

Annual Use Estimate of the Metropolitan Regional Parks System for 2004

**Based on a four-year average of visitation
data from 2001 through 2004**

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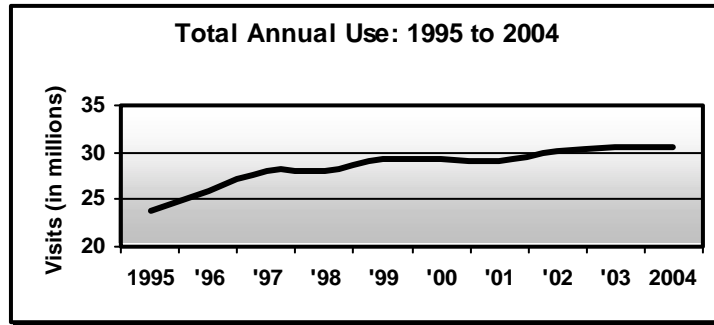
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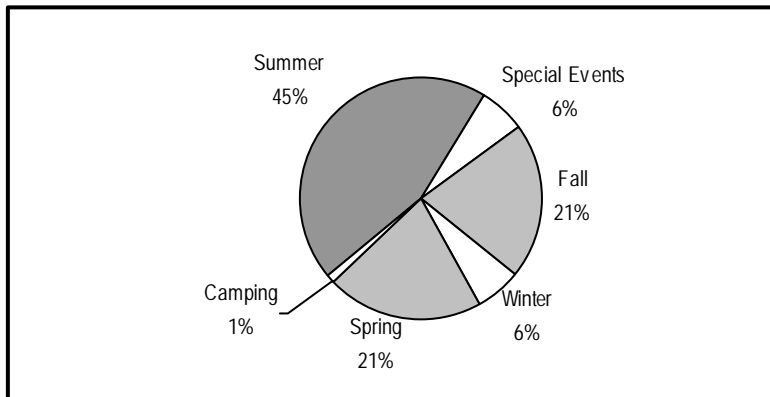
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Executive Summary

- An estimated 30,473,900 visits were made to the metropolitan Regional Parks System in 2004. Visitation decreased 0.1 percent, or about 40,000 visits, from the 2003 estimate. The decrease is primarily attributed to the rainy and colder than average summer of 2004.
- Annual use has increased 28 percent since 1995, when visits were estimated at 23.9 million. Forty percent of the increase is attributed to the addition of new parks and trails.



- Distribution of use by seasonal day use, camping and special events:



- The five most-visited regional parks and reserves in 2004 were:

Park/Reserve/Trail	2004 Visits
1. Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park	5,410,500
2. Como Regional Park, Zoo and Conservatory	2,214,700
3. Mississippi Gorge Regional Park (<i>Minneapolis & St. Paul</i>)	1,971,900
4. Minnehaha Parkway	1,858,700
5. Hyland-Bush-Anderson Park Reserve	1,121,900

- 219,800 children and adults participated in the regional parks system's environmental education programs.
- Fifty-eight 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.
- Walking is the top activity in the regional parks system (35 percent of all visits involved walking as an activity), followed by biking (20 percent), swimming (17 percent) and picnicking (13 percent).

Acknowledgements

The metropolitan Regional Parks System is owned and managed by 10 county or city implementing agencies. Each agency is responsible for conducting the annual counts for their Regional Parks System units. Over 3,000 staff hours across agencies are put into the annual use counts, along with significant amounts of staff training and oversight. Without the help of the implementing agencies, the annual use estimate would not be possible. The agencies and their count supervisors are:

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City of Bloomington – Mark Morrison

Carver County – Lenny Schmitz

Dakota County – Doug Gross

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board – Belinda Davis

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Introduction

The metropolitan Regional Parks System open for public use in 2004 encompassed approximately 52,000 acres of parkland and included 35 regional parks, 11 park reserves, 5 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; however, data is reported separately for Scott County.

This report presents annual use estimates for the 73-unit Regional Parks System, estimated from data collected from 2001 through 2004. 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.

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

How the annual use estimate is calculated

The annual use estimate is based on the average of four years (2001 – 2004) 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 individually. To determine the number of people entering in vehicles or buses, a person-per-vehicle average is multiplied by the number of vehicles or buses in each count. The person-per-vehicle averages come from the 1998 Regional Parks Visitor Study.

Counts are taken in two-hour samples between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Two-hour samples begin at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.. The entrances and times are randomly chosen, with the samples split evenly between weekdays and weekends. To accurately estimate summer use, at least 25 samples on weekends and 25 samples on weekdays in each park and trail are necessary, but it is cost-prohibitive to do 50 samples per park and trail every year. Consequently, the samples for the current year and the three previous years are combined to determine the annual use for each park and trail. For each year, at least 16 samples are drawn for each park and trail. The four-year approach results in a minimum of 32 samples on weekends and 32 samples on weekdays, which meets the statistical requirements for estimate use.

The four-year approach 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 underestimates increased visitation associated with a major new 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 overestimates for temporary closures or underestimates 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.

Summer visitation is 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. Winter, spring and fall seasonal visitation estimates are then calculated from the summer visitation using seasonal multipliers developed from the 1998/99 regional park and trail visitor studies done by the Council. Camping visits are also added to the annual estimate. A camping visit is defined as a camper in the park for any part of a day, so a family of four who camped one night would be counted as 8 total visits. Special events are also added to the annual use estimate when the attendance was greater than 300 people. Camping and special event data are not averaged across four years since the implementing agencies have records reflecting those types of visits on an annual basis.

Table 1: 2004 Visitation

Agency/Park	Summer		Winter		Spring/Fall		Other *		Total Visits (1,000's)	O & M Grant Adjustments
	visits (1,000's)	use multiplier	visits (1,000's)	use multiplier	visits (1,000's)	use multiplier	Camping (1,000's)	Special Events (1,000's)		
ANOKA COUNTY:										
Anoka Co. Riverfront RP ¹	117.5	0.210	24.7	1.32	155.1	-	0.3	297.7		
Bunker Hills RP	316.0	0.062	19.6	0.60	189.6	7.8	42.8	575.8		
Central Anoka RT	33.3	0.267	8.9	1.59	53.0	-	-	95.2		
Coon Rapids Dam RP	209.7	0.062	13.0	0.60	125.8	-	17.4	365.9		
Lake George RP	126.2	0.062	7.8	0.60	75.7	-	23.3	233.1		
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	56.8	0.062	3.5	0.60	34.1	1.8	18.0	114.1		
Mississippi River RT	47.0	0.267	12.5	1.59	74.7	-	-	134.2		
Rice Creek Chain PR	161.0	0.062	10.0	0.60	96.6	10.9	50.8	329.2		
Rice Creek N. RT	27.4	0.267	7.3	1.59	43.5	-	-	78.2		
Rice Creek W. RT	138.6	0.267	37.0	1.59	220.3	-	-	395.9		
Rum River Central RP	39.4	0.062	2.4	0.60	23.7	0.3	0.3	66.1		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	1,026.6		81.0		700.6	20.8	152.9	1,982.0		
RT subtotals	246.2		65.7		391.5	-	-	703.5		
Subtotal:	1,272.9		146.8		1,092.1	20.8	152.9	2,685.5		2,685.5

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BLOOMINGTON:										
Bush and Normandale Lakes RP	334.2	0.062	20.7	0.60	200.5	-	7.2	562.6		
Subtotal:	334.2		20.7		200.5	-	7.2	562.6		562.6

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CARVER COUNTY:										
Baylor RP	20.3	0.062	1.3	0.60	12.2	26.0	4.1	63.8		
Lake Minnewashta RP	58.5	0.062	3.6	0.60	35.1	-	5.5	102.8		
Lake Waconia RP	20.2	0.000	0.0	0.60	12.1	-	6.1	38.4		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	99.0		4.9		59.4	26.0	15.7	205.0		
RT subtotals	0.0		0.0		0.0	-	-	-		
Subtotal:	99.0		4.9		59.4	26.0	15.7	205.0		205.0

Notes:

All visits are listed in units of 1,000 (i.e., "50.5" is equivalent to 50,500 visits)

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¹ In this park the majority of users are trail users. The multipliers were adjusted to reflect the mix of trail and park use.

