

ANNUAL USE ESTIMATE OF THE METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PARKS SYSTEM FOR 2012

BASED ON A FOUR-YEAR AVERAGE OF VISIT DATA FROM 2009 THROUGH 2012



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Introduction

The seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area is home to a system of regional parks and trails that are nationally renowned for their beauty, size and variety of features. With 51 parks and reserves, more than 300 miles of interconnected trails, and seven special recreation features, the system provides a wealth of opportunities for recreation, exercise and just plain fun. It also preserves significant green space and wildlife habitat.

The Regional Parks System draws more than 45 million visits every year—more than the Mall of America—and makes communities in the region more vital and attractive.

The Regional Parks System

The Regional Parks System consists of approximately 59,000 acres. The Regional Parks System is operated by 10 partner agencies, including cities, counties, and special park districts, which work with the Council to protect natural resources and provide outdoor recreation for public enjoyment.



*Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park,
Scott County*

Highlights of the 2012 Report

The Metropolitan Council produces a Regional Parks System visit estimate on an annual basis. This report highlights the estimated number of visits to the Metropolitan Regional Parks System for 2012. Visit data is collected within each unit, 96 park and trails overall, and extrapolated to produce an annual estimate. A few highlights are as follows:

- An estimated **45,843,800 visits** were made to the Metropolitan Regional Parks System in 2012.
- **Annual visits increased 4% from 2011 to 2012.**
- **Since 2004**, annual visits have increased **38%.**

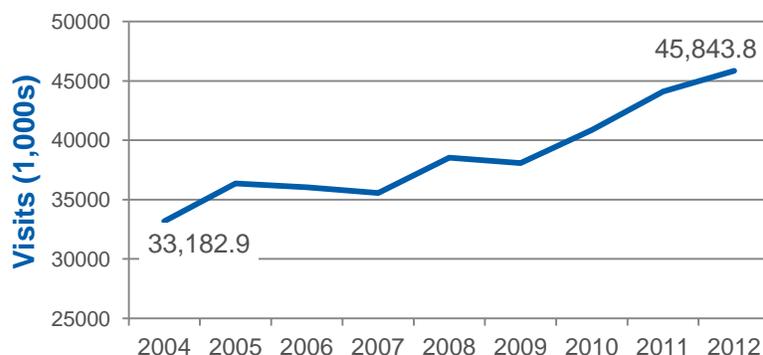
45,843,800

**Visits to the Regional
Parks System in 2012**



*Como Regional Park &
Special Recreation Feature,
St. Paul*

Total Annual Visits: 2004 to 2012



- Overall, **25% of all visits in 2012 were to regional trails and 75% were visits to regional parks, park reserves and special recreation features.**

- Although Anoka County Riverfront, Minneapolis Chain of Lakes, and Mississippi Gorge are regional parks, the majority of visits to these parks are for trail use. If the trail visits to these regional parks were included in the trail totals, almost 40% of all 2012 visits were to regional trails.



Mississippi Gorge Regional Park, St. Paul

- Approximately **54% of all estimated visits occurred in regional parks and trails in Minneapolis and St. Paul.**
- The share of visits to Minneapolis and St. Paul parks and trails in the regional system has decreased over time (approx. -9% since 2000). The decrease is likely due to the addition of park and trail facilities and population growth occurring outside these two cities.
- **Park visits increased most significantly in Carver County’s regional parks,** wherein visits increased 31.2% from the preceding year.



Minnehaha Regional Park, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

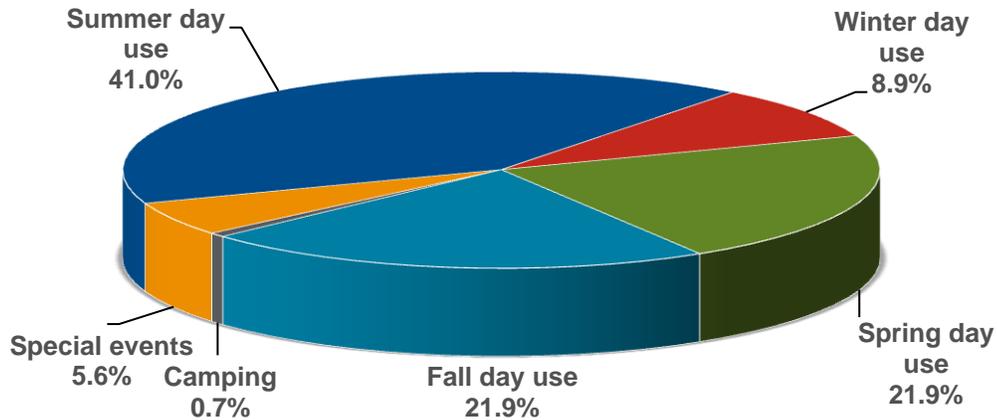
- The City of Bloomington saw the most significant decline in visits to their regional park during the same timeframe, followed by Scott County’s regional parks (- 9.4% and -9.3% respectively).
- In 2012, the **Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park was the most frequently visited** regional park, with over 5.3 million visits. The table below illustrates the five most-visited regional parks, trails and special recreation features in 2012.

The Top-Five Most Frequently Visited Parks in Regional Parks System

<i>Park/Reserve/Trail</i>	<i>2012 Visits</i>
1. Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park	5,361,200
2. Como Regional Park, Zoo and Conservatory Special Recreation Feature	4,482,100
3. Mississippi Gorge Regional Park	2,567,600
4. Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park	1,827,000
5. Phalen-Keller Regional Park	1,565,600

- The most popular time to visit regional parks is during the summer months (41%).

2012 Distribution of Regional Parks System Visits



- Based on the *Metropolitan Council Regional Parks and Trails Survey 2008*, 55% of all visits to regional parks and trails are considered “local” visits. A local visit is defined as a visit to a park or trail by a person who lives within the jurisdiction of the park agency that owns or operates that park or trail. Conversely, 45% of all visits to regional parks and trails are “non-local” visits, which demonstrate that the system serves a regional audience.

How the Annual Use Estimate is Calculated

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.

The annual use estimate is based on the average of four years (2009 – 2012) 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 *Metropolitan Council Regional Parks and Trails Survey 2008*.

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



Lebanon Hills Regional Park, Dakota County

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. Therefore, 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.



*Baker Park Reserve,
Three Rivers Park District*

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. Therefore, 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 multiplier data derived from the *Metropolitan Council Regional Parks and Trails Survey 2008*.

The Regional Parks System Annual Use Estimate has been calculated since 1995

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 and the event did not take place during the sample counts. If sample counts occurred during a special event, counts 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.



*Lake Byllesby Regional Park,
Dakota County*

Table 1: 2012 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	106.8	0.245	26.1	1.054	112.5		0.0	0.0	245.5	
Bunker Hills RP	160.1	0.178	28.5	0.957	153.2		34.1	241.8	617.6	
Bunker Hills-Chain of Lakes RT ^B	29.4	0.306	9.0	1.317	38.8		0.0	0.0	77.2	
Central Anoka RT	22.4	0.306	6.9	1.317	29.5		0.0	0.0	58.7	
Coon Creek RT ^B	37.4	0.306	11.4	1.317	49.3		0.0	0.0	98.1	
Coon Rapids Dam RP	211.9	0.178	37.7	0.957	202.8		0.0	18.4	470.8	
East Anoka County RT ^B	20.8	0.306	6.4	1.317	27.4		0.0	0.0	54.6	
Lake George RP	117.4	0.178	20.9	0.957	112.3		0.0	6.3	256.9	
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	54.4	0.178	9.7	0.957	52.1		0.0	4.6	120.8	
Mississippi River RT	32.1	0.306	9.8	1.317	42.2		0.0	0.0	84.1	
Mississippi West RP ^A	74.4	0.178	13.2	0.957	71.2		0.0	0.0	158.8	
Rice Creek Chain of Lakes PR	124.9	0.178	22.2	0.957	119.6		24.2	50.0	340.9	
Rice Creek North RT	33.9	0.306	10.4	1.317	44.6		0.0	0.0	88.8	
Rice Creek West RT	136.3	0.306	41.7	1.317	179.5		0.0	1.3	358.7	
Rum River RT ^B	19.1	0.306	5.8	1.317	25.1		0.0	0.0	50.0	
Rum River Central RP	33.1	0.178	5.9	0.957	31.6		0.0	0.0	70.6	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	882.9		164.3		855.3		58.3	321.0	2,281.8	
RT subtotals	331.3		101.4		436.3		0.0	1.3	870.3	
Subtotal:	1,214.2		265.7		1,291.6		58.3	322.3	3,152.0	3,152.0
BLOOMINGTON:										
Bush and Normandale Lakes RP	309.1	0.178	55.0	0.957	295.9		0.0	55.1	715.1	
Subtotal:	309.1		55.0		295.9		0.0	55.1	715.1	715.1
CARVER COUNTY:										
Baylor RP	29.5	0.178	5.3	0.957	28.2		20.3	8.2	91.5	
Dakota Rail RT ^B	39.7	0.000	0.0	1.317	52.3		0.0	0.0	92.1	
Lake Minnewashta RP	79.3	0.178	14.1	0.957	75.8		0.0	5.0	174.2	
Lake Waconia RP	47.9	0.178	8.5	0.957	45.8		0.0	13.1	115.3	
Minnesota River Bluffs RT ^A	47.3	0.000	0.0	1.317	62.2		0.0	0.0	109.5	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	156.6		27.9		149.9		20.3	26.2	381.0	
RT subtotals	87.0		0.0		114.6		0.0	0.0	201.6	
Subtotal:	243.7		27.9		264.5		20.3	26.2	582.6	582.6
Notes:										
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^A 1st year sampled										
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DAKOTA COUNTY:										
Big Rivers RT	42.5	0.306	13.0	1.317	55.9	0.0	0.0	111.4		
Lake Byllesby RP	48.2	0.178	8.6	0.957	46.1	19.2	0.0	122.0		
Lebanon Hills RP	228.7	0.178	40.7	0.957	218.9	33.4	22.5	544.2		
Miesville Ravine PR	27.2	0.178	4.8	0.957	26.1	0.0	0.0	58.1		
Mississippi River RT	15.4	0.306	4.7	1.317	20.2	0.0	1.4	41.7		
North Urban RT	7.7	0.306	2.4	1.317	10.2	0.0	0.0	20.3		
Spring Lake PR	43.1	0.178	7.7	0.957	41.3	0.0	44.3	136.4		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	347.2		61.8		332.3	52.6	66.8	860.7		
RT subtotals	65.5		20.1		86.3	0.0	1.4	173.3		
Subtotal:	412.8		81.9		418.6	52.6	68.2	1,034.0		1,034.0
MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD:										
Cedar Lake RT	159.4	0.306	48.8	1.317	210.0	0.0	0.5	418.7		
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	754.4	0.178	134.3	0.957	721.9	0.0	216.5	1,827.0		
Columbia Parkway RT	28.7	0.306	8.8	1.317	37.8	0.0	0.0	75.2		
Kenilworth RT	216.2	0.306	66.2	1.317	284.8	0.0	0.0	567.2		
Luce Line RT	51.0	0.306	15.6	1.317	67.1	0.0	0.0	133.6		
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP ¹	2,266.1	0.245	555.2	1.054	2,388.5	0.0	151.5	5,361.2		
Minnehaha Parkway RT	512.9	0.306	157.0	1.317	675.5	0.0	11.7	1,357.1		
Minnehaha RP	626.1	0.178	111.4	0.957	599.1	0.0	24.6	1,361.2		
Mississippi Gorge RP	403.1	0.306	123.3	1.317	530.9	0.0	24.1	1,081.4		
Northeast Diagonal RT	67.5	0.306	20.6	1.317	88.9	0.0	0.0	177.0		
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	606.7	0.178	108.0	0.957	580.6	0.0	42.5	1,337.7		
North Mississippi RP	90.3	0.178	16.1	0.957	86.4	0.0	4.4	197.1		
Ridgeway Parkway RT	7.1	0.306	2.2	1.317	9.3	0.0	0.0	18.5		
St. Anthony Parkway RT	87.4	0.306	26.7	1.317	115.1	0.0	0.0	229.3		
Shingle Creek RT ^c	44.6	0.306	13.6	1.317	58.7	0.0	0.0	116.9		
Theodore Wirth RP	174.4	0.178	31.0	0.957	166.9	0.0	6.1	378.5		
Victory (Wirth) Memorial Parkway RT	222.1	0.306	68.0	1.317	292.5	0.0	3.7	586.3		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	4,920.9		1,079.4		5,074.3	0.0	469.6	11,544.1		
RT subtotals	1,396.8		427.4		1,839.6	0.0	15.9	3,679.8		
Subtotal:	6,317.8		1,506.8		6,913.9	0.0	485.5	15,223.9		15,223.9
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RAMSEY COUNTY										
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	125.5	0.178	22.3	0.957	120.1	0.0	82.8	350.8		
Battle Creek RP	295.2	0.178	52.5	0.957	282.5	0.0	8.5	638.8		
Birch Lake RT	38.2	0.306	11.7	1.317	50.3	0.0	1.5	101.6		
Bruce Vento RT	128.6	0.306	39.4	1.317	169.4	0.0	0.3	337.7		
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	301.7	0.178	53.7	0.957	288.8	0.0	0.6	644.8		
Highway 96 RT	205.4	0.306	62.9	1.317	270.5	0.0	1.0	539.7		
Keller RP	223.3	0.178	39.7	0.957	213.7	0.0	0.9	477.6		
Long Lake RP	187.3	0.178	33.3	0.957	179.2	0.0	27.2	427.1		
Rice Creek North RT	82.3	0.306	25.2	1.317	108.4	0.0	0.0	216.0		
Rice Creek West RT	64.7	0.306	19.8	1.317	85.2	0.0	0.9	170.6		
Tony Schmidt RP	137.4	0.178	24.5	0.957	131.5	0.0	3.0	296.4		
Trout Brook RT	34.3	0.306	10.5	1.317	45.2	0.0	0.3	90.3		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	1,270.4		226.1		1,215.8	0.0	123.2	2,835.5		
RT subtotals	553.5		169.4		729.0	0.0	4.1	1,456.0		
Subtotal:	1,823.9		395.5		1,944.8	0.0	127.3	4,291.5	4,291.5	
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CITY OF ST. PAUL										
Bruce Vento RT	89.9	0.306	27.5	1.317	118.4	0.0	0.0	235.9		
Cherokee Heights RP	209.5	0.178	37.3	0.957	200.5	0.0	0.0	447.3		
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	1,843.6	0.178	328.2	0.957	1,764.4	0.0	545.9	4,482.1		
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	221.5	0.178	39.4	0.957	212.0	0.0	9.4	482.3		
Indian Mounds RP	137.1	0.178	24.4	0.957	131.2	0.0	3.3	296.0		
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	246.5	0.178	43.9	0.957	235.9	0.0	308.4	834.5		
Mississippi Gorge RP	548.8	0.306	167.9	1.317	722.8	0.0	46.7	1,486.2		
Phalen RP	485.0	0.178	86.3	0.957	464.2	0.0	52.8	1,088.3		
Samuel Morgan RT	136.4	0.306	41.7	1.317	179.6	0.0	0.0	357.8		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	3,692.0		727.4		3,730.8	0.0	966.6	9,116.8		
RT subtotals	226.3		69.3		298.1	0.0	0.0	593.7		
Subtotal:	3,918.3		796.7		4,028.9	0.0	966.6	9,710.5	9,710.5	
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SCOTT COUNTY									
Cedar Lake Farm RP ¹	14.5	0.000	0.0	0.160	2.3	1.3	2.9	21.0	
Scott County RT	102.6	0.306	31.4	1.317	135.1	0.0	0.0	269.0	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	14.5		0.0		2.3	1.3	2.9	21.0	
RT subtotals	102.6		31.4		135.1	0.0	0.0	269.0	
Subtotal:	117.0		31.4		137.4	1.3	2.9	290.0	290.0
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THREE RIVERS SCOTT COUNTY									
Cleary Lake RP	120.0	0.178	21.4	0.957	114.8	12.8	2.9	271.8	
Murphy-Hanrehan PR	26.0	0.178	4.6	0.957	24.9	0.5	0.7	56.7	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	145.9		26.0		139.7	13.3	3.6	328.5	
RT subtotals	0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Three Rivers - Scott Subtotal:	145.9		26.0		139.7	13.3	3.6	328.5	328.5
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	¹ The regional park was open for small portion of the fall and spring and closed for the winter, so the seasonal multipliers have been adjusted to reflect summer and fall use.								

