

Annual Use Estimate of the Metropolitan Regional Parks System for 2008

**Based on a four-year average of visitation
data from 2005 through 2008**

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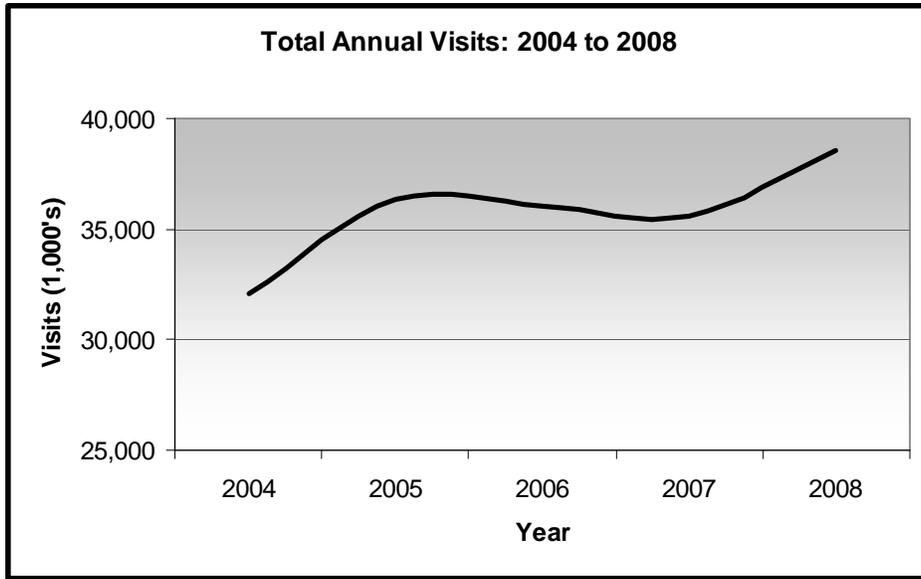
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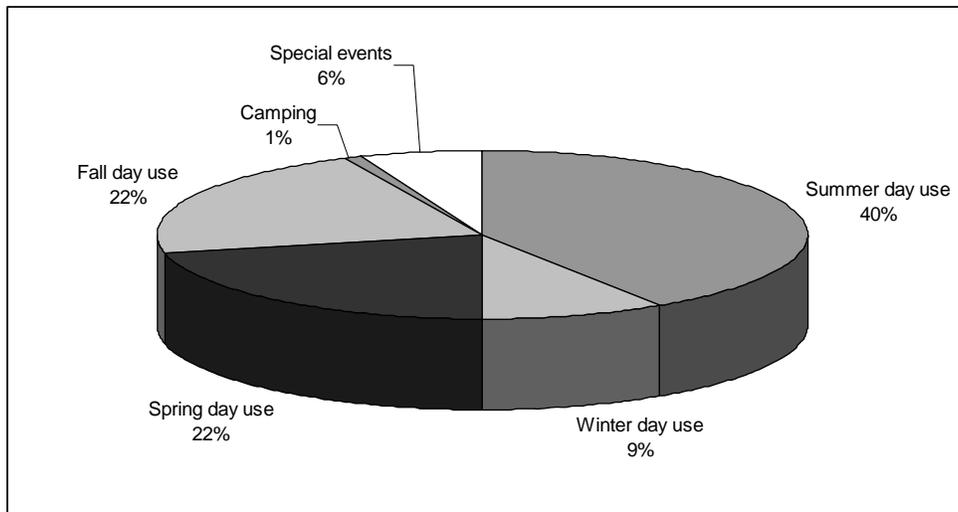
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Executive Summary

- An estimated **38,523,400 visits** were made to the Metropolitan Regional Parks System in 2008.
- Estimated annual visits have increased 20 percent since 2004. A total of 85 park and trail units were sampled in 2007 compared to 73 units sampled in 2004.



- The following chart indicates the distribution of estimated visits by seasonal day use, camping and special events:



- The five most-visited regional parks, trails and special recreation features in 2008 were:

Park/Reserve/Trail	2008 Visits
1. Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park	5,115,200
2. Como Regional Park, Zoo and Conservatory Special Recreation Feature	3,097,000
3. Mississippi Gorge Regional Park (Minneapolis & St. Paul)	1,991,000
4. Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park	1,915,500
5. Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park	1,627,400

- Fifty-seven percent of all estimated visits occurred in regional parks and trails in Minneapolis and St. Paul. This reflects a decrease in the share of visits to those parks and trails in the regional system over time (65.7% share in 2000). This is due primarily to the addition of park and trail facilities and population growth occurring outside these two cities.
- Twenty-one percent of all visits in 2008 were to regional trails and 79 percent 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 Anoka County Riverfront, Minneapolis Chain of Lakes and Mississippi Gorge area were included in the trail totals, 38 percent of all 2008 visits were to trails.
- Walking and biking are the top activities in the regional parks system, followed by swimming, jogging, picnicking and relaxing. This information is based on data from the *Metropolitan Council Regional Parks and Trails Survey 2008*.

Acknowledgements

The Metropolitan Regional Parks System is owned and managed by 10 county, city or special park district implementing agencies. Each agency is responsible for conducting the annual counts for their Regional Parks System units. Over 3,500 staff hours across agencies were put into the annual use sample counts for 2008, along with significant amounts of staff training and oversight. Without the help of the implementing agencies, the annual use estimate would not be possible.

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Introduction

The Metropolitan Regional Parks System that was sampled for this estimate in 2008 encompassed approximately 52,918 acres of parkland and included 37 regional parks, 12 park reserves, 6 special recreation features and 30 regional trails. These park/trail units are owned and operated by 10 implementing agencies – counties, special park districts and cities. The regional park implementing agencies include:

Anoka County	Ramsey County
City of Bloomington	City of St. Paul
Carver County	Scott County
Dakota County	Three Rivers Park District
Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	Washington County

This report presents annual use estimates for 85 units sampled in the Regional Parks System from data collected in 2005 through 2008. 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 is comprised of 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 (2005 – 2008) 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 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.

38,523,400

Visits to the
Regional Parks
System in 2008

52,918
Acres of
Regional parkland

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*.

37 Regional Parks
12 Park Reserves
6 Special Recreation Features
30 Regional Trails

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.

Important changes for 2008

There are two important changes in the methods used to estimate visitation for 2008. The base summer visitation is now estimated using 2008 person-per-vehicle figures for each park. In the past, estimates were made using figures from 1982 and 1998. The second change involves the use of updated seasonal multipliers for estimating non-summer visitation.

Discussion on updated persons-per-vehicle figures used in the visitation estimate

The summer visitation for each park is partially based on counts of cars entering each park through the designated counting sites. Instead of trying to count the number of individuals within each car, the total number of cars is multiplied by the average persons-per-vehicle (PPV) for that park. The estimates of annual visitation from 1999 to 2007 were based on PPV factors from 1998. Estimates prior to 1999 were based on PPV factors from 1982. As part of the 2008 Regional Parks and Trails Study, new PPV figures were identified for each park agency. The 2008 annual use estimate uses these updated figures.

The vast majority of parks saw a decrease in the average number of people per vehicle. The decrease reflects decreased family sizes and increased use of the parks and trails by individuals who are exercising. Some trails saw a slight increase in the average number of people per vehicle, although the vast majority of trail visitors do not access the trail in a vehicle.

Visit estimates for Como Regional Park, Zoo and Conservatory are calculated using two PPV factors. The overall PPV factor for park visits in St. Paul is 2.96. Parks studies have shown that the PPV factors for visitors whose primary purpose was to visit the zoo and conservatory was much higher than for visitors to the regional park. Previous visit estimates have used a PPV factor of 3.61 for cars counted at entrance sites that primarily service the zoo and conservatory. It was determined that it would be most accurate to continue to use a PPV factor of 3.61 for zoo and conservatory entrance sites and to use the PPV factor of 2.96 for cars counted at other park entrance sites. No other park utilizes two PPV figures in the visitation formula.

Discussion on new seasonal multipliers

Non-summer use is estimated by multiplying the summer general use estimate by a pre-determined percentage or “multiplier”. Data collected in the 2008 Regional Parks and Trails Study reflects an increase in the non-summer use of regional parks. Spring and fall multipliers for regional trails slightly decreased; however, the winter multiplier for regional trail use increased. New multipliers were identified using data from this study. The table below shows the 1999 and 2008 seasonal multipliers.

Facility	Seasonal Multipliers							
	Winter		Spring		Fall		Combined Spring-Fall	
	1999	2008	1999	2008	1999	2008	1999	2008
Regional Park/Reserve	0.062	0.178	0.35	0.467	0.25	0.49	0.60	0.957
Regional Trail	0.267	0.306	0.79	0.654	0.80	0.663	1.59	1.317

Visit estimate increase for 2008

The visit estimate of 38,523,400 in 2008 represents a significant change from the reported visit estimate of 33,047,700 in 2007. There are a number of factors which can be attributed to the increase. The 2008 estimates were determined using the updated persons-per-vehicle factors and seasonal multipliers. For comparative purposes, if the 2007 visit estimates were calculated using this updated data, the visit estimate would have been 35,563,700, or an 8.3 percent increase.

Additionally, three additional trails were counted in 2008, which include the North Urban Regional Trail in Dakota County as well as the Kenilworth Regional Trail and the segment of the Luce Line Regional Trail within Minneapolis. Although the Kenilworth Regional Trail is not a new unit, it has not been counted in previous years. These three trails had approximately 819,300 visits in 2008.

Gas prices in the Twin Cities were over \$4.00 per gallon in the summer of 2008. These record high gas prices and a declining economy may have resulted in people not traveling far for summer vacations and taking advantage of recreational opportunities in the local area.

Additionally, the Republican National Convention was held in St. Paul from September 1-4, 2008, which brought 45,000 people to the Twin Cities. Organized events at Lilydale-Harriet Island Regional Park are specifically reflected in the use estimates. Visits to the regional parks system that were not part of special events likely occurred during the convention, also.

