



# Parks Visitation

Boulder County

2020 Annual Report

## Visitation Spotlight

2,135,586 minimum estimated visits in 2020

45% overall increase from 2019

Visitation was estimated at 24 properties and 5 regional trails.

We monitored 18 vehicle and 21 trail counters at 39 access points.

All trail and vehicle counters record timestamped hourly data for visitation.

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The minimum estimated number of visits to Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS) parks in 2020 was 2,135,586. This was an increase of 45% from the previous year's visitation number of 1,470,032 visits.

This year emphasized the important physical, social, and emotional benefits provided by nature. Even as the COVID-19 pandemic placed restrictions on public activities and gatherings starting in March, parks and trails remained open as an essential service. Coloradans were encouraged to stay at home and enjoy the vast, great outdoors. Park visitation increased significantly, and trails remained consistently busier each month through the rest of the year.

This fall, Boulder County was in a severe drought with dry and warm weather. On a windy Saturday in October, the Cal-Wood fire broke out and spread quickly east, requiring the evacuation and closure of Heil Valley Ranch and other nearby open spaces. A large portion of Heil Valley Ranch was burned, and the main trailhead had significant damage. The southern portion of Heil Valley Ranch remained closed through the end of the year as restoration efforts were planned.

## 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:

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

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 using the 2015 BCPOS Five Year Study visitor survey. For trail counters, the average number of visitors per vehicle in that park is not applied.

Data from 2019 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 three categories for visitor use:

Low use < 50,000 visits per year

Medium use 50,000 - 100,000 visits per year

High use > 100,000 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 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

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 to identify trends.

Much of the increase in visitation can be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic restricting many activities, while encouraging more outdoor recreation. In 2020, Boulder County weather was overall warmer and drier than average. The winter and spring months started the year with good moisture, with February being especially snowy. Hall Ranch, Heil Valley Ranch, and Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain experienced intermittent muddy trail closures from January to April. The summer months were hot and dry, so that by the time fall approached, drought conditions across the state had worsened.

The three largest wildfires in state history happened in 2020, along with many other smaller wildfires occurring simultaneously, including the Cal-Wood and Lefhand Canyon fires in Boulder County. With wildfires across the state, the air quality was intermittently very poor during the months of August, September, and October. In October, the Cal-Wood fire burned a large portion of Heil Valley Ranch. The Picture Rock Trailhead reopened December 4. The Main Trailhead and Corral Trailhead were closed through to the end of the year because of hazardous conditions.

As a result of extreme fire conditions, many Boulder County Parks and Open Space properties were closed Oct. 21 to Nov. 9, in accord with the U.S. Forest Service closure of the Arapahoe and Roosevelt National Forests. The properties closed included: Anne U. White, Bald Mountain, Caribou Ranch, Hall Ranch, Hessie Trailhead, and Mud Lake. Additionally, Rocky Mountain National Park was closed because of the East Troublesome fire from Oct. 22 to Nov. 6. In November and December, when parks were open again and there were increased public restrictions because of the COVID-19 infection rate, we saw a large increase in visitation at parks compared to 2019. The weather was also dry and relatively warm for the time of year.

### Additional notes:

- The Boulder Canyon Project continued this year, and the Boulder Canyon Trail was closed because of construction.
- 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.
- Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain was closed Monday to Wednesday, Jan. 1 to 29, and Sept. 21 to Dec 31 (except for certain holidays) for elk management. If the hunters were successful, the park was opened for the week.
- 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 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 who are biking, running, riding or walking, rather than driving a vehicle 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 2020.

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Total 2020	Total 2019
Pella Crossing	28,687	48,250	41,339	37,122	<b>155,398</b>	111,970
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	26,368	45,864	37,922	37,715	<b>147,869</b>	101,006
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	20,497	44,514	37,761	31,759	<b>134,532</b>	75,953
Heil Valley Ranch	13,817	42,752	49,892	20,281	<b>126,742</b>	110,216
Ron Stewart Preserve	23,368	41,568	31,674	25,416	<b>122,026</b>	82,524
Lagerman Agricultural Preserve	18,258	34,563	29,335	25,038	<b>107,194</b>	69,127
Walker Ranch	11,476	31,702	38,910	23,910	<b>105,998</b>	63,810
Hall Ranch	16,956	25,126	29,059	23,288	<b>94,429</b>	66,353
Betasso Preserve	5,801	18,467	30,912	27,058	<b>82,238</b>	30,807
Mud Lake	8,837	17,025	29,753	20,383	<b>75,998</b>	58,076
Anne U. White	4,662	17,212	27,449	7,957	<b>57,280</b>	CLOSED
Legion Park	10,313	13,937	14,418	14,932	<b>53,600</b>	38,932
Coalton Trailhead	7,181	17,205	16,454	10,958	<b>51,798</b>	37,900
Hessie Trailhead	2,430	8,338	26,346	14,675	<b>51,789</b>	45,140
Caribou Ranch	6,067	2,297	10,480	12,907	<b>31,751</b>	24,145
Flagg Park	2,664	7,108	6,944	4,702	<b>21,418</b>	12,037
Bald Mountain Scenic Area	2,754	5,960	6,358	3,944	<b>19,016</b>	15,332
Sherwood	150	566	1,828	902	<b>3,446</b>	2,496
<b>Total</b>	<b>210,287</b>	<b>422,454</b>	<b>466,833</b>	<b>342,947</b>	<b>1,442,522</b>	<b>981,939*</b>

\*In 2019, the Boulder Canyon Trail had 36,115 visits which are included in the total. The Boulder Canyon Trail was closed in 2020.

# Overall Visitation Snapshot at Properties with Counters

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2020	68,163	50,685	103,595	123,922	194,938	166,656	158,356	141,821	134,190	107,640	101,117	91,439	1,442,522
2019	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
% change	17%	4%	46%	35%	98%	48%	40%	34%	31%	34%	83%	106%	47%

**The busiest month:**

May  
194,938 visits

**The busiest season:**

Summer  
June, July, and August  
466,833 visits

**The busiest week:**

May 25 to May 31  
47,282 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Saturday and Sunday  
20% of total visitation each day

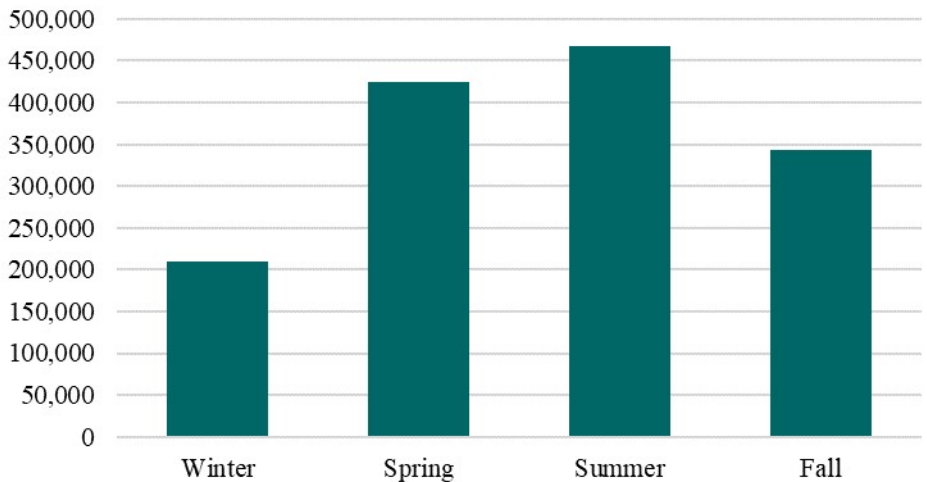
**The busiest hour of the day:**

11 a.m.  
Average 18 visits on weekends  
Average 17 visits on weekdays

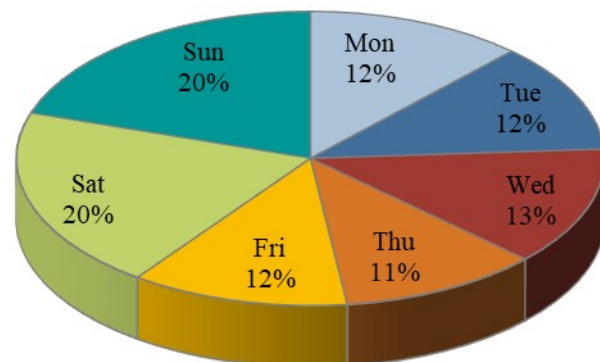
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday May 17  
10,716 visits

**Visitation by Season**



**Average Daily Visitation**



## Visitation at Properties without Counters

Category of Visitor Use	Property	Total 2020
Low Visitation Property	Cattail Pond	15,126
	Harney Lastoka	15,126
	Reynolds Ranch	15,126
	Sugarloaf	15,126
	Dodd Reservoir	15,126
	Beech Shelter	50
	<b>Subtotal Low Visitation</b>	
Medium Visitation Properties	Niwot Trails	66,733
<b>Subtotal Medium Visitation</b>		<b>66,733</b>
High Visitation Properties	Regional Trails (LOBO, Coal Creek, Rock Creek)	397,550
	Twin Lakes	153,101
	<b>Subtotal High Visitation</b>	<b>550,651</b>
<b>Non-counter Subtotal</b>		<b>693,064</b>

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 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. We plan to conduct new observational studies of visitation to update the regional trails estimates in 2022. 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 71,651 visitors on BCPOS lands that were open to the public. This table summarizes park visitors' activities at those areas. In 2020, more time was spent at trailheads and on trails closer to the trailhead than in previous years to assist with parking and encourage social distancing.

