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**Annual Use Estimate of the
Metropolitan Regional Park
System for 2000**

**Based on a four-year average of visitation
data from 1997 through 2000**

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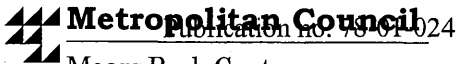
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Executive Summary

- There were an estimated 29,254,900 visits to the Metropolitan regional park system in 2000.
- The annual visitation estimate is based on a four-year average of counts of visitors taken during the summer months for 1997 through 2000.
- Distribution of use by season, camping and special events:

Season	Total Visits	% of All Visits
Summer	13,363,400	46
Fall	6,347,600	22
Spring	6,347,600	22
Winter	1,794,500	6
Camping	273,400	1
Special events	1,128,400	4
Total	29,254,900	100

- Non-summer visitation estimates for 2000 are based on data collected and analyzed in 1998 and 1999. Previous to 1999, non-summer visitation estimates were based on data collected in 1982. The updated information shows that there has been a significant increase in the amount of visits to the regional park system during the non-summer months over the last 18 years.
- 30 % of all 2000 visits were to trails. 70 % were visits to regional parks, reserves and special recreation features.
- The five most visited regional parks and reserves in 2000 were:

Park/Reserve	2000 Visits
Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park	5,549,600
Como Regional Park , Zoo and Conservatory	2,677,900
Mississippi Gorge Regional Park <i>(Minneapolis & St. Paul combined)</i>	2,491,900
Minnehaha Parkway	2,395,300
Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve <i>(Hennepin Parks & Bloomington combined)</i>	1,530,700

- 66 % of all regional visits were to regional parks and trails within Minneapolis and St. Paul.
 - 58.6 % of all visits to regional parks and trails are considered “local” visits. A local visit is defined as a visit to a park/trail by a person who lives within the jurisdiction of the park agency which owns/manages that regional park or trail.
 - 34.3 % of all visits are “regional” visits. Regional visits are the non-local visits by persons living within the metropolitan area. 3.3 % of all visits are from residents of Minnesota who live outside of the metropolitan area. 3.8 % of all visits are from people who live in other states or countries.
 - Walking is the top activity in the regional park system (33 % of all visits involved walking), followed by biking (19 %), swimming (15 %) and picnicking (11 %).
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Introduction

The existing Metropolitan regional park system open for public use in 2000 encompassed approximately 46,500 acres of parkland and includes 32 regional parks, 11 park reserves, 4 special recreation features and 21 regional trails. These park/trail units are owned and operated by 10 implementing agencies – counties, special park districts and cities. Scott County has a joint powers agreement with Suburban Hennepin Parks Regional Park District. Consequently the text of this report refers to nine implementing agencies.

This report includes annual use estimates for the 68-unit regional park system that was sampled in 2000. The information is reported by park and categorized by agency. Use estimates are reported for 75 park/trail areas because several parks and trails are operated jointly by more than one implementing agency. These are:

<u>Park/Trail</u>	<u>Agencies</u>
Battle Creek Regional Park	Ramsey County and St. Paul (Indian Mounds)
Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park	Hennepin Parks and Anoka County
Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve	Hennepin Parks (Hyland Lake) and the City of Bloomington (Bush and Normandale Lakes)
Mississippi Gorge Regional Park	Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board and the City of St. Paul
North Mississippi Regional Park	Hennepin Parks and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
Phalen-Keller Regional Park	City of St. Paul (Phalen) and Ramsey County (Keller)
Rice Creek North Regional Trail	Anoka County and Ramsey County
Rice Creek West Regional Trail	Anoka County and Ramsey County
Mississippi River Regional Trail	Anoka County, Dakota County and the City of St. Paul

In addition, the Cherokee Heights portion of Lilydale-Harriet Island Regional Park is counted and reported separately.

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

There were an estimated 29,254,900 visits to the regional park system in 2000.

How the Annual Use Estimate is calculated

The annual use estimate is based on the average of four years (1997 – 2000) 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. To determine the number of people entering in vehicles or buses, a person-per-vehicle (PPV) average is multiplied by the number of vehicles or buses in each count. The PPV and PPB averages come from the 1998 Regional Parks Visitor Study.

Counts are taken in two-hour periods between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Two-hour blocks of time begin at 8 AM, 10 AM, Noon, 2 PM, 4 PM and 6 PM. The entrances and times are randomly chosen to be sampled. Typically, sixteen samples are drawn for each park or trail in one summer season. Sixteen samples are not enough to accurately reflect actual summer use. It is too expensive to collect a minimum of 25 samples on weekends and 25 samples on weekdays in each park every summer. Consequently, the samples for the current year and the three previous years are used to determine the annual use for each park. This results in about 32 samples on weekends and 32 samples on weekdays and is statistically acceptable in determining annual use.

The annual use for each park and trail is based on a four-year average of counts for each park/trail. The four-year average reduces the effect of extreme weather or other anomalies on each park's estimated visitation. It reduces the effects of a temporary closure of a popular facility and from road construction. The four-year average also somewhat under-estimates increased visitation associated with a new major 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 over-estimates for temporary closures or under-estimates for facility additions. All agencies in the regional system are adding desirable facilities and experiencing temporary closures of facilities that are being redeveloped. Consequently, it is believed that the four-year average has negligible effects when comparing visitation across agencies. It is important that visitation estimate for each park and for each agency be calculated using the same set of standards and methods.

Total visitation is initially 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. The sample totals are then averaged according to a predetermined low, medium or high use classification. The average for each sample class is then aggregated to calculate the total visitation estimate for the park.

Table 1: 2000 Visitation

Agency/Park	Summer		Winter		Spring/Fall		Other *		Total Visits (1,000's)	O & M Grant Adjustments
	visits (1,000's)	use multiplier	visits (1,000's)	use multiplier	visits (1,000's)	use multiplier	Camping (1,000's)	Special Events (1,000's)		
ANOKA COUNTY:										
Anoka Co. Riverfront RP ¹	82.8	0.210	17.4	1.32	109.3	-	0.8	210.3		
Bunker Hills RP	290.6	0.062	18.0	0.60	174.4	11.8	46.5	541.3		
Coon Rapids Dam RP	152.1	0.062	9.4	0.60	91.3	-	10.9	263.7		
Lake George RP	98.3	0.062	6.1	0.60	59.0	-	18.8	182.2		
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	49.1	0.062	3.0	0.60	29.5	1.5	10.0	93.1		
Mississippi River RT	40.6	0.267	10.8	1.59	64.6	-	-	116.0		
Rice Creek Chain PR	89.6	0.062	5.6	0.60	53.8	7.3	25.3	181.5		
Rice Creek N. RT	29.6	0.267	7.9	1.59	47.1	-	-	84.6		
Rice Creek W. RT	101.0	0.267	27.0	1.59	160.6	-	0.6	289.2		
Rum River Central RP ^B	19.5	0.062	1.2	0.60	11.7	0.3	0.7	33.4		
Central Anoka RT ^A	37.9	0.267	10.1	1.59	60.3	-	-	108.3		
Subtotal:	991.1		116.6		861.3	20.9	113.6	2,103.5		2,103.5

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BLOOMINGTON:										
Bush and Normandale Lakes	562.0	0.062	34.8	0.60	337.2	-	48.5	982.5		
Subtotal:	562.0		34.8		337.2	-	48.5	982.5		982.5

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CARVER COUNTY:										
Baylor RP	21.6	0.062	1.3	0.60	13.0	24.8	1.7	62.4		
Lake Waconia	18.1	0.000	0.0	0.60	10.9	-	-	29.0		
Lake Minnewashta RP	49.6	0.062	3.1	0.60	29.8	-	2.1	84.5		
Subtotal:	89.3		4.4		53.6	24.8	3.8	175.9		175.9

Notes:

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DAKOTA COUNTY:										
Big Rivers RT	37.0	0.267	9.9	1.59	58.8	-	-	-	105.7	
Lake Byllesby RP	39.1	0.062	2.4	0.60	23.5	20.6	-	-	85.6	
Lebanon Hills RP	168.4	0.062	10.4	0.60	101.0	49.0	-	-	328.9	
Mississippi River RT ^B	11.0	0.267	2.9	1.59	17.5	-	-	-	31.4	
Miesville Ravine RP	24.5	0.000	0.0	0.60	14.7	-	-	-	39.2	
Spring Lake PR	55.4	0.062	3.4	0.60	33.2	6.4	0.4	-	98.8	
Subtotal:	335.4		29.1		248.8	76.0	0.4		689.6	689.6

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD:										
Cedar Lake RT	171.1	0.267	45.7	1.59	272.0	-	-	-	488.8	
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	326.9	0.062	20.3	0.60	196.1	-	217.5	-	760.8	
Mpls. Chain-of-Lakes RP ³	2,104.1	0.226	475.5	1.39	2,924.7	-	45.3	-	5,549.6	
Minnehaha RP	446.3	0.062	27.7	0.60	267.8	-	19.8	-	761.6	
Minnehaha Parkway RT	831.2	0.267	221.9	1.59	1,321.6	-	20.6	-	2,395.3	
Mississippi Gorge RP - Mpls	668.7	0.267	178.5	1.59	1,063.2	-	21.2	-	1,931.6	
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	752.6	0.062	46.7	0.60	451.6	-	5.0	-	1,255.8	
North Mississippi RP	45.0	0.062	2.8	0.60	27.0	-	-	-	74.8	
Theodore Wirth RP	168.3	0.062	10.4	0.60	101.0	-	26.8	-	306.5	
Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	329.3	0.267	87.9	1.59	523.6	-	3.4	-	944.2	
Subtotal:	5,843.5		1,117.4		7,148.6	-	359.5		14,469.0	14,469.0

