

Parks Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS) parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visits. This was a decrease of 4% from the previous year.

All trail and vehicle counters are now Traqx counters that record timestamped hourly data for visitation. These counters make it possible to monitor hourly, daily, weekly, and monthly visitation at properties more closely to identify trends.

In 2018 Boulder County had a snowy February, followed by a warm spring with a mild April and lots of precipitation in May. The fall was average, with the exception of an unusually hot stretch of weather with days above 90 degrees in September.

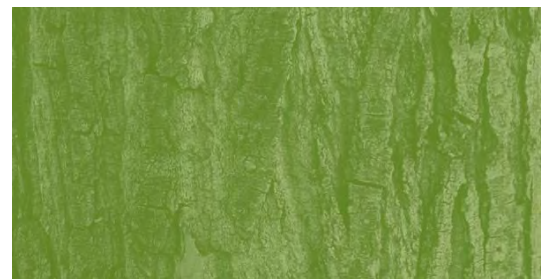


**Parks &
Open Space**

We monitored
16 vehicle &
20 trail counters
at 36 access points.

We installed 7 new
Traqx counters in 2018.

We relocated counters
at Bald Mountain and
Mud Lake to improve
the accuracy of the
visitation estimate at
those properties.



Methodology

Education & Outreach and Resource Protection staff are assigned property specific counter data collection duties. At the beginning of every month, staff download data from each counter. Counter data is uploaded to TRAFx DataNet, a web based system to view and analyze the count data. Each month, the following adjustments are applied:

$$\frac{\{(\text{counter data}) \times (\text{Average \# visitors/vehicle at park})\}}{2} = \text{Total for that month}$$

Counter data is divided by two for all trails and parking lots where visitors enter and exit from the same access point. For parking lots with one-way entrances, the counter's number is not divided by two. For vehicle counters, the data is multiplied by the average number of visitors per vehicle. That adjustment is calculated every five years using the BCPOS Five Year Study visitor survey. For pedestrian counters, the average number of visitors per vehicle in that park is not applied.

Data from 2017 was used in instances when a trail or vehicle counter was malfunctioning for a month or more. In instances when a counter was malfunctioning for a shorter period of time, an average daily traffic adjustment for that month was used for individual days.

After the adjustments are completed, each month's data is assigned to the appropriate season, which is calculated as follows: Winter = January, February and December; Spring = March, April and May; Summer = June, July and August; Fall = September, October and November.

These calculations give us a minimum estimated number of visits to parks with active counters. Please note that "number of visits" is not equal to "number of visitors." That is, the same visitor may visit the same park many times during one year.

Parks fall into one of three categories for visitor use:

- Low use < 30,000 visits per year
- Medium use 30,000 - 60,000 visits per year
- High use > 60,000 visits per year

Since 11 public parks and neighborhood trails do not have counters, their visitation must be estimated. The annual estimates provided by observational studies at Twin Lakes (103,139 visits) and the Coal Creek, Rock Creek, and LOBO trails (268,000 visits) have been adjusted to reflect the overall percent change in visitation estimated by properties with counters and included in the overall minimum estimated number of visits. Visitation at the Beech property is calculated using picnic shelter reservations, since the trails are managed by the City of Boulder. For the properties where observational data has not been collected, estimates are based on averages from properties with similar visitation that do have counters. Using data from those counters, we estimate the average visitation for other parks in that category and apply that average to each of the parks in categories that do not have counters.

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The estimates provided here are minimum estimates. Visitation numbers may be higher, but they are probably not any lower. Some parks have separate access points without counters, or they receive visitors not driving, but biking, running, riding or walking into the parks. Additionally, vehicle counters are calibrated to estimate visits from people arriving in cars, SUVs and small trucks, not larger vehicles like school or tour buses. The properties are listed based on the estimated number of visits from the highest to the lowest in 2018.

Estimated Number of Visits at Properties with Counters

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Total 2018	Total 2017
Pella Crossing	19,606	30,418	28,179	25,397	103,600	73,957
Heil Valley Ranch	12,937	24,390	35,046	25,400	97,773	99,421
Ron Stewart Preserve	20,607	26,940	22,218	18,137	87,902	89,027
Lagerman Agricultural Preserve	10,246	24,000	22,283	23,329	79,858	55,757
Hall Ranch	14,361	22,416	19,754	16,992	73,523	74,316
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	12,441	18,764	21,286	18,221	70,712	157,999
Mud Lake	8,512	16,234	30,471	16,258	71,475	69,098
Walden Ponds Cottonwood	13,928	22,748	16,869	15,040	68,586	72,629
Boulder Canyon Trail	3,827	19,511	27,390	15,247	65,975	--
Betasso Preserve	4,700	14,717	29,372	16,683	65,472	83,091
Walker Ranch	8,868	17,668	21,742	14,551	62,829	61,909
Walden Ponds Wally Toevs	12,269	19,577	17,314	12,736	61,896	69,627
Hessie	1,508	6,336	23,450	12,280	43,574	47,639
Legion Park	8,981	11,564	9,861	9,578	39,984	42,390
Coalton	6,950	10,655	12,458	9,365	39,428	43,312
Bald Mountain	6,558	9,417	9,477	7,583	33,035	43,579
Flagg Park	2,412	3,386	7,865	13,671	27,334	--
Caribou Ranch	4,185	1,364	7,538	10,382	23,469	25,049
Sherwood	82	447	1,504	953	2,986	2,419
Subtotal for Parks	172,978	300,552	364,077	281,803	1,119,411	1,111,219



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Notes on Properties with Counters

At properties with counters we observed a 1% overall increase in the estimated number of visits.

Pella Crossing reopened in 2017 and counter data was collected from May to December. In 2018, Pella was open for the entire year and recorded the highest estimated visitation of any property with counters. The number of people per vehicle adjustment for Pella Crossing uses 2010 Five Year Study data, since the property was closed during the 2015 survey.

Caribou Ranch has an annual closure from April 1 through June 30, which is reflected in the low number of estimated visits for the spring season. Data was not collected from Flagg Park in 2017, but a new TrafX trail counter was installed onsite in January 2018. Anne U. White remained closed in 2018 due to 2013 flood damage.

Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain was closed Monday to Wednesday January 1 to January 29, 2018 and September 17, 2018 to January 31, 2019. In the fall, if the hunters were successful, the park was opened for the week.

The Bald Mountain parking lot counter was over-counting vehicles, due to proximity to Sunshine Canyon Drive, so the counter was replaced with a trail counter in 2018 to more accurately reflect visits.

A trail counter was installed at the eastern entrance to the Open Sky Loop in March 2018. Neighbors walk across N 75th St. and people park along Pike road to access the trail from this location. The new trail counter recorded an estimated 22,754 visits, resulting in a more accurate estimate of visits to Lagerman Agricultural Preserve.

The Diamond Traffic vehicle counters located at Carolyn Holmberg Preserve were replaced with a TrafX trail counter in 2018. The change to a trail counter at the trailhead and a wildlife closure of the Cradleboard Trail from May to September resulted in a significant drop in visitation from 2017 to 2018.

More detailed information about specific properties can be found in individual property reports.

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Estimated Number of Visits at Properties without Counters

Category of Visitor Use	Property	Total 2018
Low Visitation Properties	Cattail Pond	17,930
	Harney Lastoka	17,930
	Reynolds Ranch	17,930
	Sugarloaf	17,930
	Dodd Reservoir	17,930
	Beech Shelter	469
Subtotal Low Visitation		90,119
Medium Visitation Properties	Niwot Trails	39,005
Subtotal Medium Visitation		39,005
High Visitation Properties	Regional Trails (LOBO, Coal Creek, Rock Creek)	289,440
	Twin Lakes	111,390
Subtotal High Visitation		400,830
Non-counter Subtotal		529,954

Properties without counters account for 32% of the overall estimated visitation. Between July and September of 2012, an observational spot study was completed at Twin Lakes to estimate annual visitation. Furthermore, the annual visitation at three regional trails was estimated by a 2013 small grant study conducted by Schulte and Flohr. The annual estimates provided by these studies for Twin Lakes (103,139 visits) and the Coal Creek, Rock Creek, and LOBO trails (268,000 visits) have been adjusted to reflect the average percent change in visitation at properties with counters in the years since the research was conducted. We plan to conduct new observational studies of visitation to update the regional trails estimates in 2020. Visitation at the Beech property is calculated using picnic shelter reservations, since the trails are managed by the City of Boulder.

For the properties where observational or counter data has not been collected, estimates are based on averages from properties with similar visitation that do have counters. Each of the three “use” categories has at least three properties with a counter. Using data from those counters, we can then estimate the average visitation for the other parks in that category. We then apply that average to each of the parks in categories that do not have counters.

Park Visitor Activities



Paid staff and Volunteer Ranger Corps (VRC) volunteers observed 23,171 visitors on BCPOS lands that are open to the public. This table summarizes park visitors' activities at those areas.