	2020	2019	2018
Hiking	54%	50%	52%
Biking	23%	27%	26%
Running	14%	10%	6%
Fishing	2%	3%	4%
Relaxing/Doing Nothing	1%	1%	1%
Viewing Wildlife	1%	2%	3%
Picnicking	1%	2%	2%
Riding a Horse	1%	1%	1%
Other	1%	2%	<1%
Photography/Art	<1%	1%	1%
Nature Study	<1%	2%	2%
Sightseers	<1%	<1%	<1%
E-Bike	<1%	<1%	—
Boaters	<1%	<1%	<1%
Snowshoeing	<1%	<1%	<1%
Skiers	<1%	<1%	<1%
Climbers	<1%	—	—

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

## Dog-on-Leash Regulation Compliance

	2020	2019	2018
Leashed Dogs	97% (8,851 dogs)	88% (2,112 dogs)	90% (1,890 dogs)
Unleashed Dogs	3% (277 dogs)	12% (290 dogs)	10% (202 dogs)

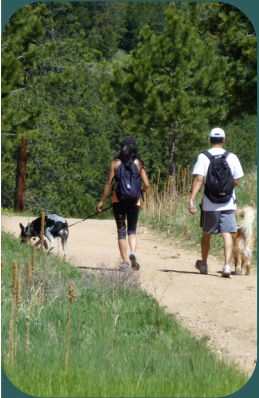
Since much more time was spent at trailheads and the number of visitors with unleashed dogs is higher on trails farther from the trailhead, the percentage of unleashed dogs observed was much lower than in previous years.

## Top Three Activities at Parks

Park/Trail	Primary Activity	Second Activity	Third Activity	All Visitors Observed
Anne U. White	Hiking (82%)	Running (15%)	Relax/Nothing (1%)	3,700
Bald Mountain Scenic Area	Hiking (76%)	Running (18%)	Biking (3%)	153
Betasso Preserve	Hiking (49%)	Biking (26%)	Running (21%)	8,613
Caribou Ranch	Hiking (79%)	Running (10%)	Picnicking (3%)	3,832
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Hiking (40%)	Biking (35%)	Running (10%)	2,092
Coalton	Biking (42%)	Hiking (36%)	Running (21%)	5,281
Hall Ranch	Hiking (45%)	Biking (38%)	Running (13%)	6,274
Heil Valley Ranch	Biking (42%)	Hiking (40%)	Running (14%)	9,224
Lagerman Agricultural Preserve	Hiking (40%)	Biking (21%)	Running (14%)	2,271
Mud Lake	Hiking (58%)	Running (17%)	Biking (10%)	2,563
Pella Crossing	Hiking (64%)	Fishing (19%)	Running (9%)	3,732
Ron Stewart Preserve	Hiking (69%)	Running (18%)	Biking (8%)	6,097
Twin Lakes	Hiking (73%)	Running (16%)	Biking (9%)	390
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	Hiking (70%)	Birding (7%)	Fishing (7%)	7,016
Walker Ranch	Hiking (54%)	Biking (25%)	Fishing (7%)	5,343
All Other Properties <sup>+</sup>	Hiking (35%)	Biking (34%)	Running (25%)	5,070
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>Hiking (54%)</b>	<b>Biking (23%)</b>	<b>Running (14%)</b>	<b>71,651</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, Flag Park, etc.)





# Anne U. White Trail

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1,965	1,155	2,749	3,969	10,494	11,637	9,216	6,596	4,222	2,261	1,474	1,542	57,280

Notes: The Anne U. White Trail was closed Oct. 17 through Nov. 9 because of the Cal-wood fire and extreme fire danger.

**The busiest month:**

June  
11,637 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
21% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

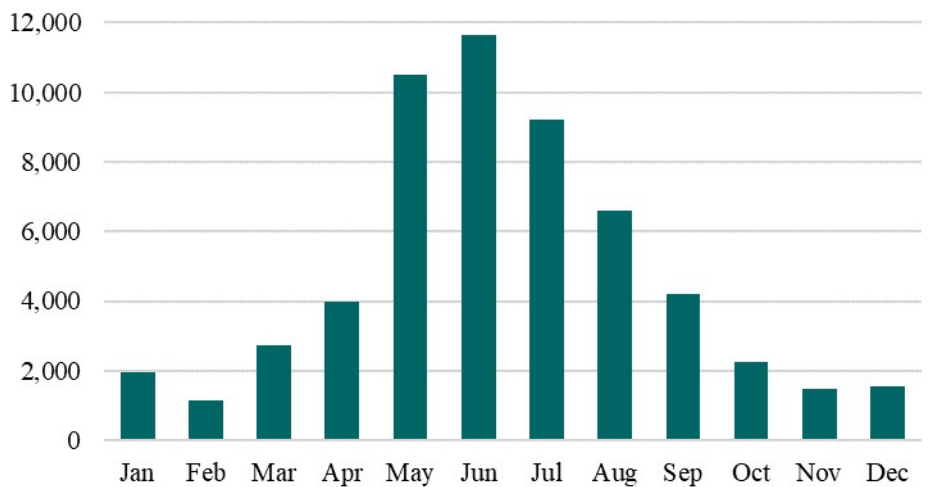
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Average 28 visits

10 a.m. on weekdays  
Average 15 visits

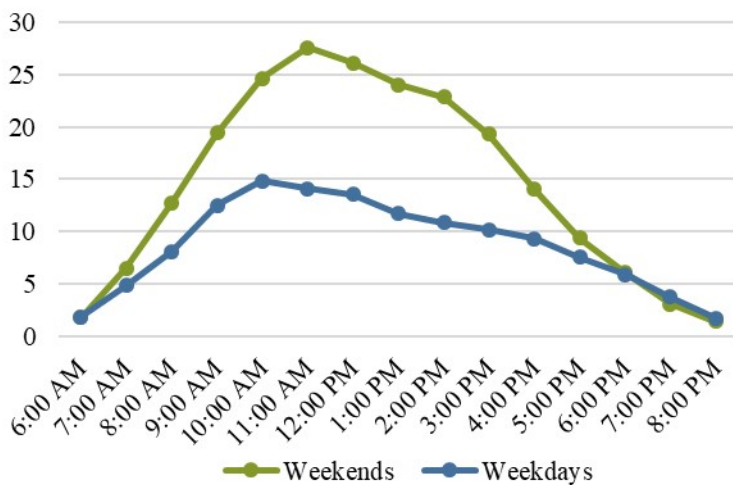
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, June 21  
687 visits

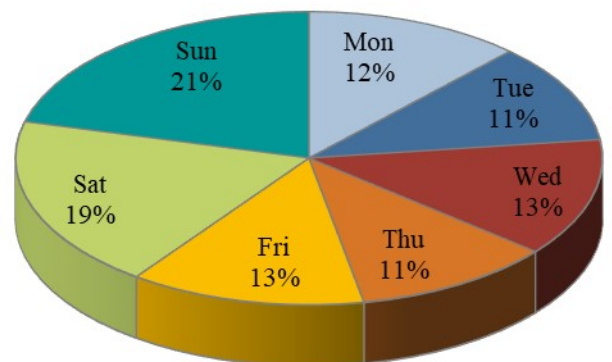
### Visitation by Month



### Average Visitation by Hour



### Average Daily Visitation



# Bald Mountain Scenic Area

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
704	708	1,528	1,728	2,704	2,362	2,113	1,883	1,704	1,129	1,111	1,342	19,016

Notes: Bald Mountain was closed Oct. 19 through Nov. 9 because of the Lefthand Canyon fire and extreme fire danger.

**The busiest month:**

May  
2,704 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
24% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

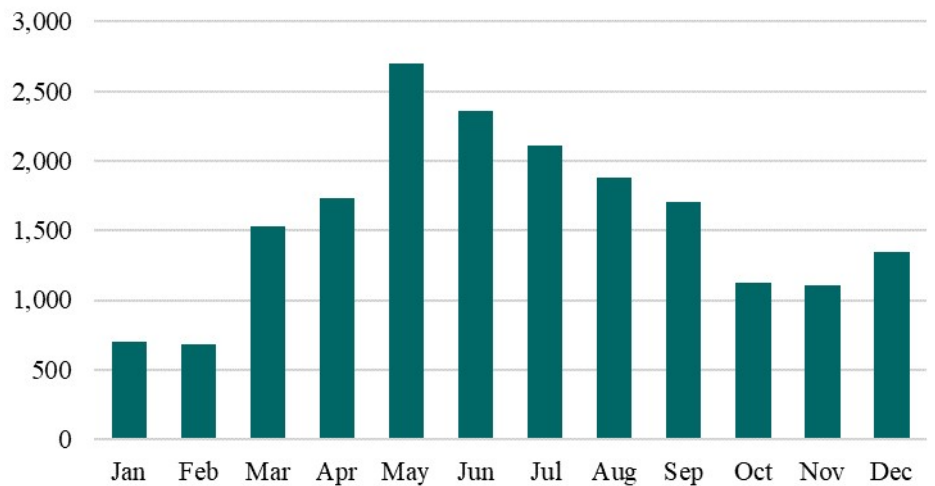
Noon on weekends  
Average 11 visits

2 p.m. on weekdays  
Average 4 visits

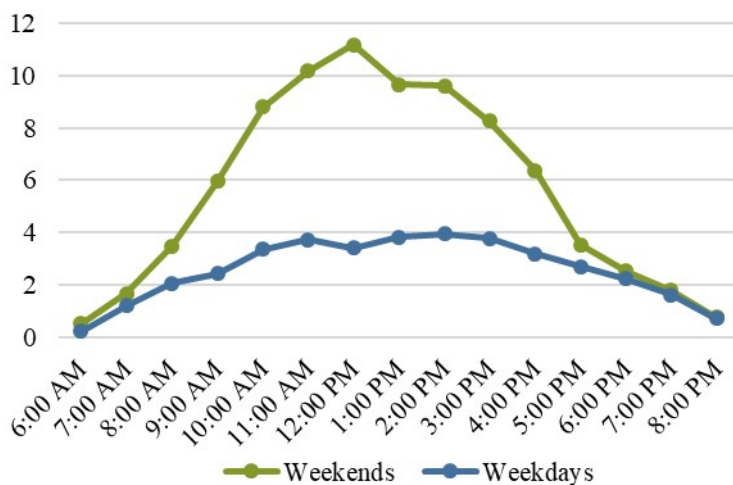
**The busiest day of the year:**

Monday, May 25  
Memorial Day  
194 visits

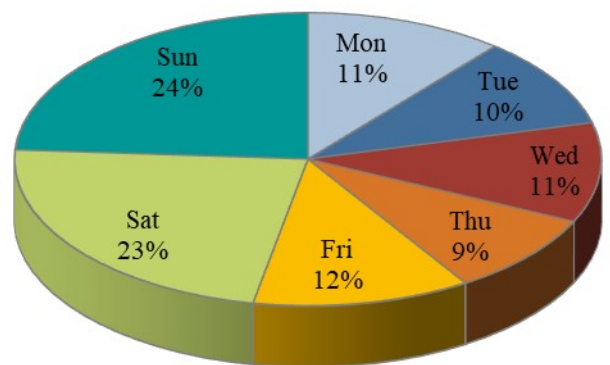
**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Betasso Preserve

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Main Trailhead	210	187	444	2,744	8,774	8,803	8,784	5,882	6,536	7,727	6,076	3,634	59,801
Bummers Rock	140	44	269	348	541	469	495	456	346	337	423	199	4,067
Fourmile Link	276	167	482	1,147	2,013	1,735	1,745	1,192	1,819	1,210	1,293	462	13,541
Betasso Link	145	109	346	528	831	556	440	355	354	381	556	228	4,829
<b>Total</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>4,767</b>	<b>12,159</b>	<b>11,563</b>	<b>11,464</b>	<b>7,885</b>	<b>9,055</b>	<b>9,655</b>	<b>8,348</b>	<b>4,523</b>	<b>82,238</b>

Notes: The Boulder Canyon Road Construction Project continued throughout the year.