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THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT										
Baker PR	186.5	0.178	33.2	0.957	178.5	0.957	88.4	15.8	502.4	
Bassett Creek RT ^C	40.5	0.306	12.4	1.317	53.4	1.317	0.0	0.0	106.3	
Bryant Lake RP	177.1	0.178	31.5	0.957	169.5	0.957	0.0	0.6	378.8	
Carver PR	118.6	0.178	21.1	0.957	113.5	0.957	28.4	22.7	304.2	
Cedar Lake LRT RT	179.6	0.306	55.0	1.317	236.5	1.317	0.0	0.0	471.0	
Clifton French RP	260.7	0.178	46.4	0.957	249.5	0.957	0.0	10.8	567.4	
Coon Rapids Dam RP	177.0	0.178	31.5	0.957	169.4	0.957	0.0	8.7	386.5	
Crow-Hassan PR	14.4	0.178	2.6	0.957	13.8	0.957	5.7	0.1	36.5	
Dakota Rail RT	177.0	0.000	0.0	1.317	233.1	1.317	0.0	0.9	410.9	
Eagle Lake RP	33.2	0.178	5.9	0.957	31.8	0.957	0.0	0.1	71.1	
Elm Creek PR	362.3	0.178	64.5	0.957	346.7	0.957	2.3	135.7	911.5	
Fish Lake RP	139.2	0.178	24.8	0.957	133.2	0.957	0.0	8.1	305.2	
Gale Woods SRF	35.7	0.178	6.4	0.957	34.2	0.957	0.0	26.5	102.8	Downhill ski
Hyland Lake PR	269.4	0.178	47.9	0.957	257.8	0.957	2.8	202.8	780.7	-165.7
Lake Independence RT	17.6	0.306	5.4	1.317	23.1	1.317	0.0	0.0	46.0	
Lake Minnetonka RP	132.1	0.178	23.5	0.957	126.5	0.957	0.0	0.5	282.7	
Lake Minnetonka Islands RP ¹	65.0	n/a	0.0	n/a	0.0	n/a	0.0	0.0	65.0	
Lake Minnetonka LRT RT	145.4	0.306	44.5	1.317	191.5	1.317	0.0	3.7	385.0	
Lake Rebecca PR	90.6	0.178	16.1	0.957	86.7	0.957	6.7	2.8	203.0	
The Landing ^{2, B}	1.9	n/a	0.0	n/a	0.0	n/a	0.0	21.0	22.9	
Luce Line RT	160.3	0.306	49.1	1.317	211.2	1.317	0.0	0.0	420.6	
Medicine Lake RT	192.2	0.306	58.8	1.317	253.1	1.317	0.0	2.0	506.1	
Minnesota River Bluffs LRT RT	100.2	0.306	30.7	1.317	132.0	1.317	0.0	0.9	263.8	
Noerenberg Gardens SRF	26.3	0.000	0.0	0.957	25.2	0.957	0.0	0.1	51.6	
North Cedar Lake RT	174.9	0.306	53.5	1.317	230.3	1.317	0.0	1.5	460.3	
North Mississippi RP	20.9	0.178	3.7	0.957	20.0	0.957	0.0	9.4	54.1	
Northeast Diagonal RT	20.6	0.306	6.3	1.317	27.2	1.317	0.0	0.0	54.2	
Rush Creek RT	141.5	0.306	43.3	1.317	186.4	1.317	0.0	1.0	372.3	
Shingle Creek RT	53.9	0.306	16.5	1.317	70.9	1.317	0.0	0.0	141.2	
Silverwood SRF	112.9	0.178	20.1	0.957	108.0	0.957	0.0	12.6	253.6	
Twin Lakes RT ^B	29.4	0.306	9.0	1.317	38.8	1.317	0.0	0.0	77.2	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	2,224.0		379.3		2,064.3		134.3	478.3	5,280.2	
RT subtotals	1,433.1		384.4		1,887.4		0.0	10.0	3,714.9	
Three Rivers Subtotal:	3,657.1		763.7		3,951.8		134.3	488.3	8,995.1	8,829.4
Three Rivers-Scott & Three Rivers Park District Subtotal:	3,803.1		789.6		4,091.4		147.6	491.9	9,323.6	9,157.9
Notes:										
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* 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.										
¹ Lake Minnetonka Islands total annual visitation data is provided from Three Rivers and is not based on the Metropolitan Council sample.										
² The Landing total annual visitation is provided from Three Rivers and is not based on the Metropolitan Council sample. Park visitors enter through the Visitor's Center, where staff records the number of visitors. Special events are accounted for through the park's reservation system and are not duplicative of the general annual visitation reported.										
^B 2nd year sampled										
^C 3rd year sampled										

Table 1: 2012 Visitation Estimate

	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)		
WASHINGTON COUNTY									
Big Marine PR	138.8	0.178	24.7	0.957	132.8	0.0	1.1	297.3	
Cottage Grove Ravine RP	36.6	0.178	6.5	0.957	35.0	0.0	1.5	79.6	
Hardwood Creek RT	137.4	0.306	42.0	1.317	180.9	0.0	3.5	363.8	
Lake Elmo PR	205.4	0.178	36.6	0.957	196.5	24.2	10.7	473.3	
Pine Point RP	41.3	0.178	7.3	0.957	39.5	0.0	1.0	89.1	
Square Lake SRF	34.1	0.000	0.0	0.957	32.6	0.0	2.6	69.3	
St. Croix Bluffs RP	60.8	0.178	10.8	0.957	58.2	14.8	3.6	148.2	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	516.9		85.9		494.7	39.0	20.4	1,156.9	
RT subtotals	137.4		42.0		180.9	0.0	3.5	363.8	
Subtotal:	654.3		128.0		675.6	39.0	23.9	1,520.7	1,520.7
REGIONAL TOTALS									
	Summer	Winter		Spring/Fall		Other *		Total Visits (1,000's)	O & M Grant Adjustments
Agency/Park	visits (1,000's)		visits (1,000's)		visits (1,000's)	Camping (1,000's)	Special Events (1,000's)		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	14,480.6		2,833.1		14,355.2	319.1	2,533.6	34,521.5	
RT subtotals	4,333.6		1,245.3		5,707.3	0.0	36.1	11,322.3	
REGIONAL TOTALS	18,814.1		4,078.4		20,062.5	319.1	2,569.7	45,843.8	45,678.1
Notes:									
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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
ANOKA COUNTY:			
Anoka Co.	Riverfront RP	None	-
Bunker Hills RP		TOTAL:	241.8
	Apr 6	North Suburban Striders	0.6
	May 4	DeLany Memorial	0.4
	May 26	Memorial Day Event	0.4
	May 26	Veteran's Memorial Day Event	0.5
	Jun 10	Baby Angels	0.3
	Jun 18	Girl Scout Council Of Greater Mpls.-Simmons	0.3
	Jul 29	Pure Romance Family Picnic	0.3
	Jul 15	Tomanskowski Wedding	0.4
	Aug 1	Girl Scout Of MN And WI River Valley	0.3
	Aug 7	Justins Gift	0.7
	Aug 25	Eckberg Wedding	0.3
	Sep 14	Bunker Prairie Festival	1.0
	Sep 23	DFL Fall Festival Event-Activity Center	0.3
	Sep 29	Alexandra House Walk	0.6
	Oct 13	Markel Wedding	0.3
	Oct 29	Andover Outdoor Adventures-Maple Activity Center Training	0.3
	Nov 6	City of Andover General Elections	1.5
	May-July	Natural Resources Workshop	6.0
	Winter	Cross Country Ski Team Meets	1.7
	Summer Long	Bunker Beach Visitation	128.5
	Summer Long	Bunker Park Stables Usage (entrance not part of regular counts)	26.1
	Year Long	Activity Center Usage (entrance not part of regular counts)	50.0
	Year Long	Archery Center Use (entrance not part of regular counts)	21.0
Bunker Hills-Chain of Lakes RT		None	-
Central Anoka County RT		None	-
Coon Creek RT		None	-
Coon Rapids Dam RP		TOTAL:	18.4
	Apr 21	Anoka Hennepin Education Foundation	1.0
	May 5	Kids Fishing Clinic	1.6
	May 5	Randy Bauer Run	0.3
	Jan 14	Trout Opener	0.6
	Jun 7	Concert in the Park	2.1
	Jun 14	Concert in the Park	2.0
	Jun 28	Concert in the Park	1.9
	Jun 30	Du at the Dam	0.3
	Jul 19	Concert in the Park	1.5
	Jul 26	Concert in the Park	1.7
	Aug 2	Concert in the Park	1.6
	Aug 9	Concert in the Park	1.8
	Aug 17	Boston Scientific	0.3
	Sep 8	Missing Grace	1.5
	Sep 30	St. Stephen's School Marathon	0.3
East Anoka County RT		None	-
Lake George RP		TOTAL:	6.3
	May 7	St Francis High School	0.4
	May 14	St Francis High School	0.4
	Jun 30	Minneman Triathlon	1.0
	Jul 10	YMCA Event	1.5
	Jul 24	YMCA Event	0.4
	Summer Long	YMCA Camps	1.7
	Winter	Snowmobile Use through park	1.0
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP		TOTAL:	4.6
	Winter	Snowmobile Use through park	1.0
	Year Long	Camp Salie Usage	3.6
Mississippi River RT		None	-
Mississippi West RP		None	-
Rice Creek Chain PR		TOTAL:	50.0
	Jan 28	Snow Day	1.2
	Apr 21	Earth Day	0.4
	Aug 7	Centerville Park and Rec Event	0.5
	Nov 10	Diva Dash	1.0
	Nov 11	Orienteering Skills Project	0.5

