

2022 Mitchell Field Survey Question B-2 Responses

B-2 What do you like BEST about Mitchell Field as it is today? (554 Responses)
Love it
Well kept, quiet, friendly people
The ability to do all the things listed above
Off-leash dog walk hours.
The large size of the open space, plenty of room to walk and roam, dogs love it, great place to just sit and enjoy the view.
Open, undeveloped area for various activities.
Quiet, paved walking paths, plowed in winter, beach access, 2 new picnic tables!
The open spaces and the beach
The variety of scenery
View, walking paths, meadows
Bandstand concerts and access to ocean
It is a beautiful place to relax and exercise while enjoying being outdoors.
available to all
Easily walkable. The Bandstand promotes community.
Cell phone tower
The open space and natural areas. I hope M.F. will NEVER be developed. There are too few places in the world where NATURE takes precedent over human activities. I've noticed that slowly but surely, more pressure to use the field for human activity is happening. So far, these pressures have been held at bay. Please let's leave the fields alone. No solar panels, no ball fields or skate parks.
Open Space, Trails, Beach
Walking and the water
The open fields for wildlife, tranquility and peacefulness, undeveloped. That it's not a hub for commercial development. There's enough of that in other areas and towns.
the view
the view
That there is such an open area to view the ocean and it's one of the only places you can swim with your dog off the leash.
Nice paved path with wonderful views
open view to the SEA!
low traffic walking opportunity. friendly interactions, very quiet
Freedom of use for all comers
Close to my home, beautiful view, safer than walking on the road
The openness of the park. Love walking the loop and watching the sunset.
Not much
Not too developed.
The bandstand
Having such a beautiful place to go to in town is fantastic. The walking path is great and beach great as well.
Beach access
Easy to access
I enjoy working in the garden the best.
It's a wide-open space for public enjoyment.
I LOOOOOVE the band stand concerts!
Open space. Not congested. Paved walking trail. Views.
Wide open and just a great distance to walk the perimeter
Open space, that is paved and accessible, with a view of the ocean and access to the water
Outdoor space
The beach and trails

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MF is a valuable resource for the residents of Harpswell
Open space
Quiet. No road traffic on the walking road and paths. The only place in town where people can gather to spend time together.
We like the open spaces and the variety offered by nature.
Peaceful and quiet
I like that, except for concerts, it is not crowded with people. The walks are easy and comfortable, and the views are lovely and not spoiled by buildings. Also it is dog heaven. My dog loves to run and walk there.
How it isn't built up too much.
Great walking area
I like the way it is. It is a great community resource.
Public property for all to recreate.
It's a beautiful area, not crowded, has bathrooms
It is safe. Has pavement for people with bad ankles. I go mostly when it isn't very busy
What a great place it is to get some exercise in the outdoors in a very safe manner.
open space, beach
The no leash rule for dogs
unobstructed ease of use, generally pleasant
The perimeter walking trail.
The location and place as a whole. It is just a phenomenal resource for the people of Harpswell and beyond to have access to!
It's a local, natural, uncommercialized, quiet place to walk and enjoy nature with wildlife in fields of flowers and woods.
The open space, not too crowded, easy to access and enjoy.
1. Its natural appearance and unimproved fields, as is
Easy access. Bathroom available. Safe for kids and dogs.
The views, the wide open spaces, cleanliness, friendliness of the people, space for our dog to run
Uncluttered
Walking/running route is well spread out and safe
Much room and the access to the water
Dogs welcome, poop collection station, accessible beach, loads of parking, bandstand concerts.
Convenient
It's varied views and uses. The natural setting. Easy to get around.
unobstructed view of Middle Bay
The openness of it. Not a lot of traffic.
I like that dogs are allowed, people can walk, bike, or run, the wildlife, access to water/water view
It's accessibility to the public.
Easy access, great place for beach and kayak access. Beautiful ocean views. Access to wooded areas.
The walking trail
The water view
The opportunity to walk along wooded paths as well as paved trails around the meadow; plowing the walking paths last winter was much appreciated.
Excellent water access for swimming and kayaking, and the perimeter trail is wonderful for walking with the dogs.
View
Dog walk, great view
The open space and kayaking
The beauty and easy of use
All the possibilities for improvement
The open view to the water.
beautiful view

