

## 2022 Mitchell Field Survey Question A-3 Responses

**A-3 If you never come to Mitchell Field or you come infrequently, tell us why, and check all that apply.  
(305 Responses)**

Too far from where I live/use other places closer (149 responses)
I don't know about Mitchell Field (21 responses)
a recent discovery
I only "discovered" Mitchell Field this summer. I spent a day there and look forward to many more.
Part time resident
recently moved here (2 responses)
just discovered it
3 years ago we volunteered to remove invasive plants in MF
absolutely disgusting porta potties
closer to Mackerel Cove
didn't know about MF until recently
Don't think about it
love the bandstand, activities HAAP, walk and be in open space and nature. Walking dogs on leash only!
love to go there for the sunsets
no boat ramp
pandemic
seasonal
seasonal visitor - would be more frequent user if I were a resident
seems chaotic during events
ticks
walked dogs there before any improvements were made to it but don't have dogs now.
live on Cundy's harbor side of town
I just don't go there
Very few amenities
its about 20 mins,but so is the old base and thats usually where I walk before the gym my gym is in town.
I live on Orrs Island and have beach and water access close to my home and walking trails that I use frequently
When we lived on Harpswell Neck Road we frequented Mitchell Field. Now we live in Cundy's Harbor so that's a long drive away - but we still care about the choices being made, thus, our input follows. I'm going to respond according to our past usage - not present day. Thank you!
Too little to do there (37 responses)
Too little to do there, like hiking, walking, activities. walking dog with leash
there are lot of other, more interesting places to walk (Land Trust prop)
There is nothing to bring me there.
not much that interests me at mitchell field
nothing I need/want to do there
not down that way often
NO USE FOR IT
I seldom go to Mitchell Field. No opinion on B2,3,4
Just don't think of it very often
never think about that area
Too busy/too many people there (19 responses)
Can't find a parking space near what I want to do (6 responses)
Too busy/too many people there, I usually bring family or friends. If it were closer, I would be coming often. At times, especially summers, the more more people learn about this special place the more crowded it becomes.
TOO MANY NON-RESIDENTS

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TOO MANY NON-RESIDENTS - SAME WITH STOVER'S POINT. DOGS RUNNING AROUND - INSANE!!
Too busy/too many people there, used to use it daily
Too busy/too many people there, I have a rare disability where noise causes severe ear pain, it seems like often at Mitchell field there are fireworks or band concerts and I cannot be near any of those.
Can't find a parking space near what I want to do
We come to the field when we visit our Tucson friends who have a place on Bailey Island.
Have not made the time...but will in the upcoming year!
have taken it for granted for so many (20) years
only want to go occasionally
It's a ride I live in north Harpswell and like the occasional drive
I only come to Harpswell for a few weeks each summer, but I go to Mitchell Field several times when I'm around.
When in town, at least weekly we would walk, enjoy views, and bird watch. We did this regularly until our old dog died.
I come to Mitchell Field whenever I am in Harpswell
Have a camp nearby but happy to see this area is available for year-long property residents to use :)
We live out of state. Visit Harpswell in Summer
want to use more - just busy working full time
seasonal resident use a lot of the trails
My friend takes my dog twice a day as possible, rain or shine. It is so peaceful and a great time for the dogs to see another dog and play. I go when I can.
I'm only in the area a few weeks/year, sharing a family second home with siblings
I live out of state but look to go there when I'm in Maine.
I live on the water on Harpswell Neck, usually home working or enjoying outdoors at home.
We live on Orr's Island so it takes a while to get there
Just come to look at water - during storms
don't usually go in winter
like to take walks in the off season
very seldom need to go there. good place to take visitors
none of the above use more often
could not work into schedule but intend to come more often now that I have retired.
don't use the community garden or use drones. We fly kites only when grandchildren visit. Don't own a boat
live in MA - come up as often as we can and we do walk at MF and swim.
age limits my activities but consider MF another pearl in Harpswell's natural crown!
too old
can't walk
health problems limit activity
I am elderly and come when a family member will be with me
Limited personal mobility
not driving anymore
too old
too old, too busy at home
Too many violators of the leash rules
A fenced in dog park would bring me there much more often! Also traffic on 123 makes walking there not friendly.
too many dogs
Unleashed dogs running free
unsafe, hurt 2x by jumping dogs
Dogs are annoying
PEOPLE DON'T LEASH THEIR DOGS!

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I used to go regularly, several times a month, but the dog walking became too restrictive with very few hours for off leash dogs. It is not too far to drive for the lack of availability.
dog off leash hours
Such an amazing location, but it still feels like a relic of a Navy facility and not a place that is really welcoming and enjoyable for people to come and spend time there. Needs a well-planned makeover to become an amazing, important place for many different kinds of people and activities -- a true community space/park like we don't have in Harpswell. Also, if there were a boat launch and a place for keeping small a small sailboat on a trailer, I would be there every day!!
The concert venue is awesome. More variety.
dont often have the opportunity but I think its a great asset and has come a long way
I go everyday
whenever we come to Harpswell we walk dogs at Mitchell Field!!
regularly visit when we are in Harpswell
one of many places we walk dogs/enjoy scenery
When I have time, I walk on trails
I'm to involved in my own family and self to make much use of the area but I do believe that it is a good thing and am willing to invest in it to make it more useable.
As a member of the MFC, I do volunteer work there as requested by the Steward.
Hard to find time to go - I love it there
TOO BUSY
busy life (2 responses)
Have a wonderful view from my own home and ability to utilize my own home grounds
often just want to stay where we are when we come
We don't have leisure time
Limited free time
We are seasonal residents who work
I've been too busy through the past few years
seasonal owner / busy at our place
not enough time - too busy to visit and enjoy!
I'm busy with other pursuits
I'm too busy
slowing down to find the time
busy
There are lots of other things to do in Harpswell. I am busy and do not have much time off.
After the old piers were removed it greatly declined the fishing conditions.
Awful looking shop out front on state property.
Scraggly
Beach is rocky
wish we could access a mooring!
We would use it more if we had access to boating. Most of Harpswell water is inaccessible because there's no place to park our trailer and all the moorings are taken. We would love to have access to a mooring or dock.
used to fish, need another pier
better beaches in town
lack of clean toilets
should be used for business
hard to get info on scheduled activities, otherwise, we love it!
would like to go more often - unsure of facilities - bathroom, tables, swimming access

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SUMMER RESIDENT
In Maine infrequently
We are "summer people" so we don't get up as often as we'd like!
Harpswell cottage is 5 hours drive from CT home
only in town a few times a year
I am a seasonal resident, only here 2-3 months per year
live at Stover's Point
we have swimming, boat lounge, beach area at home
I've got other activities elsewhere
I hike a variety of trails in many locations
only in Harpswell briefly in the summer
walk at my own property - neighborhood
walk in other areas for diversity
by long practice I recreate elsewhere, garden at home, etc.
prefer to walk at other town and land trust trails