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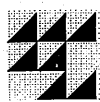
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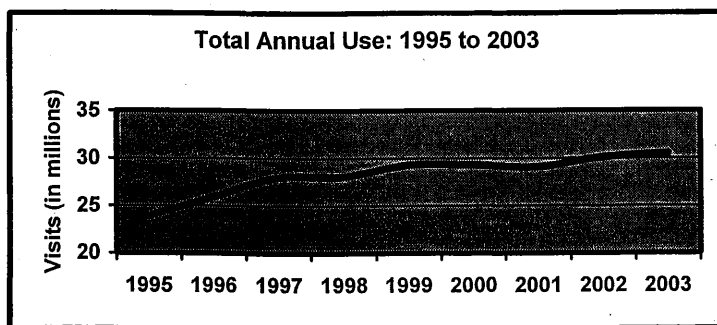
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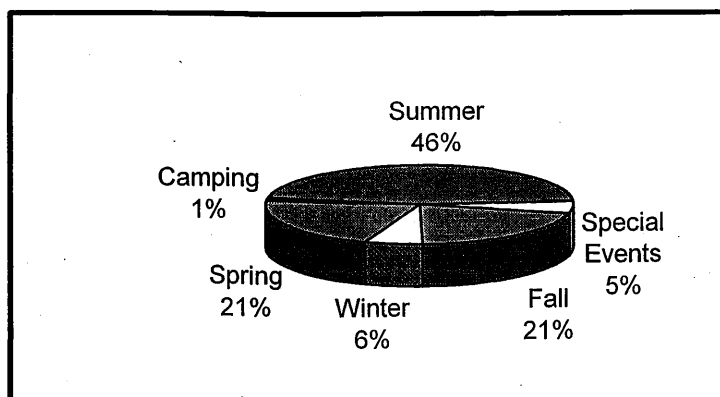
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Executive Summary

- An estimated 30,513,600 visits were made to the metropolitan regional park system in 2003. Visitation increased 1.5 percent, or about 445,000 visits, over the 2002 estimate.
- 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 season, camping and special events:



- The five most-visited regional parks and reserves in 2003 were:

Park/Reserve/Trail	2003 Visits
1. Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park	5,659,000
2. Como Regional Park, Zoo and Conservatory	2,200,700
3. Mississippi Gorge Regional Park (<i>Minneapolis & St. Paul</i>)	2,056,400
4. Minnehaha Parkway	1,853,500
5. Hyland-Bush-Anderson Park Reserve	1,351,600

- 192,300 children and adults participated in the regional park system's environmental education programs.
- 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.
- Walking is the top activity in the regional park system (35 percent of all visits involved walking as an activity), followed by biking (20 percent), swimming (17 percent) and picnicking (13 percent).

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Introduction

The metropolitan regional park system open for public use in 2003 encompassed approximately 50,000 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 includes annual use estimates for the 73-unit regional park system that was sampled in 2003. 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 (2000 – 2003) 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. It is important that visitation estimates for each park and for each agency be calculated using the same set of standards and methods.

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.

Visits to golf courses within the regional park system are not included in the annual use estimate since they are considered enterprise facilities. There are two downhill ski areas in the regional parks (Hyland and Como). Visitation to downhill ski areas in regional parks are included in the annual estimates, but are not included when using annual visitation in the formula for distributing state funds for operations and maintenance. The state funding formula does not allow for visits to enterprise facilities to be used in the formula.

Notes for 2003:

1. St. Paul 2002 count data were not available for use in the 2003 estimate. Consequently, the four most recent years of count data (1999, 2000, 2001 & 2003) were used to estimate the 2003 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 third 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 through 2003. This steady rise is expected to continue for one more year due to the four-year average approach used in the estimate. The Metropolitan Council also worked with the other implementing agencies to review their entry points in 2001, but only a few minor changes were identified and made.
3. A random sample of 10 individual summer 2003 counts were audited on site by Metropolitan Council staff to check for counting errors. No errors were found.
4. Some regional park units in Minneapolis had significant declines in use in the 2003 estimate. These declines are attributed to major construction projects affecting Theodore Wirth Regional Park, Wirth Memorial Parkway, Cedar Lake Regional Trail, Nokomis Regional Park, Minnehaha Parkway and Mississippi Gorge Regional Park.
5. Lebanon Hills Regional Park had a significant increase in use in the 2003 estimate. This increase reflects four factors: the reopening of Cliff Road (a major access route to the park); no flooding occasions in 2003 (in the past park trails and the popular swim beach had been closed due to flooding); no-fee entry to the swim beach; and the inclusion of visits to Camp Sacajawea, a day camp for youth that is not part of the regular sample.

Table 1: 2003 Visitation

	Summer	Winter		Spring/Fall		Other *		Total Visits (1,000's)	O & M Grant Adjustments
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)		
ANOKA COUNTY:									
Anoka Co. Riverfront RP ¹	97.2	0.210	20.4	1.32	128.3	-	0.3	246.2	
Bunker Hills RP	333.5	0.062	20.7	0.60	200.1	12.6	34.3	601.1	
Central Anoka RT	32.3	0.267	8.6	1.59	51.3	-	-	92.2	
Coon Rapids Dam RP	183.0	0.062	11.3	0.60	109.8	-	12.2	316.4	
Lake George RP	118.8	0.062	7.4	0.60	71.3	-	21.7	219.1	
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	63.8	0.062	4.0	0.60	38.3	1.8	15.0	122.9	
Mississippi River RT	47.5	0.267	12.7	1.59	75.6	-	-	135.8	
Rice Creek Chain PR	149.2	0.062	9.3	0.60	89.5	11.9	48.1	308.0	
Rice Creek N. RT	29.8	0.267	8.0	1.59	47.4	-	-	85.2	
Rice Creek W. RT	114.9	0.267	30.7	1.59	182.7	-	-	328.2	
Rum River Central RP	41.0	0.062	2.5	0.60	24.6	0.3	0.3	68.8	
Subtotal:	1,211.0		135.5		1,018.9	26.6	131.9	2,523.9	2,523.9

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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)		
BLOOMINGTON:									
Bush and Normandale Lakes RP	446.4	0.062	27.7	0.60	267.8	-	31.0	772.9	
Subtotal:	446.4		27.7		267.8	-	31.0	772.9	772.9

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CARVER COUNTY:									
Baylor RP	20.5	0.062	1.3	0.60	12.3	25.5	3.9	63.4	
Lake Minnewashta RP	59.6	0.062	3.7	0.60	35.7	-	4.4	103.4	
Lake Waconia RP	19.7	0.000	0.0	0.60	11.8	-	6.2	37.8	
Subtotal:	99.8		5.0		59.9	25.5	14.5	204.6	204.6

Notes:

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DAKOTA COUNTY:									
Big Rivers RT	29.9	0.267	8.0	1.59	47.5	-	-	85.3	
Lake Byllesby RP	42.9	0.062	2.7	0.60	25.7	20.3	-	91.6	
Lebanon Hills RP	246.8	0.062	15.3	0.60	148.1	30.5	43.4	484.1	
Miesville Ravine PR	18.9	0.000	0.0	0.60	11.4	-	-	30.3	
Mississippi River RT	7.7	0.267	2.1	1.59	12.3	-	-	22.1	
Spring Lake PR	69.5	0.062	4.3	0.60	41.7	9.8	4.9	130.2	
Subtotal:	415.7		32.3		286.6	60.6	48.3	843.6	843.6

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD:									
Cedar Lake RT	148.7	0.267	39.7	1.59	236.5	-	-	424.9	
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	362.9	0.062	22.5	0.60	217.7	-	118.4	721.5	
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP ¹	2,146.7	0.226	485.2	1.39	2,983.9	-	43.2	5,659.0	
Minnehaha Parkway RT	648.0	0.267	173.0	1.59	1,030.4	-	2.1	1,853.5	
Minnehaha RP	378.9	0.062	23.5	0.60	227.4	-	16.5	646.3	
Mississippi Gorge RP	449.3	0.267	120.0	1.59	714.4	-	24.3	1,307.9	
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	607.2	0.062	37.6	0.60	364.3	-	6.5	1,015.6	
North Mississippi RP	145.8	0.062	9.0	0.60	87.5	-	0.6	242.8	
Theodore Wirth RP	255.7	0.062	15.9	0.60	153.4	-	40.6	465.6	
Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	276.4	0.267	73.8	1.59	439.5	-	3.4	793.1	
Subtotal:	5,419.6		1,000.2		6,454.9	-	255.6	13,130.3	13,130.3