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Suburban Hennepin Regional Park District										
Morris T. Baker PR	210.2	0.062	13.0	0.60	126.1	0.60	73.9	6.5	429.8	
Bryant Lake RP	66.8	0.062	4.1	0.60	40.1	0.60	-	-	111.0	
Carver PR	45.4	0.062	2.8	0.60	27.2	0.60	16.4	19.0	110.8	
Clifton E. French RP	256.0	0.062	15.9	0.60	153.6	0.60	-	8.1	433.6	
Coon Rapids Dam RP--Hennepin ^C	39.0	0.062	2.4	0.60	23.4	0.60	-	2.2	67.0	
Crow-Hassan PR	8.6	0.062	0.5	0.60	5.2	0.60	6.1	2.5	22.8	
Elm Creek PR	152.4	0.062	9.4	0.60	91.4	0.60	3.6	18.0	274.9	
East Medicine Lake RT ^B	50.9	0.267	13.6	1.59	80.9	1.59	-	-	145.4	
Fish Lake RP	74.1	0.062	4.6	0.60	44.5	0.60	-	-	123.2	
Hyland Lake PR	225.1	0.062	14.0	0.60	135.1	0.60	2.4	171.6	548.1	Downhill ski (128.6)
Lake Rebecca PR	72.1	0.062	4.5	0.60	43.3	0.60	5.7	18.9	144.5	
Lake Minnetonka RP	87.9	0.062	5.4	0.60	52.7	0.60	-	4.2	150.3	
Lake Minnetonka Islands ⁴	69.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	-	69.8	
Noerenberg Gardens SRF	32.8	0.000	0.0	0.60	19.7	0.60	-	-	52.5	
North Hennepin RT	95.8	0.267	25.6	1.59	152.3	1.59	-	3.3	277.0	
North Mississippi RP--Hennepin	17.3	0.062	1.1	0.60	10.4	0.60	-	-	28.8	
Southwest LRT RT-North	66.1	0.267	17.6	1.59	105.1	1.59	-	2.2	191.1	
Southwest LRT RT-South	46.2	0.267	12.3	1.59	73.5	1.59	-	2.2	134.2	
East Corridor RT ^A	25.2	0.267	6.7	1.59	40.1	1.59	-	-	72.0	
Northwest Hennepin RT ^A	3.4	0.267	0.9	1.59	5.4	1.59	-	-	9.7	
Hennepin Parks Subtotal:	1,645.1		154.6		1,229.9		108.1	258.8	3,396.5	
Scott County/SHRPD										
Cleary Lake RP	72.8	0.062	4.5	0.60	43.7	0.60	9.8	2.8	133.5	
Murphy-Hanrehan PR	19.1	0.062	1.2	0.60	11.5	0.60	-	2.8	34.6	
Scott County RT ^B	13.1	0.267	3.5	1.59	20.8	1.59	-	-	37.4	
Scott/SHRPD Subtotal:	105.0		9.2		76.0		9.8	5.6	205.5	205.5
SHRPD TOTAL	1,750.1		163.8		1,305.9		117.9	264.4	3,602.0	3,473.4

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RAMSEY COUNTY										
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	40.2	0.062	2.5	0.60	24.1	-	15.4	-	82.2	
Battle Creek RP	179.0	0.062	11.1	0.60	107.4	-	11.0	-	308.5	
Birch Lake RT	25.3	0.267	6.8	1.59	40.2	-	-	-	72.3	
Burlington Northern RT	17.1	0.267	4.6	1.59	27.2	-	-	-	48.9	
Highway 96 RT (both segments) ^B	59.5	0.267	15.9	1.59	94.6	-	-	-	170.0	
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	282.5	0.062	17.5	0.60	169.5	-	3.2	-	472.7	
Keller RP	121.6	0.062	7.5	0.60	73.0	-	3.3	-	205.4	
Long Lake RP	152.4	0.062	9.4	0.60	91.4	-	18.6	-	271.8	
Rice Creek North RT ^C	40.2	0.267	10.7	1.59	63.9	-	-	-	114.9	
Rice Creek West RT- Ramsey	40.1	0.267	10.7	1.59	63.8	-	-	-	114.6	
Subtotal:	957.9		96.7		755.1		51.5		1,861.2	1,861.2
CITY OF ST. PAUL										
Burlington Northern RT	33.7	0.267	9.0	1.59	53.6	-	-	-	96.3	
Cherokee Heights RP	108.5	0.062	6.7	0.60	65.1	-	-	-	180.3	
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	1,479.6	0.062	91.7	0.60	887.8	-	218.8	-	2,677.9	Downhill Ski (9.4)
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	138.0	0.062	8.6	0.60	82.8	-	0.3	-	229.7	
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	112.7	0.062	7.0	0.60	67.6	-	29.5	-	216.8	
Indian Mounds RP	66.8	0.062	4.1	0.60	40.1	-	3.4	-	114.4	
Mississippi Gorge RP (St. Paul)	188.5	0.267	50.3	1.59	299.7	-	21.7	-	560.2	
Mississippi River RT- St. Paul ^C	65.0	0.267	17.4	1.59	103.4	-	-	-	185.7	
Phalen RP	294.7	0.062	18.3	0.60	176.8	-	9.8	-	499.6	
Subtotal:	2,487.5		213.1		1,776.8		283.4		4,760.9	4,751.5

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WASHINGTON COUNTY										
Cottage Grove Ravine RP	12.1	0.062	0.8	0.60	7.3	-	-	20.1		
Lake Elmo PR	223.3	0.062	13.8	0.60	134.0	25.3	1.9	398.4		
Square Lake SRF	47.8	0.000	0.0	0.60	28.7	-	0.5	77.0		
St. Croix Bluffs RP	63.4	0.062	3.9	0.60	38.0	8.5	1.0	114.8		
Subtotal:	346.6		18.5		208.0	33.8	3.4	610.3		610.3

REGIONAL TOTALS

Agency/Park	Summer Visits (1,000's)	Winter Visits (1,000's)	Spring/Fall Visits (1,000's)	Camping Visits (1,000's)	Special Events (1,000's)	Total Visits (1,000's)	O & M Grant Adjusted
REGIONAL TOTALS	13,363.4	1,794.5	12,695.2	273.4	1,128.4	29,254.9	29,116.9

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Table 2: Special Event Counts for 2000

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

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
ANOKA COUNTY:			
Anoka Co. Riverfront RP		TOTAL:	0.80
	June	Picnic	0.45
	August	Picnic	0.35
Bunker Hills RP		TOTAL:	46.50
	January	ABC Relays - skiing	2.40
	April	N Suburban Striders Run	0.50
	May	Picnic	0.40
	June	Library Program	3.40
	June	Archery Tournament	1.00
	July	MN Bike Coalition	0.50
	August	Picnic	0.30
	August	Picnic	0.30
	October	Picnic	0.60
	October	Hike for Ike	0.50
	All Year	Archery Building Rental (various pvt groups)	3.30
	Summer	Stables (not included in general count)	33.30
Coon Rapids Dam RP		TOTAL:	10.90
	February	Snowflake Fest	0.30
	May	Kids Fishing Event	1.20
	June	CarpFest	1.50
	June	Concerts in the Park (seven concerts)	6.00
	July	Epiphany Church meeting	1.00
	August	N Metro Chamber meeting	0.30
	August	Canoe Race	0.30
	August	Picnic	0.30
Lake George RP		TOTAL:	18.80
	August	Picnic	0.30
	winter	snowmobile trail use through park	18.50
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP		TOTAL:	10.00
	winter	snowmobile trail use through park	10.00
Mississippi River RT		None	-
Rice Creek Chain PR		TOTAL:	25.33
	school yr	School groups @ Wargo N.C.	8.90
	June	Habitat Ride	0.30
	July	Grand Opening	0.50
	August	Picnic	0.33
	September	YMCA Run	0.30
	Winter	Snowmobile trail through park	15.00
Rice Creek N. RT		None	-
Rice Creek W. RT		TOTAL:	0.60
	June	Picnic	0.30
	August	Picnic	0.30
Rum River Central RP		TOTAL:	0.70
	August	Picnic	0.30
	October	Picnic	0.40
Central Anoka RT		None	-

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BLOOMINGTON:			
Bush and Normandale Lakes		TOTAL:	48.50
	July	SummerFete	46.00
	August	Jazz Festival	2.50
CARVER COUNTY:			
Baylor RP		TOTAL:	1.70
	8/26	Running meet	0.40
	9/12	Running meet	1.30
Lake Waconia		None	-
Lake Minnewashta RP		TOTAL:	2.10
	7/31 - 8/3	Scout Jamboree	2.10
DAKOTA COUNTY:			
Big Rivers RT		None	-
Lake Byllesby RP		None	-
Lebanon Hills RP		TOTAL:	-
Mississippi River RT		None	-
Miesville Ravine RP		None	-
Spring Lake PR		TOTAL:	0.35
	June	Family Reunion	0.35

