

# **Annual Use Estimate of the Metropolitan Regional Parks System for 2006**

**Based on a four-year average of visitation  
data from 2003 through 2006**

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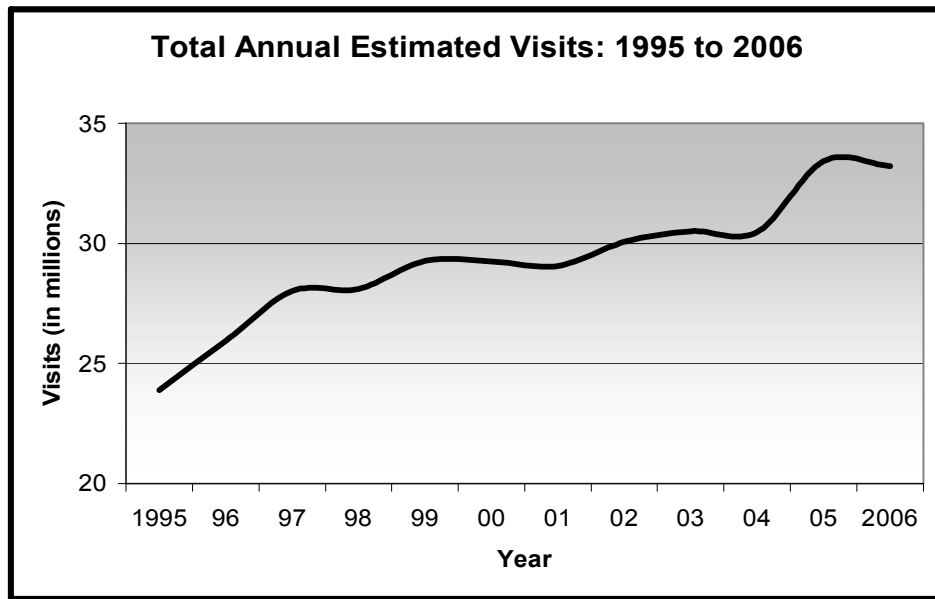
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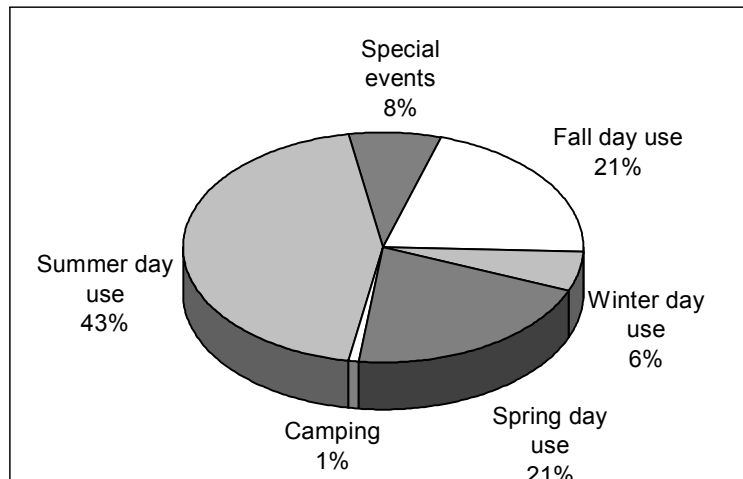
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## Executive Summary

- An estimated **33,171,200 visits** were made to the Metropolitan Regional Parks System in 2006. Visitation experienced a decrease of 0.8 percent, or about 265,800 visits, from the 2005 estimate. Visitation estimates for 2005 indicated an unprecedented increase of 9.6 percent, or approximately 2.9 million visits, from 2004. The modest decrease in visitor use can partially be attributed to the impacts of seasonal weather, including the lack of snow in 2006 which impacted winter recreational activities.
- Estimated annual visits have increased 39 percent since 1995, when visits were estimated at 23.9 million. A total of 82 park and trail units were sampled in 2006 compared to 68 units sampled in 2000, and 54 in 1995.



- 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 2006 were:

<b>Park/Reserve/Trail</b>	<b>2006 Visits</b>
1. Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park	5,549,300
2. Como Regional Park, Zoo and Conservatory Special Recreation Feature	2,375,000
3. Mississippi Gorge Regional Park ( <i>Minneapolis and St. Paul</i> )	2,035,700
4. Minnehaha Parkway Regional Park	1,713,100
5. Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park	1,370,100

- Fifty-nine 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 more park and trail facilities and population growth occurring outside these two cities.
- Twenty-two percent of all visits in 2006 were to regional trails and 78 percent were visits to regional parks, park reserves and special recreation features. Although Minneapolis Chain of Lakes and Mississippi Gorge are regional parks, the majority of visits to these parks include trail use. When trail visits to these parks are included in the total trail visit calculations, 42 percent of all 2006 visits are to trails.
- Walking is the top activity in the regional parks system (34 percent of all visits involved walking as an activity), followed by biking (19 percent), swimming (17 percent) and picnicking (13 percent) based on data collected in 1998-99 in the Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails Study

## Acknowledgements

The Metropolitan Regional Parks System is owned and managed by 10 county, special park district or city implementing agencies. Each agency is responsible for conducting the annual counts for their Regional Parks System units. Over 3,400 staff hours across agencies were put into the annual use sample counts for 2006, along with significant amounts of staff training and oversight. Without the help of the implementing agencies, the annual use estimate would not be possible. The agencies and their count supervisors for 2006 are:

Anoka County – Jeff Perry

City of Bloomington – Mark Morrison

Carver County – Lenny Schmitz

Dakota County – Doug Gross

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board – Jennifer Ringold

Ramsey County – Jody Yungers

City of Saint Paul – Karen Clark

Scott County – Patricia Freeman

Three Rivers Park District – Jon Nauman

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## Introduction

The Metropolitan Regional Parks System that was sampled for this estimate in 2006 encompassed approximately 52,300 acres of parkland and included 37 regional parks, 12 park reserves, 6 special recreation features and 27 regional trails. These park/trail units are owned and operated by 10 implementing agencies – counties, special park districts and cities. The 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

In 2006, three trails were newly included in the Regional Parks System. The trails were added to the regional system by legislation in order to distribute state funding to partially finance the Regional Parks System's operations and maintenance costs. These trails are Columbia Parkway, Ridgeway Parkway and St. Anthony Parkway in Minneapolis.

**33,171,200**

Visits to the  
Regional Park  
System in 2006

The Trout Brook Regional Trail in Ramsey County was added to the Regional Park System as part of the 2005 System Plan Update. Counts for this trail were first conducted in 2006.

Additionally, Three Rivers Park District renamed its trails in 2006, and split the North Hennepin Regional Trail and the East Medicine Lake Regional Trail into two segments each. Therefore, there were 28 regional trails sampled in 2006, compared to 22 in 2005.

This report presents annual use estimates for 83 units sampled in the Regional Parks System from data collected in 2003 through 2006. 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 (2003 – 2006) of summer counts of bikers, pedestrians, horse-riders, boats, vehicles and charter buses that enter the park through recognized park entrances. People in vehicles and buses are not counted individually. To determine the number of people entering in vehicles or buses, a person-per-vehicle average is multiplied by the number of vehicles or buses in each sample count. The person-per-vehicle averages come from the 1998 Regional Parks Visitor Study.

Counts are taken in two-hour samples between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Two-hour samples begin at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. The entrances and times are randomly chosen, with the samples split evenly between weekdays and weekends. To accurately estimate summer use, at least 25 samples on weekends and 25 samples on weekdays in each park and trail are necessary, but it is cost-prohibitive to do 50 samples per park and trail every year. Consequently, the samples for the current year and the three previous years are combined to determine the annual use for each park and trail. For each year, at least 16 samples are drawn for each park and trail. The four-year approach results in a minimum of 32 samples on weekends and 32 samples on weekdays, which meets the statistical requirements for estimated visits.

**52,300**  
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. Consequently, it is believed that the four-year average has negligible effects when comparing visitation across agencies.

Summer visitation is calculated by taking the total number of people entering the park during each sample and multiplying it by the number of entrances and time slots that sample represents. Winter, spring and fall seasonal visitation estimates are then calculated from the summer visitation using seasonal multipliers developed from the 1998/99 regional park and trail visitor studies done by the Metropolitan Council. Camping visits are also added to the annual estimate. A camping visit is defined as a camper in the park for any part of a day, so a family of four who camped one night would be counted as 8 total visits. Special events are also added to the annual use estimate when the attendance was greater than 300 people for the event and did not take place during the sample counts. If sample counts occurred during a special event, they were not included in the estimate. Camping and special event data are not averaged across four years since the implementing agencies have records reflecting those types of visits on an annual basis.