	2018	2017
Hiking	52%	51%
Biking	26%	28%
Running	6%	7%
Fishing	4%	5%
Viewing Wildlife	3%	2%
Picnicking	2%	2%
Nature Study	2%	1%
Riding a Horse	1%	1%
Relaxing/Doing Nothing	1%	1%
Photography/Art	1%	1%
Other**	<1%	1%
Boating	<1%	<1%
Sightseeing	<1%	<1%
Snowshoeing	<1%	<1%
Cross-country Skiing	<1%	<1%

Notes: "Other" activities include: BCPOS staff working, volunteers, suspected campers, paddle boarding, hanging out in parking lot, reading etc.

Dog-on-Leash Regulation Compliance

	2018	2017	2016	2015
Leashed Dogs	90% (1,890 dogs)	88% (1,646 dogs)	90% (1,380 dogs)	86% (1,103 dogs)
Unleashed Dogs	10% (202 dogs)	12% (221 dogs)	10% (161 dogs)	14% (176 dogs)

Top 3 Activities at Parks

Park/Trail	Primary Activity	Second Activity	Third Activity	Visitors Observed
Bald Mountain	Hiking (85%)	Picnicking (10%)	Relax/Nothing (2%)	222
Betasso Preserve	Hiking (48%)	Biking (40%)	Running (8%)	3,010
Caribou Ranch	Hiking (85%)	Running (4%)	Equestrians (3%)	2,144
Carolyn H. Preserve	Biking (38%)	Hiking (29%)	Running (15%)	721
Coalton	Biking (46%)	Hiking (37%)	Running (16%)	606
Hall Ranch	Biking (57%)	Hiking (33%)	Running (6%)	1,288
Heil Valley Ranch	Biking (53%)	Hiking (30%)	Running (7%)	2,982
Lagerman Agricultural Preserve	Hiking (31%)	Biking (28%)	Running (10%)	742
Mud Lake	Hiking (62%)	Biking (16%)	Picnicking (8%)	1,495
Pella Crossing	Hiking (56%)	Fishing (24%)	Nature Study (6%)	1,986
Rabbit Mountain	Hiking (89%)	Running (5%)	Biking (4%)	850
Twin Lakes	Hiking (73%)	Biking (16%)	Running (9%)	445
Walden Ponds	Hiking (53%)	Wildlife Viewing (18%)	Fishing (9%)	2,809
Walker Ranch Loop	Hiking (56%)	Biking (30%)	Fishing (6%)	2,280
Walker Ranch Meyers	Hiking (76%)	Nature Study (10%)	Biking (7%)	245
All Other Properties ⁺	Hiking (44%)	Biking (38%)	Running (13%)	1,346
TOTAL:	Hiking (52%)	Biking (26%)	Running (6%)	23,171

Notes: These numbers reflect only the visitors that were seen by staff and volunteers. The data was mostly collected during the warmer months, and often on weekends.

+ includes less frequently visited properties (e.g. Coal Creek Trail, Legion Park, Niwot Trails, Flagg Park, etc.)

Betasso Preserve Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Betasso Preserve visitation is estimated at 65,472 and accounts for 4% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Fourmile Link	394	234	468*	1,033*	1,027*	1,376*	992*	993*	908	738	325*	267	8,755
Betasso Link	247	160	583	979	847*	893*	625*	607*	596*	848*	548*	321	7,255
Main Trailhead	729	210	2,161	1,367	6,251	7,934	8,140	7,812	6,525	3,473	1,953	1,989	48,544
Bummers Rock									480*	195	94	149	918
Total	1,370	604	3,212	3,379	8,125	10,203	9,757	9,412	8,509	5,254	2,920	2,726	65,472

Notes: Fourmile Link Trail counter data missing 3/31 through 4/5, 5/31 through 6/30, 7/14 through 8/3, and 11/30. Betasso Link Trail counter data missing 5/31 through 6/30, 7/10 through 7/15, 8/01 through 9/13, 9/29 through 10/20, and 11/01 through 11/30. The month's average daily traffic was used to estimate visitation for missing days and 2017 data was used to estimate visitation for missing months. A new Bummers Rock Trail counter was installed on 9/29.



21% decrease in visitation from 2017.
65,472 visits in 2018
83,091 visits in 2017

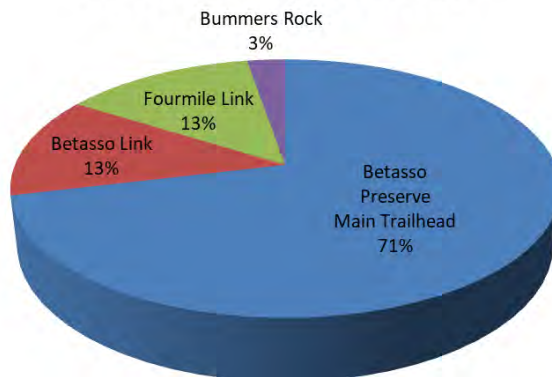
The busiest month:
July
10,203 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Sunday
22% of total visitation

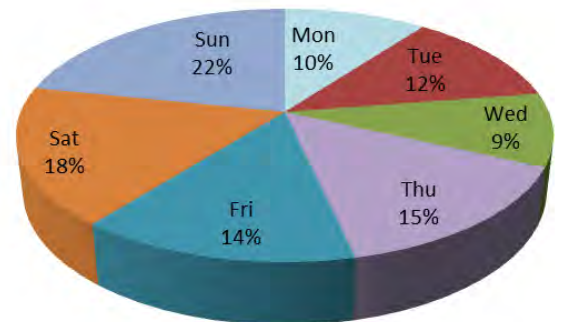
The busiest hour of the day:
11:00 am
Average 17 visits

The busiest day of the year:
July 1
648 visits

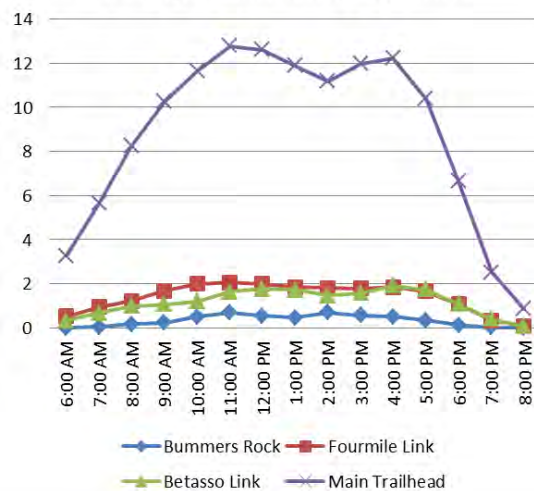
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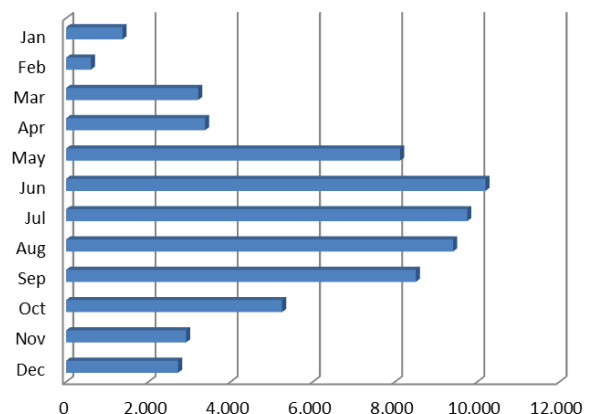
Visitation by Day of Week



Average Visitation by Hour



Visitation by Month



Bald Mountain Scenic Area Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Bald Mountain visitation is estimated at 33,035 and accounts for 2% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Parking Lot	2,586	2,181	3,069	2,930	3,418	1,736*							15,920
Trail						1,621*	3,334	2,786	2,906	2,516	2,161	1,791	17,115
Total	2,586	2,181	3,069	2,930	3,418	3,357	3,334	2,786	2,906	2,516	2,161	1,791	33,035

Notes: Due to the proximity of the vehicle counter and parking lot to Sunshine Canyon Drive, vehicles stopping and waiting to turn were double counted. The parking lot vehicle counter was replaced with a trail counter on June 15 to more accurately capture visitation. June visitation includes data from the parking lot counter 6/1 to 6/14 and the trail counter 6/15 to 6/30.