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD:			
Cedar Lake RT		None	-
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP		TOTAL	217.47
	1/1	New Year Day	2.00
	4/1	Wedding Reception	0.30
	4/8	MS Walk (Braun's)	5.00
	4/8	Wedding Reception	0.30
		MS Walk (1/3 Central Miss. RP, 1/3 Minnehaha RP, 1/3 Mississippi Gorge RP)	1.67
	4/12	Take Back the Night	0.70
	4/22	Wedding Reception	0.30
	5/1	Company Outing for 3M	0.30
	5/5	Wedding Reception	0.37
	5/6	High School Prom	0.60
	5/7	Anniversary Gathering	0.40
	5/9	News Conference	0.30
	5/17	Wine Tasting	0.80
	5/18	Wine Tasting	0.80
	5/19	Wedding Reception	0.38
	5/28	Reception	0.35
	5/31	Minneapolis Public School Picnic	0.30
	6/16 - 6/18	Festival of the Arts	40.00
	6/20-6/21	Solstice River Dance	1.00
	6/2	Wedding Reception	0.35
	6/9	Wedding Reception	0.30
	6/10	Wedding Reception	0.30
	6/20	Wine Tasting	0.35
	6/22	Agency Meeting with Picnic Lunch	0.40
	6/23	Wedding and Reception	0.30
	6/24	Company Picnic	1.50
	6/25	Wedding Reception	0.30
	7/3 - 7/4	July 4th Celebration/Fireworks	100.00
	7/12	Carlson Marketing Group Reception	2.00
	7/15	Picnic	0.30
	7/17	Welcome Reception/Ibaraki	0.30
	7/19	Torchlight Fun Run (1/2 Central Miss RP, 1/2 Miss. Gorge)	0.55
	7/23	Aquatennial Fireworks	40.00
	7/27	Volleyball Tourney/Picnic	0.50
	8/5	Wedding Reception	0.30
	8/8	Safety Expo	0.50
	8/9	Picnic and Product Show	0.90
	8/10	Summer Playground Picnic	0.30
	8/13	Company Party	0.60
	8/13	Picnic	0.80
	8/20	Company Picnic	0.30
	8/22	Rec Plus+ Picnic	0.45
	8/30	Pig Roast/Party and Dance	0.30
	9/7	Short Company Picnic	0.30
	9/9	Company Picnic	0.40
	9/10	Wedding Reception	0.30
	9/17	Walk for Justice	0.60
	9/18	Picnic Lunch/Mini-Olympics	0.50
	9/23	James Page 5K Race	1.00
	9/28	Violence Prevention/Public Event	0.40
	10/13	Reception	0.40
	10/15	Sock Hop for K-8 School	0.80
	12/1	New Year Eve celebration	5.00

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD: Continued			
Mpls. Chain-of-Lakes RP			
		TOTAL	45.26
	1/29	Fishing Tournament	0.30
	2/12	5K Valentine's Run	1.50
	2/13	Snow Hearts Day	0.40
	4/22	Shoreline Clean-up & Celebration	1.00
	4/29	Walk-A-Thon	2.50
	5/6	Walk-A-Thon	0.50
	5/20	5K Walk and Run	0.50
	5/20	Kite Festival	0.30
	5/28	Church Service	0.90
	5/29	Memorial Day Service	0.30
	6/4	Church Service	0.48
	6/6	School Picnic	0.60
	6/7	K-FAN Pro-Am Fishing	0.30
	6/10	K-FAN Fishing Tournament	0.30
	6/11	Church Service	0.43
	6/18	Church Service	0.35
	6/25	Charity 5K with Youth One-half Mile	0.30
	6/25	Church Service	0.80
	7/2	Church Service	1.00
	7/9	Renaissance Festival Party	0.50
	7/16	Church Service	1.30
	7/18	Ron Schara Fishing Clinic	1.00
	7/18	Sister City Concert	0.50
	7/20	Edina Realty Picnic	0.30
	7/22	Volleyball Tournament	0.50
	7/23	Church Service	0.45
	7/23	Sandcastle & Beach Bingo	9.50
	7/30	Church Service	0.70
	8/1	Greek Festival	2.00
	8/6	Church Service	1.10
	8/6	Marathon/Run/Walk	1.50
	8/13	Church Service	1.50
	8/20	Church Service	1.10
	8/27	Church Service	0.45
	9/3	Church Service	0.75
	9/10	City of Lakes 25K	2.00
	9/30	Made in the Shade Walk	0.40
	10/7	America's Walk for Diabetes	0.35
		Twin Cities Marathon (1/3 Harriet, 1/6 Miss Gorge (Mpls & St. Paul each), 1/3 Minn Pkwy)	2.60
	12/2	5K Run	4.00
Minnehaha RP			
		TOTAL	19.82
		MS Walk (1/3 Central Miss. RP, 1/3 Minnehaha RP, 1/3 Mississippi Gorge RP)	1.67
	4/9	10K Foot Race/2K Fun Run (1/2 Minnehaha RP, 1/2 Mississippi Gorge RP)	3.00
	4/29	Parade	0.50
	6/4	Church Service	0.50
	6/4	MN Historical Society Picnic	0.50
	6/4	Picnic	0.50
	6/8	End of Year Picnic (Schools)	0.50
	6/17	Outdoor Wedding	0.60
	6/18	Church Service	1.00
	6/24	Pot Luck	0.30
	6/25	Svenskarnas Dag	3.00
	7/9	Norway Days	2.50
	7/23	Company Picnic	0.40
	8/5	Family Event	0.30
	8/26	Picnic	0.30
	8/26	Walk-A-Thon	0.45
	9/9	Fundraising Walk & Festival	1.00
	9/23	Lupus Walk-A-Thon	0.40
	9/24	Church Picnic	0.40
		Marathon for Non-Public Ed. (1/3 Minnehaha RP, 1/3 Miss Gorge - Mpls, 1/3 Miss. Gorge - St. Paul)	2.00

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MPLS. PARK & RECREATION BOARD: Continued			
Minnehaha Parkway RT		TOTAL	20.55
	5/13	Walk for AMI Research	0.30
	5/20	Walk-A-Thon	0.30
	5/21	MN AIDS Walk	15.00
	5/29	5K Road Race	0.50
	8/12	5K & 10K Run	1.50
	10/8	Twin Cities Marathon (1/3 Harriet, 1/6 Miss Gorge (Mpls & St. Paul each), 1/3 Minn Pkwy)	2.60
	10/8	Walk	0.35
Mississippi Gorge RP - Mpls		TOTAL	21.17
		MS Walk (1/3 Central Miss. RP, 1/3 Minnehaha RP, 1/3 Mississippi Gorge RP)	1.67
	4/9	Gorge RP)	1.67
	4/26	Housewarming and Dedication	2.00
		10K Foot Race/2K Fun Run (1/2 Minnehaha RP, 1/2 Mississippi Gorge RP)	3.00
	4/29	Gorge RP)	3.00
	5/6	Pledge Walk (5K)	1.00
	5/8	Pedestrian Crosswalk Event	0.30
	5/20	Thai Two on/5K Mississippi Mile	1.50
	7/1	5K Run	0.50
	7/19	Torchlight Fun Run (1/2 Central Miss RP, 1/2 Miss. Gorge)	0.55
	8/26	Lighting Run for Diabetes	1.00
	9/16	5K and 10K Road Race	0.35
		Marathon for Non-Public Ed. (1/3 Minnehaha RP, 1/3 Miss Gorge - Mpls, 1/3 Miss. Gorge - St. Paul)	2.00
	10/7	Twin Cities Marathon (1/3 Harriet, 1/6 Miss Gorge (Mpls & St. Paul each), 1/3 Minn Pkwy)	1.30
	10/8	each), 1/3 Minn Pkwy)	1.30
	11/23	Arena 5K	6.00
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP		TOTAL	5.00
	7/1	Aquatennial Milk Carton Races	5.00
North Mississippi RP		None	-
Theodore Wirth RP		TOTAL	26.78
	6/1	Junteenth Celebration	20.00
	6/7	End of Year Picnic	0.30
	6/10	Orienteering Event	0.50
	8/26	Picnic	0.35
	9/1	JD Rivers Fest	2.28
	9/17	Aquatennial Volunteer Picnic	0.30
	9/24	Company Picnic	0.30
	10/1	Halloween Performance	2.40
	10/1	school groups @ Eloise butler	0.35
Wirth Memorial Parkway RT		TOTAL	3.40
	5/6	Walk with Pets	3.00
	7/9	Whiz Bang Days Marathon/Run	0.40

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Suburban Hennepin Regional Park District			
Morris T. Baker PR		TOTAL	6.54
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.28
	January	Snowshoe Festival	0.53
	June	Picnic	0.31
	School-yr	School groups @ Near-Wilderness Center	3.42
Bryant Lake RP		None	-
Carver PR		TOTAL	18.98
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.24
	February	Picnic & ice fishing contest	0.50
	May	Picnic	0.30
	September	Picnic & marathon	0.35
	School-yr	School groups @ nature center	15.59
Cleary Lake RP		TOTAL	2.75
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.45
	June	Picnic	0.30
Clifton E. French RP		TOTAL	8.13
	June	Picnic	0.40
	June	Picnic	0.35
	August	Picnic	0.40
	August	Picnic	0.40
	August	Picnic	0.40
	October	N Suburban Crop Walk	0.40
	October	Picnic	1.00
	School-yr	School groups @ nature center	4.78
Coon Rapids Dam RP--Hennepin		TOTAL	2.17
	June	Carp festival	1.40
	School-yr	School groups @ visitor center	0.77
Crow-Hassan PR		TOTAL	2.45
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.45
Elm Creek PR		TOTAL	18.02
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.81
	May	Spring Raptor release	1.24
	May	Picnic	0.30
	June	Picnic	0.30
	July	Picnic	0.30
	July	Picnic	0.30
	July	Picnic	0.35
	August	Picnic	0.30
	September	Marathon	0.30
	September	Cross-country meet	0.30
	September	Cross-country meet	0.30
	October	Walk for Hunger	0.30
	October	Autumn Woods Classic	2.09
	School-yr	School groups @ nature center	9.83
East Medicine Lake RT		None	-
Fish Lake RP		None	-
Hyland Lake PR		TOTAL	171.61
	Winter	Downhill Ski Area enterprise facilities	160.60
	January	Ice Harvest Festival	0.61
	April	Trait Mix 50K Race	0.40
	September	Fall Raptor Release	0.79
	School-yr	School groups @ nature center	9.21

