



Parks &
Open Space

Parks Visitation

Boulder County

2021 Annual Report

Visitation Spotlight

1,960,773 minimum
estimated visits

8% overall decrease
from 2020

Visitation was
estimated at 25
properties and 5
regional trails

We monitored 16
vehicle and 24 trail
counters at 40
access points

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The minimum estimated number of visits to Boulder County Parks & Open Space (BCPOS) parks in 2021 was 1,960,773, which was a decrease of 8% from the previous year's visitation number of 2,135,586.

After a 45% increase in visitation in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, visitation did slow down this year, although not close to the pre-pandemic levels seen in 2019. Some of the decrease was because the south side of Heil Valley Ranch was closed after the Cal-Wood Fire. Boulder County weather was warmer and dryer than average in 2021, with moisture in the spring months followed by the warmest second half of the year in Colorado history.

All trail and vehicle counters are Traqx 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.

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:

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

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 using the 2021 BCPOS Five Year Study visitor survey. For trail counters, the average number of visitors per vehicle in that park is not applied.

An average of data from 2019 and 2020 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

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Some of the decrease in 2021 visitation can be explained by the fact that the south side of Heil Valley Ranch remained closed for recovery and park infrastructure repair after the Cal-Wood Fire in October 2021. However, the northern section of Heil Valley Ranch, accessed from the Picture Rock Trailhead, was open.

In 2021, Boulder County drought conditions remained, and the weather continued to be overall warmer and dryer than average. The second half of the year in 2021 was the warmest such period in Colorado history.

January and February began the year with continued COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, resulting in high park visitation similar to what was observed in 2020. In the spring, park visitation did slow down, as vaccinations became available and indoor restrictions lessened across the Front Range, but not to the pre-pandemic levels of visitation seen in 2019.

The spring and early summer months provided some drought relief with good monsoon moisture. Hall Ranch, Heil Valley Ranch's Picture Rock Trailhead, and Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain experienced intermittent muddy trail closures from January through early June.

The Boulder Canyon Project, which started in March 2019, was completed this year in July. Over the last two years, this flood repair project on Colorado Hwy 119 affected access to Betasso Preserve and the Boulder Canyon Trail. The Boulder Canyon Trail reopened March 6.

As the summer continued, hot and dry conditions returned. Boulder County and the Northern Front Range broke records in 2021 for poor air quality. Smoke from wildfires and air pollution from late spring through the fall resulted in ozone alert days, during which it is recommended people remain inside and avoid exertion outdoors. At least one day in August, Denver had the worst air quality of any major city in the world!

By the fall, Boulder County was in a severe drought, with dry and warm weather through December. Trails were busier in October than 2020, but it is important to note that some BCPOS properties were closed last year from Oct. 21 to Nov. 9 because of extreme fire conditions. On Dec. 30, the Marshall Fire burned through the City of Louisville and the Town of Superior, as well as on open space. The Coalton Trailhead and nearby trails were closed for the remainder of 2021.

The Caribou Ranch vehicle counter was replaced with a trail counter in 2021 in order to capture pedestrians and equestrians that access the property from Mud Lake on the Caribou Ranch Link.

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 2021.

	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Total 2021	Total 2020
Pella Crossing	33,388	47,255	44,219	46,867	171,729	155,398
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	32,516	41,705	32,910	35,182	142,313	147,869
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	22,737	28,801	31,863	28,532	111,933	134,532
Betasso Preserve	14,438	21,234	32,645	26,564	94,881	82,238
Hall Ranch	19,202	22,818	21,456	22,094	85,570	94,429
Walker Ranch	12,570	22,831	28,560	20,656	84,617	105,998
Lagerman Agricultural Preserve	18,517	23,558	19,926	21,339	83,340	107,194
Ron Stewart Preserve	19,699	23,414	18,020	16,416	77,549	122,026
Boulder Canyon Trail	3,362	11,967	24,355	19,504	59,188	CLOSED
Mud Lake	8,290	9,394	22,472	18,585	58,741	75,998
Hessie Trailhead	2,302	5,732	30,620	19,476	58,130	51,789
Anne U. White	5,070	9,743	24,048	11,277	50,138	57,280
Coalton Trailhead	7,284	11,299	16,580	12,303	47,466	51,798
Legion Park	11,035	13,253	11,742	10,504	46,534	53,600
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	3,709	4,636	14,340	15,323	38,008	36,631 *
Caribou Ranch	6,460	2,070	7,871	8,461	24,862	31,751
Flagg Park	3,369	5,317	4,781	4,244	17,711	21,418
Bald Mountain Scenic Area	2,925	4,031	5,117	4,239	16,312	19,016
Sherwood	262	336	1,467	1,194	3,259	3,446
Total	227,135	309,394	392,992	342,760	1,272,281	1,442,522

*In 2020, Heil Valley Ranch had 126,742 visits which are included in the total. The Picture Rock Trailhead total is shown in the table for comparison with 2021 because the south side of Heil Valley Ranch was closed for the year due to the Cal-Wood Fire.

Overall Visitation at Properties with Counters

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2021	94,784	59,233	75,003	107,817	126,574	135,533	133,212	124,247	118,737	125,398	98,625	73,118	1,272,281
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
% change	39%	17%	-28%	-13%	-35%	-19%	-16%	-12%	-12%	16%	-2%	-20%	-12%

Notes: The south side of Heil Valley Ranch was closed in 2021 due to the Cal-Wood Fire. The Boulder Canyon Trail was closed in 2020 due to the Boulder Canyon Project and reopened in March 2021. In 2020, Anne U. White, Bald Mountain, Caribou Ranch, Hall Ranch, Hessie Trailhead, and Mud Lake were closed Oct. 21 to Nov. 9 due to extreme fire conditions.

The busiest month:

June
135,533 visits

The busiest season:

Summer
June, July, and August
392,992 visits

The busiest week:

June 7 to 13
31,362 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Sunday
21% of total visitation

The busiest hour of the day:

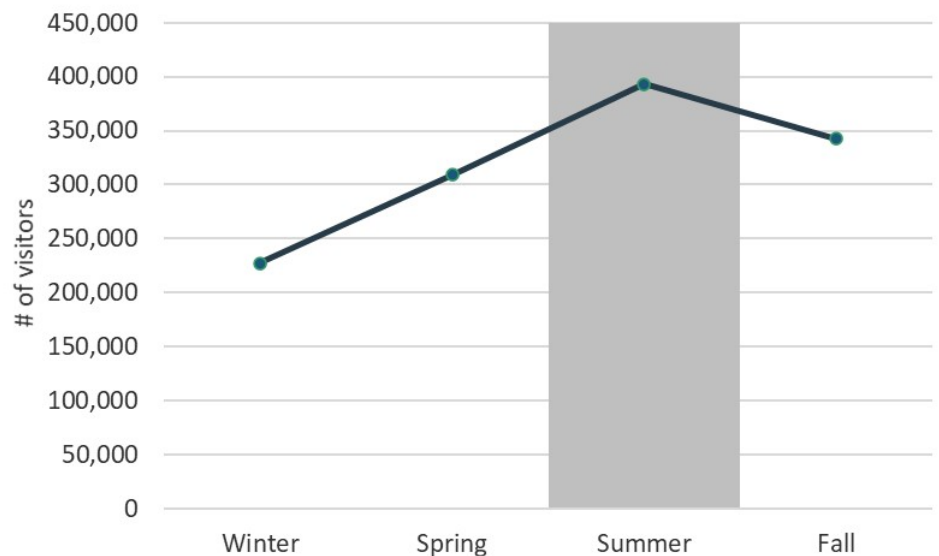
11 a.m. on weekends
Average 600 visits

Noon on weekdays
Average 290 visits

The busiest day of the year:

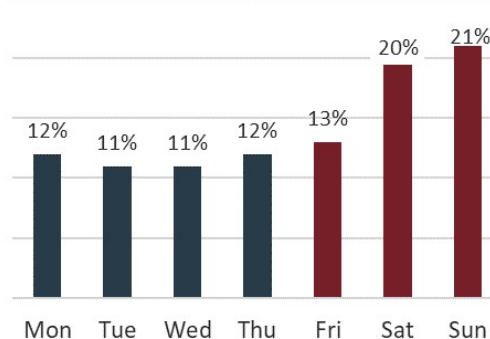
Sunday April 25
8,068 visits

Visitation by Season

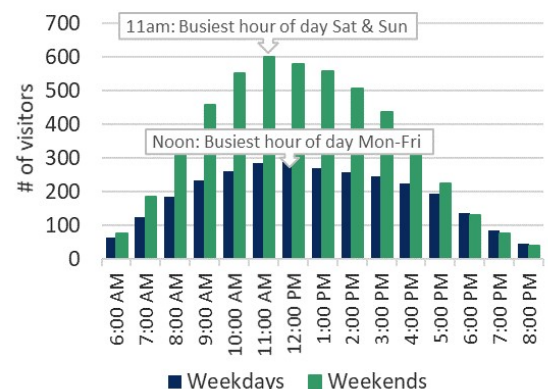


Visitation by Day of Week

Sat & Sun busiest days of the week



Visitation by Hour



Visitation at Properties without Counters

Category of Visitor Use	Property	Total 2021
Low Visitation Property	Cattail Pond	26,024
	Harney Lastoka	26,024
	Reynolds Ranch	26,024
	Sugarloaf	26,024
	Dodd Reservoir	26,024
	Beech Shelter	1,338
Subtotal Low Visitation		131,458
Medium Visitation Properties	Niwot Trails	72,462
Subtotal Medium Visitation		72,462
High Visitation Properties	Regional Trails (LOBO, Coal Creek, Rock Creek)	349,844
	Twin Lakes	134,728
Subtotal High Visitation		484,572
Total		688,492

In 2012, an observational spot study was completed at Twin Lakes to estimate annual visitation. 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. New observational studies of visitation to update the regional trails estimates are planned for 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 (low <50,000 visits, medium 50,000 - 100,000 visits, or high >100,000 visits). 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.

