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Annual Use Estimate of the Metropolitan Regional Park System for 2002

Based on a four-year average of visitation data from 1999 through 2002

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Executive Summary

- There were an estimated 30,068,500 visits to the Metropolitan regional park system in 2002. Visitation increased three percent, or about 998,000 visits, over the 2001 estimate.
- The annual visitation estimate is based on a four-year average of counts of visitors taken during the summer months for 1999 through 2002, with the exception of St. Paul. The St. Paul estimate is based on 1998 through 2001 data due to data collection problems experienced in 2002.
- Distribution of use by season, camping and special events:

Season	Total Visits	% of All Visits
Summer	13,626,800	45
Fall	6,541,900	22
Spring	6,541,900	22
Winter	1,858,700	6
Camping	254,500	1
Special events	1,244,700	4
Total	30,068,500	100

- Non-summer visitation estimates for 2002 are based on data collected and analyzed in 1998 and 1999. Previous to 1999, non-summer visitation estimates were based on data collected in 1982. The updated information shows that there has been a significant increase in the amount of visits to the regional park system during the non-summer months over the last 20 years.
- Twenty-two percent of all 2002 visits were to regional trails and regional parkways. Seventy-eight percent were visits to regional parks, reserves and special recreation features.
- The five most visited regional parks and reserves in 2002 were:

Park/I	Reserve	2002 Visits
1.	Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park	5,554,600
2.	Mississippi Gorge Regional Park (Minneapolis & St. Paul)	2,407,700
3.	Como Regional Park , Zoo and Conservatory SRF	2,218,400
	Minnehaha Parkway	2,187,700
5.	Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park	1,260,600

- Sixty-two percent of all regional visits were to regional parks and trails within Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- Fifty-nine percent of all visits to regional parks and trails are considered "local" visits. A local visit is defined as a visit to a park/trail by a person who lives within the jurisdiction of the park agency which owns/manages that regional park or trail.
- Thirty-four percent of all visits are "regional" visits. Regional visits are the non-local visits by persons living within the metropolitan area. Three percent of all visits are from residents of Minnesota who live outside of the metropolitan area. Over three percent of all visits are from people who live in other states or countries.
- Walking is the top activity in the regional park system (35 percent of all visits involved walking), followed by biking (20 percent), swimming (17 percent) and picnicking (13 percent).

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Introduction

The existing metropolitan regional park system open for public use in 2002 encompassed approximately 46,500 acres of parkland and includes 35 regional parks, 11 park reserves, 4 special recreation features and 22 regional trails. These park/trail units are owned and operated by 10 implementing agencies — counties, special park districts and cities. Scott County has a joint powers agreement with Three Rivers Park District. Consequently the text of this report refers to nine implementing agencies.

When comparing data in this report to past annual estimates, please note that Suburban Hennepin Park District changed their name to Three Rivers Park District in 2001.

This report includes annual use estimates for the 72-unit regional park system that was sampled in 2002. The information is reported by park/trail units for each implementing agency. Some parks and trails have sub-units that are operated by different implementing agencies, so total use for that park or trail would be the sum of individual agency units. These parks and trails are:

Park/Trail	Agencies
Battle Creek Regional Park	Ramsey County and St. Paul (Indian Mounds)
Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park	Three Rivers and Anoka County
Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve	Three Rivers (Hyland Lake) and the City of Bloomington (Bush and Normandale Lakes)
Mississippi Gorge Regional Park	Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board and the City of St. Paul
North Mississippi Regional Park	Three Rivers and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
Phalen-Keller Regional Park	City of St. Paul (Phalen) and Ramsey County (Keller)
Rice Creek North Regional Trail	Anoka County and Ramsey County
Rice Creek West Regional Trail	Anoka County and Ramsey County
Mississippi River Regional Trail	Anoka County, Dakota County and the City of St. Paul

In addition, the Cherokee Heights portion of Lilydale-Harriet Island Regional Park is counted and reported separately.

Use estimates are reported in "visits". One person entering the park represents one visit. Therefore if an individual visits a particular park once each week for a year, that represents 52 visits to that park.

There were an estimated 30,068,500 visits to the regional park system in 2002.

How the Annual Use Estimate is calculated

The annual use estimate is based on the average of four years (1999 – 2002) of summer counts of bikers, pedestrians, horse-riders, boats, vehicles and charter buses that enter the park through recognized park entrances. People in vehicles and buses are not counted. To determine the number of people entering in vehicles or buses, a person-per-vehicle (PPV and PPB) average is multiplied by the number of vehicles or buses in each count. The PPV and PPB averages come from the 1998 Regional Parks Visitor Study.

Counts are taken in two-hour periods between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Two-hour blocks of time begin at 8 AM, 10 AM, Noon, 2 PM, 4 PM and 6 PM. The entrances and times are randomly chosen to

be sampled. Typically, sixteen samples are drawn for each park or trail in one summer season. Sixteen samples are not enough to accurately reflect actual summer use. It is too expensive to collect a minimum of 25 samples on weekends and 25 samples on weekdays in each park every summer. Consequently, the samples for the current year and the three previous years are used to determine the annual use for each park. This results in about 32 samples on weekends and 32 samples on weekdays and is statistically acceptable in determining annual use.

The annual use for each park and trail is based on a four-year average of counts for each park/trail. The four-year average reduces the effect of extreme weather or other anomalies on each park's estimated visitation. It reduces the effects of a temporary closure of a popular facility and from road construction. The four-year average also somewhat under-estimates increased visitation associated with a new major facility such as a swim pond or play structure. By the fourth year of the facility's existence, its visitation is fully represented in the data. The annual estimate makes no attempt to correct for over-estimates for temporary closures or under-estimates for facility additions. All agencies in the regional system are adding desirable facilities and experiencing temporary closures of facilities that are being redeveloped. Consequently, it is believed that the four-year average has negligible effects when comparing visitation across agencies. It is important that visitation estimate for each park and for each agency be calculated using the same set of standards and methods.

Total visitation is initially calculated by taking the total number of people entering the park during each sample and multiplying it by the number of entrances and time slots that sample represents. The sample totals are then averaged according to a predetermined low, medium or high use classification. The average for each sample class is then aggregated to calculate the total visitation estimate for the park.

Notes for 2002:

- 1. St. Paul 2002 count data was not available for use in the 2002 estimate. Consequently, the four most recent years of count data (1998 2001) were used, along with 2002 special event data, to estimate the 2002 use for St. Paul's regional park system units.
- 2. Visitation estimates for Ramsey County regional park system units rose at a rate greater than the system average for the second year in a row. Prior to 2001, Ramsey County's entry points were outdated many were listed as high-use entries when in fact they were low-use entries. Additionally, some newer trails did not have recognized entry points to the new sections of trails. This resulted in visitor use estimates that were below actual visitation. To rectify this, the Metropolitan Council worked with Ramsey County to update and revise their entry points beginning in the 2001 sample year. This has resulted in a steady and significant increase in their visitation estimates for 2001 and 2002. This steady rise is expected to continue for two more years due to the four-year average approach used in the estimate. The Metropolitan Council also worked the other implementing agencies to review their entry points in 2001, but only a few minor changes were identified and made.
- 3. Individual summer 2002 counts were audited for all agencies to look for extreme outliers (counts that were more than two standard deviations away from the average for that site over the past five years) and for counts that may have incorrectly included vehicles or bicycles and pedestrians (some entrances to parks are for pedestrians/bicyclists only, while other entrances are for vehicles only since pedestrians and bicyclists would have been counted elsewhere). Extreme outliers and inconsistent counts were flagged and then examined on a case by case basis using entry point descriptions and past use information. For 2002, four counts had data entry problems and were corrected, and an additional 57 counts (out of 1,200) were removed from the database and were not used in calculating the 2002 estimate. Further analysis showed that all but one of those 2002 counts that were removed were the product of one individual count employee who consistently did not seem to follow the count guidelines.

Table 1: 2002 Visitation

	Summer	Winter		Spring/Fall		Other *			
Agency/Park	visits (1,000's)	use multiplier	visits (1,000's)	use multiplier	visits (1,000's)	Camping (1,000's)	Special Events (1,000's)	i I	O & M Grant Adjustments
ANOKA COUNTY:									
Anoka Co. Riverfront RP 1	99.2	0.210	20.8	1.32	130.9	-	0.3	251.3	
Bunker Hills RP	329.6	0.062	20.4	0,60	197.8	12.9	26.6	587.3	
Coon Rapids Dam RP	188.6	0.062	11.7	0.60	113.2	-	11.8	325.3	
Lake George RP	117.4	0.062	7.3	0.60	70.4	-	20.2	215.3	
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	56.7	0.062	3.5	0.60	34.0	3.1	10.0	107.3	
Mississippi River RT	51.0	0.267	13.6	1.59	81.1	-	=	145.7	
Rice Creek Chain PR	124.4	0.062	7.7	0.60	74.6	12.2	47.3	266.3	
Rice Creek N. RT	29.3	0.267	7.8	1.59	46.6	-	-	83.7	
Rice Creek W. RT	118.3	0.267	31.6	1.59	188.1	-	-	338.0	
Rum River Central RP	25.2	0.062	1.6	0.60	15.1	0.3	0.3	42.5	
Central Anoka RT ^C	37.8	0.267	10.1	1.59	60.1	-		108.0	
Subtotal:	1,177.5		136.1		1,012.0	28.5	116.5	2,470.6	2,470.6

Summer	Winter		Spring/Fall		Other *			
visits (1,000's)	use multiplier	visits (1,000's)	use multiplier	visits (1,000's)				O & M Grant Adjustments
406.8	0.062	25.2		244.1		40.2	716.3	716.3
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CARVER COUNTY:									
Baylor RP	21.0	0.062	1.3	0.60	12.6	18.0	3.3	56.2	
Lake Waconia RP	17.3	0.000	0.0	0.60	10.4	-	3.5	31.2	
Lake Minnewashta RP	52,5	0.062	3.3	0.60	31.5		4.7	92.0	
Subtotal:	90.8		4.6		54.5	18.0	11.5	179.3	179.3

