



CAIRNGORMS  
CAPERCAILLIE  
PROJECT

## **How the mountain biking community in the Cairngorms National Park feels about capercaillie conservation**

In March 2020, Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland invited mountain bike riders in the Cairngorms National Park to share their views related to sustainably developing the mountain biking offer in the Badenoch and Strathspey area of the National Park.

The Badenoch and Strathspey area is also home to around 80% of the UK capercaillie population.

Mountain bike riders shared their views at a face-to-face workshop. Riders were also invited to share their views through an online survey to help identify how widespread the views were that were captured in the face-to-face workshop.

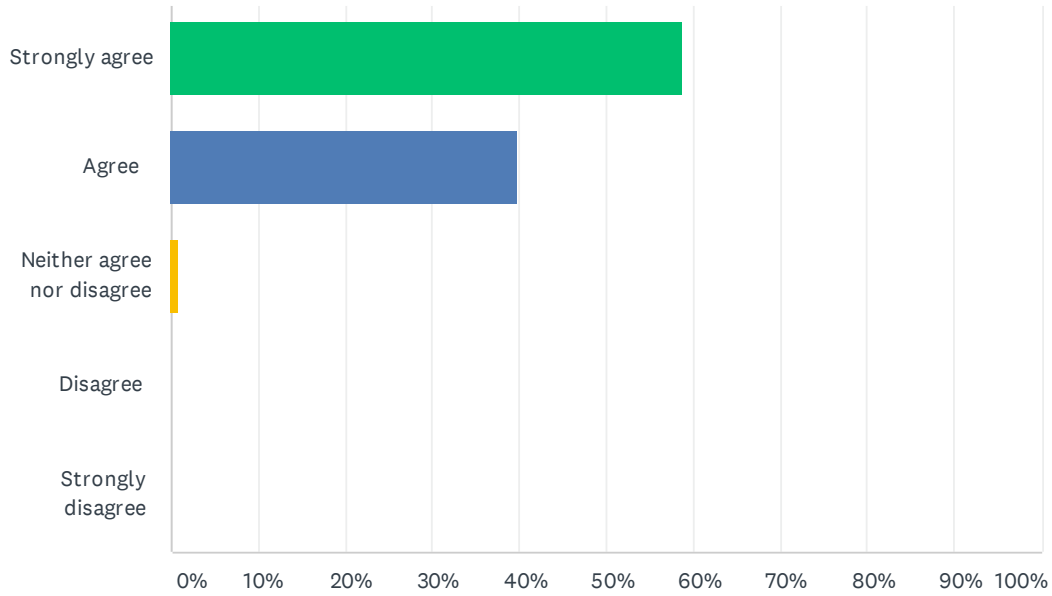
The online survey was promoted through a wide variety of channels to ensure, as far as possible, that the data gathered was representative of the mountain bike community at large. 388 riders completed the survey and the results can be used with a 95% confidence level.

The results revealed that almost all riders (99% of respondents) feel responsible for the environment they ride in and the vast majority of riders (93% of respondents) are willing to change certain behaviours to protect the environment.

The full results are overleaf.

