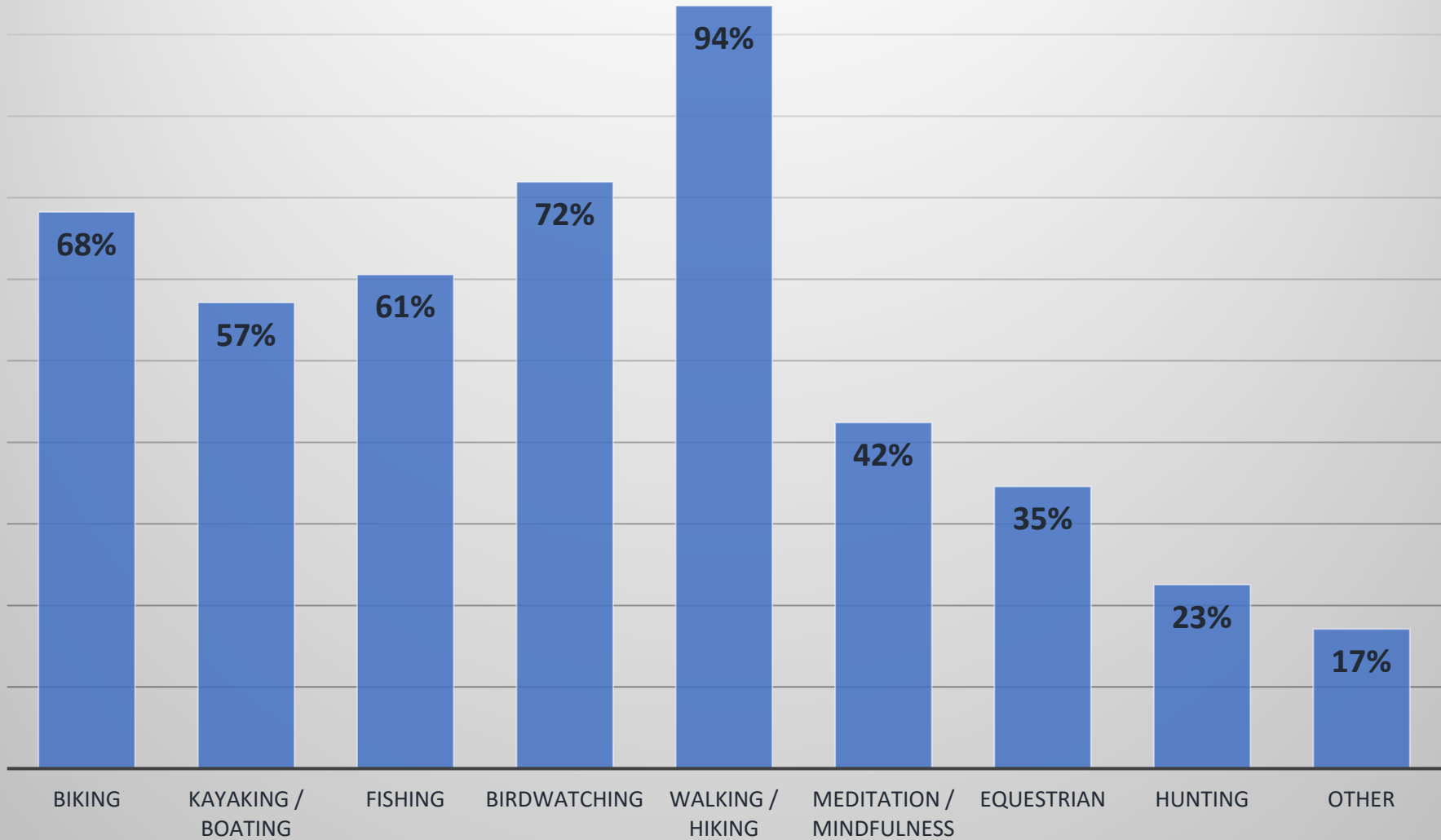


Q6 What Events and Activities would be most appropriate to be held at Big Elk Creek State Park?