- 37** Regional Parks
- 12** Park Reserves
- 6** Special Recreation Features
- 28** Regional Trails



# Table 1: 2006 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)	Camping (1,000's)	Special Events (1,000's)		
<b>ANOKA COUNTY:</b>									
Anoka Co. Riverfront RP <sup>1</sup>	95.2	0.210	20.0	1.32	125.7	0.0	5.3	246.2	
Bunker Hills RP	333.3	0.062	20.7	0.60	200.0	28.7	67.4	650.0	
Central Anoka RT	23.9	0.267	6.4	1.59	38.0	0.0	0.0	68.2	
Coon Rapids Dam RP	158.3	0.062	9.8	0.60	95.0	0.0	18.5	281.6	
Lake George RP	151.1	0.062	9.4	0.60	90.7	0.0	3.5	254.7	
Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP	62.8	0.062	3.9	0.60	37.7	2.8	3.3	110.5	
Mississippi River RT	26.4	0.267	7.1	1.59	42.0	0.0	0.0	75.5	
Rice Creek Chain PR	170.0	0.062	10.5	0.60	102.0	32.0	12.2	326.7	
Rice Creek N. RT	25.2	0.267	6.7	1.59	40.0	0.0	0.0	71.9	
Rice Creek W. RT	117.3	0.267	31.3	1.59	186.5	0.0	0.0	335.2	
Rum River Central RP	35.0	0.062	2.2	0.60	21.0	0.3	0.4	58.9	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	1,005.7		76.4		672.0	63.8	110.7	1,928.6	
RT subtotals	192.8		51.5		306.5	0.0	0.0	550.8	
Subtotal:	1,198.5		127.9		978.5	63.8	110.7	2,479.4	2,479.4

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<b>BLOOMINGTON:</b>									
Bush and Normandale Lakes RP	310.1	0.062	19.2	0.60	186.0	0.0	46.1	561.4	
Subtotal:	310.1		19.2		186.0	0.0	46.1	561.4	561.4

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<b>CARVER COUNTY:</b>									
Baylor RP	22.7	0.062	1.4	0.60	13.6	29.2	3.9	70.8	
Lake Minnewashta RP	49.8	0.062	3.1	0.60	29.9	0.0	3.9	86.7	
Lake Waconia RP	54.4	0.000	0.0	0.60	32.6	0.0	7.0	94.0	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	126.9		4.5		76.1	29.2	14.8	251.5	
RT subtotals	0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Subtotal:	126.9		4.5		76.1	29.2	14.8	251.5	251.5

**Notes:**

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

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<b>DAKOTA COUNTY:</b>									
Big Rivers RT	46.9	0.267	12.5	1.59	74.5	0.0	0.0	133.9	
Lake Byllesby RP	44.2	0.062	2.7	0.60	26.5	16.6	0.0	90.1	
Lebanon Hills RP	231.8	0.062	14.4	0.60	139.1	29.9	45.5	460.8	
Miesville Ravine PR	9.5	0.000	0.0	0.60	5.7	0.0	0.0	15.2	
Mississippi River RT	7.6	0.267	2.0	1.59	12.1	0.0	0.0	21.8	
Spring Lake PR	61.1	0.062	3.8	0.60	36.7	0.0	7.4	109.0	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	346.7		20.9		208.0	46.5	52.9	675.0	
RT subtotals	54.5		14.6		86.7	0.0	0.0	155.7	
Subtotal:	401.2		35.5		294.7	46.5	52.9	830.8	830.8

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<b>MPLS. PARK &amp; RECREATION BOARD:</b>									
Cedar Lake RT	122.2	0.267	32.6	1.59	194.3	0.0	0.0	349.0	
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	516.6	0.062	32.0	0.60	310.0	0.0	285.5	1,144.2	
Columbia Parkway RT <sup>A</sup>	30.3	0.267	8.1	1.59	48.3	0.0	0.0	86.7	
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP <sup>1</sup>	2,019.9	0.226	456.5	1.39	2,807.7	0.0	265.1	5,549.3	
Minnehaha Parkway RT	531.4	0.267	141.9	1.59	845.0	0.0	194.8	1,713.1	
Minnehaha RP	462.4	0.062	28.7	0.60	277.4	0.0	13.5	782.0	
Mississippi Gorge RP	394.9	0.267	105.4	1.59	627.8	0.0	11.0	1,139.1	
Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	704.6	0.062	43.7	0.60	422.8	0.0	199.1	1,370.1	
North Mississippi RP	123.0	0.062	7.6	0.60	73.8	0.0	0.0	204.4	
Ridgeway Parkway RT <sup>A</sup>	10.9	0.267	2.9	1.59	17.3	0.0	0.0	31.0	
St. Anthony Parkway RT <sup>A</sup>	31.8	0.267	8.5	1.59	50.5	0.0	0.0	90.7	
Theodore Wirth RP	242.6	0.062	15.0	0.60	145.6	0.0	39.5	442.7	
Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	341.4	0.267	91.2	1.59	542.9	0.0	4.1	979.6	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	4,464.1		689.0		4,665.1	0.0	813.6	10,631.8	
RT subtotals	1,068.0		285.2		1,698.1	0.0	198.9	3,250.2	
Subtotal:	5,532.1		974.1		6,363.2	0.0	1,012.5	13,881.9	13,881.9

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<b>RAMSEY COUNTY</b>									
Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP	82.8	0.062	5.1	0.60	49.7	0.0	27.1	164.6	
Battle Creek RP	303.5	0.062	18.8	0.60	182.1	0.0	14.4	518.8	
Birch Lake RT	27.8	0.267	7.4	1.59	44.3	0.0	0.0	79.6	
Bruce Vento RT	58.5	0.267	15.6	1.59	93.0	0.0	0.0	167.1	
Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP	266.2	0.062	16.5	0.60	159.7	0.0	9.0	451.5	
Highway 96 RT	66.9	0.267	17.9	1.59	106.3	0.0	0.0	191.1	
Keller RP	206.1	0.062	12.8	0.60	123.7	0.0	0.7	343.3	
Long Lake RP	231.4	0.062	14.3	0.60	138.8	0.0	20.3	404.8	
Rice Creek North RT	40.7	0.267	10.9	1.59	64.8	0.0	0.0	116.4	
Rice Creek West RT	38.2	0.267	10.2	1.59	60.8	0.0	0.0	109.2	
Tony Schmidt RP <sup>B</sup> (added in 2005)	162.3	0.062	10.1	0.60	97.4	0.0	2.2	271.9	
Trout Brook RT <sup>A</sup>	16.7	0.267	4.5	1.59	26.6	0.0	0.0	47.8	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	1,252.4		77.6		751.4	0.0	73.6	2,155.0	
RT subtotals	248.9		66.5		395.8	0.0	0.0	711.2	
Subtotal:	1,501.3		144.1		1,147.2	0.0	73.6	2,866.1	2,866.1

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<b>CITY OF ST. PAUL</b>									
Bruce Vento RT	41.6	0.267	11.1	1.59	66.1	0.0	1.0	119.7	
Cherokee Heights RP	96.0	0.062	5.9	0.60	57.6	0.0	0.0	159.5	Downhill Ski
Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	1,308.4	0.062	81.1	0.60	785.0	0.0	200.4	2,375.0	-2.0
Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP	175.2	0.062	10.9	0.60	105.1	0.0	3.9	295.1	
Indian Mounds RP	82.4	0.062	5.1	0.60	49.5	0.0	1.0	138.0	
Lilydale-Harriet Island RP	281.9	0.062	17.5	0.60	169.2	0.0	532.4	1,001.0	
Mississippi Gorge RP	285.6	0.267	76.3	1.59	454.1	0.0	80.6	896.5	
Phalen RP	399.3	0.062	24.8	0.60	239.6	0.0	21.7	685.3	
Samuel Morgan RT	66.1	0.267	17.7	1.59	105.2	0.0	1.0	189.9	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	2,628.8		221.5		1,860.0	0.0	840.0	5,550.4	
RT subtotals	107.7		28.8		171.2	0.0	2.0	309.7	
Subtotal:	2,736.5		250.3		2,031.2	0.0	842.0	5,860.1	5,858.1

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<b>SCOTT COUNTY</b>													
Scott County RT <sup>3</sup>	23.1		0.3		6.2		1.6		36.7	0.0	0.0	65.9	
Subtotal:	23.1		6.2		36.7							65.9	65.9