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RAMSEY COUNTY³									
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	73.6	0.062	4.6	0.60	44.1	-	6.5	128.8	
Battle Creek RP	296.2	0.062	18.4	0.60	177.7	-	25.8	518.1	
Birch Lake RT	39.1	0.267	10.4	1.59	62.1	-	-	111.6	
Bruce Vento RT	64.4	0.267	17.2	1.59	102.5	-	-	184.1	
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	395.2	0.062	24.5	0.60	237.1	-	9.4	666.2	
Highway 96 RT	104.1	0.267	27.8	1.59	165.5	-	-	297.3	
Keller RP	199.4	0.062	12.4	0.60	119.6	-	3.3	334.7	
Long Lake RP	265.9	0.062	16.5	0.60	159.5	-	19.3	461.2	
Rice Creek North RT	44.0	0.267	11.7	1.59	70.0	-	-	125.7	
Rice Creek West RT	46.4	0.267	12.4	1.59	73.8	-	-	132.6	
Subtotal:	1,528.3		155.8		1,212.0	-	64.3	2,960.4	2,960.4

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CITY OF ST. PAUL⁴									
Bruce Vento RT	33.4	0.267	8.9	1.59	53.1	-	1.0	96.4	
Cherokee Heights RP	113.2	0.062	7.0	0.60	67.9	-	0.4	188.5	
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	1,190.3	0.062	73.8	0.60	714.2	-	222.4	2,200.7	
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	146.4	0.062	9.1	0.60	87.8	-	1.5	244.8	
Indian Mounds RP	61.9	0.062	3.8	0.60	37.1	-	1.0	103.8	
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	155.4	0.062	9.6	0.60	93.2	-	364.6	622.8	
Mississippi Gorge RP	258.2	0.267	68.9	1.59	410.5	-	10.8	748.5	
Phalen RP	318.0	0.062	19.7	0.60	190.8	-	38.5	567.0	
Samuel Morgan RT	66.2	0.267	17.7	1.59	105.2	-	-	189.0	
Subtotal:	2,342.9		218.6		1,759.9	-	640.2	4,961.6	4,960.0

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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.

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Three Rivers Park District									
Baker PR	146.2	0.062	9.1	0.60	87.7	76.4	7.9	327.3	
Bryant Lake RP	101.2	0.062	6.3	0.60	60.7	-	-	168.2	
Carver PR	57.9	0.062	3.6	0.60	34.7	16.0	15.7	127.9	
Coon Rapids Dam RP	40.5	0.062	2.5	0.60	24.3	-	4.0	71.4	
Crow-Hassan PR	8.6	0.062	0.5	0.60	5.2	4.7	1.1	20.1	
Eagle Lake RP ^B	11.1	0.062	0.7	0.60	6.7	-	-	18.4	
East Corridor RT	60.5	0.267	16.2	1.59	96.3	-	-	173.0	
East Medicine Lake RT	63.4	0.267	16.9	1.59	100.8	-	-	181.1	
Elm Creek PR	192.1	0.062	11.9	0.60	115.3	2.1	13.1	334.5	
Fish Lake RP	55.1	0.062	3.4	0.60	33.1	-	-	91.6	
French RP	256.2	0.062	15.9	0.60	153.7	-	4.8	430.6	
Gale Woods SRF ^A	4.6	0.062	0.3	0.60	2.8	-	8.1	15.8	
Hutchinson Spur RT ^B	96.0	0.267	25.6	1.59	152.7	-	-	274.4	Downhill ski (178.5)
Hyland Lake PR	232.0	0.062	14.4	0.60	139.2	4.7	188.5	578.8	
Lake Minnetonka Islands RP ²	64.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	-	64.7	
Lake Minnetonka RP	91.6	0.062	5.7	0.60	55.0	-	4.8	157.0	
Lake Rebecca PR	66.4	0.062	4.1	0.60	39.8	4.2	9.7	124.2	
Noerenberg Gardens SRF	36.3	0.000	0.0	0.60	21.8	-	-	58.1	
North Hennepin RT	110.8	0.267	29.6	1.59	176.1	-	-	316.5	
North Mississippi RP	29.8	0.062	1.8	0.60	17.9	-	3.8	53.4	
Northwest Hennepin RT	4.6	0.267	1.2	1.59	7.4	-	-	13.2	
Southwest LRT RT-North	79.9	0.267	21.3	1.59	127.0	-	1.1	229.4	
Southwest LRT RT-South	81.3	0.267	21.7	1.59	129.2	-	1.1	233.3	
Three Rivers PD Subtotal:	1,891.0		212.8		1,587.4	108.1	263.7	4,062.9	3,884.4
Three Rivers PD: Scott County									
Cleary Lake RP	92.2	0.062	5.7	0.60	55.3	11.0	1.2	165.4	
Murphy-Hanrehan PR	15.1	0.062	0.9	0.60	9.0	-	1.3	26.3	
Scott County RT	16.6	0.267	4.4	1.59	26.4	-	-	47.4	
Three Rivers - Scott Subtotal:	123.8		11.1		90.7	11.0	2.5	239.1	239.1
Three Rivers TOTAL	2,014.8		223.9		1,678.1	119.1	266.2	4,302.0	4,123.5

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WASHINGTON COUNTY									
Cottage Grove Ravine RP	10.6	0.062	0.7	0.60	6.4	-	0.5	18.2	
Hardwood Creek RT ^A	59.0	0.267	15.8	1.59	93.8	-	-	168.6	
Lake Elmo PR	224.0	0.062	13.9	0.60	134.4	26.5	10.3	409.0	
Square Lake SRF	57.9	0.000	0.0	0.60	34.7	-	5.8	98.4	
St. Croix Bluffs RP	62.5	0.062	3.9	0.60	37.5	12.5	3.9	120.2	
Subtotal:	414.0		34.2		306.8	39.0	20.5	814.4	814.4

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
REGIONAL TOTALS	13,892.4	1,833.1	13,044.8	270.8	1,472.5	30,513.6	30,333.5

Notes:

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

* 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

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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
ANOKA COUNTY:			
Anoka Co. Riverfront RP		TOTAL:	0.3
	June	Picnic	0.3
Bunker Hills RP		TOTAL:	34.3
	April	North Suburban Striders	0.5
	April	Spring Festival	0.3
	May	Natural Resource Days	0.6
	June	Archery Tournament	1.0
	July	Archery Tournament	0.5
	August	Northside Christian picnic	0.3
	September	Hike for Ike	0.5
	October	Achievement Night	0.3
	summer	Library Programs	2.0
	All Year	Archery Building Rental (various pvt groups)	5.3
	Summer	Stables (not included in general count)	23.0
Central Anoka RT		None	-
Coon Rapids Dam RP		TOTAL:	12.2
	February	Snowflake Days	0.4
	May	Kid's Fishing Clinic	0.9
	June	Carpfest	2.2
	July	Epiphany Church	0.8
	July	Picnic	0.3
	August	North Metro Chamber	0.3
	August	Canoe Race	0.3
	summer	Concerts in the Park	7.0
Lake George RP		TOTAL:	21.7
	July	Picnic	0.3
	July	Picnic	0.4
	July	Picnic	0.3
	August	Picnic	0.3
	August	Picnic	0.4
	winter	Snowmobile trail use through park	20.0
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP		TOTAL:	15.0
	winter	Snowmobile trail use through park	15.0
Mississippi River RT		None	-
Rice Creek Chain PR		TOTAL:	48.1
	school yr	School groups @ Wargo N.C.	31.1
	February	Snow Day	0.4
	April	Earth Day	1.0
	June	Bicycle Ride	0.3
	August	YMCA Run	0.3
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use through park	15.0
Rice Creek N. RT		None	-
Rice Creek W. RT		None	-
Rum River Central RP		TOTAL:	0.3
	September	Picnic	0.3
BLOOMINGTON:			
Bush and Normandale Lakes		TOTAL:	31.0
	June	Light 5K race	0.4
	July	SummerFete	30.0
	August	Jazz Festival	0.3
	August	American Pyrotechnics Convention	0.3

