

Annual Use Estimate of the Metropolitan Regional Parks System for 2005

**Based on a four-year average of visitation
data from 2002 through 2005**

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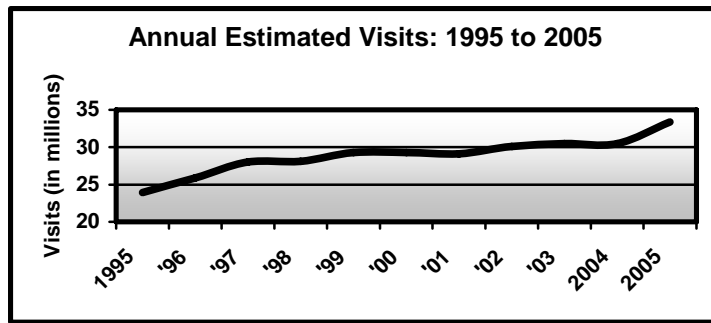
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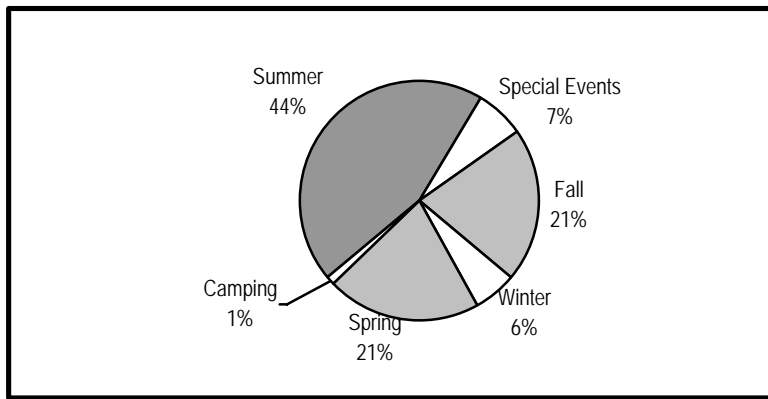
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Executive Summary

- An estimated 33,437,100 visits were made to the Metropolitan Regional Parks System in 2005. Visitation increased 9.6 percent, or about 2,963,000 visits, from the 2004 estimate. This is the largest yearly increase since 1995. The increase is primarily attributed to the following factors:
 - Much drier and warmer summer weather in 2005 compared to 2004 attracted more visitors.
 - Four more park and trail units were counted that were not counted in 2004.
 - Improved facilities and expanded facilities attracted more visitors.
 - An increase in larger group activities and special events (e.g. Taste of Minnesota at Harriet Island Regional Park, which used to be held at the State Capitol)
- Estimated annual visits have increased 39.8 percent since 1995, when visits were estimated at 23.9 million. Forty percent of the increase is attributed to the opening or inclusion of 13 parks and trails to the Regional Park System during this period. A total of 77 park and trail units were sampled in 2005 compared to 73 units sampled in 2004, and 64 in 1995.



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



- The five most-visited regional parks, trails and special recreation features in 2005 were:

Park/Reserve/Trail	2005 Visits
1. Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park	5,780,200
2. Como Regional Park, Zoo and Conservatory Special Recreation Feature	2,126,700
3. Minnehaha Parkway Regional Trail	1,950,600
4. Mississippi Gorge Regional Park (<i>Minneapolis and St. Paul</i>)	1,938,100
5. Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park	1,247,300

- Estimated visits to regional trails grew about 12% and visits to park units (regional parks, park reserves and special recreation features) grew 8.9% from 2004.
 - Fifty-nine percent of all estimated visits occurred in regional parks and trails in Minneapolis and St. Paul. This continues a decrease in the share of visits to those parks and trails in the regional system over time (60.1% share in 2004). This is due primarily to more park and trail facilities and population growth occurring outside these two cities.
 - Walking is the top activity in the regional parks system (34 percent of all visits involved walking as an activity), followed by biking (19 percent), swimming (17 percent) and picnicking (13 percent) based on data collected in 1998-99 in the Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails Study.
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Introduction

The Metropolitan Regional Parks System that was sampled for this estimate in 2005 encompassed approximately 52,600 acres of parkland and included 37 regional parks, 12 park reserves, 6 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. In 2005, the joint powers agreement between Scott County and Three Rivers Park District was modified so that Scott County took over ownership and management of Scott County Regional Trail, Spring Lake Regional Park (not sampled as it is currently not available for general public use) and Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park (not sampled as it is not available for public use). Three Rivers Park District retained its ownership and management of Cleary Lake Regional Park and Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve in Scott County. Data on these parks and Scott County Regional Trail are reported separately.

This report presents annual use estimates for 77 units sampled in the Regional Parks System from data collected in 2002 through 2005. 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 (2002 – 2005) 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 sample 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 estimated visits.

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 to the facility. 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 Metropolitan 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 for the event and did not take place during the sample counts. If sample counts occurred during a special event, they were not included in the estimate. 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: 2005 Visitation Estimate

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	118.5	0.210	24.9	1.32	156.5		0.0	0.4	300.2	
Bunker Hills RP	376.3	0.062	23.3	0.60	225.8		14.2	42.9	682.6	
Central Anoka RT	25.8	0.267	6.9	1.59	41.1		0.0	0.0	73.9	
Coon Rapids Dam RP	230.1	0.062	14.3	0.60	138.0		0.0	18.9	401.3	
Lake George RP	142.9	0.062	8.9	0.60	85.7		0.0	23.8	261.3	
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	58.2	0.062	3.6	0.60	34.9		2.3	18.0	117.0	
Mississippi River RT	34.8	0.267	9.3	1.59	55.3		0.0	0.0	99.4	
Rice Creek Chain PR	157.3	0.062	9.8	0.60	94.4		13.2	61.2	335.9	
Rice Creek N. RT	26.1	0.267	7.0	1.59	41.5		0.0	0.0	74.6	
Rice Creek W. RT	127.0	0.267	33.9	1.59	201.9		0.0	0.0	362.9	
Rum River Central RP	38.3	0.062	2.4	0.60	23.0		0.3	0.7	64.5	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	1,121.6		87.1		758.3		30.1	165.8	2,162.9	
RT subtotals	213.7		57.1		339.9		0.0	0.0	610.7	
Subtotal:	1,335.3		144.2		1,098.2		30.1	165.8	2,773.5	2,773.5

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BLOOMINGTON:										
Bush and Normandale Lakes RP	334.4	0.062	20.7	0.60	200.7		0.0	45.9	601.7	
Subtotal:	334.4		20.7		200.7		0.0	45.9	601.7	601.7

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CARVER COUNTY:										
Baylor RP	22.4	0.062	1.4	0.60	13.5		26.0	3.9	67.2	
Lake Minnewashta RP	56.9	0.062	3.5	0.60	34.1		0.0	5.9	100.4	
Lake Waconia RP	48.3	0.000	0.0	0.60	29.0		0.0	6.2	83.5	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	127.7		4.9		76.6		26.0	15.9	251.1	
RT subtotals	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	
Subtotal:	127.7		4.9		76.6		26.0	15.9	251.1	251.1