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open spaces
The area is available as a low cost easy access community gathering space. I hope that it is preserved for recreational use as the community and state average population continues to age.
Off leash dog access and access to waste containers. Much appreciation to MF Steward!
viewing the water
The walking trail
good interesting place to walk/run/bike with nice people
The wildflower meadows, concerts, & swimming area.
The quiet beauty and the bandstand
love the concerts and the beach
The beach, the concerts and Pammy's ice cream
The beach and walking paths
The potential to be a first class ocean access park.
public ocean access
lack of overt commercialization
It's a rare, year-round, large, quiet, restful, scenic public space with only one, non-intrusive commercial business. I hope the town does NOT allow more businesses to move there. It should remain open space everywhere, including down by the shore.
It's clean, easily accessible and feels safe
Not crowded
Largely undeveloped and natural.
That it has a place to ride bikes where you don't have to worry about cars.
that it is there for when company visits
unspoiled open space very accessible
open and natural spaces
walking with no traffic, views
So much wildlife! I see birds there that I don't see anywhere else.
It's close and good for small children
Accessible, free, beach
Clean, open, on water
Open space
Plenty of space to accommodate many activities
The openness
Summer Concerts
bandstand concerts
walkways
beautiful scenery for a walk or just enjoying the fresh air
Ease of parking to attend concerts, events, Nature Day Camp
the beautiful location and cleanliness
Access, especially for dog walkers
plenty of space, never crowded
access to the beach
Concert venue
That it is not too busy and being outdoors in a nice setting.
open space. parking and bathrooms. We will probably try the beach next summer. Beautiful views!!
Walking trail loop is wonderful. Great place to walk my dog
The view from the Jetty, I wish the bushes were removed along the jetty for more place to sit to enjoy the view . The end of the jetty is the open view right now.

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Concerts in summertime and can take dog or children to swim
wide open space with beautiful views
It has great potential.
nature: open space and beach
the view, serenity, walking options, people are always nice, restrooms are available
That it's open to the public, the view is nice.
That it belongs to all Harpswell residents.
the walking paths and beach area
Walking paths and views
The open spaces and the wildlife supported by the open spaces.
nice park and beach
The beauty of the field and ocean, the trail and the access to the beach
The bandstand is nice for concerts
the open uncrowded use
Open and not developed
Amazing views and mixed active (e.g., jogging) and passive (e.g., picnics) in close proximity
The rolling hills
Seems safe next to fire station.
It feels very integrated with nature
Accessibility
Open space, rarely crowded, beautiful view
The beach
Open vistas and a variety of trails
The beach and the gazebo.
not familiar enough to answer
Walking road without cars.
Its natural beauty and the fact that most of the field is undeveloped.
It's not usually busy (except band concerts) and always a place to park
Its' potential
open and (mostly) unspoiled
Open space, community garden, beach access, walking, quiet (usually)
view
The variety of potential uses
possible opportunity for community engagement
peaceful
It's quiet and good for dogs
The trails - need more of your wonderful trails
Spirit lifting place. Beautiful place to walk and feel/smell ocean breeze, beautiful views, collegial/friendly people and dogs, not crowded. Walk/wade in ocean on beach
Variety of woods and open space and great paths
open space
Bandstand, walking trails, beach
Great open space
good trail, good length to walk around
not too crowded, beautiful
community garden & concerts
Probably all activities listed above good, if we were safe.