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ANOKA COUNTY: continued			
Rice Creek Chain PR, continued			
	Winter	Snowmobile Use through park	2.0
	Summer Long	YMCA Day Camp	1.6
	Year Long	Wargo Nature Center Attendance	42.8
Rice Creek North RT		None	-
Rice Creek West RT (Locke)		TOTAL:	1.3
	Jul 21	Yang Family Reunion	0.3
	Sep 9	Art At Rice Creek	1.0
Rum River RT		None	-
Rum River Central RP		None	-
BLOOMINGTON:			
Bush and Normandale Lakes			
		TOTAL:	55.1
	Apr 7	Spring Egg at Normandale	0.7
	Jun 12	Normandale Lake Bandshell Concert	0.3
	Jun 14	Normandale Jazz Concert	0.3
	Jun 19	Normandale Lake Bandshell Concert	0.4
	Jun 21	Celtic Solstice Blockbuster Show	0.4
	Jun 28	Suburban Country Blockbuster Show	0.7
	Jul 1	Sandcastles Event (Bush Lake)	0.4
	Jul 3	Summer Fete	40.0
	Jul 12	Latin Music Blockbuster Show	1.5
	Jul 14	Make a Wish Foundation Walk -rental	1.0
	Jul 17	Normandale Lake Bandshell Concert	0.4
	Jul 19	80's Music Explosion Blockbuster Show	1.6
	Jul 26	Blues and Bar B Q Blockbuster Show	2.0
	Jul 31	Normandale Lake Bandshell Concert	0.4
	Aug 2	Bloomington Jazz Festival	0.5
	Aug 15	Bandshell Rental Charity Walk	0.4
	Aug 25	Energy for Life Walk	0.5
	Aug 26	Half Marathon	0.4
	Sep 1	Glow Run	0.8
	Sep 15	PKD Walk	0.7
	Sep 23	Iron Girl Duathlon	1.0
	Sep 29	Canvas Health Walk	0.5
	Oct 6	Pacer Center Walk	0.4
CARVER COUNTY:			
Baylor RP			
		TOTAL:	8.2
	Mar 10	Winter Splash	0.4
	Aug 25	NYA Cross Country Meet	0.4
	Sep 11	NYA Cross Country Meet	2.0
	Oct 11	NYA Cross Country Meet	0.8
	Year Long	Onan Observatory (late evening use)	4.0
	Year Long	School Groups	0.7
Dakota Rail RT		None	-
Lake Minnewashta RP		TOTAL:	5.0
	May 19	Tonka Waters West Girl Scout Camp	0.3
	Jul 4	Fireworks	1.0
	Jul 23-26	River Bluff Girl Scout Jamboree Week 1 (380/day)	1.5
	Jul 29-Aug 2	River Bluff Girl Scout Jamboree Week 2 (340/day)	1.4
	Sep 8	Nordic Fest	0.8
Lake Waconia RP		TOTAL:	13.1
	Jan 28	Vintage Snowmobile Snowrunners	4.6
	Jan 29	Vintage Snowmobile Snowrunners	3.0
	May 12	Governor's Fishing Opener Luncheon	0.6
	Jun 24	Triathlon	1.9
	Jul 4	4th of July Celebration	3.0
Minnesota River Bluffs RT		None	-
DAKOTA COUNTY:			
Big Rivers RT		None	-
Lake Byllesby RP		None	-
Lebanon Hills RP		TOTAL:	22.5
	Jun 07	School of Environmental Studies Eco-Challenge	0.3
	Sep 17-21	School of Environmental Studies Bio Blitz	0.8

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DAKOTA COUNTY: continued			
Lebanon Hills RP, continued			
	Oct 06	West Trailhead Grand Opening	0.5
	Dec 31	NYE Event	0.7
	School Year	VC Scool Groups	1.8
	Year Long	Camp Sacajawea (day camp and permit only - not counted in regular counts)	13.9
	Summer	Adventure Ropes Course	0.3
	Year Long	Outdoor Education Programs	4.2
Miesville Ravine PR		None	-
Mississippi River RT		TOTAL:	1.4
	Aug 18	Ragnar Relay	0.4
	Sep 9	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (Split Como, Crosby, Indian Mounds, Lilydale, Miss Gorge, Phalen, and Dakota Cty. Mississippi River RT)	1.0
North Urban RT		None	-
Spring Lake PR		TOTAL:	44.3
	Sep 23	SLPR Music Festival	0.3
	Year Long	Outdoor Education Programs	0.4
	Year Long	Spring Lake Youth Camp (day camp and permit only - not counted in regular counts)	43.6
MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD:			
Cedar Lake RT		TOTAL	0.5
	Sep 16	Minneapolis Bike Tour (Split Central Mississippi Riverfront RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP, Nokomis- Hiawatha RP, Theodore Wirth RP, Victory/Wirth Memorial RP, Cedar Lake RT)	0.5
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP		TOTAL	216.5
	Mar 17	Get Lucky & Run Race	3.0
	Apr 15	U of Minnesota Law Race for Justice / Main Street & Stone Arch	0.7
	Apr 20	Twin Cities Walk for Water	0.3
	Apr 22	Rock Bottom Race for Hunger	0.5
	Jun 2	Northern Spark	10.0
	Jun 3	Minneapolis Marathon (Split Central Mississippi RP, Mississippi Gorge RP, Minnehaha Pkwy RT)	1.6
	Jun 15	Stone Arch Festival of the Arts	80.0
	Jun 16	The Mightysippi River Challenge	0.3
	Jun 23	Solstice River Performance - Stone Arch Bridge	1.5
	Jun 23	Heartbeat 5000	1.7
	Jul 3	Red White & Boom Hot Dam 5K	0.8
	Jul 3	Movie Nicollet Island Pavilion	1.0
	Jul 3	Concert	1.0
	Jul 4	Mpls Red, White & Boom	30.0
	Jul 4	Red White & Boom 1/2 Marathon	3.0
	Jul 18	Torchlight Run	5.0
	Jul 21	Aquatennial Fireworks	50.0
	Aug 7	National Night Out	3.0
	Aug 11	TC Polish Festival	5.0
	Aug 21	Indigenous Music and Movies	0.5
	Aug 26	Minneapolis Dualthon - (Split Central Mississippi RP, Mississippi Gorge RP)	1.0
	Sep 8	Mill City Run	2.0
	Sep 16	Minneapolis Bike Tour (Split Central Mississippi Riverfront RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP, Nokomis- Hiawatha RP, Theodore Wirth RP, Victory/Wirth Memorial RP, Cedar Lake RT)	0.5
	Sep 22	Dash for Dads	0.5
	Oct 6	SlutWalk Minneapolis	1.5
	Oct 13	Historic Riverfront 5K Run Walk	0.5
	Oct 20	The Big Gay Race	1.0
	Nov 22	Turkey Day 5K	10.0
	Dec 12	Moustache Run	0.6
Columbia Parkway RT		None	-
Kenilworth RT		None	-
Luce Line RT		None	-
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP		TOTAL	151.5
	Feb 4	Loppet (Split Chain of Lakes and Theodore Wirth RP)	3.0
	Feb 11	Valentine's Run/Lake Harriet	1.2
	Mar 3	Minneapolis Polar Bear Plunge/Lake Calhoun	2.0
	Mar 10	100% Irish for a Day 5K/Lake Harriet	2.5

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MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD: continued			
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP, continued			
	Apr 14	Runnin' with the Wolves	0.3
	Apr 21	YMCA 5K	0.3
	Apr 22	Recycle Run/Lake Harriet	0.8
	Apr 29	March of Dimes March for Babies	1.5
	May 5	MPLS Making Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis	1.5
	May 18	ASID Showcase Home Tour	0.3
	May 19	Be the One Run	0.3
	May 19	Autism 5K Awareness Walk	0.9
	May 25	Mde Maka SKA Canoe Nations Gathering	0.5
	May 28	Concert	1.0
	Jun 1	Concert	1.1
	Jun 1	Barton School - 8th Grade graduation	0.7
	Jun 2	Concert	0.9
	Jun 2	Tour de Cure (Split Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha Pkwy, Minnehaha RP)	0.3
	Jun 3	Concert	0.3
	Jun 3	Concert	0.5
	Jun 3	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	0.5
	Jun 4	Concert	0.4
	Jun 5	Concert	0.5
	Jun 6	Concert	0.5
	Jun 7	Concert	0.8
	Jun 8	Concert	0.7
	Jun 9	Concert	0.8
	Jun 9	Walker Methodist Run & Walk	0.3
	Jun 10	Concert	0.4
	Jun 10	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	0.5
	Jun 11	Concert	0.3
	Jun 12	Concert	0.5
	Jun 13	Concert	0.7
	Jun 15	Concert	0.6
	Jun 15	Movie LHB	0.8
	Jun 16	Concert	0.5
	Jun 16	Kids Against Hunger Walk/ Lake Calhoun	0.6
	Jun 17	Concert	0.8
	Jun 17	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	0.5
	Jun 18	Concert	0.5
	Jun 21	Concert	0.3
	Jun 22	Concert	1.2
	Jun 22	Movie LHB	0.3
	Jun 23	Concert	1.3
	Jun 23	Tri-Loppet (Split Chain of Lakes RP, Theodore Wirth RP)	0.2
	Jun 24	Concert	1.2
	Jun 24	BAPS Charities walk	0.5
	Jun 24	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	0.5
	Jun 25	Concert	1.0
	Jun 26	Concert	0.9
	Jun 27	Concert	0.5
	Jun 28	Concert	0.4
	Jun 29	Concert	0.6
	Jun 29	Movie LHB	0.7
	Jun 30	Concert	1.8
	Jul 1	Concert	0.3
	Jul 1	Concert	2.5
	Jul 1	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	0.5
	Jul 6	Movie LHB	1.0
	Jul 7	Concert	2.9
	Jul 7	Independence Day Runs	1.2
	Jul 8	Concert	2.1
	Jul 8	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	0.5
	Jul 9	Concert	0.5
	Jul 10	Concert	0.6
	Jul 11	Concert	0.4
	Jul 12	Concert	0.4
	Jul 14	Concert	2.5
	Jul 14	Life Time Fitness Triathlon (Split Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha Pkwy, Nokomis-Hiawatha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St Paul)	0.8
	Jul 15	Concert	2.2
	Jul 15	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	0.5
	Jul 15	Aquatennial Beach Bash	10.0
	Jul 16	Concert	0.4
	Jul 17	Concert	0.4
	Jul 18	Concert	0.5
	Jul 19	Concert	0.5
	Jul 19	Pollinator Party	0.8

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MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD: continued			
Minneapolis Chain of Lakes RP, continued			
	Jul 20	Concert	1.9
	Jul 20	Movie LHB	0.9
	Jul 21	Concert	2.2
	Jul 22	Concert	1.5
	Jul 22	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	0.5
	Jul 24	Concert	0.6
	Jul 27	Concert	0.7
	Jul 27	Movie LHB	0.8
	Jul 28	Concert	2.2
	Jul 28	Hagen Financial Advantage 5K Fun Run / Lake Harriet	0.5
	Jul 29	Concert	2.2
	Jul 29	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	0.5
	Jul 30	Concert	0.4
	Jul 30	Movie LHB	0.4
	Jul 31	Concert	0.3
	Jul 31	Movie LHB	0.6
	Aug 1	Movie LHB	0.3
	Aug 2	Concert	4.5
	Aug 2	Movie LHB	0.4
	Aug 3	Concert	2.0
	Aug 3	Movie LHB	1.6
	Aug 4	Concert	0.6
	Aug 4	Movie LHB	0.5
	Aug 5	Concert	0.8
	Aug 5	Movie LHB	0.3
	Aug 5	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	0.5
	Aug 6	Concert	0.8
	Aug 7	Concert	0.7
	Aug 7	Movie LHB	0.3
	Aug 8	Concert	0.3
	Aug 8	Movie LHB	0.8
	Aug 9	Concert	0.4
	Aug 10	Concert	0.7
	Aug 10	Movie LHB	1.5
	Aug 11	Concert	1.9
	Aug 11	Emotions in Motions: Run/Walk for Mental Health	1.0
	Aug 12	Concert	0.4
	Aug 12	Outdoor Church Service / LHB	0.5
	Aug 13	Concert	0.5
	Aug 16	Concert	0.8
	Aug 17	Concert	1.7
	Aug 17	Movie LHB	1.5
	Aug 18	Concert	1.5
	Aug 18	TC Lung Walk & Run	2.0
	Aug 18	TCO Joint Jaunt	0.4
	Aug 19	Concert	1.1
	Aug 19	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	0.5
	Aug 20	Concert	0.4
	Aug 21	Concert	0.4
	Aug 22	Concert	0.3
	Aug 23	Concert	0.5
	Aug 24	Concert	2.3
	Aug 24	Susan G. Komen 3 Day (Split Chain of Lakes, Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St. Paul)	0.7
	Aug 25	Concert	0.5
	Aug 25	Bellyrama	0.4
	Aug 26	Concert	0.9
	Aug 26	Wheels of Italy- Calhoun Executive Lot	0.5
	Aug 26	Outdoor Church Service - LHB	0.5
	Aug 27	Concert	1.2
	Aug 31	Concert	0.4
	Sep 1	Concert	1.0
	Sep 2	Concert	0.5
	Sep 2	Outdoor Church Service - LHB	0.5
	Sep 3	Concert	0.4
	Sep 9	City of Lakes 25K & 5K	0.8
	Sep 11	9-11 Tribute	3.0
	Sep 16	Minneapolis Bike Tour (Split Central Mississippi Riverfront RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP, Nokomis- Hiawatha RP, Theodore Wirth RP, Victory/Wirth Memorial RP, Cedar Lake RT)	0.5
	Sep 22	Made in the Shade Walk - Lake Calhoun	0.6
	Sep 23	Vision Walk - Lake Harriet	0.9
	Sep 30	Concert Lake Harriet	1.0
	Oct 6	Deloitte's United Way Challenge	0.3
	Oct 7	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (Split Chain of Lakes, Nokomis-Hiawatha, Minnehaha Pkwy, Mississippi Gorge--Mpls & St Paul)	6.9