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<b>THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT</b>											
Baker PR	145.0	0.062	9.0		0.60		87.0	83.9	13.3	338.1	
Bryant Lake RP	86.7	0.062	5.4		0.60		52.0	0.0	0.2	144.4	
Carver PR	70.1	0.062	4.3		0.60		42.1	15.5	20.1	152.2	
Cedar Lake RT (East Corridor RT) <sup>5</sup>	102.0	0.267	27.2		1.59		162.2	0.0	0.0	291.4	
Clifton French RP	212.8	0.062	13.2		0.60		127.7	0.0	4.5	358.1	
Coon Rapids Dam RP	74.1	0.062	4.6		0.60		44.4	0.0	5.8	128.9	
Crow-Hassan PR	13.0	0.062	0.8		0.60		7.8	4.1	0.8	26.5	
Eagle Lake RP	28.0	0.062	1.7		0.60		16.8	0.0	0.0	46.6	
Elm Creek PR	239.3	0.062	14.8		0.60		143.6	2.9	99.4	500.0	
Elm Creek RT (N Hennepin RT) <sup>5</sup>	212.6	0.267	56.8		1.59		338.1	0.0	0.0	607.4	
Fish Lake RP	52.1	0.062	3.2		0.60		31.3	0.0	0.0	86.6	
Gale Woods SRF	12.8	0.062	0.8		0.60		7.7	0.0	19.9	41.2	Downhill ski
Hyland Lake PR	245.6	0.062	15.2		0.60		147.4	3.6	204.0	615.8	-176.2
Lake Independence RT (NW Hennepin RT) <sup>5</sup>	10.2	0.267	2.7		1.59		16.1	0.0	0.0	29.0	
Lake Minnetonka RP	127.9	0.062	7.9		0.60		76.8	0.0	1.7	214.3	
Lake Minnetonka Islands RP <sup>4</sup>	65.0	n/a	0.0		n/a		0.0	0.0	0.0	65.0	
Lake Minnetonka LRT RT (SW LRT RT-N) <sup>5</sup>	69.5	0.267	18.6		1.59		110.5	0.0	0.8	199.3	
Lake Rebecca PR	72.3	0.062	4.5		0.60		43.4	5.6	15.7	141.4	
Luce Line RT (E Medicine Lake RT) <sup>5</sup>	27.7	0.267	7.4		1.59		44.0	0.0	0.0	79.0	
Medicine Lake RT (E Medicine Lake RT) <sup>5</sup>	109.4	0.267	29.2		1.59		173.9	0.0	0.0	312.4	
Minnesota River Bluffs LRT RT(SW LRT RT-S) <sup>5</sup>	81.3	0.267	21.7		1.59		129.3	0.0	1.0	233.3	
Noerenberg Gardens SRF	35.9	0.000	0.0		0.60		21.6	0.0	0.0	57.5	
North Cedar Lake RT (Hutchinson Spur RT) <sup>5</sup>	123.9	0.267	33.1		1.59		197.0	0.0	0.0	353.9	
North Mississippi RP	31.5	0.062	2.0		0.60		18.9	0.0	4.1	56.4	
Shingle Creek RT (N Hennepin RT) <sup>5</sup>	32.4	0.267	8.7		1.59		51.6	0.0	0.0	92.7	
Silverwood SRF <sup>B</sup>	11.6	0.062	0.7		0.60		7.0	0.0	0.1	19.4	
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	1,523.8		88.2		875.3		115.6	389.7		2,992.5	
RT subtotals	768.9		205.3		1,222.6		0.0	1.8		2,198.6	
Three Rivers PD Subtotal:	2,292.7		293.5		2,097.8		115.6	391.5		5,191.1	5,014.9

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<sup>3</sup> In 2005, Scott County took over management of Scott County Regional Trail, Spring Lake Regional Park and Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park from Three Rivers District. Spring Lake and Doyle-Kennefick Regional Parks were undeveloped in 2005 so no use counts were taken.

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

<sup>5</sup> Three Rivers Park District adopted new names for its trails in 2006. The former trail names are indicated in parentheses.

<sup>B</sup> 2nd year sampled

# Table 1: 2006 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)		
<b>THREE RIVERS - SCOTT COUNTY</b>										
Cleary Lake RP	116.0	0.062	7.2	0.60	69.6	10.7	1.3	204.8		
Murphy-Hanrehan PR	16.7	0.062	1.0	0.60	10.0	0.2	1.1	29.0		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	132.8		8.2		79.7	10.9	2.4	233.9		
RT subtotals	0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Three Rivers - Scott Subtotal:	132.8		8.2		79.7	10.9	2.4	233.9		233.9
<b>Three Rivers TOTAL</b>	<b>2,425.4</b>		<b>301.7</b>		<b>2,177.5</b>	<b>126.5</b>	<b>393.8</b>	<b>5,424.9</b>		<b>5,248.7</b>

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)		
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>										
Big Marine PR <sup>B</sup>	12.9	0.062	0.8	0.60	7.7	0.0	0.0	21.4		
Cottage Grove Ravine RP	20.1	0.062	1.2	0.60	12.1	0.0	0.4	33.8		
Hardwood Creek RT	53.7	0.267	14.3	1.59	85.3	0.0	2.5	155.8		
Lake Elmo PR	233.0	0.062	14.4	0.60	139.8	29.8	13.1	430.2		
Pine Point RP <sup>B</sup> (added in 2005)	71.7	0.062	4.4	0.60	43.0	0.0	3.6	122.7		
Square Lake SRF	36.2	0.000	0.0	0.60	21.7	0.0	7.5	65.5		
St. Croix Bluffs RP	58.0	0.062	3.6	0.60	34.8	14.9	8.5	119.9		
RP/PR/SRF subtotals	432.0		24.5		259.2	44.7	33.0	793.4		
RT subtotals	53.7		14.3		85.3	0.0	2.5	155.8		
Subtotal:	485.6		38.9		344.5	44.7	35.5	949.3		949.3

## 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	12,223.1		1,230.2		9,632.8	310.7	2,376.7	25,773.6		
RT subtotals	2,517.5		672.2		4,002.8	0.0	205.2	7,397.7		
<b>REGIONAL TOTALS</b>	<b>14,740.6</b>		<b>1,902.4</b>		<b>13,635.6</b>	<b>310.7</b>	<b>2,581.9</b>	<b>33,171.2</b>		<b>32,993.0</b>

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<sup>B</sup> 2nd year sampled

## Table 2: Special event counts for 2006

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

Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
<b>ANOKA COUNTY:</b>			
<b>Anoka Co. Riverfront RP</b>		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>5.34</b>
	August	BAE Systems Picnic	0.64
	Year Long	Riedel Farm Estate Events	4.70
<b>Bunker Hills RP</b> (picnic area under reconstruction until August)		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>67.42</b>
	April	North Suburban Striders	0.50
	May	Veterans Memorial Service	0.40
	May	Natural Resources Fieldtrip	0.80
	August	Pavilion #1 and #3 Grand Opening	0.40
	August	Eniva Corp	0.30
	August	Possis Medical	0.30
	August	Tree of Life	0.30
	August	Boston Scientific	0.73
	September	Ronken Wedding	0.30
	September	Alexandra House Commemorative Walk	0.30
	September	Fitness Race	0.30
	September	Braun Intertec	0.30
	Year Long	4H activities/events	9.39
	Year Long	Activities Center reservations (trainings, seminars, weddings, reunions, etc.)	13.10
	Summer	Stables (not included in general count)	23.00
	All Year	Archery Building Use (annual use - entrance not part of regular counts)	17.00
<b>Central Anoka RT</b>		<b>None</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Coon Rapids Dam RP</b>		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>18.51</b>
	January	Trout Opener	0.40
	February	Snowflake Days	0.20
	April	Anoka Hennepin Foundation	0.76
	May	Kid's Fishing Clinic	1.40
	June	Barrett Wedding	0.30
	June	Hmong Academy	0.30
	June	Dungavin Minnesota	0.50
	June	Opportunity Partners	0.30
	June	Family Picnic	0.30
	June	Carpfest	0.55
	July	Aymond Wedding	0.30
	July	Meadow Creek Christian School	0.26
	July	Mississippi Service Unit	0.34
	July	Daniel & Kathleen's Wedding	0.30
	August	Boston Scientific	0.30
	August	Lankki Wedding	0.30
	August	Solberg Wedding	0.30
	September	Hansen Wedding	0.35
	September	5K	0.30
	September	Jefferson jaunt	0.75
	Summer	Concerts in the Park	10.00
<b>Lake George RP</b>		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3.50</b>
	March	Easter Egg Hunt	0.50
	July	Minneman Triathlon	0.70
	September	Lexington Manufacturing	0.30
	September	Cancer Fundraiser	0.30
	September	Christiansen Wedding	0.30
	All Summer	Fraser & Friends (private party)	0.30
	All Summer	YMCA	0.40
	winter	Snowmobile trail use through park	0.70
<b>Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes RP</b>		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3.32</b>
	All year	All Campers (4H, private, organizational, troops)	2.82
	winter	Snowmobile trail use through park	0.50
<b>Mississippi River RT</b>		<b>None</b>	<b>-</b>