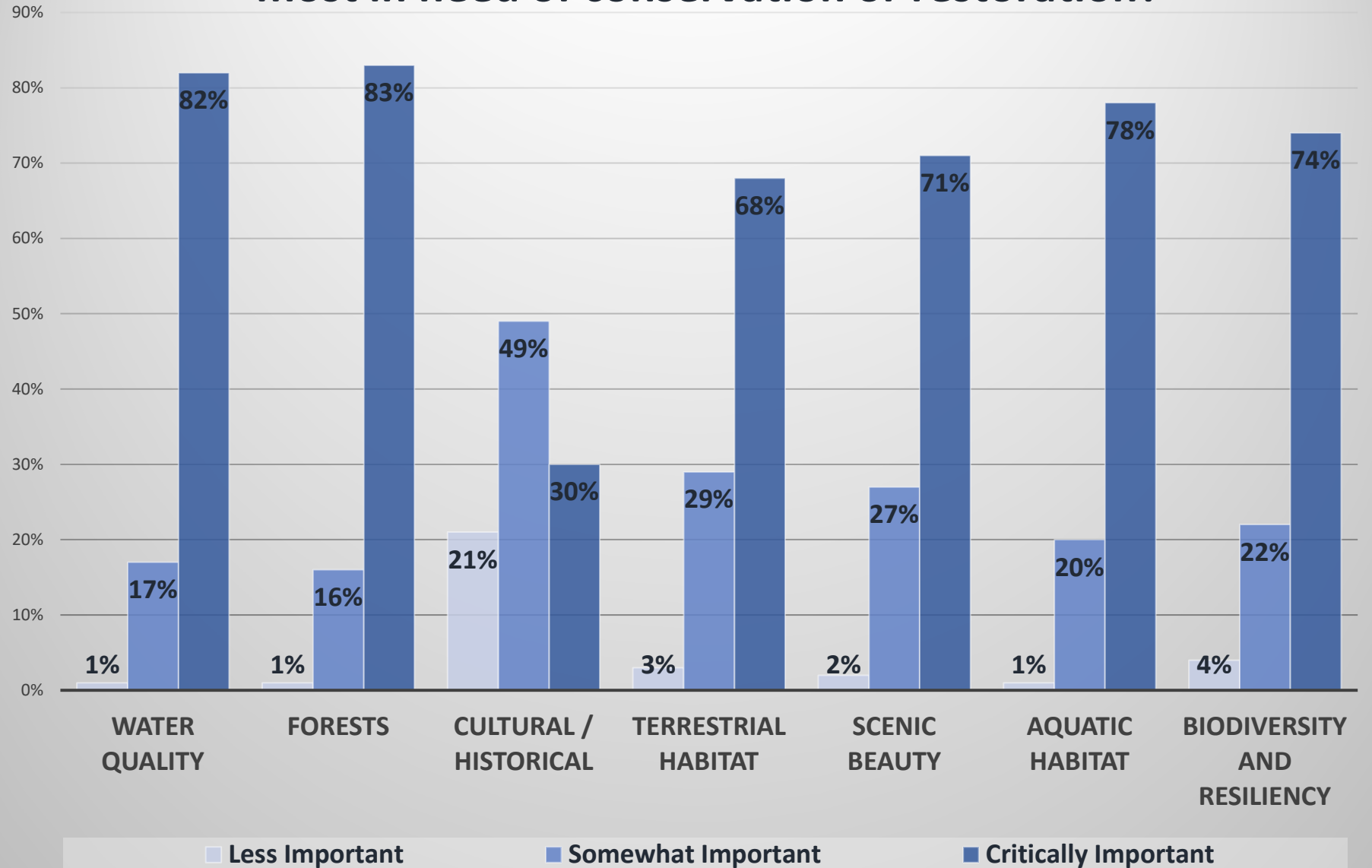


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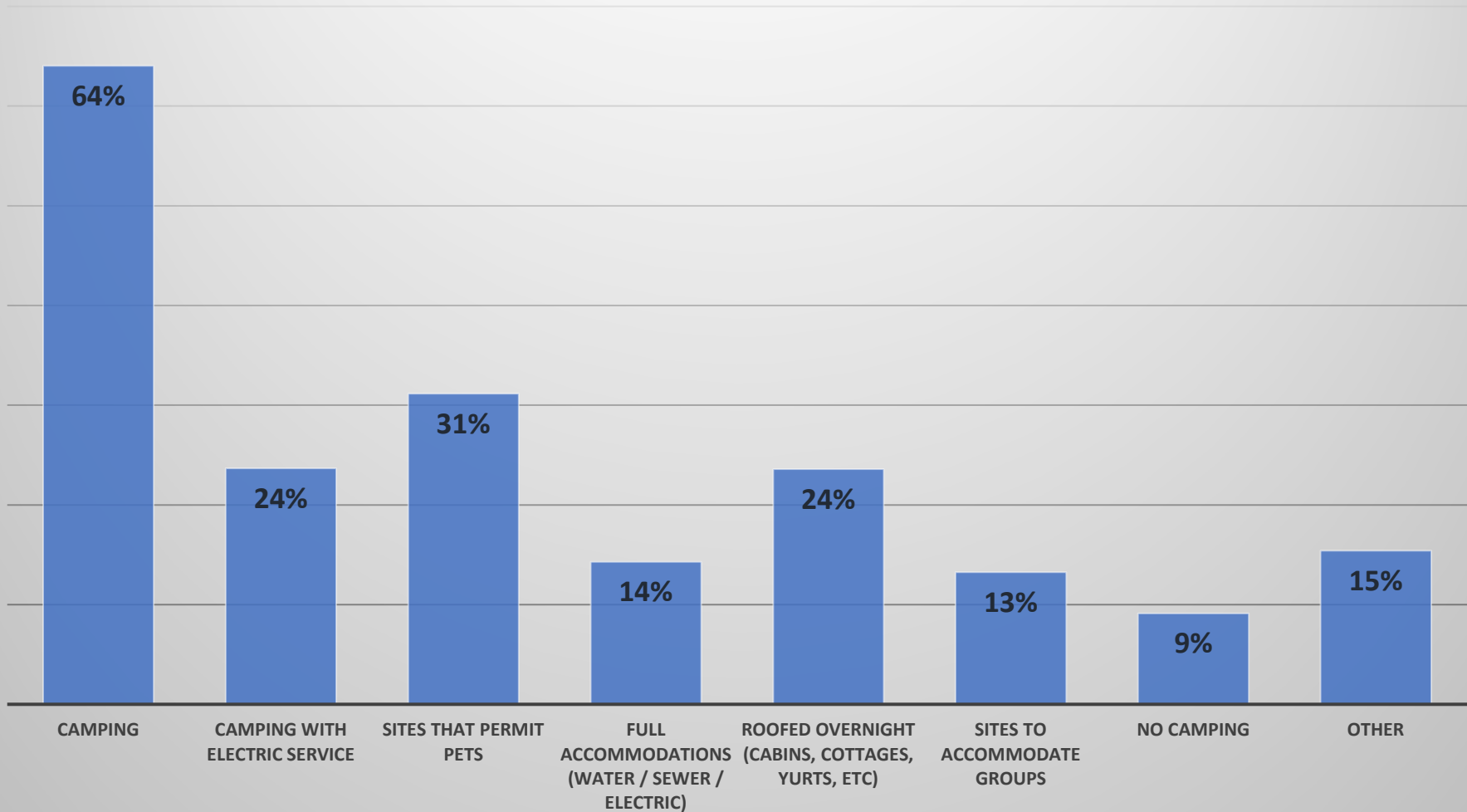
Q7 What recreational pursuits should be available at Big Elk Creek State Park?



Q8 What features within Big Elk Creek State Park are most in need of conservation or restoration?



Q9 If overnight accommodations were available at Big Elk Creek State Park, which would you like to see?



Q10 What types of outdoor educational programming would you like to see available at Big Elk State Park?