Notes:

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DAKOTA COUNTY:										
Big Rivers RT	41.7	0.267	11.1	1.59	66.2	0.0	1.8	120.8		
Lake Byllesby RP	46.3	0.062	2.9	0.60	27.8	17.7	0.0	94.6		
Lebanon Hills RP	256.9	0.062	15.9	0.60	154.2	29.5	48.1	504.6		
Miesville Ravine PR	14.4	0.000	0.0	0.60	8.7	0.0	0.1	23.2		
Mississippi River RT	7.9	0.267	2.1	1.59	12.5	0.0	0.0	22.5		
Spring Lake PR	60.0	0.062	3.7	0.60	36.0	10.2	11.3	121.2		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	377.6		22.5		226.6	57.4	59.5	743.6		
RT subtotals	49.5		13.2		78.8	0.0	1.8	143.3		
Subtotal:	427.1		35.7		305.3	57.4	61.3	886.9		886.9

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD:										
Cedar Lake RT	130.0	0.267	34.7	1.59	206.6	0.0	0.0	371.3		
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	505.5	0.062	31.3	0.60	303.3	0.0	216.2	1,056.4		
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP ²	2,188.4	0.226	494.6	1.39	3,041.8	0.0	55.4	5,780.2		
Minnehaha Parkway RT	682.0	0.267	182.1	1.59	1,084.3	0.0	2.2	1,950.6		
Minnehaha RP	462.1	0.062	28.7	0.60	277.3	0.0	13.0	781.0		
Mississippi Gorge RP	406.8	0.267	108.6	1.59	646.8	0.0	10.9	1,173.1		
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	745.4	0.062	46.2	0.60	447.3	0.0	8.4	1,247.3		
North Mississippi RP	167.8	0.062	10.4	0.60	100.7	0.0	0.0	279.0		
Theodore Wirth RP	239.2	0.062	14.8	0.60	143.5	0.0	39.5	437.0		
Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	366.3	0.267	97.8	1.59	582.4	0.0	3.3	1,049.7		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	4,715.2		734.6		4,960.7	0.0	343.4	10,753.9		
RT subtotals	1,178.2		314.6		1,873.4	0.0	5.5	3,371.7		
Subtotal:	5,893.5		1,049.2		6,834.0	0.0	348.9	14,125.6		14,125.6

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RAMSEY COUNTY										
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	91.5	0.062	5.7	0.60	54.9	0.0	22.5	174.5		
Battle Creek RP	294.7	0.062	18.3	0.60	176.8	0.0	32.4	522.2		
Birch Lake RT	26.8	0.267	7.2	1.59	42.6	0.0	0.0	76.6		
Bruce Vento RT	76.5	0.267	20.4	1.59	121.6	0.0	0.0	218.5		
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	296.7	0.062	18.4	0.60	178.0	0.0	3.7	496.8		
Highway 96 RT	94.4	0.267	25.2	1.59	150.2	0.0	0.0	269.8		
Keller RP	218.9	0.062	13.6	0.60	131.4	0.0	0.7	364.5		
Long Lake RP	270.2	0.062	16.8	0.60	162.1	0.0	23.0	472.1		
Rice Creek North RT	43.1	0.267	11.5	1.59	68.6	0.0	0.0	123.2		
Rice Creek West RT	52.0	0.267	13.9	1.59	82.7	0.0	0.0	148.7		
Tony Schmidt RP ^A (added in 2005)	170.5	0.062	10.6	0.60	102.3	0.0	4.0	287.3		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	1,342.5		83.2		805.5	0.0	86.3	2,317.5		
RT subtotals	292.9		78.2		465.7	0.0	0.0	836.8		
Subtotal:	1,635.4		161.4		1,271.2	0.0	86.3	3,154.3		3,154.3

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CITY OF ST. PAUL ³										
Bruce Vento RT	42.5	0.267	11.3	1.59	67.5	0.0	1.2	122.4		
Cherokee Heights RP	84.3	0.062	5.2	0.60	50.6	0.0	0.4	140.6		Downhill Ski
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	1,154.3	0.062	71.6	0.60	692.6	0.0	208.2	2,126.7		-1.3
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	159.8	0.062	9.9	0.60	95.9	0.0	4.9	270.5		
Indian Mounds RP	85.0	0.062	5.3	0.60	51.0	0.0	1.4	142.6		
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	236.1	0.062	14.6	0.60	141.7	0.0	829.2	1,221.6		
Mississippi Gorge RP	259.7	0.267	69.3	1.59	413.0	0.0	23.0	765.0		
Phalen RP	373.4	0.062	23.2	0.60	224.0	0.0	35.8	656.4		
Samuel Morgan RT	64.8	0.267	17.3	1.59	103.1	0.0	1.2	186.4		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	2,352.7		199.1		1,668.7	0.0	1,102.8	5,323.3		
RT subtotals	107.3		28.6		170.6	0.0	2.3	308.8		
Subtotal:	2,460.0		227.8		1,839.3	0.0	1,105.1	5,632.1		5,630.8

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³ St. Paul summer visit counts for 2002 were not provided for the Metropolitan Council estimate. Estimates for St. Paul regional parks and trails are based on the four most recent years of data.