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MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD: continued			
Minneapolis Chain of Lakes RP, continued			
	Oct 20	Police Dept. Running With the Law / Lake Harriet	0.3
	Oct 21	Dream Mile 5K/10K	0.3
	Oct 27	Team Ortho Monster Dash & Half Marathon	1.5
	Nov 22	Drumstick Dash - Lake Harriet	0.9
	Dec 1	Reindeer Run	3.0
Minnehaha Parkway RT		TOTAL	11.7
	May 5	Cinco de Mayo 5 Mile	0.3
	Jun 2	Tour de Cure (Split Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha Pkwy, Minnehaha RP)	0.3
	Jun 3	Minneapolis Marathon (Split Central Mississippi RP, Mississippi Gorge RP, Minnehaha Pkwy RT)	1.6
	Jul 14	Triathlon (Split Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha Pkwy, Nokomis-Hiawatha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St Paul)	0.8
	Aug 12	YWCA Women's Triathlon (Split Nokomis, Minnehaha RT, Mississippi Gorge RP)	0.4
	Aug 12	MPRB Peace Games	1.0
	Sep 16	Minneapolis Bike Tour (Split Central Mississippi Riverfront RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP, Nokomis- Hiawatha RP, Theodore Wirth RP, Victory/Wirth Memorial RP, Cedar Lake RT)	0.5
	Oct 7	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (Split Chain of Lakes, Nokomis-Hiawatha, Minnehaha Pkwy, Mississippi Gorge--Mpls & St Paul)	6.9
Minnehaha RP		TOTAL	24.6
	Apr 28	Get In Gear 10K & 2K Run/Walk (SplitMinnehaha RP & Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St. Paul)	3.0
	May 6	Walk MS (Split Minnehaha RP & Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St. Paul)	2.5
	May 20	AIDS Walk (Split Minnehaha RP & Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St. Paul)	1.5
	Jun 2	Tour de Cure (Split Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha Pkwy, Minnehaha RP)	0.3
	Jun 7	Concert	2.0
	Jun 8	Concert	0.4
	Jun 10	Outdoor Church Service - Falls Bandstand	0.5
	Jun 16	World Refugee Day	0.4
	Jun 17	Outdoor Church Service Falls Bandstand	0.5
	Jun 22	Concert	0.3
	Jun 24	Svenskarnas Dag	1.5
	Jul 1	Outdoor Church Service Falls Bandstand	0.5
	Jul 8	Norway Days	0.8
	Jul 12	Concert	0.4
	Jul 15	Outdoor Church Service Falls Bandstand	0.5
	Jul 22	Outdoor Church Service Falls Bandstand	0.5
	Jul 26	Concert	0.4
	Jul 29	Outdoor Church Service Falls Bandstand	0.5
	Aug 5	Outdoor Church Service Falls Bandstand	0.5
	Aug 12	Outdoor Church Service Falls Bandstand	0.5
	Aug 16	Picnic Rec Plus	0.4
	Aug 18	Picnic IBEW292	0.9
	Aug 19	Outdoor Church Service Falls Bandstand	0.5
	Aug 26	Outdoor Church Service Falls Bandstand	0.5
	Sep 2	Outdoor Church Service Falls Bandstand	0.5
	Sep 3	Concert	3.0
	Sep 8	Twin Cities Pagan Pride Festival	0.5
	Sep 16	Minneapolis Bike Tour (Split Central Mississippi Riverfront RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP, Nokomis- Hiawatha RP, Theodore Wirth RP, Victory/Wirth Memorial RP, Cedar Lake RT)	0.5
	Sep 22	NAMI Walk (Split Minnehaha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP)	0.4
Mississippi Gorge RP		TOTAL	24.1
	Apr 14	Goldy's Run (10 Mile)	1.5
	Apr 28	Get In Gear 10K & 2K Run/Walk (Split Minnehaha RP & Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St. Paul)	3.0
	May 6	Walk MS (Split Minnehaha RP & Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St. Paul)	2.5
	May 20	AIDS Walk (Split Minnehaha RP & Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St. Paul)	1.5
	Jun 3	Minneapolis Marathon (Split Central Mississippi RP, Mississippi Gorge RP, Minnehaha Pkwy RT)	1.6
	Jul 14	Lifetime Triathlon (Split Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha Pkwy, Nokomis-Hiawatha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St Paul)	0.8
	Aug 4	Seward Coop's 40th Anniversary Celebration	0.3
	Aug 12	YWCA Women's Triathlon (Split Nokomis, Minnehaha RT, Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St. Paul)	0.4
	Aug 18	Ragnar Relay	3.0
	Aug 24	Susan G. Komen 3 Day (Split Chain of Lakes, Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St Paul)	0.7
	Aug 26	Minneapolis Dualthon - (Split Central Mississippi RP, Mississippi Gorge RP)	1.0

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MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD: continued			
Mississippi Gorge RP, continued			
	Sep 16	Minneapolis Bike Tour (Split Central Mississippi Riverfront RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP, Nokomis- Hiawatha RP, Theodore Wirth RP, Victory/Wirth Memorial RP, Cedar Lake RT)	0.5
	Sep 22	NAMI Walk (Split Minnehaha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP)	0.4
	Oct 7	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (Split Chain of Lakes, Central Mississippi, Nokomis-Hiawatha, Minnehaha Pkwy, Mississippi Gorge--Mpls & St Paul)	6.9
Northeast Diagonal RT		None	-
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP		TOTAL	42.5
	Jan 27	Pond Hockey	20.0
	May 5	Cinco de Mayo 5 Mile	0.3
	May 19	Adopt Walk	0.3
	May 28	Brian Craft 5K / Nokomis	0.6
	Jun 2	Lymphoma Walk	0.5
	Jun 17	Viking Gridiron Gallup	0.5
	Jun 23	Delta Scholarship 5K	0.3
	Jun 30	Walk/Run for Life	0.3
	Jul 8	Lienenkugel/REI Park Event	0.3
	Jul 14	Triathlon (Split Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha Pkwy, Nokomis-Hiawatha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St Paul)	0.8
	Aug 4	MiracleKids Triathlon	0.5
	Aug 12		0.4
		YWCA Women's Triathlon (Split Nokomis, Minnehaha RT, Mississippi Gorge RP)	
	Sep 7	Monarch Festival and 5K	8.0
	Sep 15	Bolder Options Bolder Dash	0.5
	Sep 16	Minneapolis Bike Tour (Split Central Mississippi Riverfront RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP, Nokomis- Hiawatha RP, Theodore Wirth RP, Victory/Wirth Memorial RP, Cedar Lake RT)	0.5
	Oct 7	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (Split Chain of Lakes, Nokomis-Hiawatha, Minnehaha Pkwy, Mississippi Gorge--Mpls & St Paul)	6.9
	Oct 13	Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk	1.5
	Oct 20	Chloe's Fight	0.3
North Mississippi RP		TOTAL	4.4
	Jun 9	Accessibility, Inc. - Rollin Along the River	0.5
	Jun 19	Juneteenth	2.0
	Jul 14	Picnic Chet Earl	0.3
	Aug 5	Picnic Blueeth Cameron	0.5
	Sep 9	Picnic Plumber Union	0.8
	Sep 29	Sajai Foundation Amazing Walk	0.3
Ridgeway Parkway RT		None	-
St. Anthony Parkway RT		None	-
Shingle Creek RT		None	-
Theodore Wirth RP		TOTAL	6.1
	Feb 4	Loppet (Split Chain of Lakes and Theodore Wirth RP)	3.0
	May 5	Walk for Animals (Split Theodore Wirth RP and Wirth Parkway RT)	1.5
	Jun 23	Tri-Loppet (Split Chain of Lakes RP, Theodore Wirth RP)	0.2
	Sep 15	Dave Ryan's Special Olympics 5K	0.6
	Sep 16	Minneapolis Bike Tour (Split Central Mississippi Riverfront RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP, Nokomis- Hiawatha RP, Theodore Wirth RP, Victory/Wirth Memorial RP, Cedar Lake RT)	0.5
	Sep 22	Trail Loppet	0.3
Victory Memorial (Wirth) Parkway RT		TOTAL	3.7
	May 5	Walk for Animals (Split Theodore Wirth RP and Wirth Parkway RT)	1.5
	Aug 9	Movie	0.3
	Sep 3	MDRA Victory Races	0.8
	Sep 15	Dave Ryan's Special Olympics 5K	0.6
	Sep 16	Minneapolis Bike Tour (Split Central Mississippi Riverfront RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP, Nokomis- Hiawatha RP, Theodore Wirth RP, Victory/Wirth Memorial RP, Cedar Lake RT)	0.5
RAMSEY COUNTY:			
Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes RP		TOTAL	82.8
	Apr 7	Tri Fitness	0.4
	May 12	Northern Lakes Run	0.4
	Jun 10	MS Bike Ride (Split Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes RP and Birch Lake RT)	1.5
	Sep 15	Special Olympics Run	0.4
	Feb 1 - Dec 31	TNC Nature Play Area only	26.5

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RAMSEY COUNTY: continued			
Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes RP, continued			
	Year Long	Tamarack Nature - Formal program attendee (including nature pre-school, ECFE, Special events and volunteers)	53.7
Battle Creek RP			
		TOTAL	8.5
	May 3	Battle Creek Middle School	0.3
	Jun 24	Thao Graduation	0.5
	Jul 3	TC Bicycle Club	0.5
	Jul 22	Gatzke Family Picnic	0.3
	Jul 26	Trebesch Inc	0.4
	Aug 2	3M	0.3
	Aug 4	Thao Kue	0.5
	Aug 7	HealthEast	0.5
	Aug 12	Amalgamated Transit Union	0.5
	Aug 14	Par Nuclear	0.4
	Aug 20	UAW Ford Retirees	0.3
	Aug 26	Susan G. Komen 3-Day (Split Battle Creek RP, Bruce Vento RT, Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP, Highway 96 RT, Keller RP, Trout Brook RT, and St. Paul's Indian Mounds)	0.3
	Aug 25	St. Paul Plumbers Local 34	0.4
	Aug 26	Pipefitters Local #455	0.3
	Aug 30	Tri Metro Cross Country Meet	0.4
	Sep 11	St Paul Schools	0.5
	Sep 25	St Paul Schools	0.5
	Sep 29	South Metro Human Services	0.5
	Oct 17	Tri Metro Cross Country Meet	0.4
	Oct 25	Minnehaha Academy	0.4
	Winter Months	SISU Nordic Ski Club	0.3
	Winter Months	District Schools XCC Ski tournaments	0.3
Birch Lake RT			
		TOTAL	1.5
	Jun 10	MS Bike Ride (Split Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes RP and Birch Lake RT)	1.5
Bruce Vento RT			
		TOTAL	0.3
	Aug 26	Susan G. Komen 3-Day (Split Battle Creek RP, Bruce Vento RT, Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP, Highway 96 RT, Keller RP, Trout Brook RT, and St. Paul's Indian Mounds)	0.3
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP			
		TOTAL	0.6
	Aug 26	Susan G. Komen 3-Day (Split Battle Creek RP, Bruce Vento RT, Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP, Highway 96 RT, Keller RP, Trout Brook RT, and St. Paul's Indian Mounds)	0.3
	Sep 15	Union Gospel Mission Run	0.3
Highway 96 RT			
		TOTAL	1.0
	Aug 18	Final Stretch	0.4
	Aug 26	Susan G. Komen 3-Day (Split Battle Creek RP, Bruce Vento RT, Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP, Highway 96 RT, Keller RP, Trout Brook RT, and St. Paul's Indian Mounds)	0.3
	Sep 15	Union Gospel Mission Run	0.3
Keller RP			
		TOTAL	0.9
	May 25	Recovery Picnic	0.3
	Jul 8	Hmong Lutheran Church	0.3
	Aug 26	Susan G. Komen 3-Day (Split Battle Creek RP, Bruce Vento RT, Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP, Highway 96 RT, Keller RP, Trout Brook RT, and St. Paul's Indian Mounds)	0.3
Long Lake RP			
		TOTAL	27.2
	Feb 5	New Brighton Sportsmen's Show	0.5
	May 5	Northern Voice Race	0.3
	May 25	Irondale Class Party	0.6
	May 26	Eritrean Community Center	0.4
	May 27	David Lo Picnic	0.3
	Jun 1	Liberty Classic Academy	0.3
	Jun 2	New Brighton Triathlon	0.5
	Jun 5	Bethlehem Baptist	0.3
	Jun 8	Mission Foods	0.5
	Jun 9	Donatelle Plastics	0.4
	Jun 10	Cher Yang Picnic	0.3
	Jun 12	Hmong Academy	0.5
	Jun 13	Family Picnic	0.4
	Jun 17	HNP	0.3
	Jun 20	Bethlehem Baptist	0.3
	Jun 21	Boston Scientific	0.5
	Jun 27	Bethlehem Baptist	0.3
	Jun 22	Mintahoe Picnic	0.4

