



Parks &  
Open Space

# Parks Visitation

Boulder County

2019 Annual Report

## Spotlight

23 properties  
5 regional trails

36 access points  
17 vehicle counters  
19 trail counters

Temporary vehicle  
counters at Heil Valley  
Ranch and Hall Ranch

New vehicle and trail  
counters at Anne U.  
White Trail

Michelle Marotti  
Education & Outreach  
Specialist

The minimum estimated number of visits to Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS) parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visits. This was a decrease of 11% from the previous year.

Weather likely caused some of the decrease in visitation. In 2019, Boulder County weather was colder and wetter than average, with cool temperatures stretching through June. The months of August and September were hot and dry. October and November were both snowy months with a number of large storm events and colder temperatures. Intermittent muddy trail closures took place throughout the year, most frequently in the spring and fall.

The Boulder Canyon Project resulted in significantly lower visitation at Betasso Preserve and the Boulder Canyon Trail in 2019.

All trail and vehicle counters are TRAFx 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.



# Methodology

Education & Outreach and Resource Protection staff are assigned property-specific 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:

$$\frac{\{(Counter\ data)\ x\ (Average\ \#\ visitors\ per\ vehicle\ at\ park)\}}{2} = \text{total for that month}$$

Counter data is divided by two for any 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 for each property every five years using the BCPOS Five Year Study visitor survey. For trail counters, the average number of visitors per vehicle in that park is not applied.

Data from 2018 was used in instances when a trail or vehicle counter was malfunctioning for a month or longer. 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 Longmont-to-Boulder (LoBo) trails (268,000 total 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 visitor use category and apply that average to each of the parks in categories that do not have counters.



## Properties with Counters Notes

At properties with counters we observed a 12% overall decrease in the estimated number of visits. Of the decrease, 5.6% is due to the drop in visitation at Betasso Preserve and the Boulder Canyon Trail. The Boulder Canyon Project resulted in significantly lower visitation at Betasso Preserve and the Boulder Canyon Trail in 2019. Construction on the road began in March. There were ongoing impacts throughout the year, including the complete closure of Boulder Canyon CO 119, Mondays–Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In 2019, the new Schoolhouse Loop at Heil Valley Ranch opened in early June. The Corral Trailhead was completed, and Grindstone Quarry Trail opened in early October. The vehicle counter located at the Main Trailhead was relocated in order to include visitation to the new Corral Trailhead. Heil Valley Ranch had the highest summer visitation of any property with 43,233 visits.

The trail counter installed at the eastern entrance to the Open Sky Loop in March 2018 was removed during preparations for a water supply project in November 2018. Therefore, 2018 data was used to estimate visitation for that trail in 2019. Since 2018 data for the Open Sky Loop was unavailable for January and February, data from March and April was used as the average daily traffic for the missing months. The Open Sky Loop was closed July 15 to the end of the year due to the water supply project by Northern Water.

Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain was closed Monday–Wednesday, January 1 to January 30, and September 9 to December 31, 2019, for elk management. If the hunters were successful, the park was opened for the week.

Hall Ranch, Heil Valley Ranch, and Rabbit Mountain experienced intermittent muddy trail closures from January to May and November to December.

The Bald Mountain Scenic Area parking lot counter was over-counting vehicles, due to proximity to Sunshine Canyon Drive. The counter was replaced with a trail counter in June 2018, and visitation in 2019 more accurately reflects visits. Likewise, in August 2018 the Mud Lake vehicle counter was relocated to more accurately reflect visitation since many people drive the wrong way to exit the property.

### Additional notes:

- 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.
- Anne U. White remained closed until December 20. A vehicle and trail counter were installed at the trailhead, and visitation will be reported next year.
- At Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat many vehicles drive through both parking lots during a trip to the property, passing through the lot at Wally Toevs Pond on the way to park at the Cottonwood Trailhead.

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



## Parks Visitation

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 a park with a vehicle counter. Additionally, vehicle counters are calibrated to estimate visits from people arriving in cars, SUVs, and small trucks, not longer vehicles like school or tour buses. The properties are listed based on the estimated number of visits from the highest to the lowest in 2019.

### Estimated Number of Visits at Properties with Counters

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Total 2019	Total 2018
Pella Crossing	21,557	32,608	31,262	26,543	<b>111,970</b>	103,600
Heil Valley Ranch	11,951	27,967	43,233	27,065	<b>110,216</b>	97,773
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	18,745	32,989	27,148	22,124	<b>101,006</b>	130,482
Ron Stewart Preserve	16,824	24,231	24,202	17,267	<b>82,524</b>	87,902
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	12,236	17,887	23,794	22,036	<b>75,953</b>	70,712
Lagerman Agricultural Preserve	15,021	23,816	16,851	13,439	<b>69,127</b>	79,858
Hall Ranch	10,121	18,456	20,175	17,601	<b>66,353</b>	73,523
Walker Ranch	8,171	17,311	23,347	14,981	<b>63,810</b>	62,829
Mud Lake	8,152	11,207	22,919	15,798	<b>58,076</b>	71,475
Hessie Trailhead	2,027	5,561	23,709	13,843	<b>45,140</b>	43,574
Legion Park	7,924	10,679	11,400	8,929	<b>38,932</b>	39,984
Coalton Trailhead	4,713	10,471	13,499	9,217	<b>37,900</b>	39,428
Boulder Canyon Trail	2,831	11,968	15,585	5,731	<b>36,115</b>	65,975
Betasso Preserve	2,003	5,712	15,149	7,912	<b>30,807</b>	65,472
Caribou Ranch	4,631	1,842	8,186	9,486	<b>24,145</b>	23,469
Bald Mountain	2,004	3,903	6,126	3,299	<b>15,332</b>	33,035
Flagg Park	2,217	3,843	3,592	2,385	<b>12,037</b>	27,334
Sherwood	79	503	1,278	636	<b>2,496</b>	2,986
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,207</b>	<b>260,954</b>	<b>331,486</b>	<b>238,292</b>	<b>981,939</b>	<b>1,119,411</b>

# Overall Visitation Snapshot at Properties with Counters

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Properties with Counters	58,142	48,721	70,848	91,791	98,315	112,295	113,312	105,879	102,459	80,484	55,349	44,344	981,938

**The busiest month:**

July  
113,312 visits

**The busiest season:**

Summer  
331,486 visits

**The busiest week:**

June 10–16  
27,556 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
22% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

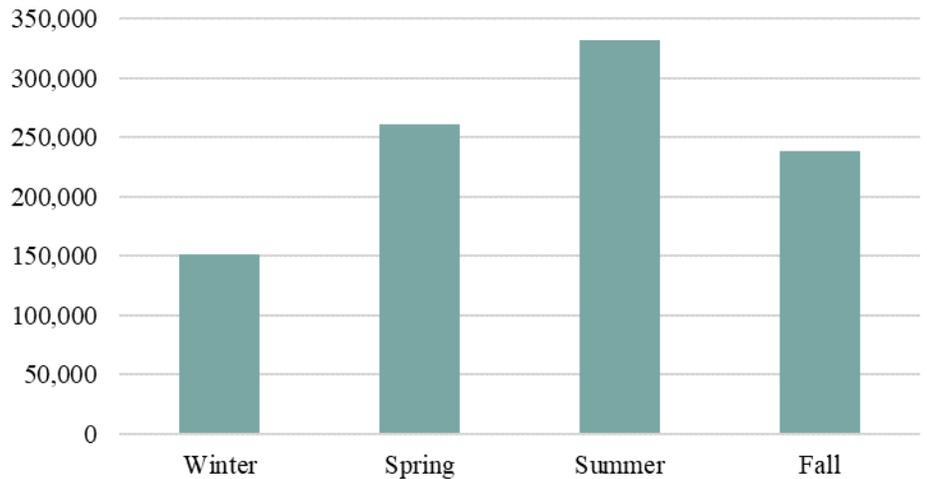
11 a.m. on weekends  
Average 14 visits

Noon on weekdays  
Average 7 visits

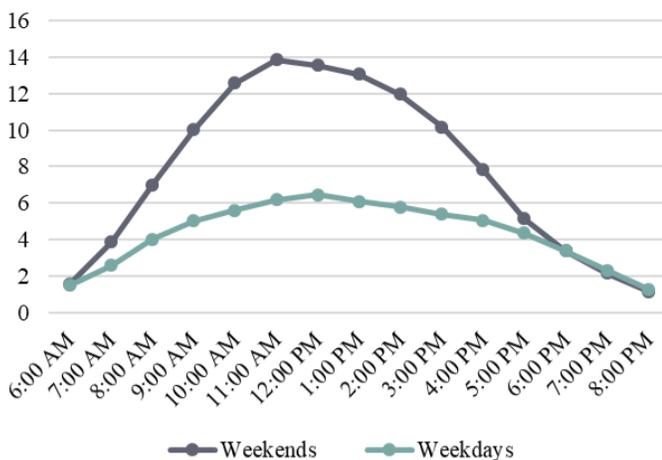
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, October 6  
6,092 visits

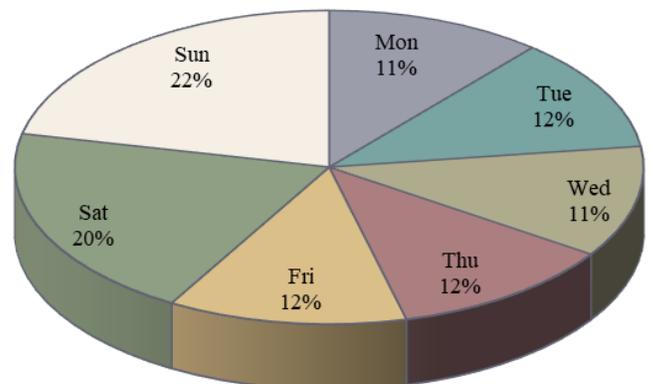
**Visitation by Season**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



## Visitation at Properties without Counters

Category of Visitor Use	Property	Total 2019
Low Visitation Property	Cattail Pond	13,503
	Harney Lastoka	13,503
	Reynolds Ranch	13,503
	Sugarloaf	13,503
	Dodd Reservoir	13,503
	Beech Shelter	645
<b>Subtotal Low Visitation</b>		<b>68,160</b>
Medium Visitation Properties	Niwot Trails	45,157
<b>Subtotal Medium Visitation</b>		<b>45,157</b>
High Visitation Properties	Regional Trails (LoBo, Coal Creek, Rock Creek)	270,626
	Twin Lakes	104,150
<b>Subtotal High Visitation</b>		<b>374,776</b>
<b>Non-counter Subtotal</b>		<b>488,093</b>

Properties without counters account for 33% 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 total visits) have been adjusted to reflect the average percent change in visitation at properties with counters in the years since the research was conducted. The decrease in visitation to Betasso Preserve and the Boulder Canyon Trail were not used in the calculation for 2019. We plan to conduct new observational studies of visitation to update the regional trails estimates in 2021. 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 four 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 26,077 visitors on BCPOS lands that are open to the public. This table summarizes park visitors' activities at those areas.