**The busiest month:**

May  
12,159 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
21% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

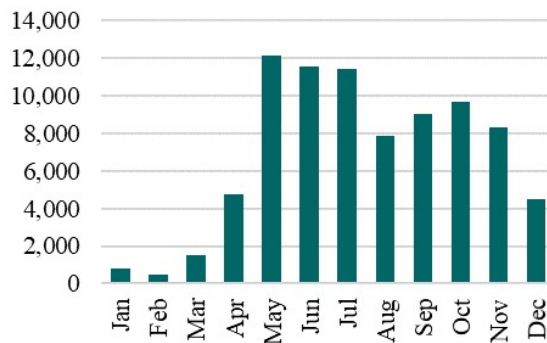
11 a.m. on weekends  
Average 34 visits

4 and 5 p.m. weekdays  
Average 17 visits

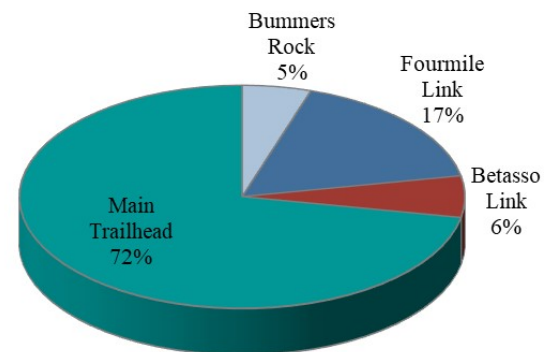
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, May 17  
721 visits

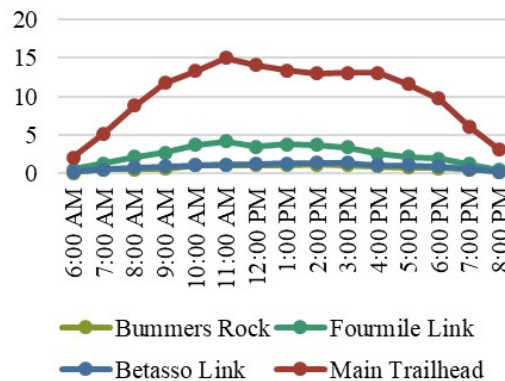
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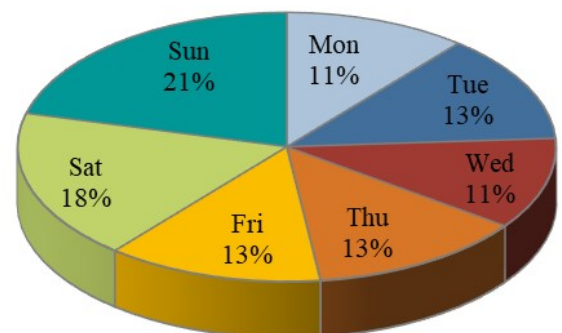
**Visitation by Location**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Caribou Ranch

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1,477	2,073	2,297	Closed	Closed	Closed	5,818	4,662	7,022	5,190	695	2,157	31,751

Notes: Caribou Ranch has an annual closure from April 1 through June 30 to protect spring migratory birds and elk calving and rearing. Caribou Ranch was closed Oct. 21 through Nov. 9 because of extreme fire danger.

**The busiest month:**

September  
7,022 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Saturday  
24% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

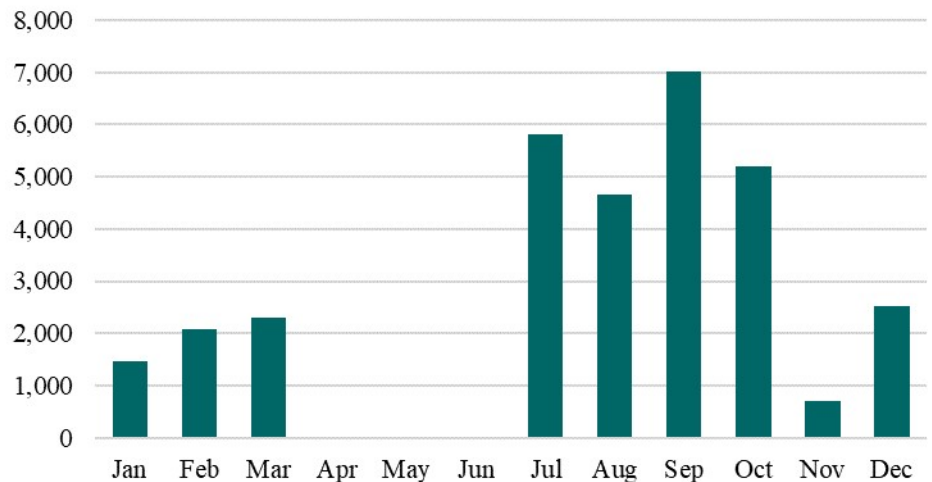
11 a.m. on weekends  
Average 22 visits

11:00 am on weekdays  
Average 10 visits

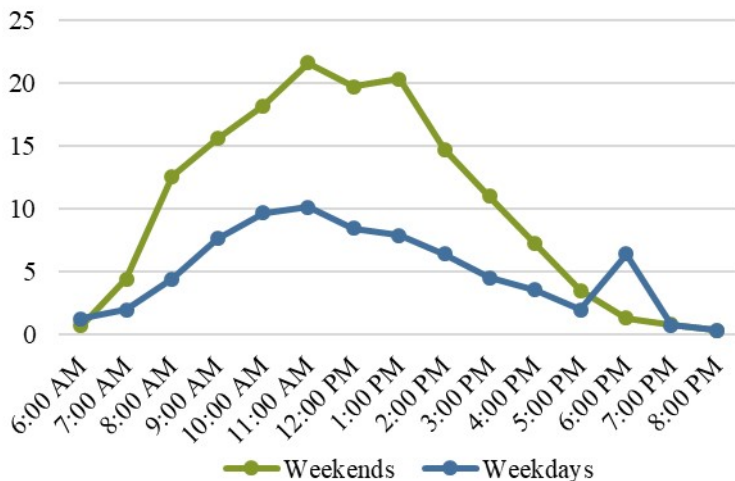
**The busiest day of the year:**

Friday, Oct. 16  
710 visits

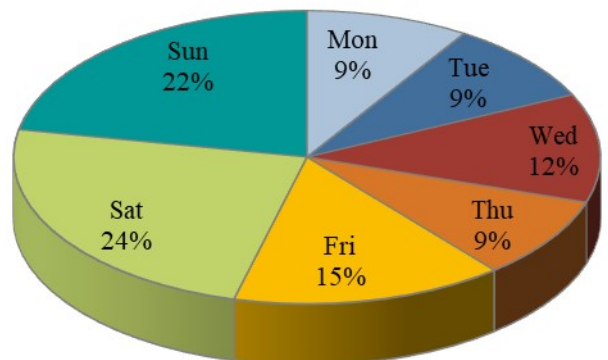
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# Carolyn Holmberg Preserve

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Stearns Lake Main Trailhead	3,000	2,164	4,936	5,925	6,710	5,334	4,553	4,308	3,797	4,487	5,431	4,588	55,027
Mary Miller Trail	940	402	1,707	3,563	1,590	2,900	2,881	2,704	2,325	2,005	2,182	2,824	25,999
Loc Amora Link	1,134	694	2,419	3,849	4,296	2,799	2,193	2,321	2,031	1,920	2,172	1,763	27,567
Cradleboard Trail	1,011	464	2,161	3,313	4,045	3,030	2,481	2,257	2,018	1,743	1,958	1,513	25,939
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,085</b>	<b>3,724</b>	<b>11,223</b>	<b>16,650</b>	<b>16,641</b>	<b>14,063</b>	<b>12,108</b>	<b>11,590</b>	<b>10,171</b>	<b>10,155</b>	<b>11,433</b>	<b>10,688</b>	<b>134,532</b>

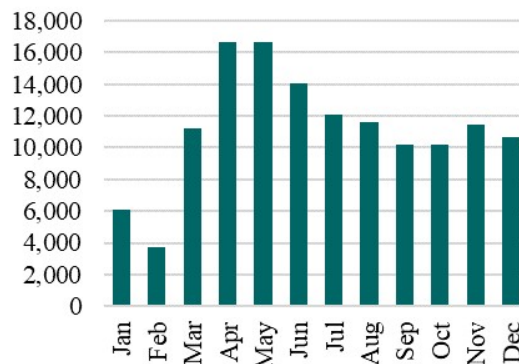
**The busiest month:**  
April  
16,650 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**  
Saturday  
19% of total visitation