^A 1st year sampled

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Three Rivers Park District										
Baker PR	144.3	0.062	8.9	0.60	86.6		86.1	7.8	333.8	
Bryant Lake RP	79.5	0.062	4.9	0.60	47.7		0.0	0.0	132.2	
Carver PR	65.2	0.062	4.0	0.60	39.1		14.3	22.0	144.7	
Coon Rapids Dam RP	64.2	0.062	4.0	0.60	38.5		0.0	5.8	112.5	
Crow-Hassan PR	12.8	0.062	0.8	0.60	7.7		5.8	1.2	28.3	
Eagle Lake RP	25.6	0.062	1.6	0.60	15.3		0.0	0.0	42.5	
East Corridor RT	80.8	0.267	21.6	1.59	128.5		0.0	0.0	230.9	
East Medicine Lake RT	100.8	0.267	26.9	1.59	160.3		0.0	0.0	288.1	
Elm Creek PR	242.9	0.062	15.1	0.60	145.7		3.1	92.2	499.1	
Fish Lake RP	51.4	0.062	3.2	0.60	30.8		0.0	0.0	85.3	
French RP	226.1	0.062	14.0	0.60	135.7		0.0	1.0	376.9	
Gale Woods SRF ^C	10.8	0.062	0.7	0.60	6.5		0.0	11.8	29.8	
Hutchinson Spur RT	111.1	0.267	29.7	1.59	176.7		0.0	0.0	317.4	
Hyland Lake PR	226.2	0.062	14.0	0.60	135.7		3.2	199.4	578.5	Downhill ski -164.7
Lake Minnetonka Islands RP ⁴	65.0	n/a	0.0	n/a	0.0		0.0	0.0	65.0	
Lake Minnetonka RP	120.9	0.062	7.5	0.60	72.6		0.0	1.4	202.4	
Lake Rebecca PR	62.2	0.062	3.9	0.60	37.3		5.5	16.0	124.9	
Noerenberg Gardens SRF	38.6	0.000	0.0	0.60	23.2		0.0	0.0	61.8	
North Hennepin RT	215.3	0.267	57.5	1.59	342.3		0.0	0.0	615.0	
North Mississippi RP	35.2	0.062	2.2	0.60	21.1		0.0	6.1	64.7	
Northwest Hennepin RT	9.0	0.267	2.4	1.59	14.4		0.0	0.0	25.8	
Silverwood SRF ^A	5.7	0.062	0.4	0.60	3.4		0.0	0.1	9.7	
Southwest LRT RT-North	68.5	0.267	18.3	1.59	108.9		0.0	1.0	196.6	
Southwest LRT RT-South	90.2	0.267	24.1	1.59	143.5		0.0	1.5	259.3	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	1,476.9		85.1		847.1		117.9	364.9	2,892.0	
RT subtotals	675.7		180.4		1,074.4		0.0	2.5	1,933.1	
Three Rivers PD Subtotal:	2,152.6		265.6		1,921.5		117.9	367.4	4,825.0	4,660.3
Three Rivers Park District - Scott County										
Cleary Lake RP	107.7	0.062	6.7	0.60	64.6		12.3	1.4	192.6	
Murphy-Hanrehan PR	14.0	0.062	0.9	0.60	8.4		0.3	0.9	24.4	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	121.6		7.5		73.0		12.6	2.3	217.0	
RT subtotals	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	
Three Rivers - Scott Subtotal:	121.6		7.5		73.0		12.6	2.3	217.0	217.0
Three Rivers TOTAL	2,274.2		273.1		1,994.5		130.5	369.7	5,042.0	4,877.3

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⁴ Lake Minnetonka Islands total annual visitation data is provided from Three Rivers and is not based on the Metropolitan Council sample.

Table 1: 2005 Visitation Estimate

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)		
SCOTT COUNTY										
Scott County RT ⁵	16.8	0.3	4.5	1.6	26.7		0.0	0.0	48.0	
Subtotal:	16.8		4.5		26.7				48.0	48.0

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)		
WASHINGTON COUNTY										
Big Marine PR ^A	13.9	0.062	0.9	0.60	8.3		0.0	0.0	23.0	
Cottage Grove Ravine RP	12.4	0.062	0.8	0.60	7.4		0.0	0.5	21.1	
Hardwood Creek RT ^B	48.5	0.267	13.0	1.59	77.2		0.0	2.5	141.2	
Lake Elmo PR	218.6	0.062	13.6	0.60	131.1		29.8	16.0	409.0	
Pine Point RP ^A (added in 2005)	78.9	0.062	4.9	0.60	47.4		0.0	0.9	132.1	
Square Lake SRF	42.6	0.000	0.0	0.60	25.5		0.0	6.2	74.3	
St. Croix Bluffs RP	55.6	0.062	3.4	0.60	33.3		14.9	13.9	121.1	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	421.9		23.5		253.1		44.7	37.5	780.6	
RT subtotals	48.5		13.0		77.2		0.0	2.5	141.2	
Subtotal:	470.4		36.5		330.3		44.7	40.0	921.8	921.8

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	12,392.1	1,268.4	9,870.2	288.7	2,224.2	26,043.6	
RT subtotals	2,582.7	689.6	4,106.6	0.0	14.6	7,393.5	
REGIONAL TOTALS	14,974.8	1,958.0	13,976.8	288.7	2,238.8	33,437.1	33,271.1

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⁵ In 2005, Scott County took over management of Scott County Regional Trail, Spring Lake Regional Park and Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park from Three Rivers District. Spring Lake and Doyle-Kennefick Regional Parks were undeveloped in 2005 so no use counts were taken.

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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
ANOKA COUNTY:			
Anoka Co. Riverfront RP		TOTAL:	0.35
	August	Picnic	0.35
Bunker Hills RP		TOTAL:	42.90
	April	North Suburban Striders	0.50
	April	Spring Festival	0.30
	May	Natural Resource Days	0.60
	August	North Side Christian	0.30
	August	Commemorative Walk	0.40
	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:	18.90
	January	Trout Opener	0.70
	February	Snowflake Days	0.40
	May	Anoka Hennepin Foundation	0.30
	May	Kid's Fishing Clinic	0.90
	June	Carpfest	5.00
	July	Epiphany Church Picnic	0.80
	July	Picnic	0.30
	August	Canoe Race	0.30
	August	North Metro Chamber Picnic	0.30
	September	Jefferson jaunt	0.40
	September	Hike for Ike	0.50
	Summer	Concerts in the Park	9.00
Lake George RP		TOTAL:	23.80
	March	Easter Egg Hunt	0.50
	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:	61.20
	school yr	School groups @ Wargo N.C.	40.00
	Febraury	Fete des Lacs	0.50
	February	Snow Day	0.40
	April	Earth Day	1.00
	June	Bicycle Ride	0.30
	August	Blue heron days	0.60
	August	YMCA Run	0.40
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use through park	18.00
Rice Creek N. RT		None	-
Rice Creek W. RT		None	-
Rum River Central RP		TOTAL:	0.65
	July	Picnic	0.35
	August	Picnic	0.30

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BLOOMINGTON:			
Bush and Normandale Lakes		TOTAL:	45.90
	27-May	Battle of the Bands	0.50
	5-Jun	Light 5K race	0.50
	16-Jun	John Phillip Sousa Band Concert	0.30
	19-Jun	Concert Rental	0.50
	26-Jun	Concert Rental	0.50
	3-Jul	SummerFete	40.00
	10-Jul	Sandcastles	0.30
	16-Jul	Benefit Concert	0.50
	20-Jul	Bandshell Rental	0.30
	24-Jul	Latin Music Festival	0.70
	11-Aug	Barbary Coast Concert	0.30
	14-Aug	Jazz Festival	0.60
	18-Aug	Bloomington Symphony Orchestra	0.30
	17-Sep	PKD Walk	0.30
	18-Sep	MSP Church of Christ Service and Picnic	0.30
CARVER COUNTY:			
Baylor RP		TOTAL:	3.85
	August	Running Meet	0.40
	September	Running Meet	1.40
	All year	Onan Observatory (late evening use)	2.05
Lake Minnewashta RP		TOTAL:	5.85
	May	Tonka Waters Girl Scout Camp	0.60
	July	Tonka Waters Girl Scout Camp	0.60
	July	Fireworks	1.00
	July	Vang Reunion	0.50
	August	Rive Bluff Girl Scout Jamboree	2.80
	October	General Mills Picnic	0.35
Lake Waconia RP		TOTAL:	6.20
	Jan/Feb	Vintage Snowmobile	3.50
	June	Triathlon	1.50
	July	4th of July celebration	1.20
DAKOTA COUNTY:			
Big Rivers RT		TOTAL:	1.80
	6/24-26/2005	3-day Walk Event	1.80
Lake Byllesby RP		None	-
Lebanon Hills RP		TOTAL:	48.1
	Summer	Adventure Ropes Course	1.1
	school year	VC school groups	1.5
	All year	Outdoor Education Programs	2.7
	Summer	Camp Sacajawea (day camp - permit only - not counted in regular counts)	42.5
	10/13/05	Fall Walk Event	0.3
Miesville Ravine PR		TOTAL:	0.1
	All year	Outdoor Education Programs	0.1
Mississippi River RT		None	-
Spring Lake PR		TOTAL:	11.3
	Summer	Spring Lake Youth Camp (day camp - permit only - not counted in regular counts)	9.9
	All Year	Outdoor Education Programs	1.4