Table 1: 2008 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	123.8	0.245	30.3		1.054	130.4	0.0	0.0	284.5	
Bunker Hills RP	357.4	0.178	63.6		0.957	342.1	45.4	194.5	1,003.0	
Central Anoka RT	23.1	0.306	7.1		1.317	30.4	0.0	0.0	60.5	
Coon Rapids Dam RP	248.4	0.178	44.2		0.957	237.8	0.0	14.2	544.6	
Lake George RP	160.7	0.178	28.6		0.957	153.8	0.0	6.8	349.9	
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	63.6	0.178	11.3		0.957	60.8	0.0	6.0	141.8	
Mississippi River RT	25.6	0.306	7.8		1.317	33.8	0.0	0.0	67.2	
Rice Creek Chain PR	153.6	0.178	27.3		0.957	147.0	30.6	8.7	367.4	
Rice Creek North RT	27.3	0.306	8.4		1.317	36.0	0.0	0.0	71.7	
Rice Creek West RT	116.1	0.306	35.5		1.317	152.8	0.0	0.0	304.4	
Rum River Central RP	40.2	0.178	7.1		0.957	38.4	0.0	0.0	85.7	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	1,147.7		212.6			1,110.3	76.0	230.2	2,776.9	
RT subtotals	192.1		58.8			253.0	0.0	0.0	503.8	
Subtotal:	1,339.8		271.3			1,363.3	76.0	230.2	3,280.7	3,280.7

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BLOOMINGTON:										
Bush and Normandale Lakes RP	220.0	0.178	39.2		0.957	210.6	0.0	57.1	526.8	
Subtotal:	220.0		39.2			210.6	0.0	57.1	526.8	526.8

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CARVER COUNTY:										
Baylor RP	19.9	0.178	3.5		0.957	19.0	19.2	4.9	66.6	
Lake Minnewashta RP	43.8	0.178	7.8		0.957	41.9	0.0	5.2	98.7	
Lake Waconia RP	42.4	0.178	7.5		0.957	40.5	0.0	9.3	99.7	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	106.0		18.9			101.5	19.2	19.4	265.0	
RT subtotals	0.0		0.0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Subtotal:	106.0		18.9			101.5	19.2	19.4	265.0	265.0

Notes:

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DAKOTA COUNTY:										
Big Rivers RT	61.6	0.306	18.9		1.317	81.2	0.0	0.0	161.7	
Lake Byllesby RP	44.0	0.178	7.8		0.957	42.2	17.4	0.0	111.4	
Lebanon Hills RP	151.6	0.178	27.0		0.957	145.1	29.4	53.7	406.7	
Miesville Ravine PR	21.7	0.178	3.9		0.957	20.8	0.0	0.0	46.4	
Mississippi River RT	9.1	0.306	2.8		1.317	12.0	0.0	0.0	24.0	
North Urban RT ^A	21.2	0.306	6.5		1.317	27.9	0.0	0.0	55.6	
Spring Lake PR	30.3	0.178	5.4		0.957	29.0	0.0	9.1	73.7	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	247.6		44.1			237.0	46.8	62.8	638.3	
RT subtotals	92.0		28.1			121.2	0.0	0.0	241.3	
Subtotal:	339.6		72.2			358.2	46.8	62.8	879.6	879.6

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD:										
Cedar Lake RT	129.5	0.306	39.6		1.317	170.5	0.0	0.0	339.6	
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	634.2	0.178	112.9		0.957	606.9	0.0	273.4	1,627.4	
Columbia Parkway RT ^B	28.3	0.306	8.7		1.317	37.3	0.0	0.0	74.4	
Kenilworth RT ^A	279.7	0.306	85.6		1.317	368.3	0.0	0.0	733.5	
Luce Line RT ^A	11.5	0.306	3.5		1.317	15.2	0.0	0.0	30.2	
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP ¹	2,173.8	0.245	532.6		1.054	2,291.2	0.0	117.6	5,115.2	
Minnehaha Parkway RT	565.6	0.306	173.1		1.317	744.9	0.0	40.9	1,524.4	
Minnehaha RP	622.1	0.178	110.7		0.957	595.4	0.0	14.0	1,342.2	
Mississippi Gorge RP	407.0	0.306	124.5		1.317	536.0	0.0	59.3	1,126.8	
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	866.0	0.178	154.1		0.957	828.7	0.0	66.7	1,915.5	
North Mississippi RP	109.8	0.178	19.5		0.957	105.0	0.0	0.5	234.8	
Ridgeway Parkway RT ^B	9.4	0.306	2.9		1.317	12.4	0.0	0.0	24.8	
St. Anthony Parkway RT ^B	36.9	0.306	11.3		1.317	48.6	0.0	0.0	96.7	
Theodore Wirth RP	176.6	0.178	31.4		0.957	169.0	0.0	3.1	380.1	
Victory (Wirth) Memorial Parkway RT	333.1	0.306	101.9		1.317	438.6	0.0	3.2	876.8	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	4,989.4		1,085.9			5,132.3	0.0	534.5	11,742.1	
RT subtotals	1,393.9		426.5			1,835.8	0.0	44.1	3,700.4	
Subtotal:	6,383.4		1,512.4			6,968.1	0.0	578.6	15,442.4	15,442.4

Notes:

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RAMSEY COUNTY										
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	114.1	0.178	20.3	0.957	109.2	0.0	22.5	0.0	266.1	
Battle Creek RP	304.0	0.178	54.1	0.957	290.9	0.0	11.3	0.0	660.4	
Birch Lake RT	18.3	0.306	5.6	1.317	24.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	47.9	
Bruce Vento RT	44.3	0.306	13.6	1.317	58.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	116.3	
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	259.6	0.178	46.2	0.957	248.4	0.0	3.2	0.0	557.3	
Highway 96 RT	90.9	0.306	27.8	1.317	119.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	238.4	
Keller RP	166.0	0.178	29.6	0.957	158.9	0.0	0.5	0.0	355.0	
Long Lake RP	225.8	0.178	40.2	0.957	216.1	0.0	12.3	0.0	494.5	
Rice Creek North RT	49.3	0.306	15.1	1.317	64.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	129.3	
Rice Creek West RT	37.0	0.306	11.3	1.317	48.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.0	
Tony Schmidt RP	136.3	0.178	24.3	0.957	130.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	291.3	
Trout Brook RT ^B	12.5	0.306	3.8	1.317	16.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.8	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	1,205.8		214.6		1,154.0	0.0	50.1	0.0	2,624.5	
RT subtotals	252.2		77.2		332.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	661.6	
Subtotal:	1,458.1		291.8		1,486.2	0.0	50.1	0.0	3,286.2	3,286.2

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CITY OF ST. PAUL										
Bruce Vento RT	33.2	0.306	10.1	1.317	43.7	0.0	1.4	0.0	88.4	
Cherokee Heights RP	88.4	0.178	15.7	0.957	84.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	188.6	Downhill Ski
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	1,269.9	0.178	226.0	0.957	1,215.3	0.0	385.6	0.0	3,097.0	-0.6
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	178.7	0.178	31.8	0.957	171.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	386.5	
Indian Mounds RP	60.3	0.178	10.7	0.957	57.8	0.0	1.0	0.0	129.8	
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	273.3	0.178	48.6	0.957	261.5	0.0	364.3	0.0	947.8	
Mississippi Gorge RP	303.9	0.306	93.0	1.317	400.2	0.0	67.1	0.0	864.2	
Phalen RP	344.5	0.178	61.3	0.957	329.7	0.0	36.5	0.0	772.0	
Samuel Morgan RT	66.5	0.306	20.4	1.317	87.6	0.0	1.0	0.0	175.4	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	2,519.0		487.3		2,520.1	0.0	859.5	0.0	6,385.9	
RT subtotals	99.7		30.5		131.3	0.0	2.4	0.0	263.8	
Subtotal:	2,618.7		517.8		2,651.4	0.0	861.9	0.0	6,649.7	6,649.2

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SCOTT COUNTY										
Scott County RT	99.1	0.306	30.3		1.317	130.5	0.0	0.0	259.9	
Subtotal:	99.1		30.3			130.5			259.9	259.9

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	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)		
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT										
Baker PR	170.5	0.178	30.4		0.957	163.2	80.5	16.3	460.9	
Bryant Lake RP	145.7	0.178	25.9		0.957	139.4	0.0	0.4	311.4	
Carver PR	92.7	0.178	16.5		0.957	88.7	20.7	24.7	243.3	
Cedar Lake LRT RT	138.8	0.306	42.5		1.317	182.9	0.0	0.4	364.6	
Clifton French RP	181.3	0.178	32.3		0.957	173.5	0.0	3.9	390.9	
Coon Rapids Dam RP	100.7	0.178	17.9		0.957	96.4	0.0	6.5	221.6	
Crow-Hassan PR	26.1	0.178	4.7		0.957	25.0	5.4	0.7	61.9	
Eagle Lake RP	23.8	0.178	4.2		0.957	22.8	0.0	0.0	50.8	
Elm Creek PR	301.7	0.178	53.7		0.957	288.7	2.5	110.8	757.4	
Elm Creek RT	199.8	0.306	61.1		1.317	263.1	0.0	0.0	524.1	
Fish Lake RP	59.6	0.178	10.6		0.957	57.1	0.0	0.8	128.2	
Gale Woods SRF	20.4	0.178	3.6		0.957	19.5	0.0	23.9	67.5	Downhill ski
Hyland Lake PR	229.3	0.178	40.8		0.957	219.4	3.2	224.8	717.4	-182.0
Lake Independence RT	11.0	0.306	3.4		1.317	14.5	0.0	0.0	28.9	
Lake Minnetonka RP	133.5	0.178	23.8		0.957	127.8	0.0	3.0	288.1	
Lake Minnetonka Islands RP ²	65.0	n/a	0.0		n/a	0.0	0.0	0.0	65.0	
Lake Minnetonka LRT RT	109.1	0.306	33.4		1.317	143.7	0.0	2.4	288.6	
Lake Rebecca PR	60.7	0.178	10.8		0.957	58.1	4.8	7.0	141.5	
Luce Line RT	36.9	0.306	11.3		1.317	48.6	0.0	0.0	96.9	
Medicine Lake RT	128.7	0.306	39.4		1.317	169.5	0.0	0.0	337.6	
Minnesota River Bluffs LRT RT	98.6	0.306	30.2		1.317	129.8	0.0	1.4	259.9	
Noerenberg Gardens SRF	31.1	0.000	0.0		0.957	29.7	0.0	0.0	60.8	
North Cedar Lake RT	151.8	0.306	46.5		1.317	200.0	0.0	0.0	398.2	
North Mississippi RP	30.2	0.178	5.4		0.957	28.9	0.0	7.0	71.4	
Shingle Creek RT	37.7	0.306	11.5		1.317	49.6	0.0	0.0	98.8	
Silverwood SRF ^B	17.2	0.178	3.1		0.957	16.5	0.0	0.0	36.7	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	1,689.7		283.7			1,554.8	117.1	434.0	4,075.1	
RT subtotals	912.4		279.2			1,201.7	0.0	0.0	2,397.6	
Three Rivers PD Subtotal:	2,602.1		562.9			2,756.5	117.1	434.0	6,472.6	6,290.6