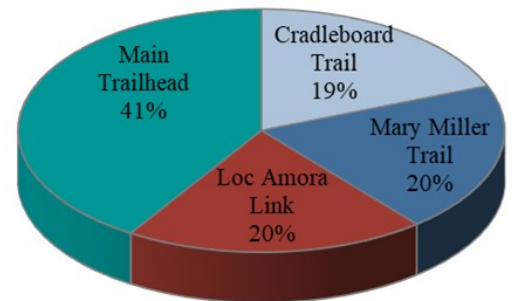
**The busiest hour of the day:**  
11 a.m. on weekends  
Average 56 visits  
4 p.m. on weekdays  
Average 29 visits

**The busiest day of the year:**  
Sunday, April 5  
1,203 visits

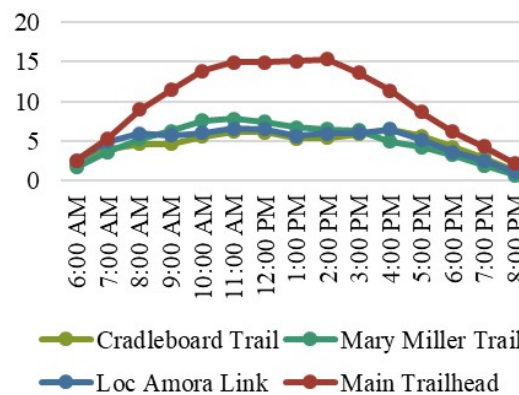
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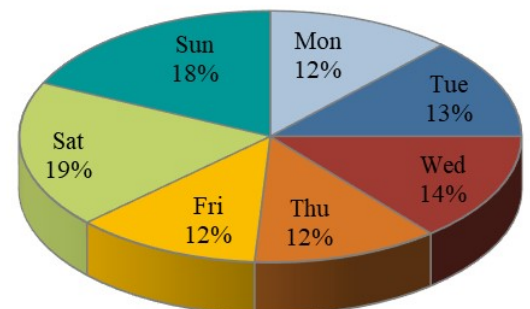
Visitation by Location



Average Visitation by Hour



Average Daily Visitation



# Coalton Trailhead

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2,630	1,573	4,138	5,774	7,293	6,122	5,650	4,682	3,828	3,396	3,734	2,978	51,798

**The busiest month:**

May  
7,293 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Saturday and Sunday  
19% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

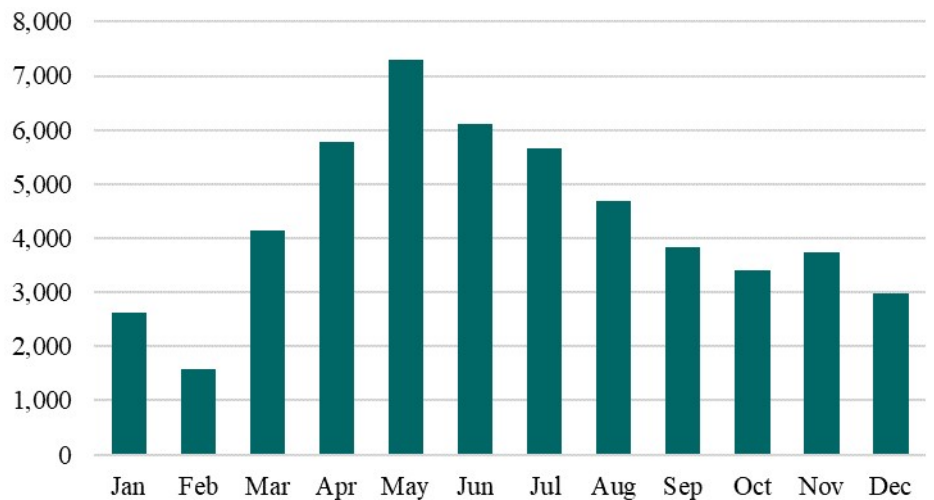
10 a.m. on weekends  
Average 20 visits

5 p.m. on weekdays  
Average 10 visits

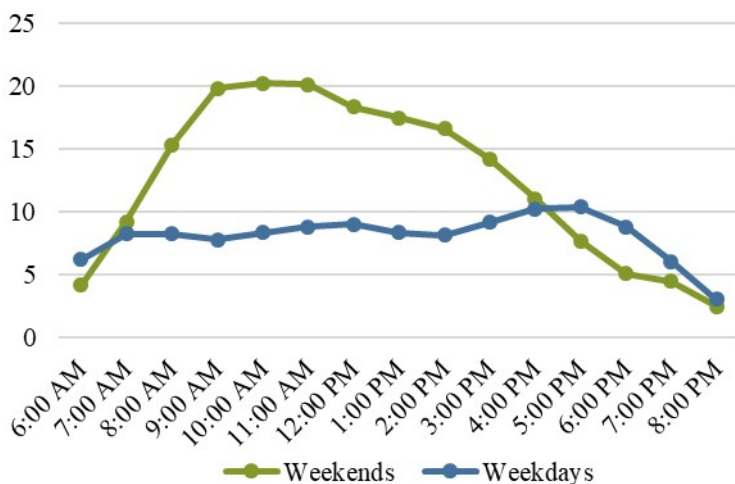
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, April 5  
384 visits

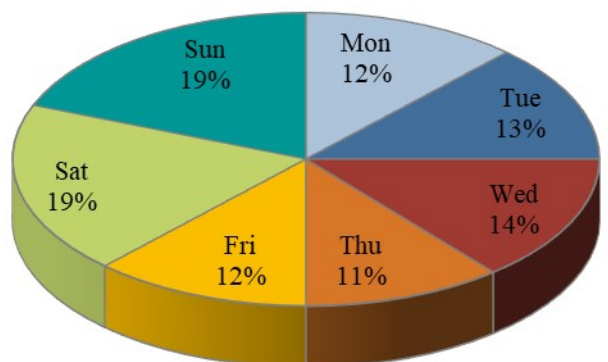
**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Flagg Park

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
753	446	1,601	2,100	3,407	3,334	1,994	1,616	1,667	1,315	1,720	1,465	21,418

**The busiest month:**

May  
3,407 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Saturday and Sunday  
24% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

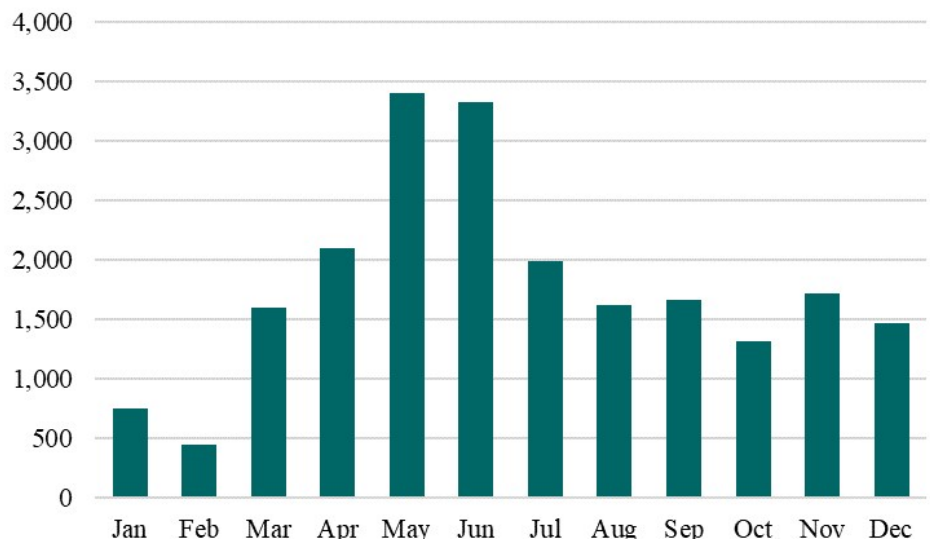
11 a.m. on weekends  
Average 11 visits

4 p.m. on weekdays  
Average 4 visits

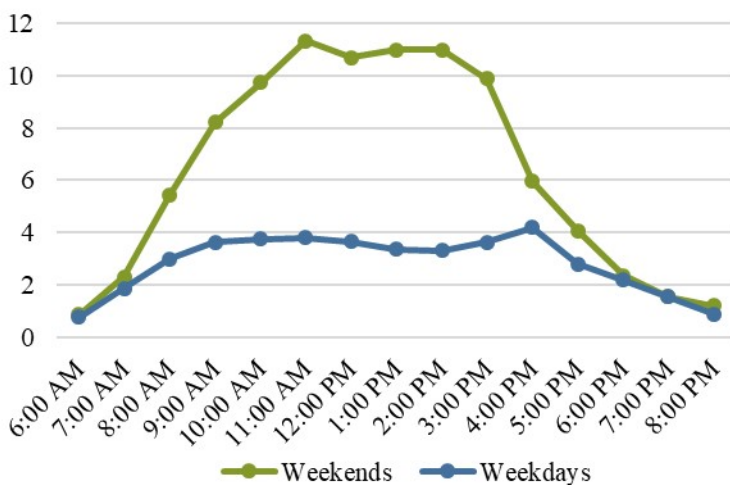
**The busiest day of the year:**

Saturday, June 27  
788 visits

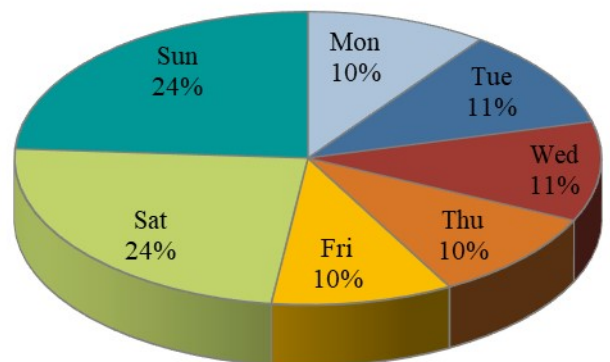
Visitation by Month



Average Visitation by Hour



Average Daily Visitation



# Hall Ranch

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Antelope Trail	172	298	1,216	1,931	3,912	4,187	2,538	1,816	2,008	1,412	3,245	2,840	25,575
Button Rock Trail	90	70	205	350	602	387	288	250	204	154	183	128	2,911
Main Trailhead	4,955	1,628	2,834	5,167	8,909	6,931	6,612	6,050	5,865	3,752	6,465	6,775	65,943
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,217</b>	<b>1,996</b>	<b>4,255</b>	<b>7,448</b>	<b>13,423</b>	<b>11,505</b>	<b>9,438</b>	<b>8,116</b>	<b>8,077</b>	<b>5,318</b>	<b>9,893</b>	<b>9,743</b>	<b>94,429</b>

Notes: Hall Ranch had intermittent muddy trail closures from January to April. Hall Ranch was closed Oct. 17 through Nov. 9 because of the Cal-Wood fire and extreme fire danger.