Notes:

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DAKOTA COUNTY:									
Big Rivers RT	39.6	0.267	10.6	1.59	63.0		-	113.1	
Lake Byllesby RP	45.8	0.062	2.8	0.60	27.5	20.2	-	96.3	
Lebanon Hills RP	166.9	0.062	10.3	0.60	100.1	28.6	-	306.0	
Mississippi River RT	8.9	0.267	2.4	1.59	14.2	-	<u>-</u> .	25.4	
Miesville Ravine PR	22.0	0.000	0.0	0.60	13.2	-	-	35.2	
Spring Lake PR	55.3	0.062	3.4	0.60	33.2	2.2	2.2	96.3	
Subtotal:	338.5		29.6		251.1	51.0	2.2	672.4	672.4

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOA	RD:								
Cedar Lake RT	185.4	0.267	49.5	1.59	294.8	-	-	529.7	
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	324.2	0.062	20.1	0.60	194.5	-	121.5	660.3	
Mpls. Chain-of-Lakes RP 1	2,110.2	0.226	476.9	1.39	2,933.2	-	34.3	5,554.6	
Minnehaha RP	354.5	0,062	22.0	0.60	212.7	-	23.8	613.0	
Minnehaha Parkway RT	764.7	0.267	204.2	1.59	1,215.9	-	3.0	2,187.7	
Mississippi Gorge RP - Mpls	617.9	0.267	165.0	1.59	982.5	-	30.4	1,795.7	
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	756.1	0.062	46.9	0.60	453.7	-	4.0	1,260.6	
North Mississippi RP	106.5	0.062	6.6	0.60	63.9	-	2.3	179.3	
Theodore Wirth RP	192.4	0.062	11.9	0.60	115.4	-	20.0	339.8	
Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	370.5	0.267	98.9	1.59	589.1	-	4.3	1,062.8	
Subtotal:	5,782.4		1,102.0		7,055.6	-	243.6	14,183.6	14,183.6

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Three Rivers Park District									
Morris T. Baker PR	165.8		10.3	0.60	99.5	76.0	13.5	365.1	
Bryant Lake RP	90.2		5.6	0.60	54.1	-	-	149.9	
Carver PR	51.8		3.2	0.60	31.1	15.0	13.5	114.6	
Clifton E. French RP	270.9	0.062	16.8	0.60	162.5	-	4.1	454.3	
Coon Rapids Dam RPThree Rivers	36.7		2.3	0.60	22.0		3.7	64.7	
Crow-Hassan PR	9.9	0.062	0.6	0.60	5.9	5.4	2.4	24.3	
Eagle Lake RP ^A	10.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-		10.3	
Elm Creek PR	179.4	0.062	11.1	0.60	107.6	3.2	16.0	317.4	
East Medicine Lake RT	55.2	0.267	14.7	1.59	87.8	-	-	157.7	
Fish Lake RP	58.1	0.062	3.6	0.60	34.9	-	-	96.6	Downhill ski
Hyland Lake PR	192.6	0.062	11.9	0.60	115.6	3.5	163.3	486.9	(148.5
Lake Rebecca PR	62.5	0.062	3.9	0.60	37.5	4.4	13.3	121.6	, ,
Lake Minnetonka RP	83.5	0.062	5.2	0.60	50.1	_	3.2	142.0	
Lake Minnetonka Islands RP 2	65.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	-	65.6	
Noerenberg Gardens SRF	35.4	0.000	0.0	0.60	21.2	_	-	56.6	
North Hennepin RT	98.0	0.267	26.2	1.59	155.8	-	0.1	280.1	
North Mississippi RPThree Rivers	25.9	0.062	1.6	. 0.60	15.5	_	-	43.0	
Southwest LRT RT-North	77.4	0.267	20.7	1.59	123.1	-	3.4	224.5	
Southwest LRT RT-South	71.3	0.267	19.0	1.59	113.4	-	3.4	207.1	
East Corridor RT C	49.4	0.267	13.2	1.59	78.5	_	-	141.1	
Hutchinson Spur RT ^A	71.8	0.267	19.2	1.59	114.2	_	_	205.1	
Northwest Hennepin RT ^c	3.8	0.267	1.0	1.59	6.0	-	_	10.9	
Three Rivers PD Subtotal:	1,765.5		190.1		1,436.4	107.5	239.9	3,739.4	3,590.9
Three Rivers PD: Scott County									
Cleary Lake RP	l 83.9	0.062	5.2	0.60	50.3	10.9	3.4	153.7	
Murphy-Hanrehan PR	14.9	L .	0.9	0.60	8.9		4.0	28.8	
Scott County RT	16.8		4.5	1.59	26.7	L.	-	48.0	
Three Rivers - Scott Subtotal:	115.6		10.6		86.0		7.4		230.5
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Three Rivers TOTAL	1,881.1		200.7		1,522.4	118.4	247.3	3,969.9	3,821.4

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² Lake Minnetonka Islands total annual visitation data is provided from Three Rivers and is not based on the Metropolitan Council sample.

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RAMSEY COUNTY 3									
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	59.5	0.062	3.7	0.60	35.7	-	8.2	107.1	
Battle Creek RP	280.0	0.062	17.4	0.60	168.0	-	31.4	496.8	
Birch Lake RT	35.1	0.267	9.4	1.59	55.8	-	-	100.3	
Bruce Vento RT	51.7	0.267	13.8	1.59	82.2	-	-	147.7	
Highway 96 RT (both segments)	95.2	0.267	25.4	1.59	151.4	-	-	272.0	
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	367.3	0.062	22.8	0.60	220.4		6.0	616.5	
Keller RP	166.3	0.062	10.3	0.60	99.8	-	•	276.4	
Long Lake RP	215.8	0.062	13.4	0,60	129.5	-	19.9	378.6	
Rice Creek North RT	46.0	0.267	12.3	1.59	73.1	-	-	131.4	
Rice Creek West RT- Ramsey	42.3	0.267	11.3	1.59	67.3	-	-	120.9	
Subtotal:	1,359.2		139.7		1,083.1	-	65.5	2,647.5	2,647.5

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CITY OF ST. PAUL 4									
Bruce Vento RT	30.9	0.267	8.3	1.59	49.1	-	-	88.3	
Cherokee Heights RP	121.8	0.062	7.6	0.60	73.1	-	0.4	202.8	Downhill Ski
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	1,172.5	0.062	72.7	0.60	703.5	-	269.7	2,218.4	(1.4)
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	139.0	0.062	8.6	0.60	83.4	-	1.0	232.0	`
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	128.5	0.062	8.0	0.60	77.1	-	171.9	385.5	
Indian Mounds RP	72.1	0.062	4.5	0.60	43.3	_	-	119.8	
Mississippi Gorge RP - St. Paul	214.2	0.267	57.2	1.59	340.6	-	-	612.0	
Mississippi River RT- St. Paul	64.8	0.267	17.3	1.59	103,0		-	185.1	
Phalen RP	293.3	0.062	18.2	0.60	176.0	-	34.2	521.7	
Subtotal:	2,237.1		202.2		1,649.1	-	477.2	4,565.6	4,564.2

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³ Ramsey Parks reviewed their entry points prior to counting in 2001 and made significant changes that resulted in a more accurate reflection of their visitation levels. Changes included adding some new count sites to reflect recent additions to trails, and deletions of old count sites that no longer are considered entrances to parks. Additionally, use levels at different times for different entry points were examined to determine the appropriate classification as a High, Medium, or Low use entry point.

⁴ St. Paul summer visits data for 2002 was not provided for the Metropolitan Council estimate. Estimates for St. Paul regional parks and trails are based on the four most recent years of data (1998 - 2001). 2002 special event counts were provided by St. Paul and were used for the 2002 estimate.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY									
Cottage Grove Ravine RP	10.1	0.062	0.6	0.60	6.1	-	-	16.8	1
Lake Elmo PR	213.5	0.062	13.2	0.60	128.1	23.5	36.2	414.5	1
Square Lake SRF	53.5	0.000	0.0	0.60	32.1	-	1.2	86.8	
St. Croix Bluffs RP	76.3	0.062	4.7	0.60	45.8	15.1	3.3	145.2	
Subtotal:	353.4		18.6		212.0	38.6	40.7	663.3	663.3

REGIONAL TOTALS

Agency/Park	Summer Visits (1,000's)	Winter Visits (1,000's)		1	Special Events (1,000's)		
REGIONAL TOTALS	13,626.8	1,858.7	13,083.8	254.5	1,244.7	30,068.5	29,918.6

Notes:

^{*} OTHER: Camping is in "visitor-days", where each visit is one person in the park for one day. A family of four staying one night would have 8 visitor-days. Special events include events over 300 and any unusual park-specific situations. Special events and situations are detailed in Table 2.