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<b>ANOKA COUNTY: continued</b>			
Rice Creek Chain PR		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>12.17</b>
	school yr	School groups @ Wargo N.C.	9.47
	February	Snow Day	0.50
	April	Earth Day	0.50
	3 times	Centennial Evangelical	0.30
	All Summer	Centennial Area School Dist	0.30
	September	Hay Days	0.60
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use through park	0.50
Rice Creek N. RT		<b>None</b>	-
Rice Creek W. RT		<b>None</b>	-
Rum River Central RP		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0.40</b>
	August	Carpenters Local #851	0.40
<b>BLOOMINGTON:</b>			
Bush and Normandale Lakes		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>46.05</b>
	18-Jun	Concert Rental	0.50
	20-Jun	John Phillip Sousa Band Concert	0.30
	25-Jun	Concert Rental	0.50
	29-Jun	Medalist Band Concert	0.30
	2-Jul	Sandcastles	0.30
	3-Jul	Summer Fete	40.00
	22-Jul	Latin Music Festival	1.20
	3-Aug	Blues and Bar-B-Q Show	0.50
	20-Aug	Concert Rental	0.60
	27-Aug	Concert Rental	0.35
	16-Sep	PKD Walk at Normandale	0.40
	17-Sep	Food Allergy Support Walk at Normandale	0.30
	24-Sep	Iron Girl Duathlon at Normandale	0.80
<b>CARVER COUNTY:</b>			
Baylor RP		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3.90</b>
	26-Aug	Running Meet	0.40
	12-Sep	Running Meet	1.50
	All year	Onan Observatory (late evening use)	1.50
	25-Mar	Maple Syruping	0.50
Lake Minnewashta RP		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>3.90</b>
	May 20/21	Tonka Waters Girl Scout Camp	0.60
	4-Jul	Fireworks	0.50
	July 31 - Aug 3	Rive Bluff Girl Scout Jamboree Week 1 (300/day)	1.20
	Aug 7-10	Rive Bluff Girl Scout Jamboree Week 2 (400/day)	1.60
Lake Waconia RP		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>7.00</b>
	29-Jan	Vintage Snowmobile	2.50
	25-Jun	Triathlon	1.50
	4-Jul	4th of July celebration	3.00
<b>DAKOTA COUNTY:</b>			
Big Rivers RT		<b>None</b>	-
Lake Byllesby RP		<b>None</b>	-
Lebanon Hills RP		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>45.5</b>
	Summer	Adventure Ropes Course	1.0
	school year	VC school groups	1.2
	All year	Outdoor Education Programs	6.6
	10/12/2006	Fall Walk Event	0.3
	Year round	Camp Sacajawea (day camp and permit only - not counted in regular counts)	36.4
Miesville Ravine PR		<b>None</b>	-
Mississippi River RT		<b>None</b>	-
Spring Lake PR		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>7.4</b>
	All Year	Outdoor Education Programs	0.6
	Year round	Spring Lake Youth Camp (day camp and permit only - not counted in regular)	6.8

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<b>MPLS. PARK &amp; RECREATION BOARD:</b>			
Cedar Lake RT		None	-
Central Mississippi Riverfront RP		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>285.53</b>
	4/8	Mill Ruins Run	0.50
	4/9	U of Minnesota Law Run / Main Street & Stone Arch	0.50
	5/7	MS Walk (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge - SP, Minn RP)	0.63
	6/3	ALA Walk /Boom Island	0.50
	6/17	Festival of the Arts (assume 1/3 visited park portion)	40.00
	6/18	Festival of the Arts (assume 1/3 visited park portion)	40.00
	6/24	Solstice River Performance	4.00
	6/24	5K Walk Run (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.60
	6/25	Guthrie Fireworks	2.50
	7/4	4th of July Fireworks	75.00
	7/19	Torchlight Run	3.00
	7/22	Aquatennial Fireworks	100.00
	9/16	James Page 5K / Main Street & Stone Arch	1.20
	9/16	Oktoberfest	5.00
	9/17	Walk for Justice	1.00
	9/23	5k and 10K	0.70
	9/30	5 k	2.40
	11/23	Arena 5 K	8.00
Columbia Parkway RT		None	-
Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>265.08</b>
	1/21	Pond Hockey (split over 2 days)	10.00
	1/22	Pond Hockey (split over 2 days)	10.00
	2/4	Loppet (split over 2 days with Theodore Wirth RP)	0.63
	2/5	Loppet (split over 2 days with Theodore Wirth RP)	0.63
	2/12	Valentine's Run	1.50
	3/19	5 & 10 K Race / Lake Calhoun	0.80
	2/25	Walk/Run Race / Lake Harriet	3.00
	4/30	March of Dimes	1.50
	6/3	Tour de Curer / Lake Harriet & Lake Calhoun	0.40
	6/4	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	6/11	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	6/18	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	6/25	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	7/2	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	7/9	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	7/15	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.68
	7/16	Church Service	0.50
	7/16	Sailing Regatta	0.30
	7/16	Aquatennial Beach Bash	20.00
	7/23	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	7/29	Outdoor Church Services	0.50
	7/30	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	8/4	Fish -A-Thon / Harriet	0.50
	8/6	Walk/Run Race	1.10
	8/6	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	8/13	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	8/19	5K Walk/Lake Calhoun	0.40
	8/19	SAVE 5K Walk/Run/Harriet	0.70
	8/20	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	8/27	Outdoor Church Service	0.50
	9/10	City of Lakes 25K	1.60
	9/16	Fun Walk/Run	0.35
	9/24	Charity Walk	1.50
	9/30	Charity Walk ALS/Harriet	1.50
	9/30	Walk, run, roll	0.45
	10/1	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	194.10
	10/7	5K Walk/Harriet	0.45
	10/28	Halloween 5K / Harriet	1.50
	12/2	Reindeer Run	4.50



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<b>MPLS. PARK &amp; RECREATION BOARD: continued</b>			
<b>Minnehaha Parkway RT</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>194.78</b>
	7/15	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.68
	10/1	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	194.10
<b>Minnehaha RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13.46</b>
	4/23	Lions Walk	1.00
	4/29	Get in Gear Race (split Minn RP/Miss Gorge RP/Gorge RP-SP)	2.00
	5/7	MS Walk (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge - SP, Minn RP)	0.63
	5/21	AIDS Walk (split Minn RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge RP-SP)	2.33
	6/25	Svenskarnes	2.50
	7/9	Norway Days	2.00
	9/9	Walk-A-Thon	1.00
	10/7	Marathon for Non Public Ed (1/3 in: Min. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP)	2.00
<b>Mississippi Gorge RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10.98</b>
	4/23	Habitat Walk	0.50
	4/29	Get in Gear Race (split Minn RP/Miss Gorge RP/Gorge RP-SP)	2.00
	5/7	MS Walk (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge - SP, Minn RP)	0.63
	5/21	AIDS Walk (split Minn RP, Miss Gorge RP-M, Miss Gorge RP-SP)	2.33
	6/24	5K Walk Run (split Central Miss RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.60
	7/15	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.63
	10/1	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	1.60
	10/7	Marathon for Non Public Ed (1/3 in: Min. Park; Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP)	2.70
<b>Nokomis-Hiawatha RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>199.08</b>
	5/20	Fundraising Walk / Nokomis	0.35
	5/29	Brian Craft 5K / Nokomis	0.50
	6/3	24hour FANS Run	0.30
	6/10	Rowing Regatta	0.30
	6/10	Lymphoma Walk	0.50
	7/15	Triathlon (split Chain of Lakes RP, Minn Pkwy, Nokomis RP, Miss Gorge RP)	0.68
	7/29	5K Race	0.60
	8/19	5K	0.60
	9/24	5K Walk	0.30
	10/1	Twin Cities Marathon & TC 10 (1/5 each: Miss Gorge-Mpls; Miss Gorge-SP; Mpls Lakes; Minn Pkwy; Nokomis)	194.10
	10/8	American Cancer 5K / Nokomis	0.85
<b>North Mississippi RP</b>		<b>None</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Ridgewau Parkway RT</b>		<b>None</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>St. Anthony Parkway RT</b>		<b>None</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Theodore Wirth RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39.50</b>
	5/6	Walk with Pets (Split between Wirth Park and Wirth Parkway)	1.5
	6/17	Twin Cities Juneteenth Celebration	38.0
<b>Wirth Memorial Parkway RT</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.10</b>
	2/4	Loppet (split over 2 days with Theodore Wirth RP)	0.63
	2/5	Loppet (split over 2 days with Theodore Wirth RP)	0.63
	5/6	Walk with Pets (Split between Wirth Park and Wirth Parkway)	1.5
	7/9	Whiz Bang Days	0.35
	9/4	Victory Memorial 10K & 5K	1.00