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

^B 3rd year sampled

Table 1: 2008 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)		
THREE RIVERS - SCOTT COUNTY										
Cleary Lake RP	108.7	0.178	19.4	0.957	104.1	11.7	15.2	259.1		
Murphy-Hanrehan PR	18.1	0.178	3.2	0.957	17.3	0.8	3.6	42.9		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	126.8		22.6		121.4	12.5	18.7	302.0		
RT subtotals	0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Three Rivers - Scott Subtotal:	126.8		22.6		121.4	12.5	18.7	302.0		302.0
Three Rivers TOTAL										
	2,728.9		585.4		2,877.9	129.6	452.8	6,774.6		6,592.6

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	26.4	0.178	4.7	0.957	25.3	0.0	2.1	58.4		
Cottage Grove Ravine RP	23.1	0.178	4.1	0.957	22.1	0.0	0.6	50.0		
Hardwood Creek RT	88.7	0.306	27.1	1.317	116.8	0.0	3.2	235.8		
Lake Elmo PR	208.4	0.178	37.1	0.957	199.5	26.2	14.9	486.1		
Pine Point RP	51.6	0.178	9.2	0.957	49.4	0.0	1.2	111.3		
Square Lake SRF	38.3	0.000	0.0	0.957	36.6	0.0	8.5	83.4		
St. Croix Bluffs RP	51.9	0.178	9.2	0.957	49.7	15.5	7.0	133.3		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	399.7		64.3		382.5	41.7	34.3	922.6		
RT subtotals	88.7		27.1		116.8	0.0	3.2	235.8		
Subtotal:	488.4		91.5		499.3	41.7	37.5	1,158.4		1,158.4

REGIONAL TOTALS

Agency/Park	Summer		Winter		Spring/Fall		Other *		Total Visits (1,000's)	O & M Grant Adjustments
	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	12,651.9		2,473.0		12,524.4	313.4	2,300.7	30,259.1		
RT subtotals	3,130.1		957.8		4,122.4	0.0	49.7	8,264.3		
REGIONAL TOTALS	15,782.1		3,430.9		16,646.8	313.4	2,350.3	38,523.4		38,340.9

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Table 2: Special event counts for 2008

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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
ANOKA COUNTY:			
Anoka Co. Riverfront RP		None	-
Bunker Hills RP		TOTAL:	194.5
	Apr 26	North Suburban Striders	0.4
	May 24	Veteran's Memorial Day Event	0.5
	Jul 5	Hulke Wedding	0.3
	Jul 26	Xiong Family Picnic	0.3
	Aug 4	Girl Scouts Service Unit	0.3
	Aug 22	Boston Scientific	0.3
	Aug 23	Carpenters Local 851	0.3
	Aug 28	Boston Scientific	0.3
	Aug 31	Miller Wedding	0.3
	Sep 13	Bunker Stampede	0.3
	Sep 13	Bunker Prairie Festival	1.2
	Sep 13	Spelbrink Wedding	0.3
	Sep 20	Metro Cardiology Picnic	0.3
	Oct 11	Alexandra House Walk	0.6
	May-July	Natural Resources Workshop	3.0
	Summer Long	Bunker Beach Visitation	95.6
	Summer Long	Bunker Park Stables Usage (entrance not part of regular counts)	25.0
	Year Long	Activity Center Usage (entrance not part of regular counts)	48.2
	Year Long	Archery Center Use (entrance not part of regular counts)	17.0
Central Anoka RT		None	-
Coon Rapids Dam RP		TOTAL:	14.2
	Feb 2	Trout Opener	0.5
	May 3	Kids Fishing Clinic	1.5
	Jun 5	Concert in the Park	1.2
	Jun 12	Concert in the Park	1.2
	Jun 19	Concert in the Park	1.3
	Jun 26	Concert in the Park	1.2
	Jul 10	Concert in the Park	1.0
	Jul 17	Concert in the Park	1.2
	Jul 24	Concert in the Park	1.8
	Jul 31	Concert in the Park	1.0
	Aug 7	Concert in the Park	1.0
	Sep 13	Military Family event	0.3
	Sep 27	Jefferson Jaunt	0.8
	Sep 27	Bohn Wedding	0.3
Lake George RP		TOTAL:	6.8
	Jul 5	Minneman Triathlon	0.7
	Aug 16	Headley Wedding	0.3
	Aug 25	YMCA - Andover	0.3
	Aug 26	YMCA - Andover	0.3
	Oct 2	Lake George Water Festival	0.3
	Oct 3	Lake George Water Festival	0.3
	March	Easter Egg Hunt	0.5
	Summer Long	YMCA Camps	1.6
	Winter	Snowmobile Use through park	2.5
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP		TOTAL:	6.0
	Winter	Snowmobile Use through park	2.5
	Year Long	Camp Salie Usage	3.5
Mississippi River RT		None	-
Rice Creek Chain PR		TOTAL:	8.7
	Jun 25	White Bear Extended Day	0.3
	April	Earth Day	0.5
	February	Snow Day	0.5
	September	Hay Days	0.6
	Winter	Snowmobile Use through park	2.5
	Year Long	Wargo Nature Center Attendance	4.3
Rice Creek North RT		None	-
Rice Creek West RT		None	-
Rum River Central RP		None	-

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BLOOMINGTON:			
Bush and Normandale Lakes		TOTAL:	57.1
	Jun 10	Minnesota Symphonic Winds	0.4
	Jun 15	Make-A Wish Foundation Event	1.0
	Jun 19	A Celtic Solstice	0.4
	Jun 22	Bandshell Rental	0.5
	Jun 29	Bandshell Rental	2.0
	Jun 29	Sandcastles (Bush Lake)	0.3
	Jul 3	Summer Fete	40.0
	Jul 8	An Accoustic Evening	0.4
	Jul 10	80's Music Explosion	0.9
	Jul 21	MN Festival of Latin Music	0.6
	Jul 31	Blues and Bar-B-Q	2.0
	Aug 12	Bloomington Jazz Festival	1.4
	Aug 17	Bandshell Rental	1.8
	Aug 24	Bandshell Rental	1.8
	Aug 31	Bandshell Rental	1.8
	Sep 13	PKD walk and event	0.4
	Sep 21	Iron Girl Duathlon	1.0
	Oct 12	Walk for Lung Cancer	0.5
CARVER COUNTY:			
Baylor RP		TOTAL:	4.9
	Aug 23	Running Meet	0.4
	Sep 9	Running Meet	1.5
	All year	Onan Observatory (late evening use)	2.7
	Mar 15	Maple Syruping	0.3
Lake Minnewashta RP		TOTAL:	5.2
	May 19-20	Tonka Waters Girl Scout Camp	0.6
	Jul 4	Fireworks	1.0
	Jul 28-31	Rive Bluff Girl Scout Jamboree Week 1 (390/day)	1.6
	Aug 4-7	Rive Bluff Girl Scout Jamboree Week 2 (420/day)	1.7
	Oct 25	Puppy Porch Event	0.4
Lake Waconia RP		TOTAL:	9.3
	Jan 19	Vintage Snowmobile	2.5
	Jan 20	Vintage Snowmobile	2.2
	Jun 29	Triathlon	1.6
	Jul 4	4th of July celebration	3.0
DAKOTA COUNTY:			
Big Rivers RT		None	-
Lake Byllesby RP		None	-
Lebanon Hills RP		TOTAL:	53.7
	Summer	Adventure Ropes Course	1.5
	school year	VC school groups	0.7
	All year	Outdoor Education Programs	6.7
	Dec 31	NYE Event	0.4
	Year round	Camp Sacajawea (day camp and permit only - not counted in regular counts)	44.4
Miesville Ravine PR		None	-
Mississippi River RT		None	-
North Urban RT		None	-
Spring Lake PR		TOTAL:	9.1
	All Year	Outdoor Education Programs	0.3
	Sep 7	Gathering Center Grand Opening	0.4
	Year round	Spring Lake Youth Camp (day camp and permit only - not counted in regular count)	8.4