24% decrease in visitation from 2017.
33,035 visits in 2018
43,579 visits in 2017

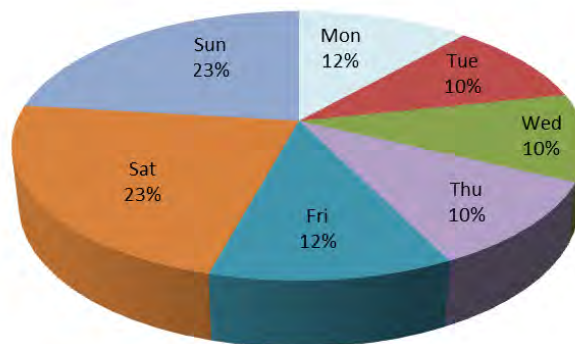
The busiest month:
May
3,418 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Saturday and Sunday
23% of total visitation per day

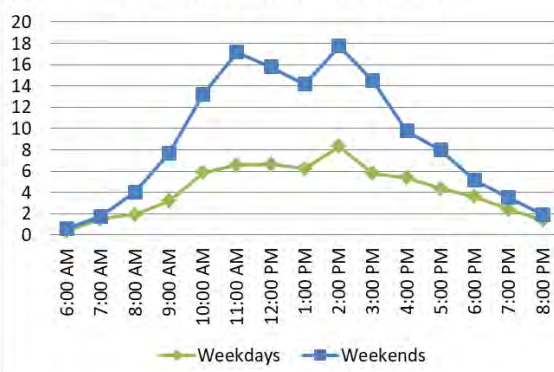
The busiest hour of the day:
2:00pm on weekends
Average 18 visits
2:00pm on weekdays
Average 8 visits

The busiest day of the year:
November 22
Thanksgiving Day
257 visits

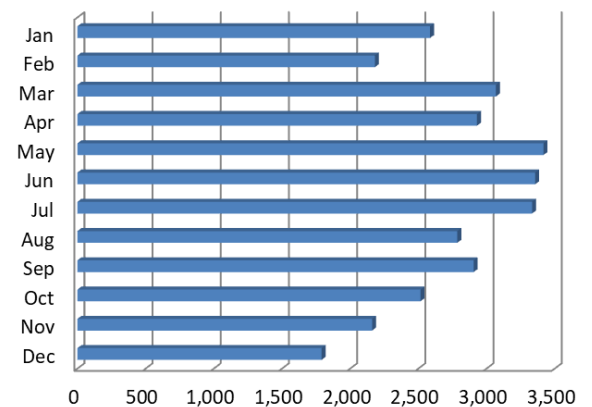
Visitation by Day of Week



Average Visitation by Hour



Visitation by Month



Boulder Canyon Trail Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Boulder Canyon Trail visitation is estimated at 65,975 and accounts for 4% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Boulder Canyon	--	1,733*	5,170	6,373	7,968	9,081	9,976	8,333	7,319	5,502	2,426	2,094	65,975

Notes: The Boulder Canyon Trail counter was installed on February 3, 2018.



65,975 visits in 2018

The busiest month:

July
9,976 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Sunday
20% of total visitation per day

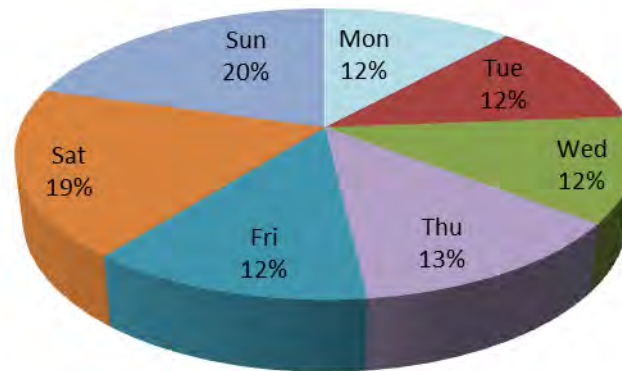
The busiest hour of the day:

Noon on weekends
Average 30 visits
Noon on weekdays
Average 17 visits

The busiest day of the year:

April 22
546 visits

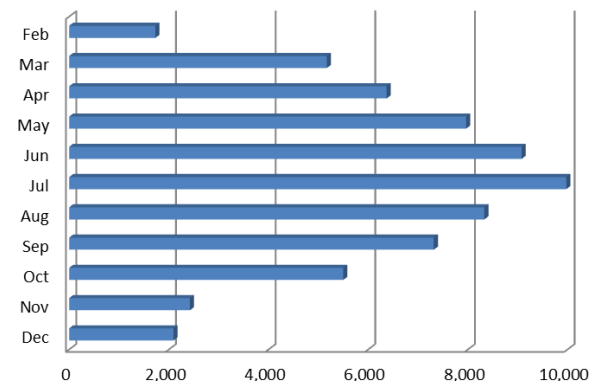
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Caribou Ranch Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Caribou Ranch visitation is estimated at 23,469 and accounts for 1.4% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Main Trailhead	1,628	1,334	1,364	Closed 4/1 – 6/30			4,510	3,028	7,148	2,203	1,031	1,223	23,469

Notes: Caribou Ranch has an annual closure from April 1 through June 30 to protect spring migratory birds and elk calving and rearing.



6% decrease in visitation from 2017.
23,469 visits in 2018
25,049 visits in 2017

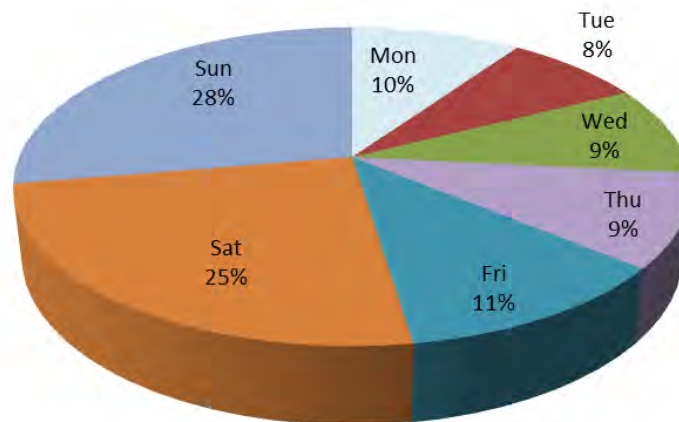
The busiest month:
September
7,148 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Sunday
28% of total visitation

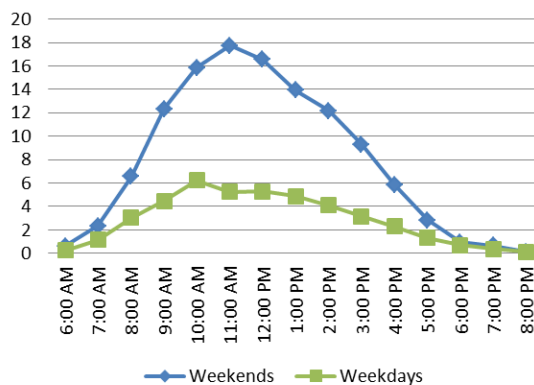
The busiest hour of the day:
11:00am on weekends
Average 18 visits
10:00am on weekdays
Average 6 visits

The busiest day of the year:
September 23
834 visits

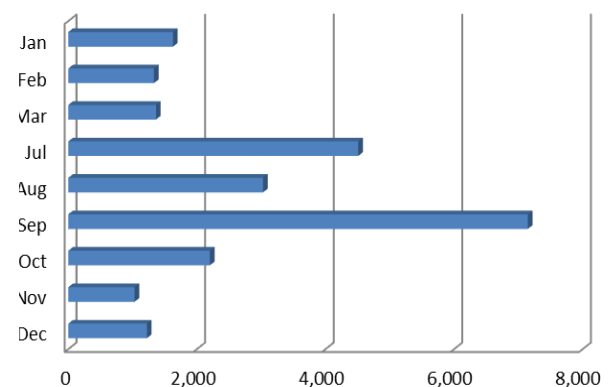
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Visitation by Month



Carolyn Holmberg Preserve Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Carolyn Holmberg Preserve at Rock Creek Farm visitation is estimated at 70,712 and accounts for 4% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Mary Miller Trail	805	557	1,410	1,570	1,594	1,865	1,981	2,031	1,760	1,451	906	783	16,713
Loc Amora Link	996*	673*	1,448	1,425	1,299*	1,537*	1,531	1,969*	1,841*	1,283	979	921	15,902
Cradleboard Trail	942*	637*	850*	866*	23*	22	20	31	29	570	939	748	5,677
Main Trailhead	1,449*	1,631	2,596	2,680	3,003	3,393	3,716	3,190	3,328	2,875	2,260	2,299	32,420
Total	4,192	3,498	6,304	6,541	5,919	6,817	7,248	7,221	6,958	6,179	5,084	4,751	70,712

Notes: The main trailhead used Diamond Traffic counters to collect data in 2017. The main trailhead counters were replaced with a TRAFx trail counter on January 20, 2018. Cradleboard Trail counter data missing 1/17 through 3/31 and 4/26 through 5/19. The Loc Amora Link trail counter data missing 1/16, 1/25 through 2/3, 5/5 through 6/3, and 8/01 through 9/1. The month's average daily traffic was used to estimate visitation for missing days and previous years' data was used to estimate visitation for missing months.



