



Safe Routes to Parks (SRTP) Audit Tool

Directions:

- Read through this entire audit tool before starting your audit.
- Print multiple copies of this **audit tool** along with a **map** of the area.
 - Search the park on www.google.com/maps or another mapping website to easily “zoom in” to your neighborhood.
 - After printing your map, mark your route on the map.
- Begin the audit at your “start” location. The “end” location should be the park you’ve chosen.
- As you travel your route, for each noteworthy feature that you observe (good or bad), write a number at the location on your printed map. Write a brief description of your observation under “Map Notes” at the related number.
- For each of the route summary sections of the audit tool, place an ‘X’ in the box next to any issue that is seen while travelling your route.

SRTP Audit Tips:

- Take lots of photos! They are a helpful reminder of the conditions identified during your audit.
- Think about all of the people who represent the neighborhood. Strive to include all voices in your SRTP audit including: children, older adults, people of color, low-income individuals, non-English speakers, and people with physical or mental disabilities. Consider people who use strollers, crutches, and wheelchairs. These perspectives are important, and if they aren’t included, needs that are present in the community might be missed.
- This audit tool was created for walking/wheeling, but can also be used for people bicycling.
- Do the audit with a group of people, where there are different routes being audited at the same time. Try to include starting locations from the north, east, south and west of the park to cover all potential routes people would use to get to the park.
- It is easiest to travel in teams of two or three. One person can be the observer or photo-taker, one person can be the recorder. Note who does what role on the top of your audit tool.
- If it is easier, use diagrams/drawings instead of written words to capture what you have seen.
- Take some time at the end of the audit (right at the park or another place at another time) to recap your journey with your team and/or with all the folks completing the audit, sharing common things you saw or experienced. Priorities will arise from your conversations.
- Let your local municipal staff know you are planning a SRTP audit. See “Next Steps” at the end.



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Attach print out of neighborhood map here if you'd like.



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Name(s) of Auditor: _____

Date: _____ Day of Week: _____ Time: _____ Weather: _____

Starting Location/Intersection: _____

Destination/Park: _____

NOTES FROM MAP

As you walk along your route, for each noteworthy feature that you observe, write a number at the location on the printed copy of the map. Write a brief description of your observation below at the related number.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____



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ROUTE SUMMARY

1. Sidewalks/Trails:

- No sidewalks, trail or paved route to park
- Sidewalks/trails are broken, cracked, or have trip hazards
- Sidewalks/trails are blocked by overgrown landscaping, poles, signs, plants, vehicles, etc.
- Sidewalk/trail is not wide enough (two people cannot easily walk together side by side or pass another person)
- Sidewalk/trail is not continuous
- Sidewalk/trail has nothing separating it from the street (grass/terrace, trees, parked cars)
- Other issue(s): _____

Comments: _____

Overall, the quality and safety of sidewalks/trails is:

Poor- 1 2 3 4 5 -Excellent

2. Street Crossings and Intersections:

- The roads are too wide to cross easily
- There are no crosswalks or they are poorly marked
- Traffic signals do not give enough time to cross the street
- Crossings do not have a pedestrian-activated button/light
- Walking distance too far/out of the way to use a safe, marked crosswalk
- Intersections do not have curb ramps for carts, wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, etc.
- Intersections have curb ramps, but do not have "rumble strips" for people with visual impairments.
- Other issues: _____

Comments: _____

Overall, the quality and safety of street crossings and intersections is:

Poor- 1 2 3 4 5 -Excellent



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3. Driver Behavior:

- Drivers do not stop at stop signs or stop at crosswalks
- Drivers appear to be speeding
- Drivers are distracted (on the phone, texting, paying attention to passengers rather than road)
- Drivers don't acknowledge bike lanes (if present)
- Drivers don't look for people walking, make unexpected turns, or seem hostile
- Parked cars causing potential safety issue (in bike lanes, too close to crosswalk, blocking view)
- Other issues: _____

Comments: _____

Overall, the quality and safety of driver behavior is:

Poor- 1 2 3 4 5 -Excellent

4. Route Safety:

- There's too much traffic
- Street lights are not present/lighting is not adequate
- My personal safety feels threatened along the walk, including seeing or experiencing harassment
- Unleashed dogs or intimidating animals/animal waste is present
- There are a lot of abandoned buildings or poorly maintained properties
- Many overgrown bushes, fences or large trees blocking view/sightline
- There is a lack of "eyes on the street" (e.g., absence of people, no houses or store fronts)
- Law enforcement could not easily access this area if I needed help
- Other issues: _____

Comments: _____

Overall, the feeling of safety on this route is:

Poor- 1 2 3 4 5 -Excellent



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5. Park Access and Appeal:

- There are no walking/bike paths that connect to the park entrance/exit (i.e. there is only a driveway for cars to enter the park)
- There are no/not enough signs showing directions to the park, information about the park, or park activities
- The gate/entrance to the park is locked during the day and/or night (circle day or night)
- There is no bike parking at the park entrance/exit
- There isn't a transit/bus stop nearby
- The park doesn't look inviting (e.g. minimal or overgrown landscaping, old/broken equipment, excessive litter, etc.)
- The park doesn't feel safe (e.g. vandalism, improper or little lighting, etc.)
- Other issues: _____

Comments: _____

Overall, the access and appeal of the park is:

Poor- 1 2 3 4 5 -Excellent

Additional/Overall Comments: _____



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Next Steps for Groups Conducting SRTP Audits

1. Identify your neighborhood priorities
 - a. Look for common themes with the data collected during your audit(s). Prioritize them into low cost/easy-to-fix/short-term issues and higher cost/might-take-a-long-time-to-fix/long term issues. Also look for themes that are strengths of your neighborhood. They can be used as examples of what is working well.
 - b. Identify very specific locations of issue areas you'd like to see improved as a list of "recommendations."
 - c. Put together a short summary report/document of your group's findings. Basic contents of this report could include:
 - i. Introduction, Neighborhood and Routes Audited
 - ii. Findings (Issues and Strengths)
 - iii. Priorities and Recommendations
2. Connect with re:TH!NK
 - a. Email rethink@co.winnebago.wi.us to let us know you're doing an audit! We are keeping track of SRTP audits done throughout Winnebago County and any improvements made because a SRTP audit was conducted.
 - b. If you have questions or need resources, we can help with that too!
3. Contact your Local Municipal Staff Person
 - a. Consider contacting your local staff before conducting the audit. They might have some tips or cautions for you to be aware of. They also would know if any improvements are planned for the routes you are auditing.
 - b. After your audit(s) share your summary with them via email or during an in-person meeting. They can work with you to figure out what improvements could be made based on your findings and recommendations.
 - c. Main Contacts in Winnebago County:
 - i. Village of Fox Crossing: Amanda Geiser ageiser@foxcrossingwi.gov
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