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CARVER COUNTY:			
Baylor RP		TOTAL:	3.9
	August	Running Meet	0.3
	September	Running Meet	0.8
	October	Running Meet	0.3
	August	Mars Watch	0.6
	All year	Onan Observatory (late evening use)	1.9
Lake Minnewashta RP		TOTAL:	4.4
	May	Tonka Waters Girl Scout Camp	0.6
	June	East Tonka Girl Scouts	0.3
	July	Tonka Waters Girl Scout Camp	0.9
	July	Fireworks	0.6
	August	Girl Scout Jamboree	2.0
Lake Waconia RP		TOTAL:	6.2
	February	Vintage Snowmobile	4.0
	June	Triathlon	1.2
	July	4th of July celebration	1.0
DAKOTA COUNTY:			
Big Rivers RT		None	-
Lake Byllesby RP		None	-
Lebanon Hills RP		TOTAL:	43.4
	June	Paddlefest	0.5
	Summer	Adventure Ropes Course	0.8
	Summer	Camp Sacajawea (day camp - permit only - not counted in regular counts)	39.7
	October	VC Grand Opening	2.0
	All year	Outdoor Education Programs	0.4
Miesville Ravine PR		None	-
Mississippi River RT		None	-
Spring Lake PR		TOTAL:	4.9
	June	Charle Maguire Event	0.3
	September	X-C Race	0.7
	September	X-C Race	0.7
	October	X-C Race	0.9
	October	X-C Race	0.7
	October	X-C Race	1.0
	All Year	Outdoor Education Programs	0.6

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD:			
Cedar Lake RT		None	-
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP		TOTAL	118.4
	5/17	Walk	0.4
	6/20	Solstice River Performance	2.0
	6/21	Solstice River Performance	2.0
	6/28	Walk/run	1.0
	7/4	July 4th Celebration/Fireworks (100,000 total, 53 % in park)	53.0
	7/4	Neighborhood parade	0.5
	7/25	Company Picnic	0.5
	7/26	Aquatennial Fireworks (100,000 total, 53 % in park)	53.0
	9/21	Fundraiser Walk	1.0
	12/31	New Year's Eve Celebration	5.0
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP		TOTAL	43.2
	2/15	Valentines 5k Run/Walk	1.0
	4/26	March of Dimes	3.0
	4/27	March of Dimes	3.0
	5/3	Walk	0.4
	5/3	Walk-A-Thon (separate from above walk)	0.5
	5/25	Outdoor Church Service	0.4
	5/31	Kite Festival	0.5
	6/1	Outdoor Church Service	0.5
	6/2	School Picnics	1.2
	6/8	Outdoor Church Service	0.4
	6/15	Outdoor Church Service	0.7
	6/22	Outdoor Church Service	0.5
	6/29	Outdoor Church Service	0.9
	7/6	Outdoor Church Service	0.4
	7/13	Outdoor Church Service	0.5
	7/13	Renaissance Festival Preview Party	0.3
	7/18	Aquatennial Sailing Regatta	0.3
	7/26	Aquatennial Sailing Regatta	0.3
	7/27	Aquatennial Sailing Regatta	0.3
	7/27	Aquatennial Beach Bash	9.0
	7/27	Aquatennial Milk Carton Boat Races	2.0
	7/27	Outdoor Church Service	0.8
	7/30	Lifetime Tri-Atholon (1/3 each: Nokomis, Minn Pkwy, Mpls Chain of Lakes)	0.7
	8/3	Outdoor Church Service	0.5
	8/3	Running and Walk Race	1.5
	8/10	Outdoor Church Service	0.5
	8/14	Youthline Picnic - Talent Show	0.3
	8/17	Outdoor Church Service	0.5
	8/24	Outdoor Church Service	0.5
	8/31	Outdoor Church Service	0.5
	9/7	City of Lakes 25K	2.5
	9/7	Outdoor Church Service	0.5
	9/11	9-11 Memorial Run/Walk	0.5
	9/13	Italian Car and Motorcycle Show	1.5
	9/20	Family Walk, Run, Bike	0.5
	9/27	Walk	1.4
	10/5	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.4
	12/6	Reindeer Run	3.0
Minnehaha Parkway RT		TOTAL	2.1
	7/30	Lifetime Triathlon (1/3 each: Nokomis, Minn Pkwy, Mpls Chain of Lakes)	0.7
	10/5	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.4

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD: Continued			
Minnehaha RP		TOTAL	16.5
	1/1	New Years Day Run	0.9
	1/22	Svenskarnas Dag Festival	2.5
	5/4	MS Walk (split between Minn. Park & Miss Gorge)	2.0
	4/26	Get in Gear 10K (split between Minn. Park & Miss Gorge)	3.0
	5/18	AIDS Walk (1/3 each: Minn. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge - SP)	3.3
	7/13	Norway Days	0.5
	7/26	Great River Roll (1/3 each: Minn Park, Nokomis, Miss Gorge)	0.5
	8/16	Company Picnic	1.2
	10/4	Marathon for Non Public Ed (1/3 each: Min. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP)	2.6
Mississippi Gorge RP		TOTAL	24.3
	5/4	MS Walk (split between Minn. Park & Miss Gorge)	2.0
	4/26	Get in Gear 10K (split between Minn. Park & Miss Gorge)	3.0
	5/17	Thai Two On 5K	1.0
	5/18	AIDS Walk (1/3 each: Minn. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge - SP)	3.3
	7/19	Aquatennial Torch Light Run	2.2
	7/26	Great River Roll (1/3 each: Minn Park, Nokomis, Miss Gorge)	0.5
	8/5	National Night Out (organizational party)	0.9
	9/2	Student Picnic	0.5
	9/13	5K and 10K Road Race	0.4
	10/5	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.4
	10/4	Head of the Mississippi Regatta	0.5
	10/4	Marathon for Non Public Ed (1/3 each: Min. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP)	2.6
	11/27	Arena 5K race	6.0
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP		TOTAL	6.5
	5/3	Walk	0.3
	5/17	Fundraising Walk	0.3
	5/26	5K Race	0.5
	7/26	Great River Roll (1/3 each: Minn Park, Nokomis, Miss Gorge)	0.5
	7/30	Lifetime Triathlon (1/3 each: Nokomis, Minn Pkwy, Mpls Chain of Lakes)	0.7
	8/23	5K and 10K Run	1.1
	9/6	Fundraising Walk	1.0
	9/14	5K Walk	0.7
	10/5	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.4
North Mississippi RP		TOTAL	0.6
	8/2	Picnic	0.3
	8/2	Picnic	0.3
Theodore Wirth RP		TOTAL	40.6
	June 14-15	Junteenth Celebration	40.0
	7/26	Picnic	0.3
	8/14	Youthline end of summer celebration	0.3
Wirth Memorial Parkway RT		TOTAL	3.4
	5/3	Walk With Pets	3.0
	7/13	Whiz Bang Days	0.4

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RAMSEY COUNTY			
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP		TOTAL	6.5
	7/20	Hosanna Lutheran Church	0.3
	9/13	Final Stretch	0.3
	Sept - May	School Group program	5.9
Battle Creek RP		TOTAL	25.8
	5/7	Green Meadows Production	5.0
	5/8	Green Meadows Production	4.0
	5/9	Green Meadows Production	7.0
	5/10	Green Meadows Production	2.0
	6/7	Jordon Graduation	0.5
	6/21	Thai Vang Family reunion	0.5
	6/27	McDonough Birthday Party	0.3
	6/29	Steve Xiong Family Picnic	0.6
	7/10	St. Paul Firefighters	0.5
	7/12	Leng Vang Family Reunion	0.4
	7/13	Cha Vang Family Picnic	0.4
	8/9	HPI Comp Picnic	0.3
	8/10	Pioneer Press Picnic	0.4
	8/23	Plumbers Union #34 Picnic	0.5
	8/24	Pipefitters Local 455	1.0
	8/30	Western Graphics	0.4
	9/3	Tri-Metro Conference	0.4
	9/4	Tri-Metro Conference	0.4
	9/23	Tri-Metro Conference	0.4
	10/14	Tri-Metro Conference	0.4
	10/23	Tri-Metro Conference	0.4
Birch Lake RT		None	-
Bruce Vento RT		None	-
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP		TOTAL	9.4
	4/26	Helping Paws Run/Walk	0.5
	5/17	MN Renewable Energy Society	1.0
	5/17	Union Gospel Hill Mission run	0.5
	5/18	Solar Boat Regatta	0.3
	6/14	Terry Alsaker private party	0.3
	7/6	River of Life Church	0.4
	7/17	Guidant Company Picnic	0.4
	8/11	Playing to Win Foundation	5.0
	8/17	Final Stretch	0.6
	8/27	Summit Ave Assembly of God	0.4
Highway 96 RT		None	-
Keller RP		TOTAL	3.3
	5/23	7th Annual Recovery	0.4
	5/31-6/1	Minn International League	1.0
	7/26	Minn Inboard Water Sports	0.5
	8/2	Potvin Wedding	0.4
	8/28	In His Wake Water Ski	1.0