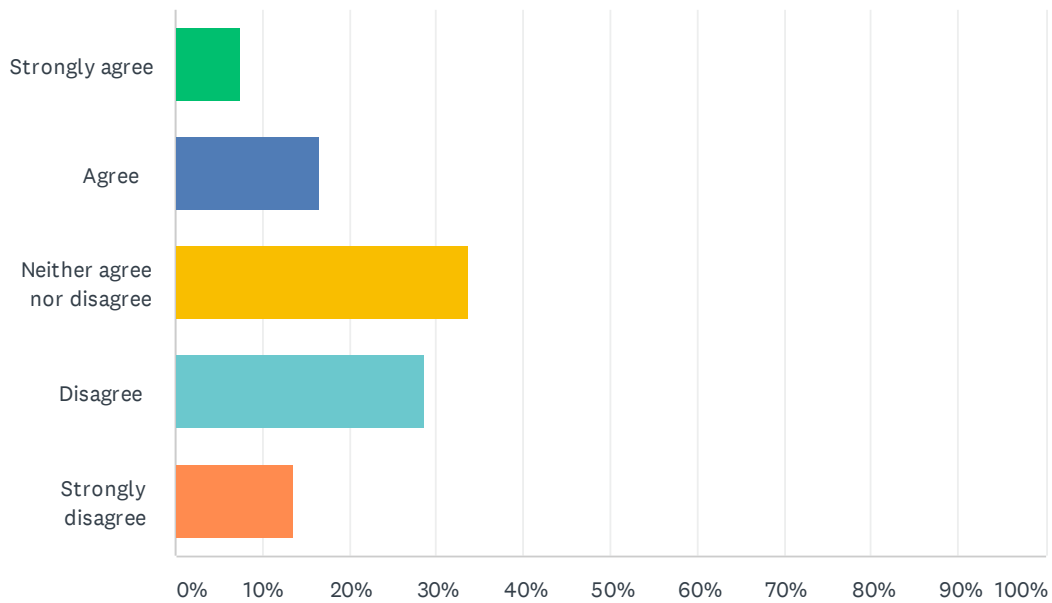
### I feel responsible for the environment I ride in

Answered: 388



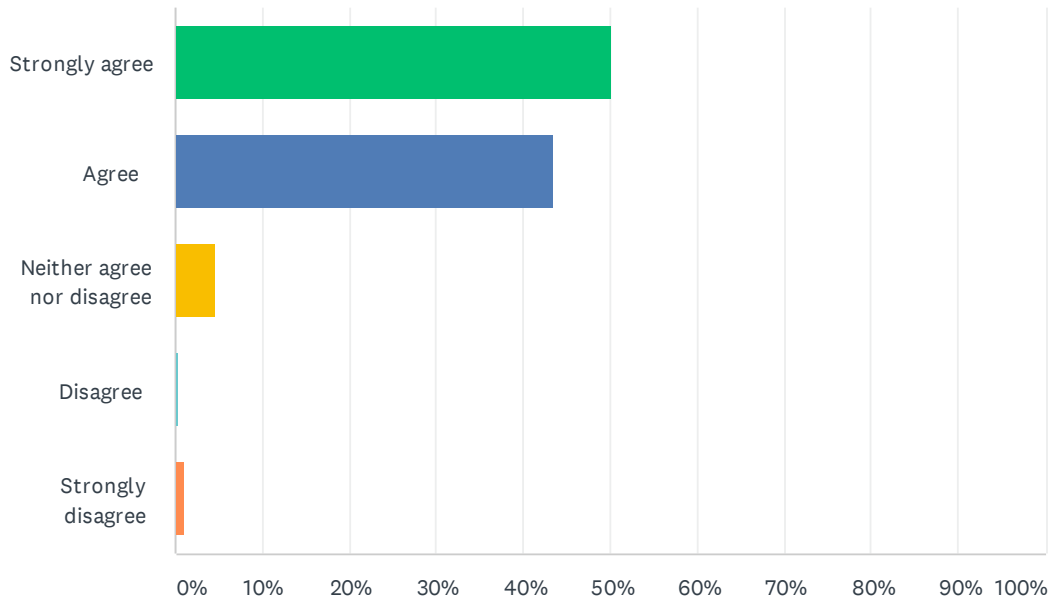
### I feel nature conservation creates more restrictions than benefits to riders