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views/access to ocean
Great location, fun to walk, beautiful views!
The informal/relaxed open space for free
Peace & quiet, natural beauty
undeveloped status
It is a beautiful and open space with a great paved walking network - good for older people and children.
usually not many people there when I'm there to walk.
Open fields and easy to walk on path all year long.
Open views and space; great place to exercise.
Openness, view of water, walking paths
It's not developed.
Clear dedicated walking trails with no vehicle traffic.
Beach & concerts
The site, expansiveness, diversity of things that can be done
Great views, nice paths
Water access
Natural beauty. Fresh air
Not there enough to have an opinion. Enjoy the walk around the fence line. Nice views of Middle Bay
Place to bring grandkids
Views are not overly developed
Dog loves it meets dog friends there
LOCATION
nature
Beautiful views - incredible space
The openness
natural beauty/serenity
It is a beach that is easily accessible
public purpose - good for all
It's beauty - the views from near 123 - the lovely openness of it all - the open fields
walking trail
the views
beautiful + user friendly
open space, great views, bandstand, gathering place
views, parking, access to porta potty
Trails, views, that is serves the entire community that it is non-commercial
so many options
Open space, ocean views, beach, walking trails
beauty of the open space
lack of vehicles - views
Band stand activities
Bandstand and summer performances
The open feel of the space
quiet, peaceful, pretty
views, green space, not too crowded
beautiful
natural beauty

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views, people, park kept well, breeze
Openness and nice trails. If I did all of the activities I would rate everything as very good!
The regulations are relaxed which is the Harpswell [way]. Dog Walking Access to Swim!
walk, train dogs
beach
friendly folks, easy access, dog friendly, not crazy busy, relaxing
The open space and the natural beauty. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful place for walking and relaxing.
It's rustic and beautiful
Ocean views, the walking paths
It is a fabulous safe place to walk and enjoy nature.
the open space
easy access
peaceful and quiet
Lots of open space
view / open fields
the views, trails, everything!
It is simple!
views, ice cream, concerts, trails
Beautiful spot for a picnic and enjoy a concert
Dogs welcome. Good walking place
I like the natural environment, but also paved paths. I also like the mowed meadows
off leash dog walking
swim and school events as well as concerts
multitude of uses & community integration
Easiest place for kids to ride a bike - road too scary! Great for walking. Loved lobster boat races. Loved the summer concerts (more food trucks!)
bandstand
everything!
access
open, safe place to walk, exercise, and love music concerts
attending the Harpswell Band Concerts
concerts
large potential
good parking, lightly attended, uncrowded
The views and walking
openness and availability
The view at top. Bob links. Wildflowers in meadow. It's a beautiful woods, too.
BEACH, WALKING LESS CAR TRAFFIC
CLOSE TO HOME, BEACH AREA
BAND CONCERTS, NATURAL BEAUTY, WALKING
REMOTENESS
NICE TO BE ON THE GROUNDS
GREAT PLACE TO WALK
I GO TO WALK OFTEN. VERY GOOD OTEHR THAN DOGS NOT ON LEASH SOMETIMES
DOG WALKING HOURS FOR ON AND OFF LEASH - BRILLIANT! LETS EVERYONE ENJOY THE FIELD ON THEIR OWN TERMS.
PEACEFUL AND PLEASANT
I love the fact that it's open, natural, and beautiful. Please don't jam it up with lots of new buildings, skating rinks, boatyards, and other view blockers.

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The views, open spaces, well cared for, dog walking
open space
dog walking, wild field for monarchs
open space
allow dogs
open space. community space
The beach and the huge, open, natural space
Open space, lovely views, everyone can enjoy
Dogs can be off leash before 10am and after 4pm
Access
Spaced out - lots of room, open to public, running/walking paths
Being able to walk my friendly, happy dog off leash
It's beauty - great place to take dog off-leash
open space
The views
Roads and walkways are cleared all winter. You provide dog poop bags to pickup.
Easy accessibility. Plenty of parking room. Lovely beach @ low tide. Lovely walk thru the woods.
concerts
Great walking, especially early mornings and late evenings (sunsets).
It's openness - the ABSENCE of development
Being able to walk a dog on pavement (especially when ground is wet) and on mowed trails with no traffic. Important that side roads closed to traffic.
Many opportunities to enjoy yourself in a large, quiet, open space near the ocean
Open space
The paths and that some plowing is now done.
Access to nature and beautiful views
beautiful views
not too crowded
That the community can use this space and enjoy this beautiful space
The views, its openness
Space to walk/snowshoe/ski, views, easy to access, trails in woods
Stunning ocean views; can even see snow on Mount Washington!
A great loop and firm ground for taking a healthy walk in any season. Beautiful views.
Peace and Quiet, Nice place to walk
I would fish and use a mooring at MF if available. Walking/biking trails safe on Harpswell Neck - the main road is too busy!
It's public land
It's pretty much unspoiled with buildings
Open space, good walking path
Mitchell Field is great for all of these activities
I love the new set up with the park like ambiance. I love that it is dog friendly and the people are dog friendly.
The water, Mountain View's on a clear day, great place for the dog.
Somewhat quiet / locals. Great place for young kids (walk, beach, etc)
The views
Seeing the kids, dogs, elder people - everyone enjoying it & the business
The views
It's there and kept up well
Mostly undeveloped.