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RAMSEY COUNTY: continued			
Long Lake RP, continued			
	Jul 6	Tibetean Foundation	1.5
	Jul 8	Family Picnic	0.5
	Jul 15	Vu Family Picnic	0.4
	Jul 18	Bethlehem Baptist	0.3
	Jul 19	General Mills	0.6
	Jul 21	Yang Family Picnic	0.4
	Jul 25	Bethlehem Baptist	0.3
	Jul 28	Iron Workers #512	0.5
	Aug 1	Bethlehem Baptist	0.3
	Aug 3	ADS Group	0.4
	Aug 4	Shinbel Picnic	0.5
	Aug 8	Bethlehem Baptist	0.3
	Aug 10-12	Stockyard Days	10.0
	Aug 14	Par Nuclear	0.4
	Aug 15	Bethlehem Baptist	0.3
	Aug 15	Vang Picnic	0.5
	Aug 21	Medtronic	0.4
	Aug 22	Bethlehem Baptist	0.3
	Aug 25	Silvera Run	0.4
	Aug 26	Lee Picnic	0.4
	Aug 29	Bethlehem Baptist	0.3
	Sep 2	Belden Bash	0.3
	Sep 9	Xiong Picnic	0.3
	Sep 13	TSI	0.4
	Sep 21	MSRA	0.5
Rice Creek North RT		None	-
Rice Creek West RT		TOTAL	0.9
	Aug 25	Silvera Run	0.4
	Jun 2	New Brighton Triathlon	0.5
Tony Schmidt RP		TOTAL	3.0
	Sep 17	Arden Hills Comm Celebration	3.0
Trout Brook RT		TOTAL	0.3
	Aug 26	Susan G. Komen 3-Day (Split Battle Creek RP, Bruce Vento RT, Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP, Highway 96 RT, Keller RP, Trout Brook RT, and St. Paul's Indian Mounds)	0.3
CITY OF ST. PAUL:			
Bruce Vento RT		None	-
Cherokee Heights RP		None	-
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF		TOTAL	545.9
	Year Long	Como Education events/classes including Lil Explorers	25.4
	Year Long	Music in the Parks Concert Audiences (larger shows listed below)	6.8
	Winter	Como Downhill Ski (Enterprise facility) (cc ski meets and lessons)	1.3
	Year Long	Music under Glass/Groovin' Garden	3.6
	Jan-Feb	Winter Carnival Events	22.9
	Jan 1	Noon Year's Celebration	2.3
	Jan 4-April 3	Hidden World of Bears Bell Museum Exhibit	6.2
	Jan 14-16	Arctic Blast	9.8
	Jan 28-29	Gotta Go Gotta Throw	1.0
	Jan 28-29	Winter Carnival Orchid Show	3.3
	Feb 4-5	Winter Flower Show	2.9
	Feb 14	Valentine's at Conservatory	0.6
	Feb 18-20	Learn' & Leapin	12.2
	Feb 25	MN Parent Camp Fair	1.0
	March 31-April 1	Rainforest Revel	9.3
	March 24-25	Spring Flower Show Opening	13.8
	April 6-May 7	Fruits of Decay Exhibit	3.4
	Apr 14	MN Pro Choice - Becky Smith Walk/Run	0.3
	Apr 20-22	Party for the Planet	21.8
	April 28-29	Summer Flower Show	13.9
	May 12 & 13	Mother's Day Bonsai Show	7.6
	May 14	Police Survivor Resources	0.3
	May 17	Age Well	0.7
	May 19	Twin Cities Marathon Kid's Marathon	2.0
	May 20	Tuberous Sclerosis	0.4
	Jun 2	TPT Day at Como	9.3
	May 26	Gingerbread Craft Show	1.0
	May 27	Gingerbread Craft Show	1.0
	May 28	Gingerbread Craft Show	1.0
	May 30	High School Picnic	0.3

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ST.PAUL: continued			
Como RP, continued			
	June-August	Como Pool Season Attendance	90.5
	Jun 2	American Lung Association	0.3
	Jun 5	Como Pops	0.3
	Jun 6	Q.M.C. Pride Concert	0.9
	Jun 7	Community Sch. Of Exc.	0.6
	Jun 7	School Picnic	0.3
	Jun 8	Como Pool Grand Opening	2.5
	Jun 8	Lancer Catering	0.3
	Jun 12	Company Picnic	0.4
	Jun 12	Calhoun Isles Community Band	0.3
	Jun 13	Urban Partnership and Community Development Walk/Run	0.5
	Jun 14	Company Picnic	0.3
	Jun 15	Medalist Concert Band	0.3
	Jun 17	Picnic - Private	0.8
	Jun 19	Picnic - Private	0.8
	Jun 19	St. Louis Park Community Band	0.4
	June 16-17	Edible Garden Celebration	21.8
	Jun 23	Lancer Catering	0.3
	Jun 26	St. Anthony Civic Orchestra	0.3
	Jun 27	Company Picnic	0.4
	Jun 27	Brio Brass	0.4
	Jun 29	Hmong Freedom Celebration - Lao Family of MN setup	2.0
	Jun 30	Hmong Freedom Celebration - Lao Family of MN event	42.0
	Jul 1	Hmong Freedom Celebration - Lao Family of MN event	45.0
	Jul 5	The Bavarian Musikmeisters	0.8
	Jul 7	Rosetown Playhouse	0.9
	Jul 8	Rosetown Playhouse	0.9
	Jul 9	Rosetown Playhouse	0.9
	Jul 10	Beasley's Big Band	0.3
	Jul 10	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.3
	Jul 17	Preferred One	0.3
	Jul 14	Rosetown Playhouse	0.9
	Jul 15	Rosetown Playhouse	0.9
	Jul 16	Rosetown Playhouse	0.9
	Jul 19	Sunset Affair	0.5
	Jul 23	Rein in Sarcoma	0.8
	Jul 20	South Washington County Community Band	0.3
	Jul 21	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.5
	July 21-22	ZooOlympics	25.1
	Jul 22	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.4
	Jul 23	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.4
	Jul 28	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.4
	Jul 29	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.4
	Jul 30	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.4
	Jul 31	Lex-Ham Community Band	0.3
	Aug 3	Minnesota State Band	0.4
	Aug 7	John Phillips Sousa Memorial Band	0.8
	Aug 7	Twin Cities Show Chorus	0.3
	Aug 9	Epilepsy Foundation	0.8
	Aug 10	Minnesota State Band	0.4
	Aug 14	Picnic - Gathering	0.5
	Aug 16	City Picnic	1.0
	Aug 16	Northstar Barbershop Chorus	0.7
	Aug 18	Bridge Builders for Kids 5K	0.3
	Aug 18	Lancer Catering Picnic	0.3
	Aug 18	Minnesota State Band	0.5
	Aug 19	Lancer Catering Picnic	0.3
	Aug 20	Picnic - Private	0.3
	Aug 19	Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival	5.9
	Aug 21	Kenwood Symphony Orchestra	0.4
	Aug 28	Pops Ensemble Concert Benefit Concert	0.4
	Aug 29	Johnny Owen Band	0.6
	Sep 2	MS. Minnesota Sr. America Cameo Club	0.1
	Sept 8	Family Means Walk for Hope and Healing	0.3
	Sept 8	MNVA	0.4
	Sep 9	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (Split Como, Crosby, Indian Mounds, Lilydale, Miss Gorge, Phalen, and Dakota Cty. Mississippi River RT)	1.0
	Sep 9	Company Picnic	0.3
	Sep 10	Company Picnic	0.7
	Sept 8-9	General Mills Fitness Weekend	23.8
	Sep 22	Brain Injury Association Walk	1.0
	Sep 29	Camp Odayin Walk/Run	0.7
	Sep 30	Down Syndrome Assoc. Walk/Run	8.5
	Oct 14	American Foundation For Suicide Prevention Walk/Run	2.0
	Oct 6	MN Parent Education Resource Fair	1.0

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Como RP, continued			
	Oct 6-7	Fall Flower Show	4.9
	Oct 13-14	Harvest Festival	6.8
	Oct 20-21, 26-28	Zoo Boo (5 days)	17.0
	Nov 3-4	Books & Beasts	6.4
	Nov 11	Wedding Showcase Open House	0.3
	Nov 5-11	Ikebana Show	6.8
	Nov 18	The Sporting Life Walk/Run	0.3
	Nov 22	Giving Thanks 5K Walk/Run	0.7
	Nov 29	Bouquets Wine Tasting	0.5
	Dec 1-2	Holiday Flower Show	5.7
	Dec 4-5	Craft Show	4.8
	Dec 31	Noon Year's Eve	4.6
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP			
	Aug 18	Ragnar Relay	0.4
	Sep 9	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (Split Como, Crosby, Indian Mounds, Lilydale, Miss Gorge, Phalen, and Dakota Cty. Mississippi River RT)	1.0
	Oct 15-31	BareBones Performance	8.0
Indian Mounds RP			
	Jul 4	Fireworks audience gathering spot	2.0
	Aug 26	Susan G. Komen 3-Day (Split Battle Creek RP, Bruce Vento RT, Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP, Highway 96 RT, Keller RP, Trout Brook RT, and St. Paul's Indian Mounds)	0.3
	Sep 9	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (Split Como, Crosby, Indian Mounds, Lilydale, Miss Gorge, Phalen, and Dakota Cty. Mississippi River RT)	1.0
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP			
	Year Long	Padelford Park Excursions	95.1
	Year Long	Wigington Pavilion Private Events	23.7
	Year Long	Other Private Events	4.4
	Year Long	Walk/Runs under 1,000 Pple	2.4
	Year Long	Music/Movies in the park	1.2
	April 21-23	Wishes in the Sky	1.0
	Apr 28	EcoArts Festival	1.5
	Jun 3	Crohns and Colitis Fundraiser	1.5
	Jun 23	River's Edge Music Festival	40.0
	Aug 18	Ragnar Relay	0.4
	Aug 29	Time To Fly	5.0
	Aug 3	Inline Marathon	8.0
	Aug 10	Irish Fair	75.0
	Sep 1	Women Rock! Marathon	5.0
	Sep 9	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (Split Como, Crosby, Indian Mounds, Lilydale, Miss Gorge, Phalen, and Dakota Cty. Mississippi River RT)	1.0
	Sep 16	Bark and Rec Day	0.5
	Sep 21	Festa Italiana	30.0
	Oct 7	Walk for Hope	2.0
	Oct 20	Midwest Animal Rescue	0.3
	Oct 27	Monster Dash	10.0
	Oct 30	Schools Fossil Hunt	0.4
Mississippi Gorge RP			
	Jan 1	Ortho Foundation Polar Dash	3.0
	Mar 17	Ortho Foundation Get Lucky Walk/Run	2.5
	Apr 14	Podium Sports Marketing Walk/Run	1.2
	Apr 28	Get In Gear 10K & 2K Run/Walk (Split Minnehaha RP & Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St. Paul)	3.0
	May 6	Walk MS (Split Minnehaha RP & Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St. Paul)	2.5
	May 20	AIDS Walk (Split Minnehaha RP & Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St. Paul)	1.5
	Jun 13	Nature Valley	5.0
	Jun 30	MS Society Challenge Walk/Run	0.3
	Jul 1	MS Society Challenge Walk/Run	0.3
	Jul 14	Lifetime Triathlon (Split Chain of Lakes RP, Minnehaha Pkwy, Nokomis-Hiawatha RP, Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St Paul)	0.8
	Aug 12	YWCA Women's Triathlon (Split Nokomis, Minnehaha RT, Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St. Paul)	0.4
	Aug 18	SRO Productions - Night Owl Classic	0.8
	Aug 24	Susan G. Komen 3 Day (Split Chain of Lakes, Mississippi Gorge RP--Mpls & St. Paul)	0.7
	Sep 1	Ortho Foundation Walk/Run	5.0
	Sep 9	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (Split Como, Crosby, Indian Mounds, Lilydale, Miss Gorge, Phalen, and Dakota Cty. Mississippi River RT)	1.0
	Sep 15	Life Time Run	0.3
	Sep 23	Anderson Race Management Walk/Run	1.6
	Oct 7	Twin Cities Marathon (Split Chain of Lakes, Nokomis-Hiawatha, Minnehaha Pkwy, Mississippi Gorge--Mpls & St Paul)	6.9