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RAMSEY COUNTY: Continued			
Long Lake RP		TOTAL	19.3
	5/23	Irondale High School Sr. Class Picnic	0.8
	5/24	Eriterian Comm. Center	0.5
	5/30	Mounds View School Sr. Class Picnic	0.8
	6/2	John the Baptist Church	0.4
	6/6	Center Point El.-	0.3
	6/14	Liberty Enterprise	0.4
	6/16	HHH Jobs Corp	0.4
	6/22	Kray Family Reunion	0.4
	6/26	Target Corp Picnic	0.4
	6/28	Donatelle Plastics Inc.	0.3
	7/5	Braun Wedding	0.4
	7/12	Living World Church	0.3
	7/26	Goa Chang Family picnic	0.3
	7/31	AGS Publishing	0.4
	8/2	Twin City Catering	0.3
	8/3	Villella Family Reunion	0.5
	8/8	New Brighton Stockyard Days	0.5
	8/9	New Brighton Stockyard Days	8.0
	8/10	New Brighton Stockyard Days	2.0
	8/11	Culvers Company Picnic	0.3
	8/20	Capella Ed. Company	0.3
	8/23	Pierce Family Reunion	0.3
	8/26	Calvin Christian School	0.3
	8/31	Belden Piano Service	0.3
	9/1	Kehilat Sar Shalom Church Picnic	0.4
Rice Creek North RT		None	-
Rice Creek West RT		None	-

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CITY OF ST. PAUL			
Bruce Vento RT		TOTAL	1.0
	9/7	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Miss River RT, Vento RT)	1.0
Cherokee Heights RP		TOTAL	0.4
	7/4	4 th of July	0.4
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF		TOTAL	222.4
	Winter	Como downhill Ski (Enterprise facility)	1.6
	Sch year	School groups to zoo/conservatory	12.5
	January	Saint Paul Winter Carnival (10 days)	10.0
	January	Winter Carnival Orchid Show	4.1
	February	Valentine Soiree	0.8
	April	Earth Day Run/Walk	0.9
	May	Arthritis Foundation Walk	0.5
	May	Bonsai Show	3.9
	May	Humane Society K9 5K Walk	1.1
	May	Love Lines Walk for Glory	0.3
	May	St. Paul Police Patrol	2.6
	June	Capitol Campaign Public Employees	10.0
	June	Como "Pops" Ensemble (estimated from 2002)	0.6
	June	Como "Pops" Ensemble (estimated from 2002)	0.6
	June	Como "Pops" Ensemble (estimated from 2002)	0.8
	June	Dakota Communities Picnic	0.5
	June	Iron Worker's Picnic	0.5
	June	Saturn Riverfront Picnic	0.3
	June	West Group Picnic	30.0
	July	Assani Picnic	0.5
	July	Colder Products	0.5
	July	Como "Pops" Ensemble (estimated from 2002)	0.8
	July	Como "Pops" Ensemble (estimated from 2002)	0.7
	July	Como "Pops" Ensemble (estimated from 2002)	0.7
	July	Como "Pops" Ensemble (estimated from 2002)	0.7
	July	Como Fest Event	2.0
	July	Como Lakeside Theater (estimated from 2002)	0.5
	July	Como Lakeside Theater (estimated from 2002)	0.8
	July	Como Lakeside Theater (estimated from 2002)	0.9
	July	Como Lakeside Theater (estimated from 2002)	0.8
	July	Como Lakeside Theater (estimated from 2002)	0.9
	July	Como Lakeside Theater (estimated from 2002)	0.9
	July	Como Lakeside Theater (estimated from 2002)	0.7
	July	Como Lakeside Theater (estimated from 2002)	0.9
	July	Como Lakeside Theater (estimated from 2002)	0.9
	July	Como Lakeside Theater (estimated from 2002)	0.7
	July	Como Zoo and Conservatory Event	0.3
	July	Conservatory "Renaming" Party	0.3
	July	Hmong Soccer Festival	40.0
	July	Hmong Soccer Festival - 2nd day	40.0
	July	Kowalski's Company Picnic	1.0
	August	Al Minnesota Picnic	0.3
	August	Annual Firefighters Picnic	0.5
	August	AT&T Picnic	0.4
	August	Big Brother's Big Sister's Event	0.7
	August	Como "Pops" Ensemble (estimated from 2002)	0.8
	August	Como "Pops" Ensemble (estimated from 2002)	0.8
	August	Como "Pops" Ensemble (estimated from 2002)	0.8
	August	Como "Pops" Ensemble (estimated from 2002)	0.8
	August	Como Park Lutheran Church	0.3
	August	Deltak Corporation Picnic	0.5
	August	Hillcrest Theater at Como (estimated from 2002)	0.7
	August	Hillcrest Theater at Como (estimated from 2002)	0.7
	August	Hillcrest Theater at Como (estimated from 2002)	0.8
	August	Lantern Lighting Festival	3.0
	August	TriAdvantage Company Picnic	0.7
	August	Tutor Time Child Care Outing	0.4

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Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF			
	September	Down Syndrome Association	1.2
	September	Family Support Network Walk	0.5
	September	Guidant Company Picnic	1.0
	September	Self Magazine Workout	2.0
	September	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Miss River RT, Vento RT)	1.0
	October	Alzheimer's Walk	2.0
	October	Loaves & Fishes Picnic	0.6
	October	Zoo Boo	23.0
	November	Ikebana Show	1.3
	November	Turkey 5K Run/Walk	0.5
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP			
	July	TOTAL	1.5
	9/7	Mississippi River - Friends of the Miss. River	0.5
		St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Miss River RT, Vento RT)	1.0
Indian Mounds RP			
	9/7	Total	1.0
		St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Miss River RT, Vento RT)	1.0
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP			
		TOTAL	364.6
	1/26	Super Bowl 5K	0.4
	4/5	Wedding	0.3
	5/26	St. Paul Picnic in the Park	50.0
	6/13	Wedding	0.3
	6/20	Brunett Boxing	2.5
	6/26	Symphonia Concert	0.5
	6/27	MN Hog Rally	10.0
	6/28	MN Hog Rally	10.0
	6/29	MN Hog Rally	10.0
	7/2	Taste of Minnesota	40.0
	7/3	Taste of Minnesota	40.0
	7/4	Taste of Minnesota	40.0
	7/5	Taste of Minnesota	40.0
	7/6	Taste of Minnesota	40.0
	7/10	Symphonia Concert	0.5
	7/12	Wedding	0.4
	7/19	Andersen Windows Event	10.0
	8/8	Irish Fair	20.0
	8/9	Irish Fair	20.0
	8/10	Irish Fair	20.0
	8/13	Builders Club	1.5
	8/19	St. Paul Police Band	0.5
	8/23	Wedding	0.3
	9/1	Labor Day Picnic	5.0
	9/12	Wedding	0.3
	11/24	Cantus	0.3
	11/25	Cantus	0.3
	11/26	Cantus	0.3
	11/27	Cantus	0.3
	11/28	Cantus	0.3
	11/29	Cantus	0.3
	11/30	Cantus	0.3

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Mississippi Gorge RP		TOTAL	10.8
	4/27	March of Dimes Walk	0.5
	5/3	2003 Melpomene Institute	1.5
	5/18	AIDS Walk (1/3 each: Minn. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge - SP)	3.3
	7/22	MRPA Great River Roll (split with Mpls side)	0.5
	9/7	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Miss River RT, Vento RT)	1.0
	10/4	Marathon for Non Public Ed (1/3 each: Min. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP)	2.6
	10/5	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.4
Phalen RP		TOTAL	38.5
	1/24	Winter Carnival events at Phalen (10 days - other than below)	20.0
	1/20	King Boreas Cross Country Ski Race	0.4
	4/12	Spring Clean-Up Celebration	0.5
	5/3	Batten Disease Walk/Run	0.4
	5/10	Nokomis Montessori Walk	0.3
	5/17	Waterfest	1.5
	5/20	Dunwoody Electrical	0.3
	6/7	Hmong American Partnership	0.5
	6/21	Public Housing Picnic	0.5
	7/12	Local 323 Work Picnic	0.3
	7/19	Dragon Boat Races	5.0
	7/20	Dragon Boat Races	5.0
	8/2	Woodland Hills Church Picnic	0.4
	8/3	American Legion Post Picnic	0.3
	8/9	Carpenter's Local 87 Picnic	0.5
	9/7	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/3 each: Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP)	2.3
	9/13	Teamsters Local 120 Labor	0.3
Samuel Morgan RT		None	-