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The pathway around the perimeter is great for walking with my dog. Love seeing the open meadow and all the bees/butterflies.
Summer concerts
Varied nature (woods and coastal), views/peacefulness
scenery, clean air, openness, freedom from much traffic
The open space and no cars except on one road
natural setting
I like the amount of space there is to enjoy out of doors
The beach area is great for kids - open space - like how swim area is marked out
quiet, low traffic spot to enjoy the coast
The casualness and its ability to have multiple things going on at the same time
open space, no houses
the views
natural aspect - wildflower, beach, trails, roads to walk on
If I want to access it for a walk, beach, etc. I know it's there.
The views and the paved walking path
It has been left alone for recreation
lots of open space
It is near shoreline. Could be great boat destination
Has great potential - an asset to the town
It's a blank slate with loads of potential
Landscaping - Don does a great job!
Openness, quiet
views
Band concerts, trails, kayak launch
the views
The open space - the beauty it offers
walking the trails year round
open and available
beautiful views (islands, mt. washington), meeting other dog people
that the gasoline depot is gone
off season
there is nothing of interest
better AT&T reception
openness
Easy access for all of the activities listed in B1
walking trail easy access, great views of Mt Washington
nice open space with good views
ability to have dogs off leash
walk paths
trails
It is a spectacular property
I enjoy the walking path and the views
walking path/beach
beautiful setting
beautiful, easy to get to
safety

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band concerts
the trails for x-country skiing
Love the fresh air and beautiful open views, especially when walking - nice walking paths for elderly walkers
A place to walk without
The large open expanse
no opinion
great sunsets, good dog walking, great band concerts, picnic & school events
nice place for walk or ride ride
The swimming and concerts
Being able to bring family to beach for free
a beautiful spot open to community use
the space for kids to run around and the views
BAND CONCERTS & KAYAK LAUNCH
Open free of charge/fee for a variety of activities
It's beautiful. It's not industrial
the open land, the view
views of Middle Bay, band concerts, open space
Its naturalness
unhindered view
naturalness
the views
walking trails
It's a fine place to relax and walk
Open green space is hard to come by. We love the paths and the off-leash hours for dogs. It's a huge asset for Harpswell as a natural spot.
The undeveloped nature of it
The meadow and beach
open fields and views
It is available to residents and visitors alike
the views
WALKING PATHS, BEACH, BAND
solitude
dog walking, safe running
concerts
It's beautiful views, trails, and concerts
beautiful location
walking, interacting with other community members
the wild open fields
bird watching/walking
concerts
the paved walking area
walking trails and views
dog beach
west facing, great sunsets
I like the openness - keeping it for Harpswell residents
quiet
views, wildflowers