	2019	2018
Hiking	50%	52%
Biking	27%	26%
Running	10%	6%
Fishing	3%	4%
Picnicking	2%	2%
Nature Study	2%	2%
Other	2%	<1%
Viewing Wildlife	2%	3%
Riding a Horse	1%	1%
Relaxing/Doing Nothing	1%	1%
Photography/Art	1%	1%
Snowshoeing	<1%	<1%
Sightseers	<1%	<1%
Boaters	<1%	<1%
Skiers	<1%	<1%
E-Bike	<1%	—

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

## Dog-on-Leash Regulation Compliance

	2019	2018	2017
Leashed Dogs	88% (2,112 dogs)	90% (1,890 dogs)	88% (1,646 dogs)

## Top Three Activities at Parks

Park/Trail	Primary Activity	Second Activity	Third Activity	All Visitors Observed
Bald Mountain Scenic Area	Hiking — 81%	Picnicking — 6%	Relax/Nothing — 4% Running — 4%	<b>142</b>
Betasso Preserve	Hiking — 44%	Biking — 40%	Running — 12%	<b>2,666</b>
Caribou Ranch	Hiking — 77%	Running — 8%	Snowshoeing — 4%	<b>2,423</b>
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Hiking — 43%	Biking — 24%	Fishing — 11%	<b>1,535</b>
Coalton	Biking — 49%	Hiking — 28%	Running — 18%	<b>837</b>
Hall Ranch	Biking — 48%	Hiking — 34%	Running — 12%	<b>1,819</b>
Heil Valley Ranch	Biking — 51%	Hiking — 32%	Running — 8%	<b>4,322</b>
Lagerman Agricultural Preserve	Hiking — 37%	Biking — 22%	Running — 17%	<b>774</b>
Mud Lake	Hiking — 52%	Biking — 12%	Picnicking — 10%	<b>1,433</b>
Pella Crossing	Hiking — 59%	Fishing — 23%	Running — 5%	<b>1,662</b>
Rabbit Mountain	Hiking — 80%	Running — 8%	Biking — 6%	<b>1,707</b>
Twin Lakes	Hiking — 70%	Running — 18%	Biking — 6%	<b>529</b>
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	Hiking — 65%	Birding — 9%	Fishing — 6%	<b>1,801</b>
Walker Ranch	Hiking — 48%	Biking — 32%	Running — 10%	<b>3,274</b>
All Other Properties <sup>+</sup>	Hiking — 41%	Biking — 39%	Running — 17%	<b>1,153</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>Hiking — 50%</b>	<b>Biking — 27%</b>	<b>Running — 10%</b>	<b>26,077</b>

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.)



# Bald Mountain Scenic Area

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
793	652	1,026	1,300	1,577	2,717	1,882	1,527	1,322	1,141	836	559	15,332

**The busiest month:**

June  
2,717 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
24% of total visitation

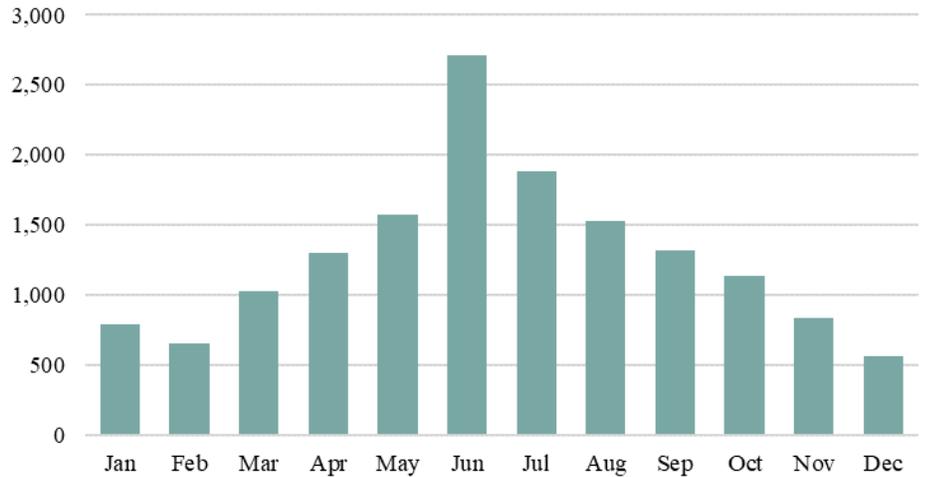
**The busiest hour of the day:**

11 a.m.  
Average 9 visits on weekends  
Average 4 visits on weekdays

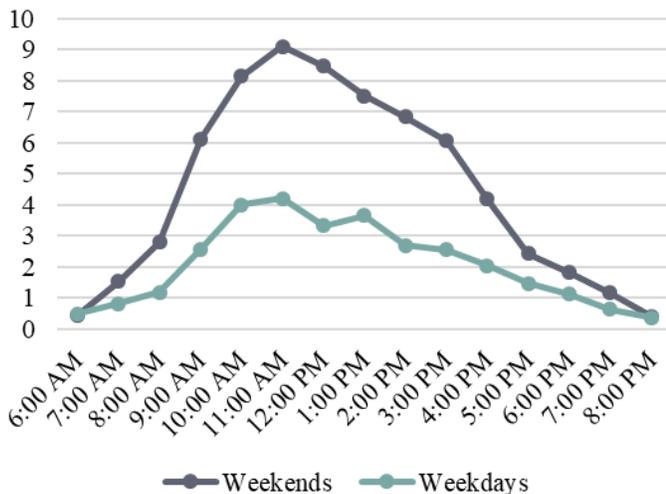
**The busiest day of the year:**

Wednesday, June 12  
431 visits

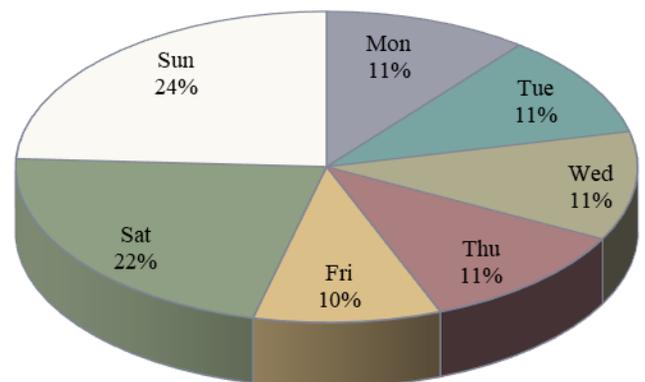
Visitation by Month



Average Visitation by Hour



Average Daily Visitation



# Betasso Preserve

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Main Trailhead	302	203	212	436	587	445	3,934	4,968	3,733	327	245	148	15,540
Bummers Rock	233	120	189	315	315	416	300	253	279	186	165	67	2,838
Fourmile Link	190	163	209	768	888	1,231	993	1,012	1,008	562	377	190	7,591
Betasso	144	160	240	752	801	756	470	402	596	270	164	83	4,838
<b>Total</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>2,591</b>	<b>2,848</b>	<b>5,697</b>	<b>6,635</b>	<b>5,616</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>30,807</b>

Notes: The Boulder Canyon Project began in March 2019. There were ongoing impacts throughout the year, including the complete closure of Boulder Canyon, Mondays–Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**The busiest month:**

August  
6,635 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
28% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

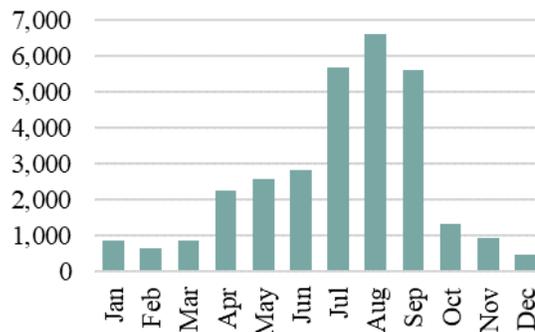
11 a.m. on weekends  
Average 19 visits

5 p.m. on weekdays  
Average 8 visits

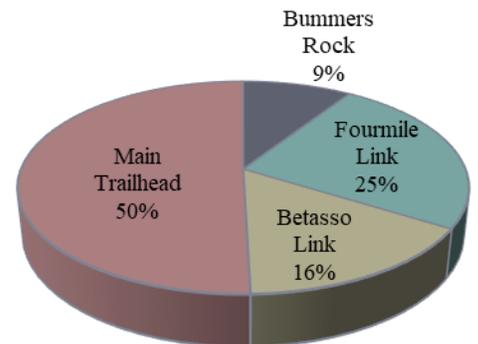
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, August 18  
474 visits