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DAKOTA COUNTY:										
Big Rivers RT	34.4	0.267	9.2	1.59	54.7	-	-	-	98.2	
Lake Byllesby RP	45.1	0.062	2.8	0.60	27.1	15.8	0.1	-	90.9	
Lebanon Hills RP	259.4	0.062	16.1	0.60	155.6	30.3	47.5	-	508.9	
Miesville Ravine PR	16.5	0.000	0.0	0.60	9.9	-	0.1	-	26.5	
Mississippi River RT	7.5	0.267	2.0	1.59	12.0	-	-	-	21.5	
Spring Lake PR	65.7	0.062	4.1	0.60	39.4	10.2	3.4	-	122.7	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	386.7		23.0		232.0	56.3	51.1	-	749.0	
RT subtotals	41.9		11.2		66.7	-	-	-	119.8	
Subtotal:	428.6		34.1		298.7	56.3	51.1	-	868.8	868.8

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD:										
Cedar Lake RT	152.8	0.267	40.8	1.59	242.9	-	-	-	436.5	
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	419.3	0.062	26.0	0.60	251.6	-	147.4	-	844.2	
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP ²	2,049.4	0.226	463.2	1.39	2,848.7	-	49.3	-	5,410.5	
Minnehaha Parkway RT	649.8	0.267	173.5	1.59	1,033.1	-	2.3	-	1,858.7	
Minnehaha RP	415.4	0.062	25.8	0.60	249.2	-	10.2	-	700.5	
Mississippi Gorge RP	435.8	0.267	116.4	1.59	693.0	-	9.3	-	1,254.5	
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	597.4	0.062	37.0	0.60	358.4	-	6.1	-	998.9	
North Mississippi RP	147.7	0.062	9.2	0.60	88.6	-	-	-	245.5	
Theodore Wirth RP	235.4	0.062	14.6	0.60	141.2	-	-	-	391.2	
Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	283.8	0.267	75.8	1.59	451.3	-	1.8	-	812.7	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	4,300.3		692.1		4,630.7	-	222.3	-	9,845.4	
RT subtotals	1,086.4		290.1		1,727.4	-	4.1	-	3,107.9	
Subtotal:	5,386.7		982.1		6,358.1	-	226.4	-	12,953.3	12,953.3

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RAMSEY COUNTY									
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	74.5	0.062	4.6	0.60	44.7	-	11.7	135.5	
Battle Creek RP	275.7	0.062	17.1	0.60	165.4	-	32.4	490.6	
Birch Lake RT	30.3	0.267	8.1	1.59	48.3	-	-	86.7	
Bruce Vento RT	72.7	0.267	19.4	1.59	115.7	-	-	207.8	
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	335.6	0.062	20.8	0.60	201.4	-	3.7	561.5	
Highway 96 RT	84.0	0.267	22.4	1.59	133.5	-	-	239.9	
Keller RP	202.2	0.062	12.5	0.60	121.3	-	0.7	336.7	
Long Lake RP	264.7	0.062	16.4	0.60	158.8	-	22.0	462.0	
Rice Creek North RT	38.3	0.267	10.2	1.59	60.9	-	-	109.4	
Rice Creek West RT	45.3	0.267	12.1	1.59	72.1	-	-	129.6	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	1,152.8		71.5		691.7	-	70.5	1,986.4	
RT subtotals	270.7		72.3		430.4	-	-	773.4	
Subtotal:	1,423.5		143.7		1,122.1	-	70.5	2,759.8	2,759.8

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CITY OF ST. PAUL³									
Bruce Vento RT	38.6	0.267	10.3	1.59	61.4	-	1.0	111.3	
Cherokee Heights RP	89.8	0.062	5.6	0.60	53.9	-	0.4	149.6	Downhill Ski (1.5)
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	1,207.8	0.062	74.9	0.60	724.7	-	207.2	2,214.5	
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	141.7	0.062	8.8	0.60	85.0	-	2.1	237.7	
Indian Mounds RP	83.0	0.062	5.1	0.60	49.8	-	1.4	139.4	
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	204.7	0.062	12.7	0.60	122.8	-	628.2	968.5	
Mississippi Gorge RP	245.8	0.267	65.6	1.59	390.8	-	15.2	717.5	
Phalen RP	376.7	0.062	23.4	0.60	226.0	-	39.2	665.3	
Samuel Morgan RT	58.4	0.267	15.6	1.59	92.9	-	1.0	167.9	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	2,349.5		196.1		1,653.1	-	893.7	5,092.4	
RT subtotals	97.0		25.9		154.3	-	2.0	279.3	
Subtotal:	2,446.6		222.0		1,807.4	-	895.7	5,371.6	5,370.1

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Three Rivers Park District									
Baker PR	125.7	0.062	7.8	0.60	75.4	75.5	8.9	293.2	
Bryant Lake RP	91.1	0.062	5.6	0.60	54.6	-	0.1	151.5	
Carver PR	60.6	0.062	3.8	0.60	36.4	25.1	16.1	142.0	
Coon Rapids Dam RP	46.2	0.062	2.9	0.60	27.7	-	5.5	82.3	
Crow-Hassan PR	11.2	0.062	0.7	0.60	6.7	4.3	1.2	24.1	
Eagle Lake RP ^C	14.9	0.062	0.9	0.60	8.9	-	0.7	25.5	
East Corridor RT	72.8	0.267	19.4	1.59	115.8	-	-	208.1	
East Medicine Lake RT	82.8	0.267	22.1	1.59	131.7	-	-	236.7	
Elm Creek PR	198.8	0.062	12.3	0.60	119.3	2.3	59.9	392.5	
Fish Lake RP	47.8	0.062	3.0	0.60	28.7	-	0.1	79.6	
French RP	254.9	0.062	15.8	0.60	152.9	-	1.7	425.3	
Gale Woods SRF ^B	9.9	0.062	0.6	0.60	5.9	-	13.0	29.4	
Hutchinson Spur RT ^C	96.1	0.267	25.7	1.59	152.8	-	-	274.6	
Hyland Lake PR	214.7	0.062	13.3	0.60	128.8	4.3	198.2	559.3	Downhill ski (172.8)
Lake Minnetonka Islands RP ⁴	65.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	-	65.0	
Lake Minnetonka RP	86.9	0.062	5.4	0.60	52.2	-	2.0	146.5	
Lake Rebecca PR	55.2	0.062	3.4	0.60	33.1	4.9	10.6	107.2	
Noerenberg Gardens SRF	38.3	0.000	0.0	0.60	23.0	-	-	61.2	
North Hennepin RT	82.1	0.267	21.9	1.59	130.5	-	-	234.5	
North Mississippi RP	30.8	0.062	1.9	0.60	18.5	-	3.0	54.2	
Northwest Hennepin RT	6.5	0.267	1.7	1.59	10.4	-	-	18.7	
Southwest LRT RT-North	77.3	0.267	20.6	1.59	122.8	-	1.1	221.8	
Southwest LRT RT-South	89.7	0.267	24.0	1.59	142.7	-	2.0	258.4	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	1,351.9		77.4		772.1	116.4	321.0	2,638.8	
RT subtotals	507.4		135.5		806.8	-	3.1	1,452.8	
Three Rivers PD Subtotal:	1,859.3		212.9		1,578.9	116.4	324.1	4,091.6	3,918.8
Three Rivers PD: Scott County									
Cleary Lake RP	100.5	0.062	6.2	0.60	60.3	12.8	1.7	181.6	
Murphy-Hanrehan PR	13.8	0.062	0.9	0.60	8.3	0.1	2.3	25.3	
Scott County RT	14.6	0.267	3.9	1.59	23.1	-	-	41.6	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	114.3		7.1		68.6	12.9	4.0	206.9	
RT subtotals	14.6		3.9		23.1	-	-	41.6	
Three Rivers - Scott Subtotal:	128.9		11.0		91.7	12.9	4.0	248.5	248.5
Three Rivers TOTAL	1,988.2		223.9		1,670.6	129.3	328.1	4,340.1	4,167.3