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD:			
Cedar Lake RT		None	-
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP		TOTAL	216.23
	4/9	Mill Ruins Run	0.50
	4/17	U of Minnesota Law Run / Main Street & Stone Arch	0.40
	5/1	MS Walk (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge - SP, Minn RP)	0.63
	5/18	Star Tribune Walk / West River Parkway	0.30
	5/21	Celiac Walk / Boom Island	1.00
	5/30	Cycle Race / West River Parkway	0.30
	6/17	Festival of the Arts (assume 1/3 visited park portion)	30.00
	6/18	Festival of the Arts (assume 1/3 visited park portion)	30.00
	6/18	Solstice River Performance	2.00
	6/19	Festival of the Arts (assume 1/3 visited park portion)	30.00
	6/19	Solstice River Performance	2.00
	6/25	5K Walk Run (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.60
	7/2	KARE 11 Walk / Stone Arch	1.00
	7/4	4th of July Fireworks	50.00
	7/20	Torchlight Run	3.00
	7/23	Aquatennial Fireworks	50.00
	8/25	Back to School Rally / Boom Island	7.00
	9/10	James Page 5K / Main Street & Stone Arch	1.50
	9/18	Walk for Justice	1.00
	12/31	New Year's Eve Celebration/Nicollet Island	5.00
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP		TOTAL	55.40
	2/12	Valentine's Run	1.50
	3/13	5 & 10 K Race / Lake Calhoun	0.80
	3/26	Walk/Run Race / Lake Harriet	0.50
	4/22	Southwest High School Student Council / Lake Harriet	1.00
	4/30	March of Dimes Walk	1.50
	5/7	Walk-A-Thon / Lake Calhoun	1.20
	5/13	Running Room 5K / Calhoun	0.30
	5/21	5K Walk / Harriet	1.00
	5/29	Outdoor Church Services	0.80
	6/3	School Performance & Picnic / Harriet	0.58
	6/5	Tour de Curer / Lake Harriet & Lake Calhoun	0.35
	6/5	Outdoor Church Services	0.80
	6/11	5K Walk / Harriet	0.30
	6/11	Volunteer Project / Harriet	0.30
	6/12	Outdoor Church Services	0.60
	6/19	Outdoor Church Services	0.85
	6/26	Outdoor Church Services	0.50
	7/3	Outdoor Church Services	0.75
	7/10	Outdoor Church Services	0.50
	7/16	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.63
	7/17	Outdoor Church Services	0.90
	7/23	Sailing Regatta	0.30
	7/24	Outdoor Church Services	0.80
	7/24	Aquatennial Beach Bash	20.00
	7/31	Outdoor Church Services	0.50
	8/6	Fish -A-Thon / Harriet	0.50
	8/6	5K Race / Lake Harriet	0.30
	8/7	Walk/Run Race	1.50
	8/7	Outdoor Church Services	0.70
	8/13	SAVE 5K Walk/Run	0.50
	8/14	Outdoor Church Services	0.80
	8/21	Outdoor Church Services	0.65
	8/28	Outdoor Church Services	0.70
	9/4	Outdoor Church Services	0.55
	9/11	City of Lakes 25K	1.50
	9/17	Fun Walk/Run	0.35
	9/24	5K and 10K Road Race	0.70

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD: <i>Continued</i>			
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP <i>continued</i>			
	9/24	Charity Walk	1.50
	10/2	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.60
	10/29	Halloween 5K / Harriet	0.30
	10/29	Special Olympics 5K / Harriet	1.00
	12/3	Reindeer Run	5.00
Minnehaha Parkway RT		TOTAL	2.23
	7/16	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.63
	10/2	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.60
Minnehaha RP		TOTAL	12.96
	4/30	Get in Gear Race (split Minn RP/Miss Gorge RP)	3.00
	5/1	MS Walk (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge - SP, Minn RP)	0.63
	5/15	AIDS Walk (split Minn RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge RP-SP)	2.33
	6/26	Svenskarnes	2.50
	7/10	Norway Days	1.50
	9/10	Walk-A-Thon	1.00
	10/1	Marathon for Non Public Ed (1/3 in: Min. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SI)	2.00
Mississippi Gorge RP		TOTAL	10.90
	4/30	Get in Gear Race (split Minn RP/Miss Gorge RP)	3.00
	5/1	MS Walk (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge - SP, Minn RP)	0.63
	5/7	U of Minn Habitat for Humanity Walk / East River Road	0.45
	5/16	AIDS Walk (split Minn RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge RP-SP)	2.00
	6/25	5K Walk Run (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.60
	7/16	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.63
	10/1	Marathon for Non Public Ed (1/3 in: Minnehaha RP ; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP)	2.00
	10/2	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.60
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP		TOTAL	8.38
	5/21	Fundraising Walk / Nokomis	0.35
	5/30	Brian Craft 5K / Nokomis	0.50
	7/16	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.63
	7/30	5K Race	1.00
	8/20	5K & 10K Race	1.00
	9/10	Fundraising Walk	1.00
	9/24	5K Walk	0.30
	10/2	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.60
	10/9	American Cancer 5K / Nokomis	2.00
North Mississippi RP		None	-
Theodore Wirth RP		TOTAL	39.50
	4/30	Walk with Pets (Split between Wirth Park and Wirth Parkway)	1.50
	6/18	Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration	38.00
Wirth Memorial Parkway RT		TOTAL	3.30
	4/30	Walk with Pets (Split between Wirth Park and Wirth Parkway)	1.50
	7/10	Whiz Bang Days	0.30
	9/5	Victory Memorial 10K & 5K	1.50

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RAMSEY COUNTY			
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP		TOTAL	22.45
	6/19	PaPa Bear Bike Ride	0.50
	10/1	ROMP Movie Night	3.50
	9/10	Final Stretch	0.40
	All Year	Tamarack Nature Center Visits (not counted in regular counts)'	10.75
	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
	7/22	Saint Paul Companies VB Tournament	0.30