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Three Rivers Park District			
Baker PR		TOTAL	7.9
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.9
	1/4	Snowshoe Festival	0.3
	2/7	Section 6AA X-C Ski Meet	0.4
	4/19	Egg Hunt	1.3
	7/31	Carlson Company Picnic	0.4
	8/13	Polaris Industries Picnic	0.5
	9/27	Holyname/St. Bart. Marathon	1.0
	10/25	Baker Boo	0.3
	Sch Yr	School groups @ Near-Wilderness Center	1.8
Bryant Lake RP		None	-
Carver PR		TOTAL	15.7
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.1
	2/9	Victoria Fire Department - Picnic/Fishing Contest	0.5
	2/21	ISD 270 Gatewood X-C Ski Meet	0.4
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	13.7
Coon Rapids Dam RP		TOTAL	4.0
	6/21	Carp Festival	0.6
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	3.4
Crow-Hassan PR		TOTAL	1.1
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.1
Eagle Lake RP		None	-
East Corridor RT		None	-
East Medicine Lake RT		None	-
Elm Creek PR		TOTAL	13.1
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.8
	5/17	Maranatha Academy Marathon	0.5
	6/14	VUE Picnic	0.3
	7/12	Schroeder Picnic	0.3
	8/1	American Express Picnic	0.3
	8/9	Select Comfort Picnic	0.3
	8/14	Turck Inc Co Picnic	0.5
	8/16	Medsource Tech Picnic	0.3
	8/24	Grace Fellowship Picnic	0.3
	10/11	Autumn Woods Classic	1.5
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	8.0
Fish Lake RP		None	-
French RP		TOTAL	4.8
	5/3	District 287 Foundation Picnic	0.5
	9/27	Fall Raptor Release	2.1
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	2.2
Gale Woods		TOTAL	8.1
	8/9	Grand Opening Event	3.5
	9/6	Sawyer Picnic	0.3
	10/8	Classic Lake Conference X-C Run Meet	1.0
	10/22	Section 6AA X-C Run Meet	1.0
	Sch Yr	School groups @ farm	2.3
Hutchinson Spur RT		None	-

Table 2: Special event counts for 2003

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

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
THREE RIVERS: Continued			
Hyland Lake PR		TOTAL	188.5
	Winter	Downhill Ski Area Enterprise Facilities	178.5
	4/18	Rabbit Habbit & Egg Trail	0.3
	6/14	African American Adopt Picnic	0.5
	8/3	Running Room Picnic	0.5
	8/16	Cargill Dow LLC Picnic	0.3
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	8.4
Lake Minnetonka Islands		None	-
Lake Minnetonka RP		TOTAL	4.8
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.0
	4/26	Spring Raptor Release	3.0
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	0.8
Lake Rebecca PR		TOTAL	9.7
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.6
	5/3	Wright County Humane Society Picnic	0.5
	5/18	Rockford LLC Picnic	0.3
	5/23	Rockford Elementary Picnic	0.3
	6/21	Egan Companies Picnic	0.5
	6/28	Sullivan Picnic	0.3
	7/12	Local 539 Pipefitters Picnic	0.5
	7/13	Church of New Life Picnic	0.3
	7/19	NAU Picnic	0.3
	7/27	Rebecca Rumble - Trail Event	0.6
	8/3	Living Word Christian Picnic	1.0
	8/3	New Life Christian Church Picnic	0.3
	8/9	Gyrus Medical Picnic	0.7
	8/9	Osseo Class Of 1983 Picnic	0.3
	8/10	Good Shepherd Church Picnic	0.3
	8/10	MPLS Lastadian Church Picnic	0.5
	8/15	Merchant & Gould Picnic	0.3
	8/16	Lemke Picnic	0.3
	8/24	Crystal Evan Free Church Picnic	0.5
	9/6	Adolfson & Peterson Picnic	0.3
Noerenberg Gardens SRF		None	-
North Hennepin RT		None	-
North Mississippi RP		TOTAL	3.8
	6/2	ISD 1 Jenny Lind	0.6
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	3.2
Northwest Hennepin RT		None	-
Southwest LRT RT-North		TOTAL	1.1
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.1
Southwest LRT RT-South		TOTAL	1.1
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.1
Three Rivers - SCOTT COUNTY			
Clary Lake RP		TOTAL	1.2
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.2
Murphy-Hanrehan PR		TOTAL	1.3
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.3
Scott County RT		None	-

Table 2: Special event counts for 2003*(Note: these events occurred on days that were specifically not sampled to avoid double-counting)*

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
WASHINGTON COUNTY			
Cottage Grove Ravine RP		None	0.5
	Sch Yr	Hastings field biology	0.5
Hardwood Creek RT		None	-
Lake Elmo PR		TOTAL	10.3
	Winter	Snowmobile use	1.2
	Sch Yr	School Groups Orienteering	0.5
	5/22	Picnic	0.3
	5/31	Picnic	0.3
	6/4	Picnic	0.4
	6/7	Family Festival	1.5
	6/10	Picnic	0.3
	6/11	Picnic	0.4
	6/19	Picnic	0.4
	7/26	Picnic	0.3
	8/5	Picnic	0.4
	8/23	Stargazing	0.4
	8/24	Picnic	0.4
	9/6	Bluegrass Festival	2.5
	9/13	Picnic	0.3
	9/20	Picnic	0.4
	10/4	Picnic	0.3
Square Lake SRF		TOTAL	5.8
	9/6-7/2003	Triathlon	5.8
St. Croix Bluffs RP		TOTAL	3.9
	6/14	Picnic	0.3
	6/21	Picnic	0.3
	6/28	Picnic	0.3
	7/19	Picnic	0.3
	7/26	Picnic	0.4
	7/27	Picnic	0.3
	8/2	Picnic	0.8
	8/3	Picnic	0.3
	8/9	Picnic	0.3
	8/23	Picnic	0.3
	8/30	Picnic	0.3

Table 3: Comparison of 2002 and 2003 visitation

Agency	2002 (1,000's)	2003 (1,000's)	# change (1,000's)	% change
Anoka	2,470.6	2,523.9	53.3	2.2%
Bloomington	716.3	772.9	56.6	7.9%
Carver	179.3	204.6	25.3	14.1%
Dakota ¹	672.4	843.6	171.2	25.5%
Minneapolis ²	14,183.6	13,130.3	(1,053.3)	-7.4%
Ramsey ³	2,647.5	2,960.4	312.9	11.8%
St Paul ⁴	4,565.5	4,961.6	396.1	8.7%
Three Rivers (Hennepin)	3,739.4	4,062.9	323.5	8.7%
Three Rivers-Scott Co.	230.5	239.1	8.6	3.7%
Washington ⁵	663.3	814.4	151.1	22.8%
TOTAL	30,068.4	30,513.6	445.2	1.5%

Notes for Table 3

¹ Lebanon Hills saw significant increases in visitation due to the reopening of Cliff Road, free access to the swim beach and no flooding events in 2003. Additionally, Camp Sacajawea visitation was included for the first time in 2003.

² The decrease in 2003 was primarily due to major construction at Theodore Wirth RP, Wirth Memorial Parkway, Minnehaha Parkway, Lake Nokomis RP, Cedar Lake RT, and the Ford Bridge (affected Mississippi Gorge RP).

³ 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.

⁴ St. Paul has no count data for 2002. The estimate is based on data for 2003, 2001, 2000 and 1999.

⁵ The majority of the increase for Washington County is attributed to the addition of the Hardwood Creek RT - the first regional trail for that agency.

Table 4: Comparison of 2002 and 2003 park vs. trail visitation

	2002 (1,000's)	2003 (1,000's)	# change (1,000's)	% change	% of all visits in 2003
Trail Visits ⁵	6,709.3	6,593.9	(115.4)	-1.7%	22%
Park/Reserve Visits	23,359.2	23,919.7	560.5	2.4%	78%
Total Visits	30,068.5	30,513.6	445.1	1.5%	100%

Notes for Table 4

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 13.2 million, or 43% of all visits, are trail visits.