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^A 1st year sampled

^B 2nd year sampled

^C 3rd year sampled

⁴ 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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WASHINGTON COUNTY									
Cottage Grove Ravine RP	11.5	0.062	0.7	0.60	6.9	-	0.5	19.6	
Hardwood Creek RT ^A	39.6	0.267	10.6	1.59	62.9	-	-	113.1	
Lake Elmo PR	211.3	0.062	13.1	0.60	126.8	27.8	11.1	390.1	
Square Lake SRF	47.5	0.000	0.0	0.60	28.5	-	5.0	80.9	
St. Croix Bluffs RP	64.7	0.062	4.0	0.60	38.8	13.7	2.4	123.6	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	334.9		17.8		201.0	41.5	19.0	614.2	
RT subtotals	39.6		10.6		62.9	0.0	0.0	113.1	
Subtotal:	374.5		28.4		263.9	41.5	19.0	727.3	727.3

REGIONAL TOTALS

Agency/Park	Summer Visits (1,000's)	Winter Visits (1,000's)	Spring/Fall Visits (1,000's)	Camping Visits (1,000's)	Special Events (1,000's)	Total Visits (1,000's)	O & M Grant Adjusted
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	11,450.2	1,191.5	9,209.6	273.9	1,757.4	23,882.7	
RT subtotals	2,303.8	615.1	3,663.1	-	9.2	6,591.2	
REGIONAL TOTALS	13,754.1	1,806.6	12,872.7	273.9	1,766.6	30,473.9	30,299.6

Notes:

All visits are listed in units of 1,000 (i.e., "50.5" is equivalent to 50,500 visits)

RP = Regional Park; PR = Park Reserve; RT = Regional Trail; SRF = Special Recreation Feature

* 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

Table 2: Special event counts for 2004

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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
ANOKA COUNTY:			
Anoka Co. Riverfront RP		TOTAL:	0.30
	August	Picnic	0.30
Bunker Hills RP		TOTAL:	42.80
	April	North Suburban Striders	0.50
	April	Spring Festival	0.30
	May	Natural Resource Days	0.60
	August	North Side Christian	0.30
	August	Strowing Wedding	0.30
	October	Achievement Night	0.30
	summer	Library Programs	3.30
	Summer	Stables (not included in general count)	22.20
	All Year	Archery Building use (annual use - entrance not part of regular counts)	15.00
Central Anoka RT		None	-
Coon Rapids Dam RP		TOTAL:	17.40
	February	Snowflake Days	0.40
	May	Anoka Hennepin Foundation	0.30
	May	Kid's Fishing Clinic	0.90
	June	Carpfest	5.10
	July	Epiphany Church Picnic	0.80
	July	Picnic	0.30
	August	Canoe Race	0.30
	August	North Metro Chamber Picnic	0.30
	September	Hike for Ike	0.50
	Summer	Concerts in the Park	8.50
Lake George RP		TOTAL:	23.30
	July	Picnic	0.30
	winter	Snowmobile trail use through park	23.00
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP		TOTAL:	18.00
	winter	Snowmobile trail use through park	18.00
Mississippi River RT		None	-
Rice Creek Chain PR		TOTAL:	50.80
	school yr	School groups @ Wargo N.C.	30.80
	February	Snow Day	0.40
	April	Earth Day	1.00
	June	Bicycle Ride	0.30
	August	YMCA Run	0.30
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use through park	18.00
Rice Creek N. RT		None	-
Rice Creek W. RT		None	-
Rum River Central RP		TOTAL:	0.30
	August	Picnic	0.30
BLOOMINGTON:			
Bush and Normandale Lakes		TOTAL:	7.20
	10-Apr	Easter Egg Hunt	0.50
	13-May	Schwan Foods Red Barron 25th Anniversary Event	0.40
	13-Jun	Light 5K race	0.40
	17-Jun	John Phillip Sousa Band Concert	0.30
	28-Jun	Splatter Sisters Concert	0.30
	3-Jul	SummerFete (rain affected)	3.50
	14-Jul	Consumer Brands Office Rental	0.30
	16-Jul	Shakespeare in the Park	0.30
	18-Jul	MSP Church of Christ Service and Picnic	0.30
	5-Aug	Barbary Coast Concert	0.30
	15-Aug	Jazz Festival	0.60

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CARVER COUNTY:			
Baylor RP		TOTAL:	4.10
	August	Running Meet	0.40
	September	Running Meet	1.40
	October	Crow River Fall Camporee	0.50
	All year	Onan Observatory (late evening use)	1.80
Lake Minnewashta RP		TOTAL:	5.50
	May	Tonka Waters Girl Scout Camp	0.60
	June	East Tonka Girl Scouts	0.40
	July	Tonka Waters Girl Scout Camp	1.20
	July	Fireworks	0.80
	August	Girl Scout Jamboree	2.50
Lake Waconia RP		TOTAL:	6.10
	February	Vintage Snowmobile	3.50
	June	Triathlon	1.40
	July	4th of July celebration	1.20
DAKOTA COUNTY:			
Big Rivers RT		None	-
Lake Byllesby RP		None	0.10
	All year	Outdoor Education Programs	0.10
Lebanon Hills RP		TOTAL:	47.50
	Summer	Adventure Ropes Course	1.80
	Summer	Camp Sacajawea (day camp - permit only - not counted in regular counts)	43.40
	school year	VC school groups	0.20
	All year	Outdoor Education Programs	2.10
Miesville Ravine PR		None	0.10
	All year	Outdoor Education Programs	0.10
Mississippi River RT		None	-
Spring Lake PR		TOTAL:	3.40
	6/26	Wedding	0.50
	7/10	Wedding	0.30
	7/24	Wedding	0.60
	8/21	Wedding	0.50
	All Year	Outdoor Education Programs	1.50

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD:			
Cedar Lake RT		None	-
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP		TOTAL	147.40
	4/8	Take Back the Night	0.40
	4/10	Mill Ruins Run	0.30
	5/2	MS Walk (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge - SP, Minn RP)	0.50
	5/15	River Cleanup	0.70
	6/18	Festival of the Arts (assume 1/3 visited park portion)	30.00
	6/19	Festival of the Arts (assume 1/3 visited park portion)	30.00
	6/19	Solstice River Performance	2.00
	6/20	Festival of the Arts (assume 1/3 visited park portion)	30.00
	6/20	Solstice River Performance	2.00
	6/26	5K Walk Run (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.50
	7/24	Fireworks	50.00
	9/19	Fundraiser Walk	1.00
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP		TOTAL	49.30
	2/14	Valentine's Run	5.00
	4/24	March of Dimes Walk	3.00
	5/30	Outdoor Church Services	0.50
	6/6	Outdoor Church Services	0.30
	6/13	Outdoor Church Services	0.60
	6/20	Outdoor Church Services	0.50
	6/27	Outdoor Church Services	0.35
	7/4	Outdoor Church Services	0.55
	7/11	Outdoor Church Services	0.30
	7/14	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.50
	7/16	Sailing Regatta	0.30
	7/18	Outdoor Church Services	1.10
	7/24	Sailing Regatta	0.30
	7/25	Sailing Regatta	0.30
	7/25	Milk Carton Boat Race	7.00
	7/25	Outdoor Church Services	0.50
	8/1	Outdoor Church Services	0.40
	8/1	Walk/Run Race	1.50
	8/8	Outdoor Church Services	0.70
	8/14	5K Walk/Run	0.50
	8/15	Outdoor Church Services	0.80
	8/22	Outdoor Church Services	0.50
	8/28	Italian Car and Motorcycle Show	1.50
	8/29	Outdoor Church Services	0.70
	9/5	Outdoor Church Services	0.40
	9/12	City of Lakes 25K	2.00
	9/18	Fun Walk/Run	0.30
	9/19	Lake Harriet Live!	10.00
	9/25	5K and 10K Road Race	0.40
	9/25	Walk/run/Roll Fundraiser	0.40
	10/2	Charity Walk	1.50
	10/3	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes	1.60
	12/4	Reindeer Run	5.00
Minnehaha Parkway RT		TOTAL	2.30
	7/14	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.50
	7/24	Great River Roll (split Minn Pkwy, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge-SP)	0.20
	10/3	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.60