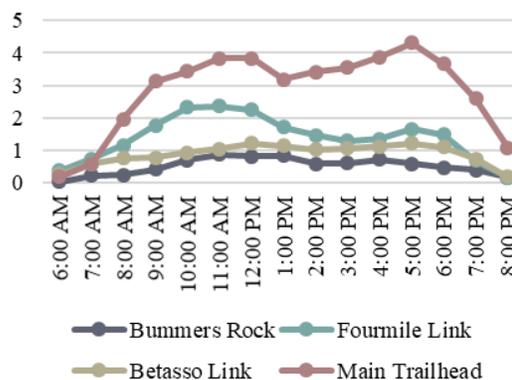
**Visitation by Month**



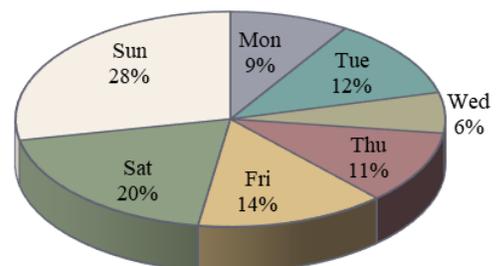
**Visitation by Counter**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Boulder Canyon Trail

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1,603	1,201	2,600	4,217	5,151	5,078	5,997	4,510	3,721	1,900	110	27	36,115

**The busiest month:**

July  
5,997 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
26% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

Noon on weekends  
Average 20 visits

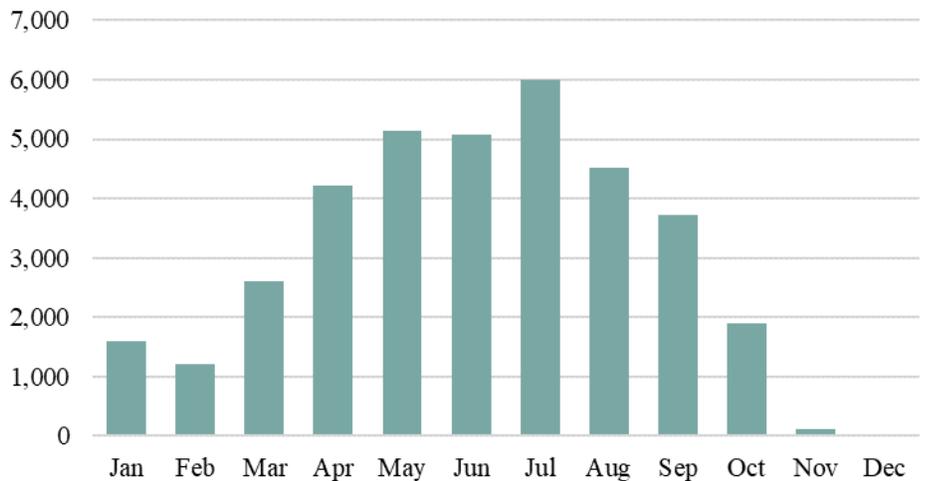
5 p.m. on weekdays  
Average 8 visits

**The busiest day of the year:**

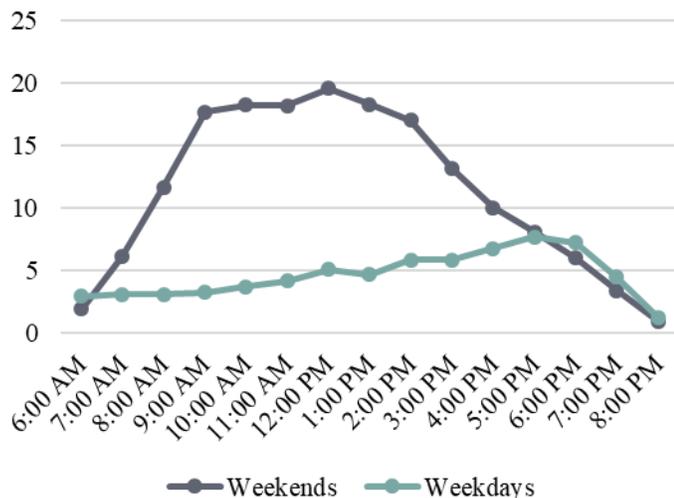
Sunday, May 12  
Mother's Day  
450 visits

Notes: The Boulder Canyon Project began in March 2019. There were ongoing impacts throughout the year including the complete closure of Boulder Canyon, Mondays–Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Boulder Canyon trail was closed in November and December.

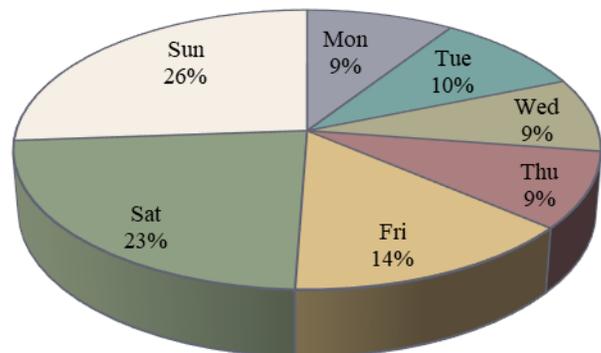
**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Caribou Ranch

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1,942	1,447	1,842	Closed 4/1–6/30			4,467	3,719	4,781	3,538	1,167	1,242	24,145

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

**The busiest month:**

September  
4,781 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
28% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

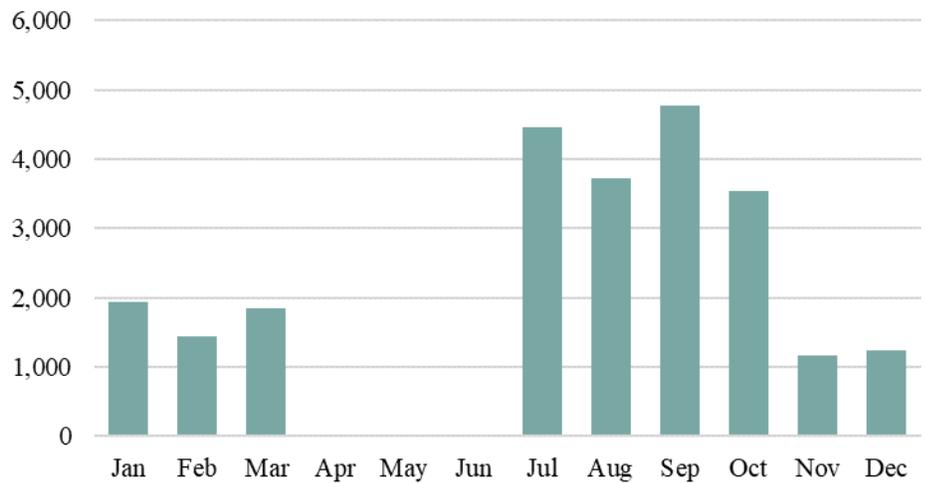
11 a.m. on weekends  
Average 21 visits

10 a.m. on weekdays  
Average 6 visits

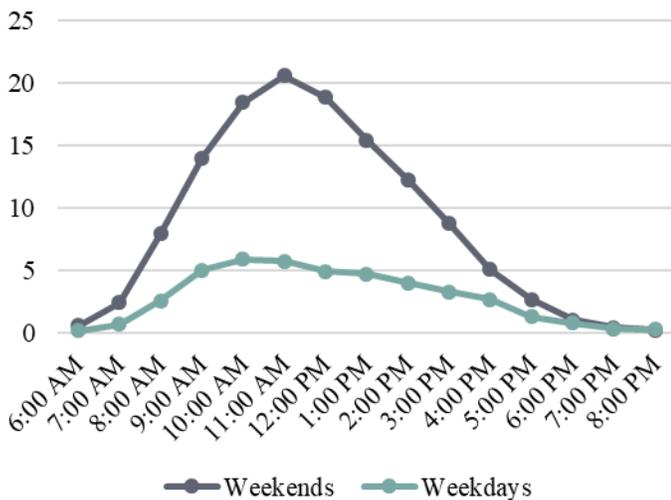
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, September 29  
808 visits

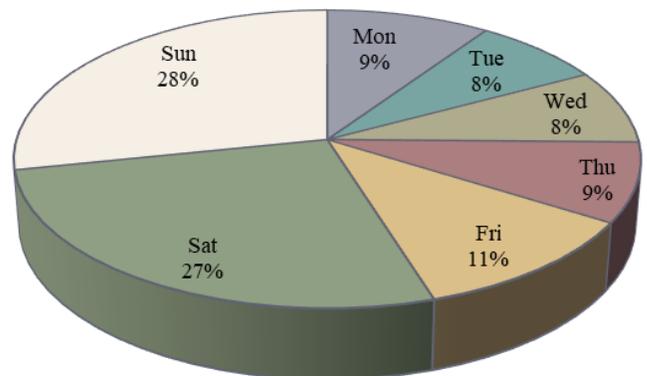
**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



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# Carolyn Holmberg Preserve

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Stearns Lake Main Trailhead	2,855	1,738	2,657	3,319	2,928	3,853	3,716	3,121	3,450	2,992	2,804	2,258	35,691
Mary Miller Trail	660	386	859	1,448	1,590	2,201	1,903	1,958	2,042	1,407	901	522	15,877
Loc Amora Link	818	602	1,004	1,386	1,433	1,655	1,648	1,896	1,771	1,428	997	787	15,425
Cradleboard Trail	553	423	805	431	27	32	296	1,515	1,855	1,422	967	634	8,960
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,886</b>	<b>3,149</b>	<b>5,325</b>	<b>6,584</b>	<b>5,978</b>	<b>7,741</b>	<b>7,563</b>	<b>8,490</b>	<b>9,118</b>	<b>7,249</b>	<b>5,669</b>	<b>4,201</b>	<b>75,953</b>

Notes: The Cradleboard Trail was closed mid-April to late July to protect sensitive wildlife in the area.