Table 5: Most-visited regional parks and trails

Rank	Park/trail	Agency	2003 Visitation (1,000's)	Cumulative percent of total visitation
1	Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP	MPRB	5,659.0	19%
2	Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	St. Paul	2,200.7	26%
3	Mississippi Gorge RP	MPRB/St. Paul	2,056.4	32%
4	Minnehaha Parkway RT	MPRB	1,853.5	39%
5	Hyland/Bush/Anderson PR	Three Rivers/Bloomington	1,351.6	43%
6	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	MPRB	1,015.6	46%
7	Phalen/Keller RP	Ramsey/St. Paul	901.7	49%
8	Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	St. Paul	811.4	52%
9	Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	MPRB	793.1	55%
10	Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	MPRB	721.5	57%
11	Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	Ramsey	666.2	59%
12	Minnehaha RP	MPRB	646.3	61%
13	Battle Creek RP	Ramsey/St. Paul	621.9	63%
14	Bunker Hills RP	Anoka	601.1	65%
15	Lebanon Hills RP	Dakota	484.1	67%
Total			20,384.2	
Percent of 2003 Visitation				66.8%

Table 6: Urban parks visitation

Agency	2003 Visitation (1,000's)
Minneapolis Parks Total	13,130.3
St. Paul Parks Total	4,961.6
Urban Total	18,091.9
Urban Percentage of 2003 visitation	59.3%

Table 7: Como visitation - park and zoo/conservatory

Park Unit	2003 Visitation (1,000's)	%
Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF ¹	1,773.8	80.6%
Como Park (non-zoo/conservatory visits)	426.9	19.4%
Como Total	2,200.7	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	2003 Visitation (1,000's)	% of total
Anoka	2,523.9	8.32047%
Bloomington	772.9	2.54787%
Carver	204.6	0.67458%
Dakota	843.6	2.78093%
Minneapolis	13,130.3	43.28638%
Ramsey	2,960.4	9.75950%
St Paul	4,960.0	16.35152%
Three Rivers PD	3,884.4	12.80569%
Three Rivers/Scott	239.1	0.78817%
Washington	814.4	2.68490%
TOTAL	30,333.5	1.00

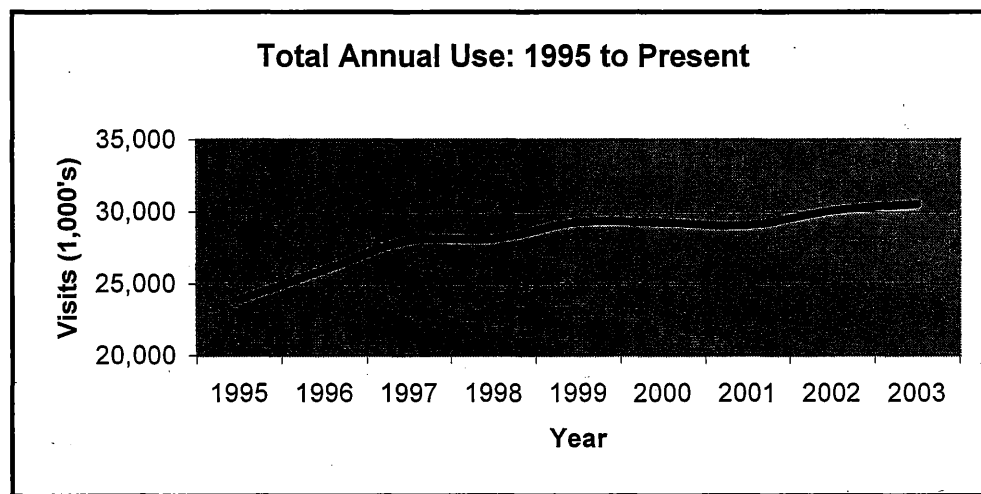
Note: O & M visitation estimates do not include Enterprise Facility visitation (downhill skiing at Hyland and Como). Golf course visits are not included in both the overall visitation and the O & M visitation estimates. The state funding formula for operations and maintenance is based in part on the non-enterprise visitation to regional park units for each agency.

Table 9: Regional park system units currently open for public use

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-Vadnals-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	Special Recreation Features		
24	Harriet Island-Lilydale & Cherokee Heights RP	St. Paul	1	Como Conservatory	St. Paul
25	Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	St. Paul	2	Como Zoo	St. Paul
26	Phalen-Keller RP	St. Paul/Ramsey Co.	3	Gales Woods	Three Rivers
27	Bryant Lake RP	Three Rivers	4	Noerenberg Gardens SRF	Three Rivers
28	Clifton E. French RP	Three Rivers	5	Square Lake SRF	Washington Co.
29	Eagle Lake RP	Three Rivers			
30	Fish Lake RP	Three Rivers			
31	Lake Minnetonka Islands	Three Rivers			
32	Lake Minnetonka RP	Three Rivers			
33	Cleary Lake RP	Three Rivers/Scott Co.			
34	Cottage Grove Ravine RP	Washington Co.			
35	St. Croix Bluffs RP	Washington Co.			
Park Reserves			73	TOTAL UNITS	
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

	<u>Visits (in 1,000's) per year</u>								
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
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
Bloomington	483.8	484.5	596.4	604.1	806.5	982.5	846.9	716.3	772.9
Carver County	192.7	133.2	187.5	177.9	174.6	175.9	176.6	179.3	204.6
Dakota County	578.7	678.8	766.5	686.9	749.6	689.6	648.9	672.4	843.6
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
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
Scott County	230.7	235.3	244.8	204.4	186.8	205.5	217.0	230.5	239.1
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
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
Washington County	423.4	505.8	585.2	585.4	586.2	610.3	647.5	663.3	814.4
REGIONAL TOTALS¹	23,904.6	25,944.7	28,019.0	28,110.9	29,272.0	29,254.9	29,070.5	30,068.5	30,513.6
% annual increase²	n/a	9%	8%	0%	4%	0%	-1%	3%	1%



¹ Visitation estimates for 1995 through 1998 were adjusted to reflect the seasonal multipliers used from 1999 to the present so that estimates are comparable across all years.

² The large increases in 1996 and 1997 are primarily the result of the five units added in 1996 and four units added in 1997.