A 1st year sampled

^B 2nd year sampled

c 3rd year sampled

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
ANOKA COUNTY:			
Anoka Co. Riverfront RP		TOTAL:	0.30
	June	Picnic	0.30
Bunker Hills RP	A!!	TOTAL:	26.60
	April May	North Suburban Striders Natural Resource Days	0.50 0.60
	April	Spring Festival	0.30
	June	Archery Tournament	1.00
	summer	Library Programs	2.60
	July	Archery Tournament	0.50
	September	Hike for Ike	0.50
	October	Achievement Night	0.30
	All Year	Archery Building Rental (various pvt groups)	3.50
	Summer	Stables (not included in general count)	16.80
Coon Rapids Dam RP		TOTAL:	11.80
	February	Snowflake Days	0.30
	May	Kid's Fishing Clinic	0.90
	June summer	Carpfest Concerts in the Park	2.20 6.00
	July	Epiphany Church	1.00
	July	Picnic	0.30
	August	North Metro Chamber	0.30
	August	Canoe Race	0.30
	August	Bass Fishing Tournament	0.50
Lake George RP		TOTAL:	20.20
Lake George Kr	July	Picnic	0.30
	July	Picnic	0.40
	July	Picnic	0.30
	August	Picnic	0.30
	August	Picnic	0.40
	winter	snowmobile trail use through park	18.50
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP		TOTAL:	10.00
	winter	snowmobile trail use through park	10.00
Mississippi River RT		None	-
Rice Creek Chain PR		TOTAL:	47.30
	school yr	School groups @ Wargo N.C.	30.30
	February	Snow Day	0.40
	April	Earth Day	1.00
	June	Bicycle Ride	0.30
	August Winter	YMCA Run Snowmobile trail through park	0.30 15.00
Rice Creek N. RT		None	
Rice Creek W. RT		None	•
Rum River Central RP	Comtourity or	TOTAL:	0.30
	September	Picnic	0.30
Central Anoka RT		None	-

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
BLOOMINGTON:			
Bush and Normandale Lakes		TOTAL:	40.20
	June	Sandcastles	0.70
	July	SummerFete	38.00
	August	Jazz Festival	1.50
CARVER COUNTY:			
Baylor RP		TOTAL:	3.30
	August	Running meet	0.60
	September	Running meet	0.40
	October	Running meet	1.20
	November	Leonids Meteor Shower	0.30
	All year	Onan Observatory (late evening use)	0.80
Lake Waconia RP		TOTAL:	3.50
	February	Vintage Snowmobile	1.50
	June	Triathlon	1.00
	July	4th of July celebration	1.00
Lake Minnewashta RP	June	TOTAL:	4.70
	Jan	Boy Scout Winter Camporee	1.20
	Aug	Girl Scout Jamboree (4 days)	2.50
	Jul	Tonka Waters Girl Scout Camp (3 days)	1.00
DAKOTA COUNTY:			
Big Rivers RT		None	-
Lake Byllesby RP		None	-
Lebanon Hills RP		None	-
Mississippi River RT		None	-
Miesville Ravine PR		None	-
Spring Lake PR		TOTAL:	2.20
• •	5/25	Group Event	0.40
	6/8	Group Event	0.40
	7/20	Model Airfield	0.30
	8/29	X-C Race	0.30
	10/15	X-C Race	0.30
	10/24	X-C Race	0.50

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOA	RD:		
Cedar Lake RT		None	-
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP		TOTAL	121.50
••	1/5	Wedding Reception	0.30
	4/6	Wedding Reception	0.30
	4/11	Take Back the Night	0.70
	4/20	Wedding Reception	0.40
	5/4	Walk	0.40
	5/5	Wedding Ceremony & Reception	0.40
	5/12	Wedding Reception	0.30
	5/17	Asian Heritage Festival	0.70
	5/18	Bar Mitzvah Reception	0.30
	6/1	Wedding Ceremony & Reception	0.30
	6/20	Wing Ding	0.60
	6/28	Wedding Ceremony & Reception	0.30
	7/4	July 4th Celebration/Fireworks (100,000 total, 53 % in park)	53.00
	7/19	Picnic	0.40
	7/25	Company Picnic	0.70
	7/27	Aquatennial Fireworks (100,000 total, 53 % in park)	53.00
	7/27	Wedding Reception	0.30
	8/2	Corporate Summer Picnic	0.30
	8/9	Wedding Reception	0.30
	8/10	Wedding Ceremony & Reception	0.30
	8/12	Reception for national Convention Delegation	0.60
	8/18	Union Family Picnic	0.60
	9/15	Fundraiser Walk	1.00
	9/20	Wedding Reception	0.30
	9/21	Wedding Reception	0.40
	10/19	Wedding Reception	0.30
	12/31	New Year Eve Celebration	5.00

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
MPLS. PARK & RECREATION E	BOARD: Continue		
Mpls. Chain-of-Lakes RP		TOTAL	34.30
	4/27	March of Dimes	5.00
	5/4	Walk	0.40
	5/4	Walk - A-Thon	0.50
	5/26	Outdoor Church Service	0.40
	5/27	Memorial Day Program	0.30
	6/1	Kite Festival	0.50
	6/2	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	6/7	School Program	0.60
	6/9	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	6/16	Outdoor Church Service	0.40
	6/23	Outdoor Church Service	0.20
	6/30	Outdoor Church Service	0.90
	7/7	Outdoor Church Service	0.80
	7/14	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	7/14	Renaissance Festival Preview Party	0.50
	7/20	Aquatennial Tri-Athalon (1/3 each: Nokomis; Mpls	0.30
		Lakes, Minn Pkwy)	
	7/21	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	7/28	Aquatennial Beach Bash	5.00
	7/28	Outdoor Church Service	0.90
	8/4	Outdoor Church Service	0.70
	8/4	Running and Walk Race	1.50
	8/11	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	8/15	Youthline Picnic - Talent Show	0.30
	8/18	Outdoor Church Service	0.90
	8/25	Outdoor Church Service	0.60
	9/1	Outdoor Church Service	1.20
	9/8	City of Lakes 25K	2.50
	9/21	Family Walk, Run, Bike	0.50
	9/28	Walk	1.20
	9/29	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/3 each: Miss Gorge; Mpls Lakes, Minn Pkwy)	2.70
	12/7	Reindeer Run	3.00
Minnehaha RP		TOTAL	23.80
	4/21	MS Walk (split between Minn. Park & Miss Gorge)	2.50
	4/27	Get in Gear 10K (split between Minn. Park & Miss Gorge)	3.00
		Parade	0.50
	5/18	Race/Festival - Stop Global Warming	0.50
	5/19	AIDS Walk (split between Minn. Park & Miss Gorge)	6.00
	5/30	Picnic	0.40
	6/23	Svenskarnas Dag Inc.	2.50
	7/14	Norway Days	0.50
	7/22	Picnic	0.30
	8/10	Freedom Jazz Festival	1.00
	8/17	Company Picnic	1.00
	8/18	Picnic	0.50
	9/14	Walk-a-Thon Lupus	0.50
	9/29	Picnic	0.60
	10/5	Marathon for Non Public Ed (split between Minn. Park & Miss Gorge)	4.00

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BO	DARD: Continued	J	
Minnehaha Parkway RT		TOTAL	3.00
•	7/20	Aquatennial Tri-Athalon (1/3 each: Nokomis; Mpls Lakes, Minn Pkwy)	0.30
	9/29	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/3 each: Miss Gorge; Mp	2.70
Mississippi Gorge RP - Mpls		TOTAL	30.40
	4/21	MS Walk (split between Minn. Park & Miss Gorge)	2.50
	4/27	Get in Gear 10K (split between Minn. Park & Miss Gorge)	3.00
	5/18	Thai Two On 5K	0.80
	5/19	AIDS Walk (split between Minn. Park & Miss Gorge)	6.00
	5/25	10K Race	1.00
	7/24	Aquatennial Torch Light Run	2.20
	8/2	National Night Out (organizational party)	0.50
	8/6	National Night Out	0.50
	8/27	Ground Breaking Ceremony	0.30
	9/14	5K and 10K Road Race	0.40
	9/29	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/3 each: Miss Gorge; Mpls Lakes, Minn Pkwy)	2.70
	10/5	Head of the Mississippi Regatta	0.50
	10/5	Marathon for Non Public Ed (split between Minn. Park & Miss Gorge)	4.00
	11/28	Arena 5K	6.00
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP		TOTAL	4.00
	5/4	Walk	0.30
	5/18	Fundraising Walk	0.30
	5/27	5K Race	0.50
	7/20	Aquatennial Tri-Athalon (1/3 each: Nokomis; Mpls Lakes, Minn Pkwy)	0.30
	8/10	5K and 10K Run	1.10
	9/6	Fundraising Walk	1.00
	9/28	5K Walk	0.50
North Mississippi RP		TOTAL	2.30
	5/4	Arbor Day Picnic	1.00
	6/27	Summer Concert	0.30
	7/19	Summer Concert	0.30
	7/21	Picnic	0.30
	8/11	Picnic	0.40
Theodore Wirth RP		TOTAL	20.00
	June 15-17	Junteenth Celebration	20.00
Wirth Memorial Parkway RT		TOTAL	4.30
	5/4	Walk With Pets	3.00
	7/14	Whiz Bang Days	0.40
	7/28	Aquatennial half Marathon	0.90