**The busiest month:**

September  
9,118 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
20% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

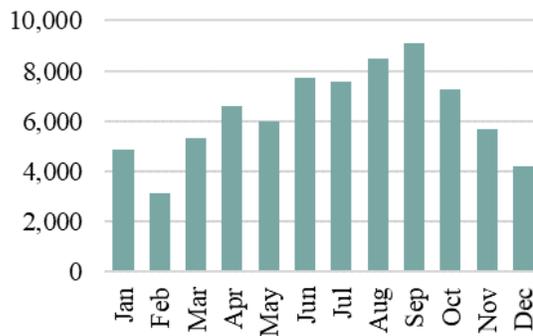
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Average 34 visits

Noon on weekdays  
Average 17 visits

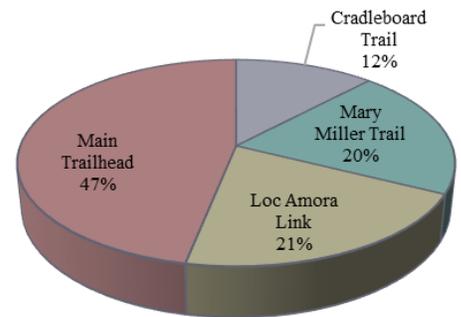
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, October 13  
673 visits

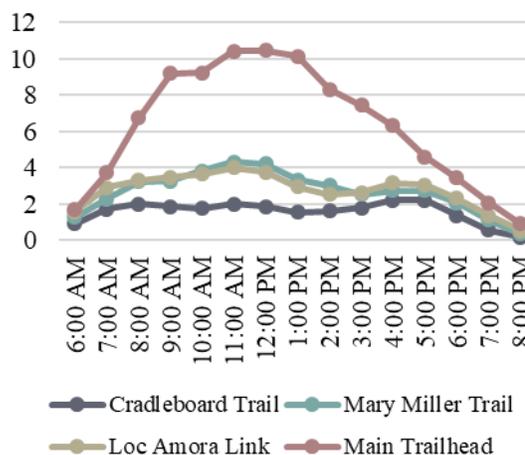
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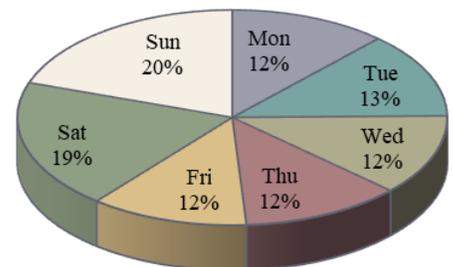
### Visitation by Counter



### Average Visitation by Hour



### Average Daily Visitation



# Coalton Trailhead

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1,622	1,328	2,436	3,998	4,037	4,749	4,421	4,329	4,110	2,912	2,195	1,763	37,900

**The busiest month:**

June  
4,749 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
22% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

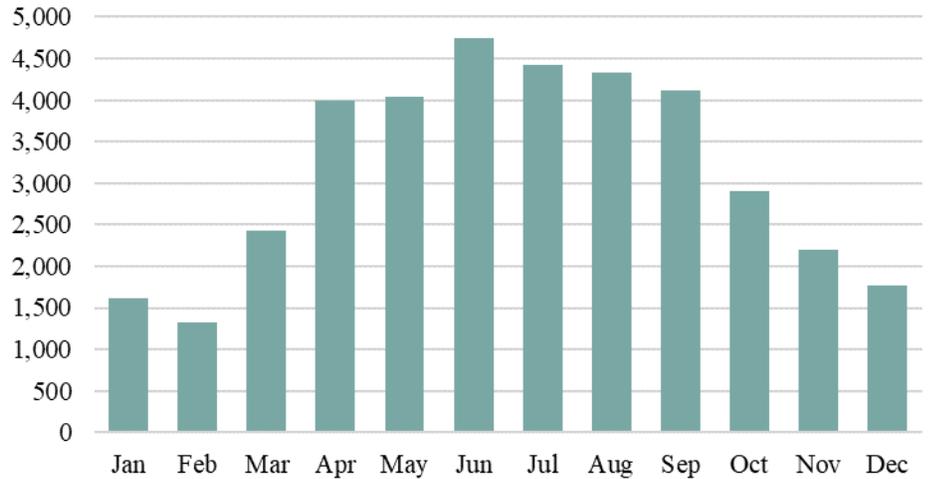
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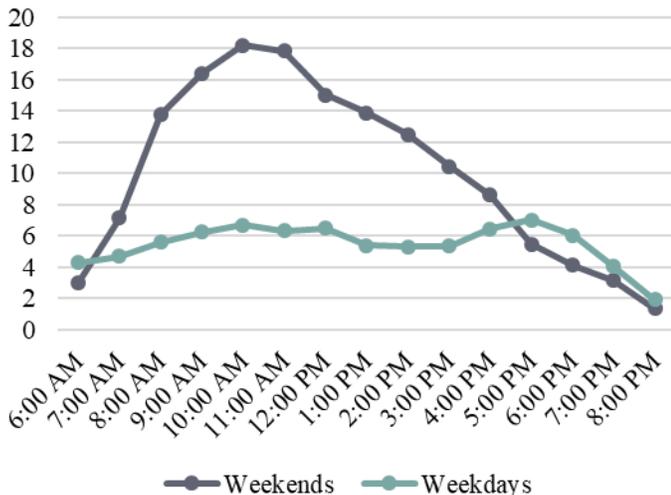
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, May 5  
303 visits

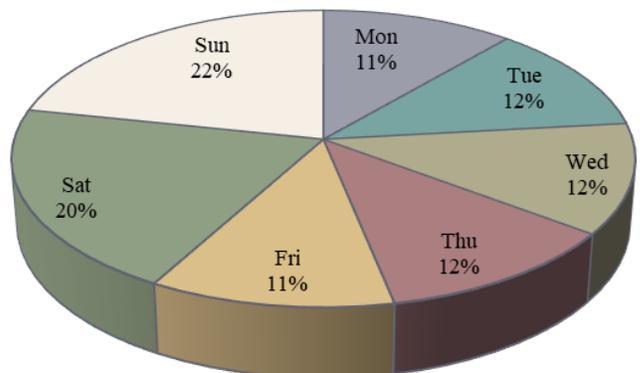
**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Flagg Park

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1,185	563	930	1,199	1,714	1,223	1,261	1,108	1,023	753	609	469	12,037

**The busiest month:**

May  
1,714 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
22% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

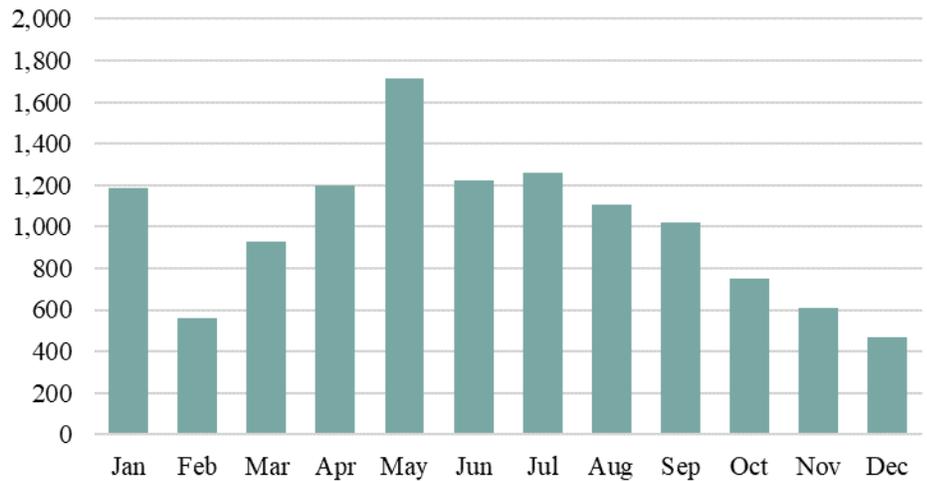
10 a.m. on weekends  
Average 6 visits

11 a.m. on weekdays  
Average 3 visits

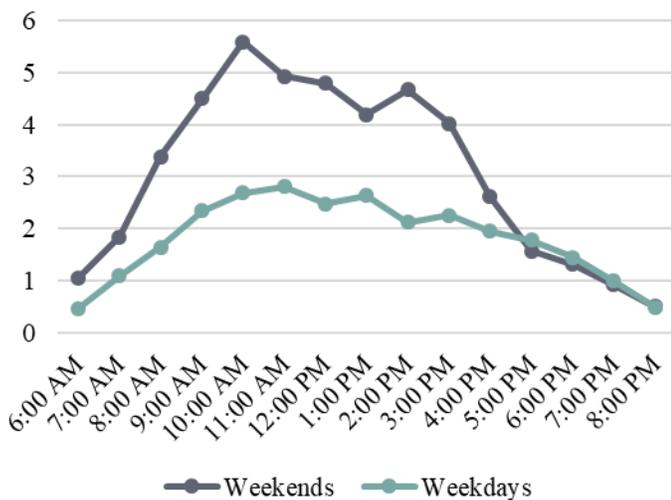
**The busiest day of the year:**

Tuesday, May 14  
276 visits

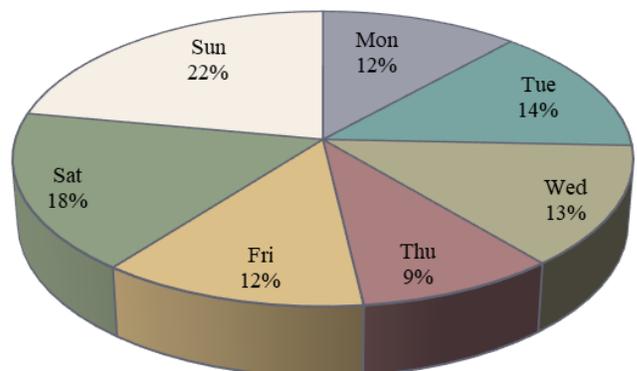
**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Hall Ranch

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Antelope Trail	1,059	150	460	1,879	1,699	1,444	1,800	1,611	1,546	2,077	378	201	14,304
Buttonrock	125	64	106	193	263	251	185	124	148	122	109	62	1,752
Main Trailhead	3,504	2,902	3,866	5,023	4,967	5,773	4,682	4,305	4,700	4,504	4,017	2,054	50,297
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,688</b>	<b>3,116</b>	<b>4,432</b>	<b>7,095</b>	<b>6,929</b>	<b>7,469</b>	<b>6,667</b>	<b>6,040</b>	<b>6,394</b>	<b>6,703</b>	<b>4,503</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>66,353</b>

Notes: Hall Ranch had intermittent muddy trail closures from January–May and November–December.