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD: Continued			
Minnehaha RP		TOTAL	10.20
	4/24	Get in Gear Race (split Minn RP/Miss Gorge RP)	2.00
	5/2	MS Walk (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge - SP, Minn RP)	0.50
	5/16	AIDS Walk (split Minn RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge RP-SP)	2.00
	6/27	Svenskarnes	2.00
	7/11	Norway Days	1.00
	9/18	Walk-A-Thon	1.00
	10/2	Marathon for Non Public Ed (1/3 in: Min. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP)	1.70
Mississippi Gorge RP		TOTAL	9.30
	4/24	Get in Gear Race (split Minn RP/Miss Gorge RP)	2.00
	5/2	MS Walk (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge - SP, Minn RP)	0.50
	5/16	AIDS Walk (split Minn RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge RP-SP)	2.00
	6/26	5K Walk Run (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.50
	7/14	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.50
	7/24	Great River Roll (split Minn Pkwy, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge-SP)	0.20
	10/2	Marathon for Non Public Ed (1/3 in: Min. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP)	1.70
	10/3	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.60
	10/4	Head of the Mississippi Regatta	0.30
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP		TOTAL	6.10
	7/14	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.50
	8/21	5K & 10K Race	1.00
	9/10	Fundraising Walk	1.00
	10/3	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.60
	10/4	Walk/Run	2.00
North Mississippi RP		TOTAL	-
Theodore Wirth RP		TOTAL	-
Wirth Memorial Parkway RT		TOTAL	1.80
	7/11	Whiz Bang Days	0.30
	9/6	Victory Memorial 10K & 5K	1.50

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RAMSEY COUNTY			
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP		TOTAL	11.70
	6/20	PaPa Bear Bike Ride	0.50
	10/2	ROMP Movie Night	3.50
	9/11	Final Stretch	0.40
	Sept - May	School Group program	7.30
Battle Creek RP		TOTAL	32.40
	5/3	Green Meadows Production	5.00
	5/4	Green Meadows Production	4.00
	5/5	Green Meadows Production	7.00
	5/6	Green Meadows Production	0.60
	5/15	Vang Graduation	0.30
	6/4	Center Point School Year end party	0.40
	6/6	Khai Family Picnic	0.50
	6/5	Raptor Center Release	5.10
	6/13	Xiong Family Picnic	0.30
	6/19	Krieglmeirer Wedding	0.30
	6/20	Moua Family Picnic	0.50
	6/26	Rteng Vang Family Picnic	0.40
	6/27	Int'l Union of Operating Engineers	0.50
	7/11	Lien Wedding	0.30
	7/17	Living World Church Picnic	0.50
	7/22	St. Paul Firefighters Local #21 Picnic	0.30
	8/2	Culvers Restraunt	0.30
	8/7	Porous Media	0.30
	8/15	Pioneer Press Picnic	0.40
	8/21	Minnehaha Academy Picnic	0.40
	8/21	Loeblein Wedding	0.30
	8/22	St Paul Pipefitters Local #455	1.30
	8/26	Nettworth Financial	0.40
	8/28	St. Paul Plumbers Local #34	0.30
	8/29	United Auto Workers	0.30
	9/1	Tri-Metro Conference CC run Meet	0.40
	9/25	Nokomis Montessori PTA Walk-a-thon	0.40
	9/26	MAPE Local 5	0.30
	10/2	Second Chance for Life Foundation Booya cookout	0.50
	10/19	Tri-Metro Conference	0.40
	10/28	Tri-Metro Conference	0.40
Birch Lake RT		None	-
Bruce Vento RT		None	-
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP		TOTAL	3.70
	4/25	Helping Paws Run/Walk	0.50
	5/22	MN Renewable Energy Society	1.00
	7/4	Twin Cities Bike Club	0.50
	7/17	Gujarati Samaj Company picnic	0.30
	8/14	Oak Hill Montessori Ice Cream Social	0.30
	8/15	Final Stretch Run	0.30
	9/26	ISD 921 Fun Run	0.40
	10/2	Walk for Life Event	0.40
Highway 96 RT		None	-
Keller RP		TOTAL	0.70
	5/21	8th Annual Recovery	0.40
	7/21	Saint Paul Companies VB Tournament	0.30

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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
RAMSEY COUNTY: Continued			
Long Lake RP		TOTAL	22.00
	5/19	Moundsview ECFE Ice Cream Social	0.30
	5/21	Irondale High School Sr. Class Picnic	0.80
	5/22	Eriterian Comm. Center	0.50
	5/29	Neng Vang Picnic	0.30
	6/4	St. John The Baptist Church	0.40
	6/6	Yang Picnic	0.40
	6/11	Twin Cities Catering	0.40
	6/14	Medtronics	0.30
	6/17	Target Corp Picnic	0.40
	6/21	Career Systems Dev. Student Picnic	0.40
	6/26	Donatelle Plastics Inc.	0.60
	7/15	AGS Publishing	0.40
	7/16	Floor Covering Local #596	0.30
	7/17	Floor Covering Local #596	0.30
	7/24	Epilepsy Foundation of MN	0.40
	8/1	St. Marons Catholic Church	0.30
	8/6	GML, Inc	0.30
	8/7	Twin Cities Catering	0.30
	8/8	GCU Local 1-M	0.50
	8/13	New Brighton Stockyard Days	0.50
	8/14	New Brighton Stockyard Days	8.00
	8/15	New Brighton Stockyard Days	3.00
	8/22	Comm Workers of America	0.30
	9/2	Medtronic Company Picnic	0.30
	9/4	Bernt Wedding	0.30
	9/5	Beldon Piano Services	0.30
	9/11	NewMech Co Inc	0.30
	9/12	Johnson Screen	0.30
	9/17	Hearing & Service Dogs of MN	0.40
	9/18	Brannon Nurserey School	0.30
	9/26	MN Street Rod Assoc.	0.40
Rice Creek North RT		None	-
Rice Creek West RT		None	-