gency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
AMSEY COUNTY			
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	10/25	TOTAL Special Event	8.20
		Special Event	0.50
	10/26	Special Event Final Stretch Race	0.50
	9/7		0.40
	Sept - May	School Group program	6.20
	May - Aug.	Day Camps (not counted in regular counts)	0.60
Battle Creek RP		TOTAL	31.40
	5/21	Green Meadows Production	7.00
	5/22	Green Meadows Production	5.50
	5/23	Green Meadows Production	5.40
	5/24	Green Meadows Production	6.40
	6/1	Foung Yang Family reunion	0.40
	6/8	Wedding	0.40
	6/9	Family Reunion	0.30
	6/15	Wedding Reception	0.40
	6/29	Family Picnic	0.40
	7/4	•	
	71 4 717	Birthday parks	0.40
		Graduation Party	0.30
	7/8	Fire Fighters Local #21	0.30
	7/27	Family picnic	0.30
	8/3	Vang Family Picnic	0.50
	8/4	Vang Family Picnic	0.50
	8/11	Pioneer Press comp picnic	0.60
	8/24	Plumbers Union #34 Picnic	0.40
	9/4	Tri-Metro CC Meet	0.40
	9/6	Hoikka House Picnic	0.40
	9/7 .	Family Reunion	0.30
	9/22	Company Picnic	0.30
	9/28	Company Picnic	0.50
Birch Lake RT		None	-
Burlington Northern RT		None	-
Highway 96 RT - All Segments		None	-
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP		TOTAL	6.00
Grass-Yaumais Gran Lake Ki	5/14	Church Service	0.30
	5/18	Church Service	0.30
	5/18	Solar Boat Regatta	0.50
	5/19	Solar Boat Regatta	0.40
	6/2	Zoua Family Picnic	0.30
	6/6 7/13	All School Picnic	0.40
	7/13 7/20	Wedding Reception Vang Famly Picnic	0.30 0.30
	7/25	Guidant Company Picnic	0.30
	8/3	Family Reunion	0.30
	8/4	Collin Elec Company Picninc	0.30
	8/14	Guidant Company Picnic	0.30
	8/2	Kowalski's Company Picnic	0.40
	8/22	School Event	0.30
	8/24 8/25	Company Picnic India Assoc Picnic	0.40
	8/25 9/7	Dufresne MFG Co Picnic	0.30 0.30
	9/12	Guidant Company Picnic	0.30
Keller RP		None	-

agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
AMSEY COUNTY: Continued			
Long Lake RP		TOTAL	19.90
	5/11	Wedding Reception	0.30
	5/19	Church Picnic	0.40
	5/22	Moundsview HS Social	0.50
	5/24	Irondale HS Picnic	0.40
	5/25	Moua Family Picnic	0.30
	5/26	Vang Family Picnic	0.30
	5/30	Senior Takedown	0.40
	6/1	Dec Systems Company Picnic	0.30
	6/3	St Johns Year end Picnic	0.40
	6/4	Center Point El Picnic	0.30
	6/5	Edgewood School Picnic	0.30
	6/8	Donatelle Plastics Picnic	0.30
	6/14	Grad. Open House	0.30
	6/20	Corp of Engineers	0.40
	6/24	HHH Job Corp	0.50
	6/30	Knights of Columbus Picnic	0.40
	7/9	Hypro Corp Picnic	0.30
	7/14	Vertitas Software	0.40
	7/18	Target Corp	0.50
	8/1	Manf Service Comp Picnic	0.50
	8/3	Woodland Church Picnic	0.50
	8/9	New Brighton Stockyard Days	0.40
	8/10	New Brighton Stockyard Days	7.00
	8/11	New Brighton Stockyard Days	1.00
	8/17	Wedding Reception	0.40
	8/18	Lund Foods Picnic	0.70
	8/20	Cub Foods Picnic	0.40
	8/22	Medtronics Picnic	0.30
	8/26	Church Picnic	0.30
	9/7	New Mech Picnic	0.40
	9/13	Hearing and Service Dog Fundraiser	0.40
	9/14	Hearing and Service Dog Fundraiser	0.30
	9/22	Piper Jaffrey Picnic	0.30
Rice Creek North RT		None	-
Rice Creek West RT- Ramsey		None	-

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
CITY OF ST. PAUL			
Burlington Northern RT		TOTAL	-
Cherokee Heights RP		TOTAL	0.40
•	7/4	4 th of July	0.40
		TOTAL	269.70
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	Winter	Como downhill Ski (Enterprise facility)	1.40
	1/24 1/26& 27	Saint Paul Winter Carnival (10 days) Winter Carnival Orchid Show	100.00 5.60
	2/14	Valentine's Evening	0.60
	4/20	Como Zoo & Conservatory 5K Run	1.50
	5/4	Humane Society K9 5K Walk	1.10
	5/11&12	MN Bonsai Society Show	4.90
	5/14	Police Patrol Picnic in the Park	2.50
	5/18 5/21	Love Lines Walk for Glory Saint Paul Police Patrol	0.30 2.60
	5/23	Dunwoody Electrical Dept.	0.30
	5/25	Gingerbread Craft Show	0.60
	5/26	Gingerbread Craft Show	0.60
	5/27	Gingerbread Craft Show	0.60
	6/8 6/16	West Group picnic Como "Pops" Ensemble	3.00 0.60
•	6/22	C.P. Rail picnic	0.30
	6/23	Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.60
	6/27	Guidant Company picnic	1.00
	6/29	Blue Bell picnic	0.80
	6/30 7/4	Como "Pops" Ensemble Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.80 0.80
	7/5	Hmong Soccer Festival	40.00
	7/6	Hmong Soccer Festival	40.00
	7/7	Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.70
	7/10 7/11	Mpls. Firefighters picnic	0.50
	7/12	Como Lakeside Theater (CLT) Como Lakeside Theater (CLT)	0.50 0.80
	7/13	Como Lakeside Theater (CLT)	0.90
	7/13	Sysco Foods picnic	0.90
	7/14	Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.70
	7/18 7/19	Como Lakeside Theater (CLT)	0.80
	7/19	Como Lakeside Theater (CLT) Como Lakeside Theater (CLT)	0.90 0.90
	7/20	Valspar Company picnic	0.40
	7/21	Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.70
	7/22	Como Conservatory Volunteers	0.30
	7/25 7/26	Como Lakeside Theater (CLT)	0.70 0.90
	7/26	Como Lakeside Theater (CLT) Crossroads Elementary	0.30
	7/27	Como Lakeside Theater (CLT)	0.90
	7/27	Como Lakeside Theater (CLT)	0.70
	7/28	Dakota County picnic	0.50
	8/1 8/3	City picnic Ceridian Company picnic	0.30 0.40
	8/4	Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.80
	8/4	Star Tribune	0.40
	8/6	Tri Advantage Company picnic	0.40
	8/8	Edina Realty Company picnic	2.00
	8/11 8/13	Como "Pops" Ensemble Big Brothers Big Sisters	0.80 0.70
	8/14	College of Veterinary Medicine	0.40
	8/15	Hillcrest Theater at Como	0.70
	8/16	Hillcrest Theater at Como	0.70
	8/16	Target Corporation picnic	0.40
	8/17 8/17	Hillcrest Theater at Como Birthday picnic	0.80 0.90
	8/18	Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival	3.50
	8/18	Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.80
	8/24	Lightning Run	3.00
	8/25	Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.80

gency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
City of St. Paul: Continued	9/10	Dorothy Day Center picnic	0.30
Como: continued	9/14	Family Support Network Walk	0.50
	9/15	St Paul Bike Classic (split between Como & Phalen)	3.00
	9/21	Alzheimers Association Walk	5.00
	10/6	Down Syndrome Association	1.20
	10/19	Zoo Boo	4.50
	10/20	Zoo Boo	4.50
	10/25	Zoo Boo	4.50
	10/27	Zoo Boo	4.50
	11/24	Turkey 5K Walk/Run	0.40
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	10/19 Zoo Boo 10/20 Zoo Boo 10/25 Zoo Boo 10/27 Zoo Boo 11/24 Turkey 5K Walk/Run -Crosby Farm RP TOTAL 6/29 Big River Clean-Up 7/27 Mississippi River - Friends of the Miss. River	1.00	
-	6/29	Big River Clean-Up	0.50
	7/27	Mississippi River - Friends of the Miss. River	0.50
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP		TOTAL	171.90
•	4/20	Spring Clean-Up Celebration	0.40
	4/28	Becky Louery for Governor	0.30
	5/27	Melaleuca Ceremony and VIP Reception	1.50
	5/27	Melaleuca Freedom Celebration	50.00
	6/15	Wedding	0.30
	6/23	Common Bond Communities	0.40
	6/27	Big Brothers Big Sisters	0.30
	6/27	MN Sinfonia concert	0.80
	7/4	Showboat Grand Opening	0.80
	7/6	Shakespeare in the Park	1.00
	7/11	MN Sinfonia concert	0.80
	7/13	Karoke Festival	1.00
	7/28	Warp Tour	20.00
	8/1	Riverfront Corporation event	0.30
	8/4	Harlem Boys Choir concert	5.00
	8/10	Irish Fair	25.00
	8/11	Irish Fair	25.00
	8/14	Builders Club Product Show	1.20
	8/17	Wedding	0.30
	9/8	Rheinfest Fillmore picnic	30.00
	9/11	Melaleuca "Old Glory Flies"	2.50
	9/11	Voices of Freedom	5.00

Table 2: Special Event Counts for 2002

(Note: these events occurred on days that were specifically not sampled to avoid double-counting)

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
CITY OF ST. PAUL: Continued Indian Mounds RP		None	-
Mississippi Gorge RP (St. Paul)		None	-
Mississippi River RT- St. Paul		None	-
Phalen RP		TOTAL Winter Carnival events at Phalen (10 days - other than	34.20
	1/24	below)	20.00
	1/20	King Boreas Cross Country Ski Race	0.40
	1/27	Winter Carnival Antique Sleigh and Cutter Rally	0.80
	5/4	Batten Disease Walk/Run	0.50
	5/11	Nokomis Montessori Walk	0.30
	5/11	School picnic	0.30
	5/15	Employee Wellness	0.40
	5/18	Waterfest	1.50
	6/1	Hmong American Partnership	0.50
	6/15	Senior Citizens picnic	0.60
	6/26	REM Ramsey County picnic	0.30
	7/20	Carpenters Local 87 picnic	0.50
	7/31	Clown Day	0.40
	8/24	Regatta	0.80
	8/25	Regatta	0.80
	9/14	Merrick Community Service	0.50
	9/15	St Paul Bike Classic (split between Como & Phalen)	3.00
	9/15	Teamsters Local 120 picnic	0.30
	9/20	Leukemia and Lymphoma Society	1.00
	9/21	Sharing Life Walk/Run	0.30
	9/28	Ceremonial Fire	0.50
	10/12	Brain Injury Association	0.50