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MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD:			
Cedar Lake RT		None	-
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP		TOTAL	273.4
	Apr 13	U of Minnesota Law Run / Main Street & Stone Arch	0.6
	May 4	MS Walk (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge - SP, Minn RP)	4.0
	Jun 1	Downtown 1/2 Marathon (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge - SP)	1.3
	Jun 7	ALA Walk / Boom Island	0.5
	Jun 15	Festival of the Arts	40.0
	Jun 16	Festival of the Arts	40.0
	Jun 21	Solstice River Performance	4.0
	Jun 22	5K Walk Run (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.6
	Jul 10-20	Art Exhibit on Stone Arch	5.5
	Jul 23	Torchlight Run	3.5
	Jul 26	Aquatennial Fireworks	100.0
	Aug 11	5K Fun Run- Boom	0.3
	Aug 23	Ragnar Relay/Boom Island	2.1
	Sep 13	James Page 5K / Main Street & Stone Arch	2.5
	Sep 12-13	Oktoberfest	5.0
	Sep 12-13	MS Challenge (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy RT, Nokomis RP, Minnehaha RP)	0.1
	Sep 14		
		Minneapolis Tour (split Central Miss, Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Miss Gorge, Nokomis- Hiawatha, Theodore Wirth, Wirth Memorial)	0.4
	Sep 26	5K	0.3
	Sep 27	Charity Walk-Boom	0.4
	Oct 15	Picnic Reservation - Boom Island	0.3
	Year round	Weddings	21.7
	Year round	Corporate events	40.3
Columbia Parkway RT		None	-
Kenilworth RT		None	-
Luce Line RT		None	-
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP		TOTAL	117.6
	Feb 2-3	Loppet (split Chain of Lakes and Theodore Wirth RP)	1.0
	Feb 16	Valentine's Run/Lake Harriet	0.9
	Mar 15	Irish 5K/Lake Harriet	2.0
	Apr 20	Walk/Run Race / Lake Harriet	0.6
	Apr 26	Walk/Lake Calhoun	0.5
	Apr 27	March of Dimes	1.5
	May 3	Walk a Thon/Lake Calhoun	1.2
	May 19	High School Concert Series	0.3
	May 20	High School Concert Series	0.3
	May 21	High School Concert Series	0.3
	May 22	High School Concert Series	0.3
	May 27	High School Concert Series	0.3
	May 28	High School Concert Series	0.3
	May 31	School 5K	0.3
	May 31	Tour de Cure / Lake Harriet & Lake Calhoun	0.7
	Jun 6	Mad Ripple Hootenanny/LHB	0.4
	Jun 7	Lake Harriet Music Fest/LHB	0.8
	Jun 8	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	0.4
	Jun 8	Two Rivers Chorale/LHB	0.4
	Jun 9	Calhoun-Isles Community Band/LHB	0.3
	Jun 15	Outdoor Church Service/ Lake Harriet Bandshell	0.3
	Jun 16	Findig Cadence/LHB	0.4
	Jun 17	South of the Big River Band/LHB	0.4
	Jun 19	Movie Night/LHB	0.5
	Jun 20	Minnesota Sinfonia/LHB	2.0
	Jun 22	Outdoor Church Service/ Lake Harriet Bandshell	0.8
	Jun 22	MN Jazz Orchestra/LHB	0.5
	Jun 23	MN Freedom Band/LHB	0.5
	Jun 25	Divine Diva Dames/LHB	0.3
	Jun 26	Eden Prairie Community Band	0.4
	Jun 28	Minneapolis Pops/LHB	1.5
	Jun 28	Tri-Loppet (split Chain of Lakes RP, Theodore Wirth RP)	0.2
	Jun 29	Outdoor Church Service	0.5
	Jun 30	Jazz on the Prairie Big Band/LHB	0.5
	Jul 1	Zuhrah Flames	0.7
	Jul 2	Batak/LHB	0.5
	Jul 4	Whistlepigs String Band/LHB	1.0

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MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD: continued			
Minneapolis Chain of Lakes RP, continued			
	Jul 5	Minneapolis Pops/LHB	1.5
	Jul 6	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	1.0
	Jul 6	Minneapolis Pops/LHB	1.0
	Jul 8	St. Louis Park Community Band	0.5
	Jul 9	Wayne Hamilton and Friends/LHB	0.4
	Jul 10	Tango on the 10th/LHB	0.4
	Jul 12	Minneapolis Pops/LHB	2.0
	Jul 12	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	1.9
	Jul 13	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	1.1
	Jul 13	Late for Lunch/LHB	0.3
	Jul 13	Minneapolis Pops/LHB	2.5
	Jul 14	Northern Winds Concert Band/LHB	0.5
	Jul 15	Stan Bann Big Band/LHB	0.4
	Jul 16	Inver Hills Community Band/LHB	0.4
	Jul 17	Movie Night/LHB	0.4
	Jul 18	Minnesota Sinfonia/LHB	1.7
	Jul 19	Minneapolis Pops/LHB	1.5
	Jul 20	Aquatennial Beach Bash	5.2
	Jul 20	Outdoor Church Service/LHB	0.6
	Jul 20	Sticks and Tones	0.3
	Jul 20	Minneapolis Pops/LHB	1.1
	Jul 22	Brian Kinney Band/LHB	0.6
	Jul 23	Medalist Concert Band/LHB	0.5
	Jul 24	Robbinsdale City Band/LHB	0.5
	Jul 25	MN Songwriter's Showcase/LHB	0.5
	Jul 26	Minneapolis Pops/LHB	1.5
	Jul 27	Outdoor Church Services	0.7
	Jul 27	Will Hale/LHB	0.3
	Jul 28	Israeli Scout Caravan/LHB	0.9
	Jul 29	Karl Commers Neil Diamond/LHB	0.5
	Jul 30	Bend in the River Big Band/LHB	0.5
	Jul 31	Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis/LHB	0.4
	Aug 1	Gypsy Mania Quartet/LHB	0.6
	Aug 2	Honeysuckle Rose/LHB	0.8
	Aug 3	Walk/Run Race	1.0
	Aug 4	Rich Lewis Band/LHB	0.4
	Aug 9	Michael Monroe/LHB	1.5
	Aug 10	Outdoor Church Service	0.5
	Aug 10	Kenwood Symphony Orchestra/LHB	1.0
	Aug 10	Tango on the 10th/LHB	0.4
	Aug 15	Twin Cities Hot Club	0.6
	Aug 16	Cooker John/LHB	0.7
	Aug 18	MN Mandolin Orchestra/MN	0.5
	Aug 23	Erin Rouge/LHB	1.2
	Aug 24	Outdoor Church Service	0.3
	Aug 28	Picnic Reservation - Beards Plaisance	0.4
	Aug 24	La Danse Fatale/LHB	1.0
	Sep 6	5k Walk Lake Harriet	0.8
	Sep 7	City of Lakes 25K	1.9
	Sep 13	Fun Walk/Run	0.8
	Sep 12-13	MS Challenge (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy RT, Nokomis RP, Minnehaha RP)	0.1
	Sep 14	Minneapolis Tour (split Central Miss, Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Miss Gorge, Nokomis- Hiawatha, Theodore Wirth, Wirth Memorial)	0.4
	Sep 27	Dog Walk	0.3
	Sep 27	Walk/Run/Roll	0.6
	Sep 28	Charity Walk ALS/Harriet	0.4
	Sep 20	Walk, run, roll	0.4
	Oct 4	5K Walk/Harriet	0.5
	Oct 5	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Chain of Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	38.5
	Oct 11	Bike-a-thon/ Harriet	0.3
	Oct 25	Halloween 5K / Harriet	2.8
	Nov 27	8K Race/Lake Harriet	0.7
	Dec 6	Reindeer Run	3.8

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MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD: continued			
Minnehaha Parkway RT		TOTAL	40.9
	Jul 12	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	1.9
	Sep 12-13	MS Challenge (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy RT, Nokomis RP, Minnehaha RP)	0.1
	Sep 14	Minneapolis Tour (split Central Miss, Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Miss Gorge, Nokomis- Hiawatha, Theodore Wirth, Wirth Memorial)	0.4
	Oct 5	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Chain of Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	38.5
Minnehaha RP		TOTAL	14.0
	Apr 24	Get in Gear Race (split Minn RP/Miss Gorge RP/Gorge RP-SP)	2.8
	May 18	AIDS Walk (split Minn RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge RP-SP)	2.0
	Jun 1	Picnic Reservation - Main Pavilion	0.3
	Jun 22	Svenskarnas	2.5
	Jul 13	Norway Days	1.0
	Jul 26	Picnic Reservation - Main Pavilion	0.3
	Sep 6	Walk-A-Thon	1.0
	Sep 6	Picnic Reservation - Wabun	0.4
	Sep 12-13	MS Challenge (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy RT, Nokomis RP, Minnehaha RP)	0.1
	Sep 14	Minneapolis Tour (split Central Miss, Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Miss Gorge, Nokomis- Hiawatha, Theodore Wirth, Wirth Memorial)	0.4
	Sep 27	NAMI Walk	1.5
	Sep 28	Women's Run	1.5
	Oct 4	Marathon for Non Public Ed (split Min. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP)	0.2
Mississippi Gorge RP		TOTAL	59.3
	Jan 1	New Years Run	0.4
	Apr 24	Get in Gear Race (split Minn RP/Miss Gorge RP/Gorge RP-SP)	2.8
	May-Sep	River Rats Ski Shows (all summer)	1.0
	May 3	School Walk	0.6
	May 18	AIDS Walk (split Minn RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge RP-SP)	2.0
	Jun 22	5K Walk Run (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.6
	Jun 28	5K	1.7
	Jul 12	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	1.9
	Jul 26	Canoe/Bike Event	0.7
	Sep 12-13	MS Challenge (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy RT, Nokomis RP, Minnehaha RP)	0.1
	Sep 14	Minneapolis Tour (split Central Miss, Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Miss Gorge, Nokomis- Hiawatha, Theodore Wirth, Wirth Memorial)	0.4
	Oct 4	Marathon for Non Public Ed (split Min. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP)	0.2
	Oct 5	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Chain of Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	38.5
	Nov 27	Turkey Day 5K	8.5
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP		TOTAL	66.7
	Jan 18-20	Pond Hockey	20.0
	May 26	Brian Craft 5K / Nokomis	0.5
	Jun 7	24hour FANS Run	0.3
	Jun 7	Lymphoma Walk	0.5
	Jun 14	5K Walk	0.3
	Jun 15	5K	0.5
	Jul 21	Kid's Triathlon	0.5
	Jul 12	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	1.9
	Jul 26	5K/10K	1.2
	Aug 2	Race for Oramia	0.3
	Sep 7	Walk	0.3
	Sep 12-13	MS Challenge (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP, Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy RT, Nokomis RP, Minnehaha RP)	0.1
	Sep 14	Minneapolis Tour (split Central Miss, Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Miss Gorge, Nokomis- Hiawatha, Theodore Wirth, Wirth Memorial)	0.4
	Sep 20	5K and 10K	0.6
	Oct 5	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Chain of Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	38.5
	Oct 11	American Cancer 5K / Nokomis	0.8