**The busiest month:**

June  
7,469 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
24% of total visitation

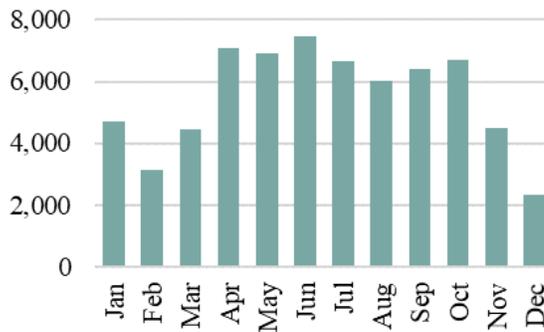
**The busiest hour of the day:**

Noon  
Average 33 visits on weekends  
Average 14 visits on weekdays

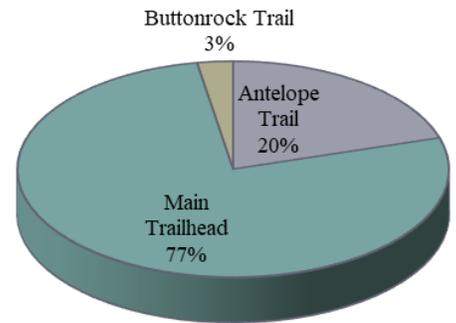
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, May 26  
Memorial Day Weekend  
642 visits

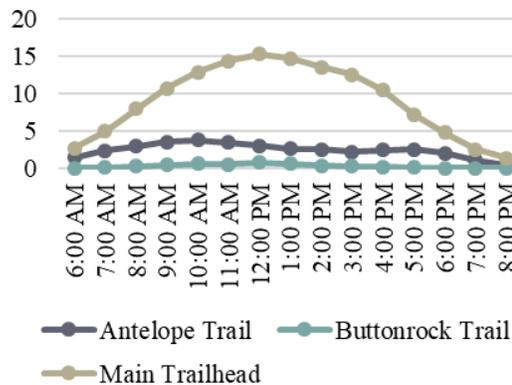
**Visitation by Month**



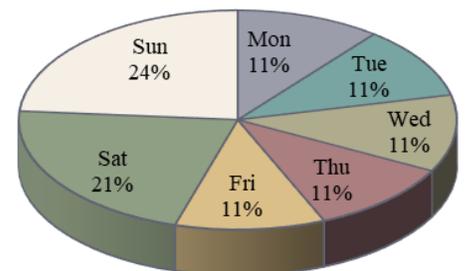
**Visitation by Counter**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Heil Valley Ranch

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Picture Rock Trail	946	253	143	4,595	2,980	5,528	4,708	4,231	3,969	3,256	679	558	31,846
Overland Trail	218	100	347	1,246	1,277	2,499							5,687
Main Trailhead	2,657	2,997	4,415	6,593	6,371								23,033
Corral & Main Trailhead						8,776	9,132	8,359	7,792	6,786	4,583	4,222	49,650
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,821</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>4,905</b>	<b>12,434</b>	<b>10,628</b>	<b>16,803</b>	<b>13,840</b>	<b>12,590</b>	<b>11,761</b>	<b>10,042</b>	<b>5,262</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>110,216</b>

Notes: Heil Valley Ranch had intermittent muddy trail closures from January–May and November–December. The Schoolhouse Loop opened in early June. The Corral Trailhead was completed, and Grindstone Quarry Trail opened in early October. The counter located at the Main Trailhead was relocated in June to include visits to the Corral trailhead and trails.

**The busiest month:**

June  
16,803 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
20% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

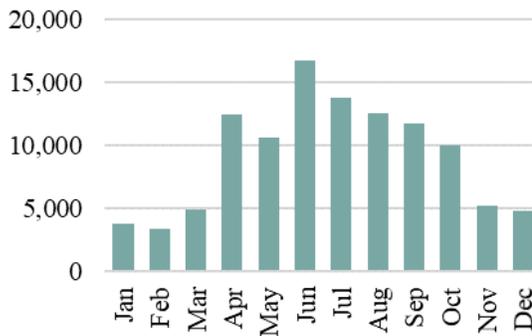
10 a.m. on weekends  
Average 55 visits

11 a.m. on weekdays  
Average 26 visits

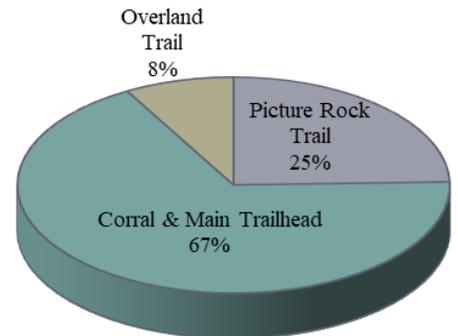
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, June 16  
Father's Day  
1,017 visits

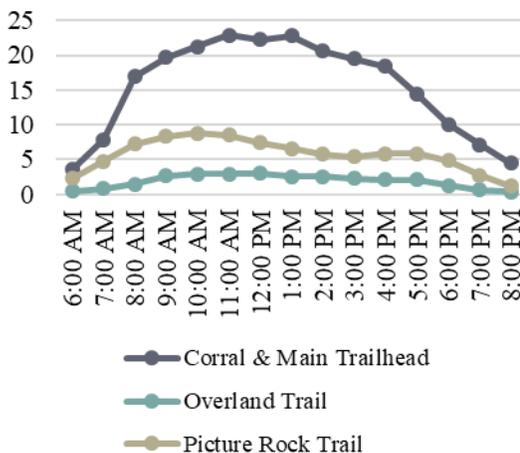
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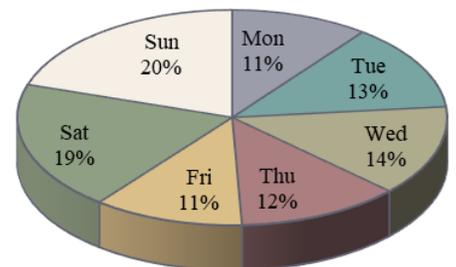
**Visitation by Counter**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Hessie Trailhead

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
734	543	916	1,369	3,276	5,830	9,524	8,355	7,899	4,512	1,432	750	45,140

**The busiest month:**

July  
9,524 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Saturday  
30% of total visitation

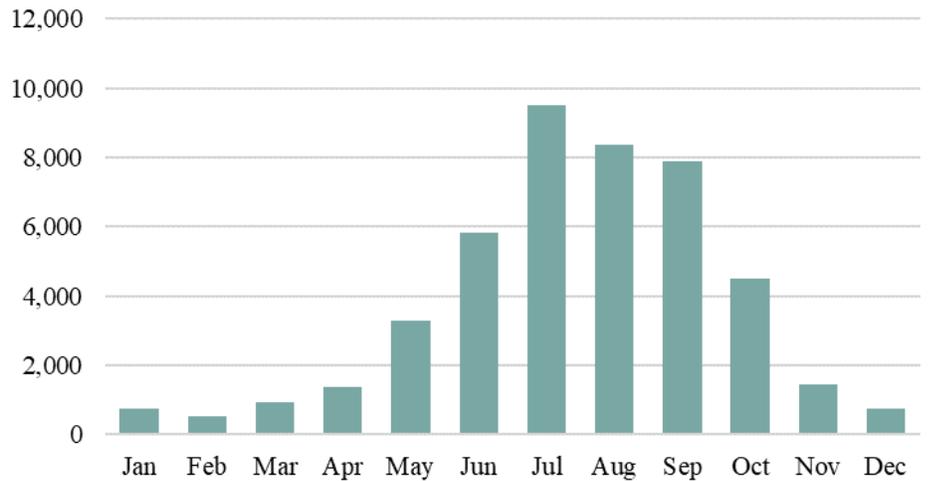
**The busiest hour of the day:**

Noon  
Average 32 visits on weekends  
Average 10 visits on weekdays

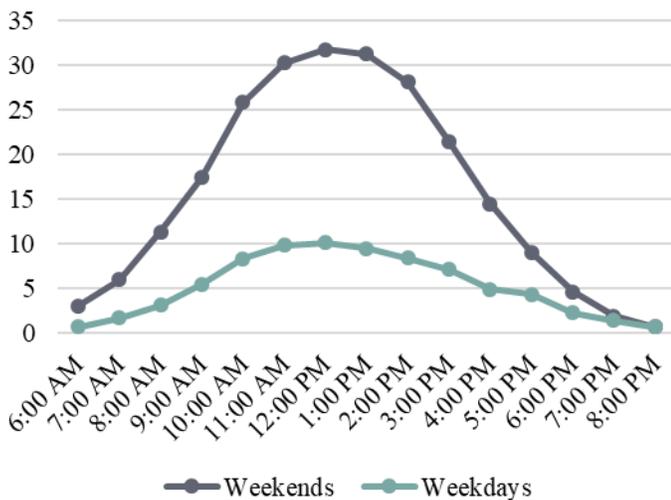
**The busiest day of the year:**

Saturday, September 28  
676 visits

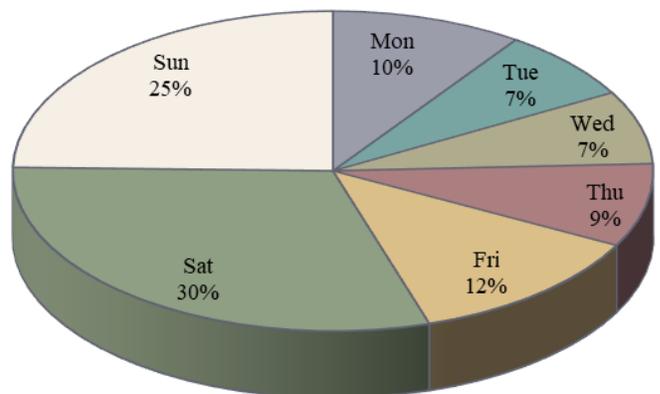
**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Lagerman Agricultural Preserve