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RAMSEY COUNTY: Continued			
Long Lake RP		TOTAL	23.03
	5/15	Good Shepherd Luthern Church	0.30
	5/18	Medtronic Company Picnic	0.30
	5/20	Irondale High School Sr. Class Picnic	0.80
	5/22	St. Mary's Orthodox Catholic Church	0.30
	5/28	Eritrea Comm. Center	0.30
	5/29	Loa Family Picnic	0.30
	6/1	St. John The Baptist Church	0.40
	6/3	Twin Cities Catering	0.30
	6/12	In-Tech	0.40
	6/13	HH Humphery Job Corp	0.40
	6/17	Mary Burg - Blues Band	0.30
	6/25	Donatelle Plastic Inc	0.60
	6/26	Classic Corvettes of Mn	0.40
	7/10	Trane Company Picnic	0.30
	7/13	Hypro Corp	0.33
	7/14	Accounts Payable Company	0.40
	7/20	Cub Foods	0.30
	7/24	Knights of Columbus	0.30
	7/27	50B republican picnic	0.30
	7/28	Ulteig Engineers	0.30
	7/31	St. Maron's Church	0.30
	8/3	AGS Publishing	0.40
	8/6	Jensen Wedding	0.30
	8/7	GCU Local 1-M	0.40
	8/12	New Brighton Stockyard Days	0.50
	8/13	New Brighton Stockyard Days	8.00
	8/14	New Brighton Stockyard Days	3.00
	8/16	Guident Company Picnic	0.30
	8/21	Comm Workers of America	0.30
	8/27	Morandi Neighborhood picnic	0.30
	9/4	Croteau Family Reunion	0.30
	9/11	Johnson Screens Company Picnic	0.30
	9/13	Medtronic Company Picnic	0.30
	9/14	Counselor Realty Company Picnic	0.30
	9/24	MN Korean War vets	0.40
	10/1	Elgard Wedding	0.30
Rice Creek North RT		None	-
Rice Creek West RT		None	-
Tony Schmidt RP (added 2005)		TOTAL	4.00
	6/25	Arden Hill Community Festival	4.00

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CITY OF ST. PAUL			
Bruce Vento RT		TOTAL	1.15
	9/11	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.15
Cherokee Heights RP		TOTAL	0.40
	7/4	4th of July	0.40
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF		TOTAL	208.17
	All Year	Como Education events/classes	15.72
	Winter	Como downhill Ski (Enterprise facility)	1.30
	January	Saint Paul Winter Carnival (10 days)	10.00
	1/29	Winter Carnival Orchid Show	1.50
	1/30	Winter Carnival Orchid Show	1.70
	February	Valentine Soiree	0.50
	2/12	Como Visitor Center public grand opening	7.50
	4/30	Humane Society Walk/Run	1.10
	5/7	Tree Festival	1.00
	5/10	St. Paul Police Picnic	2.60
	5/11	St. Paul Police Picnic	2.60
	5/15	China Center Friends Picnic	0.40
	5/21	Love Lines Walk for Glory	0.30
	5/28	Gingerbread Craft Show	0.60
	5/29	Gingerbread Craft Show	0.60
	5/30	Gingerbread Craft Show	0.60
	May	Lily Show	0.40
	June	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.65
	June	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.70
	June	Northstar Barbershop Chorus	0.40
	June	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.70
	6/4	QMC Pride Event	0.85
	6/9	DCI Company Picnic	0.50
	6/11	Crossroads Elementary Walk	0.50
	6/12	Dakota Community Fundraiser	0.50
	6/13	MN Boy's Choir Picnic	0.60
	6/15	Resource Inc. Diversity Picnic	0.40
	6/18	West Company Picnic	3.00
	6/18	Como Lake Water Festival	0.30
	6/20	World Refugee Day Picnic	0.30
	6/26	Applebee's Annual Picnic	0.50
	July	Hmong Soccer Festival	40.00
	July	Hmong Soccer Festival - 2nd Day	40.00
	July	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.60
	July	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.75
	July	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.60
	July	Cromulent Shakespeare Co.	0.40
	July	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.70
	July	Minnesota Sinfonia Concert	0.70
	July	Northstar Barbershop Chorus	0.35
	July	Rosetown Playhouse	0.50
	July	Rosetown Playhouse	0.60
	July	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.70
	July	Valley de Croix Sweet Adelines	0.40
	July	Rosetown Playhouse	0.55
	July	Rosetown Playhouse	0.65
	July	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.70
	7/15	Crossroads Elementary School	0.50
	7/16	Blue Bell Enterprises	0.80
	7/18	Minneapolis Firefighters Picnic	0.45
	7/19	Kowalski's Picnic	1.00
	7/20	Sunset Affair	0.45
	7/23	"Challenge Cancer 5K" event	0.40
	7/24	Elements Inc. Picnic	0.30
	7/25	Fundraiser picnic	0.30

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	7/27	Como Volunteer Appreciation Picnic	0.30
	7/29	Crossroads Elementary School	0.50
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<i>Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF continued</i>			
	7/31	Hmong-Thai Family Picnic	0.40
	August	Minnesota State Band	0.40
	August	Rosetown Playhouse	0.60
	August	Rosetown Playhouse	0.65
	August	Rosetown Playhouse	0.65
	August	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.70
	August	John Phillips Sousa Memorial Band	0.50
	August	Twin Cities Show Chorus	0.35
	August	Minnesota State Band	0.40
	August	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.65
	August	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.75
	August	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.75
	August	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.70
	August	Northstar Barbershop Chorus	0.35
	August	Minnesota State Band	0.40
	August	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.60
	August	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.70
	August	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.75
	August	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.60
	August	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.70
	8/6	Wells Fargo Picnic	0.60
	8/9	City of Saint Paul Employee Picnic	0.30
	8/13	Diana Pierce/City of St. Paul event	0.30
	8/13	Wedding	0.30
	8/19	Kowalski's Picnic	1.00
	8/21	Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival	5.43
	8/27	GN Resound Event	0.50
	9/10	Wedding	0.35
	9/11	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.15
	9/11	Teamsters Local 120 Labor Picnic	3.00
	9/15	Guidant Company Picnic	1.00
	9/16	Twin City Catering	0.32
	9/17	Aramark Corp. Employee Picnic	0.50
	October	Como Zoo Boo (5 days)	25.40
	10/1	G & K Services Family Picnic	0.40
	10/2	Down Syndrome Association	2.00
	10/7	Humbolt Junior High Picnic	0.40
	10/7	Lifetime Fitness	0.30
	10/9	Loaves and Fishes Picnic	0.50
	11/6	Int'l. Orangutan Awareness Week	0.60
	11/20	Turkey 5K Run/Walk	0.70
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP			
	9/11	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.15
	10/28	BareBones Performance	0.88
	10/29	BareBones Performance	0.88
	10/30	BareBones Performance	0.88
	10/31	BareBones Performance	1.10
Indian Mounds RP			
	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
	10/10	Drive for Kids	0.40
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP			
	1/29	Winter Carnival Vulcan Unveiling	0.40
	5/22	American Red Cross Run and Walk	0.40