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MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD: <i>continued</i>			
North Mississippi RP		TOTAL	0.5
	Jun 12	Picnic Reservation	0.5
Ridgeway Parkway RT		None	-
St. Anthony Parkway RT		None	-
Theodore Wirth RP		TOTAL	3.1
	Feb 2-3	Loppet (split Chain of Lakes and Theodore Wirth RP)	1.0
	May 3	Walk for Animals (Split between Wirth Park and Wirth Parkway)	1.5
	Jun 28	Tri-Loppet (split Chain of Lakes RP, Theodore Wirth RP)	0.2
	Sep 14		
		Minneapolis Tour (split Central Miss, Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Miss Gorge, Nokomis- Hiawatha, Theodore Wirth, Wirth Memorial)	0.4
Victory Memorial (Wirth) Parkway RT		TOTAL	3.2
	May 3	Walk for Animals (Split between Wirth Park and Wirth Parkway)	1.5
	Aug 4	5K and 10K Walk	0.5
	Sep 1	Victory Memorial 10K & 5K	0.8
	Sep 14		
		Minneapolis Tour (split Central Miss, Chain of Lakes, Minnehaha RT, Minnehaha RP, Miss Gorge, Nokomis- Hiawatha, Theodore Wirth, Wirth Memorial)	0.4
RAMSEY COUNTY:			
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP		TOTAL	22.5
	May 31	Final Stretch Run - Grandma's 1/2 marathon	0.5
	Jun 14	Tri Fitness	0.6
	Jul 19	White Bear Township Celebration/Waterski Show	0.8
	Aug 9	Run Baby Run Event	0.4
	Sep 21	Sportsmen Bassmaster Event	0.3
	All Year	Tamarack Nature - Formal program attendee (not including informal visits)	19.9
Battle Creek RP		TOTAL	11.3
	May 10	MN Orienteering	0.3
	Jun 1	Atu Local 1005	0.5
	Jun 4	Battle Creek El. End of Year Party	0.4
	Jun 7	McCoy family picnic	0.4
	Jun 21	Donatelle Plastic's Company Picnic	0.4
	Jun 27	Hmong Culture Center	0.4
	Jul 15	St Paul Firefighters Local 21	0.3
	Jul 19	Living World Church	0.3
	Jul 20	Yang Family Picnic	0.5
	Aug 16	Lee Hue Family Picnic	0.5
	Aug 18	UAW Ford Retired Reunion	0.3
	Aug 23	Plumbers Union #34	0.4
	Aug 24	Pipefitters Local #455	0.4
	Aug 27	DeLaSalle High School Cross - Country Track Meet (Tri Metro Conf)	0.5
	Aug 30	Yang Family Picnic	0.5
	Sep 6	Northern Lights Greyhound	0.3
	Sep 7	Saturn of St. Paul Company Picnic	0.3
	Sep 13	Club Chileno De MN	0.3
	Sep 21	Breast Cancer Walk	2.5
	Sep 28	MN Street Rod Assoc	0.5
	Oct 14	DeLaSalle High School Cross - Country Track Meet (Tri Metro Conf)	0.5
	Oct 20	Math and Science Academy Track meet	1.0
Birch Lake RT		None	-
Bruce Vento RT		None	-
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP		TOTAL	3.2
	Apr 26	Paws for People Walk	0.7
	May 24	Twin Cities Bicycling	0.4
	Jun 9	Hmong Academy School picnic	0.6
	Jun 14	Born Wedding reception	0.5
	Jul 4	Twin Cities Bicycling	0.5
	Aug 30	Twin Cities Bicycling	0.4
	Jun 16-Aug 8	City of Shoreview Day Camp (M- F)	0.3
Highway 96 RT		None	-

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RAMSEY COUNTY: continued			
Keller RP		TOTAL	0.5
	May 23	10th Annual Recovery	0.5
Long Lake RP		TOTAL	12.3
	Feb 3	New Brighton Sportsmen Ice Fishing Contest	0.5
	Feb 23	Snow Shoe Race	0.4
	May 4	621 Foundation Run/Walk event	0.8
	May 17	Perzichilli wedding reception	0.4
	May 23	Irondale Sr. Class party	0.6
	May 24	Eriteria Com Center	0.4
	Jun 4	St. John Baptist	0.4
	Jun 8	Twin Cities Catering	0.5
	Jun 7	Vacation Sports - NB Triathlon	0.4
	Jun 8	Vu family picnic	0.3
	Jun 10	Heraeus Vadnais Inc	0.4
	Jun 14	Yang family picnic	0.4
	Jun 22	Xiong family picnic	0.4
	Jun 24	General Mills picnic	0.3
	Jul 19	Twin Cities Catering	0.4
	Aug 8	New Brighton Stockyard Days	0.4
	Aug 9	New Brighton Stockyard Days	0.7
	Aug 10	New Brighton Stockyard Days	0.4
	Aug 18	St. John Baptist	0.5
	Aug 30	Moua Long family picnic	0.4
	Aug 31	Xiong family picnic	1.5
	Sep 13	McCarn wedding reception	0.3
	Sep 19	MN Street Rod Assoc picnic	0.6
	Sep 20	Vang Wang Meng of MN family reunion	0.4
	Sep 27	Kim Byong Moon family picnic	0.3
	Sep 28	Kukk family picnic	0.4
Rice Creek North RT		None	-
Rice Creek West RT		None	-
Tony Schmidt RP		TOTAL	0.4
	Jun 2 - Aug 22	YMCA Camp	0.4
Trout Brook RT		None	-
CITY OF ST. PAUL:			
Bruce Vento RT		TOTAL	1.4
	Sep 7	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.0
	Apr 14	Spring Parks Cleanup total of 400 divided by 1/9 = (listed only here for all sites)	0.4
Cherokee Heights RP		None	-
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF		TOTAL	385.6
	All Year	Como Education events/classes	25.6
	Winter	Como Downhill Ski (Enterprise facility) (cc ski meets and lessons)	0.6
	Jan 19-22	Polar Bear Party	5.9
	Jan 25	Winter Carnival Orchid Show	1.7
	Jan 26	Winter Carnival Orchid Show	2.3
	Feb 10	Valentine Soiree	0.3
	Feb 16-18	Kid's Fest	11.5
	Feb 29-Mar 1	Hop into Spring Year of the Frog	11.4
	Mar 8	Minnesota Parent Camp Fair	3.7
	Mar 24	Spring Flower Show Opening	10.3
	Apr 19-22	Party for the Planet	25.4
	May 3	Animal Humane Society	3.0
	May 5	Summer Flower Show Opening	18.9
	May 12-13	Bonsai Show (over the two days)	21.6
	May 13	St. Paul Police Picnic	2.0
	May 17	Twin Cities Marathon Kid's Marathon	1.8
	May 17-18	Plant Conservation Day	9.8
	May 20	St. Rose of Lima	0.5
	May 24	Gingerbread Craft Show	0.6
	May 25	Gingerbread Craft Show	0.6
	May 26	Gingerbread Craft Show	0.6
	May 26	Roseville Community Band	0.5
	Jun 2	Q.M.C. Pride Concert	0.6
	Jun 4	Ronald M. Hubbs Center	0.3
	Jun 6	South High School	0.4

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CITY OF ST. PAUL: continued			
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF continued			
	Jun 6-8	Blooming Butterflies Opening	28.5
	Jun 8	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.5
	Jun 11	Minneapolis Police Swing Band	0.4
	Jun 12	MELSA Summer Reading	6.2
	Jun 17	Kowalski's Company Picnic	9.5
	Jun 17	Northstar Barbershop Chorus	0.5
	Jun 18	Northland Insurance Company Picnic	0.3
	Jun 19	Dakota Communities Walk/Anderson Race Management	0.5
	Jun 19	Minnesota Sinfonia Concert	0.8
	Jun 21	U of M Facility Management Picnic	0.5
	Jun 22	Twin Cities Pride - Tretter	0.5
	Jun 22	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.7
	Jun 22	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.5
	Jun 24	RESOURCE, Inc.	0.3
	Jun 27	Zippity Zoo Day	0.3
	Jun 28	Loram Maintenance Picnic	0.3
	Jun 29	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.5
	Jul 4	Hmong Freedom Celebration - Lao Family of MN setup	0.5
	Jul 4	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.7
	Jul 4	United We Stand Concert	0.5
	Jul 5	Hmong Freedom Celebration - Lao Family of MN event	40.0
	Jul 6	Hmong Freedom Celebration - Lao Family of MN event	40.0
	Jul 6	Como Pops Concert	0.5
	Jul 7	Minnesota Sinfonia Concert	0.5
	Jul 10	Rosetown Playhouse	0.5
	Jul 11	Rosetown Playhouse	0.5
	Jul 12	Rosetown Playhouse	0.5
	Jul 13	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.5
	Jul 15	Northstar Barbershop Chorus	0.5
	Jul 17	Kowalski's Company Picnic	1.0
	Jul 17	Rosetown Playhouse	0.5
	Jul 18	Rosetown Playhouse	0.5
	Jul 19	Rosetown Playhouse	0.6
	Jul 20	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.6
	Jul 21	Rein In Sarcoma	0.3
	Jul 21	Valley de Croix Sweet Adelines	0.5
	Jul 24	Preferred One	0.3
	Jul 24	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.5
	Jul 24	Sunset Affair	0.5
	Jul 25	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.5
	Jul 26	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.4
	Jul 25	Crossroads Elementary Picnic	0.5
	Jul 27	Como Pops Ensemble	0.5
	Jul 27	Julie Ellingson Family Reunion	0.3
	Jul 31	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.5
	Aug 6	Minnesota State Band	0.5
	Aug 1	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.4
	Aug 2	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.5
	Aug 3	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.4
	Aug 3	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.5
	Aug 3	John Phillips Sousa Memorial Band	0.6
	Aug 5	Twin Cities Show Chorus	0.4
	Aug 8	Mental Health Resources Picnic	0.4
	Aug 10	Honeywell Concert Band	0.4
	Aug 12	Parks and Recreation - Hostrawser	0.5
	Aug 12	City of Saint Paul Employee Picnic	0.5
	Aug 13	Minnesota State Band	0.5
	Aug 17	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.5
	Aug 17	Lancer Catering Picnic	1.4
	Aug 17	Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival	4.2
	Aug 19	Health East	0.5
	Aug 19	Northstar Barbershop Chorus	0.4
	Aug 20	Minnesota State Band	0.4
	Aug 24	Pops Ensemble Concert Benefit Concert	0.8
	Sep 9	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.0
	Sep 13	Camp Odayin Walk	0.5
	Sep 14	Teamsters Local 120 Picnic	1.0
	Sep 14	National MS Society Walk	0.4
	Sep 19	NPT Breast Cancer LLC Walk	1.3
	Sep 20	Free to be Green	11.2
	Sep 21	Down Syndrome Association	4.7