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Main Trailhead	3,432	3,099	3,451	5,870	5,286	4,751	4,235	4,154	4,386	3,785	3,692	3,117	49,258
Link Trail	350	266	439	562	626	676	686	720	645	512	419	271	6,172
Open Sky East	2,357	2,129	2,326	2,125	3,131	1,629							22,754
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,139</b>	<b>5,494</b>	<b>6,216</b>	<b>8,557</b>	<b>9,043</b>	<b>7,056</b>	<b>4,921</b>	<b>4,874</b>	<b>5,031</b>	<b>4,297</b>	<b>4,111</b>	<b>3,388</b>	<b>69,127</b>

Notes: The Open Sky Loop was closed July 15 to the end of the year due to a water supply project by Northern Water.

**The busiest month:**  
April  
6,432 visits

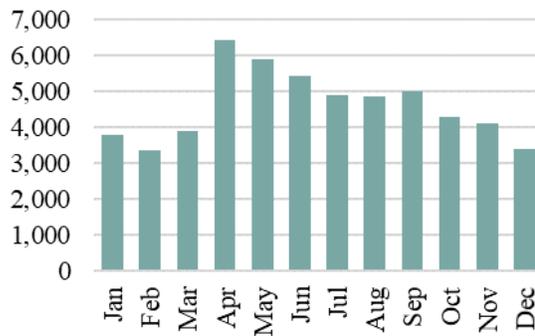
**The busiest day of the week:**  
Saturday and Sunday  
17% of total visitation each day

**The busiest hour of the day:**  
11 a.m. on weekends  
Average 18 visits

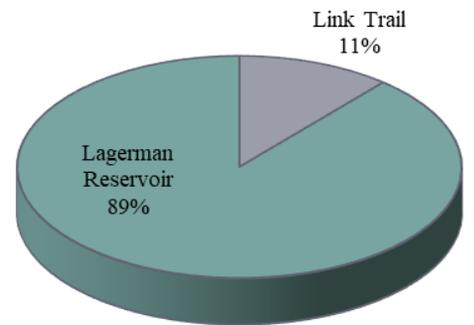
Noon on weekdays  
Average 14 visits

**The busiest day of the year:**  
Saturday, May 25  
Memorial Day Weekend  
303 visits

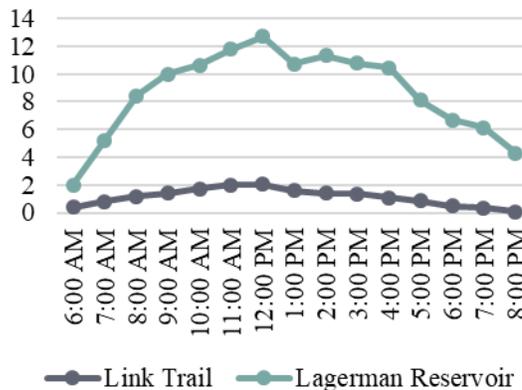
Visitation by Month



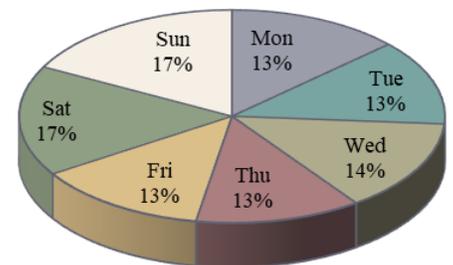
Visitation by Counter



Average Visitation by Hour



Average Daily Visitation



# Legion Park

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
3,028	2,517	3,054	3,704	3,921	3,908	3,885	3,607	3,193	3,155	2,581	2,379	<b>38,932</b>

**The busiest month:**

May  
3,921 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
15% of total visitation each day

**The busiest hour of the day:**

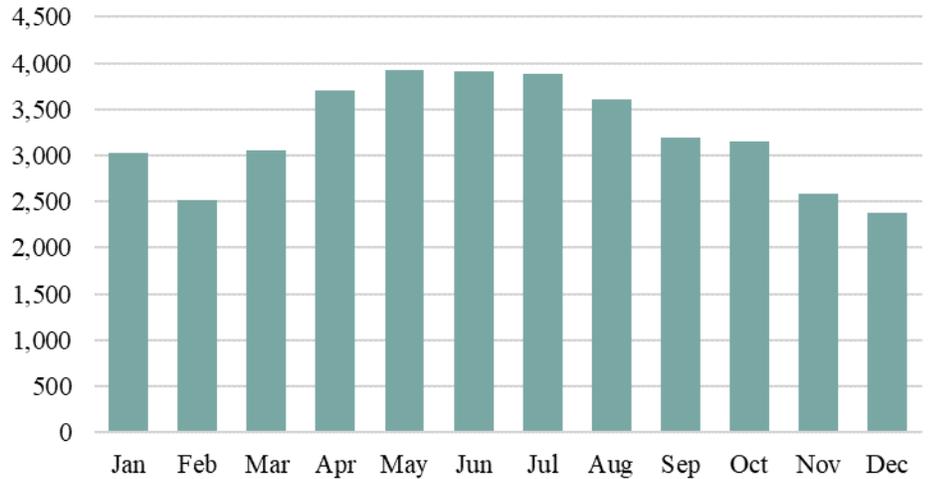
Noon on weekdays  
Average 13 visits

3 p.m. on weekends  
Average 9 visits

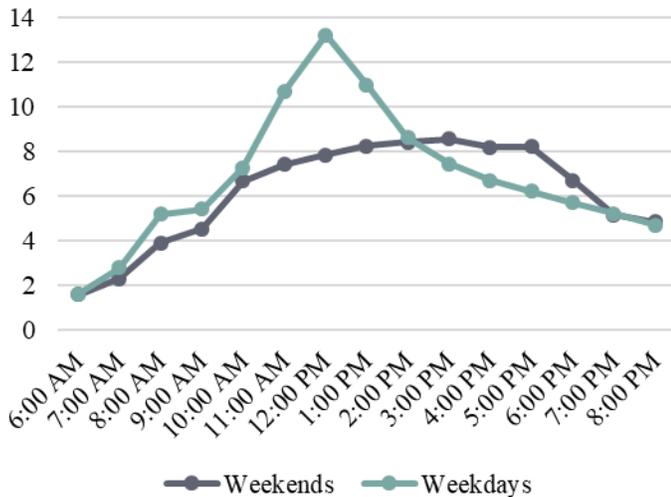
**The busiest day of the year:**

Thursday, July 4  
Independence Day  
250 visits

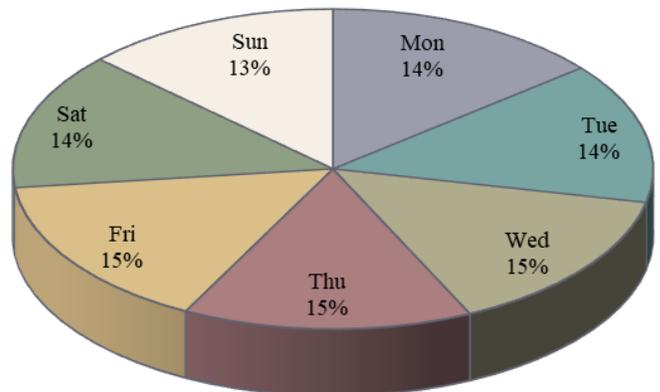
**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Mud Lake

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
3,329	2,482	3,288	3,501	4,418	7,431	8,491	6,997	7,738	5,439	2,621	2,341	58,076

**The busiest month:**

July  
8,491 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Saturday and Sunday  
24% of total visitation each day