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Suburban Hennepin Regional Park District: Continued			
Lake Rebecca PR		TOTAL	18.93
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.93
	May	Picnic	0.50
	May	Picnic	0.30
	June	Picnic	0.30
	June	Picnic	0.30
	June	Picnic	0.70
	June	Picnic	0.30
	June	Picnic	0.30
	July	Picnic	0.35
	July	Picnic	2.00
	July	Picnic	0.50
	July	Picnic	0.50
	July	Picnic	5.00
	July	Picnic	0.50
	July	Picnic	0.30
	July	Picnic	0.30
	July	Picnic	0.30
	August	Picnic	0.70
	August	Picnic	0.70
	August	Picnic	0.80
	August	Picnic	0.50
	August	Picnic	0.35
	September	Cross-country Meet	0.40
	September	Cross-country Meet	0.30
	October	Picnic	0.80
Lake Minnetonka RP		TOTAL	4.18
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.86
	October	Hike & Bike Marathon	0.30
	School-yr	School groups @ visitor center	2.02
Lake Minnetonka Islands		None	-
Murphy-Hanrehan PR		TOTAL	2.82
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.82
Noerenberg Gardens SRF		None	-
North Hennepin RT		TOTAL	3.29
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.99
	September	Hike & Bike Marathon	0.30
North Mississippi RP--Hennepin		None	-
Scott County RT		None	-
Southwest LRT RT-North		TOTAL	2.24
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.24
Southwest LRT RT-South		TOTAL	2.24
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	2.24
East Corridor RT		None	-
Northwest Hennepin RT		None	-

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RAMSEY COUNTY			
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP		TOTAL	15.43
	school yr	School visits @ Tamarack nature center	13.93
	6/25	Midsummer Day's Bike Ride	1.20
	9/9	Final Stretch Race	0.30
Battle Creek RP		TOTAL	10.98
	2/8	Ski Race	0.40
	2/10	Ski Race	0.45
	2/11	Ski Race	0.48
	2/20	Orienteering Club event	0.35
	5/27	Grand Opening of WaterWorks	0.40
	5/20	Picnic	0.30
	6/1	Picnic	0.30
	6/18	Picnic	0.40
	6/24	Picnic	0.40
	6/1	Star of the North Mtn Bike Event	0.40
	7/2	Picnic	0.50
	7/4	Picnic	0.40
	7/15	Picnic	0.50
	8/5	Picnic	0.40
	8/27	Picnic	1.20
	9/2	Picnic	0.40
	9/8	Picnic	0.40
	9/5	Cross Country meet	1.20
	9/22	Cross Country meet	0.40
	9/26	Cross Country meet	0.90
	9/28	Cross Country meet	0.80
Birch Lake RT		None	-
Burlington Northern RT		None	-
Highway 96 RT - All Segments		None	-
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP		TOTAL	3.20
	1/29	Ice Fishing Contest	0.60
	4/29	Paws for People Walk	0.50
	6/25	Midsummer Days Bike Ride	1.40
	8/15	Picnic	0.30
	8/20	Church meeting	0.40
Keller RP		TOTAL	3.30
	6/6	Ski Race	2.00
	7/26	Volleyball Tournament	0.40
	8/19	Waterski event	0.45
	8/20	Waterski event	0.45

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RAMSEY COUNTY: Continued			
Long Lake RP		TOTAL	18.55
	5/13	Picnic	0.40
	5/17	Picnic	0.50
	5/20	Picnic	0.30
	5/25	Picnic	0.40
	5/28	Picnic	0.30
	6/2	Picnic	0.30
	6/3	Picnic	0.30
	6/4	Picnic	0.30
	6/8	Picnic	0.60
	6/9	Picnic	0.40
	6/22	Picnic	0.30
	6/29	Picnic	0.30
	7/8	Wedding	0.30
	7/12	Picnic	0.30
	7/15	Picnic	0.50
	7/16	Picnic	0.30
	7/22	Picnic	0.30
	7/23	Picnic	1.50
	7/29	Picnic	0.30
	8/1	Picnic	0.30
	8/3	Picnic	0.30
	8/11	Stockyard days	0.40
	8/12	Stockyard days	5.00
	8/13	Stockyard days	1.00
	8/19	Picnic	0.35
	9/6	Senior Olympics	0.30
	9/10	Hearing dog society	1.00
	9/23	Picnic	0.30
	9/28	Cross Country Meet	0.40
	9/29	School event	0.60
	10/28	Tri Metro Cross-Country Race	0.70
Rice Creek North RT		None	-
Rice Creek West RT- Ramsey		None	-

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CITY OF ST. PAUL			
Burlington Northern RT		TOTAL	-
Cherokee Heights RP		TOTAL	-
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF		TOTAL	218.77
	Winter	Como downhill Ski (Enterprise facility)	9.40
	1/29-1/30	Winter Carnival Orchid Show	5.65
	1/16	La La Palooza Loppet X-C Ski Race	0.35
	1/27	Music Under Glass	0.34
	1/29	Polar Bear Plunge	1.75
	2/3	Music Under Glass	0.45
	2/3	Music Under Glass	0.36
	2/14	Valentines Night	0.80
	2/19 - 2/27	Rainforest	11.40
	3/16	Music Under Glass	0.47
	4/22	Earth Day 5K Race	6.20
	4/15	Parks Clean Up Celebration	0.30
	4/30	Wonder Walk	0.70
	5/13 - 5/14	Bonsai/Daffodil Show	5.74
	5/6	Conservatory Day	2.00
	5/6	K9 5K Run	1.00
	5/13	Migratory Bird Day	0.50
	5/16	S.P. Police Picnic	2.60
	6/3	West Group Picnic	3.50
	6/11	Archdiocese 150th Anniversary	5.00
	summer	Pops Concert (12 individual concerts counted separately)	8.15
	6/24	Picnic	0.50
	summer	Sunday Park Hymn Sing (7 sing-a-longs counted separately)	3.60
	7/1 - 7/2	Hmong Festival	75.00
	7/5	MN Orchestra Concert	0.95
	summer	Theater in the Park (18 performances, all counted separately)	11.05
	7/12	Picnic	0.50
	7/15	Picnic	1.50
	7/19	Picnic	0.30
	7/23	Picnic	0.40
	7/28	Picnic	0.80
	8/2	Picnic	0.50
	8/6	Picnic	1.20
	8/10	Picnic	0.40
	8/12	Picnic	0.70
	8/20	Japanese Lantern Festival	4.50
	8/25	Billy Graham Evangelical	1.00
		St. Paul Bike Classic (1/3 each in Como, Indian Mounds & Miss Gorge)	2.00
	9/16	Alzheimers Association	4.00
	9/23	Como Pow Wow	1.50
	9/24	Como Pow Wow	1.50
	10/1	Down Syndrome Buddy Walk	0.70
	10/6	School Picnic	0.30
	10/7	Walk for diabetes	0.40
	10/7	JJ Hill Walk	0.50
	10/12	Cross Country race	0.30
	10/21 - 10/29	Zoo Boo	32.92
	10/28	World Under Glass event	0.65
	11/1 - 11/5	Ikebana Flower Show	1.97
	11/11	World Under Glass event	0.67
	11/19	Turkey Run	0.40
	December	Holiday Kingdom	1.40
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP		TOTAL	0.30
	7/22	Canoe Event	0.30
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP		TOTAL	29.50
	9/9	Grand Opening	20.00
	School yr	School group boat rides	9.50

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Indian Mounds RP		TOTAL	3.40
	8/12	Dayton's Bluff Summerfest	1.00
	8/17	Nickelodeon event	0.40
		St. Paul Bike Classic (1/3 each in Como, Indian Mounds & Miss Gorge)	2.00
Mississippi Gorge RP (St. Paul)		TOTAL	21.70
	4/9	13th Annual Brauns Fashion	6.50
	4/29	Get in Gear (half in Mpls.)	3.00
	4/30	March of Dimes Walk America	1.00
	5/6	1999 Melpomene Inst.	1.40
	5/7	Walk for Israel	0.30
	7/29	Great River Roll (1/2 St. Paul)	1.00
	8/26	Lightning Run for diabetes	2.00
		St. Paul Bike Classic (1/3 each in Como, Indian Mounds & Miss Gorge)	2.00
	9/10	United Negro College fund	0.80
	9/9	Twin Cities Marathon (1/3 Harriet, 1/6 Miss Gorge (St. Paul), 1/3 Minn Pkwy)	1.30
	10/8	Marathon for Non-Public Ed. (1/3 Minnehaha RP, 1/3 Miss Gorge - Mpls, 1/3 Miss. Gorge - St. Paul)	2.00
	10/7	St. Paul Cropwalk	0.40
Mississippi River RT- St. Paul		None	-
Phalen RP		TOTAL	9.78
	1/30	Winter Carnival Sleigh Rally	0.75
	2/6	Masters X-C Ski Race	1.50
	2/23	King Boreas X-C Ski Race	0.40
	5/13	Nokomis PTA Walkathon	0.30
	5/31	School Picnic	0.30
	5/31	Picnic	0.30
	6/17	Group Picnic	0.95
	6/25	Picnic	0.30
	7/14	Picnic	0.33
	7/15	Picnic	0.30
	7/22	Triathlon	0.80
	8/2	Clown Day	0.40
	8/19	Picnic	0.30
	8/26	Picnic	0.45
	9/16	Picnic	0.50
	9/22	Walkathon	1.10
	9/23	Walk/Picnic	0.30
	9/23	Ceremonial Fire	0.50
WASHINGTON COUNTY			
Cottage Grove Ravine RP		TOTAL	-
Lake Elmo PR		TOTAL	1.93
	6/13	Picnic	0.33
	6/3	Picnic	0.30
	7/15	Picnic	0.30
	7/16	Picnic	0.30
	7/30	Picnic	0.40
	9/2	Picnic	0.30
Square Lake SRF		TOTAL	0.50
	9/9	Triathlon	0.50
St. Croix Bluffs RP		TOTAL	0.95
	5/27	Picnic	0.35
	7/16	Picnic	0.30
	8/12	Picnic	0.30