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Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF continued			
	Oct 4	Boy Scouts	0.3
	Oct 4	MN Parent Education Resource Fair	6.5
	Oct 4	Brain Injury Association Walk	0.9
	Oct 5	American Foundation For Suicide Prevention	0.4
	Oct 11-12	Wolf Awareness	2.0
	Oct 20-28	Zoo Boo (5 days)	22.0
	Nov 09	Wedding Showcase Open House	0.3
	Nov 15	Orangutan Awareness	1.7
	Nov 16	Orangutan Awareness	1.8
	Nov 06-16	Ikebana Show	10.1
	Nov 23	The Sporting Life Walk/Run	0.5
	Nov 27	Charities Challenge	0.5
	Dec 4	Bouquets Wine Tasting	0.4
	Dec 31	Family New Year's Day	1.6
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP		TOTAL	5.0
	Sep 9	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.0
	Oct 25-31	BareBones Performance	4.0
Indian Mounds RP		Total	1.0
	Sep 9	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.0
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP		TOTAL	364.3
	Feb 9	College Dance	0.3
	Apr 1 - Oct 31	Fossil Hunting Groups	8.2
	Apr 19	Highschool Prom	0.5
	Apr 20	Wishes for the Sky	1.0
	Apr 26-27	Start! Heart Walk	25.0
	May 17	Akkwabce Run/Walk	0.4
	May 18	Graduation Ceremony	0.6
	May 21-27	Memorial Day Celebration	15.0
	May 30	Wellstone Elementary	0.5
	May 31	Tour De Cure American Diabetes Bike Tour 2006	0.5
	Jun 7	St. Paul Chamber Run/Walk	0.3
	Jun 12	Graduation Ceremony	0.3
	Jun 13	Great River Energy Bicycle Time Trials	0.5
	Jun 27-28	Time to Fly Charity Run	1.5
	Jun 29 - Jul 12	Taste of Minnesota	75.0
	Jul 18	Skrien Photo Shoot	0.3
	Jul 20	Bike-a-thon Children's Hospital	0.3
	Jul 23-28	Wild West Frontier Fest	5.0
	Aug 3	Compass Company Picnic	0.5
	Aug 6-11	Irish Fair	100.0
	Aug 12-14	Builders Club Event	2.5
	Aug 24	SPPS Staff Picnic	2.0
	Aug 25 - Sept 11	RNC	100.0
	Sep 7	Worship Service	0.8
	Sept 18-21	River Rocks	20.0
	Sep 27	Kowalski's Wine Event	1.5
	Oct 17	Wedding	0.4
	Nov 26-29	Cantus	0.5
	Dec 1-15	Actor's Theater	1.0
Mississippi Gorge RP		TOTAL	67.1
	Apr 14	University of St. Thomas Walk	0.3
	Apr 26	Get In Gear 10K & 2K Run/Walk (split with MPRB--Minnehaha RP & Miss Gorge Mpls & Miss Gorge SP)	2.8
	May 3	2008 Melpomene Institute Walk	0.5
	May 4	National MS Society Walk	3.5
	May 18	Minnesota Aids Project	7.0
	May 20	MN AIDS Project Walk (split with MPRB--Miss Gorge SP, Miss Gorge Mpls, Minnehaha RP)	2.0
	Jul 12	Lifetime Fitness Triathlon	3.5
	Sep 7	Parks and Recreation - Thompson	7.0
	Sept. 9	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.0
	Sep 28	MN Commercial Real Estate Women	0.8
	Oct 4		
	Oct 6	Marathon for Non Public Ed (split Min. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP)	0.2
	Oct 6	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Chain of Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	38.5

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CITY OF ST. PAUL: continued			
Phalen RP			TOTAL
			36.5
	Apr 19	Final Stretch, Inc.	0.6
	Apr 27	March of Dimes Walk	0.6
	Apr. 26	U of M Rowing Championships	1.0
	Apr. 27	U of M Rowing Championships	1.0
	May 17	Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed	1.5
	May 17	Solar Regatta	0.5
	Jun 7	Local #323 Picnic	0.3
	Jun 8	Minnesota Conservation Corps-McElroy	0.4
	Jun 19	Minnesota Sinfonia	0.6
	Jul 12	Dragon Festival	4.0
	Jul 13	Dragon Festival	4.0
	Jul 17	Parks and Rec - Williams	0.6
	Jul 19	Vietnamese Community of Minnesota	0.5
	Jul 26	IBEW #110	0.3
	Jul 27	Carpenters Local 87 - Beedle	0.4
	Aug 2	Paul Stoehr - Union Picnic	0.6
	Aug 14	Epilepsy Foundation of MN Walk	0.8
	Aug 15	Public Art Saint Paul - Podas - Larson	0.3
	Aug 17	Vacation Sports Triathlon	1.5
	Aug 20	Merrill Corporation	0.3
	Sep 9	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.0
	Sep 19	NPT Breast Cancer LLC	0.1
	Sep 20	Sharing Life/The Laura Newmann Foundation Walk	0.5
	Sep 21	Vibha Walk	0.4
	Sep 23	Multiple Myeloma Walk	0.5
	Sep 28	MMRF	0.8
	Oct 4	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	2.5
	Nov 25 - Dec 31	Holiday Lights in the Park	10.9
Samuel Morgan RT			TOTAL
	Sep 9	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.0
			1.0
SCOTT COUNTY:			
Scott County RT			None
			-
THREE RIVERS - SCOTT COUNTY:			
Cleary Lake RP			TOTAL
			15.2
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.1
	Jun 25	Troop 1553 - Picnic	0.3
	Jun 26	Troop 1553 - Picnic	0.3
	Aug 2	Dakotah Sport & Fitness	0.7
	Spring - Fall	Camping	11.7
Murphy-Hanrehan PR			TOTAL
			3.6
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	1.9
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.9
	Spring - Fall	Camping	0.8
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT:			
Baker PR			TOTAL
			16.3
	Jan 17	XC Ski Meet	0.3
	Jan 22	XC Ski Meet	0.4
	Jan 25	XC Ski Meet	0.3
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.3
	April	Egg Hunt Event	1.4
	Jun 28	Speak the Word Church - Picnic	0.3
	Aug 16	YWCA of Minneapolis - Picnic	1.1
	Aug 19	Target Corporation - Picnic	0.4
	Sep 27	Holy Name School - Picnic	1.0
	October	Baker Boo Event	0.3
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	2.5
	Sch Yr	School groups @ Near-Wilderness Center	7.0
Bryant Lake RP			TOTAL
			0.4
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.4

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THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT: continued			
Carver PR		TOTAL	24.7
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.1
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	4.4
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	18.1
Cedar Lake RT		TOTAL	0.4
	Jun 21	Rogney Trail Event	0.4
Clifton French RP		TOTAL	3.9
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	1.2
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	2.8
Coon Rapids Dam RP		TOTAL	6.5
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	6.5
Crow-Hassan PR		TOTAL	0.7
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.7
Eagle Lake RP		None	-
Elm Creek PR		TOTAL	110.8
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.0
	Winter	Winter Recreation area (manufactured snow area)	79.2
	May 10	Generation Endurance Event	0.3
	May 31	Studebaker - Picnic	0.3
	Jun 29	IUOE Local 40	0.5
	Jul 10	Equality Pathways - Picnic	0.3
	Jul 11	Osseo Marching Band - Picnic	0.3
	Jul 27	Maple Grove Evangelical Free Church - Picnic	0.5
	Aug 2	Special Olympics	0.3
	Sep 13	Pancreatic Cancer ACT - Picnic	0.5
	October	Autumn Woods Classic	3.1
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	8.4
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	15.2
Elm Creek RT		None	-
Fish Lake RP		None	0.8
	Jul 30	ISD 284 Gleason Lake - Picnic	0.4
	Sch Yr	School groups @ park	0.4
Gale Woods		TOTAL	23.9
	May 31	Peterson - Reception	0.3
	Jun 7	Kilby - Reception	0.3
	Jun 13	Schoen - Reception	0.3
	Jun 15	Robb - Reception	0.3
	Jun 20	Stewart - Reception	0.3
	Jul 4	Krager - Reception	0.3
	Jul 18	Jensen - Reception	0.3
	Aug 2	Olson - Reception	0.3
	Aug 16	Larson - Reception	0.3
	Aug 20	ISD 1 Minneapolis Kids - Race	0.6
	Aug 30	Johnson - Reception	0.3
	Sep 6	XC Running Meet - ISD 270 Hopkins	0.5
	Sep 16	XC Running Meet - ISD 277 West Tonka HS	0.3
	Oct 26	Phelps - Reception	0.3
	Dec 13	Hunter - Reception	0.3
	Dec 27	Salonek - Reception	0.3
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	5.8
	Sch Yr	School groups @ farm	12.8
Hyland Lake PR		TOTAL	224.8
	Winter	Downhill Ski Area Enterprise Facilities	182.0
	Apr 19	Osia Williams Event	1.0
	May 3	Raptor Release Event	3.3
	Jun 7	Madd - Picnic/Run	0.3
	Sep 13	Target Book Festival	5.5
	Sep 23	Carol/Michael Tveite Event	0.9
	Sep 28	Alzheimers Association Walk	2.3
	Oct 25	Halloween Event	0.6
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	8.9
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	20.0