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Mississippi Gorge, continued			
	Oct 27	Team Ortho Monster Dash	10.0
Phalen RP		TOTAL	52.8
	Apr 7	Final Streach-Walk/Run	0.5
	Apr 29	March of Dimes - March For Babies	1.5
	May 5	Company Picinc	0.5
	May 12	Friends of Fana	0.3
	May 19	Musella Foundation Walk/Run	0.5
	May 26	Community of Peace	0.3
	Jun 1	Ramsey County Watershed - Waterfest	2.0
	Jun 2	Ramsey County Watershed - Waterfest	2.0
	Jun 3	Charlie & the Good Times	0.0
	Jun 3	School Picnic	0.3
	Jun 9	Memorial Walk	0.4
	Jun 10	Blue Stratum	0.0
	Jun 20	Company Picnic	0.3
	Jun 21	Minnesota Sinfonia	0.3
	Jul 5	Eastside Arts Council's Thur. Night Live	0.0
	Jul 12	Eastside Arts Council's Thur. Night Live	0.1
	Jul 13	Dragon Festival	5.0
	Jul 14	Dragon Festival	5.0
	Jul 15	Dragon Festival	5.0
	Jul 28	Company Picinc	0.4
	Jul 29	Rockin East Side 5K	0.3
	Aug 8	Summer Camp	0.3
	Aug 11	Union Picnic	0.4
	Aug 19	Vacation Sports Front Runner	1.0
	Aug 31	Wedding - Private	0.3
	Sep 1	Our Redeemer Run	0.3
	Sep 8	CureSearch For Childrens Cancer Walk/Run	0.9
	Sep 9	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (Split Como, Crosby, Indian Mounds, Lilydale, Miss Gorge, Phalen, and Dakota Cty. Mississippi River RT)	1.0
	Sep 22	Gathering - Private	0.5
	Sep 29	Ethiopian Bonfire	1.0
	Sep 30	MMRF Foundation	1.0
	Oct 13	ALS Association Walk/Run	1.0
	Oct 20	NROTC University of MN 5/10K Run	0.5
	Nov. 30 - Dec. 31	Holiday Lights in the Park	20.0
Samuel Morgan RT		None	-
SCOTT COUNTY:			
Cedar Lake Farm RP		TOTAL	2.9
	Jun 24	Catholic United	0.5
	Jun 28	Scott Watershed Management Organization	0.3
	Jul 20	Tractor Show	0.5
	Jul 21	Tractor Show	0.5
	Jul 21	Mid Summer Festival	0.5
	Jul 22	Tractor Show	0.5
	Year Long	Formal programs	0.1
Scott County RT		None	-
THREE RIVERS SCOTT COUNTY: continued			
Cleary Lake RP		TOTAL	2.9
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.6
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	1.1
	School Year	School groups @ park	1.2
Murphy-Hanrehan PR		TOTAL	0.7
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.5
THREE RIVERS SCOTT COUNTY: continued			
Murphy-Hanrehan PR, continued			
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.2
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT:			
Baker PR		TOTAL	15.8
	Oct 20	Baker Boo	0.6
	Oct 21	Baker Boo	0.6
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	2.2
	School Year	School groups @ Near-Wilderness Center	12.5
Bassett Creek RT		None	-

Table 2: Special event counts for 2012

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

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT: continued			
Bryant Lake RP		TOTAL	0.6
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.6
Carver PR		TOTAL	22.7
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.3
	Apr 6	Spring Eggstravaganza	0.4
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	8.7
	School Year	School groups @ nature center	13.3
Cedar Lake RT		None	-
Clifton French RP		TOTAL	10.8
	Aug 22	Endless Summer 5k-Race	0.4
	Sep 8	Lupus Foundation 5k-Race	0.5
	Sep 15	Adult Congenital Heart Association-Race	0.5
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	4.3
	School Year	School groups @ visitor center	5.1
Coon Rapids Dam RP		TOTAL	8.7
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	2.6
	School Year	School groups @ visitor center	6.1
Crow-Hassan PR		TOTAL	0.1
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.1
Dakota Rail RT		None	0.9
	Aug 4	Tour de Tonka (Split Dakota Rail RT, Lake Minnetonka LRT RT, and Minnesota River Bluffs LRT RT)	0.9
Eagle Lake RP		None	0.1
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.1
Elm Creek PR		TOTAL	135.7
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.2
	Winter	Winter Recreation area (manufactured snow area)	123.5
	Jun 9	Parnassus Prep	0.3
	Jun 17	Chang-Picnic	0.5
	Jun 24	IUOE Local 49-Picnic	0.3
	Aug 5	Grace Fellowship-Picnic	0.3
	Aug 12	Subway Restaurants-Picnic	0.3
	Aug 18	ISD 279 Kids Stop-Picnic	0.3
	Aug 24	ISD 279 Maple Grove-Race	0.3
	Aug 26	Parnassus Prep	0.3
	Sep 15	Purple Ride-Race	1.0
	Sep 22	District 279 Foundation-Picnic	0.3
	Sep 27	Parnassus Prep	0.3
	Sep 29	Parnassus Prep	0.3
	Oct 13	Autumn Woods Classic-Race	2.0
	Oct 14	Eastman Nature Center	
	Oct 27	Parnassus Prep	0.3
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	1.7
	School Year	School groups @ nature center	3.5
Fish Lake RP		None	8.1
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	3.5
	School Year	School groups @ park	4.5
Gale Woods Farm		TOTAL	26.5
	May 19	Rubino-Reception	0.3
	Jun 9	Lavesque-Reception	0.3
	Jun 30	Olson-Reception	0.3
	Jul 1	Foy-Reception	0.3
	Jul 7	Butler-Reception	0.3
	Jul 27	Shilda-Reception	0.3
	Aug 3	Stevens-Reception	0.3
	Aug 24	ISD 1 Southwest H.S.-Race	0.4
	Sep 1	O'Brien-Reception	0.3
	Sep 20	Ridgeview Medial Center-Picnic	0.3
	Sep 22	Durst-Reception	0.3
	Sep 28	Crown College-Race	0.3

Table 2: Special event counts for 2012

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

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT: continued			
Gale Woods Farm, continued			
	Aug 18	Breakfast on the Farm-Event	0.3
	Oct 6	Celebrate the Harvest-Event	0.9
	Oct 7	Celebrate the Harvest-Event	0.7
	Oct 11	Lake Conference-Race	0.8
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	5.7
	School Year	School groups @ farm	14.6
Hyland Lake PR		TOTAL	202.8
	Winter	Downhill Ski Area Enterprise Facilities	165.7
	May 5	Raptor Release	2.5
	Apr 21	Trail Mix-Race	1.0
	Sep 8	Target Book Festival	8.2
	Sep 22	Alzheimers Walk	2.0
	Oct 5	Chairlift Rides	0.4
	Oct 8	Chairlift Rides	0.6
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	9.9
	School Year	School groups @ nature center	12.5
Lake Independence RT		None	-
Lake Minnetonka RP		TOTAL	0.5
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.3
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.3
Lake Minnetonka Islands		None	-
Lake Minnetonka LRT RT		TOTAL	3.7
	May 6	Lake Minnetonka 1/2 Marathon	2.8
	Aug 4	Tour de Tonka (Split Dakota Rail RT, Lake Minnetonka LRT RT, and Minnesota River Bluffs LRT RT)	0.9
Lake Rebecca PR		TOTAL	2.8
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.2
	May 19	Blair's Tree of Hope-Race	0.5
	Jun 9	Liberty Triathlon-Race	0.5
	Jun 23	US Foods-Picnic	0.3
	Jun 23	Graunke-Picnic	0.3
	Jul 14	Local 539 Pipefitters-Picnic	0.3
	Aug 15	Woodridge Church-Picnic	0.3
	Aug 25	Miller-Picnic	0.3
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.1
The Landing SRF		TOTAL	21.0
	Jul 28	Minnesota River Arts Fair	1.8
	Jul 29	Minnesota River Arts Fair	1.1
	Oct 20	Old Fashioned Trick or Treat	0.6
	Dec 21	Folkways by Candlelight	0.4
	Dec 22	Folkways of the Holidays	0.6
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	8.3
	School Year	School groups @ park	8.4
Luce Line RT		None	-
Medicine Lake RT		TOTAL	2.0
	May 12	Maple Grove 1/2 Marathon	1.5
	Nov 2	Boston Scientific-Race	0.5
Minnesota River Bluffs LRT RT		TOTAL	0.9
	Aug 4	Tour de Tonka (Split Dakota Rail RT, Lake Minnetonka LRT RT, and Minnesota River Bluffs LRT RT)	0.9
Noerenberg Gardens SRF		TOTAL	0.1
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.1
North Cedar Lake LRT RT		TOTAL	1.5
	Apr 29	Israeli Independence Walk	1.5
North Mississippi RP		TOTAL	9.4
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	3.3

Table 2: Special event counts for 2012

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

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT: continued			
North Mississippi RP, continued			
	School Year	School groups @ nature center	6.1
Northeast Diagonal RT			
		None	-
Rush Creek RT			
	Sep 15	Purple Ride	1.0
Shingle Creek RT			
		None	-
Silverwood SRF			
	Apr 21	Columbia Heights HS	0.3
	Jun 29	Fitzgerald-Reception	0.3
	Jul 12	Medtox-Picnic	0.4
	Jul 22	Silverpalooza	4.5
	Aug 5	CEAP Partnership and Interfaith Action Committee-Walk	0.5
	Aug 5	Summer Concert Series	0.4
	Aug 19	Summer Concert Series	0.4
	Sep 8	Lansing-Reception	0.3
	Sep 23	Walker Fieldtrip	0.5
	Sep 30	Wedding Fair	0.5
	Oct 12	Brandanger-Reception	0.3
	Dec 15	Candy Cane Hunt	0.3
	Year Long	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	2.7
	School Year	School groups @ nature center	1.2
Twin Lakes RT			
		None	-
WASHINGTON COUNTY:			
Big Marine Park Reserve			
	May 19	ALS Bike Trek	0.6
	Sep 16	One Last Tri	0.5
Cottage Grove Ravine RP			
	Winter	Snowmobile Use	1.5
Hardwood Creek RT			
	Jun 10	MS 150	3.5
Lake Elmo PR			
	May-13	Oakdale Duathlon	0.5
	Jun-13	Family Festival	1.0
	Jun-13	St Paul Hmong	0.6
	Aug-13	Kao Her	0.4
	Aug-13	Shoua Vang	0.4
	Aug-13	Vamyajzt	0.4
	Sep-11	Bluegrass Festival	4.0
	Sep-13	Long Yang	1.0
	Sep-13	Long Yang	1.0
	Winter	Snowmobile use	1.5
Pine Point Park RP			
	May 12	6/4 pm Bike MS Sam's Club TC Ride	1.0
Square Lake SRF			
	Jul 21	Stillwater 12 Race	1.5
	Sep 8	Triathlon	0.5
	Sep 9	Triathlon	0.3
	Oct 20	Stillwater Lift Bridge 10 Mile	0.3
St. Croix Bluffs RP			
	May 20	Apple Blossom Run	0.6
	Jun 23	Yang Family	0.3
St. Croix Bluffs RP, continued			
	Jul 7	Yang Family	0.3
	Aug 4	Yang Family	0.3
	Aug 18	Ceridian Annual Picnic	0.5
	Sep 6	Cross Country Meet	0.7
	Sep 11	Cross Country Meet	0.5
	Oct 16	Cross Country Meet	0.4

Table 3: Comparison of 2011 and 2012 visitation

Agency	2011 (1,000's)	2012 (1,000's)	# change (1,000's)	% change
Anoka	3,380.8	3,152.0	(228.8)	-6.8%
Bloomington	789.4	715.1	(74.3)	-9.4%
Carver ¹	443.9	582.6	138.7	31.2%
Dakota	1,047.8	1,034.0	(13.8)	-1.3%
Minneapolis	15,098.8	15,223.9	125.1	0.8%
Ramsey	4,014.7	4,291.5	276.8	6.9%
St Paul	8,552.6	9,710.5	1,157.9	13.5%
Scott County	319.6	290.0	(29.6)	-9.3%
Three Rivers (Hennepin Co.)	8,445.3	8,995.1	549.8	6.5%
Three Rivers (Scott County)	345.5	328.5	(17.0)	-4.9%
Washington	1,498.8	1,520.7	21.9	1.5%
Total	44,111.2	45,843.8	1,732.6	3.9%

Notes:

¹ Carver County opened Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail in 2012

Table 4: Comparison of 2011 and 2012 park vs. trail visitation

	2011 (1,000's)	2012 (1,000's)	# change (1,000's)	% change	% of all visits in 2012
Trail Visits ¹	11,204.1	11,322.3	118.2	1.1%	25%
Park/Reserve/SRF Visits	32,907.1	34,521.5	1,614.4	4.9%	75%
Total Visits	44,111.2	45,843.8	1,732.6	3.9%	100%

Notes:

¹ About 80% of all visits to the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes and Anoka County Riverfront RP are trail visits. Mississippi Gorge Regional Park is also more similar to a parkway with a regional trail than a regional park. However, the above trail totals do not include those trail visits.