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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
	5/30	Melaleuca Festival and Fireworks	25.00
	5/30	Melaleuca Run	1.20
	6/12	CommonBond Communities Event	0.50
	6/12	Strolling Song	0.40
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<i>Lilydale-Harriet Island RP continued</i>			
	6/18	St. Paul Blues Festival	1.50
	6/25	Time to Fly Charity Run	1.50
	7/21	MN Hispanic Leadership Awards	0.35
	6/30-7/4	Taste of Minnesota	400.00
	7/18	American Veterinary Association Event	5.00
	7/28-7/31	RibFest	300.00
	8/7	Friends of Mississippi River	0.50
	8/12-8/14	Irish Fair	50.00
	8/17	Builders Club Event	1.20
	9/5	Trades & Labor Picnic	1.50
	9/9-9/11	Native American Indian Festival	8.00
	9/15	MN State Colleges and Universities	0.32
	10/22	Jr. League of Saint Paul Halloween Run	0.40
	10/22	Habitat for Humanity	0.50
	12/9-12/23	Actors Theater presents "A Christmas Carol"	2.00
	Weddings	75 weddings annually averaging 300 guests/wedding	22.50
	Summer	Children's Music Series	1.00
	Summer/Fall	Company meetings and picnics	5.00
Mississippi Gorge RP		TOTAL	23.01
	4/30	Get In Gear 10K & 2K Run/Walk	6.00
	5/1	MS Walk (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge - SP, Minn	0.63
	5/15	AIDS Walk (split Minn RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge RP-SP)	2.33
	5/21	2005 Melpomene Institute	1.50
	6/26	Breast Cancer 3-Day	3.00
	7/16	Lifetime Fitness Triathlon	2.50
	7/17	Lifetime Fitness Triathlon	2.30
	9/11	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.15
	10/1	Marathon for Non Public Ed (1/3 in: Min. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP)	2.00
	10/2	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.60
Phalen RP		TOTAL	35.75
	February	Winter Carnival events at Phalen (10 days - other than below)	20.00
	4/16	Spring Clean-Up Celebration	0.40
	5/21	Waterfest	1.50
	5/24	Dunwoody Electrical	0.30
	6/4	Local 323 Picnic	0.30
	6/12	Walk for Life	0.30
	6/23	MN Sinfonia	0.60
	7/9	Dragon Festival	3.00
	7/10	Dragon Festival	3.00
	7/23	IBEW Local #110 Picnic	0.40
	8/1	MN School Food Service Picnic	0.80
	8/13	Painters and Allied Trades	0.30
	8/28	TriAmerica Triathlon	1.00
	9/1	Fairview IS Picnic	0.30
	9/11	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.15
	9/17	Sharing Life Walk	0.50
	9/24	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	1.10
	10/1	Brain Injury Association	0.80
Samuel Morgan RT		TOTAL	1.15
	9/11	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.15

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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT:			
Baker PR		TOTAL	7.76
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.60
	1/25	X-C Ski Meet - Classic Lake Conference	0.50
	3/26	Baker Egg Hunt	0.30
	10/1	Holyname/St. Bart. Marathon	1.00
	10/6	Trinity Lutheran Preschool	0.30
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.56
	Sch Yr	School groups @ Near-Wilderness Center	3.50
Bryant Lake RP		None	-
Carver PR		TOTAL	21.99
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.70
	1/29	Polar Bear Picnic	0.40
	2/20	Victoria Fire Department - Picnic/Fishing Contest	0.40
	3/25	Spring Rock Hunt	0.30
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	3.59
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	15.60
Coon Rapids Dam RP		TOTAL	5.80
	6/18	Carp Festival	0.40
	8/5	Friends of the Mississippi - Picnic	0.30
	8/6	Friends of the Mississippi - Picnic	0.30
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	4.80
Crow-Hassan PR		TOTAL	1.20
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.20
Eagle Lake RP		None	-
East Corridor RT		None	-
East Medicine Lake RT		None	-
Elm Creek PR		TOTAL	92.25
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.00
	Winter	Winter Recreation area (manufactured snow area)	65.00
	1/28	X-C Ski Meet - Benilde St. Margarets	0.30
	1/31	X-C Ski Meet - NW Suburban	0.30
	3/20	Maple Syrup Festival	0.40
	6/10	Hanson Spancrete - Picnic	0.30
	6/25	Hilbrand - Picnic	0.30
	7/17	Select Comfort - Picnic	0.30
	7/21	Boston Scientific - Picnic	0.30
	7/26	Cub Foods - Picnic	0.30
	8/5	Boston Scientific - Picnic	0.30
	8/20	Thrivent Financial - Picnic	0.30
	8/21	Progress Casting - Picnic	0.30
	8/26	Boston Scientific - Picnic	0.30
	10/8	Autumn Woods Classic	1.90
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	6.35
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	13.30
Fish Lake RP		None	-
French RP		TOTAL	1.00
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	1.00

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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT: Continued			
Gale Woods		TOTAL	11.80
	4/9	Spring Into Farming	0.30
	5/14	Balgaard - Reception	0.40
	5/28	Meadows - Reception	0.30
	5/28	Eldeeb - Reception	0.40
	6/4	Sheehan - Reception	0.30
	6/4	Lindquist - Reception	0.30
	7/2	Hildebrandt- Reception	0.40
	7/16	Hoeg - Reception	0.40
	7/23	Steffen - Reception	0.30
	8/5	Parish - Reception	0.30
	8/13	Bohne - Reception	0.30
	8/20	Breakfast on Farm	0.30
	8/27	Tasche - Reception	0.30
	10/7	Arndt - Reception	0.30
	10/6	Classic Lake Conference X-C Run Meet	0.50
	10/16	Harings - Reception	0.30
	10/26	O'Hara - Reception	0.40
	Sch Yr	School groups @ farm	6.00
Hutchinson Spur RT		None	-
Hyland Lake PR		TOTAL	199.36
	Winter	Downhill Ski Area Enterprise Facilities	164.70
	3/25	Rabbit Habit	0.50
	5/17	City of Plymouth	0.30
	5/21	Girl Scouts	0.50
	9/11	Children's Book Festival	10.00
	10/7	Chair Lift Rides	0.50
	10/8	Chair Lift Rides	1.00
	10/29	Haunted Halloween	0.40
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	4.86
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	16.60
Lake Minnetonka Islands		None	-
Lake Minnetonka RP		TOTAL	1.40
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.40
Lake Rebecca PR		TOTAL	16.00
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.10
	5/22	Pikkarainen - Picnic	0.50
	5/22	First Apostolic Life - Picnic	0.30
	5/27	Rockford Elementary - Picnic	0.40
	5/29	Minnesota Streetrod Association - Picnic	1.00
	6/4	Theisen - Picnic	0.30
	6/5	Providence Academy - Picnic	0.30
	6/9	ISD 1 Anwatin M.S. - Picnic	0.40
	6/25	Eagan Companies - Picnic	1.00
	7/9	Local 539 Pipefitters Picnic	0.50
	7/16	Pink - Picnic	0.40
	7/16	Minntech - Picnic	0.30
	7/23	Cargill - Picnic	0.30
	7/23	Shirdi Prayer Center - Picnic	0.30
	8/7	Living Word - Picnic	2.00
	8/7	Minneapolis Lastadian Church - Picnic	0.60
	8/14	Robert Half International - Picnic	0.40
	8/13	Thrivent Financial - Picnic	0.30
	8/14	Good Shepherd Church - Picnic	0.30
	8/20	Zylka - Picnic	0.60
	8/21	Tiller Corporation - Picnic	0.40