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THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT: continued			
Lake Independence RT		None	-
Lake Minnetonka RP		TOTAL	3.0
Year round		Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special	0.7
Winter		Snowmobile trail use	1.8
Sch Yr		School groups @ visitor center	0.5
Lake Minnetonka Islands		None	-
Lake Minnetonka LRT RT		TOTAL	2.4
Winter		Snowmobile trail use	0.9
May 4		Wells Fargo Bank Trail Event	1.5
Lake Rebecca PR		TOTAL	7.0
Winter		Snowmobile trail use	1.0
May 18		Minneapolis Laestadian Church - Picnic	0.3
Jun 28		Ron Paul for President - Rally	0.5
Jul 12		Local 539 Pipefitters - Picnic	0.3
Spring - Fall		Camping	4.8
Luce Line RT		None	-
Medicine Lake RT		None	-
Minnesota River Bluffs LRT RT		TOTAL	1.4
Winter		Snowmobile trail use	1.1
Sep 12		MTS Systems Corporation - Trail Event	0.3
Noerenberg Gardens SRF		None	-
North Cedar Lake LRT RT		None	-
North Mississippi RP		TOTAL	7.0
Year round		Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special	1.0
Sch Yr		School groups @ nature center	6.0
Shingle Creek RT		None	-
Silverwood SRF		None	-
WASHINGTON COUNTY:			
Big Marine Park Reserve		TOTAL	2.1
Jun 7		Grand Opening	2.1
Cottage Grove Ravine RP		TOTAL	0.6
Aug 6		CG Fishing Clinic	0.6
Hardwood Creek RT		TOTAL	3.2
Jun 8		MS 150	3.2
Lake Elmo PR		TOTAL	14.9
Winter		Snowmobile use	2.8
May 10		Oakdale Duathlon	0.5
May 31		Picnic	0.3
Jun 7		Family Festival	0.4
Jun 7		Picnic	0.4
Jun 8		Picnic	0.4
Jun 11		Picnic	0.3
Jun 14		Picnic	0.3
Jun 15		Picnic	0.3
Jun 21		Picnic	0.6
Jun 22		Picnic	0.3
Jun 28		Picnic	0.5
Jul 13		Picnic	0.3
Jul 23		Picnic	0.3
Jul 27		Picnic	0.3
Aug 3		Picnic	0.4
Aug 10		Picnic	0.3
Aug 16		Picnic	0.3
Aug 24		Ragnar Relay Great River Race	2.0
Aug 30		Picnic	0.6
Sep 6		Bluegrass Festival	1.5
Oct 18		Great Pumpkin Chase	0.5
May 24-Sept 1		Campfire Programs	1.2
School year		School groups orienteering	0.6

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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
WASHINGTON COUNTY: <i>continued</i>			
Pine Point Park RP		TOTAL	1.2
	May 10	MS 60/30	1.2
Square Lake SRF		TOTAL	8.5
	Jul 26	Lumber Jack Days Race	1.5
	Sep 6	Triathlon	2.5
	Sep 7	Triathlon	4.5
St. Croix Bluffs RP		TOTAL	7.0
	May 18	Apple Blossom Run	0.7
	Jun 14	Assembly of God Picnic	0.4
	Jul 26	Yang Picnic	0.4
	May 24-Sept 1	Campfire Programs	1.4
	Sep 4	Cross Country Meet	0.8
	Sep 9	Cross Country Meet	0.8
	Sep 23	Cross Country Meet	0.8
	Oct 14	Cross Country Meet	1.2
	Oct 15	Cross Country Meet	0.5

Table 3: Comparison of 2007 and 2008 visitation

Agency	2007	2008	# change	% change
	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	
Anoka	2,943.8	3,280.7	336.9	11.4%
Bloomington	450.8	526.8	76.0	16.9%
Carver	271.2	265.0	(6.2)	-2.3%
Dakota	795.0	879.6	84.6	10.6%
Minneapolis	13,404.4	15,442.4	2,038.0	15.2%
Ramsey	3,265.9	3,286.2	20.3	0.6%
St Paul ²	7,196.1	6,649.7	(546.4)	-7.6%
Scott County ¹	90.2	259.9	169.7	188.1%
Three Rivers (Hennepin Co.)	5,883.9	6,472.6	588.7	10.0%
Three Rivers (Scott County)	258.6	302.0	43.4	16.8%
Washington	1,003.8	1,158.4	154.6	15.4%
Total	35,563.7	38,523.4	2,959.7	8.3%

Notes for Table 3

¹ The increase is due to the development of new segments of the Scott County Regional Trail.

² The 2007 estimate for regional parks in St. Paul, which are based on an average of 2004-2007 data, included very high numbers of visitors in the 2004 counts. The 2008 estimate is based on an average of 2005-2008 data. With the large numbers from 2004 dropping from the calculation, the 2008 estimate has decreased.

Table 4: Comparison of 2007 and 2008 park vs. trail visitation

	2007	2008	# change	% change	% of all visits in 2008
	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>		
Trail Visits ³	6,723.1	8,264.3	1,541.2	22.9%	21%
Park/Reserve/SRF Visits	28,840.5	30,259.1	1,418.6	4.9%	79%
Total Visits	35,563.6	38,523.4	2,959.8	8.3%	100%

Notes for Table 4

³ 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 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 were included in the trail total, about 14.6 million, or 38% of all visits, are trail visits.

Table 5: Most-visited regional parks and trails

Rank by visits	Park/trail	Agency	2008 Visitation (1,000's)	Cumulative percent of total visitation
1	Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP	MPRB	5,115.2	13.3%
2	Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	St. Paul	3,097.0	18.4%
3	Mississippi Gorge RP	MPRB/St. Paul	1,991.0	26.5%
4	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	MPRB	1,915.5	30.4%
5	Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	MPRB	1,627.4	35.4%
6	Minnehaha Parkway RT	MPRB	1,524.4	39.6%
7	Minnehaha RP	MPRB	1,342.2	43.1%
8	Hyland/Bush/Anderson PR	Bloomington/Three Rivers	1,244.3	46.4%
9	Phalen/Keller RP	St. Paul/Ramsey	1,126.9	49.3%
10	Lilydale-Harriet Island-Cherokee Hts RP	St. Paul	1,089.3	52.1%
11	Bunker Hills RP	Anoka	1,003.0	54.7%
12	Victory (Wirth) Memorial Parkway RT	MPRB	876.8	57.0%
13	Battle Creek/Indian Mounds RP	Ramsey/St. Paul	790.2	59.0%
14	Coon Rapids Dam RP	Anoka/Three Rivers	766.2	63.0%
15	Elm Creek PR	Three Rivers	757.4	64.9%
16	Kenilworth RT	MPRB	733.5	66.3%
17	Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	Ramsey	557.3	66.3%
18	Elm Creek RT	Three Rivers	524.1	67.7%
19	Long Lake RP	Ramsey	494.5	69.0%
20	Lake Elmo PR	Washington	486.1	70.2%
Total			27,062.5	
Percent of 2008 Visitation			70.2%	

Table 6: Urban parks visitation

Agency	2008 Visitation (1,000's)
Minneapolis Parks Total	15,442.4
St. Paul Parks Total	6,649.7
Urban Total	22,092.2
Urban Percentage of 2008 visitation	57.3%

Table 7: Como visitation - park and zoo/conservatory

Park Unit	2008 Visitation (1,000's)	2008 %
Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF ¹	2,452.8	79.2%
Como Park (non-zoo/conservatory visits)	644.2	20.8%
Como Total	3,097.0	100%

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

Agency	2008 Visitation (1,000's)	Percentage of total¹
Anoka County	3,280.7	8.56%
Bloomington	526.8	1.37%
Carver County	265.0	0.69%
Dakota County	879.6	2.29%
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board	15,442.4	40.28%
Ramsey County	3,286.2	8.57%
St Paul	6,649.2	17.34%
Scott County	259.9	0.68%
Three Rivers Park District - Hennepin	6,290.6	16.41%
Three Rivers Park District - Scott	302.0	0.79%
Washington County	1,158.4	3.02%
TOTAL	38,340.9	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 10: Comparison of estimated visits from 2004 to 2008

	Visits in 1,000s per year				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Anoka County	3,030.7	3,170.6	2,820.5	2,943.8	3,280.7
Bloomington	720.7	759.9	708.0	450.8	526.8
Carver County	249.4	305.9	305.3	271.2	265.0
Dakota County	1,034.1	1,047.1	873.7	795.0	879.6
Mpls Park & Rec. Board	12,059.7	14,063.8	13,868.6	13,404.4	15,442.4
Ramsey County	3,241.7	3,720.8	3,400.3	3,265.9	3,286.2
St. Paul	6,132.2	6,536.2	6,876.4	7,196.1	6,649.7
Scott County	38.2	44.0	59.6	90.2	259.9
Three Rivers	4,577.2	5,330.4	5,697.0	5,883.9	6,472.6
Three Rivers (Scott County)	261.0	274.5	296.7	258.6	302.0
Washington County	716.9	1,105.2	1,136.8	1,003.8	1,158.4
REGIONAL TOTALS ¹	32,061.8	36,358.4	36,042.8	35,563.7	38,523.4
% annual increase	-	13.4%	-0.9%	-1.3%	8.3%