Table 3a: Comparison of 1999 and 2000 Total Visitation Estimates

Agency	1999	2000	# change	% change
	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	
Anoka	1,842.8	2,103.5	260.7	14.1%
Bloomington ¹	806.5	982.5	176.0	21.8%
Carver	174.6	175.9	1.3	0.8%
Dakota ²	749.8	689.6	(60.2)	-8.0%
Hennepin (Scott)	3,421.5	3,602.0	180.5	5.3%
Minneapolis ³	15,525.3	14,469.0	(1,056.3)	-6.8%
Ramsey ⁴	1,577.1	1,861.2	284.1	18.0%
St Paul	4,588.4	4,760.9	172.5	3.8%
Washington	586.2	610.3	24.1	4.1%
TOTAL	29,272.2	29,254.9	(17.3)	-0.1%

NOTES FOR TABLE 3a

¹ Bloomington saw a major increase due to the replacement of 1996 data with 2000 data for the four-year average. In 1996, the beach at Bush Lake was under construction. It is now open and is a very popular beach.

² Dakota saw a decline due to the impact of storm closure of Schultz beach for one-half the summer and due to the replacement of 1996 data with 2000 data for Miesville Ravine. In 1996, Miesville Ravine had an unusually large estimate that was a result of six buses bringing visitors during two sample counts.

³ Minneapolis saw a decline at Minnehaha Parkway, the majority of which was under construction in 2000; and at Minnehaha RP and Mississippi Gorge RP, both of which were affected by the road closures and road work from construction of Hwy 55.

⁴ Ramsey saw an increase due to the opening of the WaterWorks water park in Battle Creek RP, and increased visitation at Snail Lake RP.

Table 3b: Comparison of 1999 and 2000 Park vs. Trail Visitation Estimates

	1999	2000	# change	% change	% of all visits in 2000
	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>		
Trail Visits ¹	9271.4	8724.8	-546.6	-5.9%	30%
Park/Reserve Visits	20000.6	20530.2	529.6	2.6%	70%

NOTES FOR TABLE 3b

Note: About 80 % of all visits to the Mpls Chain of Lakes RP are trail visits. However, the above trail totals do not include those trail visits. Mississippi Gorge is more similar to a parkway than a regional park, so visits to that park are included under the trail total visits. If Mpls Chain of Lakes trail visits were included in the trail total, about 48 % of all regional system visits are trail visits.

¹ The majority of the decline in visits on trails is explained by the decreases in visitation to Minnehaha Parkway and Mississippi Gorge due to Hwy 55 construction.

Table 4: Most Visited Regional Parks and Trails in 2000

Rank	Park/trail	Agency	2000 Visitation (1,000's)
1	Mpls. Chain-of-Lakes RP	MPRB	5,549.6
2	Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF ¹	St. Paul	2,677.9
3	Mississippi Gorge RP	MPRB/St. Paul	2,491.9
4	Minnehaha Parkway RT	MPRB	2,395.3
5	Hyland/Bush/Anderson Lake PR	SHRPD/Bloomington	1,530.7
6	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	MPRB	1,255.8
7	Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	MPRB	944.2
8	Minnehaha RP	MPRB	761.6
9	Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	MPRB	760.8
10	Phalen/Keller RP	St. Paul/Ramsey	705.0
11	Bunker Hills RP	Anoka	541.3
12	Cedar Lake RT	MPRB	488.8
13	Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	Ramsey	472.7
14	Clifton E. French RP	SHRPD	433.6
15	Morris T. Baker PR	SHRPD	429.8
Total			21,438.9
Percent of 2000 Visitation			73.3%

¹ See Table 4B for specific visitation estimates for Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF

Table 4a: Urban Parks Visitation

Agency	2000 Visitation (1,000's)
Minneapolis Parks Total	14,469.0
St. Paul Parks Total	4,751.5
Urban Total	19,220.5
Urban Percentage of 2000 visitation	65.7%

Table 4B: Como Visitation - Park and Zoo/Conservatory SRF

Park Unit	2000 Visitation (1,000's)	%
Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF ²	2,158.4	80.6%
Como Park	519.5	19.4%
Como Total	2,677.9	100.0%

² Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF estimates are based on visitor interviews conducted in 1998 (see Metropolitan Council Publication #78-99-032). That data indicated that 80.6 % of all Como visitors were primarily visiting the Zoo & Conservatory. Please note that these are estimates and that Zoo/Conservatory SRF visitors could possibly use Como RP for secondary activities during their visit. Since the SRF is within the regional park, it is possible to determine the visits to the SRF, but it is not possible to determine visits that were exclusive to Como RP.

Table 5: 2000 Visitation Estimates by Agency for O & M Purposes

Agency	2000 Visitation (1,000's)	% of total
Anoka	2,103.5	7.2%
Bloomington	982.5	3.4%
Carver	175.9	0.6%
Dakota	689.6	2.4%
Hennepin	3,473.4	11.9%
Minneapolis	14,469.0	49.7%
Ramsey	1,861.2	6.4%
St Paul	4,751.5	16.3%
Washington	610.3	2.1%
TOTAL	29,116.9	

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

Table 6: Regional Parks, Park Reserves, Regional Trails and Special Recreation Features Open for Public Use in 2000

<u>Regional Parks</u>		<u>Park Agency</u>	<u>Regional Trails</u>		<u>Park Agency</u>
1	Anoka Co. Riverfront RP	Anoka Co.	1	Mississippi River RT (Anoka Co.)	Anoka Co.
2	Bunker Hills RP	Anoka Co.	2	Rice Creek N. RT	Anoka Co./Ramsey Co.
3	Lake George RP	Anoka Co.	3	Rice Creek W. RT	Anoka Co./Ramsey Co.
4	Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	Anoka Co.	4	Big Rivers RT	Dakota Co.
5	Rum River RP	Anoka Co.	5	Mississippi River (Dakota)	Dakota Co.
6	Coon Rapids Dam RP	Anoka Co./Hennepin Parks	6	East Medicine Lake RT	Hennepin Parks
7	Baylor RP	Carver Co.	7	North Hennepin RT	Hennepin Parks
8	Lake Minnewashta RP	Carver Co.	8	Scott Co. RT	Hennepin Parks
9	Lake Byllesby RP	Dakota Co.	9	Southwest LRT RT-North	Hennepin Parks
10	Lebanon Hills RP	Dakota Co.	10	Southwest LRT RT-South	Hennepin Parks
11	Bryant Lake RP	Hennepin Parks	11	Cedar Lake RT	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.
12	Clifton E. French RP	Hennepin Parks	12	Minnehaha Parkway RT	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.
13	Fish Lake RP	Hennepin Parks	13	Wirth Memorial Pkwy. RT	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.
14	Lake Minnetonka Islands	Hennepin Parks	14	Birch Lake RT	Ramsey Co.
15	Lake Minnetonka RP	Hennepin Parks	15	Hwy 96 RT - Shoreview	Ramsey Co.
16	Clary Lake RP	Hennepin Parks/Scott Co.	16	Hwy 96 RT - White Bear	Ramsey Co.
17	Central Miss. Riverfront RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	17	Burlington Northern RT	Ramsey Co./St. Paul
18	Minnehaha RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	18	Mississippi River RT (St. Paul)	St. Paul
19	Mpls. Chain-of-Lakes RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	19	Central Anoka RT	Anoka
20	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	20	East Hennepin Corridor RT	Hennepin Parks
21	Theodore Wirth RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd.	21	Northwest Hennepin RT	Hennepin Parks
22	North Mississippi RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd./Hennepin Parks	<u>Special Recreation Features</u>		
23	Mississippi Gorge RP	Mpls. Park & Rec. Bd./St. Paul	1	Noerenberg Gardens SRF	Hennepin Parks
24	Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	Ramsey Co.	2	Como Conservatory	St. Paul
25	Long Lake RP	Ramsey Co.	3	Como Zoo	St. Paul
26	Snail Lake (Grass-Vadnais-Snail) RP	Ramsey Co.	4	Square Lake SRF	Washington Co.
27	Battle Creek & Indian Mounds RP	Ramsey Co./St. Paul	68 TOTAL UNITS		
28	Harriet Island-Lilydale & Cherokee Heights RP	St. Paul			
29	Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	St. Paul			
30	Phalen-Keller RP	St. Paul/Ramsey Co.			
31	Cottage Grove Ravine RP	Washington Co.			
32	St. Croix Bluffs RP	Washington Co.			
<u>Park Reserves</u>					
1	Rice Creek Chain-of-Lakes PR	Anoka Co.			
2	Miesville Ravine PR	Dakota Co.			
3	Spring Lake PR	Dakota Co.			
4	Baker PR	Hennepin Parks			
5	Carver PR	Hennepin Parks			
6	Crow-Hassan PR	Hennepin Parks			
7	Elm Creek PR	Hennepin Parks			
8	Lake Rebecca PR	Hennepin Parks			
9	Hyland-Bush-Anderson L. PR	Hennepin Parks/Bloomington			
10	Murphy-Hanrehan PR	Hennepin Parks/Scott Co.			
11	Lake Elmo PR	Washington Co.			