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
Three Rivers Park District			
Morris T. Baker PR		TOTAL	13.50
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	3.30
	1/5	Snowshoe Festival	0.90
	9/28	Holyname.St. Bart - picnic	0.90
	10/26	Baker Boo	0.30
	School-yr	School groups @ Near-Wilderness Center	8.10
Bryant Lake RP		None	-
Carver PR		TOTAL	13.50
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	3.40
	2/10	Victoria Fire Department - picnic/fishing contest	0.50
	3/29	Spring Rock Hunt	0.40
	School-yr	School groups @ nature center	9.20
Cleary Lake RP		TOTAL	3.40
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	3.40
Clifton E. French RP		TOTAL	4.10
	4/27	District 287 Foundation	0.30
	School-yr	School groups @ nature center	3.80
Coon Rapids Dam RP		TOTAL	3.70
	6/22	Carp festival	2.20
	School-yr	School groups @ visitor center	1.50
Crow-Hassan PR		TOTAL	2.40
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.40
Elm Creek PR		TOTAL	16.00
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.50
	4/20	Spring Raptor Release	2.80
	7/13	Pearce - picnic	0.30
	7/27	Wilson Leather - picnic	0.30
	7/28	Kiley - picnic	0.30
	10/12	Autumn Woods Classic	1.30
	School-yr	School groups @ nature center	8.50
East Medicine Lake RT		None	-
Fish Lake RP		None	-

cy/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
REE RIVERS: Continued			
/land Lake PR		TOTAL	163.30
	Winter	Downhill Ski Area enterprise facilities	148.50
	4/20	Williams - picnic	0.70
	8/4	Greiner Construction - picnic	0.60
	9/21 School-yr	Fall Raptor Release	1.40 12.10
	Scrioul-yi	School groups @ nature center	12.10
ike Rebecca PR		TOTAL	13.30
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.70
	5/4	Wright County Human Society - picnic	0.50
	5/19	Fuller - picnic	0.50
	6/1	Alliant Tech picnic	0.40
	6/8	Legg - picnic	0.30
	6/8	Herzog - picnic	0.30
	6/11	Anwatin MS ISD #1 - picnic	0.50
	6/22	Innovex - picnic	0.40
	6/23	Good Shepherd Church - picnic	0.30
	7/13	Local 539 Pipefitter - picnic	0.50
	7/13	Temple Living Center - picnic	0.30
	7/14	Living Word Christian - picnic	1.00
	7/28	Heiges - picnic	0.60
	8/4	Crystal Evan. Free Church - picnic	1.00
	8/10 8/11	Corporate Tran. Serv - picnic	0.30 0.60
	8/11	Premier Designs - picnic	0.50
	8/17	Minneapolis Lastadian Church - picnic Westrup - picnic	0.30
	8/18		0.50
	8/25	Nash Finch - picnic	0.60
		Gyrus Medical - picnic	0.80
	9/15 9/22	United Behavioral - picnic Teamster Local 1145 - picnic	0.80
	School-yr	School groups @ recreation area	0.10
ke Minnetonka RP		TOTAL	3.20
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.90
	***************************************	Formal classes	0.20
	School-yr	School groups @ visitor center	0.10
ke Minnetonka Islands		None	-
urphy-Hanrehan PR		TOTAL	4.00
apily rumonum en	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	4.00
perenberg Gardens SRF		None	-
odh Hannania DT		TOTAL	0.40
orth Hennepin RT	14.5 .	TOTAL	0.10
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.10
orth Mississippi RP		None	•
cott County RT		None	-
outhwest LRT RT-North		TOTAL	3.40
•	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	3.40
outhwest LRT RT-South		TOTAL	3.40
ratificat arri iri-quali	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	3.40
	THIRD		3.40
ast Corridor RT		None	•
orthwest Hennepin RT		None	-
	**************************************	None	

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
WASHINGTON COUNTY			
Cottage Grove Ravine RP		TOTAL	-
Lake Elmo PR		TOTAL	36.20
	Winter	Snowmobile use	14.50
	5/17	Picnic	0.30
	5/23	Picnic	0.30
	5/31	Picnic	0.30
	. 6/5	Picnic	0.40
	6/8	Picnic	0.40
	6/8	Family Festival	0.60
	6/11	Picnic	0.30
	6/21	Picnic	0.30
	7/6	Picnic	0.30
	7/21	Picnic	0.30
	8/9	Picnic	0.30
	8/10	Picnic	0.40
	8/24	Picnic	0.30
	Summer	Lake Elmo Geography Fair	1.00
	9/7	Bluegrass Festival	15.00
	9/8	Picnic	0.30
	9/15	Picnic	0.40
	10/5	Picnic	0.50
Square Lake SRF		TOTAL	1.20
·	9/7-8/2002	Triathalon	1.20
St. Croix Bluffs RP		TOTAL	3.30
	6/1	Picnic	0.30
	6/2	Picnic	0.30
	6/15	Picnic	0.30
	6/22	Picnic	0.30
	6/29	Picnic	0.30
	7/20	Picnic	0.30
	7/27	Picnic	0.30
,	8/3	Picnic	0.30
	8/17	Picnic	0.30
	8/24	Picnic	0.30
	8/18	Picnic	0.30

Table 3: Comparison of 2001 and 2002 Total Visitation Estimates

Agency	2001	2002	# change	% change
·	(1,000's)	(1,000's)	(1,000's)	
Anoka	2,371.6	2,470.6	99.0	4.2%
Bloomington ¹	846.9	716.3	(130.6)	-15.4%
Carver	176.6	179.3	2.7	1.5%
Dakota	648.9	672.4	23.5	3.6%
Minneapolis	14,045.7	14,183.6	137.9	1.0%
Ramsey ²	2,139.3	2,647.5	508.2	23.8%
St Paul ³	4,475.8	4,565.6	89.8	2.0%
Three Rivers (Hennepin) 4	3,501.2	3,739.4	238.2	6.8%
Three Rivers-Scott Co.	217.0	230.5	13.5	6.2%
Washington	647.5	663.3	15.8	2.4%
TOTAL	29,070.5	30,068.5	998.0	3.4%

Notes for Table 3

Table 4: Comparison of 2001 and 2002 Park vs. Trail Visitation Estimates

	2001	2002	# change	% change	% of all visits in 2002
	(1,000's)	(1,000's)	(1,000's)		
Trail Visits ⁵	6,384.8	6,709.3	324.5	5.1%	22%
Park/Reserve Visits	22,685.7	23,359.2	673.5	3.0%	78%
Park/Reserve Visits	29,070.5	30,068.5	998.0	3.4%	100%

Notes for Table 4

¹ Bush Lake attendance continued to decline due to beach closures (water quality issues).

² Starting in 2001 updated park and trail count sites were used to help determine visitation in Ramsey County. These updates are thought to better reflect actual use of entry points for those parks/trails and the change is responsible for most of the increase in visitation over the previous year's estimate.

³ Since 2002 summer visitation data for St. Paul regional parks and trails was not provided to the Metropolitan Council for doing this estimate, all of the change from 2001 to 2002 was due to increased special event use at those regional units.

⁴ The majority of the increase for Three Rivers (Hennepin) is attributed to the addition of a new trail for 2002 - the Hutchinson Spur.

⁵ About 80 % of all visits to the Mpls Chain of Lakes RP are trail visits. Mississippi Gorge REgional Park is also more similar to a parkway than a regional park. However, the above trail totals do not include those trail visits. If Mississippi Gorge & Mpls Chain of Lakes trail visits were included in the trail total, about 13.5 million, or 45% of all visits, are trail visits.

Table 5: Most Visited Regional Parks and Trails in 2002

				Cumulative
			2002	percent of
			Visitation	total
Rank	Park/trail	Agency	(1,000's)	visitation
1	Mpls. Chain-of-Lakes RP	MPRB	5,554.6	18%
2	Mississippi Gorge RP	MPRB/St. Paul	2,407.7	26%
3	Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	St. Paul	2,218.4	34%
4	Minnehaha Parkway RT	MPRB	2,187.7	41%
5	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	MPRB	1,260.6	45%
6	Hyland/Bush/Anderson PR	Three Rivers/Bloomington	1,203.2	49%
7	Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	MPRB	1,062.8	53%
8	Phalen/Keller RP	Ramsey/St. Paul	798.1	56%
9	Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	MPRB	660.3	58%
10	Battle Creek/Indian Mounds RP	Ramsey/St. Paul	616.6	60%
11	Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	Ramsey	616.5	62%
12	Minnehaha RP	MPRB	613.0	64%
13	Bunker Hills RP	Anoka	587.3	66%
14	Cedar Lake RT	MPRB	529.7	68%
15	Rice Creek West RT	Anoka/Ramsey	458.8	69%
	Total		20,775.3	
	Percent of 2002 Visitation		69.1%	

Table 6: Urban Parks Visitation

Agency	2002 Visitation (1,000's)
Minneapolis Parks Total	14,183.6
St. Paul Parks Total	4,565.6
Urban Total	18,749.2
Urban Percentage of 2002 visitation	62.4%

Table 7: Como Visitation - Park and Zoo/Conservatory SRF

Park Unit	2002 Visitation (1,000's)	
Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF 1	1,788.0	81%
Como Park	430.4	19%
Como Total	2,218.4	100%

¹ Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF estimates are based on visitor interviews conducted in 1998 (see Metropolitan Council Publication #78-99-032). That data indicated that 80.6 % of all Como visitors were <u>primarily</u> visiting the Zoo & Conservatory. Please note that these are estimates and that Zoo/Conservatory SRF visitors could possibly use Como RP for secondary activities during their visit. Since the SRF is within the regional park, it is possible to determine the visits to the SRF, but it is not possible to determine visits that were exclusive to Como RP.