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Agency/Park	Date	Event	Visits (1,000s)
<b>RAMSEY COUNTY:</b>			
<b>Bald Eagle-Otter Lake RP</b>			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27.05</b>
	8/12	Run Baby Run Event	0.30
	9/9	Final Stretch Run	0.40
	All Year	Tamarack Nature Center Visits	10.75
	All Year	School Group program	15.60
<b>Battle Creek RP</b>			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14.35</b>
	5/3	Green Meadows Production	0.20
	5/4	Green Meadows Production	0.40
	5/5	Green Meadows Production	0.30
	5/13	Yang Graduation Party	0.35
	5/20	Lee Graduation Party	0.40
	5/26	Jacob Graduation Party	0.30
	5/27	Cormier Wedding	0.30
	6/11	Vang Family Picnic	0.50
	6/18	ATU Local 1005 Picnic	0.60
	6/23	Hmong Culture Center	0.40
	6/24	Vang Family Picnic	0.40
	6/25	Int. national Union of Eng. #49	0.60
	7/8	Donatelle Plastics Inc Picnic	0.50
	7/16	Lee Family Picnic	0.50
	7/23	Yang Family Picnic	0.30
	7/25	ECEL Company Picnic	0.50
	7/29	Alano Club Picnic	0.40
	8/2	St Paul Travelers	0.50
	8/5	Lee Picnic	0.50
	8/12	Living World Church	0.40
	8/26	Plumbers Union #34	0.40
	8/27	Pipefitters Local #455	0.60
	8/30	Tri-Metro CC Run	0.30
	8/31	Tri- Metro CC Run	0.30
	9/9	Northern Lights Greyhound	0.40
	9/16	Mackiewicz Wedding	0.30
	9/23	Morris Wedding	0.30
	9/24	MN Street Rod Assoc	0.70
	9/26	3M Picnic	0.30
	9/28	St Paul Police Canine Unit	0.50
	9/30	Nokomis Mont. Walkathon	0.40
	10/17	Tri-Metro Conference	0.30
	10/18	Tri-Metro Conference	0.30
	10/26	Tri-Metro Conference	0.30
	10/27	Tri-Metro Conference	0.30
	11/17	Orienteering JROTC	0.30
<b>Birch Lake RT</b>			
		<b>None</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Bruce Vento RT</b>			
		<b>None</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Grass-Vadnais-Snail Lake RP</b>			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9.00</b>
	4/29	Paws for People Walk	0.40
	5/6	Union Gospel Walk	0.30
	5/13	Wetzell Wedding	0.30
	5/20	MN Renewable Energy Society	0.50
	5/21	MN Renewable Energy Society	1.00
	6/20	North Heights Church	0.30
	6/25	Chang Family Picnic	0.40
	7/4	Twin Cities Bicycling	0.50
	7/12	Guidant Corp	0.30
	7/27	Transoma Medical	0.30
	8/2	Guidant Corp	0.30
	8/3	Guidant Corp	0.30
	8/6	Collins Electric	0.30
	8/17	RTI Resstance Tech	0.30
	8/27	Jorgensen Family Reunion	0.30
	8/30	Oak Hill Montessori	0.30
	9/2	Twin Cities Bicycling	0.50
	9/9	DuFresme MFG	0.30
	9/16	Ragom Company	0.30
	9/26	ISD 921 Fun Run	0.40
	10/2	Walk for Life Event	0.40
	10/14	Freuberger Wedding	0.30
	10/28	Run for missions Fundraiser	0.30
	6/19 - 8/3	City of Shoreview Day Camp (M- F)	0.40

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<b>RAMSEY COUNTY: continued</b>			
Highway 96 RT		None	-
Keller RP		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.70</b>
	5/26	10th Annual Recovery	0.40
	7/22	Saint Paul Companies VB Tournament	0.30
Long Lake RP		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20.25</b>
	2/25	Snow Shoe Race	0.40
	5/13	Dog Walk	0.40
	5/26	Irondale High School Sr. Class Picnic	0.30
	5/27	Yee Picnic	0.40
	5/28	Eriteria Com Center	0.30
	5/29	Tarkus Zonen Family Reunion	0.30
	6/2	Center Point El.	0.40
	6/3	Vacation Sports Tri-athlon	0.40
	6/5	St. John Baptist	0.30
	6/8	Cummins Power Gen	0.30
	6/9	Twin Cities Catering	0.40
	6/11	IMI Bevcore Com Picnic	0.30
	6/18	Xiong Picnic	0.45
	6/20	Bike Rodeo (Depot)	0.30
	6/22	Target Comp Picnic	0.40
	6/24	Nowmi Wedding	0.30
	6/25	Collins Graduation	0.50
	7/1	Mars Wedding	0.40
	7/9	Ger Picnic	0.50
	7/11	Guadant Corp	0.50
	7/12	Hypro Corp	0.30
	7/14	Local #596	0.30
	7/15	Local #596	0.30
	7/20	Ulteig Engineering	0.30
	7/21	Feb Tech Inc	0.30
	7/22	Twin Cities Catering	0.30
	7/23	Land Title	0.30
	8/3	Guidant Corp	0.45
	8/4	Montesorri Training Center	0.30
	8/5	Dynamex	0.30
	8/6	GCC Local I-M	0.40
	8/8	Humana Comp Picnic	0.30
	8/9	AGS Globe publishing	0.30
	8/10	New Brighton Stockyard Days	0.30
	8/11	New Brighton Stockyard Days	0.50
	8/12	New Brighton Stockyard Days	3.50
	8/13	New Brighton Stockyard Days	0.50
	8/20	Comm Workers of America	0.30
	8/27	ACR Homes	0.60
	9/2	Gentry Wedding	0.35
	9/3	Poppe Pig Roast	0.30
	9/9	New Mech Comp	0.30
	9/17	Twin Cities Catering	0.40
	9/23	MN Korean War vets	0.60
	9/28	North Lake Academy	0.30
	9/30	Saefke Wedding	0.30
	10/8	Twin Cities Catering	0.30
Tony Schmidt RP		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.20</b>
	6/4	Anderson Graduation Party	0.20
	6/24	Arden Hill Community Celebration	1.50
	9/9	Vang Family Picnic	0.30
	6/12 - 8/25	YMCA Camp	0.40
Rice Creek North RT		None	-
Rice Creek West RT		None	-

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<b>CITY OF ST. PAUL:</b>			
<b>Bruce Vento RT</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.00</b>
	Sep 10	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.00
<b>Cherokee Heights RP</b>		<b>None</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Como RP, Zoo &amp; Conservatory SRF</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200.44</b>
	All Year	Como Education events/classes	18.35
	Winter	Como Downhill Ski (Enterprise facility) (cc ski meets and lessons)	2.00
	Jan 28	Winter Carnival Orchid Show	2.00
	Jan 29	Winter Carnival Orchid Show	2.00
	Feb 14	Valentine Soiree	0.80
	Feb. 12	The Sporting Life Walk/Run	0.80
	Apr. 1	Charities Challenge - Challenge Obesity 5K	0.30
	May 6	Humane Society Walk/Run	1.50
	May 9	St. Paul Police Picnic	2.00
	May 13	Love Lines Walk	0.30
	May 13-14	Bonsai Show (over the two days)	2.00
	May 20	Tree Festival	1.00
	May 23	Dunwoody College of Technology Picnic	0.30
	May 27	Charities Challenge - Challenge Hearts and Minds 5K	0.30
	June	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.65
	June	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.65
	June	Northstar Barbershop Chorus	0.45
	June	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.70
	Jun 5	QMC Pride Event	0.88
	Jun 10	Charities Challenge - Challenge Cancer 5K	0.30
	Jun 10	First Student Picnic	0.90
	Jun 11	Dakota Communities Walk/Anderson Race Management	0.50
	Jun 12	Minneapolis Police Swing Band	0.30
	Jun 12	St. Paul Police Band	0.30
	Jun 16	Zippity Zoo Day	0.30
	Jun 17	West Company Picnic	3.00
	Jun 17	Como Lake Water Festival	0.30
	Jun 26	Applebee's Annual Picnic	0.50
	Jun 30	Hmong Sports Festival Setup	1.00
	July	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.65
	July	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.75
	July	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.65
	July	Shakespeare	0.50
	July	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.75
	July	Minnesota Sinfonia Concert	0.68
	July	Northstar Barbershop Chorus	0.40
	July	Rosetown Playhouse	0.40
	July	Rosetown Playhouse	0.50
	July	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.40
	July	Valley de Croix Sweet Adelines	0.45
	July	Rosetown Playhouse	0.55
	July	Rosetown Playhouse	0.60
	July	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.70
	Jul 1	Hmong Sports Festival	40.00
	Jul 2	Hmong Sports Festival	40.00
	Jul 15	Charities Challenge - Challenge Diabetes 5k	0.30
	Jul 15	Mentor Corporation Picnic	0.30
	Jul 16	Anchor Wall	0.30
	Jul 19	Como Volunteer Appreciation Picnic	0.30
	Jul 22	Stars, Stripes and Hugs Event	0.70
	Jul 26	Minneapolis Firefighters	0.50
	Jul 26	Sunset Affair	0.40
	Jul 27	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.40
	Jul 28	Crossroads Elementary Picnic	0.50
	Jul 29	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.30
	Aug	Honeywell Concert Band	0.40
	Aug	Charlie and Good Times	0.30
	Aug	Minnesota State Band	0.45
	Aug	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.75
	Aug	John Phillips Sousa Memorial Band	0.53
	Aug	Twin Cities Show Chorus	0.38
	Aug	Minnesota State Band	0.45
	Aug	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.70
	Aug	Northstar Barbershop Chorus	0.40
	Aug	Pops Ensemble Concert	0.60