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CITY OF ST. PAUL			
Bruce Vento RT		TOTAL	1.00
	9/12	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.00
Cherokee Heights RP		TOTAL	0.40
	7/4	4 th of July	0.40
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF		TOTAL	207.20
Winter		Como downhill Ski (Enterprise facility)	1.50
Sch year		School groups to zoo/conservatory	32.40
January		Saint Paul Winter Carnival (10 days)	10.00
January		Winter Carnival Orchid Show	4.00
February		Valentine Soiree	1.40
March		The Human Race	3.50
April		Earth Day Run/Walk	0.90
April		Tree Festival	1.00
May		Bonsai Show	5.20
May		Humane Society Walk/Run	0.80
May		Human Society K9 Picnic	1.10
5/18		St. Paul Police Patrol Picnic	2.60
5/19		St. Paul Police Patrol Picnic	2.60
5/20		Ramsey Action Programs	2.00
5/22		Love Lines Walk for Glory	0.30
5/29		Gingerbread Craft Show	0.60
5/29		Gingerbread Craft Show	0.60
June		Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.60
June		Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.70
June		Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.80
6/6		First Student Company Picnic	0.90
6/17		Dakota Communities Picnic	0.50
6/19		Blue Bell Enterprises Picnic	3.00
6/20		GLBT Pride TC Picnic	0.50
6/22		Volunteer Recognition Picnic	0.30
6/28		Wide Side Catering Employee Picnic	0.30
July		Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.80
July		Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.70
July		Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.70
July		Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.70
July		Como Lakeside Theater	0.30
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July		Como Lakeside Theater	0.30
July		Como Lakeside Theater	0.30
July		Hmong Soccer Festival	40.00
July		Hmong Soccer Festival - 2nd day	40.00
7/10		Twin City Catering	0.90
7/20		Kowalski's Company Picnic	1.00
7/26		Annual Firefighter's Picnic	0.50
August		Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.80
August		Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.80
August		Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.80
August		Como "Pops" Ensemble	0.80
August		Hillcrest Theater at Como Lakeside	0.60
August		Hillcrest Theater at Como Lakeside	0.70
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August		Hillcrest Theater at Como Lakeside	0.60
August		Hillcrest Theater at Como Lakeside	0.70
August		Hillcrest Theater at Como Lakeside	0.70
August		Lantern Lighting Festival	5.00
8/1		Deltak Company Picnic	0.50

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Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF			
	8/3	TriAdvantage Company Picnic	0.70
	8/10	City of Saint Paul Employee Picnic	0.30
	8/17	Tutor Time Child Care Outing	0.40
	8/28	Ladies Home Journal Movie	1.50
	9/12	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7th)	1.00
	9/16	MNVA School Year Kick-Off	0.30
	9/18	Memory Walk	2.00
	9/18	Billy Graham Evangelistic...	0.30
	9/26	Loaves and Fishes Picnic	0.50
	October	Zoo Boo	18.80
	10/2	Reunion of Hmong Scouts	0.30
	10/3	Down Syndrome Association	2.00
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP		TOTAL	2.10
	4/25	March of Dimes Walk	0.50
	9/12	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7th)	1.00
	10/30	BareBones Halloween Pageant	0.30
	10/31	BareBones Halloween Pageant	0.30
Indian Mounds RP		Total	1.40
	9/12	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7th)	1.00
	10/10	Drive for Kids	0.40
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP		TOTAL	628.20
	3/27	Helping Paws of MN	0.30
	5/13	Grand Excursion Event	1.00
	5/31	Melaleuca Fireworks	10.00
	6/7	Ecolab Employee Picnic	1.00
	6/9	Reserve Academy Graduation	0.30
	6/13	Commonbond Communities	0.30
	7/1	Taste of MN	90.00
	7/2	Taste of MN	90.00
	7/3	Taste of MN	90.00
	7/3	Grand Excursion	33.00
	7/4	Taste of MN	90.00
	7/4	Grand Excursion	33.00
	7/5	Taste of MN	90.00
	7/5	Grand Excursion	33.00
	7/26	Soil and Water Conservation	0.80
	8/6	Wedding	0.30
	8/8	Friends of the Mississippi	0.50
	8/13	Irish Fair	13.30
	8/14	Irish Fair	13.30
	8/15	Irish Fair	13.30
	8/18	Builders Club Event	1.20
	8/21	Wedding	0.30
	8/23	Olive Garden Event	0.60
	9/3	Wedding	0.30
	9/6	St. Paul Trades and Labor Picnic	20.00
	December	"A Christmas Carol" performances	2.40

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Mississippi Gorge RP		TOTAL	15.20
	4/25	March of Dimes Walk	0.50
	5/1	Melpomene Institute	1.50
	5/2	MS Walk (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge - SP, Minn RP)	0.50
	5/16	AIDS Walk (split Minn RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge RP-SP)	2.00
	7/17	Lifetime Fitness Triathlon	2.30
	7/24	Great River Roll (split Minn Pkwy, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge-SP)	0.20
	9/12	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.00
	9/12	Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk	3.50
	10/2	Marathon for Non Public Ed (1/3 in: Min. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP)	1.70
	10/3	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls)	1.60
	10/10	St. Paul Crop Walk	0.40
Phalen RP		TOTAL	39.20
	February	Winter Carnival events at Phalen (10 days - other than below)	20.00
	4/12	Spring Clean-Up Celebration	0.50
	5/3	Batten Disease Walk/Run	0.40
	5/22	Waterfest	1.50
	6/13	Mail Handlers Union Local	0.40
	6/19	Presidents Council...	0.40
	6/24	Minnesota Sinfonia Concert	0.50
	7/8	Minnesota Sinfonia Concert	0.50
	7/10	Woodland Hills Church Picnic	0.30
	7/17	Dragon Festival	3.00
	7/18	Dragon Festival	3.00
	7/31	QBEW Local 110 Picnic	0.30
	8/1	Arcade/Phalen American Legion	0.30
	8/4	Zerex Employee Picnic	0.30
	8/7	DC 82 Painters Union Picnic	0.30
	8/14	Gyrus Medical Picnic	0.30
	9/12	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.00
	9/9	Fairview IMS Annual Employee Picnic	0.30
	9/11	Teamsters Local 120 Labor Picnic	0.30
	9/11	Teamsters Local 120 Labor Presentation	3.00
	9/18	Sharing Life Walk/Run	0.40
	9/25	Light the Night Walk	1.00
	9/25	Ceremonial Fire	0.50
	10/2	Brain Injury Association	0.70
Samuel Morgan RT		None	1.00
	9/12	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.00

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Three Rivers Park District			
Baker PR		TOTAL	8.90
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.90
	9/25	Holyname/St. Bart. Marathon	1.00
	Sch Yr	School groups @ Near-Wilderness Center	6.00
Bryant Lake RP		None	0.10
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	0.10
Carver PR		TOTAL	16.10
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.00
	2/15	Victoria Fire Department - Picnic/Fishing Contest	0.60
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	13.50
Coon Rapids Dam RP		TOTAL	5.50
	6/19	Carp Festival	0.80
	8/6	Friends of the Mississippi - Picnic	0.30
	8/7	Friends of the Mississippi - Picnic	0.30
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	4.10
Crow-Hassan PR		TOTAL	1.20
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.20
Eagle Lake RP		TOTAL	0.70
	12/11	NW Suburban X-C Ski Meet	0.40
	9/8	Masonic Home North - Picnic	0.30
East Corridor RT		None	-
East Medicine Lake RT		None	-
Hutchinson Spur RT		None	-
Elm Creek PR		TOTAL	59.90
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.50
	Winter	Winter Recreation area (manufactured snow area)	44.00
	1/14	X-C Ski Meet	0.40
	1/21	X-C Ski Meet	0.40
	8/15	North Clinic - Picnic	0.30
	8/21	Medsourc Tech - Picnic	0.30
	8/22	Allina Home Oxygen - Picnic	0.30
	8/23	Benchwarmer Bobs - Picnic	0.30
	9/18	Anderson - Picnic	0.30
	9/25	Osseo United Church - Picnic	0.30
	10/9	Autumn Woods Classic	1.50
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	9.30
Fish Lake RP		TOTAL	0.10
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	0.10
French RP		TOTAL	1.70
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	1.70
Gale Woods		TOTAL	13.00
	6/5	Hagedorn - Reception	0.30
	7/10	Erickson - Reception	0.40
	7/24	Doppelhammer - Reception	0.30
	9/11	Sprick - Reception	0.40
	9/12	Lund Food Holdings - Picnic	0.80
	9/18	Fall Raptor Release	2.00
	9/25	Burns - Reception	0.50
	10/13	O'Hara - Reception	0.60
	10/30	Wingert - Reception	0.40
	11/6	River Bluff Service Unit - Picnic	0.30
	10/13	Classic Lake Conference X-C Run Meet	0.30
	10/27	Section 6AA X-C Run Meet	0.70
	Sch Yr	School groups @ farm	6.00