Total Visitation	
Vehicle and Trail Counters	1,272,281
Properties without Counters	688,492
Total 2021 Visitation	1,960,773

Park Visitor Activities

Paid staff and Volunteer Ranger Corps (VRC) volunteers observed 25,455 visitors on BCPOS lands that were open to the public. This table summarizes park visitors' activities at those areas.

	2021	2020	2019
Hiking	63%	54%	50%
Biking	19%	23%	27%
Running	7%	14%	10%
Fishing	3%	2%	3%
Viewing Wildlife	3%	1%	2%
Picnicking	2%	1%	2%
Relaxing/Doing Nothing	2%	1%	1%
Riding a Horse	1%	1%	1%
Nature Studies	1%	<1%	2%
Other	<1%	1%	2%
Photography/Art	<1%	<1%	1%
Boaters	<1%	<1%	<1%
Sightseers	<1%	<1%	<1%
Skiers	<1%	<1%	<1%
E-Bike	<1%	<1%	<1%
Snowshoeing	<1%	<1%	<1%
Climbers	<1%	<1%	—

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

Dog-on-Leash Regulation Compliance

	2021	2020	2019
Leashed Dogs	93% (2,903 dogs)	97% (8,851 dogs)	88% (2,112 dogs)
Unleashed Dogs	7% (204 dogs)	3% (277 dogs)	12% (290 dogs)

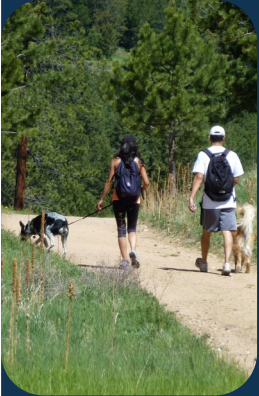
The number of visitors with unleashed dogs is higher on trails farther from the trailhead. In 2020, more time was spent at trailheads than this year when more time was spent out on the trails.

Top Three Activities at Parks

Park/Trail	Primary Activity	Second Activity	Third Activity	All Visitors Observed
Anne U. White	Hiking (94%)	Relax/Nothing (2%)	Running (2%)	2,946
Bald Mountain Scenic Area	Hiking (88%)	Picnicking (6%)	Relax/Nothing/Sightseers (2%)	177
Betasso Preserve	Hiking (65%)	Biking (20%)	Running (13%)	1,924
Caribou Ranch	Hiking (88%)	Picnicking (3%)	Running (2%)	1,486
Carolyn Holmberg Preserve	Biking (33%)	Hiking (31%)	Running (15%)	879
Coalton	Biking (56%)	Hiking (29%)	Running (13%)	1,303
Hall Ranch	Biking (53%)	Hiking (35%)	Running (10%)	2,253
Heil Valley Ranch Picture Rock	Biking (62%)	Hiking (25%)	Running (11%)	1,202
Lagerman Agricultural Preserve	Hiking (34%)	Biking (29%)	Running (19%)	1,316
Mud Lake	Hiking (55%)	Picnicking (12%)	Biking (10%)	827
Pella Crossing	Hiking (72%)	Fishing (14%)	Birding (4%)	2,642
Ron Stewart Preserve	Hiking (86%)	Running (6%)	Biking (5%)	2,384
Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat	Hiking (71%)	Birding (12%)	Fishing (6%)	2,874
Walker Ranch	Hiking (70%)	Biking (17%)	Running (7%)	1,793
All Other Properties ⁺	Hiking (45%)	Biking (39%)	Running (11%)	1,449
TOTAL:	Hiking (63%)	Biking (19%)	Running (7%)	25,455

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.)



Anne U. White Trail

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1,712	1,033	1,267	2,839	5,637	9,612	7,741	6,695	4,445	3,703	3,129	2,325	50,138

The busiest month:

June
9,612 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Sunday
23% of total visitation

The busiest hour of the day:

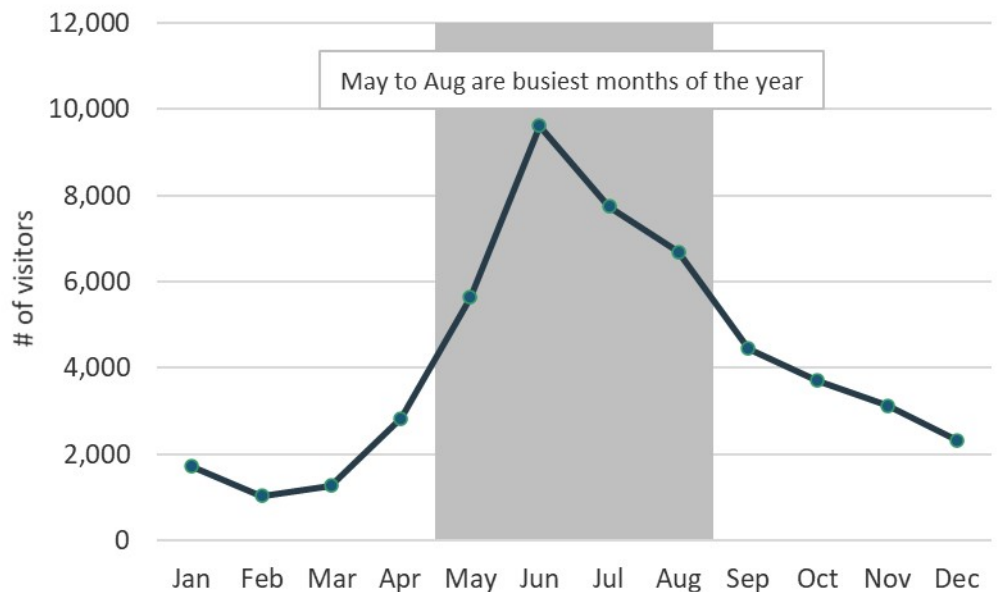
11 a.m. on weekends
Average 26 visits

10 a.m. on weekdays
Average 13 visits

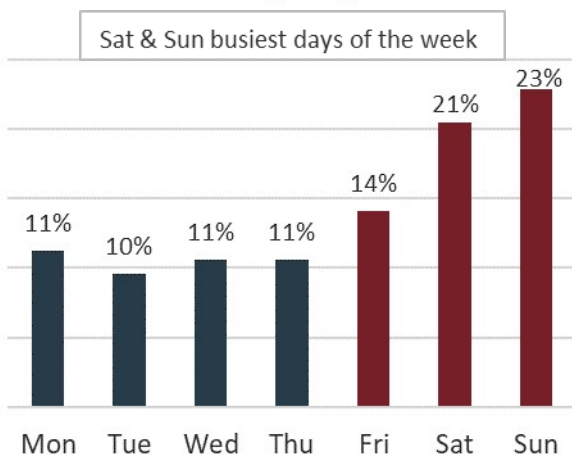
The busiest day of the year:

Father's Day
Sunday, June 20
643 visits

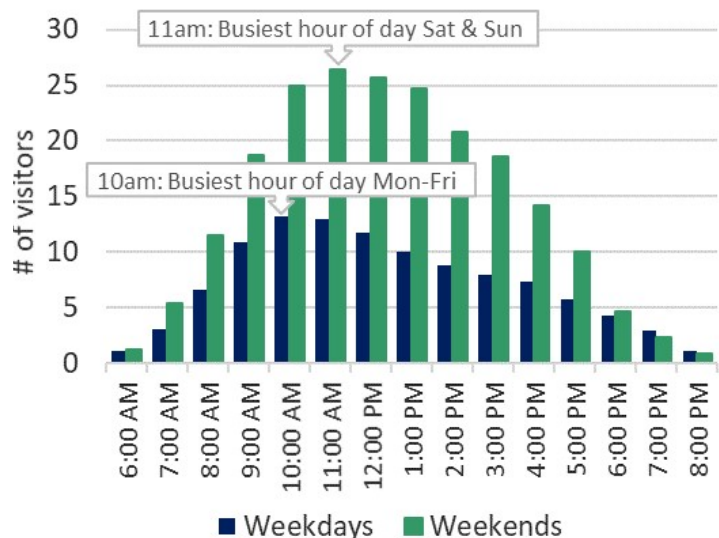
Visitation by Month



Visitation by Day of Week



Visitation by Hour



Bald Mountain Scenic Area

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1,270	725	1,043	1,420	1,567	1,817	1,851	1,449	1,335	1,627	1,277	930	16,312