55% decrease in visitation from 2017.
70,712 visits in 2018
157,999 visits in 2017

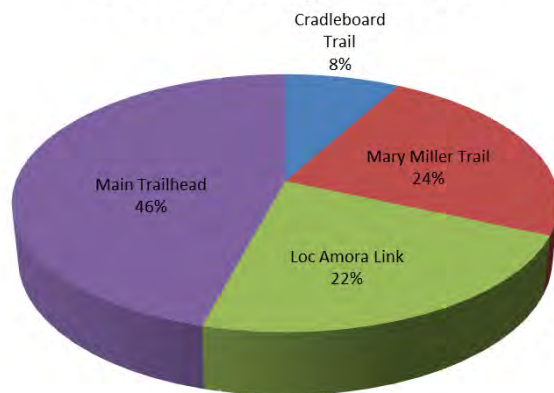
The busiest month:
July
7,248 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Sunday
25% of total visitation

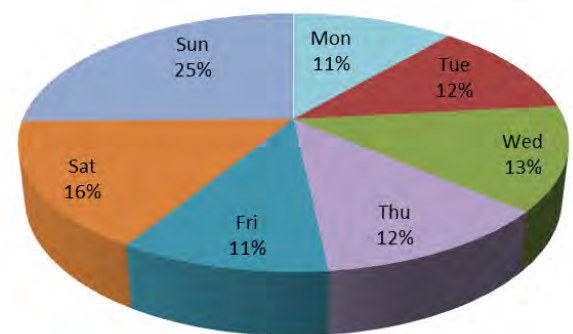
The busiest hour of the day:
Noon
Average 20 visits

The busiest day of the year:
July 1
728 visits

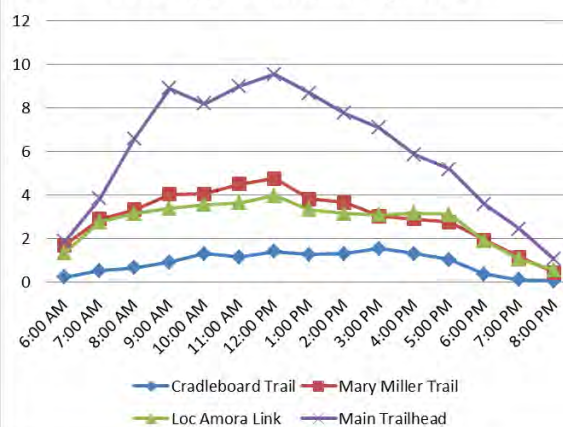
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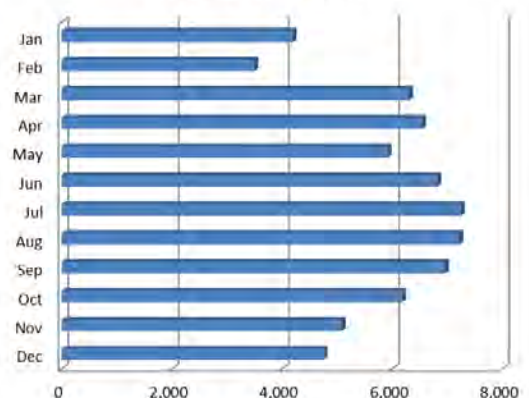
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Coalton Trailhead Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Coalton Trailhead visitation is estimated at 39,428 and accounts for 2.4% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Main Trailhead	3,203	1,394	3,008	3,327	4,320	4,267	4,144	4,047	4,043	3,077	2,245	2,353	39,428



9% decrease in visitation from 2017.
39,428 visits in 2018
43,312 visits in 2017

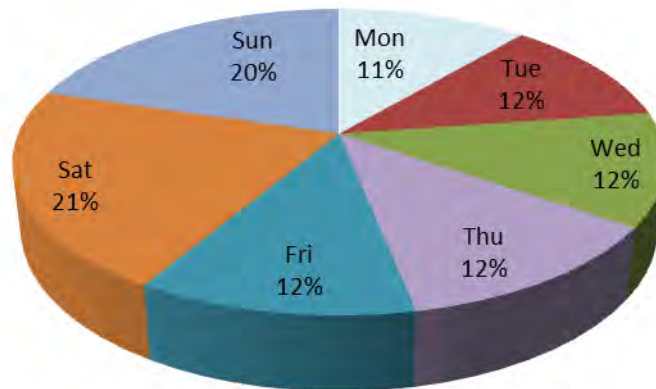
The busiest month:
May
4,320 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Saturday
21% of total visitation

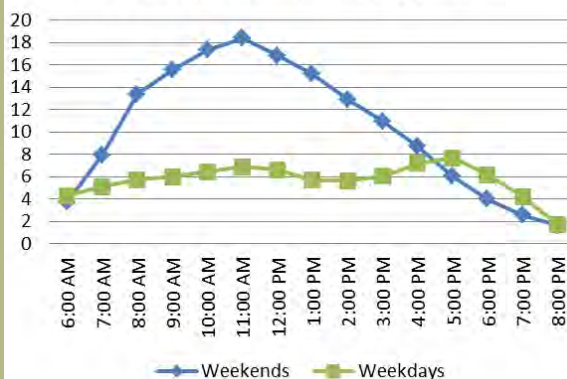
The busiest hour of the day:
11:00am on weekends
Average 18 visits
5:00pm on weekdays
Average 8 visits

The busiest day of the year:
January 27
638 visits

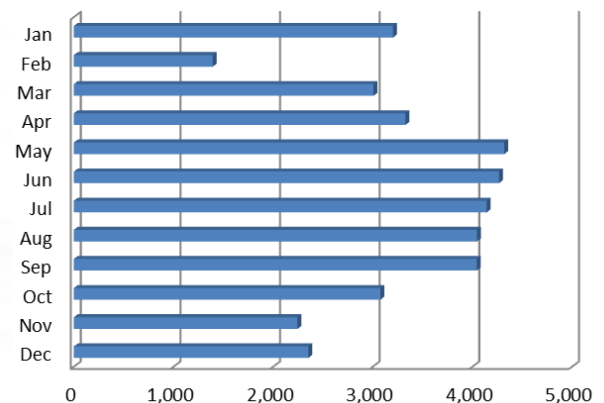
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Flagg Park Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Flagg Park visitation is estimated at 27,334 and accounts for 1.7% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Main Trailhead	386*	483	881	970	1,535	1,962	3,337	2,566	3,691	2,000	7,980	1,543	27,334

Notes: The Flagg Park counter was installed on January 20, 2018.



27,334 visits in 2018

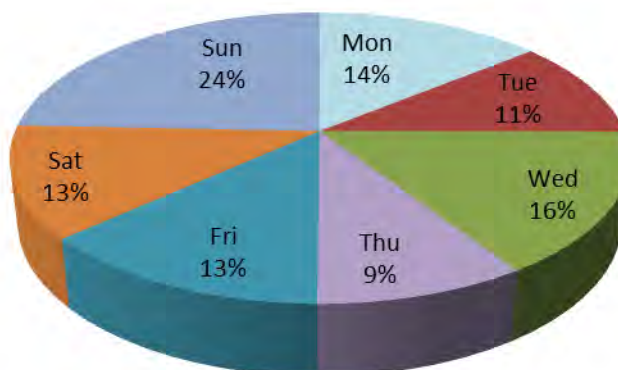
The busiest month:
November
7,980 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Sunday
24% of total visitation

The busiest hour of the day:
Noon on weekends
Average 13 visits
2:00pm on weekdays
Average 10 visits

The busiest day of the year:
November 25
2,941 visits

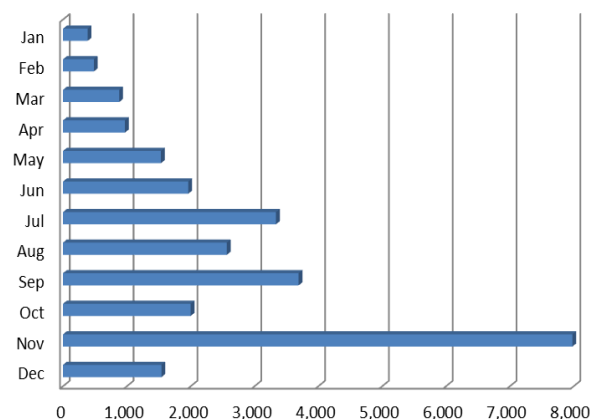
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Hall Ranch Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Hall Ranch visitation is estimated at 73,523 and accounts for 4.5% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Antelope Trail	1,373	727	2,016	2,184	2,362	2,362	1,960	1,609	1,478	2,324	981	1,592	20,968
Buttonrock Trail						75*	130	153	139	115	76	81	769
Main Trailhead	3,805	2,850	6,031	5,125	4,698	4,726	4,434	4,305	4,362	4,121	3,396	3,933	51,789
Total	5,178	3,577	8,047	7,309	7,060	7,163	6,524	6,067	5,979	6,560	4,453	5,606	73,523

Notes: The Buttonrock counter was installed on June 14, 2018



1% decrease in visitation from 2017.
73,523 visits in 2018
74,316 visits in 2017

The busiest month:
March
8,047 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Sunday
23% of total visitation

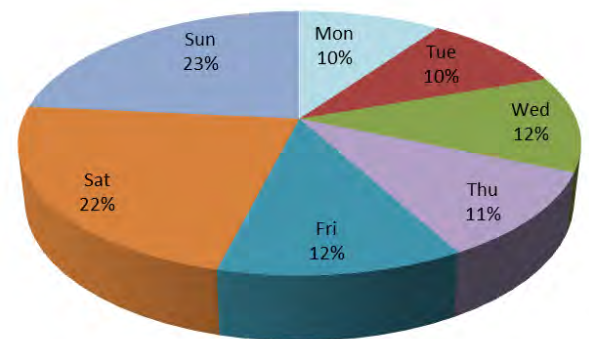
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11:00am and noon
Average 21 visits