Table 2: Special event counts for 2004

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

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
THREE RIVERS: Continued			
Hyland Lake PR		TOTAL	198.20
	Winter	Downhill Ski Area Enterprise Facilities	172.80
	12/9	Lake X-C Ski Conference Meet	0.30
	2/4	Section 6AA X-C Ski Meet	0.30
	5/1	Spring Raptor Release	3.20
	9/26	Children's Book Festival	9.50
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	12.10
Lake Minnetonka Islands		None	-
Lake Minnetonka RP		TOTAL	2.00
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.70
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	0.30
Lake Rebecca PR		TOTAL	10.60
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.30
	5/8	Wright County Humane Society Picnic	0.50
	5/23	Minneapolis Lastadian Church - Picnic	0.50
	5/28	Rockford Elementary Picnic	0.40
	6/8	ISD 1 Anwatin M.S. - Picnic	0.50
	6/26	Hmong Community Alliance - Picnic	0.40
	6/27	First Apostolic Life - Picnic	0.50
	7/11	Church of New Life - Picnic	0.30
	7/17	Local 539 Pipefitters Picnic	0.50
	8/1	Living Word - Picnic	2.00
	8/8	Minneapolis Lastadian Church - Picnic	0.50
	8/14	Robert Half International - Picnic	0.40
	8/14	Schwartz - Picnic	0.30
	7/27	Rebecca Rumble - Trail Event	0.30
	8/15	Good Shepherd Church Picnic	0.30
	8/21	Yates - Picnic	0.30
	8/28	Ebenx - Picnic	0.50
	8/28	Schultz - Picnic	0.30
	9/16	ISD 879 Delano H.S.	0.30
	9/25	Medtronic - Picnic	0.50
Noerenberg Gardens SRF		None	-
North Hennepin RT		None	-
North Mississippi RP		TOTAL	3.00
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	3.00
Northwest Hennepin RT		None	-
Southwest LRT RT-North		TOTAL	1.10
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.10
Southwest LRT RT-South		TOTAL	2.00
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.00
Three Rivers - SCOTT COUNTY			
Cleary Lake RP		TOTAL	1.70
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.70
Murphy-Hanrehan PR		TOTAL	2.30
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.30
Scott County RT		None	-

Table 2: Special event counts for 2004

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

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
WASHINGTON COUNTY			
Cottage Grove Ravine RP		None	0.50
	Sch Yr	Hastings field biology	0.50
Hardwood Creek RT		None	-
Lake Elmo PR		TOTAL	11.10
	Winter	Snowmobile use	1.00
	5/14	Picnic	0.40
	5/31	Picnic	0.40
	6/2	Picnic	0.40
	6/7	Picnic	0.40
	6/5	Family Festival	1.40
	6/8	Picnic	0.50
	6/12	Picnic	0.40
	6/20	Picnic	0.50
	6/27	Picnic	0.50
	7/4	Picnic	0.30
	7/18	Picnic	0.40
	9/11	Bluegrass Festival	2.00
	8/7	Picnic	0.40
	8/15	Picnic	0.30
	8/20	Stargazing	0.40
	8/21	Picnic	0.30
	9/4	Picnic	0.30
	9/5	Picnic	0.30
	School yr.	School groups orienteering	0.50
Square Lake SRF		TOTAL	5.00
	9/6	Triathlon	2.10
	1/9	Triathlon	2.90
St. Croix Bluffs RP		TOTAL	2.40
	6/7	Picnic	0.30
	6/26	Picnic	0.30
	7/24	Picnic	0.30
	7/31	Picnic	0.30
	8/8	Picnic	0.30
	8/14	Picnic	0.30
	3/25	Picnic	0.30
	8/21	Picnic	0.30

Table 3: Comparison of 2003 and 2004 visitation

Agency	2003	2004	# change	% change
	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	
Anoka	2,523.9	2,685.5	161.6	6.4%
Bloomington ¹	772.9	562.6	(210.3)	-27.2%
Carver	204.6	205.0	0.4	0.2%
Dakota	843.6	868.8	25.2	3.0%
Minneapolis	13,130.3	12,953.3	(177.0)	-1.3%
Ramsey ¹	2,960.4	2,759.8	(200.6)	-6.8%
St Paul ²	4,961.6	5,371.6	410.0	8.3%
Three Rivers (Hennepin)	4,062.9	4,091.6	28.7	0.7%
Three Rivers-Scott Co.	239.1	248.5	9.4	3.9%
Washington ¹	814.4	727.3	(87.1)	-10.7%
Total	30,513.7	30,473.9	(39.8)	-0.1%

Notes for Table 3

¹ Much of the decrease from 2003 to 2004 reflects the cold rainy summer of 2004. Agencies with a large percentage of visitors who normally go swimming were hit harder than those agencies with less swimming use.

² St. Paul has no count data for 2002. The 2004 estimate is based on data for 2004, 2003, 2001 and 2000.

Table 4: Comparison of 2003 and 2004 park vs. trail visitation

	2003	2004	# change	% change	% of all visits in 2004
	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>		
Trail Visits ³	6,593.9	6,591.2	(2.7)	0.0%	22%
Park/Reserve Visits	23,919.7	23,882.7	(37.0)	-0.2%	78%
Total Visits	30,513.6	30,473.9	(39.7)	-0.1%	100%

Notes for Table 4

³ 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 12.9 million, or 42% of all visits, are trail visits.

Table 5: Most-visited regional parks and trails

Rank by visits	Park/trail	Agency	2004 Visitation (1,000's)	Cumulative percent of total visitation
1	Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP	MPRB	5410.5	18%
2	Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	St. Paul	2214.5	25%
3	Mississippi Gorge RP	MPRB/St. Paul	1971.9	31%
4	Minnehaha Parkway RT	MPRB	1858.7	38%
5	Hyland/Bush/Anderson PR	Three Rivers/Bloomington	1121.9	41%
6	Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	St. Paul	1118.1	45%
7	Phalen/Keller RP	Ramsey/St. Paul	1002.0	48%
8	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	MPRB	998.9	52%
9	Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	MPRB	844.2	54%
10	Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	MPRB	812.7	57%
11	Minnehaha RP	MPRB	700.5	59%
12	Battle Creek RP	Ramsey/St. Paul	630.0	61%
13	Bunker Hills RP	Anoka	575.8	63%
14	Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	Ramsey	561.5	65%
15	Rice Creek W. RT	Ramsey/Anoka	525.4	67%
Total			20,346.8	
Percent of 2004 Visitation				66.8%

Table 6: Urban parks visitation

Agency	2004 Visitation (1,000's)
Minneapolis Parks Total	12,953.3
St. Paul Parks Total	5,371.6
Urban Total	18,324.9
Urban Percentage of 2004 visitation	60.1%

Table 7: Como visitation - park and zoo/conservatory

Park Unit	2004 Visitation (1,000's)	%
Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF ¹	1,784.9	80.6%
Como Park (non-zoo/conservatory visits)	429.6	19.4%
Como Total	2,214.5	100%

¹ Como Zoo & Conservatory Special Recreation Feature 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 primarily visiting the Zoo & Conservatory. Zoo/Conservatory SRF visitors could possibly use Como RP for secondary activities during their visit, so the total use of Como RP is higher than the 19.4% listed for non-zoo/conservatory visits.