Table 8: 2002 Visitation Estimates by Agency for O & M Purposes

	2002 Visitation	% of
Agency	(1,000's)	total
Anoka	2,470.6	8.25777%
Bloomington	716.3	2.39417%
Carver	179.3	0.59942%
Dakota	672.4	2.24737%
Minneapolis	14,183.6	47.40724%
Ramsey	2,647.5	8.84900%
St Paul	4,564.2	15.25536%
Three Rivers PD	3,590.9	12.00212%
Three Rivers/Scott	230.5	0.77043%
Washington	663.3	2.21713%
TOTAL	29,918.6	1.00

Note: O & M visitation estimates do not include Enterprise Facility visitation (downhill skiing at Hyland and Como). Golf course visits are <u>not</u> included in both the overall visitation and the O & M visitation estimates.

Table 9: Regional Parks, Park Reserves, Regional Trails and Special Recreation Features Open for Public Use in 2002

Bogi	onal Parks	Park Agency	Por	ional Trails	Park Agency
1	Anoka Co. Riverfront RP	Anoka Co.	1	Mississippi River RT (Anoka Co.)	Anoka Co.
2	Bunker Hills RP	Anoka Co.	2	Rice Creek N. RT	
3	Lake George RP	Anoka Co.	3	Rice Creek W. RT	Anoka Co./Ramsey Co.
4	Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	Anoka Co.	4	Big Rivers RT	Anoka Co./Ramsey Co. Dakota Co.
5	Rum River RP	Anoka Co.	5	Mississippi River (Dakota)	Dakota Co.
6	Coon Rapids Dam RP	Anoka Co/Three Rivers	6	East Medicine Lake RT	Three Rivers
7	Baylor RP	Carver Co.	7	North Hennepin RT	Three Rivers
8	Lake Minnewashta RP	Carver Co.	8	Scott Co. RT	Three Rivers/Scott Co.
9	Lake Waconia RP	Carver Co.	9	Southwest LRT RT-North	Three Rivers/Scott Co.
10	Lake Byllesby RP	Dakota Co.	10	Southwest LRT RT-South	Three Rivers
11	Lebanon Hills RP	Dakota Co.	11	Cedar Lake RT	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.
12	Bryant Lake RP	Three Rivers	12	Minnehaha Parkway RT	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.
13	Clifton E. French RP	Three Rivers	13	Wirth Memorial Pkwy. RT	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.
14	Eagle Lake RP	Three Rivers	14	Birch Lake RT	•
15	Fish Lake RP	Three Rivers	15	Hwy 96 RT - Shoreview	Ramsey Co.
16	Lake Minnetonka Islands	Three Rivers	16	Hwy 96 RT - White Bear	Ramsey Co. Ramsey Co.
17	Lake Minnetonka RP	Three Rivers	17	Burlington Northern RT	•
18	Cleary Lake RP	Three Rivers/Scott Co.	18	-	Ramsey Co./St. Paul St. Paul
19	Central Miss. Riverfront RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	19	Mississippi River RT (St. Paul) Central Anoka RT	Anoka
20	Minnehaha RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	20	East Hennepin Corridor RT	Three Rivers
21	Mpls. Chain-of-Lakes RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	21	Northwest Hennepin RT	Three Rivers
22	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	22	Hutchinson Spur RT	
23	Theodore Wirth RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	22	Hutchinson Spur KT	Three Rivers
24	North Mississippi RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd./Three Rivers	8000	ial Recreation Features	
25	Mississippi Gorge RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd./ffliee Rivers	1	Noerenberg Gardens SRF	Three Rivers
26	Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	Ramsey Co.	2	Como Conservatory	St. Paul
27	Long Lake RP	Ramsey Co.	3	Como Zoo	St. Paul
28	Snail Lake (Grass-Vadnais-Snail) RP	Ramsey Co.	4	Square Lake SRF	
29	Battle Creek & Indian Mounds RP	Ramsey Co./St. Paul	7	Oquale Lake ON	Washington Co.
30	Como RP	St. Paul	72	TOTAL UNITS	
31	Harriet Island-Lilydale & Cherokee Heights RP	St. Paul	12	TOTAL DIVIS	
32	Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	St. Paul	-		
33	Phalen-Keller RP	St. Paul/Ramsey Co.			
34	Cottage Grove Ravine RP	Washington Co.			
35	St. Croix Bluffs RP	Washington Co.			
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Park	Reserves				
1	Rice Creek Chain-of-Lakes PR	Anoka Co.			
2	Miesville Ravine PR	Dakota Co.			
3	Spring Lake PR	Dakota Co.			
4	Baker PR	Three Rivers	1		I
5	Carver PR	Three Rivers			
6	Crow-Hassan PR	Three Rivers	1		į
7	Elm Creek PR	Three Rivers			
8	Lake Rebecca PR	Three Rivers			
9	Hyland-Bush-Anderson L. PR	Three Rivers/Bloomington			
10	Murphy-Hanrehan PR	Three Rivers/Scott Co.	1		
11	Lake Elmo PR	Washington Co.	1		

Table 10: Comparison of Estimated Visits by Implementing Agency: 1982 and 2002

	1982		2002		
Agency	Visitation	Distribution	Visitation	Distribution	
Anoka	376	4%	2,471	8%	
Bloomington	155	2%	716	2%	
Carver	30	0%	179	1%	
Dakota	212	3%	672	2%	
Mpls Park & Rec. Board	3,621	43%	14,184	47%	
Ramsey Co.	388	5%	2,647	9%	
St. Paul	2,197	26%	4,566	15%	
Three Rivers	1,379	16%	3,970	13%	
Washington	22	0%	663	2%	
Totals	8,380	100%	30,069	100%	

Note: Over the last 20 years there has been a significant increase in the use of the system during the non-summer months, especially on trails. This is a result of metropolitan area residents using parks and trails for daily exercise programs, which result in increased use across the year, but especially during the spring and fall seasons.

Table 11: Visitor Origin by Agency - 2002

		Number and percent of visits from people who live in the following agency jurisdictions:													
Agency	Total visits (1,000's)	Anoka	Bloomington	Carver	Dakota	Minneapolis	Ramsey	St Paul	Three Rivers (Hennepin)	Three Rivers (Scott)	Washington	Other MN	Out of state	Foreign	TOTAL
Anoka County Total Visitation Anoka Visitation by Percent	2,470.6 100.0%	1,346.0 54.5%	< 0.1%	3.5 0.1%	59.7 2.4%	152.3 6.2%	311.8 12.6%	85.6 3.5%	328.7 13.3%	< 0.1%	55.0 2.2%	72.5 2.9%	47.0 1.9%	8.4 0.3%	2,470.6 100.0%
City of Bloomington Total Visitation	716.3	11.5	280.8	17.2	59.5	65.2	5.7	11.5	210.6	14.3	5.7	8.6	25.8	-	716.3
Bloomington Visitation by Percent	100.0%	1.6%	39.2%	2.4%	8.3%	9.1%	0.8%	1.6%	29.4%	2.0%	0.8%	1.2%	3.6%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Carver County Total Visitation	179.3	1.6	< 0.1%	73.7	1.9	7.4	1.1	-	34.1	6.5	-	48.7	4.3	-	179.3
Carver Visitation by Percent	100.0%	0.9%		41.1%	1.1%	4.1%	0.6%	< 0.1%	19.0%	3.6%	< 0.1%	27.2%	2.4%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Dakota County Total Visitation	672.4	11.5	< 0.1%	-	458.2	32.6	12.8	38.7	27.1	4.6	6,5	40.7	31.5	8.1	672.4
Dakota Visitation by Percent	100.0%	1.7%		< 0.1%	68.2%	4.9%	1.9%	5.8%	4.0%	0.7%	1.0%	6.1%	4.7%	1.2%	100.0%
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Bd Total Visitation Minneapolis Visitation by Percent	14,183.6 100.0%	83,6 0.6%	- < 0.1%	21.5 0.2%	423.5 3.0%	9,881.3 69.7%	109.2 0.8%	842.9 5.9%	2,201.4 15.5%	32.1 0.2%	56.2 0.4%	199.7 1.4%	332.4 2.3%	< 0.1%	14,183.6 100.0%
Ramsey County Total Visitation	2,647.5	241.0	-	1.9	52.1	89.9	1,315.6	606.2	65.4	< 0.1%	197.9	34.1	42.2	1.1	2,647.5
Ramsey Visitation by Percent	100.0%	9.1%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	2.0%	3.4%	49.7%	22.9%	2.5%		7.5%	1.3%	1.6%	0.0%	99.93%
City of St. Paul Total Visitation	4.565.6	124.4	-	7.6	319.9	587.8	509.3	1,695.3	286.0	10.4	320.0	324.1	372.4	8.3	4,565.6
St. Paul Visitation by Percent	100.0%	2.7%	< 0.1%	0.2%	7.0%	12.9%	11.2%	37.1%	6.3%	0.2%	7.0%	7.1%	8.2%	0.2%	100.0%
Three Rivers PD Total Visitation	3,739.4	268.5	189.5	164.5	90.6	263.0	50.0	45.7	2,367.7	35.6	19.7	168.8	70.3	5.2	
Three Rivers PD Visitation by Percent	100.0%	7.2%	5.1%	4.4%	2.4%	7.0%	1.3%	1.2%	63.3%	1.0%	0.5%	4.5%	1.9%	0.1%	
Three Rivers/Scott Co. Total Visitation Three Rivers/Scott Co. Visitation by Percent	230.5 100.0%	6.2 2.7%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	89.7 38.9%	2.1 0.9%	- < 0.1%	- < 0.1%	26.5 11.5%	81.6 35.4%	< 0.1%	12.2 5.3%	12.2 5.3%	- < 0.1%	230.5 100.0%
Washington County Total Visitation	663.3	9.1	-	2.6	89.0	16.2	50.8	109.7	22.6	1.4	301.6	6.8	52.7	0.8	663.3
Washington Visitation by Percent	100.0%	1.4%	< 0.1%	0.4%	13.4%	2.4%	7.7%	16.5%	3.4%	0.2%	45.5%	1.0%	7.9%	0.1%	100.0%
TOTAL VISITATION	30,068.5	2,103.4	470.3	292.5	1,644.1	11,097.8	2,366.4	3,435.5	5,570.2	186.5	962.6	916.3	990.8	31.9	30,068.5
TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENT	100.0%	7.0%	1.6%	1.0%	5.5%	36.9%	7.9%	11.4%	18.5%	0.6%	3.2%	3.0%	3.3%	0.1%	100.0%

NOTES:

All visits are listed in units of 1,000

Local Visits are defined as visits to a park by visitors who reside in that Park Agency's jurisdiction. Local visits for each agency are in bold and are highlighted.