If Mississippi Gorge, Minneapolis Chain of Lakes, and Anoka County Riverfront RP trail visits are included in the regional trail total, **about 17.9 million, or 39.0% of all visits, are trail visits.**

Table 5: Most-visited regional parks and trails - 2012

Rank by visits	Park/trail	Agency	2012 Visitation (1,000's)	Cumulative percent of total visitation
1	Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP	Minneapolis	5,361.2	11.7%
2	Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	St. Paul	4,482.1	21.5%
3	Mississippi Gorge RP	Minneapolis/St. Paul	2,567.6	27.1%
4	Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	Minneapolis	1,827.0	31.1%
5	Phalen-Keller RP	St. Paul/Ramsey County	1,565.6	34.5%
6	Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes PR	Bloomington/Three Rivers	1,495.8	37.7%
7	Minnehaha RP	Minneapolis	1,365.7	40.7%
8	Minnehaha RT	Minneapolis	1,357.1	43.7%
9	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	Minneapolis	1,337.7	46.6%
10	Lilydale-Harriet Island-Cherokee Hts RP	St. Paul	1,281.8	49.4%
11	Battle Creek/Indian Mounds RP	Ramsey County/St. Paul	934.8	51.4%
12	Elm Creek PR	Three Rivers	911.5	53.4%
13	Cedar Lake /Cedar Lake LRT RT	Minneapolis/Three Rivers	889.7	55.4%
14	Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	Ramsey County	644.8	56.8%
15	Bunker Hills RP	Anoka County	617.6	58.1%
16	Victory Memorial Parkway RT	Minneapolis	586.3	59.4%
17	Bruce Vento	Ramsey County/St. Paul	573.6	60.6%
18	Clifton French RP	Three Rivers	567.4	61.9%
19	Kenilworth RT	Minneapolis	567.2	63.1%
20	Lebanon Hills RP	Dakota County	544.2	64.3%
Total			29,478.7	
Percent of 2012 Visitation				64.3%

Table 6: Urban parks visitation - 2012

Agency	2012 Visitation (1,000's)
Minneapolis Parks Total	15,223.9
St. Paul Parks Total	9,710.5
Urban Total	24,934.3
Urban Percentage of 2010 visitation	54.4%

Table 7: Como visitation - park and zoo/conservatory

Park Unit	2012 Visitation (1,000's)	2012 %
Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF ¹	3,549.8	79.2%
Como Park (non-zoo/conservatory visits)	932.3	20.8%
Como Total	4,482.1	100%

Notes:

¹ Como Zoo & Conservatory Special Recreation Feature estimates are based on visitor interviews conducted in 2008. That data indicated that 79.2% 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 20.8% listed for non-zoo/conservatory visits.

Table 8: Visitation estimates by agency for operations and maintenance funding formula purposes - 2012

Agency	2012 Visitation (1,000's)	Percentage of total ¹
Anoka County	3,152.0	6.90%
Bloomington	715.1	1.57%
Carver County	582.6	1.28%
Dakota County	1,034.0	2.26%
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	15,223.9	33.33%
Ramsey County	4,291.5	9.40%
St Paul	9,710.5	21.26%
Scott County	290.0	0.63%
Three Rivers Park District - Hennepin ²	8,829.4	19.33%
Three Rivers Park District - Scott	328.5	0.72%
Washington County	1,520.7	3.33%
TOTAL	45,678.1	100.00%

Notes:

¹ Percentages are given to the second decimal point for use in the O&M funding formula.

² O&M visitation estimates do not include enterprise facility visitation (downhill skiing at Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes PR).

2012 Percentage of Total Visitation by Agency

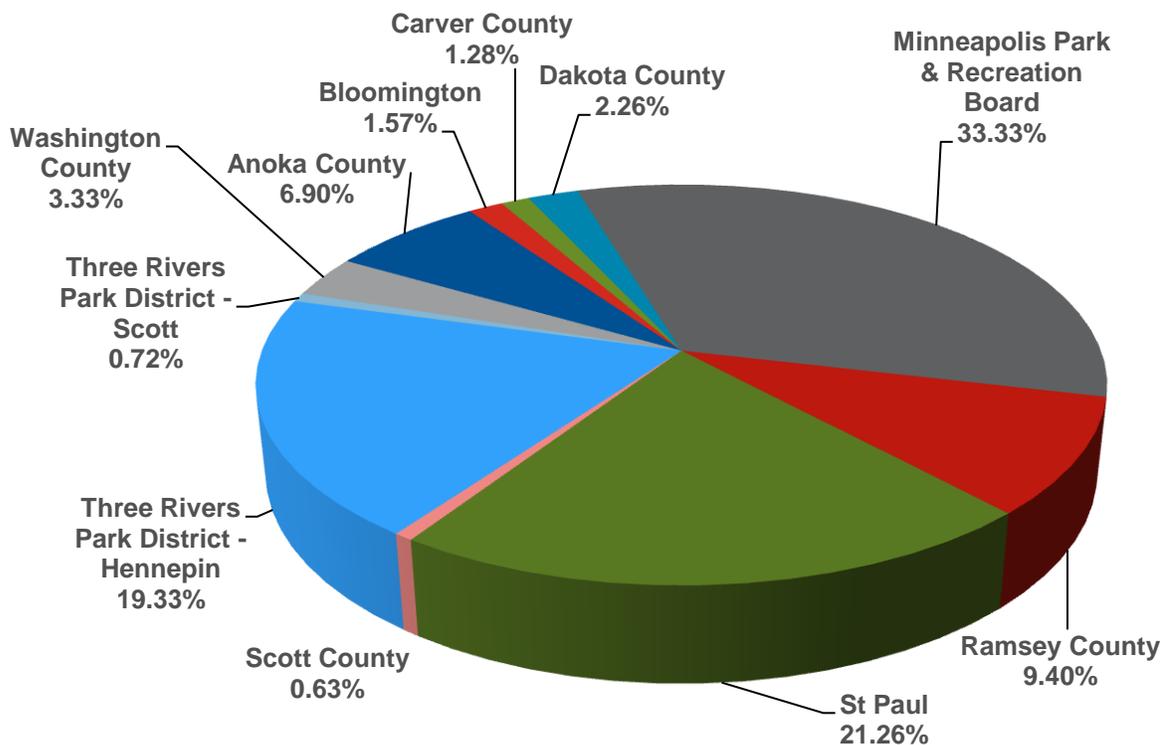


Table 9: Regional Parks System units sample counted 2012

Regional Parks		Park Agency	Regional Trails		Park Agency
1	Anoka County Riverfront RP	Anoka County	1	Bunker Hills-Chain of Lakes RT	Anoka County
2	Bunker Hills RP	Anoka County	2	Central Anoka RT	Anoka County
3	Lake George RP	Anoka County	3	Coon Creek RT	Anoka County
4	Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	Anoka County	4	East Anoka County RT	Anoka County
5	Mississippi West RP	Anoka County	5	Mississippi River RT (Anoka Co)	Anoka County
6	Rum River RP	Anoka County	6	Rice Creek North RT	Anoka County/Ramsey County
7	Coon Rapids Dam RP	Anoka County/Three Rivers	7	Rice Creek West RT	Anoka County/Ramsey County
8	Baylor RP	Carver County	8	Rum River RT	Anoka County
9	Lake Minnewashta RP	Carver County	9	Dakota Rail RT	Carver County/Three Rivers
10	Lake Waconia RP	Carver County	10	Minnesota River Bluffs LRT RT	Carver County/Three Rivers
11	Lake Byllesby RP	Dakota County	11	Big Rivers RT	Dakota County
12	Lebanon Hills RP	Dakota County	12	Mississippi River RT (Dakota Co)	Dakota County
13	Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	Minneapolis Park & Rec Board	13	North Urban RT	Dakota County
14	Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP	Minneapolis Park & Rec Board	14	Cedar Lake RT	Minneapolis Park & Rec Board
15	Minnehaha RP	Minneapolis Park & Rec Board	15	Columbia Parkway RT	Minneapolis Park & Rec Board
16	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	Minneapolis Park & Rec Board	16	Kenilworth RT	Minneapolis Park & Rec Board
17	Theodore Wirth RP	Minneapolis Park & Rec Board	17	Luce Line RT	Minneapolis/Three Rivers
18	Mississippi Gorge RP	Minneapolis/St. Paul	18	Minnehaha Parkway RT	Minneapolis Park & Rec Board
19	North Mississippi RP	Minneapolis/Three Rivers	19	Northeast Diagonal RT	Minneapolis/Three Rivers
20	Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	Ramsey County	20	Ridgeway Parkway RT	Minneapolis Park & Rec Board
21	Long Lake RP	Ramsey County	21	St. Anthony Parkway RT	Minneapolis Park & Rec Board
22	Snail Lake (Grass-Vadnais-Snail) RP	Ramsey County	22	Victory Memorial Parkway RT	Minneapolis Park & Rec Board
23	Tony Schmidt RP	Ramsey County	23	Birch Lake RT	Ramsey County
24	Battle Creek & Indian Mounds RP	Ramsey County/St. Paul	24	Highway 96 RT	Ramsey County
25	Como RP	St. Paul	25	Trout Brook RT	Ramsey County
26	Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	St. Paul	26	Bruce Vento RT	Ramsey County/St. Paul
27	Lilydale-Harriet Island & Cherokee Heights RP	St. Paul	27	Samuel Morgan RT	St. Paul
28	Phalen-Keller RP	St. Paul/Ramsey County	28	Scott County RT	Scott County
29	Cedar Lake Farm RP	Scott County	29	Bassett Creek RT	Three Rivers Park District
30	Bryant Lake RP	Three Rivers Park District	30	Cedar Lake LRT RT	Three Rivers Park District
31	Clifton E. French RP	Three Rivers Park District	31	Lake Independence RT	Three Rivers Park District
32	Eagle Lake RP	Three Rivers Park District	32	Lake Minnetonka LRT RT	Three Rivers Park District
33	Fish Lake RP	Three Rivers Park District	33	Medicine Lake RT	Three Rivers Park District
34	Lake Minnetonka Islands RP	Three Rivers Park District	34	North Cedar Lake RT	Three Rivers Park District
35	Lake Minnetonka RP	Three Rivers Park District	35	Rush Creek RT	Three Rivers Park District
36	Cleary Lake RP	Three Rivers (Scott County)	36	Shingle Creek RT	Three Rivers Park District
37	Cottage Grove Ravine RP	Washington County	37	Twin Lakes RT	Three Rivers Park District
38	Pine Point RP	Washington County	38	Hardwood Creek RT	Washington County
39	St. Croix Bluffs RP	Washington County			
Park Reserves			Special Recreation Features		
1	Rice Creek Chain-of-Lakes PR	Anoka County	1	Como Conservatory	St. Paul
2	Miesville Ravine PR	Dakota County	2	Como Zoo	St. Paul
3	Spring Lake PR	Dakota County	3	Gale Woods	Three Rivers Park District
4	Baker PR	Three Rivers Park District	4	The Landing	Three Rivers Park District
5	Carver PR	Three Rivers Park District	5	Noerenberg Gardens SRF	Three Rivers Park District
6	Crow-Hassan PR	Three Rivers Park District	6	Silverwood SRF	Three Rivers Park District
7	Elm Creek PR	Three Rivers Park District	7	Square Lake SRF	Washington County
8	Lake Rebecca PR	Three Rivers Park District			
9	Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes PR	Three Rivers/Bloomington			
10	Murphy-Hanrehan PR	Three Rivers (Scott County)			
11	Big Marine PR	Washington County			
12	Lake Elmo PR	Washington County			
			96 TOTAL UNITS		

Table 10: Comparison of estimated visits from 2006 to 2012

	Visits in 1,000s per year						
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Anoka County	2,820.5	2,943.8	3,269.6	3,280.7	3,269.6	3,380.8	3,152.0
Bloomington	708.0	450.8	526.8	512.6	610.4	789.4	715.1
Carver County	305.3	271.2	265.0	265.5	307.3	443.9	582.6
Dakota County	873.7	795.0	879.6	929.8	932.9	1,047.8	1,034.0
Minneapolis	13,868.6	13,404.4	15,442.4	14,113.0	14,768.1	15,098.8	15,223.9
Ramsey County	3,400.3	3,265.9	3,286.2	3,057.3	3,714.3	4,014.7	4,291.5
St. Paul	6,876.4	7,196.1	6,649.7	7,229.5	7,628.2	8,552.6	9,710.5
Scott County	59.6	90.2	259.9	255.1	313.5	319.6	290.0
Three Rivers	5,697.0	5,883.9	6,472.6	6,865.8	7,646.7	8,619.3	8,995.1
Three Rivers (Scott County)	296.7	258.6	302.0	292.0	282.3	345.5	328.5
Washington County	1,136.8	1,003.8	1,158.4	1,261.2	1,394.3	1,498.8	1,520.7
REGIONAL TOTALS	36,042.9	35,563.7	38,512.2	38,062.5	40,867.6	44,111.2	45,843.8
% annual increase	-	-1.3%	8.3%	-1.2%	7.4%	7.9%	3.9%

Notes:

¹ Visitation estimates for 2006-2007 were adjusted to reflect the seasonal multipliers from the *Metropolitan Council Regional Parks and Trails Survey 2008* so that estimates are comparable across all years. Therefore, the estimates shown in Table 10 will not correspond to the published annual use estimates for 2006-2007.