Table 8: Visitation estimates by agency for operations and maintenance funding formula purposes

Agency	2004 Visitation (1,000's)	% of total¹
Anoka	2,685.5	8.86313%
Bloomington	562.6	1.85686%
Carver	205.0	0.67644%
Dakota	868.8	2.86729%
Minneapolis	12,953.3	42.75070%
Ramsey	2,759.8	9.10826%
St Paul	5,370.1	17.72350%
Three Rivers PD	3,918.8	12.93339%
Three Rivers/Scott	248.5	0.82011%
Washington	727.3	2.40033%
TOTAL	30,299.6	1.00

¹ Percentages are given to the fifth decimal point for use in the funding formula.

Note: O&M visitation estimates do not include enterprise facility visitation (downhill skiing at Hyland and Como).

Table 9: Regional Parks System units open for public use as of June 2004

Regional Parks		Park Agency	Regional Trails		Park Agency
1	Anoka Co. Riverfront RP	Anoka Co.	1	Central Anoka RT	Anoka
2	Bunker Hills RP	Anoka Co.	2	Mississippi River RT (Anoka Co.)	Anoka Co.
3	Lake George RP	Anoka Co.	3	Rice Creek N. RT	Anoka Co./Ramsey Co.
4	Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	Anoka Co.	4	Rice Creek W. RT	Anoka Co./Ramsey Co.
5	Rum River RP	Anoka Co.	5	Big Rivers RT	Dakota Co.
6	Coon Rapids Dam RP	Anoka Co./Three Rivers	6	Mississippi River (Dakota)	Dakota Co.
7	Baylor RP	Carver Co.	7	Cedar Lake RT	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.
8	Lake Minnewashta RP	Carver Co.	8	Minnehaha Parkway RT	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.
9	Lake Waconia RP	Carver Co.	9	Wirth Memorial Pkwy. RT	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.
10	Lake Byllesby RP	Dakota Co.	10	Birch Lake RT	Ramsey Co.
11	Lebanon Hills RP	Dakota Co.	11	Hwy 96 RT	Ramsey Co.
12	Central Miss. Riverfront RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	12	Bruce Vento RT	Ramsey Co./St. Paul
13	Minnehaha RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	13	Samuel Morgan RT	St. Paul
14	Mpls. Chain-of-Lakes RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	14	East Hennepin Corridor RT	Three Rivers
15	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	15	East Medicine Lake RT	Three Rivers
16	Theodore Wirth RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	16	Hutchinson Spur RT	Three Rivers
17	Mississippi Gorge RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd./St. Paul	17	North Hennepin RT	Three Rivers
18	North Mississippi RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd./Three Rivers	18	Northwest Hennepin RT	Three Rivers
19	Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	Ramsey Co.	19	Southwest LRT RT-North	Three Rivers
20	Long Lake RP	Ramsey Co.	20	Southwest LRT RT-South	Three Rivers
21	Snail Lake (Grass-Vadnais-Snail) RP	Ramsey Co.	21	Scott Co. RT	Three Rivers/Scott Co.
22	Battle Creek & Indian Mounds RP	Ramsey Co./St. Paul	22	Hardwood Creek RT	Washington
23	Como RP	St. Paul			
24	Harriet Island-Lilydale & Cherokee Heights RP	St. Paul	Special Recreation Features		
25	Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	St. Paul	1	Como Conservatory	St. Paul
26	Phalen-Keller RP	St. Paul/Ramsey Co.	2	Como Zoo	St. Paul
27	Bryant Lake RP	Three Rivers	3	Gales Woods	Three Rivers
28	Clifton E. French RP	Three Rivers	4	Noerenberg Gardens SRF	Three Rivers
29	Eagle Lake RP	Three Rivers	5	Square Lake SRF	Washington Co.
30	Fish Lake RP	Three Rivers			
31	Lake Minnetonka Islands	Three Rivers	73	TOTAL UNITS	
32	Lake Minnetonka RP	Three Rivers			
33	Cleary Lake RP	Three Rivers/Scott Co.	Additional units opening in 2005		
34	Cottage Grove Ravine RP	Washington Co.		Silverwood SRF	Three Rivers
35	St. Croix Bluffs RP	Washington Co.		Big Marine PR	Washington Co.
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			
5	Carver PR	Three Rivers			
6	Crow-Hassan PR	Three Rivers			
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.			
11	Lake Elmo PR	Washington Co.			

Table 10: Comparison of estimated visits at the agency level from 1995 to present

	1995	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	2004
Anoka County	1,655.6	1,778.3	1,927.3	1,958.5	1,842.8	2,103.5	2,371.6	2,470.6	2,523.9	2,685.5
Bloomington	483.8	484.5	596.4	604.1	806.5	982.5	846.9	716.3	772.9	562.6
Carver County	192.7	133.2	187.5	177.9	174.6	175.9	176.6	179.3	204.6	205.0
Dakota County	578.7	678.8	766.5	686.9	749.6	689.6	648.9	672.4	843.6	868.8
Mpls Park & Rec Board	11,281.4	12,181.1	13,306.7	14,289.6	15,525.3	14,469.0	14,045.7	14,183.6	13,130.3	12,953.3
Ramsey County	1,595.9	1,646.3	1,686.5	1,515.7	1,577.1	1,861.2	2,139.3	2,647.5	2,960.4	2,759.8
Scott County	230.7	235.3	244.8	204.4	186.8	205.5	217.0	230.5	239.1	248.5
St. Paul	4,589.7	5,186.3	5,390.6	4,967.9	4,588.4	4,760.9	4,475.8	4,565.6	4,961.6	5,371.6
Three Rivers	2,872.7	3,115.3	3,327.5	3,120.4	3,234.7	3,396.5	3,501.2	3,739.4	4,062.9	4,091.6
Washington County	423.4	505.8	585.2	585.4	586.2	610.3	647.5	663.3	814.4	727.3