The busiest day of the year:
March 17
636 visits

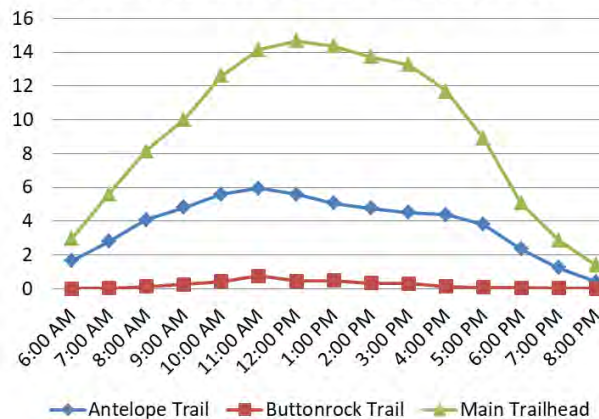
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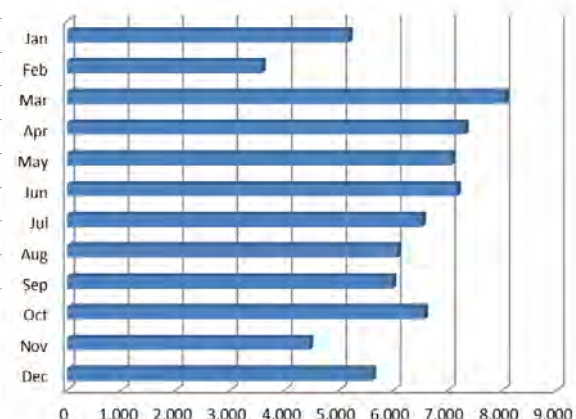
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Average Visitation by Hour



Visitation by Month



Heil Valley Ranch Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Heil Valley Ranch visitation is estimated at 97,773 and accounts for 6% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Main Trailhead	2,657	2,997	4,415*	6,593*	6,371	7,253	6,189	5,996	5,698	4,764	3,526	3,314	59,773
Overland Trail	--	--	--	--	--	1,193*	1,115	1,074	1,040	768	294	644	6,128
Picture Rock	1,342	475	1,084	3,112	2,815	3,488*	4,500*	4,238*	4,209	3,640	1,461	1,508	31,872
Total	3,999	3,472	5,499	9,705	9,186	11,934	11,804	11,308	10,947	9,172	5,281	5,466	97,773

Notes: The Overland Trail counter was installed on 6/15. Picture Rock Trail counter data missing 6/5 through 7/5 and 7/12 through 8/3. Main trailhead counter data missing 3/22 through 4/28. The month's average daily traffic was used to estimate visitation for missing days and 2017 data was used to estimate visitation for months with less than 6 days of data.



2% decrease in visitation from 2017.
97,773 visits in 2018
99,421 visits in 2017

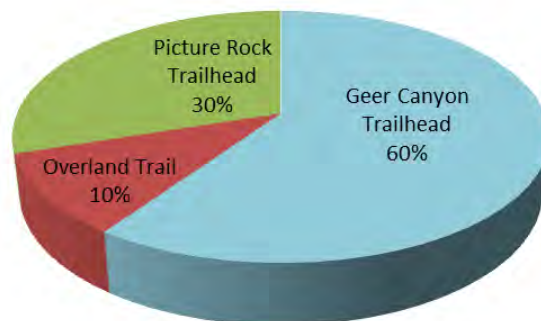
The busiest month:
June
11,934 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Saturday and Sunday
22% of total visitation

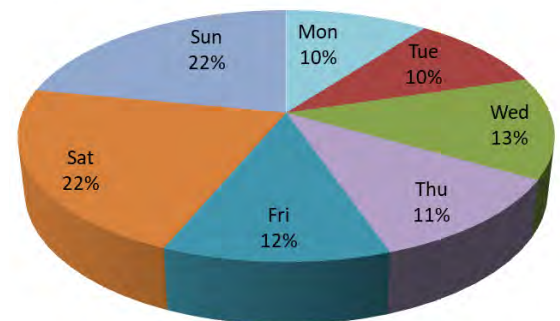
The busiest hour of the day:
11:00 am and noon
Average 27 visits

The busiest day of the year:
October 13
800 visits

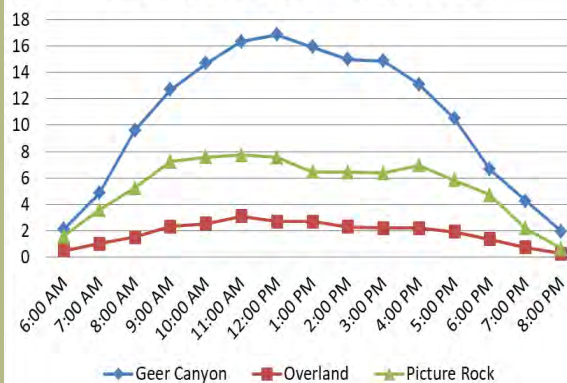
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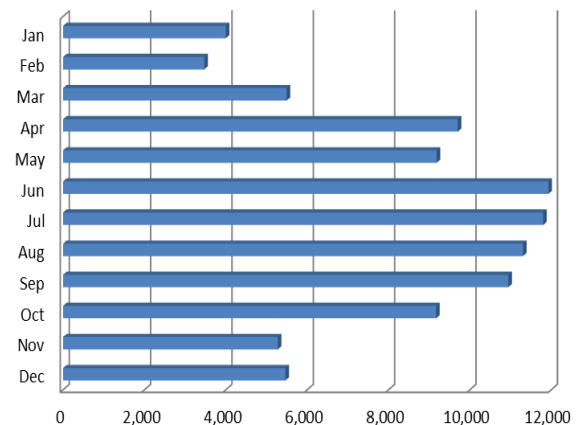
Visitation by Day of Week



Average Visitation by Hour



Visitation by Month



Hessie Trailhead Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. The Hessie Trailhead visitation is estimated at 43,574 accounts for 2.6% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Hessie Trailhead	387	299	680	1,510	4,146	8,061	8,336	7,053	7,632	3,250	1,398	822	43,574



9% decrease in visitation from 2017.
43,574 visits in 2018
47,639 visits in 2017

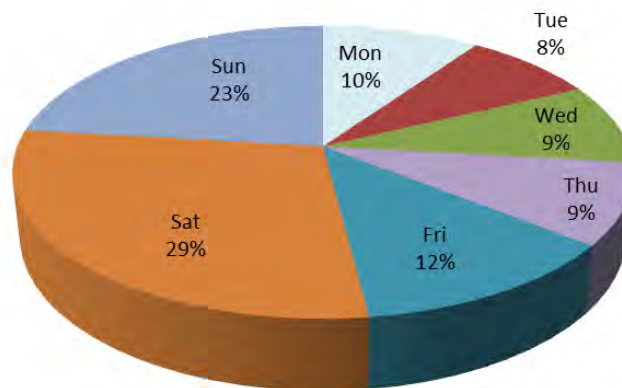
The busiest month:
July
8,336 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Saturday
29% of total visitation

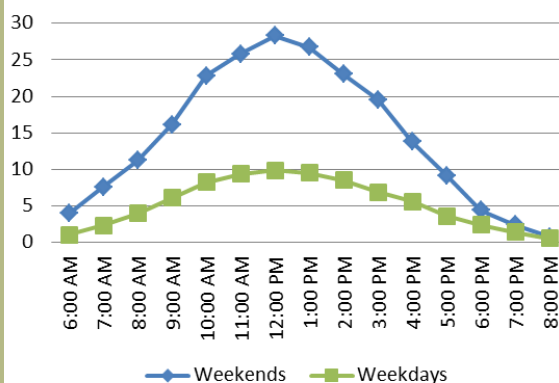
The busiest hour of the day:
12:00pm on weekends
Average 28 visits
Noon on weekdays
Average 10 visits

The busiest day of the year:
June 23
640 visits

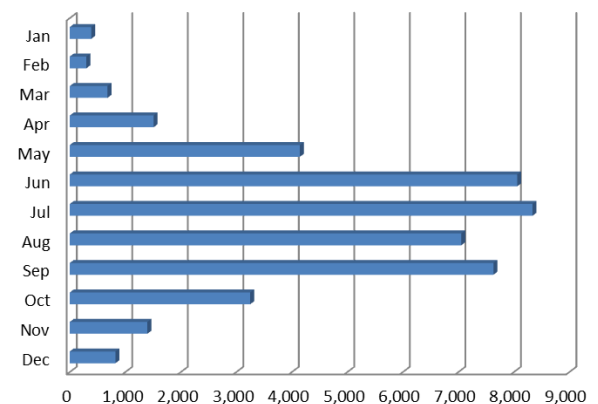
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Average Visitation by Hour



Visitation by Month



Lagerman Agricultural Preserve Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Lagerman Agricultural Preserve visitation is estimated at 79,858 and accounts for 5% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Main Trailhead	3,432*	3,099*	3,451*	5,870*	5,686	5,436	5,032	4,737	4,782	4,964	2,798*	2,892*	52,179
Link Trail	269	168	442*	432	536	392	418	476	584	472	350	386	4,925
East Open Sky	--	--	2,326*	2,125	3,131	2,928*	2,864	--	2,619*	4,217	2,544*	--	22,754
Total	3,701	3,267	6,219	8,427	9,353	8,756	8,314	5,213	7,985	9,653	5,692	3,278	79,858

Notes: Lagerman Link Trail data missing 3/31. The East Open Sky Loop counter was installed on 3/10. The East Open Sky Loop data is missing 3/31, 6/1 through 6/2, and 8/1 through 9/02. Further, the Open Sky Loop counter was removed 11/15 through 12/31 due to trail construction. The month's average daily traffic was used to estimate visitation for missing days. Months with less than 6 days of data are not included in the estimate. The new main trailhead counter was found not to be reliable in the colder months, so January through March and November through December were excluded and data from the previous year's estimate was used.