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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
	8/22	X-C Running Meet - ISD 879 Delano High School	0.30
	8/27	Plymouth Congregation Church - Picnic	1.00
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT: <i>Continued</i>			
Lake Rebecca PR <i>continued</i>			
	9/10	Adolfson & Peterson - Picnic	0.30
	9/10	Target - Picnic	0.40
	9/15	X-C Running Meet - ISD 879 Delano High School	0.30
	9/24	Fall Raptor Release	1.20
	10/13	X-C Running Meet - ISD 879 Delano High School	0.30
	9/25	Medtronic - Picnic	0.50
Noerenberg Gardens SRF		TOTAL	0.03
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.03
North Hennepin RT		None	-
North Mississippi RP		TOTAL	6.13
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.83
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	5.30
Northwest Hennepin RT		None	-
Silverwood SRF(added 2005)		TOTAL	0.15
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.15
Southwest LRT RT-North		TOTAL	1.00
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.00
Southwest LRT RT-South		TOTAL	1.50
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.50
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT - SCOTT COUNTY			
Cleary Lake RP		TOTAL	1.40
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.40
Murphy-Hanrehan PR		TOTAL	0.91
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.11
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.80

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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
SCOTT COUNTY			
Scott County RT		None	-
WASHINGTON COUNTY			
Cottage Grove Ravine RP		None	0.50
	School yr.	Hastings Field Biology	0.50
Hardwood Creek RT		None	2.50
	6/12	MS 150	2.50
Lake Elmo PR		TOTAL	15.96
	Winter	Snowmobile use	1.50
	5/28	Picnic	0.30
	6/2	Picnic	0.35
	6/3	Picnic	0.30
	6/4	Family Festival	0.75
	6/5	Picnic	0.58
	6/9	Picnic	0.54
	6/11	Picnics	0.38
	6/14	Picnic	0.45
	6/15	Picnic	0.40
	6/18	Picnic	0.40
	6/25	Picnic	0.40
	6/26	Picnic	0.55
	7/9	Picnic	0.30
	7/16	Picnic	0.55
	7/24	Picnic	0.30
	7/29	Picnic	0.30
	8/20	Stargazing	0.15
	8/21	Picnic	0.50
	9/10	Bluegrass Festival	3.20
	9/11	Picnic	0.40
	9/17	Girl Scouts	0.50
	10/29	Pumkin Chase Run	0.80
	5/28-9/3	Campfire Programs - Sat. evenings (in addition to camping visits)	1.56
	School yr.	School groups orienteering	0.50
Pine Point RP (added 2005)		TOTAL	0.90
	5/7	MS 60/30 bike ride fundraiser	0.90
Square Lake SRF		TOTAL	6.20
	7/23	Lumber Jack Days Race	1.5
	9/10	Triathlon	2.3
	9/11	Triathlon	2.4
St. Croix Bluffs RP		TOTAL	13.90
	5/22	Apple Blossom Run	0.50
	6/4	Picnic	0.30
	6/11	Picnic	0.30
	6/18	Picnic	0.38
	6/25	Picnic	0.35
	8/14	Picnic	0.30
	8/20	Picnic	0.30
	8/27	Picnic	0.30
	9/5	Picnic	0.30
	5/28-9/3	Campfire Programs - Sat. evenings (in addition to camping visits)	1.19
	9/8	Cross Country Meet	2.00
	9/13	Cross Country Meet	1.20
	9/27	Cross Country Meet	1.48
	10/18	Cross Country Meet	1.50
	10/19	Cross Country Meet	1.40

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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
	10/25	Cross Country Meet	2.10

Table 3: Comparison of 2004 and 2005 visitation

Agency	2004	2005	# change	% change
	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	
Anoka	2,685.5	2,773.5	88.0	3.3%
Bloomington	562.9	601.7	38.8	6.9%
Carver ¹	205.0	251.1	46.1	22.5%
Dakota	868.8	886.9	18.1	2.1%
Minneapolis ¹	12,953.3	14,125.6	1,172.3	9.1%
Ramsey ¹	2,759.8	3,154.3	394.5	14.3%
St Paul ²	5,371.6	5,632.1	260.5	4.8%
Three Rivers (Hennepin) ¹	4,091.6	4,825.0	733.4	17.9%
Three Rivers-Scott Co. ³	248.5	217.0	(31.5)	-12.7%
Scott County ³	NA	48.0	NA	NA
Washington ¹	727.3	921.8	194.5	26.7%
Total	30,474.3	33,437.1	2,962.8	9.7%

Notes for Table 3

¹ Significant increases in visits from 2004 to 2005 are due to one or more of the following factors: Additional park or trail units added in 2005 that weren't part of the park system or were not open for use in 2004; improved weather in 2005 for swimming compared to 2004; improved or new facilities that attracted visitors; and an increase in visitation by ethnic groups who recreate in larger groups.

² St. Paul has no count data for 2002. The 2005 estimate is based on data for 2005, 2004, 2003 and 2001.

³ Reduction due to deleting Scott Co. RT, which is managed by Scott County starting in 2005.

Table 4: Comparison of 2004 and 2005 park vs. trail visitation

	2004	2005	# change	% change	% of all visits in 2005
	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>		
Trail Visits ³	6,593.9	7,393.5	799.6	12.1%	22%
Park/Reserv/SRF Visits	23,919.7	26,043.6	2,123.9	8.9%	78%
Total Visits	30,513.6	33,437.1	2,923.5	9.6%	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 13.9 million, or 42% of all visits, are trail visits.