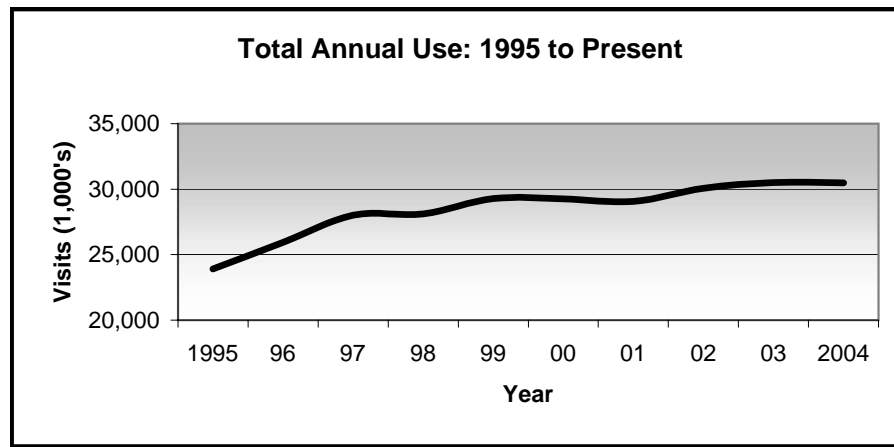


Table 11: Visitor origin by agency

Agency	Total visits (1,000's)	Number and percent of visits from people who live in the following agency jurisdictions:													TOTAL
		Anoka	Bloomington	Carver	Dakota	Minneapolis	Ramsey	St Paul	Three Rivers (Hennepin)	Three Rivers (Scott)	Washington	Other MN	Out of State	Foreign	
Anoka County Total Visitation	2,685.5	1,477.4	-	3.5	61.3	164.4	333.9	95.3	353.0	-	60.4	76.5	51.2	8.6	2,685.5
Anoka Visitation by Percent	100.0%	55.0%	< 0.1%	0.1%	2.3%	6.1%	12.4%	3.5%	13.1%	< 0.1%	2.3%	2.8%	1.9%	0.3%	100.0%
City of Bloomington Total Visitation	562.6	9.0	220.5	13.5	46.7	51.2	4.5	9.0	165.4	11.3	4.5	6.8	20.3	-	562.6
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%	100.0%
Carver County Total Visitation	205.0	1.7	-	86.0	2.4	8.7	1.3	-	39.4	7.5	-	52.9	5.0	-	205.0
Carver Visitation by Percent	100.0%	0.9%	< 0.1%	42.0%	1.2%	4.2%	0.7%	< 0.1%	19.2%	3.6%	< 0.1%	25.8%	2.5%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Dakota County Total Visitation	868.8	13.5	-	-	616.2	40.9	16.7	38.2	34.3	6.3	8.4	44.8	38.6	10.8	868.8
Dakota Visitation by Percent	100.0%	1.5%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	70.9%	4.7%	1.9%	4.4%	3.9%	0.7%	1.0%	5.2%	4.4%	1.2%	100.0%
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Bd Total Visitation	12,953.3	91.6	-	22.7	393.7	8,949.2	117.4	711.6	2,040.8	27.3	61.6	201.4	336.0	-	12,953.3
Minneapolis Visitation by Percent	100.0%	0.7%	< 0.1%	0.2%	3.0%	69.1%	0.9%	5.5%	15.8%	0.2%	0.5%	1.6%	2.6%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Ramsey County Total Visitation ¹	2,759.8	260.0	-	1.6	56.4	96.6	1,340.7	642.8	69.9	-	209.6	34.7	46.1	1.3	2,759.8
Ramsey Visitation by Percent	100.0%	9.4%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	2.0%	3.5%	48.6%	23.3%	2.5%	< 0.1%	7.6%	1.3%	1.7%	0.1%	100.0%
City of St. Paul Total Visitation	5,371.6	129.3	-	7.6	461.2	673.5	585.9	2,084.6	324.3	16.8	355.1	336.9	387.8	8.7	5,371.6
St. Paul Visitation by Percent	100.0%	2.4%	< 0.1%	0.1%	8.6%	12.5%	10.9%	38.8%	6.0%	0.3%	6.6%	6.3%	7.2%	0.2%	100.0%
Three Rivers PD Total Visitation	4,091.6	299.1	217.6	186.0	100.4	289.9	55.3	51.8	2,575.4	41.3	20.5	176.6	72.1	5.6	4,091.6
Three Rivers PD Visitation by Percent	100.0%	7.3%	5.3%	4.5%	2.5%	7.1%	1.4%	1.3%	62.9%	1.0%	0.5%	4.3%	1.8%	0.1%	100.0%
Three Rivers/Scott Co. Total Visitation	248.5	6.7	-	-	96.7	2.2	-	-	28.6	88.0	-	13.2	13.2	-	248.5
Three Rivers/Scott Co. Visitation by Percent	100.0%	2.7%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	38.9%	0.9%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	11.5%	35.4%	< 0.1%	5.3%	5.3%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Washington County Total Visitation	727.3	15.1	-	2.2	81.7	19.5	54.8	110.9	27.3	1.4	336.9	26.1	50.8	0.7	727.3
Washington Visitation by Percent	100.0%	2.1%	< 0.1%	0.3%	11.2%	2.7%	7.5%	15.2%	3.8%	0.2%	46.3%	3.6%	7.0%	0.1%	100.0%
TOTAL VISITATION	30,473.9	2,303.4	438.1	323.2	1,916.7	10,296.1	2,510.4	3,744.2	5,658.5	199.7	1,057.0	969.8	1,021.1	35.7	30,473.9
TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENT	100.0%	7.6%	1.4%	1.1%	6.3%	33.8%	8.2%	12.3%	18.6%	0.7%	3.5%	3.2%	3.4%	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 Minnesota and out-of-state visitation

Agency	Number and percent of visits by visitors who live in the following jurisdictions:				
	Total	Local	Regional	Greater MN	Out of State
Anoka County Total Visitation	2,685.5	1,477.4	1,071.8	76.5	59.8
Anoka visitation by percent	100.0%	55.0%	39.9%	2.8%	2.2%
City of Bloomington Total Visitation	562.6	220.5	315.1	6.8	20.3
Bloomington visitation by percent	100.0%	39.2%	56.0%	1.2%	3.6%
Carver County Total Visitation	205.0	86.0	61.0	52.9	5.0
Carver visitation by percent	100.0%	42.0%	29.8%	25.8%	2.5%
Dakota County Total Visitation	868.8	616.2	158.3	44.8	49.4
Dakota visitation by percent	100.0%	70.9%	18.2%	5.2%	5.7%
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board Total Visitation	12,953.3	8,949.2	3,466.6	201.4	336.0
Minneapolis visitation by percent	100.0%	69.1%	26.8%	1.6%	2.6%
Ramsey County Total Visitation	2,759.8	1,340.7	1,337.0	34.7	47.4
Ramsey visitation by percent	100.0%	48.6%	48.4%	1.3%	1.7%
City of St. Paul Total Visitation	5,371.6	2,084.6	2,553.6	336.9	396.5
St. Paul visitation by percent	100.0%	38.8%	47.5%	6.3%	7.4%
Three Rivers PD Total Visitation	4,091.6	2,575.4	1,261.9	176.6	77.7
Three Rivers PD visitation by percent	100.0%	62.9%	30.8%	4.3%	1.9%
Three Rivers/Scott County Total Visitation	248.5	88.0	134.2	13.2	13.2
Three Rivers/Scott visitation by percent	100.0%	35.4%	54.0%	5.3%	5.3%
Washington County Total Visitation	727.3	336.9	312.9	26.1	51.4
Washington visitation by percent	100.0%	46.3%	43.0%	3.6%	7.1%
Total visitation	30,473.9	17,775.0	10,672.3	969.8	1,056.8
Total visitation by percent	100.0%	58.3%	35.0%	3.2%	3.5%

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.

Regional visits are visits from residents of the seven-county metro region who reside outside of that Park Agency's jurisdiction.

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

Table 13: Top activities in the Regional Parks System

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%	7,117	39%	3,588	10,705	35%
Biking	13%	3,081	31%	2,902	5,983	20%
Swimming/wading	21%	5,111	0%	-	5,111	17%
Picnicking	16%	3,869	0%	-	3,869	13%
Relaxing ³	15%	3,606	0%	-	3,606	12%
Jogging/running	6%	1,481	17%	1,604	3,085	10%
Playground use	10%	2,388	0%	-	2,388	8%
Sunbathing	8%	1,958	0%	-	1,958	6%
Zoo visits	7%	1,785	0%	-	1,785	6%
In-line skating	4%	1,027	7%	603	1,630	5%
Fishing	6%	1,385	0%	-	1,385	5%
Dog-walking	1%	143	6%	528	672	2%

Notes:

Visits and occasions are reported in units of 1,000

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: Regional Parks System educational contacts

Park Implementing Agency	<u>In-Park Education Visits</u>		<u>Outreach</u> ¹	TOTAL
	School group children (1,000's)	Misc. adult/children formal programs (1,000's)	education contacts (1,000's)	
Anoka	30.8	10.6	27.0	68.4
Bloomington	-	-	-	-
Carver	-	-	-	-
Dakota	0.2	3.6	0.4	4.2
MPRB	-	-	-	-
Ramsey	7.3	0.9	-	8.2
St. Paul	32.4	10.6	-	43.0
Three Rivers Park District	57.9	16.0	19.8	93.7
Washington	1.0	1.3	-	2.3
Totals	129.6	43.0	47.2	219.8

¹ These are out-of-park school programs and are not counted as visits to the Regional Parks System.