43% increase in visitation from 2017.

(22,754 visits attributed to new trail counter at east entrance to Open Sky Loop)
79,858 visits in 2018
55,757 visits in 2017

The busiest month:

October
9,653 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Sunday
17% of total visitation

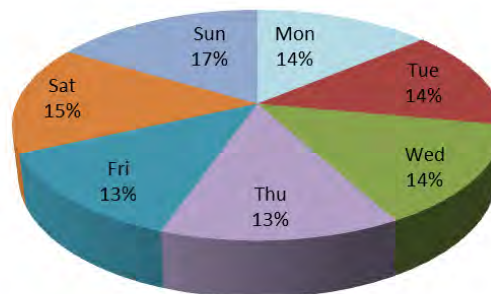
The busiest hour of the day:

11:00 am
Average 23 visits

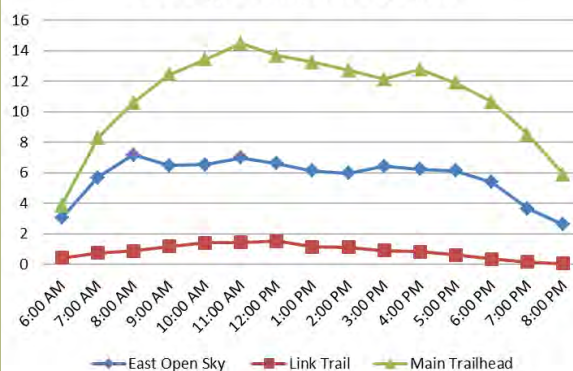
The busiest day of the year:

April 22
529 visits

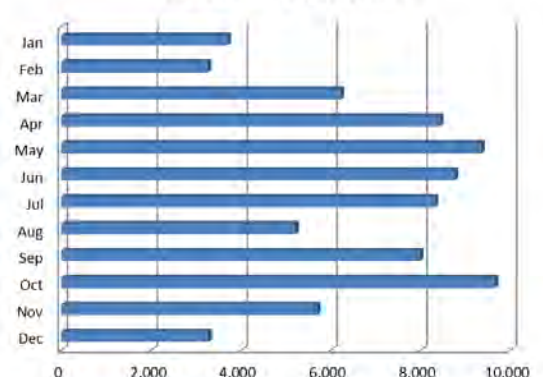
Visitation by Day of Week



Average Visitation by Hour



Visitation by Month



Legion Park Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Legion Park visitation is estimated at 39,984 and accounts for 2.4% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Legion Park	3,403	2,711	3,843	3,758	3,963	3,277	3,261	3,323	3,222	3,378	2,978	2,867	39,984



6% decrease in visitation from 2017.
39,984 visits in 2018
42,390 visits in 2017

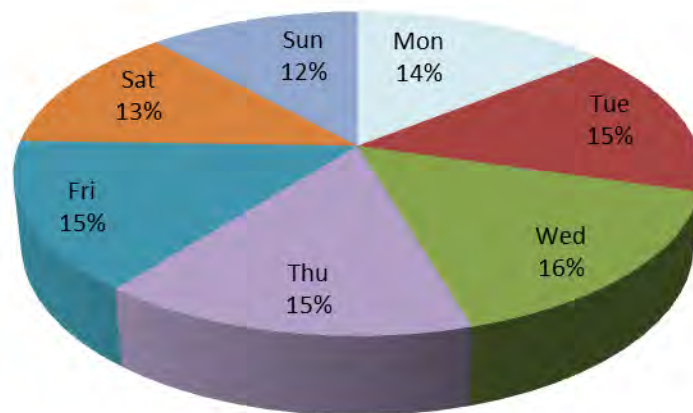
The busiest month:
May
3,963 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Wednesday
16% of total visitation
(Legion Park is a popular place to park and eat lunch)

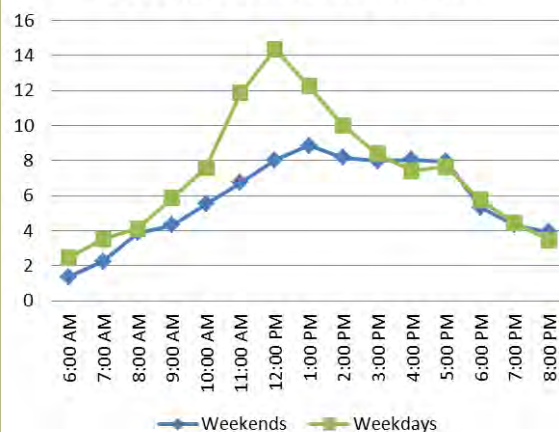
The busiest hour of the day:
1:00pm on weekends
Average 9 visits
Noon on weekdays
Average 14 visits

The busiest day of the year:
January 31
255 visits

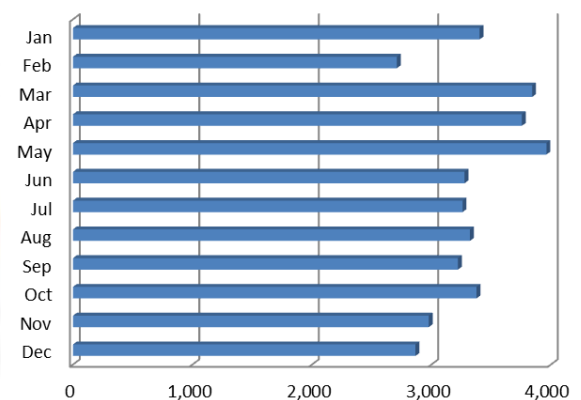
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Average Visitation by Hour



Visitation by Month



Mud Lake Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Mud Lake visitation is estimated at 71,475 and accounts for 4% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Mud Lake	3,045	2,966	3,760	4,865	7,609	11,687	11,341	7,443*	10,154	3,976	2,128	2,501	71,475

Notes: Counter data missing on 8/1 and the month's average daily traffic used to estimate visitation for that day. The counter was relocated on 8/12 to more accurately record vehicle numbers.



3% increase in visitation from 2017.
71,475 visits in 2018
69,098 visits in 2017

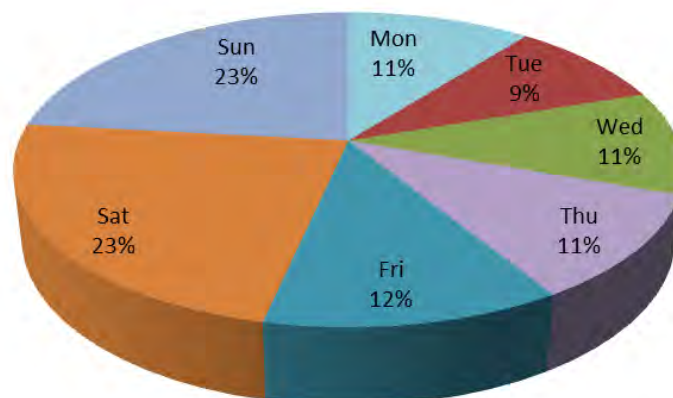
The busiest month:
June
11,687 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Saturday and Sunday
23% of total visitation

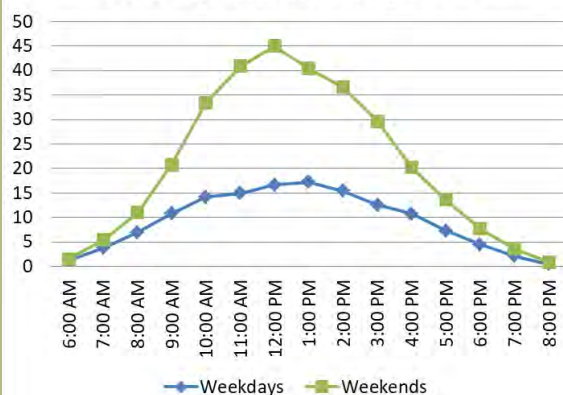
The busiest hour of the day:
Noon on weekends
Average 45 visits
Noon and 1:00 pm on weekdays
Average 17 visits

The busiest day of the year:
September 23
898

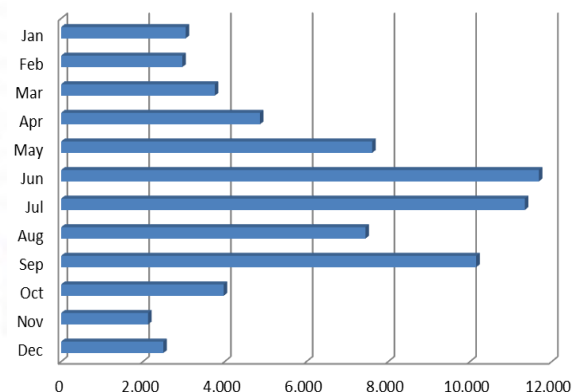
Visitation by Day of Week



Average Visitation by Hour



Visitation by Month



Pella Crossing Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Pella Crossing visitation is estimated at 103,600 and accounts for 6% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Pella Crossing	6,940*	5,759	10,291	9,803	10,324	10,155	8,835	9,189*	9,468	8,504	7,425	6,907*	103,600

Notes: Outliers were removed on 1/1, 1/2, 12/5, 12/7, and 12/10 and replaced with the month's average daily traffic.