**The busiest month:**

May  
13,423 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Saturday and Sunday  
21% of total visitation each day

**The busiest hour of the day:**

11 a.m. on weekends  
Average 35 visits

1 p.m. on weekdays  
Average 16 visits

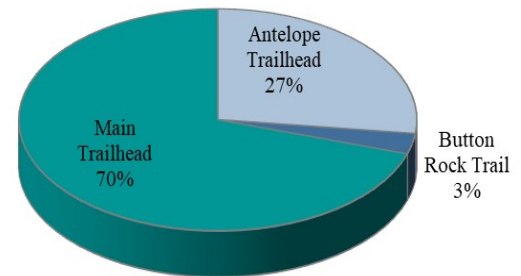
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, Nov. 15  
998 visits

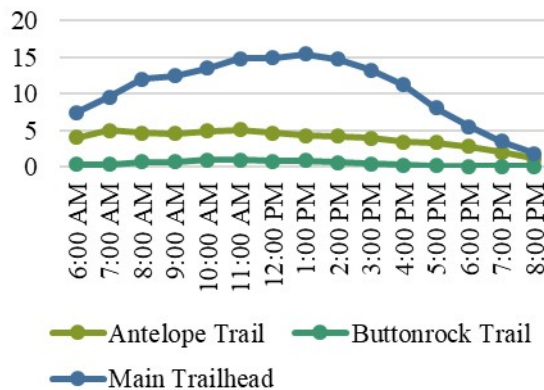
**Visitation by Month**



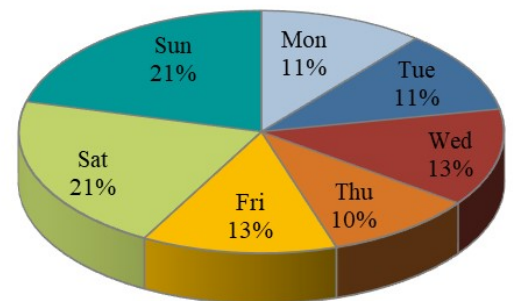
**Visitation by Location**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**





# Heil Valley Ranch

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Picture Rock Trail	50	373	173	3,589	8,824	5,999	4,904	4,541	5,020	2,601	Closed	558	36,632
Main & Corral Trailheads	6,751	6,085	9,242	6,010	14,914	12,701	11,625	10,122	9,052	3,608	Closed	Closed	90,110
Total 2020	6,801	6,458	9,415	9,599	23,738	18,700	16,529	14,663	14,072	6,209	Closed	558	126,742

Notes: Heil Valley Ranch had intermittent muddy trail closures from January to April, and December. A large portion of the park was burned in the Cal-Wood fire, which started on Oct. 17. The Picture Rock Trailhead reopened in December. The Main and Corral trailheads were closed through to the end of the year because of hazardous conditions.

**The busiest month:**

May  
23,986 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Saturday  
19% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

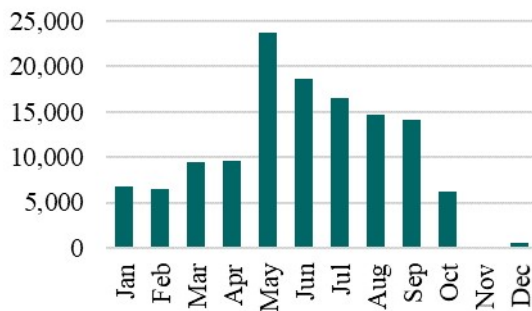
11 a.m. on weekends  
Average 62 visits

5 p.m. on weekdays  
Average 31 visits

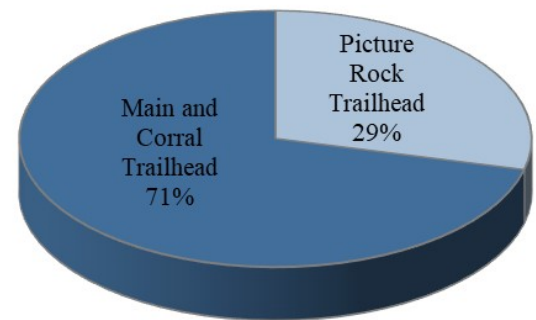
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, May 17  
1,339 visits

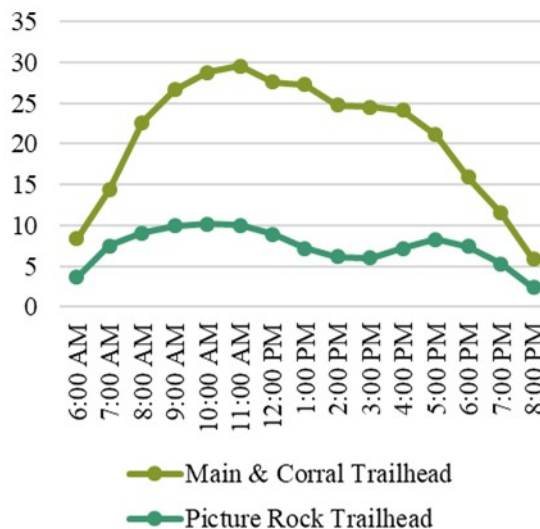
**Visitation by Month**



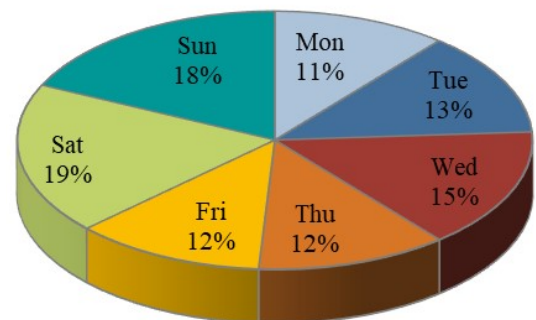
**Visitation by Location**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Hessie Trailhead

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
833	582	768	1,737	5,833	7,984	9,186	9,176	8,280	4,793	1,602	1,015	<b>51,789</b>

Notes: The Hessie Trailhead was closed Oct. 21 through Nov. 9 because of extreme fire danger.

**The busiest month:**

July  
9,186 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Saturday  
25% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

1 p.m. on weekends  
Average 29 visits

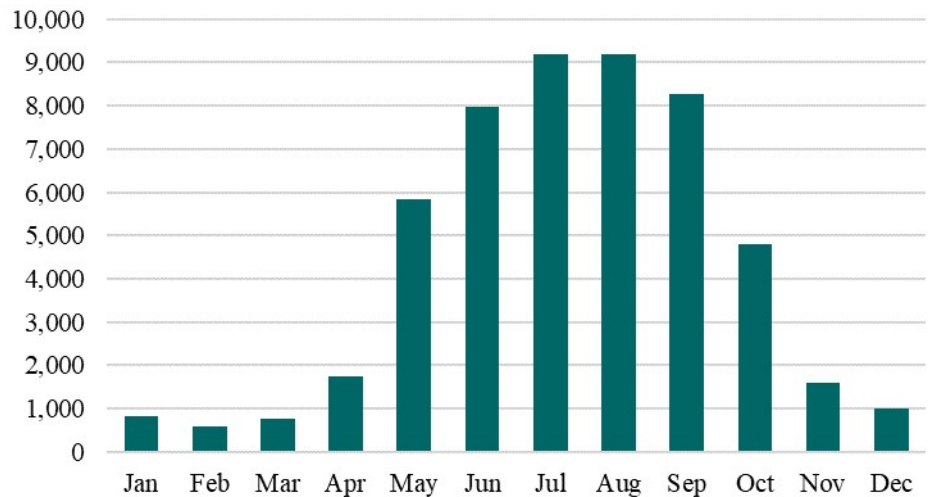
Noon on weekdays

Average 12 visits

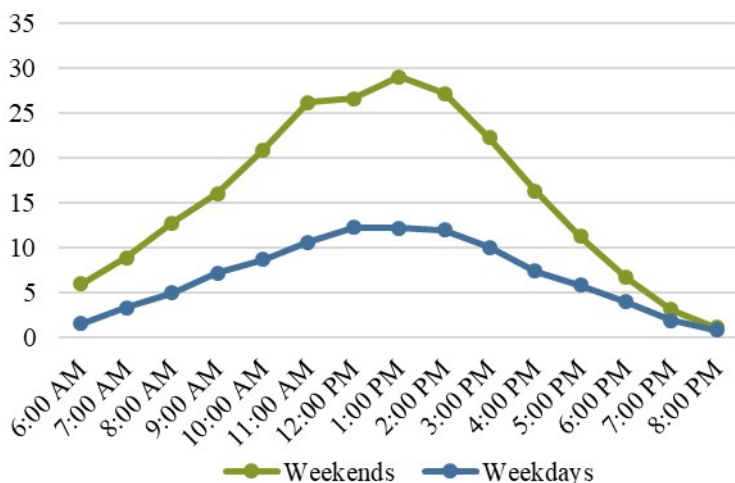
**The busiest day of the year:**

Saturday, Oct. 3  
696 visits

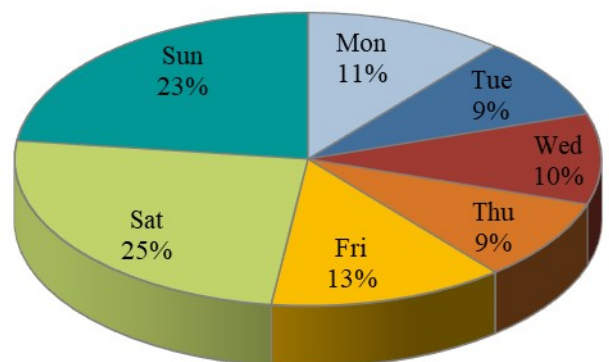
## Visitation by Month



## Average Visitation by Hour



## Average Daily Visitation



# Lagerman Agricultural Preserve

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Main Trailhead	4,409	3,295	7,372	7,836	9,222	7,030	6,835	5,740	5,610	5,109	6,059	5,698	74,215
Link Trail	490	202	827	1,132	1,180	991	928	1,024	1,101	863	1,244	822	10,804
Open Sky East	1,405	353	1,761	2,102	3,131	1,981	1,891	2,914	1,623	1,497	1,932	1,584	22,175
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,304</b>	<b>3,850</b>	<b>9,960</b>	<b>11,070</b>	<b>13,533</b>	<b>10,002</b>	<b>9,654</b>	<b>9,678</b>	<b>8,334</b>	<b>7,469</b>	<b>9,235</b>	<b>8,104</b>	<b>107,194</b>