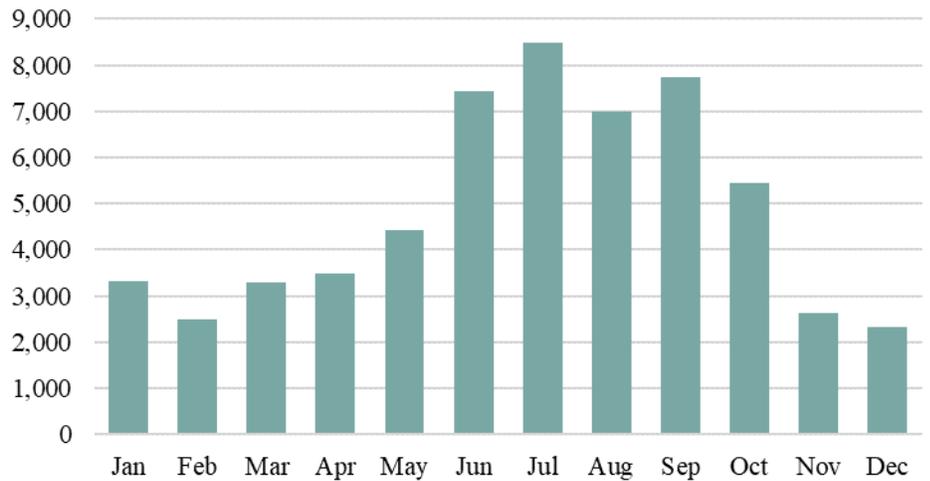
**The busiest hour of the day:**

Noon  
Average 39 visits on weekends  
Average 14 visits on weekdays

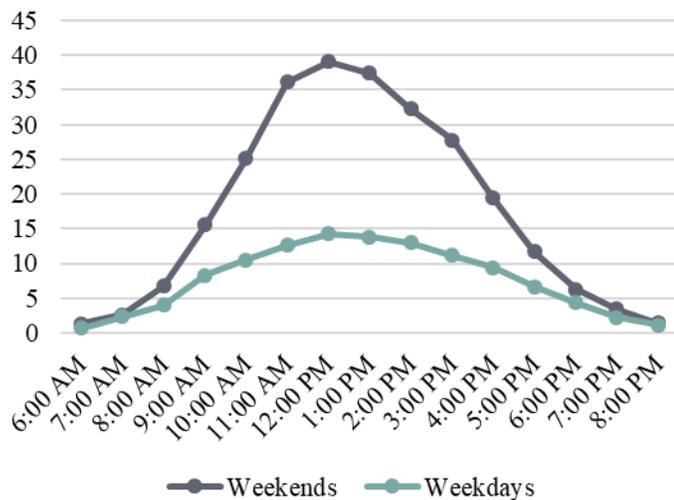
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, September 29  
809 visits

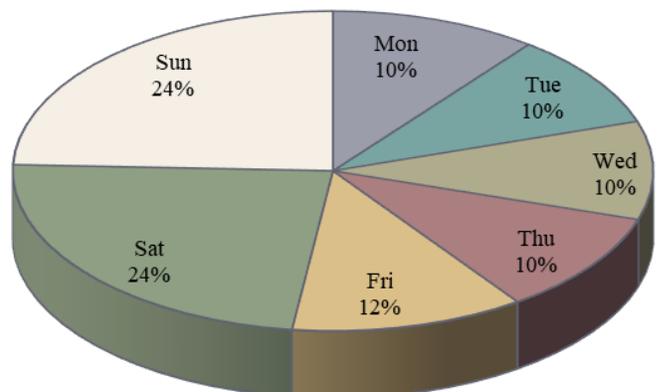
**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Pella Crossing

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
7,837	6,284	9,653	10,941	12,014	11,530	10,089	9,643	10,151	8,891	7,501	7,436	111,970

**The busiest month:**

May  
12,014 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
19% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

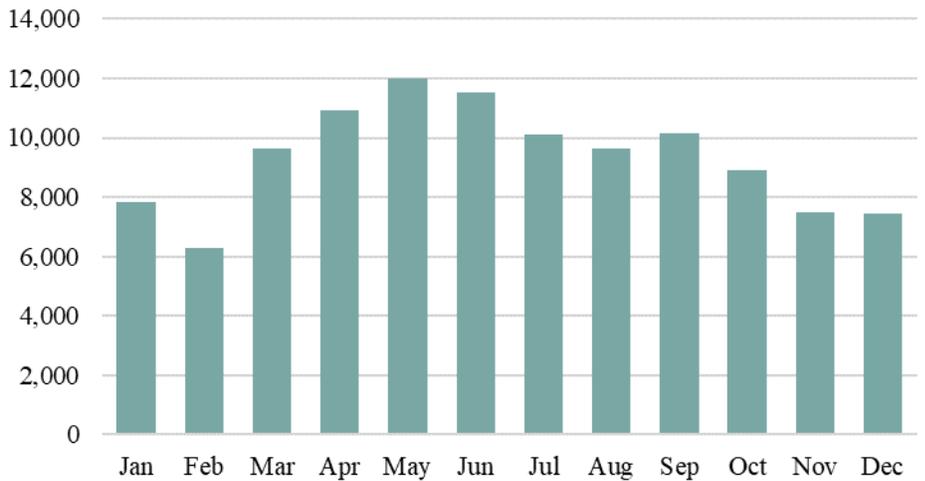
2 p.m. on weekends  
Average 41 visits

Noon on weekdays  
Average 27 visits

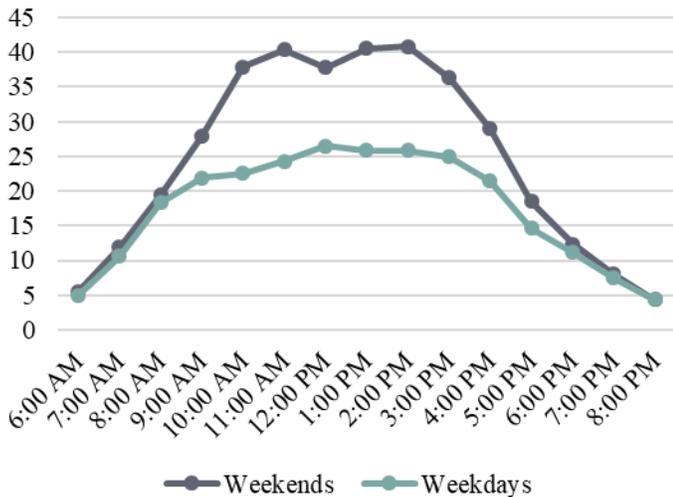
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, May 12  
Mother's Day  
664 visits

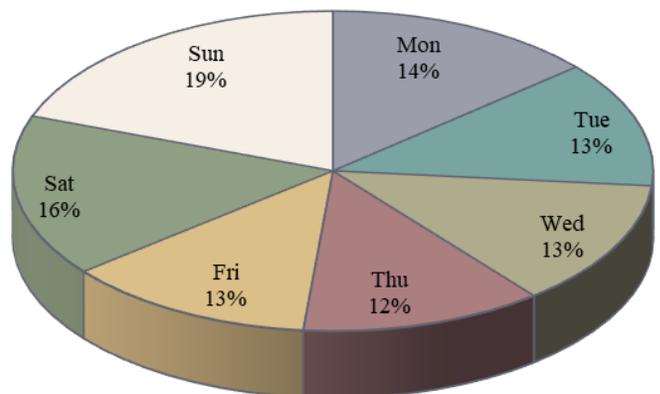
**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Ron Stewart Preserve

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
5,817	6,666	8,966	7,147	8,118	8,694	7,737	7,771	6,331	5,211	5,725	4,341	82,523

Notes: Ron Stewart Preserve was closed to the public Monday–Wednesday, January 1–30 and September 9–December 31 for elk management. If the hunters were successful, the park was opened for the week.

**The busiest month:**

March  
8,966 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
24% January 31–September 8  
37% January 1–30 and  
September 9–December 31

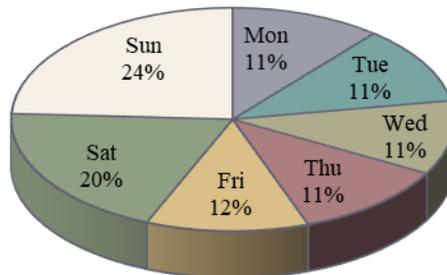
**The busiest hour of the day:**

11 a.m.  
Average 49 visits on weekends  
Average 15 visits on weekdays

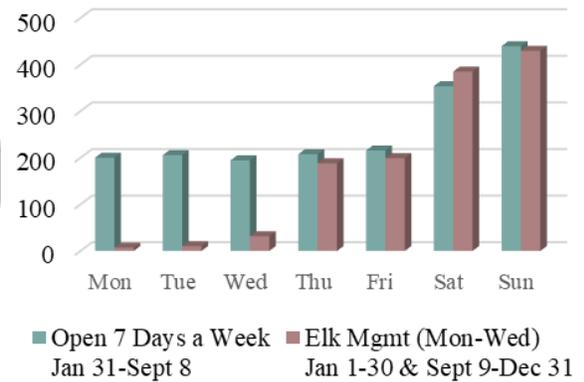
**The busiest day of the year:**

Saturday, November 9  
759 visits

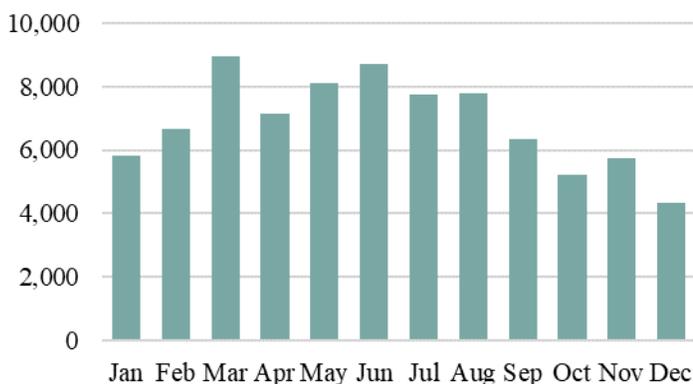
**Average Daily Visitation  
Jan 31 to Sept 8**