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	2,523.9	1,385.3	-	3.7	61.1	152.9	308.5	89.0	333.0	-	59.7	74.7	47.5	8.6	2,523.9
Anoka Visitation by Percent	100.0%	54.9%	< 0.1%	0.1%	2.4%	6.1%	12.2%	3.5%	13.2%	< 0.1%	2.4%	3.0%	1.9%	0.3%	100.0%
City of Bloomington Total Visitation	772.9	12.4	303.0	18.5	64.1	70.3	6.2	12.4	227.2	15.5	6.2	9.3	27.8	-	772.9
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	204.6	1.8	-	85.8	2.3	8.7	1.3	-	39.4	7.5	-	52.8	5.0	-	204.6
Carver Visitation by Percent	100.0%	0.9%	< 0.1%	41.9%	1.1%	4.2%	0.7%	< 0.1%	19.3%	3.7%	< 0.1%	25.8%	2.5%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Dakota County Total Visitation	843.6	14.5	-	-	596.4	39.7	16.4	35.9	32.8	6.4	8.3	44.2	38.3	10.6	843.6
Dakota Visitation by Percent	100.0%	1.7%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	70.7%	4.7%	1.9%	4.3%	3.9%	0.8%	1.0%	5.2%	4.5%	1.3%	100.0%
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Bd Total Visitation	13,130.3	88.8	-	22.3	398.6	9,087.6	114.7	719.2	2,073.2	27.6	58.7	203.7	335.9	-	13,130.3
Minneapolis Visitation by Percent	100.0%	0.7%	< 0.1%	0.2%	3.0%	69.2%	0.9%	5.5%	15.8%	0.2%	0.4%	1.6%	2.6%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Ramsey County Total Visitation	2,960.4	273.0	-	2.0	58.5	101.4	1,471.8	674.3	73.3	-	218.3	37.9	48.4	1.3	2,960.4
Ramsey Visitation by Percent	100.0%	9.2%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	2.0%	3.4%	49.7%	22.8%	2.5%	< 0.1%	7.4%	1.3%	1.6%	0.0%	99.93%
City of St. Paul Total Visitation	4,961.6	125.4	-	7.5	380.6	666.6	531.8	1,891.6	304.4	13.2	327.7	327.2	376.6	8.8	4,961.6
St. Paul Visitation by Percent	100.0%	2.5%	< 0.1%	0.2%	7.7%	13.4%	10.7%	38.1%	6.1%	0.3%	6.6%	6.6%	7.6%	0.2%	100.0%
Three Rivers PD Total Visitation	4,062.9	292.1	225.0	183.9	99.5	286.5	54.3	50.3	2,555.2	40.0	20.7	176.5	73.4	5.3	4,062.9
Three Rivers PD Visitation by Percent	100.0%	7.2%	5.5%	4.5%	2.5%	7.1%	1.3%	1.2%	62.9%	1.0%	0.5%	4.3%	1.8%	0.1%	100.0%
Three Rivers/Scott Co. Total Visitation	239.1	6.5	-	-	93.0	2.2	-	-	27.5	84.6	-	12.7	12.7	-	239.1
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	814.4	19.3	-	2.2	83.6	22.9	61.3	120.6	31.9	1.3	380.2	35.5	55.0	0.6	814.4
Washington Visitation by Percent	100.0%	2.4%	< 0.1%	0.3%	10.3%	2.8%	7.5%	14.8%	3.9%	0.2%	46.7%	4.4%	6.8%	0.1%	100.0%
TOTAL VISITATION	30,513.6	2,219.1	528.0	326.0	1,837.8	10,438.8	2,566.5	3,593.3	5,697.9	196.0	1,079.8	974.5	1,020.6	35.3	30,513.6
TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENT	100.0%	7.3%	1.7%	1.1%	6.0%	34.2%	8.4%	11.8%	18.7%	0.6%	3.5%	3.2%	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 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	2,523.9	1,385.3	1,007.9	74.7	56.1
Anoka Visitation by Percent	100.0%	54.9%	39.9%	3.0%	2.2%
City of Bloomington Total Visitation	772.9	303.0	432.8	9.3	27.8
Bloomington Visitation by Percent	100.0%	39.2%	56.0%	1.2%	3.6%
Carver County Total Visitation	204.6	85.8	61.0	52.8	5.0
Carver Visitation by Percent	100.0%	41.9%	29.8%	25.8%	2.5%
Dakota County Total Visitation	843.6	596.4	154.1	44.2	48.9
Dakota Visitation by Percent	100.0%	70.7%	18.3%	5.2%	5.8%
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board Total Visitation	13,130.3	9,087.6	3,503.0	203.7	335.9
Minneapolis Visitation by Percent	100.0%	69.2%	26.7%	1.6%	2.6%
Ramsey County Total Visitation	2,960.4	1,471.8	1,401.0	37.9	49.7
Ramsey Visitation by Percent	100.0%	49.7%	47.3%	1.3%	1.7%
City of St. Paul Total Visitation	4,961.6	1,891.6	2,357.4	327.2	385.4
St. Paul Visitation by Percent	100.0%	38.1%	47.5%	6.6%	7.8%
Three Rivers PD Total Visitation	4,062.9	2,555.2	1,252.5	176.5	78.7
Three Rivers PD Visitation by Percent	100.0%	62.9%	30.8%	4.3%	1.9%
Three Rivers/Scott County Total Visitation	239.1	84.6	129.1	12.7	12.7
Three Rivers/Scott Visitation by Percent	100.0%	35.4%	54.0%	5.3%	5.3%
Washington County Total Visitation	814.4	380.2	343.1	35.5	55.7
Washington Visitation by Percent	100.0%	46.7%	42.1%	4.4%	6.8%
TOTAL VISITATION	30,513.6	17,841.4	10,641.8	974.5	1,055.9
TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENT	100.0%	58.5%	34.9%	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.

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Table 13: Top activities in the regional park 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%	7,128	39%	3,588	10,716	35%
Biking	13%	3,086	31%	2,902	5,988	20%
Swimming/wading	21%	5,119	0%	-	5,119	17%
Picnicking	16%	3,875	0%	-	3,875	13%
Relaxing ³	15%	3,612	0%	-	3,612	12%
Jogging/running	6%	1,483	17%	1,604	3,087	10%
Playground use	10%	2,392	0%	-	2,392	8%
Sunbathing	8%	1,961	0%	-	1,961	6%
Zoo visits	7%	1,774	0%	-	1,774	6%
In-line skating	4%	1,029	7%	603	1,631	5%
Fishing	6%	1,387	0%	-	1,387	5%
Dog-walking	1%	144	6%	528	672	2%

	Regional Parks	Regional Trails	System-wide
2003 system-wide visits			
(in 1,000's of visits)	23,919.7	6,593.9	30,513.6
% of 2003 visits	78%	22%	

Notes:

Visits and occasions are reported in units of 1,000

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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: Visits and visit-hours by park and agency

Agency	Park/Trail	VISITS Total (1,000's)	Visit HOURS Total (1,000's)	Visits Rank	Visit Hours Rank
Anoka	Anoka Co. Riverfront RP	246.2	591.00	33	31
Anoka	Bunker Hills RP	601.1	2,291.0	13	4
Anoka	Central Anoka RT	92.2	101.4	62	70
Anoka	Coon Rapids Dam RP	316.4	854.2	29	27
Anoka	Lake George RP	219.1	767.0	38	28
Anoka	Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	122.9	415.8	55	42
Anoka	Mississippi River RT	135.8	176.5	48	63
Anoka	Rice Creek Chain PR	308.0	1,084.1	30	21
Anoka	Rice Creek N. RT	85.2	85.2	66	74
Anoka	Rice Creek W. RT	328.2	393.9	26	46
Anoka	Rum River Central RP	68.8	220.0	68	58
	Anoka County Total Visitation	2,523.9	6,980.1		
	Share of total visitation	8.3%	10.9%		
Bloomington	Bloomington (Bush Lake RP) Total Visitation	772.9	1,545.7	7	9
	Share of total visitation	2.5%	2.4%		
Carver	Baylor RP	63.4	354.7	70	48
Carver	Lake Minnewashta RP	103.4	361.9	59	47
Carver	Lake Waconia RP	37.8	158.7	74	66
	Carver County Total Visitation	204.6	875.3		
	Share of total visitation	0.7%	1.4%		
Dakota	Big Rivers RT	85.3	119.4	65	69
Dakota	Lake Bylesby RP	91.6	410.9	64	44
Dakota	Lebanon Hills	484.1	1,499.6	16	12
Dakota	Miesville Ravine RP	30.3	81.8	75	75
Dakota	Mississippi River RT	22.1	28.7	77	79
Dakota	Spring Lake PR	130.2	461.5	50	39
	Dakota County Total Visitation	843.6	2,601.8		
	Share of total visitation	2.8%	4.1%		
Mpls	Cedar Lake RT	424.9	552.4	21	32
Mpls	Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	721.5	1,515.2	9	11
Mpls	Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP	5,659.0	7,922.5	1	1
Mpls	Minnehaha Parkway RT	1,853.5	2,595.0	2	3
Mpls	Minnehaha RP	646.3	1,292.6	11	15
Mpls	Mississippi Gorge RP	1,307.9	1,700.3	4	7
Mpls	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	1,015.6	1,929.7	5	5
Mpls	North Mississippi RP	242.8	461.4	35	40
Mpls	Theodore Wirth RP	465.6	1,489.8	17	13
Mpls	Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	793.1	1,031.1	6	22
	Minneapolis Park & Rec Bd Total Visitation	13,130.3	20,489.9		
	Share of total visitation	43.3%	32.0%		