**The busiest month:**  
May  
13,533 visits

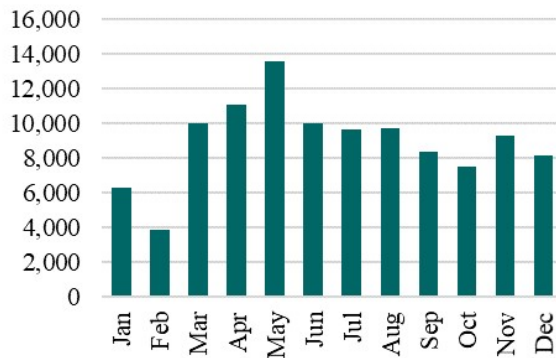
**The busiest day of the week:**  
Saturday and Sunday  
18% of total visitation each day

**The busiest hour of the day:**  
1 p.m. on weekends  
Average 37 visits

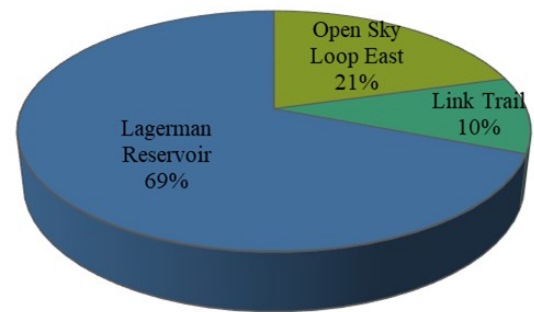
4 p.m. on weekdays  
Average 24 visits

**The busiest day of the year:**  
Saturday, April 25  
623 visits

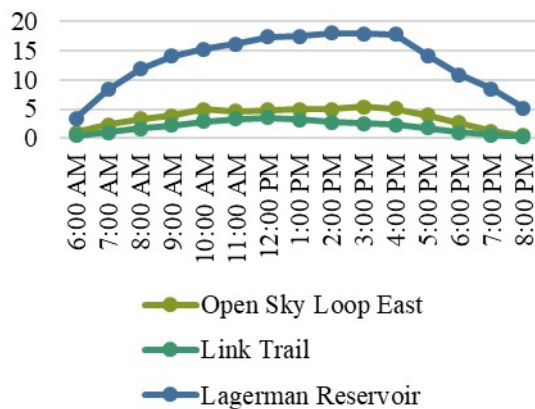
Visitation by Month



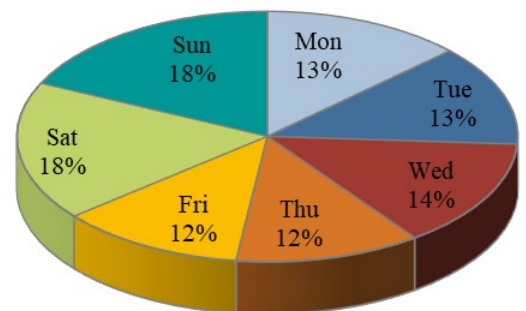
Visitation by Location



Average Visitation by Hour



Average Daily Visitation



# Legion Park

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
3,209	2,468	3,612	4,465	5,860	4,962	4,990	4,466	4,235	6,407	4,290	4,636	53,600

**The busiest month:**

October  
6,407 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Saturday  
17% of total visitation each day

**The busiest hour of the day:**

2 p.m. on weekends  
Average 15 visits

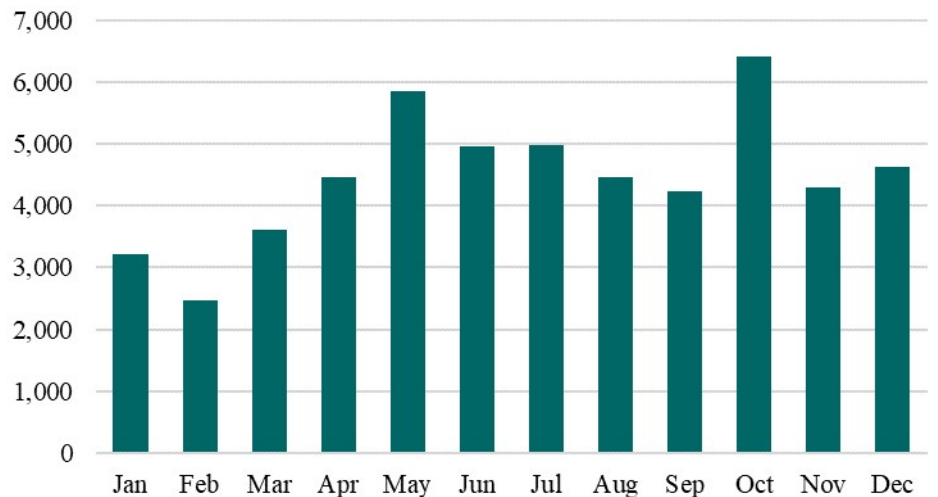
Noon on weekdays

Average 15 visits

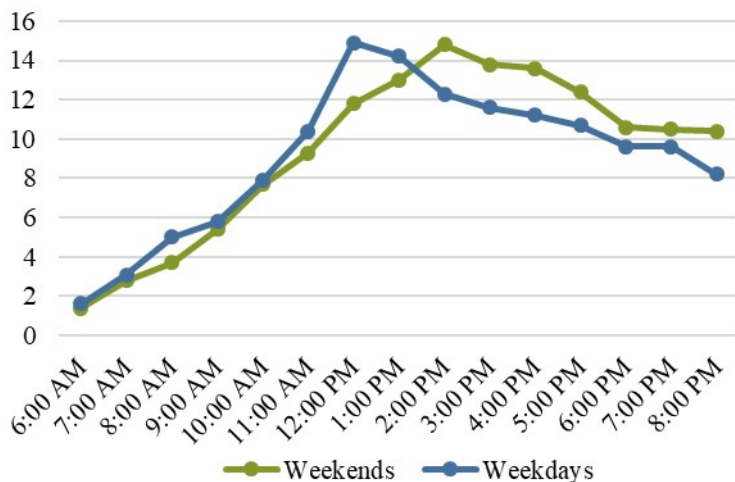
**The busiest day of the year:**

Saturday, Oct. 17  
The day the Cal-Wood fire started  
1,343 visits

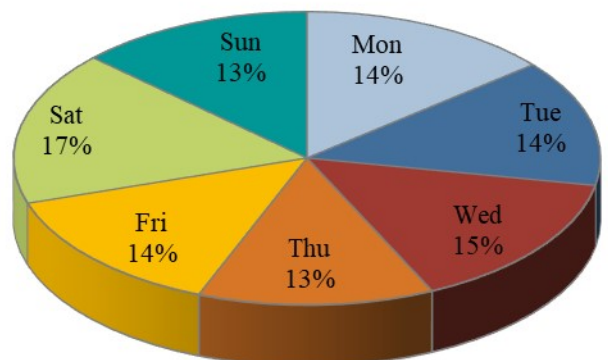
Visitation by Month



Average Visitation by Hour



Average Daily Visitation



# Mud Lake

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2,661	2,471	3,642	4,178	9,205	10,305	10,072	9,376	11,749	6,417	2,217	3,705	75,998

Notes: Closed Oct. 21 through Nov. 9 because of extreme fire danger.

**The busiest month:**

September  
11,749 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Saturday  
24% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