The busiest month:

July
1,851 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Saturday and Sunday
24% of total visitation each day

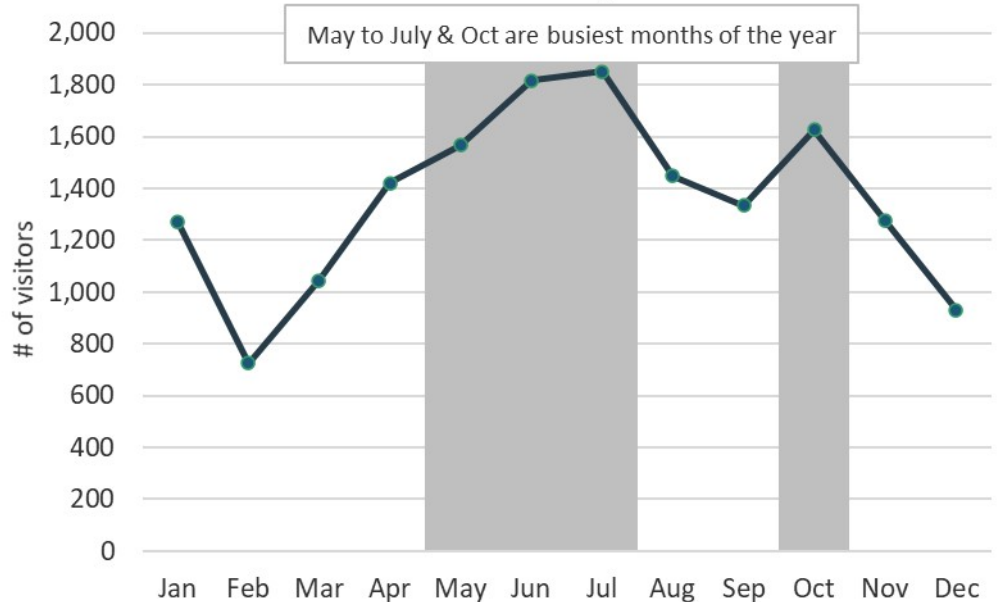
The busiest hour of the day:

11 a.m.
Average 10 visits on weekends
Average 4 visits on weekdays

The busiest day of the year:

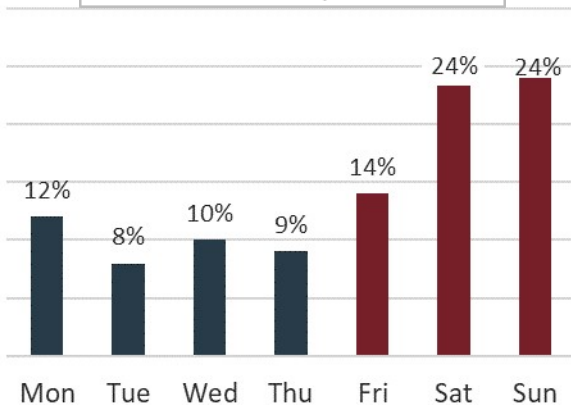
Father's Day
Sunday, June 20
146 visits

Visitation by Month

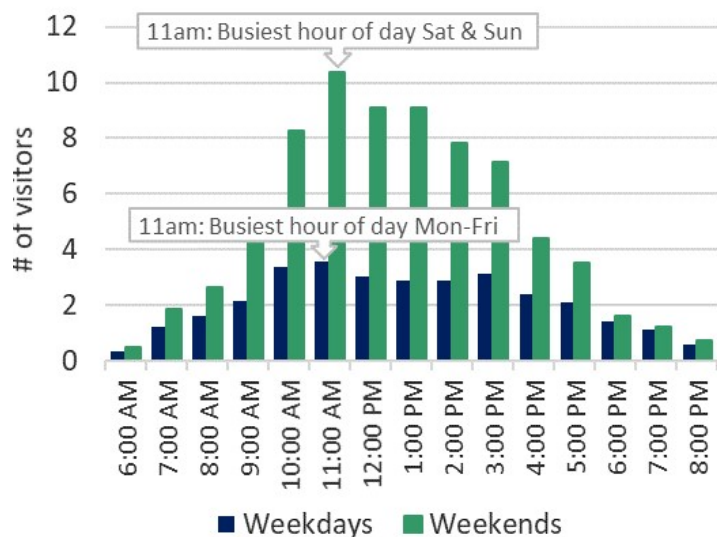


Visitation by Day of Week

Sat & Sun busiest days of the week



Visitation by Hour



Betasso Preserve

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Main Trailhead	4,062	2,668	2,425	4,586	8,774	9,331	8,307	7,703	6,889	6,791	5,319	3,973	70,828
Bummers Rock	282	188	182	327	416	491	418	490	462	556	418	301	4,531
Fourmile Link	657	398	383	889	1,539	1,397	1,328	1,215	1,328	1,339	1,164	803	12,440
Betasso Link	336	174	189	597	927	730	658	577	608	906	784	596	7,082
Total	5,337	3,428	3,179	6,399	11,656	11,949	10,711	9,985	9,287	9,592	7,685	5,673	94,881

The busiest month:

June
11,949 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Sunday
24% of total visitation

The busiest hour of the day:

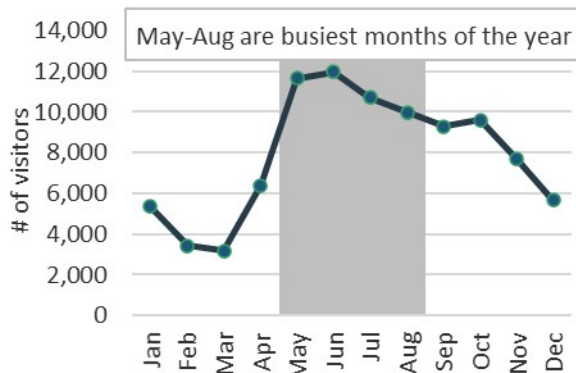
11 a.m. on weekends
Average 46 visits

5 p.m. on weekdays
Average 19 visits

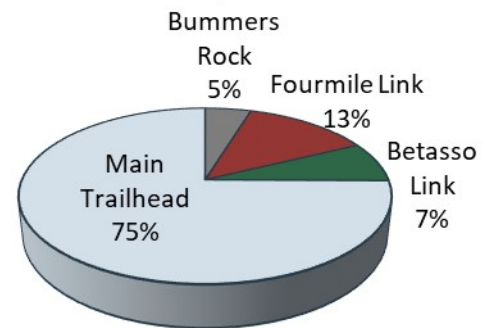
The busiest day of the year:

Sunday, November 7
691 visits

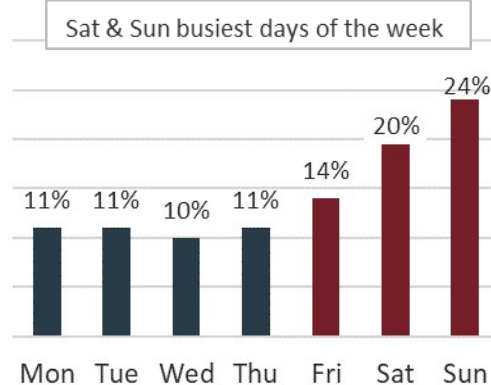
Visitation by Month



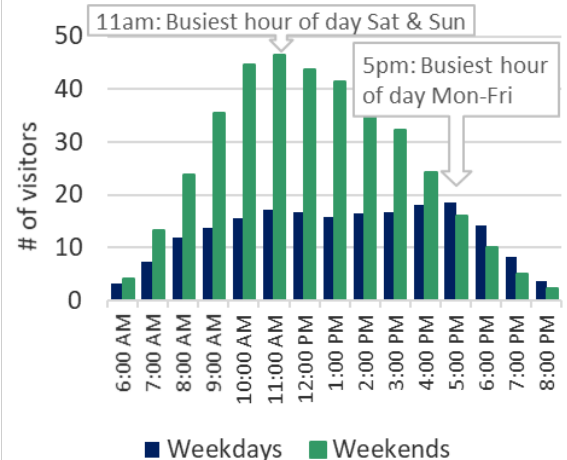
Visitation by Location



Visitation by Day of Week



Visitation by Hour



Boulder Canyon Trail

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Closed		2,110	3,987	5,870	6,924	9,019	8,412	7,546	7,128	4,830	3,362	59,188

Notes: Boulder Canyon Trail was closed Jan through Feb for CO 119 Boulder Canyon Improvements and reopened March 6.