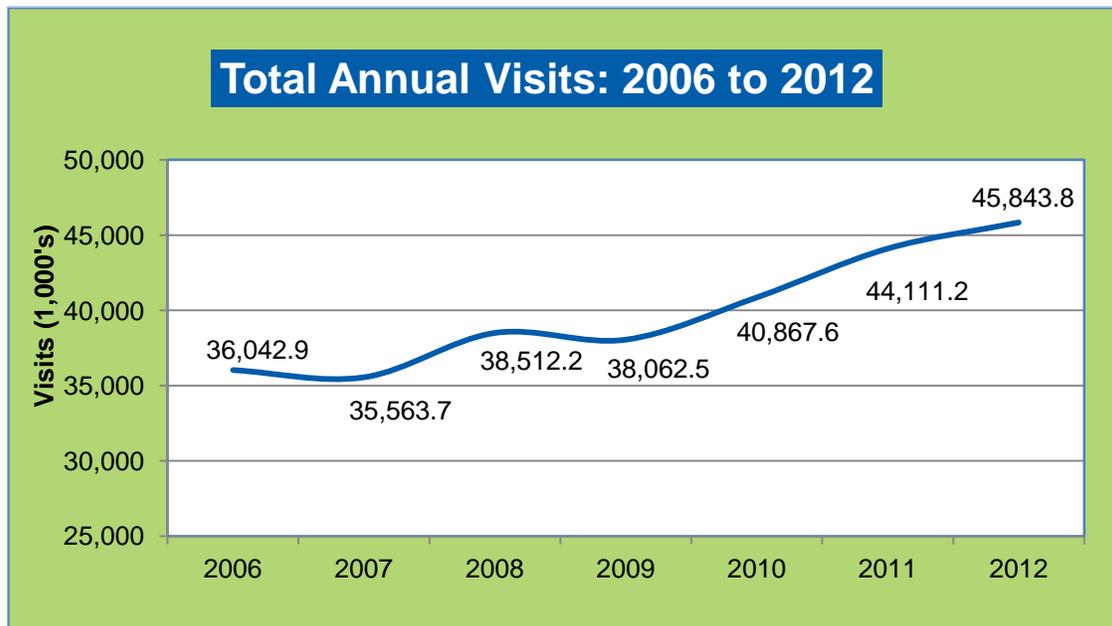


Table 11: Top Activities in the Regional Parks System - 2012

Activity	% of park activity occasions ¹	# of park activity occasions <i>1,000's</i>	% of trail activity occasions	# of trail activity occasions <i>1,000's</i>	Total # of activity occasions <i>1,000's</i>	% of total visits
Walking/hiking	21%	7,250	30%	3,397	10,646	23%
Biking	10%	3,452	45%	5,095	8,547	19%
Swimming ³	16%	5,523	2%	226	5,750	13%
Picnicking	10%	3,452	0%	-	3,452	8%
Relaxing ²	9%	3,107	2%	226	3,333	7%
Jogging/running	5%	1,726	10%	1,132	2,858	6%
Playground use ³	7%	2,417	1%	113	2,530	6%
Dog-walking	5%	1,726	7%	793	2,519	5%
Sunbathing ³	6%	2,071	1%	113	2,185	5%
Fishing ³	6%	2,002	1%	113	2,115	5%
Boating	4%	1,381	0%	-	1,381	3%
Zoo visits (Como)	4%	1,381	0%	-	1,381	3%
In-line skating	2%	690	4%	453	1,143	2%
Camping	2%	690	0%	-	690	2%
		Regional Parks		Regional Trails		System-wide
2012 system-wide visits (in 1,000's of visits)		34,521.5		11,322.3		45,843.8
% of 2012 visits		75%		25%		100%

Notes:

¹ Activity pattern data of regional park and trail visitors was collected in 2008 and published in the *Metropolitan Council Regional Parks and Trails Survey 2008*. The activity patterns were applied to the 2008 visit estimate to generate this table. Visitors could do more than one activity during their visit to a regional park or trail. Each time they participated in an activity, it was considered an activity occasion. Therefore, the total number of activity occasions is greater than the actual number of visits.

² "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.

³ For trail visits, survey respondents indicated that the trails were providing access to these activities. For example, 2% of trail visits provided access to swimming and 1% of trail visits provided access to fishing.

Table 12: Visitor origin by agency - 2012 ¹

Agency	Total visits (1,000s)	Number and percent of visits from people who live in the following agency jurisdictions: (in 1,000s)												
		Anoka County	Bloomington	Carver County	Dakota County	Minneapolis	Ramsey County	St Paul	Scott County	Three Rivers (Hennepin)	Washington County	Greater MN	Out of state	Outside of US
ANOKA COUNTY														
Total Visitation	3,152.0	1,788.2	7.9	3.9	31.4	129.7	621.0	74.7	3.9	224.0	55.0	137.6	74.7	-
Visitation by Percentage	6.9%	56.7%	0.2%	0.1%	1.0%	4.1%	19.7%	2.4%	0.1%	7.1%	1.7%	4.4%	2.4%	0.0%
BLOOMINGTON														
Total Visitation	715.1	5.5	389.5	7.3	34.7	47.6	5.5	18.3	38.4	131.7	3.7	7.3	23.8	1.8
Visitation by Percentage	1.6%	0.8%	54.5%	1.0%	4.9%	6.6%	0.8%	2.6%	5.4%	18.4%	0.5%	1.0%	3.3%	0.3%
CARVER COUNTY														
Total Visitation	582.6	4.5	9.0	277.8	30.0	16.5	1.5	3.0	30.0	118.6	1.5	79.6	10.5	-
Visitation by Percentage	1.3%	0.8%	1.5%	47.7%	5.2%	2.8%	0.3%	0.5%	5.2%	20.4%	0.3%	13.7%	1.8%	0.0%
DAKOTA COUNTY														
Total Visitation	1,034.0	7.6	20.3	2.5	665.7	57.0	20.3	116.4	10.1	36.7	21.5	41.8	34.2	-
Visitation by Percentage	2.3%	0.7%	2.0%	0.2%	64.4%	5.5%	2.0%	11.3%	1.0%	3.5%	2.1%	4.0%	3.3%	0.0%
MINNEAPOLIS PARK & REC BOARD														
Total Visitation	15,223.9	317.9	335.6	35.3	388.5	7,947.5	353.2	759.4	70.6	4,203.3	70.6	123.6	582.8	35.3
Visitation by Percentage	33.2%	2.1%	2.2%	0.2%	2.6%	52.2%	2.3%	5.0%	0.5%	27.6%	0.5%	0.8%	3.8%	0.2%
RAMSEY COUNTY														
Total Visitation	4,291.5	405.6	5.5	5.5	49.3	76.7	2,302.0	970.1	-	104.1	224.7	49.3	93.2	5.5
Visitation by Percentage	9.4%	9.5%	0.1%	0.1%	1.1%	1.8%	53.6%	22.6%	0.0%	2.4%	5.2%	1.1%	2.2%	0.1%
ST. PAUL														
Total Visitation	9,710.5	290.2	48.4	24.2	870.7	701.4	749.7	4,897.6	48.4	459.5	713.5	326.5	532.1	48.4
Visitation by Percentage	21.2%	3.0%	0.5%	0.2%	9.0%	7.2%	7.7%	50.4%	0.5%	4.7%	7.3%	3.4%	5.5%	0.5%
SCOTT COUNTY / THREE RIVERS														
Total Visitation	618.5	-	9.2	4.1	119.8	6.1	1.0	2.0	428.0	16.4	2.0	19.5	9.2	1.0
Visitation by Percentage	1.3%	0.0%	1.5%	0.7%	19.4%	1.0%	0.2%	0.3%	69.2%	2.6%	0.3%	3.1%	1.5%	0.2%
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT														
Total Visitation	8,995.1	552.8	206.1	440.4	112.4	965.1	84.3	75.0	149.9	5,650.0	37.5	506.0	187.4	28.1
Visitation by Percentage	19.6%	6.1%	2.3%	4.9%	1.3%	10.7%	0.9%	0.8%	1.7%	62.8%	0.4%	5.6%	2.1%	0.3%
WASHINGTON COUNTY														
Total Visitation	1,520.7	88.4	5.8	-	63.4	26.9	134.6	128.8	3.8	32.7	853.6	90.4	90.4	1.9
Visitation by Percentage	3.3%	5.8%	0.4%	0.0%	4.2%	1.8%	8.8%	8.5%	0.3%	2.1%	56.1%	5.9%	5.9%	0.1%
TOTAL VISITATION	45,843.8	3,460.8	1,037.2	801.0	2,366.2	9,974.5	4,273.1	7,045.3	783.3	10,977.1	1,983.6	1,381.5	1,638.2	122.1
TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENTAGE	100.0%	7.5%	2.3%	1.7%	5.2%	21.8%	9.3%	15.4%	1.7%	23.9%	4.3%	3.0%	3.6%	0.3%

NOTES:

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Three Rivers Park District owns and operates two regional parks in Scott County. The amounts shown in this table reflect visits to park and trail units located in Scott County regardless of managing entity.

Table 13: Local and non-local visits by agency - 2012

Agency	Total visits (1,000s)	Number and percent of visits from people who live in the following agency jurisdictions: (in 1,000s)				
		Local Visits	Non-Local Visits			
			Regional	Greater MN	Out of state	Outside of US
ANOKA COUNTY						
Total Visitation	3,152.03	1,788.2	1,151.6	137.6	74.7	-
Visitation by Percentage	6.9%	56.7%	36.5%	4.4%	2.4%	0.0%
BLOOMINGTON						
Total Visitation	715.08	389.5	292.6	7.3	23.8	1.8
Visitation by Percentage	1.6%	54.5%	40.9%	1.0%	3.3%	0.3%
CARVER COUNTY						
Total Visitation	582.57	277.8	214.71	79.6	10.5	-
Visitation by Percentage	1.3%	47.7%	36.9%	13.7%	1.8%	0.0%
DAKOTA COUNTY						
Total Visitation	1,034.02	665.7	292.4	41.8	34.2	-
Visitation by Percentage	2.3%	64.4%	28.3%	4.0%	3.3%	0.0%
MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD						
Total Visitation	15,223.86	7,947.5	6,534.6	123.6	582.8	35.3
Visitation by Percentage	33.2%	52.2%	42.9%	0.8%	3.8%	0.2%
RAMSEY COUNTY						
Total Visitation	4,291.51	2,302.0	1,841.6	49.3	93.2	5.5
Visitation by Percentage	9.4%	53.6%	42.9%	1.1%	2.2%	0.1%
ST. PAUL						
Total Visitation	9,710.47	4,897.6	3,906.0	326.5	532.1	48.4
Visitation by Percentage	21.2%	50.4%	40.2%	3.4%	5.5%	0.5%
SCOTT COUNTY / THREE RIVERS						
Total Visitation	618.51	428.0	160.8	19.5	9.2	1.0
Visitation by Percentage	1.3%	69.2%	26.0%	3.1%	1.5%	0.2%
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT						
Total Visitation	8,995.10	5,650.0	2,623.6	506.0	187.4	28.1
Visitation by Percentage	19.6%	62.8%	29.2%	5.6%	2.1%	0.3%
WASHINGTON COUNTY						
Total Visitation	1,520.69	853.6	484.5	90.4	90.4	1.9
Visitation by Percentage	3.3%	56.1%	31.9%	5.9%	5.9%	0.1%
TOTAL VISITATION	45,843.8	25,200.0	17,502.2	1,381.5	1,638.2	122.1
TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENTAGE	100.0%	55.0%	38.2%	3.0%	3.6%	0.3%

NOTES:

All visits are listed in units of 1,000.

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