Table 5: Most-visited regional parks and trails

Rank by visits	Park/trail	Agency	2005 Visitation (1,000's)	Cumulative percent of total visitation
1	Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP	MPRB	5,780.2	17.3%
2	Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	St. Paul	2,126.7	23.6%
3	Minnehaha Parkway RT	MPRB	1,950.6	29.5%
4	Mississippi Gorge RP	MPRB/St. Paul	1,938.1	35.3%
5	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	MPRB	1,247.3	39.0%
6	Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	St. Paul	1,221.6	42.7%
7	Hyland/Bush/Anderson PR	Three Rivers/Bloomington	1,180.3	46.2%
8	Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	MPRB	1,056.4	49.3%
9	Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	MPRB	1,049.7	52.5%
10	Phalen/Keller RP	Ramsey/St. Paul	1,020.9	55.5%
11	Minnehaha RP	MPRB	781.0	57.9%
12	Bunker Hills RP	Anoka	682.6	59.9%
13	Battle Creek RP	Ramsey/St. Paul	664.8	61.9%
14	North Hennepin RT	Three Rivers	615.0	63.7%
15	Rice Creek W. RT	Ramsey/Anoka	511.5	65.3%
Total			21,826.6	
Percent of 2005 Visitation				65.3%

Table 6: Urban parks visitation

Agency	2005 Visitation (1,000's)
Minneapolis Parks Total	14,125.6
St. Paul Parks Total	5,632.1
Urban Total	19,757.7
Urban Percentage of 2005 visitation	59.1%

Table 7: Como visitation - park and zoo/conservatory

Park Unit	2005 Visitation (1,000's)	%
Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF ¹	1,714.1	80.6%
Como Park (non-zoo/conservatory visits)	412.6	19.4%
Como Total	2,126.7	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	2005 Visitation (1,000's)	% of total¹
Anoka County	2,773.5	8.34%
Bloomington	601.7	1.81%
Carver County	251.1	0.75%
Dakota County	886.9	2.67%
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board	14,125.6	42.46%
Ramsey County	3,154.3	9.48%
St Paul	5,630.8	16.92%
Scott County	48.0	0.14%
Three Rivers Park District - Hennepin	4,660.3	14.01%
Three Rivers Park District - Scott	217.0	0.65%
Washington County	921.8	2.77%
TOTAL	33,271.1	100.00%

¹ Percentages are given to the second 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).

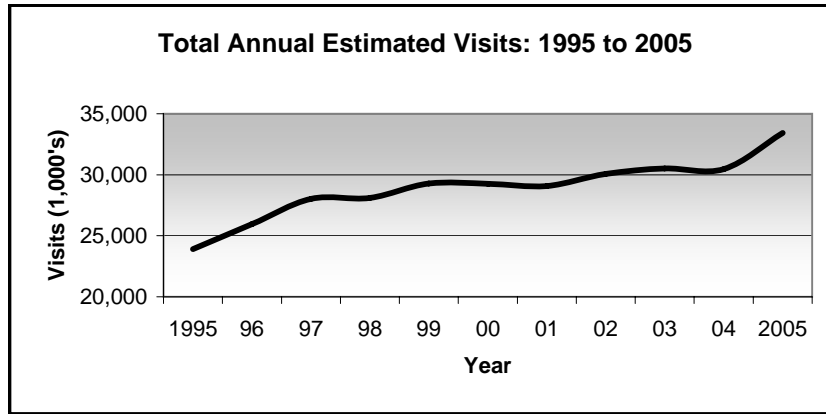
Table 9: Regional Parks System units sample counted 2005

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 RT (Dakota Co.)	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	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	6	Silverwood SRF (first count in 2005)	Three Rivers
31	Lake Minnetonka Islands	Three Rivers			
32	Lake Minnetonka RP	Three Rivers	77	TOTAL UNITS	
33	Cleary Lake RP	Three Rivers/Scott Co.			
34	Cottage Grove Ravine RP	Washington Co.			
35	St. Croix Bluffs RP	Washington Co.			
36	Tony Schmidt RP ¹	Ramsey Co.			
37	Pine Point RP ¹	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.			
12	Big Marine PR (first count in 2005)	Washington Co.			

¹ Added in 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan

Table 10: Comparison of estimated visits from 1995 to 2005

	Visits (in 1,000's) per year										
	1995	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	2005
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	2,773.5
Bloomington	483.8	484.5	596.4	604.1	806.5	982.5	846.9	716.3	772.9	562.6	601.7
Carver County	192.7	133.2	187.5	177.9	174.6	175.9	176.6	179.3	204.6	205.0	251.1
Dakota County	578.7	678.8	766.5	686.9	749.6	689.6	648.9	672.4	843.6	868.8	886.9
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	14,125.6
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	3,154.3
Scott County & Three Rivers ¹	230.7	235.3	244.8	204.4	186.8	205.5	217.0	230.5	239.1	248.5	265.0
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	5,632.1
Three Rivers (Hennepin only)	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	4,825.0
Washington County	423.4	505.8	585.2	585.4	586.2	610.3	647.5	663.3	814.4	727.3	921.8
REGIONAL TOTALS ²	23,904.6	25,944.7	28,019.0	28,110.9	29,272.0	29,254.9	29,070.5	30,068.5	30,513.7	30,474.0	33,437.1
% annual increase ³	n/a	8.5%	8.0%	0.3%	4.1%	-0.1%	-0.6%	3.4%	1.5%	-0.1%	9.6%



¹ In 2005 Scott County took over management of Scott County Regional Trail, Spring Lake Regional Park and Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park from Three Rivers Park District. Three Rivers Park District continues to own and manage Cleary Lake Regional Park and Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve in Scott County. The amounts shown in this table reflect visits to park and trail units located in Scott County regardless of managing entity.

² 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.

³ The large increases in 1996, 1997 and 2005 are primarily the result of five units added in 1996, four units added in 1997, four units added in 2005 plus improved facilities attracting more visitors in other parks and trails and sunnier/drier weather compared to 2004.

Table 11: Top activities in the Regional Parks System - 2005

Activity	% of park activity occasions ¹	# of park activity occasions <i>1,000's</i>	% of trail activity occasions ²	# of trail activity occasions <i>1,000's</i>	Total # of activity occasions <i>1,000's</i>	% of total visits
Walking/hiking	30%	7,761	39%	3,588	11,349	34%
Biking	13%	3,360	31%	2,902	6,262	19%
Swimming/wading	21%	5,573	0%	-	5,573	17%
Picnicking	16%	4,219	0%	-	4,219	13%
Relaxing ³	15%	3,933	0%	-	3,933	12%
Jogging/running	6%	1,615	17%	1,604	3,219	10%
Playground use	10%	2,604	0%	-	2,604	8%
Sunbathing	8%	2,136	0%	-	2,136	6%
Zoo visits	7%	1,714	0%	-	1,714	5%
In-line skating	4%	1,120	7%	603	1,723	5%
Fishing	6%	1,511	0%	-	1,511	5%
Dog-walking	1%	156	6%	528	685	2%

Notes:

¹ Activity pattern data of regional park and trail visitors was collected in 1998-99 and published in the Regional Park Visitor Study by the Metropolitan Council (Metro Council publications 78-99-032 and 78-99-042). The activity patterns were applied to the 2005 visit estimate to generate this table. 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.