The busiest month:

July
9,019 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Sunday
22% of total visitation

The busiest hour of the day:

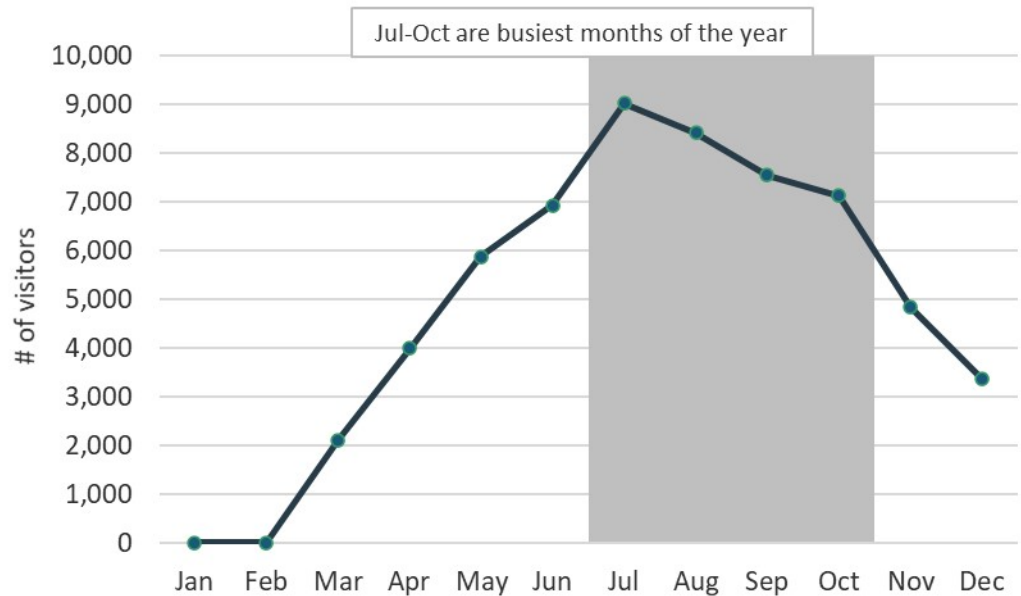
11 a.m. on weekends
Average 28 visitors

Noon on weekdays
Average 12 visitors

The busiest day of the year:

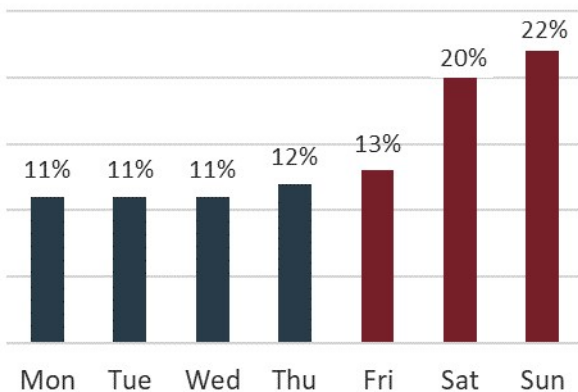
Labor Day Weekend
Sunday, September 5
501 visits

Visitation by Month

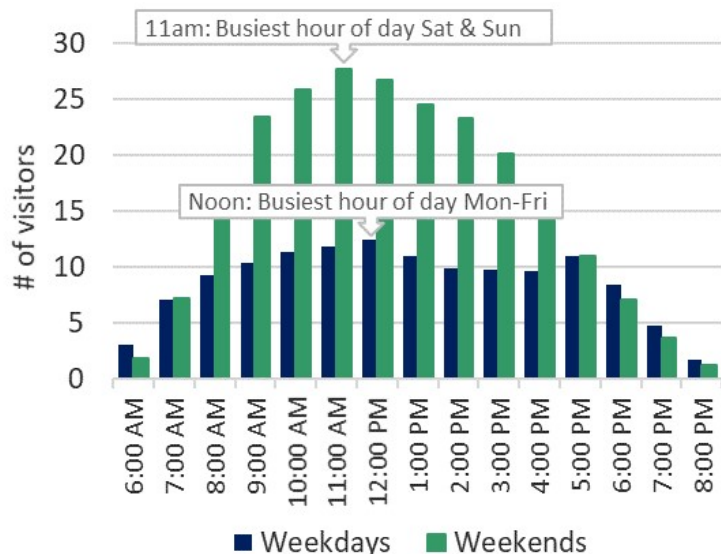


Visitation by Day of Week

Sat & Sun busiest days of the week



Visitation by Hour



Caribou Ranch

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
3,312	2,499	2,070	Closed	Closed	Closed	5,143	2,728	3,765	3,816	880	649	24,862

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:

July
5,143 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Saturday and Sunday
26% of total visitation

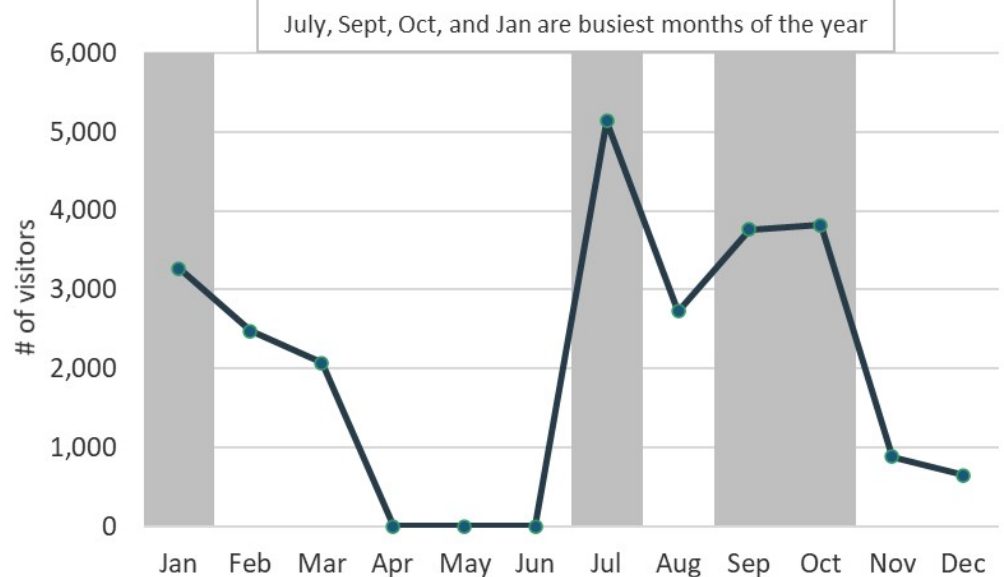
The busiest hour of the day:

Noon
Average 24 visits on weekends
Average 9 visits on weekdays

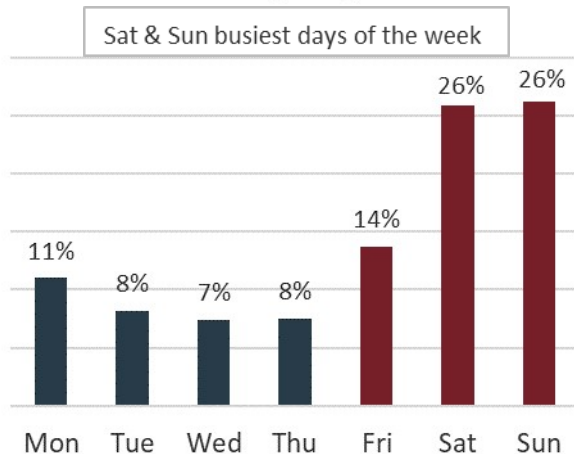
The busiest day of the year:

Sunday, October 3
575 visits

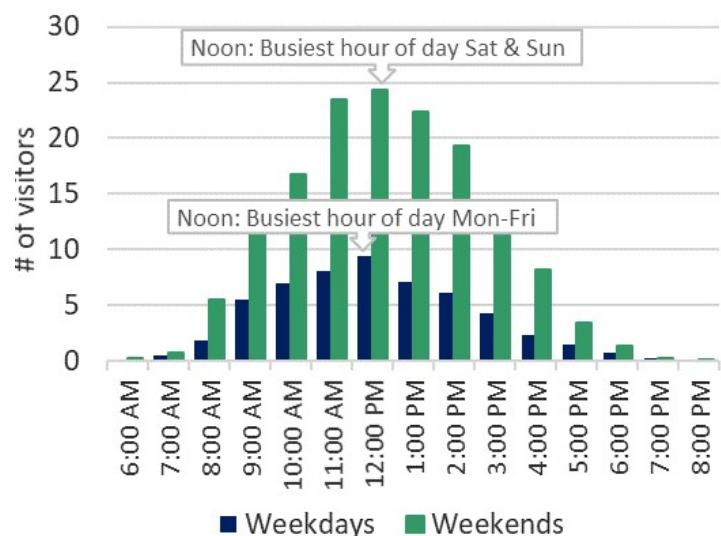
Visitation by Month



Visitation by Day of Week



Visitation by Hour



Carolyn Holmberg Preserve

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Main Trailhead	4,825	2,942	4,145	5,559	5,165	5,275	4,135	3,844	3,638	4,399	4,401	3,620	51,948
Mary Miller Trail	1,787	1,072	1,503	2,076	1,977	2,437	2,362	2,285	2,230	2,129	1,710	1,205	22,772
Loc Amora Link	1,880	361	58	1,283	1,907	1,835	1,524	1,435	1,534	1,694	1,498	1,359	16,368
Cradleboard Trail	1,627	977	1,413	1,829	1,886	2,841	1,938	1,952	1,828	1,920	1,551	1,082	20,844
Total	10,119	5,352	7,119	10,747	10,935	12,388	9,959	9,516	9,230	10,142	9,160	7,266	111,932