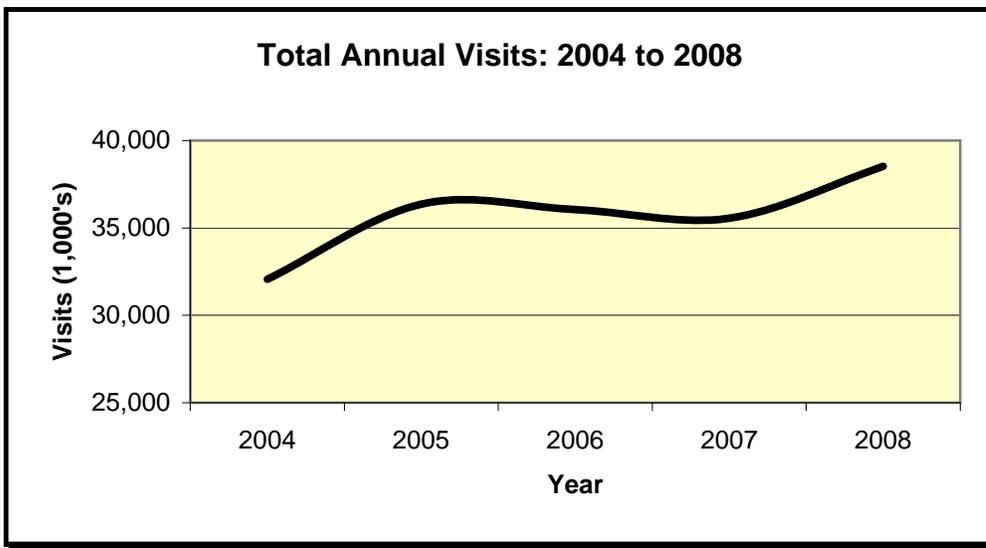


Table 11: Top activities in the Regional Parks System - 2008

Activity	% of park activity occasions ¹	# of park activity occasions	% of trail activity occasions	# of trail activity occasions	Total # of activity occasions	% of total visits
		1,000's		1,000's	1,000's	
Walking/hiking	21%	6,354	30%	2,781	9,136	24%
Swimming ³	16%	4,841	2%	165	5,007	13%
Biking	10%	3,026	45%	3,719	6,745	18%
Picnicking	10%	3,026	0%	-	3,026	8%
Relaxing ²	9%	2,723	2%	185	2,909	8%
Playground use ³	7%	2,118	1%	93	2,211	6%
Fishing ³	6%	1,755	1%	93	1,848	5%
Sunbathing ³	6%	1,816	1%	93	1,908	5%
Jogging/running	5%	1,513	10%	826	2,339	6%
Dog-walking	5%	1,513	7%	578	2,091	5%
Boating	4%	1,210	0%	-	1,210	3%
Zoo visits (Como)	4%	1,210	0%	-	1,210	3%
Camping	2%	605	0%	-	605	2%
In-line skating	2%	605	4%	331	936	2%
		Regional Parks		Regional Trails		System-wide
2008 system-wide visits (in 1,000's of visits)		30,259.1		8,264.3		38,523.4
% of 2008 visits		79%		21%		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

Agency	Total visits (1,000's)	Number and percent of visits from people who live in the following agency jurisdictions:												
		Anoka County	Bloomington	Carver County	Dakota County	Minneapolis	Ramsey County	St Paul	Scott County	Three Rivers (Hennepin)	Washington	Greater MN	Out of state	Outside of US
ANOKA COUNTY														
Total Visitation	3,280.7	1,860.1	6.6	3.3	32.8	134.5	646.3	78.7	3.3	232.9	55.8	144.3	78.7	-
Visitation by Percentage	8.5%	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	526.8	4.2	287.1	5.3	25.8	34.8	4.2	13.7	28.4	96.9	2.6	5.3	17.4	1.6
Visitation by Percentage	1.4%	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	265.0	2.1	4.0	126.4	13.8	7.4	0.8	1.3	13.8	54.1	0.8	36.3	4.8	-
Visitation by Percentage	0.7%	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	879.6	6.2	16.7	1.8	561.2	48.4	16.7	98.5	8.8	30.8	18.5	35.2	29.0	-
Visitation by Percentage	2.3%	0.7%	1.9%	0.2%	63.8%	5.5%	1.9%	11.2%	1.0%	3.5%	2.1%	4.0%	3.3%	0.0%
MINNEAPOLIS PARK & REC BOARD														
Total Visitation	15,442.4	324.3	339.7	30.9	386.1	8,030.1	355.2	772.1	77.2	4,246.7	77.2	123.5	586.8	30.9
Visitation by Percentage	40.1%	2.1%	2.2%	0.2%	2.5%	52.0%	2.3%	5.0%	0.5%	27.5%	0.5%	0.8%	3.8%	0.2%
RAMSEY COUNTY														
Total Visitation	3,286.2	308.9	3.3	3.3	36.1	59.2	1,754.8	739.4	-	78.9	170.9	36.1	72.3	3.3
Visitation by Percentage	8.5%	9.4%	0.1%	0.1%	1.1%	1.8%	53.4%	22.5%	0.0%	2.4%	5.2%	1.1%	2.2%	0.1%
ST. PAUL														
Total Visitation	6,649.7	199.5	33.2	13.3	591.8	478.8	512.0	3,331.5	33.2	312.5	485.4	219.4	359.1	33.2
Visitation by Percentage	17.3%	3.0%	0.5%	0.2%	8.9%	7.2%	7.7%	50.1%	0.5%	4.7%	7.3%	3.3%	5.4%	0.5%
SCOTT COUNTY / THREE RIVERS														
Total Visitation	561.9	-	8.4	3.9	108.4	5.6	1.1	1.7	387.7	14.6	1.7	17.4	8.4	1.1
Visitation by Percentage	1.5%	0.0%	1.5%	0.7%	19.3%	1.0%	0.2%	0.3%	69.0%	2.6%	0.3%	3.1%	1.5%	0.2%
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT														
Total Visitation	6,472.6	394.8	148.9	317.2	77.7	692.6	58.3	51.8	110.0	4,045.4	25.9	362.5	135.9	19.4
Visitation by Percentage	16.8%	6.1%	2.3%	4.9%	1.2%	10.7%	0.9%	0.8%	1.7%	62.5%	0.4%	5.6%	2.1%	0.3%
WASHINGTON COUNTY														
Total Visitation	1,158.4	66.0	4.6	-	47.5	19.7	100.8	96.1	2.3	24.3	638.3	67.2	67.2	1.2
Visitation by Percentage	3.0%	5.7%	0.4%	0.0%	4.1%	1.7%	8.7%	8.3%	0.2%	2.1%	55.1%	5.8%	5.8%	0.1%
TOTAL VISITATION	38,523.4	3,166.2	852.6	505.3	1,881.2	9,511.0	3,450.2	5,184.9	664.8	9,137.1	1,477.0	1,047.3	1,359.7	90.7
TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENTAGE	100.0%	8.2%	2.2%	1.3%	4.9%	24.7%	9.0%	13.5%	1.7%	23.7%	3.8%	2.7%	3.5%	0.2%

NOTES:

All visits are listed in units of 1,000.

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

Visitor origin data is from the *Metropolitan Council Regional Parks and Trails Survey 2008*.

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

Agency	Total visits (1,000's)	Number and percent of visits from people who live in the following agency jurisdictions:				
		Local Visits	Non-Local Visits			
			Regional	Greater MN	Out of state	Outside of US
ANOKA COUNTY						
Total Visitation	3,280.7	1,860.1	1,194.2	144.3	78.7	-
Visitation by Percentage	8.5%	56.7%	36.4%	4.4%	2.4%	0.0%
BLOOMINGTON						
Total Visitation	526.8	287.1	216.0	5.3	17.4	1.6
Visitation by Percentage	1.4%	54.5%	41.0%	1.0%	3.3%	0.3%
CARVER COUNTY						
Total Visitation	265.0	126.4	98.1	36.3	4.8	-
Visitation by Percentage	0.7%	47.7%	37.0%	13.7%	1.8%	0.0%
DAKOTA COUNTY						
Total Visitation	879.6	561.2	246.3	35.2	29.0	-
Visitation by Percentage	2.3%	63.8%	28.0%	4.0%	3.3%	0.0%
MINNEAPOLIS PARK & REC BOARD						
Total Visitation	15,442.4	8,030.1	6,609.4	123.5	586.8	30.9
Visitation by Percentage	40.1%	52.0%	42.8%	0.8%	3.8%	0.2%
RAMSEY COUNTY						
Total Visitation	3,286.2	1,754.8	1,399.9	36.1	72.3	3.3
Visitation by Percentage	8.5%	53.4%	42.6%	1.1%	2.2%	0.1%
ST. PAUL						
Total Visitation	6,649.7	3,331.5	2,659.9	219.4	359.1	33.2
Visitation by Percentage	17.3%	50.1%	40.0%	3.3%	5.4%	0.5%
SCOTT COUNTY / THREE RIVERS						
Total Visitation	561.9	387.7	145.5	17.4	8.4	1.1
Visitation by Percentage	1.5%	69.0%	25.9%	3.1%	1.5%	0.2%
THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT						
Total Visitation	6,472.6	4,045.4	1,877.1	362.5	135.9	19.4
Visitation by Percentage	16.8%	62.5%	29.0%	5.6%	2.1%	0.3%
WASHINGTON COUNTY						
Total Visitation	1,158.4	638.3	361.4	67.2	67.2	1.2
Visitation by Percentage	3.0%	55.1%	31.2%	5.8%	5.8%	0.1%
TOTAL VISITATION	38,523.4	21,022.7	14,807.7	1,047.3	1,359.7	90.7
TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENTAGE	100.0%	54.6%	38.4%	2.7%	3.5%	0.2%

NOTES:

All visits are listed in units of 1,000.

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

Visitor origin data is from the *Metropolitan Council Regional Parks and Trails Survey 2008*.