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undeveloped, open, public space in Harpswell
preserved undeveloped space
openness, views, water access
open space, safe easy walking for elderly, beauty
not developed - left alone
It is free and pretty
It's open spaces
nice open space
beautiful, very nice path and beach
wide open scenic space with access for many
not developed
the views, access to the water, it's wild, open feel
great reuse of private property to publicize
I like to know that it is available for all listed possible activities
good use of existing government property, marine related
It is a spectacularly preserved space!!!
low key
Sunset time picture taking, open to public, beach area, pier
It is a beautiful place to walk, relax on the beach and enjoy the outdoors year round
VIEW of outdoors
concerts
community gathering public access to fields and shore
Bandstand, beach front, not developed!
undeveloped space
easy access - not over crowded
Quiet and 'not too disturbed' and the compromise made re: hours dogs have to be on leash, etc.
It is pristine, open space with limited activities and industry. It heals the mind, body and soul - very few places today - especially in Harpswell. Where people can simply exist in the great beauty and calm that MF has to offer. Keep it simple. Do nothing more!
so quiet, usually feel like I have the place to myself
I like the pathways
WALKING TRAILS
fresh air, good views, good exercise options
the trails
great views, porta-potties, nice beach/boating area, good trails, band concerts
wide open space, nice walk, awesome view
Safe, comfortable walking paths; plant life and bird, butterfly, etc. presence. I love that it's a free space where anyone can easily park and enjoy beach, picnic tables, and paths.
perfect place to walk
beautiful scenery
Safer for riding bikes off vehicle driven orad
I love all the changes to the buildings - the peacefulness
Dog and kid friendly! And Pammy's closeby :)
Preserve land without development; good evening views
lovely walks without rocks or roots
A safe place to walk and a fun place for concerts
It's natural state

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the views, the walking trails
the concerts and swimming
no real opinion as I don't really use it. Seems mostly unnecessary
open space
peaceful, quiet, reflective, no diesel smell (as in other areas of town or lobster boat engine noise or wind/fan boat noise
large area, not too crowded, nice environment
easy access
multiple use park
That it is basically undeveloped
the view, area
all the space
It seems very community friendly
It's not over developed
close to where we live
nice wide open area for dog walk, lots to look at
easy to park and walk in all seasons
relatively undeveloped, easy access, safe, accessible to handicaped
open space to walk dog
general openness for multi level use
walkability, views of the ocean
Proximity to home, to Pammy's, and views
open fields and views
Summer concert series
open space
Dog walking before 10 and after 4, brilliant! We and our dog, Chet love it!
The band concert, and just going down to the water
the views!
lots of open space
It is relatively undeveloped
dog walking
It is a great place to recreate and enjoy the day. Never seems to be overly busy/crowded.
openness and views
The availability of water front space for all, for so many uses!
open views / trails - road ways for walking
FREE TO ALL
Open space
Bring people together to enjoy outside
The view and access
Big open space, access to water and view
Open; views; dog friendly; well maintained
never come - nothing
open, unassuming
AFTERNOON SUN IN THE WINTER
IT'S STILL AN OPEN AREA
IT'S STILL A FIELD
It's not built up. I like the long drive in, the fields, the view, shaded areas, sunny areas, picnic tables.

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open space
natural feel from portion southeast that parallels woods
open space
belongs to everyone
openness
To see people enjoy it
open access
The open field and the gazebo
open spaces
The preservation and uses
beautiful open space
walking - bike riding - enjoy views - quiet
public access to water, beach
the views, beach, concerts, hikes
Not so crowded. Ice cream is a plus.
the views
The on site business which contributes money and employment for Harpswell
view, bandstand
being able to have my dogs off leash
view and beach
openness, birds and fields
Easy access
It's safe, easy to access, and it's beautiful
A beautiful, peaceful place for walking
open space, band concerts
Looking for the White Mountains
views
great gathering space for community
the location
Natural beauty - great use of space, having paved walking areas for both strollers and wheelchairs.
bandstand and concerts
We love going to Mitchell, it's the best place to walk our dogs, peaceful and relaxing
It's beauty and open fields
It's available! And next to Pammy's!
Fine the way it is
A wonderful place to gather with friends for activities
Public access with a range of accessibility (drive to waterfront or walks)
Walking dogs there
Keep simple, not developed
Open space, nature, views, community events
The community and quietness
Not overrun with traffic or trash
Open space, not a lot of cars
CONCERTS
Paved flat paths for walking scenic view, access to beach
trail

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Open undeveloped space
not crowded for dog walking
the views
It is wide open, quiet, has great views, and is never crowded
Being able to meet up with friends in a nice environment. Walk mostly!
wild areas / bandstand
It's great
beautiful views, peaceful
Nature. Peaceful, quiet, soul restoring - in a changing world. Not busy. Always available. The views. Butterflies, birds, nature. Perfect, no changes
swimming, open space, view
That it has primarily been left in its natural state.