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<b>CITY OF ST. PAUL: continued</b>			
<b>Como RP, Zoo &amp; Conservatory SRF continued</b>			
	Aug	Pops Ensemble Concert Benefit Concert	0.68
	Aug	Minnesota State Band	0.40
	Aug 3	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.60
	Aug 4	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.40
	Aug 5	Hillcrest Community Theater	0.45
	Aug 3	Movie Night at Como 40 Acres	0.30
	Aug 13	Robert Half International Picnic	0.30
	Aug 14	HealthEast Company Picnic	0.30
	Aug 19	MN Virtual Academy Graduation Party	0.30
	Aug 20	Japanese Lantern Lighting Festival	5.50
	Aug 20	Colder Products Picnic	0.40
	Aug 21	Best Buy Company Picnic	0.50
	Aug 22	City of Saint Paul Employee Picnic	0.30
	Aug	Como Park Productions	0.37
	Aug 26	Como Park Productions	0.45
	Aug 27	Como Park Lutheran Church Picnic	0.30
	Sep 2	Charities Challenge - Challenge Arthritis 5k	0.30
	Sep 9	Colder Products Picnic	0.40
	Sep 9	Prevent Child Abuse MN Walk	0.70
	Sep 10	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.00
	Sep 12	U of M - School of Dentistry	0.45
	Sep 13	Target Corporation Company Picnic	0.35
	Sep 16	Camp Odayin Walk	0.40
	Sep 16	MS Society	0.35
	Sep 16	Zink the Zebra	0.60
	Sep 17	Teamsters Local 120 Picnic	2.00
	Sep 24	Loaves and Fishes Picnic	0.50
	Sep. 30	American Parkinson Disease Walk	0.30
	Oct 1	Down Syndrome Association	3.50
	Oct 7	Brain Injury Association Walk	1.00
	Oct 15	Wolf Awareness	0.35
	Oct 7	Tiger Cub Days	0.30
	Oct 21	Zoo Boo	3.75
	Oct 22	Zoo Boo	2.24
	Oct 27	Zoo Boo	3.73
	Oct 28	Zoo Boo	6.77
	Oct 29	Zoo Boo	5.55
	Nov 5	Orangutan Awareness Week Kick-off	0.30
	Nov 7	Members Preview to Tropical Encounters	0.45
	Nov 17	Preview to Tropical Encounters	0.85
	Nov 18	Preview to Tropical Encounters	2.20
	Nov 19	Preview to Tropical Encounters	2.65
	Nov 19	The Sporting Life Walk/Run	0.70
	Nov 30	Bouquets Wine Tasting	3.50
	Dec 3	Polar Bear Awareness Week kick-off/Winter Carnival Button Bash	2.40
<b>Hidden Falls-Crosby Farm RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3.90</b>
	Apr. 30	March of Dimes Walk	0.50
	Sep 10	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.00
	Oct 28	BareBones Performance	1.20
	10/29	BareBones Performance	1.20
	10/31	BareBones Performance	1.00
<b>Indian Mounds RP</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>1.00</b>
	Sep 10	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.00
<b>Lilydale-Harriet Island RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>532.40</b>
	Apr 1 - Oct 31	Fossil Hunting Groups	5.00
	Feb 25	Loes-Serrao Dance	0.35
	Apr 12	US Bank	0.50
	Apr 15	Spring Park Cleanup (Como, HI, Phalen Hidden Falls, Mounds)	0.50
	Apr 20	Read to Me	0.50
	May 29	Memorial Day	2.00
	Jun 4	Larson-King Corporate Event	0.30
	Jun 11	Schubert Club Summer Song Festival on Raspberry Island	2.00
	6/11	Strolling Song	0.40
	6/17	St. Paul Blues Festival	1.50
	6/24	Time to Fly Charity Run	1.50

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<b>CITY OF ST. PAUL: continued</b>			
<b>Lilydale-Harriet Island RP continued</b>			
	Jun 30 - Jul 4	Taste of Minnesota	250.00
	Jul 17	MetroConnections Corporate Event	0.50
	Jul 27-30	RibFest	100.00
	Aug 6	Friends of Mississippi River	0.35
	Aug 11-13	Irish Fair	100.00
	Aug 16	Builders Club Event	2.00
	Aug 31	Medtronic Corporate Event	0.50
	Sep 9-10	Wild River Festival	15.00
	Sep 30	Summit Big Brew	15.00
	10/21	Jr. League of Saint Paul Halloween Run	1.00
	Nov 22-26	Cantus Performances	0.50
	Dec. 9-23	Actors Theater presents "A Christmas Carol"	1.50
	Weddings	75 weddings annually averaging 300 guests/wedding	22.50
	Summer	Children's Music Series	1.00
	Summer/Fall	Company meetings and picnics	8.00
<b>Mississippi Gorge RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>80.60</b>
	Apr 29	Get In Gear 10K & 2K Run/Walk	6.00
	Apr 30	March of Dimes Walk	0.50
	May 6	2006 Melpomene Institute Walk	1.00
	5/21	MN AIDS Project Walk	10.00
	Jul 15	Lifetime Fitness Triathlon	3.00
	Sept. 10	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.00
	Oct 1	Twin Cities Marathon (8,000 participants, 250,000 total Mpls/St. Paul spectators along the route)	59.10
<b>Phalen RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21.70</b>
	Jan. 28	MN Wild Pond Hockey on Lake Phalen	1.00
	Jan. 29	MN Wild Pond Hockey on Lake Phalen	1.00
	February	Winter Carnival events at Phalen (3days - other than below)	1.50
	Apr. 28	U of M Rowing Championships	1.00
	Apr. 29	U of M Rowing Championships	1.00
	May 20	Waterfest	1.50
	Jun 10	Ingram Picnic	0.30
	Jun 22	MN Sinfonia	0.65
	Jun 24	Local #323 Picnic	0.35
	Jul 8	Dragon Festival	3.00
	Jul 9	Dragon Festival	3.00
	Jul 22	Vietnamese Community of Minnesota Event	0.70
	Jul 29	IBEW Local #110 Picnic	0.40
	Aug. 3	Epilepsy Foundation of MN Walk	0.60
	Aug 5	Stoehr Picnic	0.40
	Aug 6	Arcade Phalen American Legion Post 577 Picnic	0.30
	Aug 20	Vacation Sports Triathlon	0.40
	Sep 7	Fairview IS Picnic	0.30
	Sep 9	Sharing Life/The Laura Newmann Foundation Walk	0.50
	Sep 10	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.00
	Sep 24	Multiple Myeloma Walk	0.50
	Sep 30	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	2.00
	Oct 1	MN Oncology and Hematology Picnic	0.30
<b>Samuel Morgan RT</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.00</b>
	Sep 10	St. Paul Classic Bike Tour (1/7 each: Hidden Falls, Indian Mounds, Como; Phalen; Miss Gorge -SP, Sam Morgan RT, Vento RT)	1.00