Table 12: Local, Regional, Greater MN and Out-of-state Visitation by Agency - 2002

Table 12: Local, Regional, Greater Win	and Out-of-state Visitation by Agency - 2002 Number and percent of visits by visitors who live in the following								
	jurisdictions:								
		Local	Greater						
Agency	Total	Agency*	Non-local, Regional	MN	Out of State				
Anoka County Total visitation	2,470.6	1,346.0	996.8	72.5	55.4				
Anoka Visitation by Percent	100.0%	54.5%	40.3%	2.9%	2.2%				
City of Bloomington Total Visitation	716.3	280.8	401.1	8.6	25.8				
Bloomington Visitation by Percent	100.0%	39.2%	56.0%	1.2%	3.6%				
Onesan County Total Winitedian	170.2	73.7	F0.6	40.7	4.2				
Carver County Total Visitation	179.3 100.0%	73.7 41.1 %	52.6 29.3 %	48.7 27.2 %	4.3				
Carver Visitation by Percent	100.0%	41.176	29.3%	21.276	2.4%				
Dakota County Total Visitation	672.4	458.2	133.9	40.7	39.5				
Dakota Visitation by Percent	100.0%	68.2%	19.9%	6.1%	5.9%				
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board Total Visitation	14,183.6	9,881.3	3,770.3	199.7	332.4				
Minneapolis Visitation by Percent	100.0%	69.7%	26.6%	1.4%	2.3%				
			4.00.						
Ramsey County Total Visitation	2,647.5	1,315.6	1,254.4	34.1	43.3				
Ramsey Visitation by Percent	100.0%	49.7%	47.4%	1.3%	1.6%				
City of St. Paul Total Visitation	4,565.6	1,695.3	2,165.4	324.1	380.7				
St. Paul Visitation by Percent	100.0%	37.1%	47.4%	7.1%	8.3%				
Three Rivers PD Total Visitation	3,739.4	2,367.7	1,127.3	168.8	75.6				
Three Rivers PD Visitation by Percent	100.0%	63.3%	30.1%	4.5%	2.0%				
Three Rivers/Scott County Total Visitation	230.5	81.6	124.5	12.2	12.2				
Three Rivers/Scott Visitation by Percent	100.0%	35.4%	54.0%	5.3%	5.3%				
Washington County Total Visitation	663.3	301.6	301.4	6.8	53.5				
Washington County Total Visitation Washington Visitation by Percent	100.0%	45.5%	45.4%	1.0%	აა.ა 8.1 %				
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TOTAL VISITATION	30,068.5	17,801.8	10,327.6	916.3	1,022.8				
TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENT	100.0%	59.2%	34.3%	3.0%	3.4%				

Notes:

All visits are listed in units of 1,000

Visitor origin data is from the Regional Park Visitor Study performed by the Metropolitan Council in 1998 & 1999. For more information, please refer to Council Publication #'s 78-99-032 & 78-99-042

^{*} Local Visits are defined as visits to a park by visitors who reside in that Park Agency's jurisdiction.

Table 13: Top Activities in the Regional Park System - 2002

Activity	% of park activity occasions ¹	# of park activity occasions	% of trail activity occasions ²	# of trail activity occasions	Total # of activity occasions	% of total visits
Walking/hiking	30%	6,961	39%	3,588	10,549	35%
Biking	13%	3,013	31%	2,902	5,915	20%
Swimming/wading	21%	4,999	0%	-	4,999	17%
Picnicking	16%	3,784	0%	-	3,784	13%
Relaxing ³	15%	3,527	0%	-	3,527	12%
Jogging/running	6%	1,448	17%	1,604	3,052	10%
Zoo visits	11%	2,570	0%	-	2,570	9%
Playground use	10%	2,336	0%	-	2,336	8%
Sunbathing	8%	1,915	0%	- 1	1,915	6%
In-line skating	4%	1,004	7%	603	1,607	5%
Fishing	6%	1,355	0%	- [1,355	5%
Dog-walking	1%	140	6%	528	669	2%

	Regional Parks	Regional Trails	System-wide
2002 system-wide visits			
(in 1,000's of visits)	23,359.2	6,709.3	30,068.5
% of 2002 visits	78%	22%	

Notes:

Visits and occasions are reported in units of 1,000

Visitor origin data is from the Regional Park Visitor Study performed by the Metropolitan Council in 1998 & 1999. For more information, please refer to Council Publication #'s 78-99-032 & 78-99-042

¹ Visitors could do more than one activity during their visit to a regional park. Each time they did an activity, it was considered an activity occasion. Consequently, the total number of activity occasions is greater than the actual number of visits.

² For trail visits, visitors were asked to indicate only their primary trail activity. Consequently, each trail activity occasion represents one visit. However, it is believed that most trail visits involved only one activity.

³ "Relaxing" was a general activity on a list of activities that park visitors used to indicate what they did during their park visit. This activity was not specifically defined.

Table 14: Measuring Park Visitation: Comparison of Visits and Visit-Hours for Year 2002

Agency	Park/Trail	VISITS Total (1,000's)	Visit HOURS Total (1,000's)
Anoka	Anoka Co. Riverfront RP	251.3	603.06
Anoka	Bunker Hills RP	587.3	2,241.4
Anoka	Coon Rapids Dam RP	325.3	878.2
Anoka	Lake George RP	215.3	753.6
Anoka	Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	107.3	371.9
Anoka	Mississippi River RT	145.7	189.4
Anoka	Rice Creek Chain PR	266.3	948.2
Anoka	Rice Creek N. RT	83.7	83.7
Anoka	Rice Creek W. RT	338.0	405.6
Anoka	Rum River Central RP	42.5	135.0
Anoka	Central Anoka RT	108.0	118.8
	Anoka County Total Visitation	2,470.6	6,728.8
	Share of Total visitation	8.3%	10.9%
Bloomington	Bush/Normandale Lake RP	716.3	1,432.6
		2.4%	2.3%
Carver	Baylor RP	56.2	288.1
Carver	Lake Waconia RP	31.2	131.0
Carver	Lake Minnewashta RP	92.0	321.8
<u> </u>	Carver County Total Visitation	179.3	740.9
	Journal County Fords Violation	0.6%	1.2%
Dakota	Big Rivers RT	113.1	4F0 4
*************************************			158.4
Dakota	Lake Byllesby RP	96.3	425.4
Dakota	Lebanon Hills	306.0	1,021.5
Dakota	Spring Lake PR	96.3	311.5
Dakota	Mississippi River RT	25.4	33.1
Dakota	Miesville Ravine RP	35.2	95.0
	Dakota County Total Visitation	672.4	2,044.9
		2.2%	3.3%

Table 14: Measuring Park Visitation: Comparison of Visits and Visit-Hours for Year 2002

Agency	Park/Trail	VISITS Total (1,000's)	Visit HOURS Total (1,000's)
Mpls	Cedar Lake RT	529.7	688.6
Mpls	Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	660.3	1,386.7
Mpls	Mpls. Chain-of-Lakes RP	5,554.6	7,776.4
Mpls	Minnehaha RP	613.0	1,226.0
Mpls	Minnehaha Parkway RT	2,187.7	3,062.8
Mpls	Mississippi Gorge RP - Mpls only	1,795.7	2,334.5
Mpls	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	1,260.6	2,395.2
Mpls	North Mississippi RP	179.3	340.7
Mpls	Theodore Wirth RP	339.8	1,087.3
Mpls	Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	1,062.8	1,381.7
	Minneapolis Park & Rec. Bd Total Visitation	14,183.6 47.4%	21,679.8 35.0%
		47.470	33.0 /0
TRPD	Morris T. Baker PR	365.1	1,840.2
TRPD	Bryant Lake RP	149.9	434.7
TRPD	Carver PR	114.6	423.8
TRPD	Clifton E. French RP	454.3	1,226.7
TRPD	Coon Rapids Dam RP-Hennepin	64.7	174.7
TRPD	Crow-Hassan PR	24.3	110.8
TRPD	Elm Creek PR	317.4	1,222.6
TRPD	Eagle Lake RP	10.3	10.3
TRPD	East Medicine Lake RT	157.7	268.1
TRPD	Fish Lake RP	96.6	251.1
TRPD	Hyland Lake PR (Does NOT include Downhill ski visits)	338.4	1,036.2
TRPD	Lake Rebecca PR	121.6	402.8
TRPD	Lake Minnetonka RP	142.0	440.1
TRPD	Lake Minnetonka Islands	65.6	203.4
TRPD	Noerenberg Gardens SRF	56.6	56.6
TRPD	North Hennepin RT	280.1	476.1
TRPD	North Mississippi RP	43.0	133.4
TRPD	Southwest LRT RT-North	224.5	404.2
TRPD	Southwest LRT RT-South	207.1	310.7
TRPD	East Corridor RT	141.1	254.0
TRPD	Hutchinson Spur RT	205.1	369.2
TRPD	Northwest Hennepin RT	10.9	19.5
	Three Rivers PD Total Visitation	3,590.9	10,069.5
		12.0%	16.3%