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Agency	Park/Trail	VISITS Total (1,000's)	Visit HOURS Total (1,000's)	Visits Rank	Visit Hours Rank
Ramsey	Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	128.8	437.9	51	41
Ramsey	Battle Creek RP	518.1	932.6	15	25
Ramsey	Birch Lake RT	111.6	100.5	57	71
Ramsey	Bruce Vento RT	184.1	257.8	41	55
Ramsey	Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	666.2	1,732.2	10	6
Ramsey	Highway 96 RT	297.3	267.6	31	54
Ramsey	Keller RP	334.7	870.2	24	26
Ramsey	Long Lake RP	461.2	1,199.2	18	18
Ramsey	Rice Creek N RT	125.7	125.7	53	68
Ramsey	Rice Creek W RT	132.6	159.1	49	65
Ramsey County Total Visitation		2,960.4	6,082.7		
Share of total visitation		9.8%	9.5%		
St Paul	Bruce Vento RT	96.4	135.0	61	67
St Paul	Cherokee Heights RP	188.5	339.4	40	50
St Paul	Como Park (non-zoo) (no DH ski visits)	425.3	1,020.8	20	23
St Paul	Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF	1,773.8	5,144.0	3	2
St Paul	Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	244.8	514.1	34	34
St Paul	Indian Mounds RP	103.8	186.9	58	62
St Paul	Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	622.8	1,121.1	12	20
St Paul	Mississippi Gorge RP - St. Paul only	748.5	973.0	8	24
St Paul	Phalen RP	567.0	1,474.1	14	14
St Paul	Samuel Morgan RT	189.0	245.7	39	56
City of St. Paul Total Visitation		4,960.0	11,154.1		
Share of total visitation		16.4%	17.4%		
TRPD	Baker PR	327.3	1,691.1	27	8
TRPD	Bryant Lake RP	168.2	487.8	45	36
TRPD	Carver PR	127.9	468.5	52	38
TRPD	Coon Rapids Dam RP	71.4	192.7	67	61
TRPD	Crow-Hassan PR	20.1	93.0	78	72
TRPD	Eagle Lake RP	18.4	18.4	79	82
TRPD	East Corridor RT	173.0	311.3	43	52
TRPD	East Medicine Lake RT	181.1	307.9	42	53
TRPD	Elm Creek PR	334.5	1,282.1	25	16
TRPD	Fish Lake RP	91.6	238.3	63	57
TRPD	French RP	430.6	1,162.7	19	19
TRPD	Gale Woods SRF	15.8	49.0	81	78
TRPD	Hutchinson Spur RT	274.4	493.9	32	35
TRPD	Hyland Lake PR (no DH ski visits)	400.3	1,229.1	23	17
TRPD	Lake Minnetonka Islands	64.7	200.6	69	60
TRPD	Lake Minnetonka RP	157.0	486.8	47	37
TRPD	Lake Rebecca PR	124.2	409.9	54	45
TRPD	Noerenberg Gardens SRF	58.1	58.1	71	77
TRPD	North Hennepin RT	316.5	538.0	28	33
TRPD	North Mississippi RP	53.4	165.4	72	64
TRPD	Northwest Hennepin RT	13.2	23.8	82	80
TRPD	Southwest LRT RT-North	229.4	412.8	37	43
TRPD	Southwest LRT RT-South	233.3	350.0	36	49
Three Rivers PD Total Visitation		3,884.4	10,671.3		
Share of total visitation		12.8%	16.7%		

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Agency	Park/Trail	VISITS Total (1,000's)	Visit HOURS Total (1,000's)	Visits Rank	Visit Hours Rank
TRPD/Scott	Clear Lake RP	165.4	685.7	46	29
TRPD/Scott	Murphy-Hanrehan PR	26.3	86.8	76	73
TRPD/Scott	Scott County RT	47.4	75.8	73	76
	Three Rivers/Scott Co. Total Visitation	239.1	848.3		
	Share of total Visitation	0.8%	1.3%		
Washington	Cottage Grove Ravine RP	18.2	21.8	80	81
Washington	Hardwood Creek RT	168.6	219.1	44	59
Washington	Lake Elmo PR	409.0	1,527.4	22	10
Washington	Square Lake SRF	98.4	324.8	60	51
Washington	St. Croix Bluffs RP	120.2	594.0	56	30
	Washington County total Visitation	814.4	2,687.1		
	Share of total Visitation	2.7%	4.2%		
	TOTAL VISITATION	30,333.5	63,936.3		

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 the 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 these studies, please refer to Council Publications 78-99-032 and 78-00-042.

Table 15: Visitor hours by origin

Agency	Total visitor hours for 2003	Number and percent of visit hours 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	6,980.1	3,899.3	-	13.5	198.9	393.3	576.2	274.3	986.6	-	200.3	251.0	157.7	28.5	6,980.1
Anoka Visitation by Percent	100.0%	55.9%	< 0.1%	0.2%	2.8%	5.6%	8.3%	3.9%	14.1%	< 0.1%	2.9%	3.6%	2.3%	0.4%	100.0%
City of Bloomington Total Visitation	1,545.7	24.7	605.9	37.1	128.3	140.7	12.4	24.7	454.4	30.9	12.4	18.5	55.6	-	1,545.7
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	875.3	6.2	-	386.3	13.0	37.0	7.5	-	160.2	27.8	-	214.6	22.4	-	875.3
Carver Visitation by Percent	100.0%	0.7%	< 0.1%	44.2%	1.5%	4.2%	0.9%	< 0.1%	18.3%	3.2%	< 0.1%	24.5%	2.6%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Dakota County Total Visitation	2,601.8	49.3	-	-	1,648.7	112.7	44.4	76.6	91.2	30.5	23.3	186.4	262.0	76.7	2,601.8
Dakota Visitation by Percent	100.0%	1.9%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	63.4%	4.3%	1.7%	2.9%	3.5%	1.2%	0.9%	7.2%	10.1%	2.9%	100.0%
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Bd Total Visitation	20,489.9	162.9	-	37.8	659.1	13,981.6	208.6	1,093.3	3,188.5	39.4	105.3	367.1	646.2	-	20,489.9
Minneapolis Visitation by Percent	100.0%	0.8%	< 0.1%	0.2%	3.2%	68.2%	1.0%	5.3%	15.6%	0.2%	0.5%	1.8%	3.2%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Ramsey County Total Visitation	6,082.7	615.7	-	1.8	132.7	219.3	2,773.6	1,524.1	151.6	-	461.5	87.7	111.2	3.5	6,082.7
Ramsey Visitation by Percent	100.0%	10.1%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	2.2%	3.6%	45.6%	25.1%	2.5%	< 0.1%	7.6%	1.4%	1.8%	0.1%	99.97%
City of St. Paul Total Visitation	11,154.1	349.6	-	21.6	780.0	1,223.0	1,312.4	3,883.9	730.7	24.6	844.9	916.8	1,049.1	17.3	11,154.1
St. Paul Visitation by Percent	100.0%	3.1%	< 0.1%	0.2%	7.0%	11.0%	11.8%	34.8%	6.6%	0.2%	7.6%	8.2%	9.4%	0.2%	100.0%
Three Rivers PD Total Visitation	10,671.3	794.8	465.2	504.5	308.1	822.4	150.9	133.4	6,369.3	125.4	55.8	590.6	334.2	16.6	10,671.3
Three Rivers PD Visitation by Percent	100.0%	7.4%	4.4%	4.7%	2.9%	7.7%	1.4%	1.2%	59.7%	1.2%	0.5%	5.5%	3.1%	0.2%	100.0%
Three Rivers/Scott Co. Total Visitation	848.3	22.9	-	-	330.0	7.6	-	-	97.6	300.3	-	45.0	45.0	-	848.3
Three Rivers/Scott Co. 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	2,687.1	54.0	-	9.5	338.2	67.7	196.9	422.7	103.1	9.3	1,161.8	88.0	233.0	2.8	2,687.1
Washington Visitation by Percent	100.0%	2.0%	< 0.1%	0.4%	12.6%	2.5%	7.3%	15.7%	3.8%	0.3%	43.2%	3.3%	8.7%	0.1%	100.0%
TOTAL VISITATION	63,936.3	5,980.0	1,071.1	1,012.7	4,537.0	17,005.4	5,283.0	7,432.9	12,333.2	588.2	2,865.2	2,765.7	2,916.4	145.4	63,936.3
TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENT	100.0%	9.4%	1.7%	1.6%	7.1%	26.6%	8.3%	11.6%	19.3%	0.9%	4.5%	4.3%	4.6%	0.2%	100.0%

NOTES:

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Table 16: Regional park system educational contacts

Park Implementing Agency	<u>In-Park Education Visits (1,000's)</u>		<u>Outreach¹ education contacts (1,000's)</u>	TOTAL
	School group children	Misc. adult/children formal programs		
Anoka	31.1	8.2	27.0	66.3
Bloomington	-	-	-	-
Carver	-	-	-	-
Dakota	1.0	-	0.4	1.4
MPRB	-	-	-	-
Ramsey	5.9	0.9	-	6.8
St. Paul	27.7	10.6	-	38.3
Three Rivers Park District	43.8	16.0	17.4	77.2
Washington	1.0	1.3	-	2.3
Totals	110.5	37.0	44.8	192.3

¹ These are out-of-park school programs and are not counted as visits to the regional park system.