Table 7: Comparison of Estimated Visits by Regional Park Agency: 1982, 1988 and 2000

Agency	Estimated Annual Visits (1,000's)			% increase		
	1982	1988	2000	82 to '88	88 to '00	82 to '00
Anoka	376	767	2,103	104%	174%	459%
Bloomington	155	295	983	90%	233%	534%
Carver	30	135	176	351%	30%	486%
Dakota	212	389	690	84%	77%	226%
Hennepin Parks/Scott Co.	1,379	2,087	3,602	51%	73%	161%
Mpls Park & Rec. Board	3,621	5,133	14,469	42%	182%	300%
Ramsey Co.	388	860	1,861	122%	116%	379%
St. Paul	2,197	3,234	4,761	47%	47%	117%
Washington	22	254	610	1052%	141%	2674%
Totals	8,380	13,155	29,255	57%	122%	249%

Note: Over the last 18 years there has been a significant increase in the use of the system during the non-summer months, especially on trails. This is a result of metropolitan area residents using parks and trails for daily exercise programs, which result in increased use across the year, but especially during the warmer months.

Table 8A: Visitor Origin by Agency

Agency	Camping	Day	Total	Number and percent of visits from people who live in the following agency jurisdictions:													TOTAL
				Anoka	Carver	Dakota	Hennepin	Minneapolis	Ramsey	St Paul	Scott	Washington	Other MN	Out of state	Foreign	Bloomington	
Anoka County Total Visitation	20.9	2,082.6	2,103.5	1,132.1	3.2	53.9	281.8	130.2	277.3	68.6	-	45.8	63.7	39.2	7.7	-	2,103.5
Anoka Visitation by Percent	1.0%	99.0%	100.0%	53.8%	0.2%	2.6%	13.4%	6.2%	13.2%	3.3%	< 0.1%	2.2%	3.0%	1.9%	0.4%	< 0.1%	100.0%
City of Bloomington Total Visitation	-	982.5	982.5	15.7	23.6	81.6	288.9	89.4	7.9	15.7	19.7	7.9	11.8	35.4	-	385.2	982.5
Bloomington Visitation by Percent	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	1.6%	2.4%	8.3%	29.4%	9.1%	0.8%	1.6%	2.0%	0.8%	1.2%	3.6%	0.1%	39.2%	100.0%
Carver County Total Visitation	24.8	151.1	175.9	1.4	73.0	2.0	32.5	7.2	1.2	-	6.0	-	48.4	4.2	-	-	175.9
Carver Visitation by Percent	14.1%	85.9%	100.0%	0.8%	41.5%	1.1%	18.5%	4.1%	0.7%	< 0.1%	3.4%	< 0.1%	27.5%	2.4%	0.1%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Dakota County Total Visitation	76.0	613.6	689.6	11.5	-	460.2	27.8	32.6	12.8	38.6	4.8	6.5	39.7	42.9	12.1	-	689.6
Dakota Visitation by Percent	11.0%	89.0%	100.0%	1.7%	< 0.1%	66.7%	4.0%	4.7%	1.9%	5.6%	0.7%	0.9%	5.8%	6.2%	1.8%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Bd Total Visitation	-	14,469.0	14,469.0	79.7	24.0	437.3	2,179.9	10,085.7	119.2	897.5	30.5	56.3	208.5	350.6	-	-	14,469.0
Minneapolis Visitation by Percent	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.6%	0.2%	3.0%	15.1%	69.7%	0.8%	6.2%	0.2%	0.4%	1.4%	2.4%	0.1%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Hennepin Parks Total Visitation	108.1	3,288.4	3,396.5	257.6	140.4	90.6	2,046.0	250.4	47.6	43.8	33.3	18.7	175.5	73.6	5.1	213.9	3,396.5
Hennepin Parks Visitation by Percent	3.2%	96.8%	100.0%	7.6%	4.1%	2.7%	60.2%	7.4%	1.4%	1.3%	1.0%	0.6%	5.2%	2.2%	0.1%	6.3%	100.0%
Scott County Total Visitation	9.8	195.7	205.5	5.5	-	80.0	23.6	1.8	-	-	72.8	-	10.9	10.9	-	-	205.5
Scott Visitation by Percent	4.8%	95.2%	100.0%	2.7%	< 0.1%	38.9%	11.5%	0.9%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	35.4%	< 0.1%	5.3%	5.3%	0.1%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Ramsey County Total Visitation	-	1,861.2	1,861.2	189.2	1.2	36.1	47.0	66.0	920.1	415.6	-	131.3	24.5	29.3	0.8	-	1,861.2
Ramsey Visitation by Percent	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	10.2%	< 0.1%	1.9%	2.5%	3.5%	49.4%	22.3%	< 0.1%	7.1%	1.3%	1.6%	0.0%	< 0.1%	99.93%
City of St. Paul Total Visitation	-	4,760.9	4,760.9	146.9	9.2	290.3	310.4	586.4	552.9	1,677.0	8.5	351.7	382.2	437.2	8.2	-	4,760.9
St. Paul Visitation by Percent	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	3.1%	0.2%	6.1%	6.5%	12.3%	11.6%	35.2%	0.2%	7.4%	8.0%	9.2%	0.2%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Washington County Total Visitation	33.8	576.5	610.3	8.3	2.1	81.3	20.5	14.1	47.3	101.0	1.2	280.0	6.0	47.8	0.6	-	610.3
Washington Visitation by Percent	5.5%	94.5%	100.0%	1.4%	0.3%	13.3%	3.4%	2.3%	7.8%	16.5%	0.2%	45.9%	1.0%	7.8%	0.1%	< 0.1%	100.0%
TOTAL VISITATION	273.4	28,981.5	29,254.9	1,848.0	276.8	1,613.2	5,258.3	11,263.8	1,986.3	3,257.7	176.7	898.1	971.2	1,071.0	34.6	599.1	29,254.9
TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENT	0.9%	99.1%	100.0%	6.3%	0.9%	5.5%	18.0%	38.5%	6.8%	11.1%	0.6%	3.1%	3.3%	3.7%	0.1%	2.0%	100.0%

NOTES:

All visits are listed in units of 1,000

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

Table 8B: Local, Regional, Greater MN and Out-of-state Visitation by Agency

Agency	Number and percent of visits by visitors who live in the following jurisdictions:				
	Total	Local Agency*	Non-local, Regional	Greater MN	Out of State
Anoka County Total visitation	2,103.5	1,132.1	860.8	63.7	46.9
Anoka Visitation by Percent	100.0%	53.8%	40.9%	3.0%	2.2%
City of Bloomington Total Visitation	982.5	385.2	550.2	11.8	35.4
Bloomington Visitation by Percent	100.0%	39.2%	56.0%	1.2%	3.6%
Carver County Total Visitation	175.9	73.0	50.3	48.4	4.2
Carver Visitation by Percent	100.0%	41.5%	28.6%	27.5%	2.4%
Dakota County Total Visitation	689.6	460.2	134.6	39.7	55.0
Dakota Visitation by Percent	100.0%	66.7%	19.5%	5.8%	8.0%
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board Total Visitation	14,469.0	10,085.7	3,824.3	208.5	350.6
Minneapolis Visitation by Percent	100.0%	69.7%	26.4%	1.4%	2.4%
Hennepin Parks Total Visitation	3,396.5	2,046.0	1,096.3	175.5	78.7
Hennepin Parks Visitation by Percent	100.0%	60.2%	32.3%	5.2%	2.3%
Scott County Total Visitation	205.5	72.8	111.0	10.9	10.9
Scott Visitation by Percent	100.0%	35.4%	54.0%	5.3%	5.3%
Ramsey County Total Visitation	1,861.2	920.1	886.5	24.5	30.1
Ramsey Visitation by Percent	100.0%	49.4%	47.6%	1.3%	1.6%
City of St. Paul Total Visitation	4,760.9	1,677.0	2,256.2	382.2	445.4
St. Paul Visitation by Percent	100.0%	35.2%	47.4%	8.0%	9.4%
Washington County Total Visitation	610.3	280.0	275.9	6.0	48.5
Washington Visitation by Percent	100.0%	45.9%	45.2%	1.0%	7.9%
TOTAL VISITATION	29,254.9	17,132.0	10,046.1	971.2	1,105.6
TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENT	100.0%	58.6%	34.3%	3.3%	3.8%

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.

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

Table 9: Top Activities in the Regional Park System

Activity	% of park activity occasions¹	# of park activity occasions	% of trail activity occasions²	# of trail activity occasions	Total # of activity occasions	% of total visits
Walking/hiking	29.8%	6118.0	38.7%	3,588.0	9,706.0	33%
Biking	12.9%	2648.4	31.3%	2,901.9	5,550.3	19%
Swimming/wading	21.4%	4393.5	0.0%	-	4,393.5	15%
Picnicking	16.2%	3325.9	0.0%	-	3,325.9	11%
Relaxing³	15.1%	3100.1	0.0%	-	3,100.1	11%
Jogging/running	6.2%	1272.9	17.3%	1,604.0	2,876.8	10%
Zoo visits	11.0%	2258.3	0.0%	-	2,258.3	8%
Playground use	10.0%	2053.0	0.0%	-	2,053.0	7%
Sunbathing	8.2%	1683.5	0.0%	-	1,683.5	6%
In-line skating	4.3%	882.8	6.5%	602.6	1,485.4	5%
Fishing	5.8%	1190.8	0.0%	-	1,190.8	4%
Dog-walking	0.6%	123.2	5.7%	528.5	651.7	2%

	Regional Parks	Regional Trails	System-wide
2000 system-wide visits			
<i>(in 1,000's of visits)</i>	20,530.2	8,724.8	29,254.9
% of 2000 visits	70.2%	29.8%	

Notes:

Visits and occasions are reported in units of 1,000

¹ Visitors could do more than one activity during their visit to a regional park. Each time they did an activity, it was considered an activity occasion. Consequently, the total number of activity occasions is greater than the actual number of visits.