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<b>SCOTT COUNTY:</b>			
Scott County RT		None	-
<b>THREE RIVERS - SCOTT COUNTY</b>			
<b>Cleary Lake RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.26</b>
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.20
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	0.06
<b>Murphy-Hanrehan PR</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.10</b>
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.40
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.70
<b>THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT:</b>			
<b>Baker PR</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13.26</b>
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.00
	6/17	Speak the Word Church	1.20
	9/30	Holy Name School	2.40
	10/5	Trinity Lutheran Pre-School	0.80
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.35
	Sch Yr	School groups @ Near-Wilderness Center	7.51
<b>Bryant Lake RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.22</b>
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other spe	0.12
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	0.10
<b>Carver PR</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20.10</b>
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.20
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	4.40
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	14.50
<b>Cedar Lake RT</b>		<b>None</b>	-
<b>Clifton French RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.48</b>
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	1.50
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	2.98
<b>Coon Rapids Dam RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.77</b>
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other spe	0.11
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	5.67
<b>Crow-Hassan PR</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.80</b>
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.80
<b>Eagle Lake RP</b>		<b>None</b>	-
<b>Elm Creek PR</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99.37</b>
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.30
	Winter	Winter Recreation area (manufactured snow area)	73.00
	1/13	X-C Ski Meet - Benilde St. Margarets	0.30
	1/13	X-C Ski Meet - Irondale HS	0.30
	2/1	X-C Ski Meet - NW Suburban	0.35
	6/14	Hanson Structural - Picnic	0.30
	6/22	Target Corporation - Picnic	0.30
	7/15	Minntech - Picnic	0.30
	7/22	Select Comfort - Picnic	0.30
	8/10	Target Corporation - Picnic	0.30
	8/13	Dubnecay - Picnic	0.30
	8/17	Vital Images - Picnic	0.30
	9/8	Boston Scientific - Picnic	0.30
	10/12	Autumn Woods Classic	2.06
	12/9	Chalet Grand Opening	2.47
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	7.93
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	9.27

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<b>THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT: continued</b>			
Elm Creek RT		None	-
Fish Lake RP		None	-
<b>Gale Woods</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19.94</b>
	4/22	Standal - Reception	0.30
	5/5	Little - Reception	0.30
	5/6	Eaton - Reception	0.30
	6/3	Overmohle - Reception	0.30
	6/23	Marsden - Reception	0.32
	6/30	Cone - Reception	0.30
	7/15	Tenessen - Reception	0.30
	7/29	Jones - Reception	0.30
	8/4	Engstrom - Reception	0.30
	8/31	Farmer - Reception	0.30
	9/8	Lunde - Reception	0.34
	9/9	Berry - Reception	0.30
	9/10	Lund Food Holdings - Picnic	0.90
	9/15	Carlberg - Picnic	0.35
	9/19	XC Running Meet - Mound-Westonka HS	0.30
	9/24	Uphoff - Reception	0.30
	10/7	Ness - Reception	0.30
	10/7	Noreen - Reception	0.30
	10/12	XC Running Meet - Mound-Westonka HS	0.30
	10/14	Gabrelcik - Reception	0.34
	10/15	Coplin - Reception	0.30
	10/22	Tunberg - Reception	0.30
	10/25	O'Hara - Reception	0.50
	11/3	Orono Hockey Association - Picnic	0.30
	11/4	Cross-Country Race - Anderson	0.30
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	2.90
	Sch Yr	School groups @ farm	8.59
<b>Hyland Lake PR</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>204.03</b>
	Winter	Downhill Ski Area Enterprise Facilities	176.20
	4/15	Rabbit Habit	0.12
	9/30	Alzheimers Association - Fundraiser Walk	2.00
	5/21	Girl Scouts	0.50
	9/11	Children's Book Festival	9.40
	10/7	Greater West Humane - Picnic	1.00
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	4.52
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	10.28
<b>Lake Independence RT</b>		<b>None</b>	-
<b>Lake Minnetonka RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.70</b>
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.00
	Sch Yr	School groups @ visitor center	0.70
<b>Lake Minnetonka Islands</b>		<b>None</b>	-
<b>Lake Minnetonka LRT RT</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.80</b>
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.80



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<b>THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT: continued</b>			
<b>Lake Rebecca PR</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15.70</b>
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	0.80
	5/21	Pikkarainen - Picnic	0.5
	6/13	IDS 1 Anwatin Middle School - Picnic	0.30
	6/24	Soberg - Picnic	0.30
	6/28	General Mills I.S. - Picnic	0.95
	7/8	Local 539 Pipefitter - Picnic	0.50
	7/22	Core-Mark International - Picnic	0.30
	7/27	Equality Pathways - Picnic	0.30
	7/29	Health Group - Picnic	0.30
	7/29	Zimmer Spine - Picnic	0.40
	7/30	Living Word Church - Picnic	2.30
	8/5	Center Point Energy - Picnic	2.50
	8/5	Emkat - Picnic	0.30
	8/6	Mpls. Laestadian Church - Picnic	0.40
	8/13	Good Shepherd Church - Picnic	0.30
	9/14	XC Running Meet - IDS 879 Delano Hight School	0.60
	9/30	Anderson - Picnic	2.00
	9/30	Fall Raptor Release	2.65
<b>Luce Line RT</b>		<b>None</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Medicine Lake RT</b>		<b>None</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Minnesota River Bluffs LRT RT</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.00</b>
	Winter	Snowmobile trail use	1.00
<b>Noerenberg Gardens SRF</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.03</b>
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.03
<b>North Cedar Lake LRT RT</b>		<b>None</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>North Mississippi RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.11</b>
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	1.12
	Sch Yr	School groups @ nature center	2.99
<b>Shingle Creek RT</b>		<b>None</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Silverwood SRF</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.15</b>
	5/21	Metro Lakes District	0.30
	Year round	Formal program visits not counted in regular sample and not part of other special events	0.10
	Sch Yr	School groups @ Silverwood	0.05

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<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY:</b>			
<b>Cottage Grove Ravine RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.35</b>
	School yr.	Hastings Field Biology	0.35
<b>Hardwood Creek RT</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.5</b>
	6/11	MS 150	2.5
<b>Lake Elmo PR</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13.09</b>
	Winter	Snowmobile use	1.5
	5/13	Oakdale Duathlon	0.3
	5/21	Picnic	0.3
	6/1	Picnic	0.35
	6/3	Family Festival	0.7
	6/7	Picnic	0.65
	6/9	Picnic	0.3
	6/11	Picnics	0.3
	6/12	Picnic	0.3
	6/14	Picnic	0.58
	6/17	Picnic	0.3
	6/20	Picnic	0.38
	7/1	Picnic	0.3
	7/16	Picnic	0.4
	7/22	Picnic	0.3
	7/23	Picnic	0.3
	8/5	Picnic	0.35
	8/12	Huff 'n Puff Run	0.1
	8/19	Stargazing	0.065
	8/6	Picnic	0.3
	9/9	Bluegrass Festival	1.5
	8/19	Picnic	0.3
	9/16	Girl Scouts	0.5
	10/14	Young Life Duathlon	0.05
	10/28	Pumkin Chase Run	0.8
	5/27-9/2	Campfire Programs	1.265
	School yr.	School groups orienteering	0.6
<b>Pine Point Park RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3.6</b>
	5/6	MS 60/30	1
	6/11	MS 150	2.5
	8/26	Woodbury Days Ride	0.1
<b>Square Lake SRF</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7.5</b>
	7/22	Lumber Jack Days Race	1.5
	9/9	Triathlon	2.5
	9/10	Triathlon	3.5
<b>St. Croix Bluffs RP</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.508</b>
	5/21	Apple Blossom Run	0.7
	5/29	Picnic Yang	0.3
	6/7	Picnic Valley Crossing	0.3
	6/17	Picnic Yang	0.3
	7/15	Picnic Her	0.3
	7/22	Picnic Wang Chang	0.3
	7/29	Picnic Xiong	0.3
	5/27-9/2	Campfire Programs	1.388
	9/7	Cross Country Meet	1
	9/12	Cross Country Meet	0.66
	9/26	Cross Country Meet	0.66
	10/17	Cross Country Meet	1.8
	10/18	Cross Country Meet	0.5

**Table 3: Comparison of 2005 and 2006 visitation**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b># change</b>	<b>% change</b>
	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	
Anoka <sup>1</sup>	2,773.5	2,479.4	(294.1)	-10.6%
Bloomington	601.7	561.4	(40.3)	-6.7%
Carver	251.1	251.5	0.4	0.2%
Dakota	886.9	830.8	(56.1)	-6.3%
Minneapolis	14,125.6	13,881.9	(243.7)	-1.7%
Ramsey	3,154.3	2,866.1	(288.2)	-9.1%
St Paul	5,632.1	5,860.1	228.0	4.0%
Scott County <sup>2</sup>	48.0	65.9	17.9	37.2%
Three Rivers (Hennepin Co.)	4,825.0	5,191.1	366.1	7.6%
Three Rivers-Scott Co.	217.0	233.9	16.9	7.8%
Washington	921.8	949.3	27.5	3.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,437.0</b>	<b>33,171.2</b>	<b>(265.8)</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>

Notes for Table 3

<sup>1</sup> Much of the decrease from 2005 to 2006 can be attributed to the lack of winter snow, which affected snowmobile trail usage. There also was a decrease in Special Event counts for school groups using Wargo Nature Center at Rice Creek Chain of Lakes.

<sup>2</sup> The increase is due to the development of new segments of the Scott County Regional Trail.

