

## Survey of Disc Golf Usage In Gemmill Park

**Date of Survey:**  
Saturday 15 August 2020

**Duration of Survey:**  
6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Weather Conditions:**  
High of 29 degrees C  
Very Light breeze  
Clear sky  
No precipitation

Gender	Estimated Age	Time	Residence	Visit frequency	Tees Played
male	retired	6am	ottawa	every second day may thru nov	4x Blue
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female	20-30 years	9:30am	ottawa	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	red
female	20-30 years	9:30am	ottawa	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	red
male	20-30 years	9:30am	ottawa	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	red,blue
male	20-30 years	9:30am	ottawa	2 <sup>nd</sup> visit	red,blue
male	20-30 years	10am	guelph	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	red,blue
male	20-30 years	10am	guelph	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	red,blue
female	20-30 years	11:30am	ottawa	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	red
male	20-30 years	11:30am	ottawa	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	red
male	20-30 years	12:00	Carleton Place	regular	yellow,yellow
male	20-30 years	12:00	Carleton Place	regular	yellow,yellow
male	30-40 years	12:30	Ottawa	regular	red,blue,yellow
male	30-40 years	12:30	Ottawa	regular	red,blue,yellow
male	30-40 years	12:30	Ottawa	regular	red,blue,yellow
male	16-20 years	12:30	Ottawa	regular	blue,blue
male	16-20 years	12:30	Ottawa	regular	blue,blue
male	16-20 years	12:30	Owen Sound	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	blue,blue
female	20-30 years	1:30pm	Ottawa	regular	red,blue
female	20-30 years	1:30pm	Ottawa	regular	red,blue
male	20-30 years	1:30pm	Ottawa	regular	red,blue
male	20-30 years	1:30pm	Ottawa	regular	red,blue
male	20-30 years	1:30pm	Ottawa	regular	red,blue
male	20-30 years	1:30pm	Ottawa	regular	red,blue
Male	40-40 years	1:40pm	Clayton	regular	red,blue
Male	20-30 years	4:30pm	Almonte	regular	blue
female	20-30 years	4:30pm	Almonte	regular	blue
Male	40-50 years	4:45pm	Stittsville	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	red,blue
female	40-50 years	4:45pm	Stittsville	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	red,blue
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**Commentary:**

There were a total of 29 disc golfers who used the disc golf course on Saturday August 15 2020.

There were no disc golfers arriving during the hottest part of the day from 2:00 pm thru 4:pm.

Regular visitors would be considered as making 3 or more visits to the course each month.

The Ottawa resident disc golfers commented that they typically played the Almonte course on weekends because of the driving time and traffic conditions on weekday evenings.

Out of town visitors had heard about the course from the web and planned their vacations to include a visit to the course as a result of the positive feedback posted.

Many of the visitors asked if there were any Scheduled Tournaments at the course. ( A tournament would be a possible fund raising opportunity for a local service club. Reference: <https://trilogychallenge.com/> ). Possibly an assignment for a town summer student taking a sports event planning related course?

Many compliments were received on the course layout and how it catered to beginner and younger players with it's Red Tees yet provided a challenge to more experienced players with the Intermediate Blue Tees and Advanced level Yellow Tees. This was stated as a reason for repeat visits.

Many of the repeat visitors asked if there were any plans to add 9 more baskets to the course and make it an 18 basket course. There were offers to help fund raise and plan any future expansion. Many visitors felt that increasing from 9 to 18 baskets would make the Almonte Course become their first choice of Disc Golfing destinations.

Feedback from all the Disc Golfers was overwhelmingly positive and once again there were many comments on how well the Parks and Recreation department has maintained the park. A clean maintained park gave them a feeling of safety and security.

On the following Sunday morning between 9:00 and 10:00 am I did a quick less formal head count of Disc Golfers using the course to determine if the Saturday statistics were consistent for a weekend and not just an anomaly. In that 1 hour snapshot there were 9 disc golfers on the course. The Sunday users were all couples or father and kids. The estimated age would be 10 years through 50 years. This number of disc golfers falls in line with the statistics collected on the previous day.

A follow-up to the information collected will be to monitor Disc Golf Course usage on various weekdays when it is being used by more local residents. Trends for weekday usage, although not officially recorded, seems to be more retired locals starting around 10:00 AM or 2:00 PM and working age players teeing off around 5:30 PM. Surprisingly there are a couple of players that arrive every second day at sunrise.