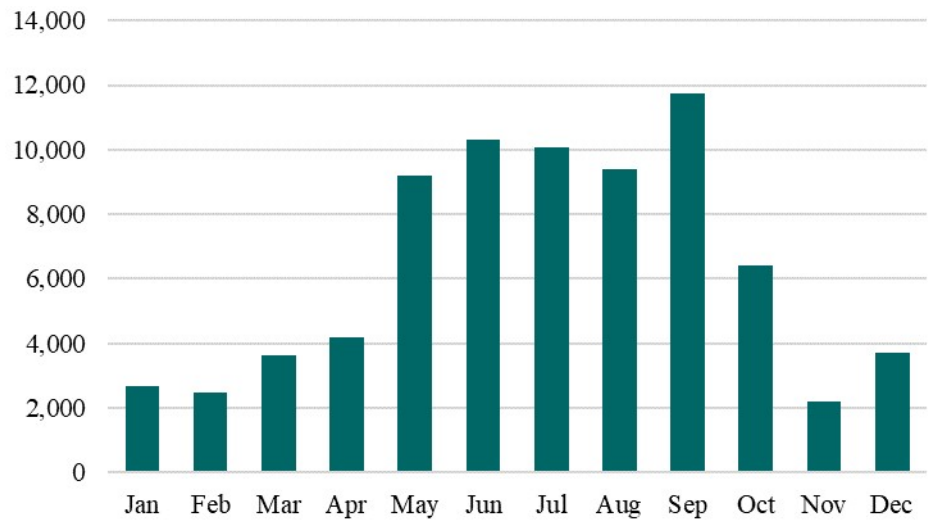
Noon on weekends  
Average 49 visits

1 p.m. on weekdays  
Average 19 visits

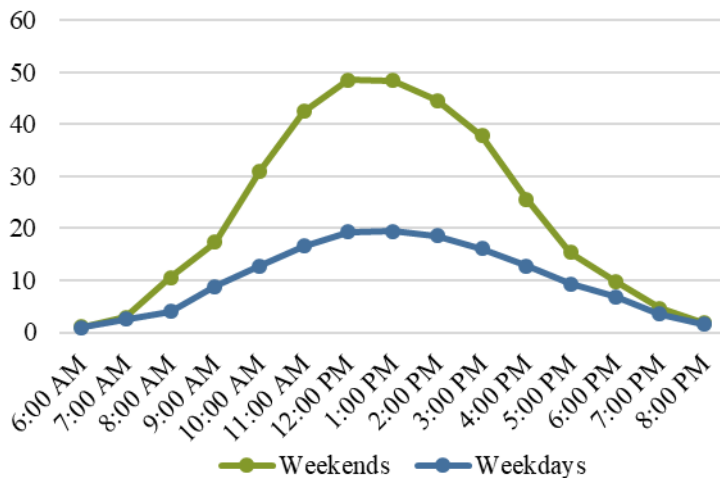
**The busiest day of the year:**

Saturday, Sept. 26  
1,351 visits

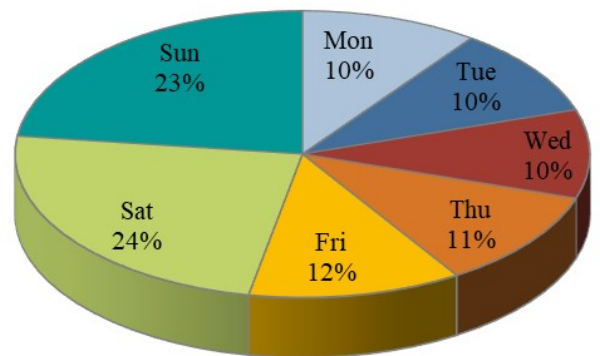
### Visitation by Month



### Average Visitation by Hour



### Average Daily Visitation



# Pella Crossing

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
9,700	6,858	14,169	15,451	18,630	15,017	13,491	12,831	12,523	10,811	13,788	12,129	155,398

**The busiest month:**

May  
18,630 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
17% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

2 p.m. on weekends  
Average 50 visits

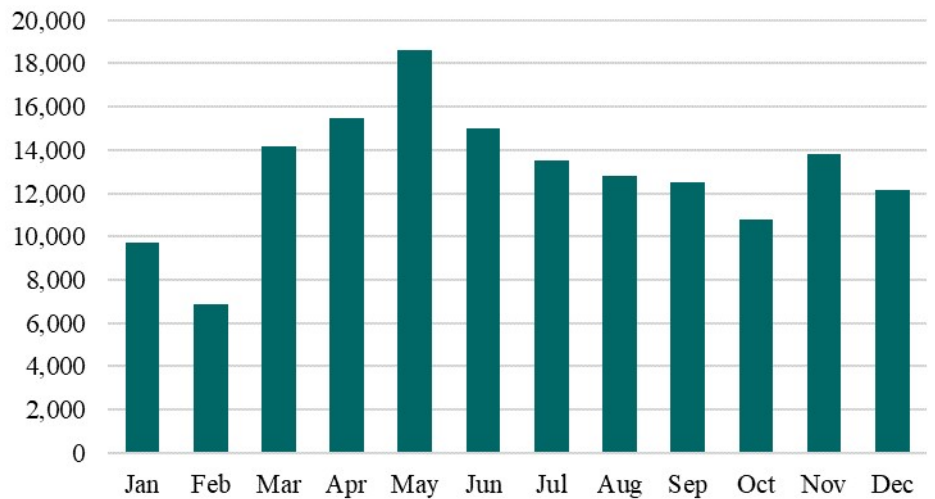
1 and 2 p.m. on weekdays

Average 35 visits

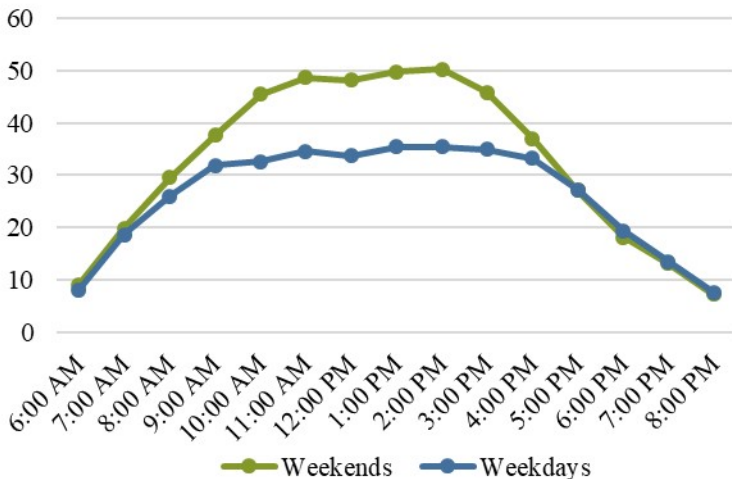
**The busiest day of the year:**

Monday, May 25  
Memorial Day  
921 visits

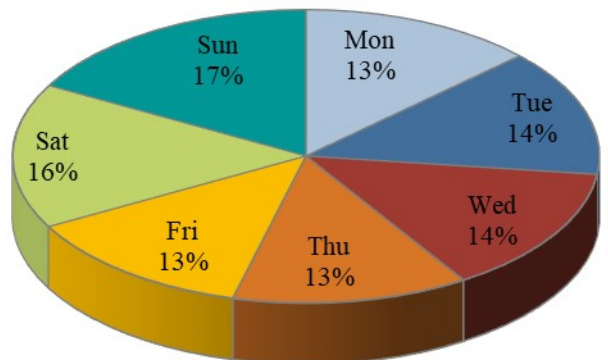
**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
7,415	6,543	14,508	10,798	16,262	11,592	10,540	9,542	7,817	6,607	10,992	9,410	122,026

Notes: Ron Stewart Preserve was closed to the public Monday to Wednesday, Jan 1 to 29, and Sept. 21 to Dec. 31 (except for certain holidays) for elk management. If the hunters were successful, the park was opened for the week. Ron Stewart Preserve had intermittent muddy trail closures from January to April.

**The busiest month:**

May  
16,262 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
22% Jan. 30 to Sept. 20  
29% Sept. 21 to Dec. 31

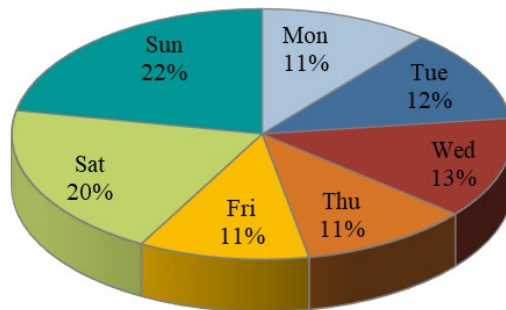
**The busiest hour of the day:**

1 p.m.  
Average 64 visits on weekends  
Average 22 visits on weekdays

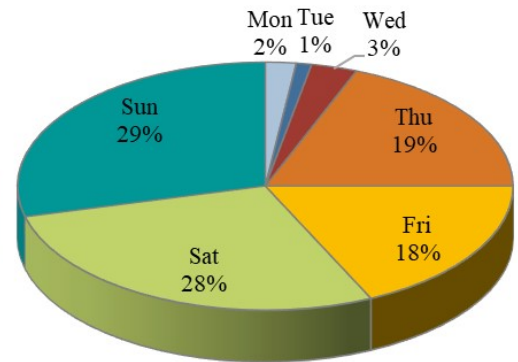
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, May 17  
1,051 visits

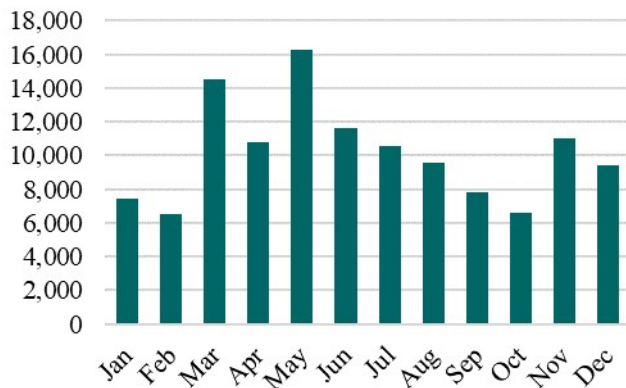
**Average Daily Visitation  
Jan. 30 - Sept. 20**



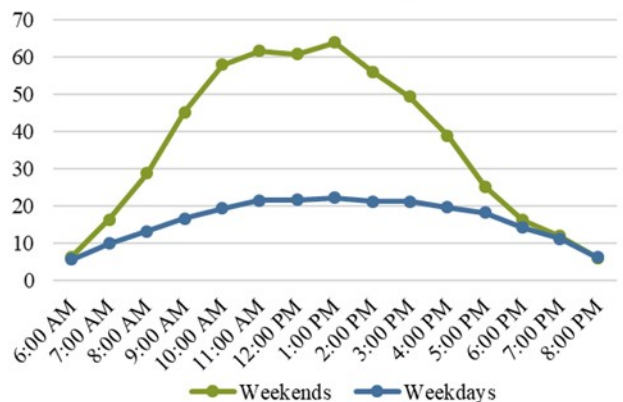
**Average Daily Visitation  
Sept. 21 - Dec. 31**



**Visitation by Month**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



# Sherwood Property

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
9	18	14	27	525	725	625	478	463	293	146	123	3,446

**The busiest month:**

June  
725 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Sunday  
25% of total visitation