**Table 4: Comparison of 2005 and 2006 park vs. trail visitation**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b># change</b>	<b>% change</b>	<b>% of all visits in 2006</b>
	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>	<i>(1,000's)</i>		
Trail Visits <sup>3</sup>	7,393.5	7,397.7	4.2	0.1%	22%
Park/Reserve/SRF Visits	26,043.6	25,773.6	(270.0)	-1.0%	78%
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>33,437.1</b>	<b>33,171.2</b>	<b>(265.9)</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Notes for Table 4

<sup>3</sup> About 80% of all visits to the Mpls Chain of Lakes RP are trail visits. Mississippi Gorge Regional Park is also more similar to a parkway than a regional park. However, the above trail totals do not include those trail visits. If Mississippi Gorge & Mpls Chain of Lakes trail visits were included in the trail total, about 13.9 million, or 42% of all visits, are trail visits.

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

Rank by visits	Park/trail	Agency	2006 Visitation (1,000's)	Cumulative percent of total visitation
1	Minneapolis Chain-of-Lakes RP	MPRB	5,549.3	16.7%
2	Como RP, Zoo & Conservatory SRF	St. Paul	2,375.0	23.9%
3	Mississippi Gorge RP	MPRB/St. Paul	2,035.7	30.0%
4	Minnehaha Parkway RT	MPRB	1,713.1	35.2%
5	Nokomis-Hiawatha RP	MPRB	1,370.1	39.3%
6	Hyland/Bush/Anderson PR	Bloomington/Three Rivers	1,177.2	46.4%
7	Lilydale-Harriet Island-Cherokee Hts RP	St. Paul	1,160.4	46.4%
8	Central Mississippi Riverfront RP	MPRB	1,144.2	49.8%
9	Phalen/Keller RP	St. Paul/Ramsey	1,028.6	52.9%
10	Wirth Memorial Parkway RT	MPRB	979.6	55.9%
11	Minnehaha RP	MPRB	782.0	58.2%
12	Battle Creek/Indian Mounds RP	Ramsey/St. Paul	656.8	60.2%
13	Bunker Hills RP	Anoka	650.0	62.2%
14	Elm Creek RT	Three Rivers	607.4	64.0%
15	Elm Creek PR	Three Rivers	500.0	65.5%
<b>Total</b>			<b>21,729.3</b>	
<b>Percent of 2006 Visitation</b>				<b>65.5%</b>

**Table 6: Urban parks visitation**

Agency	2006 Visitation (1,000's)
Minneapolis Parks Total	13,881.9
St. Paul Parks Total	5,860.1
<b>Urban Total</b>	<b>19,742.0</b>
<b>Urban Percentage of 2006 visitation</b>	<b>59.5%</b>

**Table 7: Como visitation - park and zoo/conservatory**

Park Unit	2006 Visitation (1,000's)	%
Como Zoo & Conservatory SRF <sup>1</sup>	1,914.3	80.6%
Como Park (non-zoo/conservatory visits)	460.8	19.4%
<b>Como Total</b>	<b>2,375.0</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Como Zoo & Conservatory Special Recreation Feature estimates are based on visitor interviews conducted in 1998 (see Metropolitan Council Publication #78-99-032) . That data indicated that 80.6% of all Como visitors were primarily visiting the Zoo & Conservatory. Zoo/Conservatory SRF visitors could possibly use Como RP for secondary activities during their visit, so the total use of Como RP is higher than the 19.4% listed for non-zoo/conservatory visits.

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

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2006 Visitation (1,000's)</b>	<b>Percentage of total<sup>1</sup></b>
Anoka County	2,479.4	7.51%
Bloomington	561.4	1.70%
Carver County	251.5	0.76%
Dakota County	830.8	2.52%
Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board	13,881.9	42.08%
Ramsey County	2,866.1	8.69%
St Paul	5,858.1	17.76%
Scott County	65.9	0.20%
Three Rivers Park District - Hennepin	5,014.9	15.20%
Three Rivers Park District - Scott	233.9	0.71%
Washington County	949.3	2.88%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,993.0</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

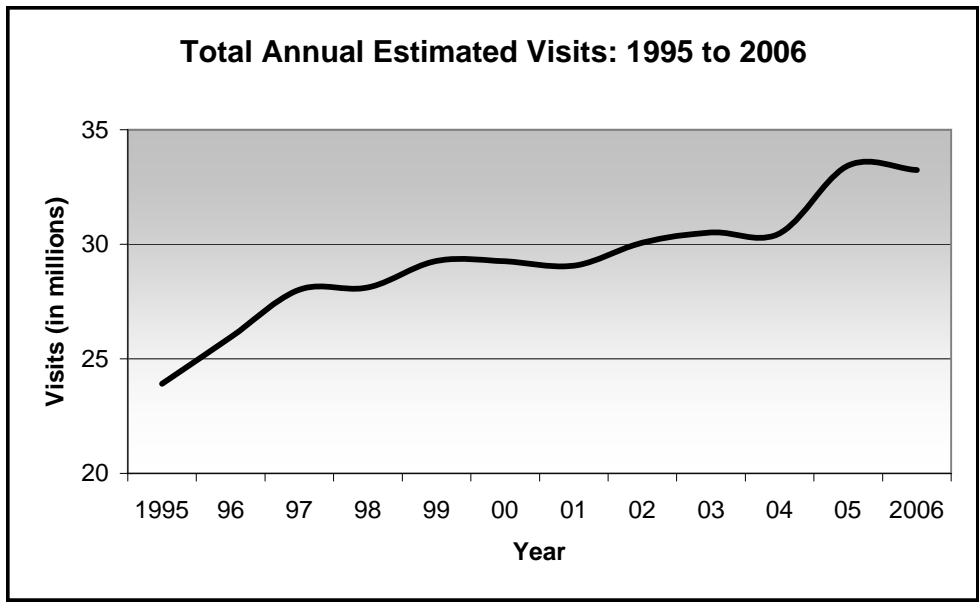
<sup>1</sup> Percentages are given to the second decimal point for use in the funding formula.

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



**Table 10: Comparison of estimated visits from 1995 to 2005**

	1995	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	2006
Anoka County	1,655.6	1,778.3	1,927.3	1,958.5	1,842.8	2,103.5	2,371.6	2,470.6	2,523.9	2,685.5	2,773.5	2,479.4
Bloomington	483.8	484.5	596.4	604.1	806.5	982.5	846.9	716.3	772.9	562.6	601.7	561.4
Carver County	192.7	133.2	187.5	177.9	174.6	175.9	176.6	179.3	204.6	205.0	251.1	251.5
Dakota County	578.7	678.8	766.5	686.9	749.6	689.6	648.9	672.4	843.6	868.8	886.9	830.8
Mpls Park & Rec. Board	11,281.4	12,181.1	13,306.7	14,289.6	15,525.3	14,469.0	14,045.7	14,183.6	13,130.3	12,953.3	14,125.6	13,881.9
Ramsey County	1,595.9	1,646.3	1,686.5	1,515.7	1,577.1	1,861.2	2,139.3	2,647.5	2,960.4	2,759.8	3,154.3	2,866.1



**Table 11: Top activities in the Regional Parks System - 2006**

Activity	% of park activity occasions <sup>1</sup>	# of park activity occasions <i>1,000's</i>	% of trail activity occasions <sup>2</sup>	# of trail activity occasions <i>1,000's</i>	Total # of activity occasions <i>1,000's</i>	% of total visits
Walking/hiking	30%	7,681	39%	3,588	11,269	34%
Biking	13%	3,325	31%	2,902	6,227	19%
Swimming/wading	21%	5,516	0%	-	5,516	17%
Picnicking	16%	4,175	0%	-	4,175	13%
Relaxing <sup>3</sup>	15%	3,892	0%	-	3,892	12%
Jogging/running	6%	1,598	17%	1,604	3,202	10%
Playground use	10%	2,577	0%	-	2,577	8%
Sunbathing	8%	2,113	0%	-	2,113	6%
Zoo visits	7%	1,914	0%	-	1,914	6%
In-line skating	4%	1,108	7%	603	1,711	5%
Fishing	6%	1,495	0%	-	1,495	5%
Dog-walking	1%	155	6%	528	683	2%
		<b>Regional Parks</b>	<b>Regional Trails</b>		<b>System-wide</b>	
<b>2006 system-wide visits</b> <i>(in 1,000's of visits)</i>		25,773.6		7,397.7		33,171.2
% of 2006 visits		78%		22%		

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Activity pattern data of regional park and trail visitors was collected in 1998-99 and published in the Regional Park Visitor Study by the Metropolitan Council (Metro Council publications 78-99-032 and 78-99-042). The activity patterns were applied to the 2006 visit estimate to generate this table. Visitors could do more than one activity during their visit to a regional park. Each time they did an activity, it was considered an activity occasion. Consequently, the total number of activity occasions is greater than the actual number of visits.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> "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.