² For trail visits, visitors were asked to indicate only their primary trail activity. Consequently, each trail activity occasion represents one visit. However, it is believed that most trail visits involved only one activity.

³ "Relaxing" was a general activity on a list of activities that park visitors used to indicate what they did during their park visit. This activity was not specifically defined.

Table 10a: Measuring Park Visitation: Comparison of Visits and Visit-Hours for Year 2000

Agency	Agency	Camping hour multiplier	Camp Visits (1,000's)	Camp Visit Hours (1,000's)	Day Visits: ave. length of stay in hours (1,000's)	Day Visits (1,000's)	Day Visit Hours (1,000's)	VISITS Total (1,000's)	Visit HOURS Total (1,000's)
Anoka	Anoka Co. Riverfront RP	-	-	-	2.4	210.3	504.7	210.3	504.68
Anoka	Bunker Hills RP	9.00	11.8	106.2	3.7	529.5	1,959.1	541.3	2,065.3
Anoka	Coon Rapids Dam RP	-	-	-	2.7	263.7	712.0	263.7	712.0
Anoka	Lake George RP	-	-	-	3.5	182.2	637.6	182.2	637.6
Anoka	Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	9.00	1.5	13.5	3.3	91.6	302.3	93.1	315.8
Anoka	Mississippi River RT	-	-	-	1.3	116.0	150.8	116.0	150.8
Anoka	Rice Creek Chain PR	9.00	7.3	65.7	3.3	174.2	575.0	181.5	640.7
Anoka	Rice Creek N. RT	-	-	-	1.0	84.6	84.6	84.6	84.6
Anoka	Rice Creek W. RT	-	-	-	1.2	289.2	347.0	289.2	347.0
Anoka	Rum River Central RP	-	0.3	-	3.2	33.1	105.9	33.4	105.9
Anoka	Central Anoka RT	-	-	-	1.1	108.3	119.1	108.3	119.1
	Anoka County Total Visitation		20.9	185.4		2,082.6	5,498.0	2,103.5	5,683.4
	Share of Total visitation					7.2%	9.4%	7.2%	9.3%
Bloomington	Bush/Normandale Lake	-	-	-	2	982.5	1,965.1	982.5	1,965.1
						3.4%	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%
Carver	Baylor RP	9.00	24.8	223.4	3.3	37.6	124.1	62.4	347.4
Carver	Lake Waconia	-	-	-	4.2	29.0	121.6	29.0	121.6
Carver	Lake Minnewashta RP	-	-	-	3.5	84.5	295.9	84.5	295.9
	Carver County Total Visitation		24.8	223.4		151.1	541.6	175.9	765.0
						0.5%	0.9%	0.6%	1.3%
Dakota	Big Rivers RT	-	-	-	1.4	105.7	148.0	105.7	148.0
Dakota	Lake Byllesby RP	9.00	20.6	185.4	3.2	65.0	207.9	85.6	393.3
Dakota	Lebanon Hills	10.5	49.0	514.3	2.6	279.9	727.7	328.9	1,242.0
Dakota	Spring Lake PR	9.00	6.4	57.6	3.1	92.4	286.5	98.8	344.1
Dakota	Mississippi River RT	-	-	-	1.3	31.4	40.9	31.4	40.9
Dakota	Miesville Ravine RP	-	-	-	2.7	39.2	105.8	39.2	105.8
	Dakota County Total Visitation		76.0	757.3		613.6	1,516.8	689.6	2,274.1
						2.1%	2.6%	2.4%	3.7%

Table 10a: Measuring Park Visitation: Comparison of Visits and Visit-Hours for Year 2000

Agency	Agency	Camping hour multiplier	Camp Visits (1,000's)	Camp Visit Hours (1,000's)	Day Visits: ave. length of stay in hours (1,000's)	Day Visits (1,000's)	Day Visit Hours (1,000's)	VISITS Total (1,000's)	Visit HOURS Total (1,000's)
Mpls	Cedar Lake RT ⁵	-	-	-	1.3	488.8	635.5	488.8	635.5
Mpls	Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	-	-	-	2.1	760.8	1,597.6	760.8	1,597.6
Mpls	Mpls. Chain-of-Lakes RP	-	-	-	1.4	5,549.6	7,769.4	5,549.6	7,769.4
Mpls	Minnehaha RP	-	-	-	2.0	761.6	1,523.1	761.6	1,523.1
Mpls	Minnehaha Parkway RT	-	-	-	1.4	2,395.3	3,353.4	2,395.3	3,353.4
Mpls	Mississippi Gorge RP - Mpls only	-	-	-	1.3	1,931.6	2,511.1	1,931.6	2,511.1
Mpls	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	-	-	-	1.9	1,255.8	2,386.1	1,255.8	2,386.1
Mpls	North Mississippi RP	-	-	-	1.9	74.8	142.1	74.8	142.1
Mpls	Theodore Wirth RP	-	-	-	3.2	306.5	980.8	306.5	980.8
Mpls	Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	-	-	-	1.3	944.2	1,227.5	944.2	1,227.5
	Minneapolis Park & Rec. Bd Total Visitation					14,469.0	22,126.6	14,469.0	22,126.6
						49.9%	37.8%	49.5%	36.2%
SHRPD	Morris T. Baker PR	9.00	73.9	665.1	4.0	355.9	1,423.6	429.8	2,088.7
SHRPD	Bryant Lake RP	-	-	-	2.9	111.0	322.0	111.0	322.0
SHRPD	Carver PR	9.00	16.4	147.6	2.9	94.4	273.9	110.8	421.5
SHRPD	Clifton E. French RP	-	-	-	2.7	433.6	1,170.7	433.6	1,170.7
SHRPD	Coon Rapids Dam RP-Hennepin	-	-	-	2.7	67.0	180.9	67.0	180.9
SHRPD	Crow-Hassan PR	9.00	6.1	54.9	3.3	16.7	55.3	22.8	110.2
SHRPD	Elm Creek PR	9.00	3.6	32.4	3.8	271.3	1,031.0	274.9	1,063.4
SHRPD	East Medicine Lake RT ⁷	-	-	-	1.7	145.4	247.2	145.4	247.2
SHRPD	Fish Lake RP	-	-	-	2.6	123.2	320.2	123.2	320.2
SHRPD	Hyland Lake PR	9.00	2.4	21.6	3.0	545.7	1,637.2	548.1	1,658.8
SHRPD	Lake Rebecca PR	9.00	5.7	51.3	3.1	138.8	430.2	144.5	481.5
SHRPD	Lake Minnetonka RP	-	-	-	3.1	150.3	465.8	150.3	465.8
SHRPD	Lake Minnetonka Islands	-	-	-	3.1	69.8	216.4	69.8	216.4
SHRPD	Noerenberg Gardens SRF	-	-	-	1.0	52.5	52.5	52.5	52.5
SHRPD	North Hennepin RT	-	-	-	1.7	277.0	470.9	277.0	470.9
SHRPD	North Mississippi RP	-	-	-	3.1	28.8	89.1	28.8	89.1
SHRPD	Southwest LRT RT-North	-	-	-	1.8	191.1	344.0	191.1	344.0
SHRPD	Southwest LRT RT-South	-	-	-	1.5	134.2	201.4	134.2	201.4
SHRPD	East Corridor RT	-	-	-	1.8	72.0	129.6	72.0	129.6
SHRPD	Northwest Hennepin RT	-	-	-	1.8	9.7	17.5	9.7	17.5
	Hennepin Parks Total Visitation		108.1	972.9		3,286.4	9,079.1	3,396.5	10,052.0
						11.3%	15.5%	11.6%	16.5%