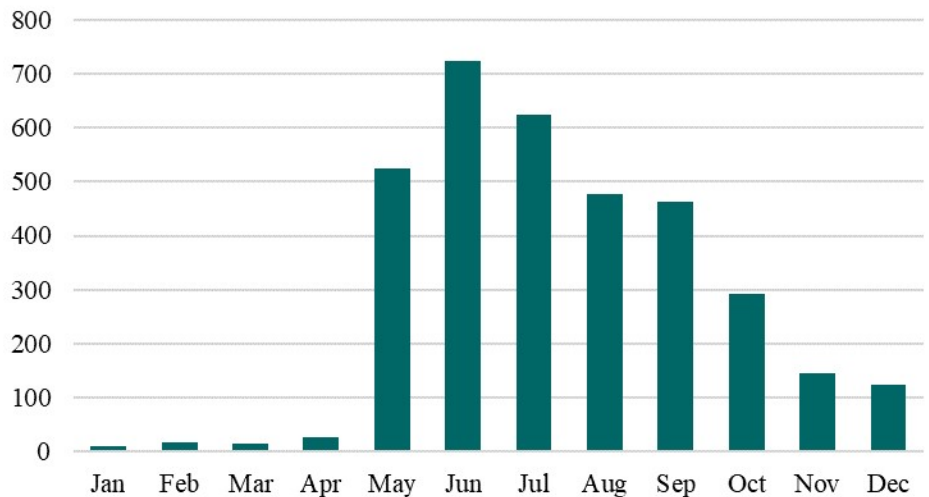
**The busiest hour of the day:**

Noon on weekends  
Average 2 visits

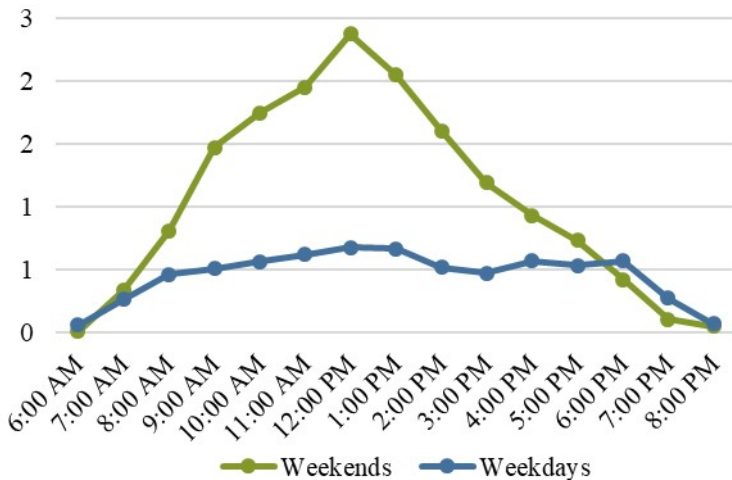
**The busiest day of the year:**

Saturday, June 27  
70 visits

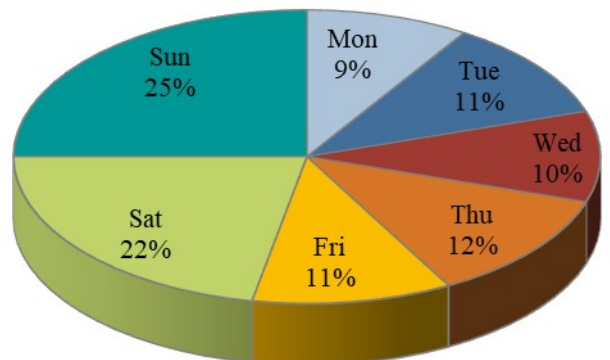
**Visitation by Month**



**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 in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Cottonwood North	3,633	2,842	5,711	6,948	8,656	5,558	5,033	5,111	5,248	5,799	5,778	5,461	65,778
Cottonwood South	989	708	1,716	2,196	2,825	1,690	1,454	1,372	1,217	1,421	1,548	1,470	18,606
Wally Toevs Pond	3,679	2,668	4,736	5,819	7,257	6,350	5,596	5,758	5,913	5,768	5,023	4,918	63,485
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,301</b>	<b>6,218</b>	<b>12,163</b>	<b>14,963</b>	<b>18,738</b>	<b>13,598</b>	<b>12,083</b>	<b>12,241</b>	<b>12,378</b>	<b>12,988</b>	<b>12,349</b>	<b>11,849</b>	<b>147,869</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:**

May  
18,738 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Saturday, Sunday,  
Tuesday, Wednesday  
15% of visitation each day

**The busiest hour of the day:**

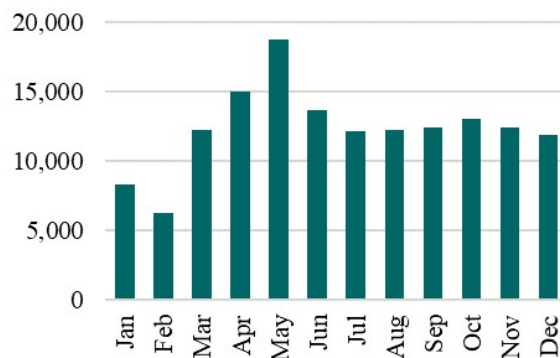
2 p.m. on weekends  
Average 47 visits

1 p.m. on weekdays  
Average 39 visits

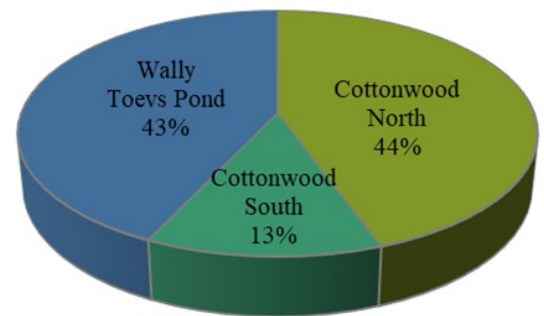
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, May 17  
902 visits

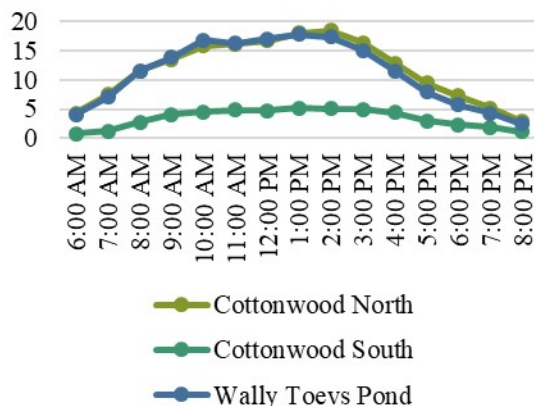
**Visitation by Month**



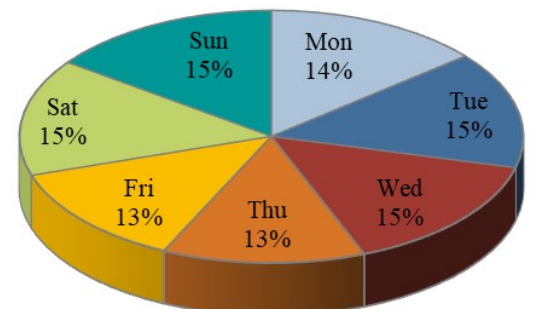
**Visitation by Location**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**



# Walker Ranch

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2020 was 2,110,972 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Josie Heath Trail	—	—	—	579	977	699	603	538	494	401	367	231	4,889
Ethel Harrold	457	393	688	1,399	3,404	2,939	2,975	2,633	1,734	1,205	1,246	821	19,894
Loop Trailhead	2,455	2,165	4,640	6,349	10,591	8,035	7,833	8,329	5,544	4,847	5,515	3,272	69,575
Meyers Homestead Trail	415	479	684	870	1,521	1,512	1,974	840	821	775	961	788	11,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,327</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>6,012</b>	<b>9,197</b>	<b>16,493</b>	<b>13,185</b>	<b>13,385</b>	<b>12,340</b>	<b>8,593</b>	<b>7,228</b>	<b>8,089</b>	<b>5,112</b>	<b>105,998</b>

Notes: A new counter was installed on the Josie Heath Trail at the end of March.

**The busiest month:**

May  
16,493 visits

**The busiest day of the week:**

Saturday  
25% of total visitation

**The busiest hour of the day:**

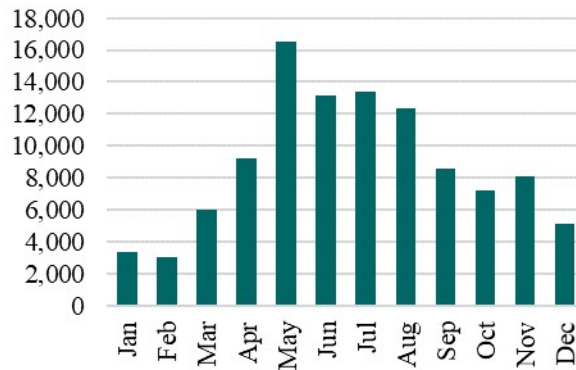
Noon on weekends  
Average 60 visits

1 p.m. on weekdays  
Average 21 visits

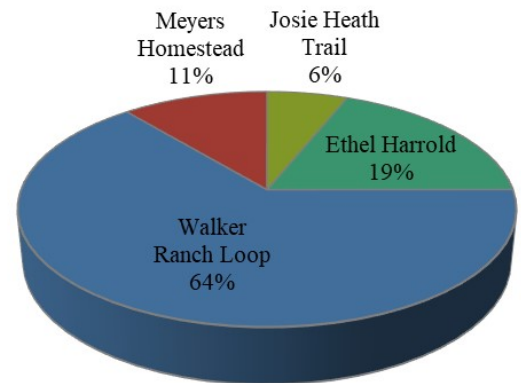
**The busiest day of the year:**

Sunday, May 31  
1,000 visits

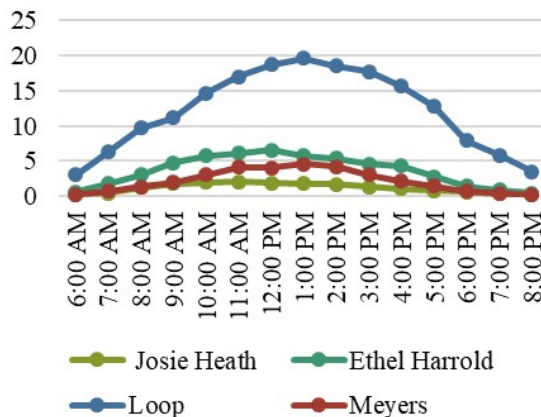
**Visitation by Month**



**Visitation by Location**



**Average Visitation by Hour**



**Average Daily Visitation**