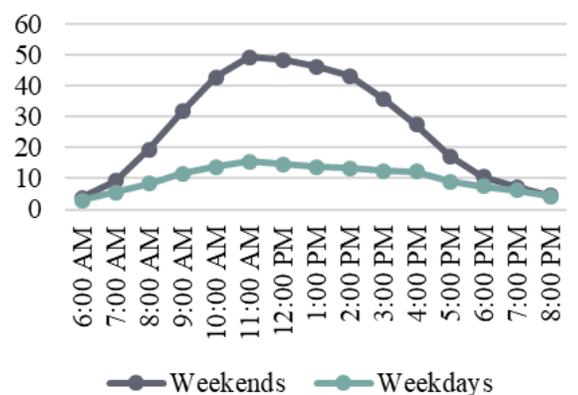
**Average Visits by Day of Week**



**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



# Sherwood

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
48	14	11	25	467	482	449	347	446	173	17	17	2,496

**The busiest month:**

June  
482 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
25% of total visitation

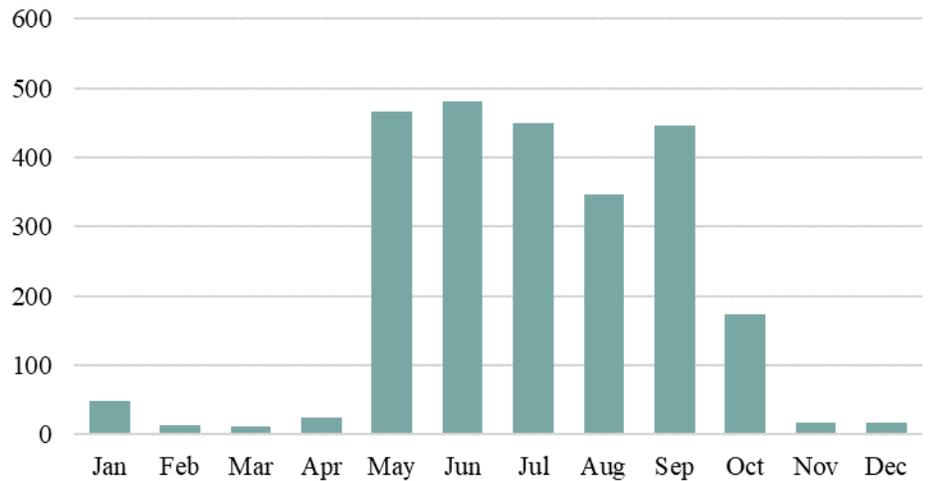
**The busiest hour of the day:**

11 a.m. & noon on weekends  
Average 2 visits

**The busiest day of the year:**

Friday, May 31  
198 visits

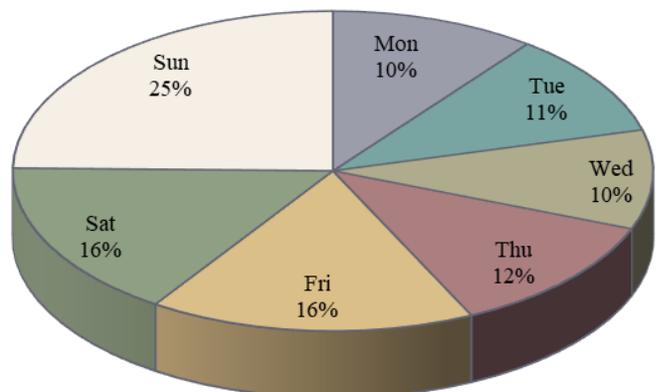
**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Cottonwood North	2,635	2,790	4,695	5,261	5,230	4,871	3,562	3,405	3,203	3,564	3,062	2,726	45,004
Cottonwood South	676	692	1,071	1,253	1,335	1,331	1,085	1,083	826	876	750	757	11,735
Wally Toevs Pond	3,107	2,938	4,595	5,016	4,533	4,342	3,727	3,742	3,193	3,875	2,775	2,424	44,267
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,418</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>10,361</b>	<b>11,530</b>	<b>11,098</b>	<b>10,544</b>	<b>8,374</b>	<b>8,230</b>	<b>7,222</b>	<b>8,315</b>	<b>6,58</b>	<b>5,90</b>	<b>101,006</b>

Notes: Many vehicles drive through both parking lots during a trip to the property, passing through the lot at Wally Toevs Pond on the way to park at the Cottonwood Trailhead.

**The busiest month:**

April  
11,530 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
15% of visitation each day

**The busiest hour of the day:**

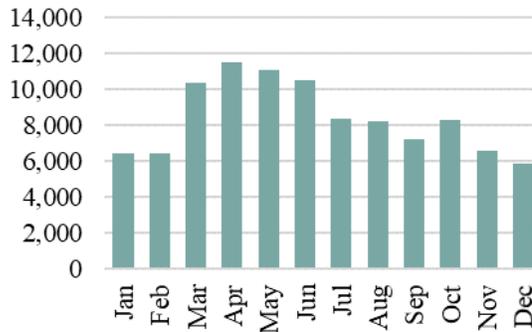
11 a.m. on weekends  
Average 29 visits

1 p.m. on weekdays  
Average 28 visits

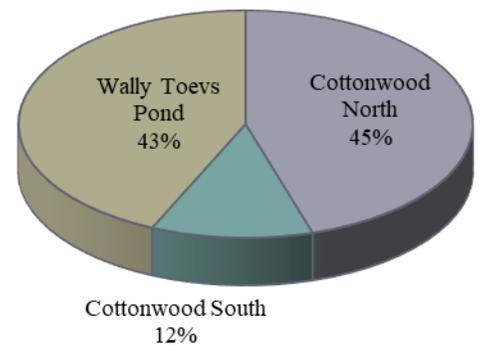
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, April 7  
731 visits

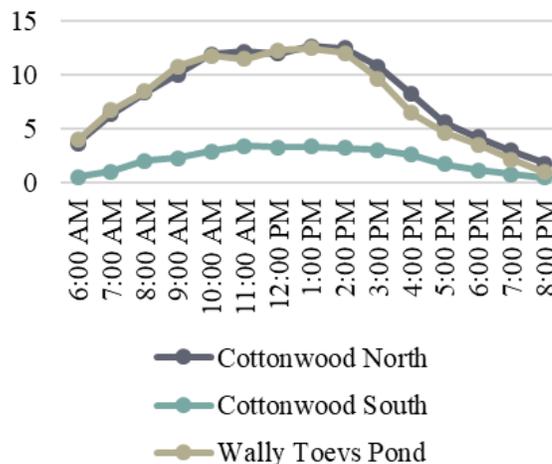
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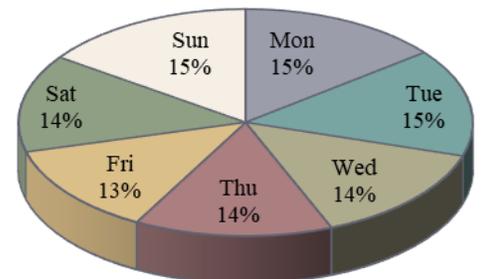
**Visitation by Counter**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Walker Ranch

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks and trails in 2019 was 1,470,032 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Ethel Harrold	486	535	630	921	1,213	1,358	1,653	1,182	1,206	773	538	214	10,709
Loop Trailhead	2,562	2,113	3,092	4,542	5,392	6,140	5,450	5,381	4,805	3,680	2,567	1,435	47,159
Meyers Homestead Trail	335	201	315	456	750	695	944	544	591	455	366	290	5,942
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,383</b>	<b>2,849</b>	<b>4,037</b>	<b>5,919</b>	<b>7,355</b>	<b>8,193</b>	<b>8,047</b>	<b>7,107</b>	<b>6,602</b>	<b>4,908</b>	<b>3,471</b>	<b>1,939</b>	<b>63,810</b>

**The busiest month:**

June  
8,193 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
26% of total visitation

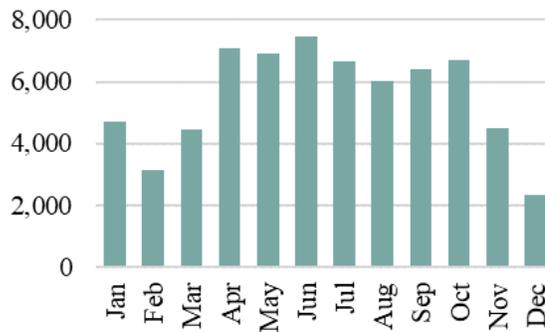
**The busiest hour of the day:**

Noon  
Average 33 visits on weekends  
Average 14 visits on weekdays

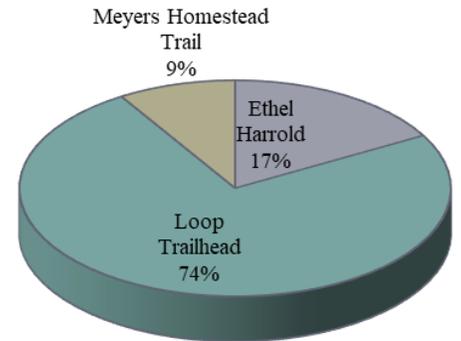
**The busiest day of the year:**

Saturday, July 13  
610 visits

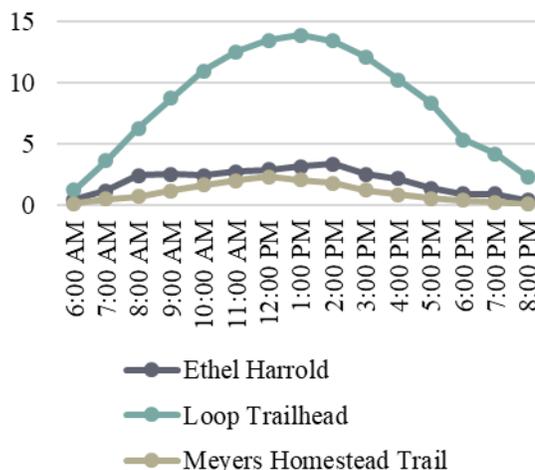
**Visitation by Month**



**Visitation by Counter**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**