103,600 visits in 2018
73,957 visits in 2017
 Pella Crossing was closed Jan to Apr in 2017 for flood repair

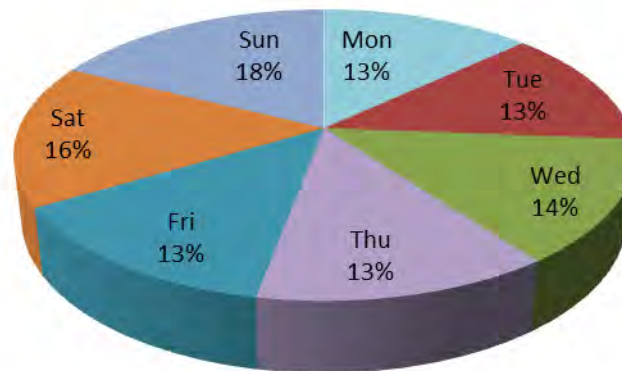
The busiest month:
 May
 10,324 visits

The busiest day of the week:
 Sunday
 18% of total visitation

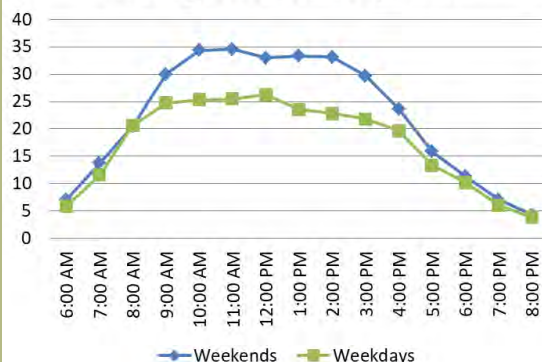
The busiest hour of the day:
 11:00am on weekends
 Average 35 visits
 Noon on weekdays
 Average 26 visits

The busiest day of the year:
 April 15
 581 visits

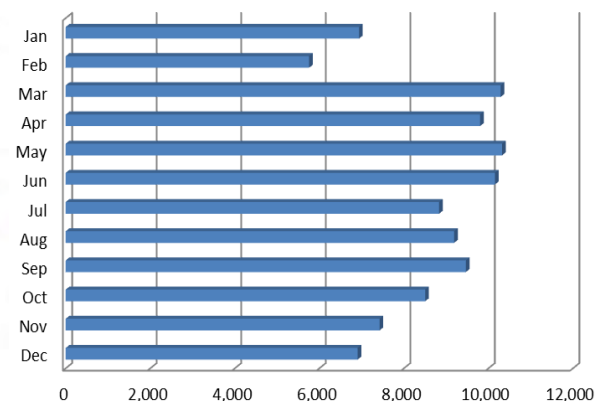
Visitation by Day of Week



Average Visitation by Hour



Visitation by Month



Ron Stewart Preserve Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain visitation is estimated at 87,902 and accounts for 5% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Rabbit Mountain	5,784	6,465*	9,876*	8,992	8,072*	7,481*	7,224	7,513	6,366	5,467	6,304*	8,358*	87,902

Notes: Rabbit Mountain counter data missing 2/21 through 3/31, 5/17 through 6/02, and 11/3 through 12/21. The month's average daily traffic was used to estimate visitation for missing days. Months with less than 6 days of data are not included in the estimate; 2017 data was used for November.



1% decrease in visits from 2017
87,902 visits in 2018
89,027 visits in 2017

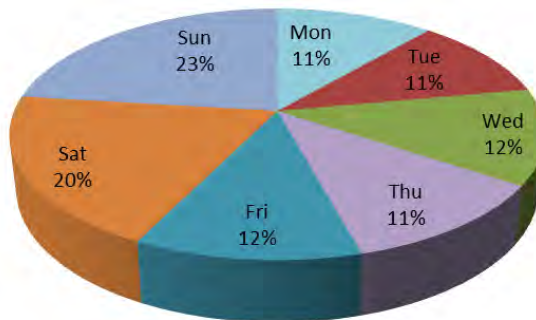
The busiest month:
March
9,876 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Sunday
23% Feb 2 to Sept 16
31% Jan 1 to 31 and Sept 17 to Dec 31

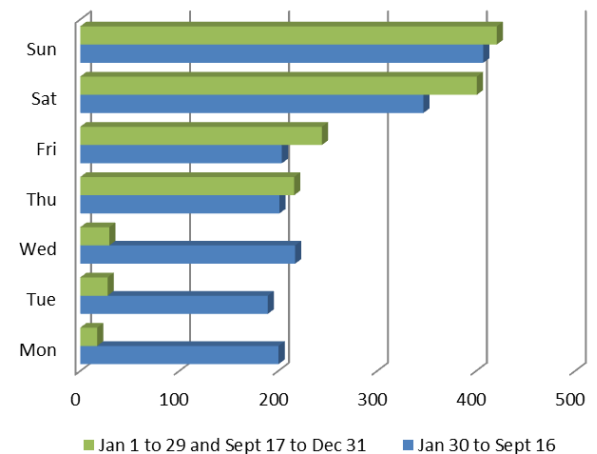
The busiest hour of the day:
Noon on weekends
Average 44 visits
11:00 am on weekdays
Average 17 visits

The busiest day of the year:
February 18
771

Visitation by Day of Week
Jan 30 to Sept 16

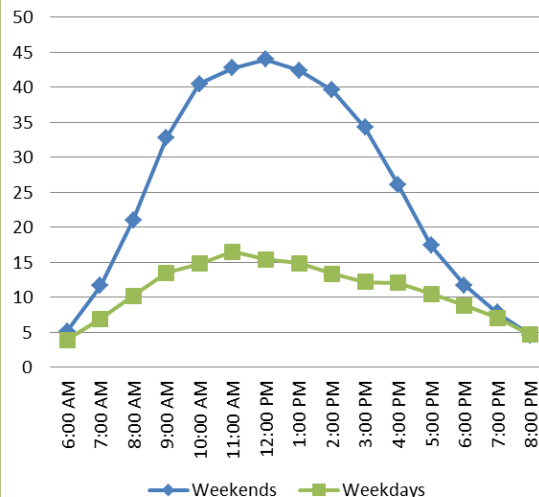


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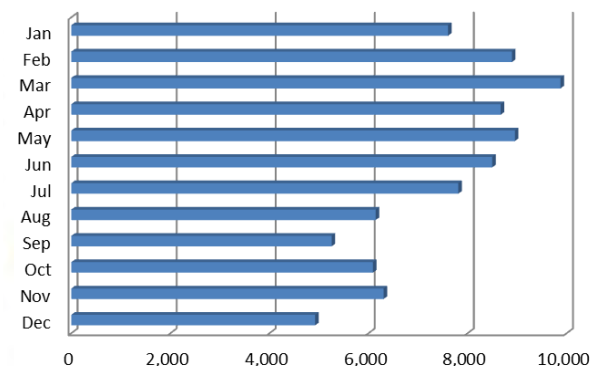


Note: Ron Stewart Preserve was closed to the public Monday to Wednesday Jan 1 to 29 and Sept 17 to Dec 31 for elk management. If the hunters were successful, the park was opened for the week.

Average Visitation by Hour



Visitation by Month



Sherwood Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Sherwood visitation is estimated at 2,986 and accounts for 0.2% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Sherwood	26	13	16	100	331	527	568	409	563	310	80	43	2,986



23% increase in visitation from 2017.