Table 14: Measuring Park Visitation: Comparison of Visits and Visit-Hours for Year 2002

Agency	Park/Trail	VISITS Total (1,000's)	Visit HOURS Total (1,000's)
TRPD/Scott	Cleary Lake RP	153.7	640.9
TRPD/Scott	Murphy-Hanrehan PR	28.8	94.9
TRPD/Scott	Scott County RT	48.0	76.8
	Three Rivers/Scott Co. Total Visitation	230.5	812.6
		0.8%	1.3%
Ramsey	Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	107.1	364.1°
Ramsey	Battle Creek RP	496.8	894.2
Ramsey	Birch Lake RT	100.3	90.3
Ramsey	Burlington Northern RT - Ramsey only	147.7	206.8
Ramsey	Highway 96 RT - all segments	272.0	244.8
Ramsey	Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	616.5	1,602.8
Ramsey	Keller RP	276.4	718.6
Ramsey	Long Lake RP	378.6	984.3
Ramsey	Rice Creek North RT	131.4	131.4
Ramsey	Rice Creek West RT- Ramsey only	120.9	145.0
	Ramsey County Total Visitation	2,647.5	5,382.2
		8.8%	8.7%
St Paul	Burlington Northern RT - St. Paul only	88.3	123.6
St Paul	Cherokee Heights RP	202.8	365.1
St Paul	Como Park (non-zoo) (Does NOT include Downhill ski visits)	429.0	1,029.5
St Paul	Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF	1,788.0	5,185.3
St Paul	Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	232.0	487.2
St Paul	Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	385.5	693.8
St Paul	Indian Mounds RP ^A	119.8	215.7
St Paul	Mississippi Gorge RP - St. Paul only	612.0	795.6
St Paul	Mississippi River RT- St. Paul	185.1	240.7
St Paul	Phalen RP	521.7	1,356.3
	City of St. Paul Total Visitation	4,564.2	10,492.8
		15.3%	16.9%

Table 14: Measuring Park Visitation: Comparison of Visits and Visit-Hours for Year 2002

Agency	Park/Trail	VISITS Total (1,000's)	Visit HOURS Total (1,000's)
Washington	Cottage Grove Ravine RP	16.8	20.1.
Washington	Lake Elmo PR	414.5	1,525.4
Washington	Square Lake SRF	86.8	286.4
Washington	St. Croix Bluffs RP	145.2	717.4
	Washington County Total Visitation	663.3 2.2%	2,549.5 4.1%
	TOTAL VISITATION	29,918.6	61,933.5

Notes: Visits and visit-hours do NOT include downhill ski visits at Hyland or Como.

Visitor hours were computed from average length of stay for day visits for individual parks. For Bloomington, average length of stay was adjusted from 3 hours (determined by surveys of beach/picnic area users) to 2 hours to reflect the trail use around Normandale Lake. For Minneapolis Chain of Lakes, average length of stay was adjusted from 1.2 (trail users average visit length) to 1.4 hours to reflect use of non-trail facilities. Noerenberg Gardens had too few cases to determine average length of stay - for that park it was estimated to be 1 hour. There is no length of visit data for a few other parks and trails. In those cases, either the agency average or data from a similar park/trail was used. Visitor hours for camping visits were based on 12 hour days within the park less 6 hours each on teh first and last days of the camp visit. All length of stay and camping data is from the 1998/99 Regional Parks Visitor Study. For further information on those studies, please refer to Council Publications # 78-99-032 & #78-00-042.

Table 15: Visitor Hours by Origin - 2002

			Number and percent of visit hours from people who live in the following agency jurisdictions:													
Agency	Total visitor hours for 2000	TOTAL	Anoka	Bloomington	Carver	Dakota	Minneapolis	Ramsey	St Paul	Three Rivers- Hennepin	Three Rivers- Scott	Washington	Other MN	Out of state	Foreign	TOTAL
Anoka County Total Visitation	6,728.8		3,727.6	-	13.0	192.8	385.9	569.1	263.1	964.7	-	184.5	242.7	157.7	27.6	6,728.8
Anoka Visitation by Percent	100.0%		55.4%	< 0.1%	0.2%	2.9%	5.7%	8.5%	3.9%	14.3%	< 0.1%	2.7%	3.6%	2.3%	0.4%	100.0
City of Bloomington Total Visitation	1,432.6	1.0	22.9	561.6	34.4	118.9	130.4	11.5	22.9	421.2	28.7	11.5	17.2	51.6	-	1,432.6
Bloomington Visitation by Percent	100.0%		1.6%	39.2%	2.4%	8.3%	9.1%	0.8%	1.6%	29.4%	2.0%	0.8%	1.2%	3.6%	< 0.1%	100.09
Carver County Total Visitation Carver Visitation by Percent	740.9 100.0%	4 .0	5.5 0.7%	- < 0.1%	319.9 43.2%	10.1 1.4%	30.8 4.2%	5.8 0.8%	- < 0.1%	135.5 18.3%	24.1 3.3%	- < 0.1%	190.8 25.7%	18.4 2.5%	< 0.1%	740.9 100.09
Dakota County Total Visitation	2,044.9	9.0	39.4	-	-	1,242.8	89.1	33.4	74.1	71.7	23.5	17.6	169.7	220.8	62.9	2,044.9
Dakota Visitation by Percent	100.0%		1.9%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	60.8%	4.4%	1.6%	3.6%	3.5%	1.1%	0.9%	8.3%	10.8%	3.1%	100.09
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Bd Total Visitation	21,679.8	10.0	149.9	-	36.4	706.4	14,910.6	194.7	1,254.7	3,320.6	45.8	98.6	346.3	615.7	-	21,679.8
Minneapolis Visitation by Percent	100.0%		0.7%	< 0.1%	0.2%	3.3%	68.8%	0.9%	5.8%	15.3%	0.2%	0.5%	1.6%	2.8%	< 0.1%	100.09
Ramsey County Total Visitation	5,382.2	10.0	532.9	-	1.7	116.9	191.2	2,455.7	1,359.4	133.9	-	412.8	78.7	96.2	2.9	5,382.2
Ramsey Visitation by Percent	100.0%		9.9%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	2.2%	3.6%	45.6%	25.3%	2.5%	< 0.1% ₁	7.7%	1.5%	1.8%	0.1%	99.97
City of St. Paul Total Visitation	10,492.8	10.0	348.6	-	21.8	671.3	1,111.1	1,266.4	3,549.3	701.1	19.7	828.9	913.9	1,044.3	16.3	10,492,1
St. Paul Visitation by Percent	100.0%		3.3%	< 0.1%	0.2%	6.4%	10.6%	12.1%	33.8%	6.7%	0.2%	7.9%	8.7%	10.0%	0.2%	100.0
Three Rivers PD Total Visitation Three Rivers PD Visitation by Percent	10,069.5 100.0%	28.0	749.7 7.4%	393.8 3.9%	460.8 4.6%	292.7 2.9%	767.5 7.6%	142.2 1.4%	126.4 1.3%	6,038.3 60.0%	115.7 1.1%	54.7 0.5%	575.3 5.7%	336.1 3.3%	16.3 0.2%	10,069.8 100.0
Three Rivers/Scott Co. Total Visitation Three Rivers/Scott Co. by Percent	812.6 100.0%	4.0	21.9 2.7%	- < 0.1%	- < 0.1%	316.1 38.9%	7.3 0.9%	- < 0.1%	- < 0.1%	93.5 11.5%	287.7 35.4%	- < 0.1%	43.1 5.3%	43.1 5.3%	< 0.1%	812.6 100.09
Washington County Total Visitation	2,549.5	6.0	39.1	-	11.4	360.5	62.0	186.0	419.0	92.6	9.6	1,085.3	50.7	229.8	3.4	2,549.
Washington Visitation by Percent	100.0%		1.5%	< 0.1%	0.4%	14.1%	2.4%	7.3%	16.4%	3.6%	0.4%	42.6%	2.0%	9.0%	0.1%	100.0
TOTAL VISITATION TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENT	61,933.5 100.0%	82.0	5,637.6 9.1%	955.4 1.5%	899.4 1.5%	4,028.5 6,5%	17,686.0 28.6%	4,864.6 7.9%	7,069.0 11.4%	11,973.0 19.3%	554.7 0.9%	2,693.8 4.3%	2,628.4 4.2%	2,813.6 4.5%	129.4 0.2%	61,933.5 100.09

NOTES:

All visit hours are listed in units of 1,000

Visit-hours do NOT include downhill ski visits at Hyland or Como.

Local Visit Hours are defined as visit hours to a park by visitors who reside in that Park Agency's jurisdiction. Local visits for each agency are in bold and are highlighted.

Visitor origin data is from the Regional Park Visitor Study performed by the Metropolitan Council in 1998 & 1999. For more information, please refer to Council Publication #'s 78-99-032 & 78-99-042

Table 16: Regional Park System Educational Visits: 2002

	In-Park Education Vis	ark Education Visits (1,000's)					
Park Implementing Agency	School group children	Misc. dult/children formal programs	Outreach Education Visits (1,000's)				
Anoka	30.3	7.5	23.0	60.8			
Bloomington	-	-	-	-			
Carver	•	-	-	-			
Dakota	-	-	0.4	0.4			
MPRB	-	-	-	-			
Ramsey	6.8	9.8		16.6			
St. Paul	-	-	-	-			
Three Rivers Park District	33.2	10.7	19.9	63.8			
Washington	1.3	-	-	1.3			
Totals	71.6	28.0	43.3	142.9			

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