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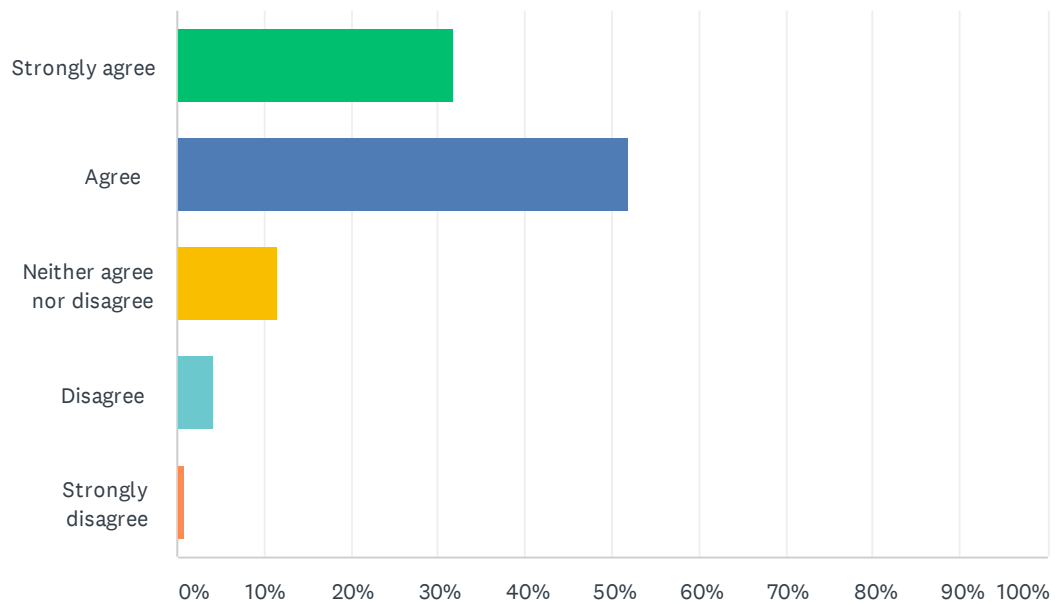
### I am willing to change certain behaviours to protect the natural environment

Answered: 388



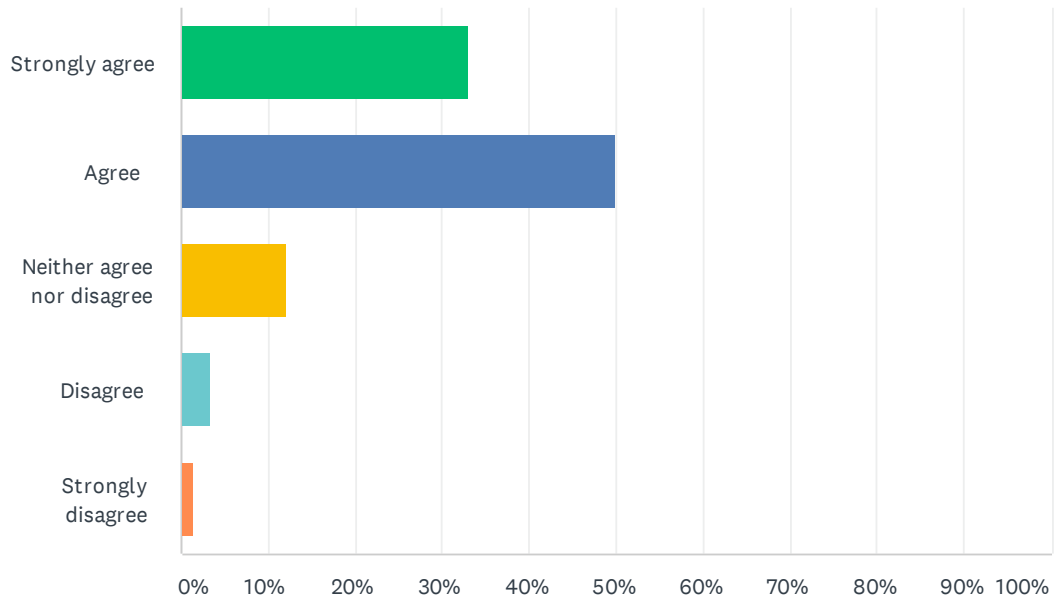
### It's generally not clear which trails are in sensitive areas

Answered: 388



### It would be useful to know about capercaillie sensitive areas

Answered: 388



### Create voluntary 'no ride' zones to protect sensitive areas

Answered: 388