2,986 visits in 2018
2,419 visits in 2017

The busiest month:

July
568 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Sunday
22% of total visitation

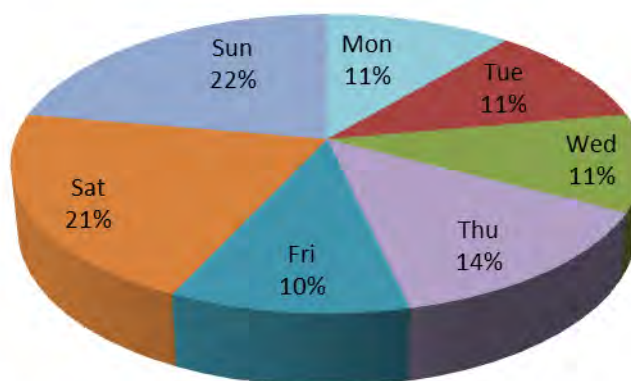
The busiest hour of the day:

11:00am on weekends
Average 2 visits
11:00am on weekdays
Average 1 visit

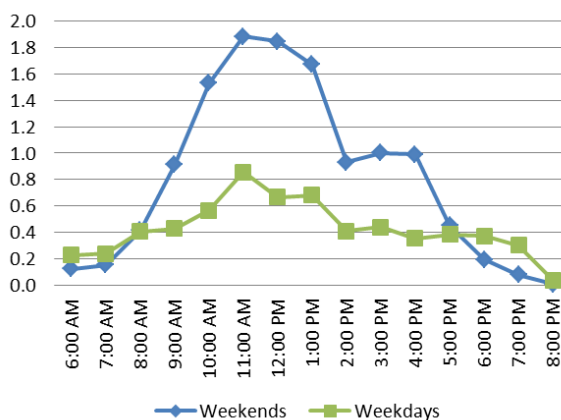
The busiest day of the year:

September 23
77 visits

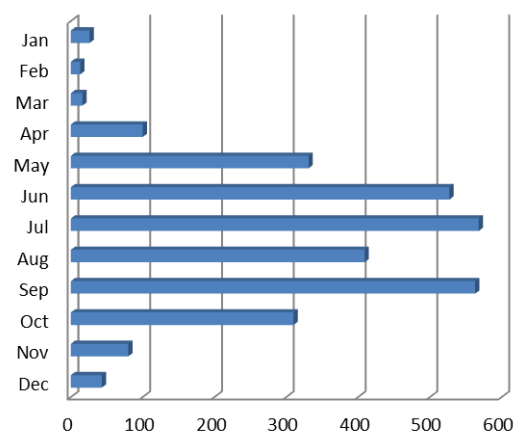
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Average Visitation by Hour



Visitation by Month



Walden Ponds Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Walden Ponds visitation is estimated at 130,482 and accounts for 8% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Wally Toevs Pond	4,884	4,256	6,092	6,531	6,954	7,577	5,377	4,360	4,066	4,440	4,230*	3,129	61,896
Cottonwood North	4,266	4,048*	5,838	6,139	6,752	6,138	4,102	3,493	3,895	4,485	3,885	3,287	56,328
Cottonwood South	822	757	1,182	1,334	1,503	1,297	957	882	900	1,033	842*	749*	12,258
Total	9,972	9,061	13,112	14,004	15,209	15,012	10,436	8,735	8,861	9,958	8,957	7,165	130,482

Notes: Wally Toevs Pond counter data missing 11/2 through 11/3. An outlier was removed for the Cottonwood North counter on 2/14. Cottonwood South counter data missing 11/2 through 11/3 and 11/30 through 12/5. The month's average daily traffic was used to estimate visitation for missing days and outliers. Many vehicles drive through both parking lots during a trip to the property, visiting both Wally Toevs Ponds and the Cottonwood Trailhead.



8% decrease in visitation from 2017.
130,482 visits in 2018
142,256 visits in 2017

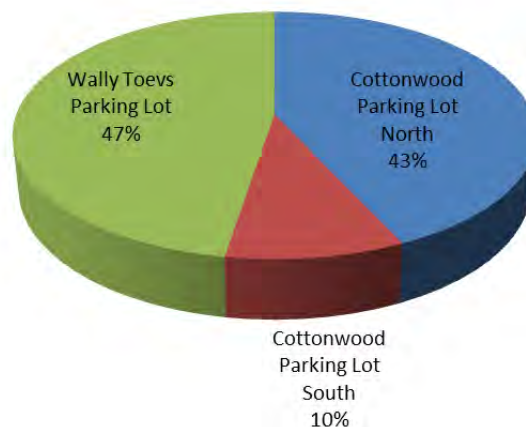
The busiest month:
May
15,209 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Sunday
16% of total visitation

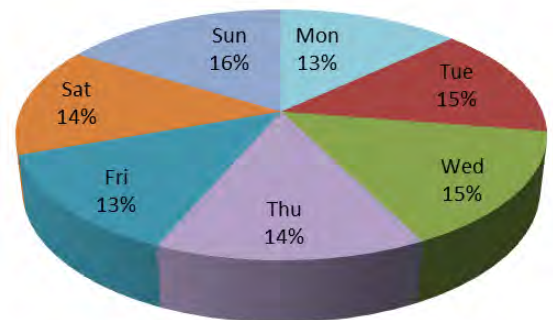
The busiest hour of the day:
1:00 pm
Average 36 visits

The busiest day of the year:
June 13
912 visits

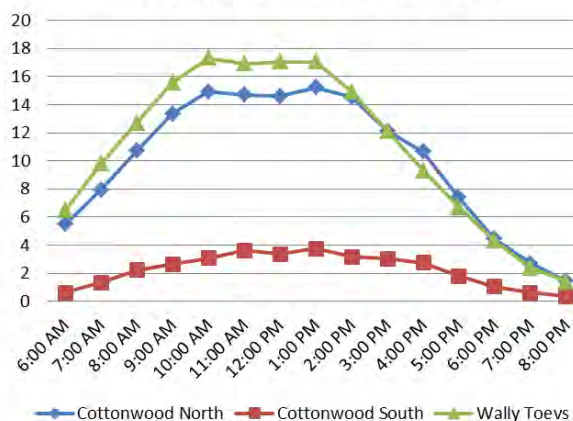
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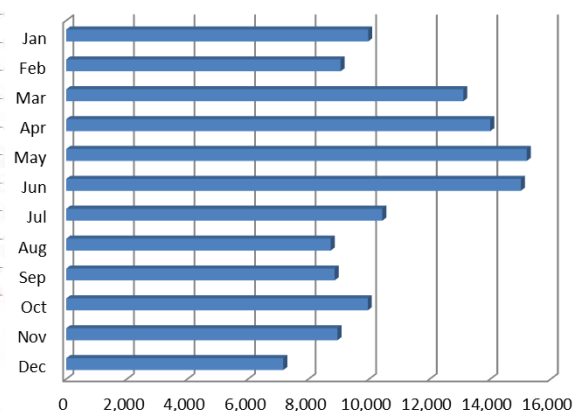
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Average Visitation by Hour



Visitation by Month



Walker Ranch Visitation

The minimum estimated number of visits to Boulder County Parks and Open Space parks and trails in 2018 was 1,649,365 visitors. Walker Ranch Loop visitation is estimated at 62,829 and accounts for 4% of overall visitation.

Counter Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Ethel Harrold	461	435	1,063	943	1,232	1,458	1,488	1,539	1,156	766	580	409	11,530
Loop Trailhead	2,310	1,782	3,732	4,060	5,061	5,280	5,187	4,966	4,454	3,492	2,454	2,468	45,246
Meyers Gulch	403*	261	505	487	584	656	577	591	799	523	327	339	6,052
Total	3,174	2,478	5,300	5,491	6,877	7,394	7,252	7,096	6,409	4,781	3,361	3,216	62,829

Notes: Walker Ranch Meyers counter data missing 1/1 through 1/12. The month's average daily traffic was used to estimate visitation for missing days.



10% decrease in visitation from 2017.
62,829 visits in 2018
69,909 visits in 2017

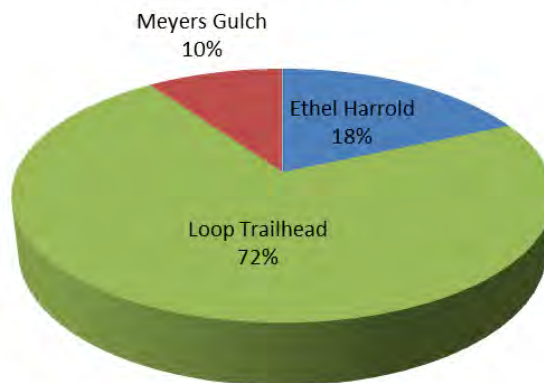
The busiest month:
June
7,394 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Sunday
24% of total visitation

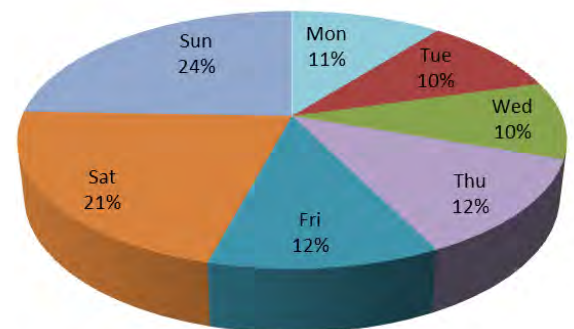
The busiest hour of the day:
Noon, 1:00 pm, and 11:00 am
Average 18 visits

The busiest day of the year:
April 28
573 visits

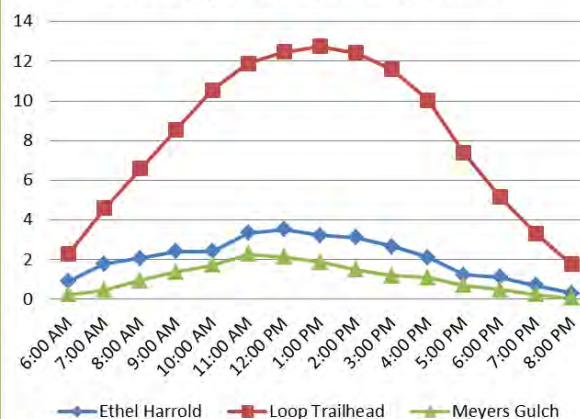
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