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Agency	Agency	Camping hour multiplier	Camp Visits (1,000's)	Camp Visit Hours (1,000's)	Day Visits: ave. length of stay in hours (1,000's)	Day Visits (1,000's)	Day Visit Hours (1,000's)	VISITS Total (1,000's)	Visit HOURS Total (1,000's)
Scott	Cleary Lake RP	9.00	9.8	88.2	3.8	123.7	470.2	133.5	558.4
Scott	Murphy-Hanrehan PR	-	-	-	3.3	34.6	114.1	34.6	114.1
Scott	Scott County RT	-	-	-	1.6	37.4	59.9	37.4	59.9
	Scott County Total Visitation		9.8	88.2		195.7	644.2	205.5	732.4
						0.7%	1.1%	0.7%	1.2%
Ramsey	Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	-	-	-	3.4	82.2	279.6	82.2	279.6
Ramsey	Battle Creek RP	-	-	-	1.8	308.5	555.3	308.5	555.3
Ramsey	Birch Lake RT	-	-	-	0.9	72.3	65.1	72.3	65.1
Ramsey	Burlington Northern RT - Ramsey only	-	-	-	1.4	48.9	68.4	48.9	68.4
Ramsey	Highway 96 RT - all segments	-	-	-	0.9	170.0	153.0	170.0	153.0
Ramsey	Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	-	-	-	2.6	472.7	1,229.1	472.7	1,229.1
Ramsey	Keller RP	-	-	-	2.6	205.4	534.0	205.4	534.0
Ramsey	Long Lake RP	-	-	-	2.6	271.8	706.8	271.8	706.8
Ramsey	Rice Creek North RT	-	-	-	1.0	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9
Ramsey	Rice Creek West RT- Ramsey only	-	-	-	1.2	114.6	137.5	114.6	137.5
	Ramsey County Total Visitation		-	-		1,861.2	3,843.5	1,861.2	3,843.5
						6.4%	6.6%	6.4%	6.3%
St Paul	Burlington Northern RT - St. Paul only	-	-	-	1.4	96.3	134.8	96.3	134.8
St Paul	Cherokee Heights RP	-	-	-	1.8	180.3	324.6	180.3	324.6
St Paul	Como Park (non-zoo)	-	-	-	2.4	519.5	1,246.8	519.5	1,246.8
St Paul	Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF	-	-	-	2.9	2,158.4	6,259.2	2,158.4	6,259.2
St Paul	Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	-	-	-	2.1	229.7	482.3	229.7	482.3
St Paul	Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	-	-	-	1.8	216.8	390.3	216.8	390.3
St Paul	Indian Mounds RP ^A	-	-	-	1.8	114.4	206.0	114.4	206.0
St Paul	Mississippi Gorge RP - St. Paul only	-	-	-	1.3	560.2	728.3	560.2	728.3
St Paul	Mississippi River RT- St. Paul	-	-	-	1.3	185.7	241.4	185.7	241.4
St Paul	Phalen RP	-	-	-	2.6	499.6	1,298.9	499.6	1,298.9
	City of St. Paul Total Visitation		-	-		4,760.9	11,312.5	4,760.9	11,312.5
						16.4%	19.3%	16.3%	18.5%

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Agency	Agency	Camping hour multiplier	Camp Visits (1,000's)	Camp Visit Hours (1,000's)	Day Visits: ave. length of stay in hours (1,000's)	Day Visits (1,000's)	Day Visit Hours (1,000's)	VISITS Total (1,000's)	Visit HOURS Total (1,000's)
Washington	Cottage Grove Ravine RP		-	-	1.2	20.1	24.1	20.1	24.1
Washington	Lake Elmo PR	10.00	25.3	253.0	3.3	373.1	1,231.1	398.4	1,484.1
Washington	Square Lake SRF		-	-	3.3	77.0	254.0	77.0	254.0
Washington	St. Croix Bluffs RP	9.60	8.5	81.6	4.4	106.3	467.8	114.8	549.4
	Washington County Total Visitation		33.8	334.6		576.5	1,977.1	610.3	2,311.7
						2.0%	3.4%	2.1%	3.8%
	TOTAL VISITATION		273.4	2,561.7		28,981.5	58,504.6	29,254.9	61,066.3

Note: visitors hours were computed from average length of stay for day visits for individual parks. For Bloomington, average length of stay was adjusted from 3 hours (determined by surveys of beach/picnic area users) to 2 hours to reflect the trail use around Normandale Lake. For Minneapolis Chain of Lakes, average length of stay was adjusted from 1.2 (trail users average visit length) to 1.4 hours to reflect use of non-trail facilities. Noerenberg Gardens had too few cases to determine average length of stay - for that park it was estimated to be 1 hour. There is no length of visit data for a few other parks and trails. In those cases, either the agency average or data from a similar park/trail was used. All length of stay and camping data is from the 1998/99 Regional Parks Visitor Study. For further information on those studies, please refer to Council Publications # 78-99-032 & #78-00-042.

Note: How Camping visit-hours were determined:

Each camping visit is a camping day, and assigned a value of 12 visit-hours. However, the first and last days of a visit are assigned a value of 6 visit-hours each to reflect the time on those days not spent in the park. Consequently, you can not simply multiply total camp visits by 12 to get the total camp hours - they need to be adjusted for the 1st & last days. The adjustment is based on the rounded average length of stay for campers for each individual park.

To determine the visit-hour multiplier, the following formulas are used:

Initial visit hours = (rounded average length of stay) * 12 - 12)

Note: length of stay for campers is initially measured in whole days, so an average length of stay of 3.7 days must be rounded to 4 days. Likewise, an average length of stay of 6.3 days is rounded down to 6 days.

Visit hour multiplier = (Initial visit hours) / (rounded average length of stay)

Note - the multiplier must be divided by the rounded average length of stay because the total camp visits already includes the # of days each camper is in the park

Total camp visit hours = (visit hour multiplier) * (total camp visits)

Table 10b: Visitor Hours by Origin

Agency	Total visitor hours for 2000	Number and percent of visit hours from people who live in the following agency jurisdictions:													TOTAL
		Anoka	Carver	Dakota	Hennepin	Minneapolis	Ramsey	St Paul	Scott	Washington	Other MN	Out of state	Foreign	Bloomington	
Anoka County Total Visitation	5,683.4	3,125.6	12.0	174.6	832.0	330.1	487.8	201.4	-	153.5	214.6	126.5	25.3	-	5,683.4
Anoka Visitation by Percent	100.0%	55.0%	0.2%	3.1%	14.6%	5.8%	8.6%	3.5%	< 0.1%	2.7%	3.8%	2.2%	0.4%	< 0.1%	100.0%
City of Bloomington Total Visitation	1,965.1	31.4	47.2	163.1	577.7	178.8	15.7	31.4	39.3	15.7	23.6	70.7	-	770.3	1,965.1
Bloomington Visitation by Percent	100.0%	1.6%	2.4%	8.3%	29.4%	9.1%	0.8%	1.6%	2.0%	0.8%	1.2%	3.6%	< 0.1%	39.2%	100.0%
Carver County Total Visitation	765.0	5.0	337.2	11.5	134.8	31.4	6.8	-	22.2	-	196.9	19.2	-	-	765.0
Carver Visitation by Percent	100.0%	0.7%	44.1%	1.5%	17.6%	4.1%	0.9%	< 0.1%	2.9%	< 0.1%	25.7%	2.5%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Dakota County Total Visitation	2,274.1	39.6	-	1,283.4	79.1	90.3	33.6	74.8	25.5	17.8	182.5	342.6	104.9	-	2,274.1
Dakota Visitation by Percent	100.0%	1.7%	< 0.1%	56.4%	3.5%	4.0%	1.5%	3.3%	1.1%	0.8%	8.0%	15.1%	4.6%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Bd Total Visitation	22,126.6	141.7	41.4	733.7	3,295.1	15,208.2	214.1	1,340.1	43.7	99.0	361.8	647.6	-	-	22,126.6
Minneapolis Visitation by Percent	100.0%	0.6%	0.2%	3.3%	14.9%	68.7%	1.0%	6.1%	0.2%	0.4%	1.6%	2.9%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Hennepin Parks Total Visitation	10,052.0	728.9	439.2	333.1	5,675.1	785.7	140.4	134.3	121.3	58.1	615.6	362.9	15.6	641.8	10,052.0
Hennepin Parks Visitation by Percent	100.0%	7.3%	4.4%	3.3%	56.5%	7.8%	1.4%	1.3%	1.2%	0.6%	6.1%	3.6%	0.2%	6.4%	100.0%
Scott County Total Visitation	732.4	19.8	-	284.9	84.2	6.6	-	-	259.3	-	38.8	38.8	-	-	732.4
Scott Visitation by Percent	100.0%	2.7%	< 0.1%	38.9%	11.5%	0.9%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	35.4%	< 0.1%	5.3%	5.3%	< 0.1%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Ramsey County Total Visitation	3,843.5	406.5	1.1	83.0	96.0	139.6	1,753.7	954.7	-	281.3	57.3	68.2	2.1	-	3,843.5
Ramsey Visitation by Percent	100.0%	10.6%	< 0.1%	2.2%	2.5%	3.6%	45.6%	24.8%	< 0.1%	7.3%	1.5%	1.8%	0.1%	< 0.1%	99.97%
City of St. Paul Total Visitation	11,312.5	414.7	26.3	637.6	785.6	1,156.0	1,394.3	3,614.6	16.5	926.5	1,087.0	1,237.4	16.1	-	11,312.5
St. Paul Visitation by Percent	100.0%	3.7%	0.2%	5.6%	6.9%	10.2%	12.3%	32.0%	0.1%	8.2%	9.6%	10.9%	0.1%	< 0.1%	100.0%
Washington County Total Visitation	2,311.7	35.7	9.4	325.0	83.0	53.5	172.3	386.1	8.7	985.3	43.6	206.4	2.8	-	2,311.7
Washington Visitation by Percent	100.0%	1.5%	0.4%	14.1%	3.6%	2.3%	7.5%	16.7%	0.4%	42.6%	1.9%	8.9%	0.1%	< 0.1%	100.0%
TOTAL VISITATION	61,066.3	4,948.9	913.7	4,029.9	11,642.6	17,980.1	4,218.7	6,737.5	536.5	2,537.2	2,821.8	3,120.4	166.9	1,412.1	61,066.3
TOTAL VISITATION by PERCENT	100.0%	8.1%	1.5%	6.6%	19.1%	29.4%	6.9%	11.0%	0.9%	4.2%	4.6%	5.1%	0.3%	2.3%	100.0%

NOTES:

All visit hours are listed in units of 1,000

Local Visit Hours are defined as visit hours 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 Regional Park Visitor Study performed by the Metropolitan Council in 1998 & 1999. For more information, please refer to Council Publication #'s 78-99-032 & 78-99-042