The busiest month:

June
12,388 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Sunday
20% of total visitation

The busiest hour of the day:

11 a.m.
Average 49 visits on weekends
Average 24 visits on weekdays

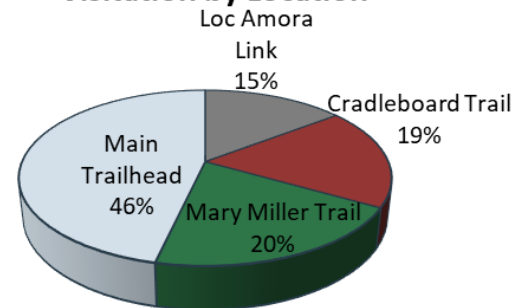
The busiest day of the year:

Sunday, April 25
989 visits

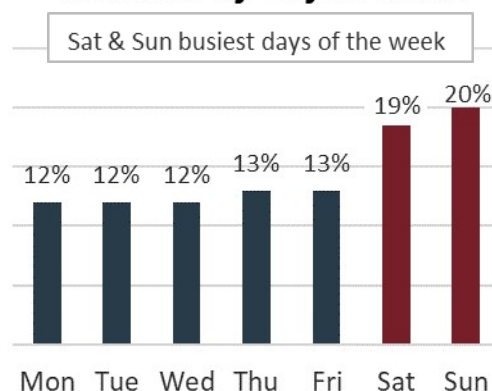
Visitation by Month



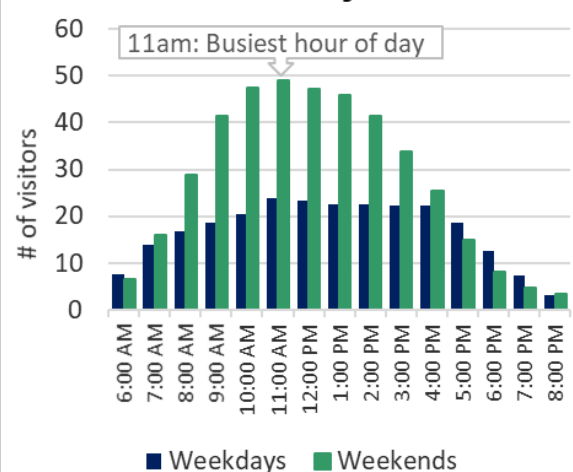
Visitation by Location



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Visitation by Hour



Coalton Trailhead

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3,070	1,958	2,931	4,206	4,162	4,886	4,432	7,262	4,119	4,609	3,575	2,256	47,466

The busiest month:

August
7,262 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Saturday
21% of total visitation

The busiest hour of the day:

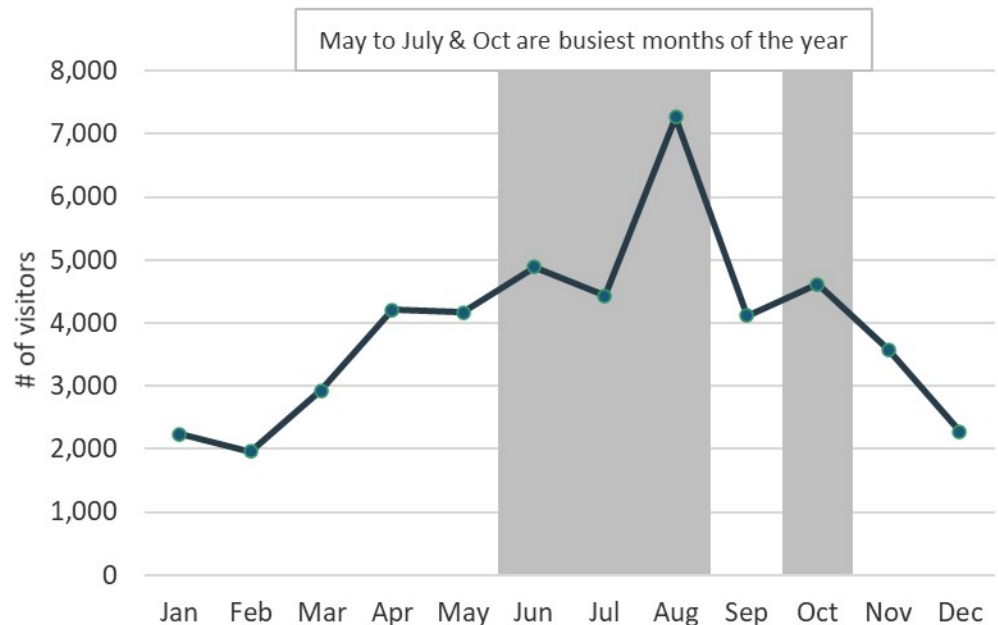
9 a.m. on weekends
Average 19 visits

4 p.m. on weekdays
Average 8 visits

The busiest day of the year:

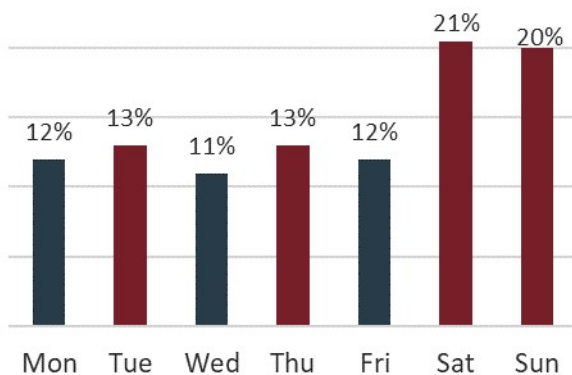
Saturday, August 21
789 visits

Visitation by Month

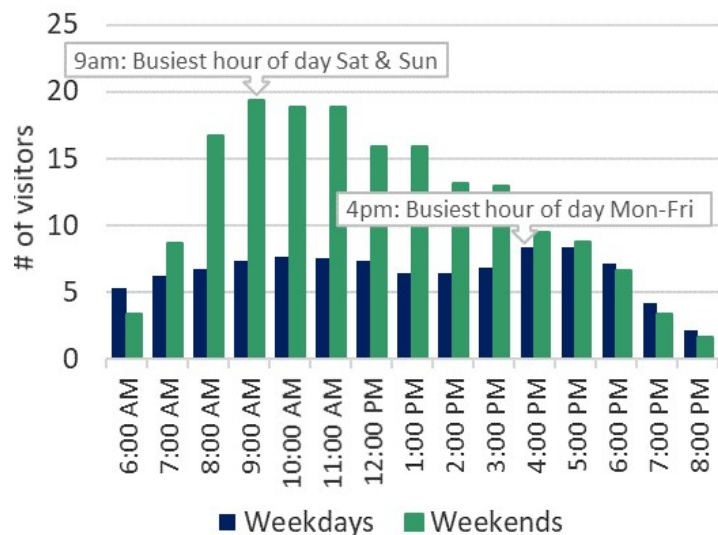


Visitation by Day of Week

Sat & Sun busiest days of the week



Visitation by Hour



Flagg Park

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1,499	888	1,881	1,607	1,830	1,677	1,489	1,615	1,355	1,601	1,288	982	17,711

The busiest month:

March
1,881 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Saturday
20% of total visitation

The busiest hour of the day:

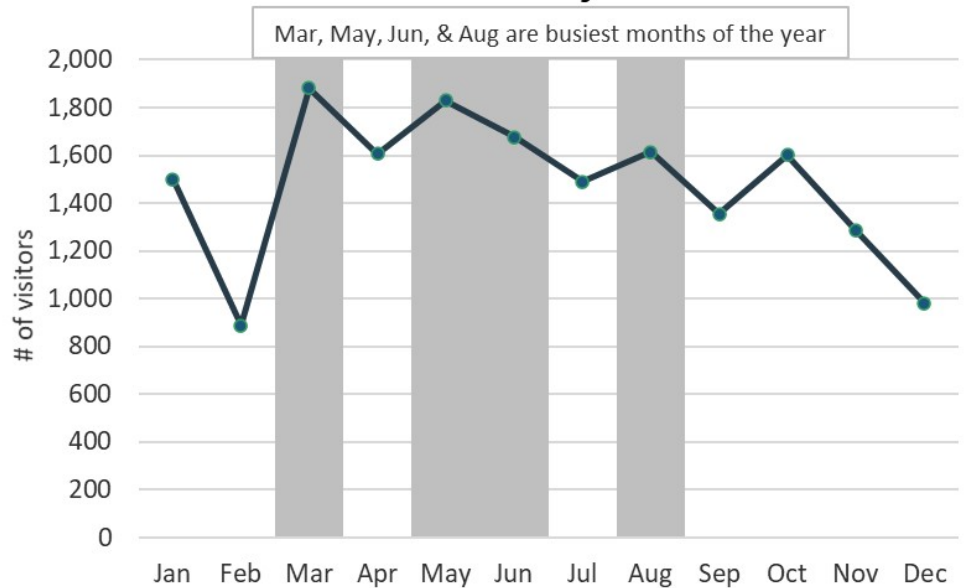
10 a.m. on weekends
Average 8 visits

11 a.m. on weekdays
Average 4 visits

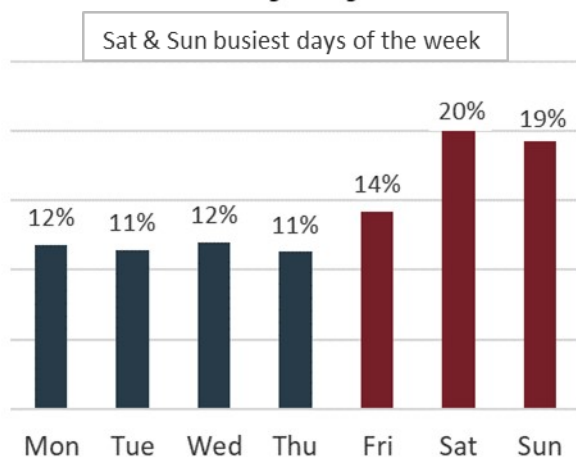
The busiest day of the year:

Saturday, November 6
149 visits

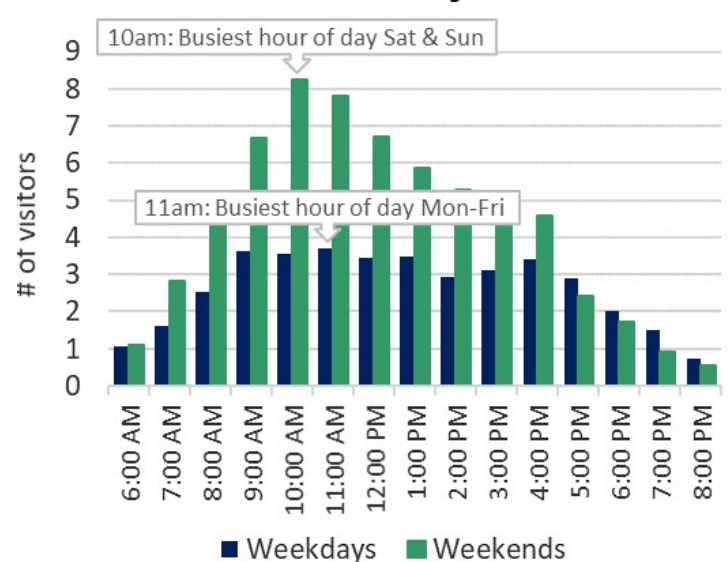
Visitation by Month



Visitation by Day of Week



Visitation by Hour



Hall Ranch

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Antelope Trail	1,376	1,019	134	2,513	3,117	2,816	2,169	1,714	1,777	1,952	3,315	2,392	24,294
Button Rock Trail	213	117	110	254	279	246	202	138	131	171	151	73	2,086
Main Trailhead	6,963	3,337	2,937	6,722	6,751	4,883	4,707	4,581	4,527	5,506	4,564	3,712	59,190
Total	8,552	4,473	3,181	9,489	10,147	7,945	7,078	6,433	6,435	7,629	8,030	6,177	85,570

The busiest month:

May
10,147 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Sunday
24% of total visitation

The busiest hour of the day:

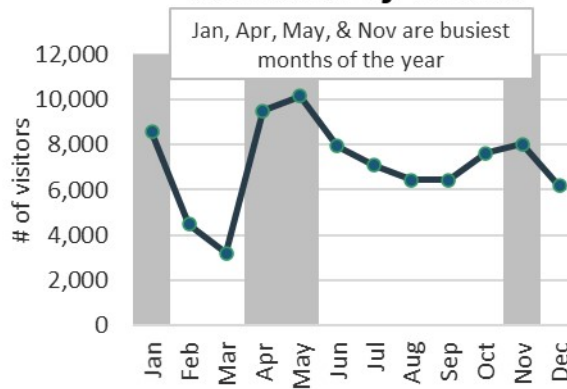
11 a.m. on weekends
Average 45 visits

12 p.m. on weekdays
Average 17 visits

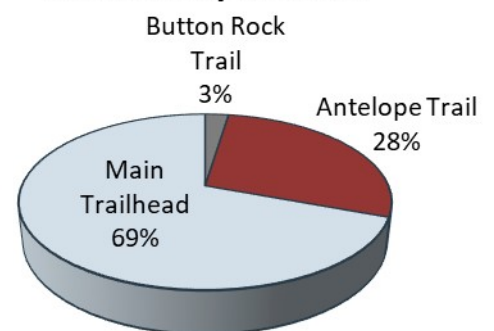
The busiest day of the year:

Easter Weekend
Saturday, April 3
789 visits

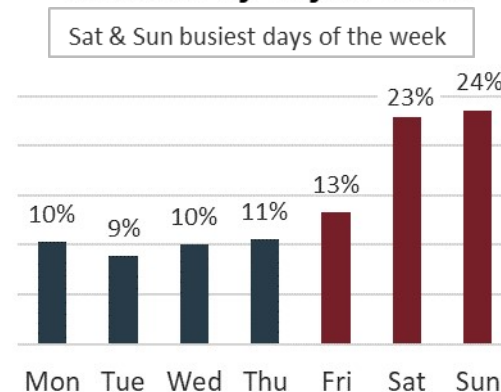
Visitation by Month



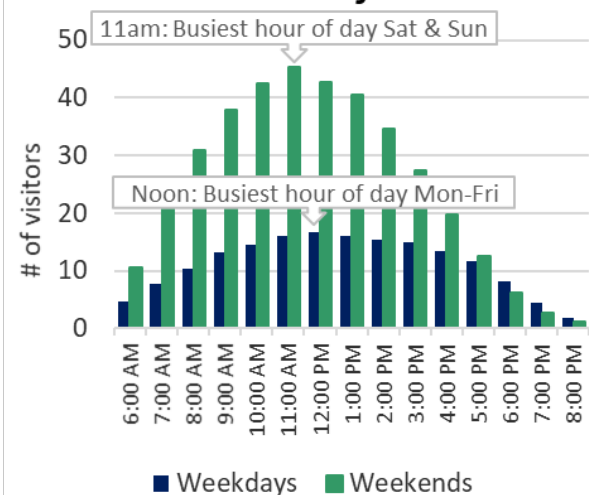
Visitation by Location



Visitation by Day of Week



Visitation by Hour



Heil Valley Ranch

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1,239	1,912	175	3,640	821	4,918	4,870	4,552	4,552	5,836	4,935	558	38,008

Notes: The Picture Rock Trail had intermittent muddy trail closures from January to May. Heil Valley Ranch was severely affected by the Cal-Wood Fire and the south side of the park was closed for recovery work.

The busiest month:

October
5,836 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Saturday
23% of total visitation

The busiest hour of the day:

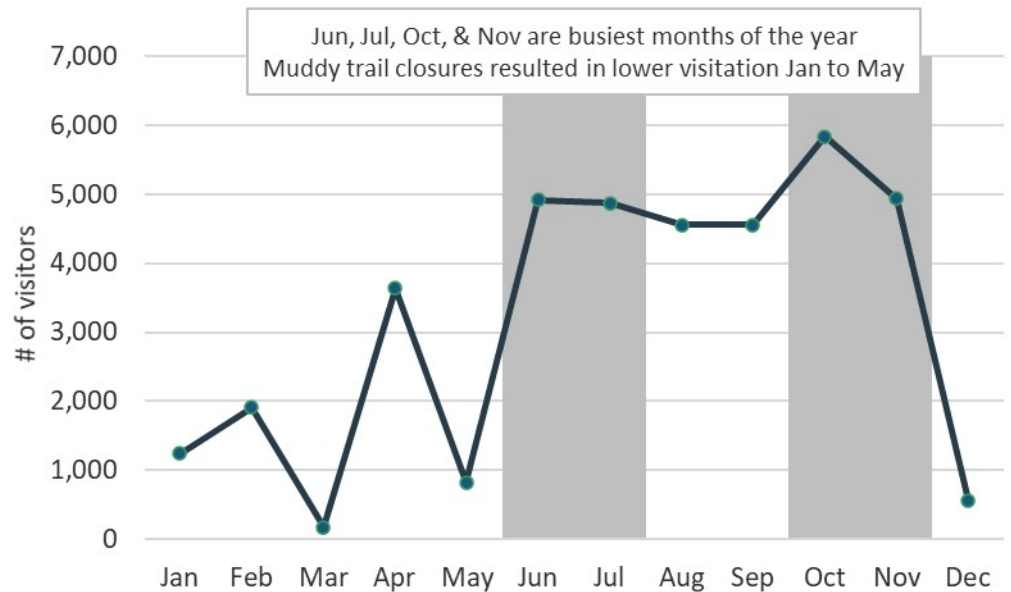
10 a.m. on weekends
Average 21 visits

5 p.m. on weekdays
Average 9 visits

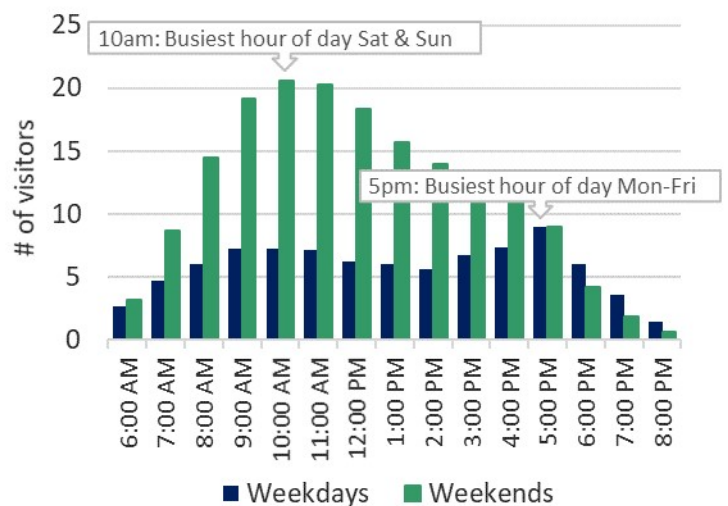
The busiest day of the year:

Saturday, April 10
541 visits

Visitation by Month

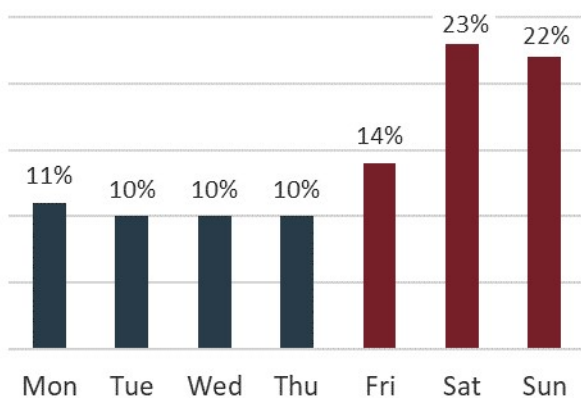


Visitation by Hour



Visitation by Day of Week

Sat & Sun busiest days of the week



Hessie Trailhead

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
654	343	368	1,598	3,766	9,268	11,677	9,675	9,467	7,219	2,790	1,305	58,130

The busiest month:

July
11,677 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Saturday
30% of total visitation

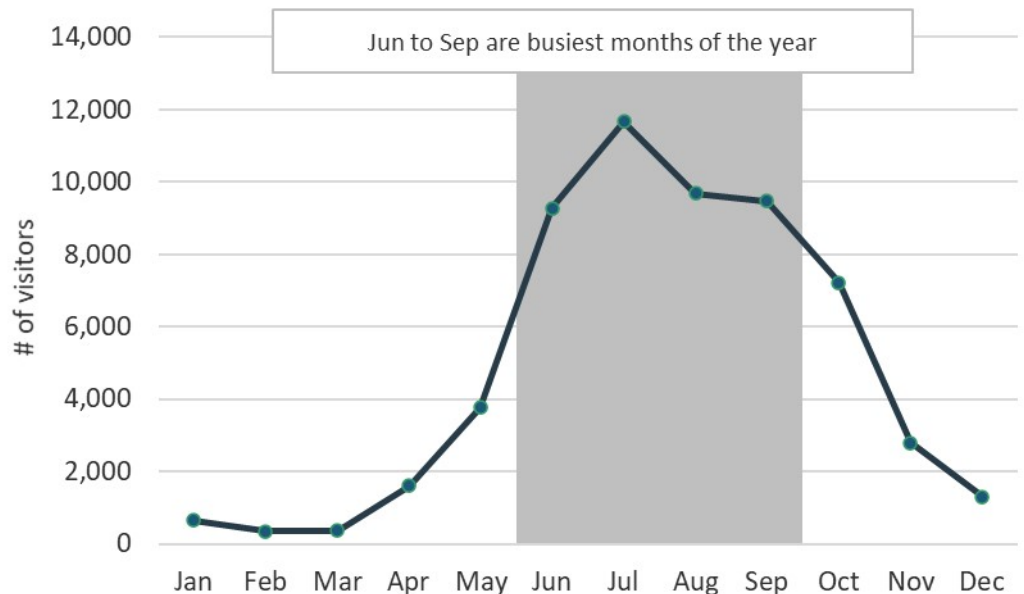
The busiest hour of the day:

Noon
Average 39 visits on weekends
Average 13 visits on weekdays

The busiest day of the year:

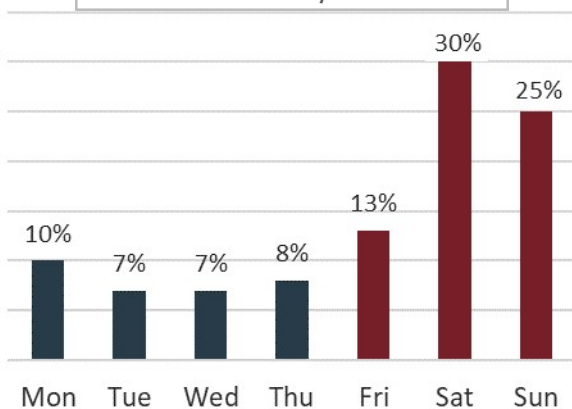
Saturday, September 25
1,009 visits

Visitation by Month

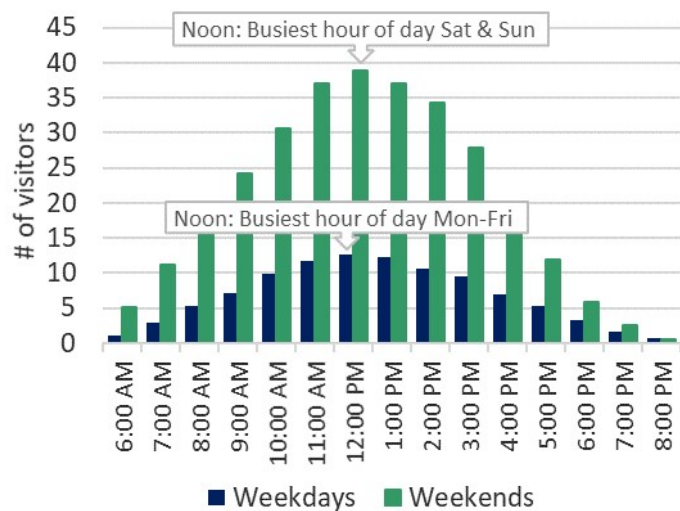


Visitation by Day of Week

Sat & Sun busiest days of the week



Visitation by Hour



Lagerman Agricultural Preserve

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Main Trailhead	5,541	3,767	4,646	5,598	5,459	4,024	4,084	4,092	4,463	4,342	4,219	3,543	53,778
Link Trail	877	450	800	1,076	1,095	997	918	956	1,108	974	1,060	766	11,077
Open Sky Loop	1,551	714	1,257	1,712	1,915	1,832	1,459	1,564	1,864	1,728	1,581	1,308	18,485
Total	7,969	4,931	6,703	8,386	8,469	6,853	6,461	6,612	7,435	7,044	6,860	5,617	83,340

The busiest month:

May
8,469 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Sunday
19% of total visitation

The busiest hour of the day:

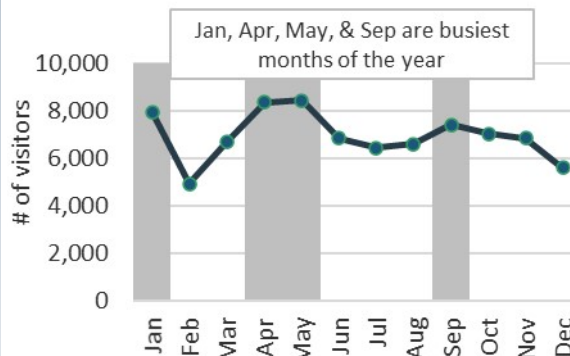
11 a.m. on weekends
Average 33 visits

11 a.m. & 4 p.m.
on weekdays
Average 18 visits

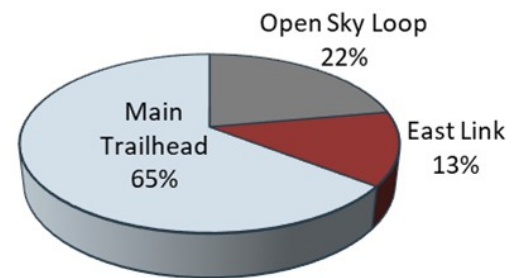
The busiest day of the year:

Sunday, April 25
584 visits

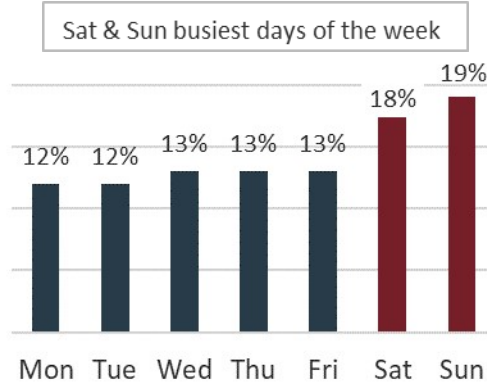
Visitation by Month



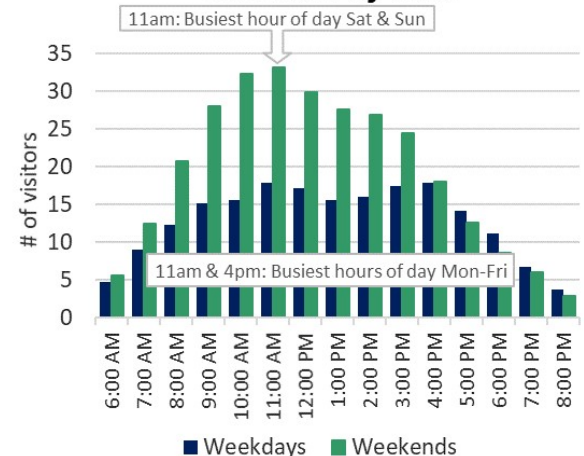
Visitation by Location



Visitation by Day of Week



Visitation by Hour



Legion Park

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
4,699	2,493	3,721	4,749	4,783	4,242	3,911	3,589	3,671	3,600	3,233	3,843	46,534

The busiest month:

May
4,783 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Wednesday to Friday
15% of total visitation each day

The busiest hour of the day:

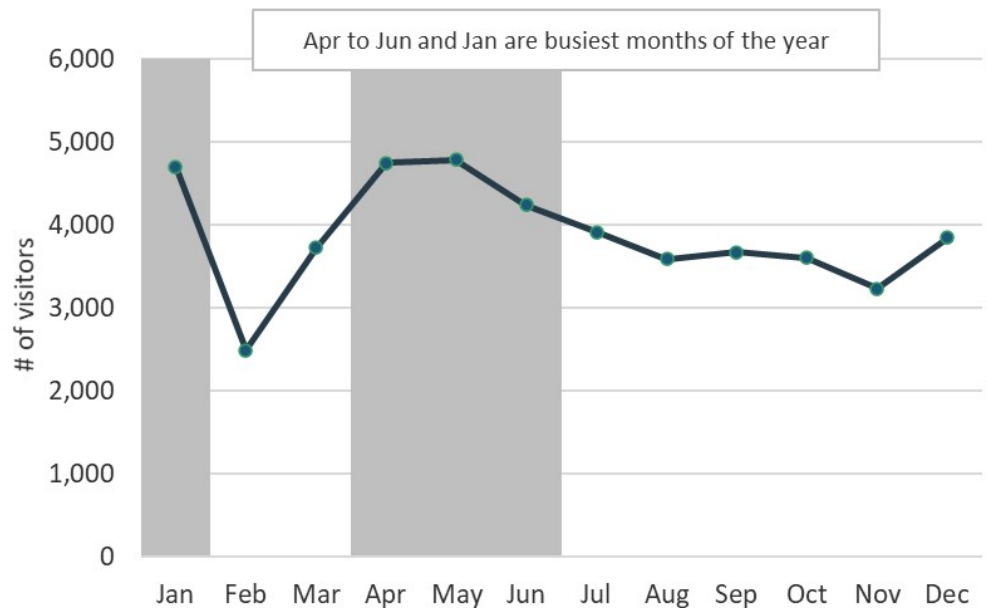
3 p.m. on weekends
Average 12 visits

Noon on weekdays
Average 15 visits

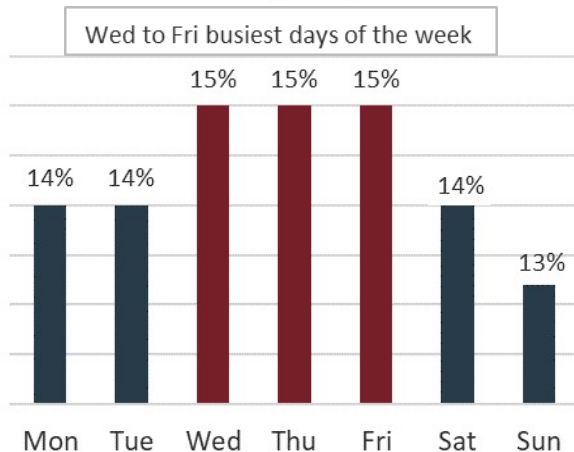
The busiest day of the year:

Friday, December 30
602 visits
Day the Marshall Fire started

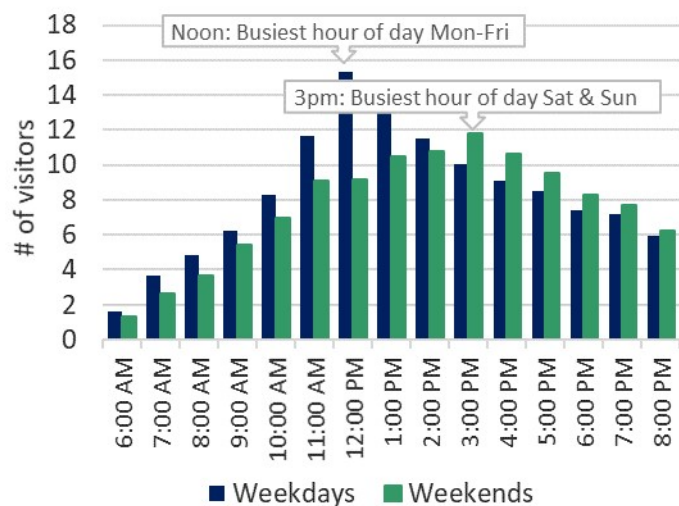
Visitation by Month



Visitation by Day of Week



Visitation by Hour



Mud Lake

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
3,427	2,600	2,007	3,232	4,155	7,542	8,449	6,481	8,298	7,554	2,733	2,263	58,741

The busiest month:

July
8,449 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Saturday and Sunday
22% of total visitation

The busiest hour of the day:

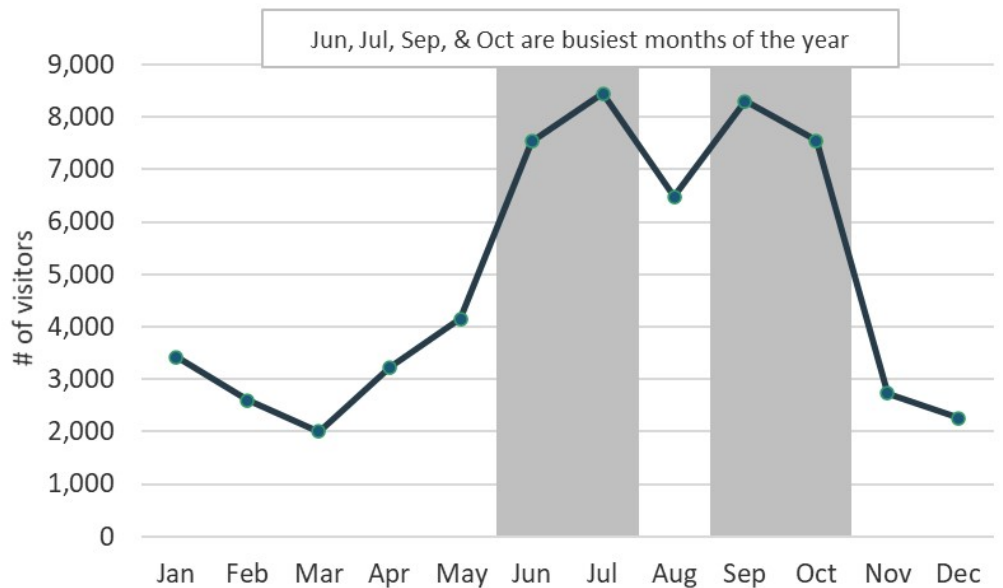
1 p.m. on weekends
Average 37 visits

Noon on weekdays
Average 16 visits

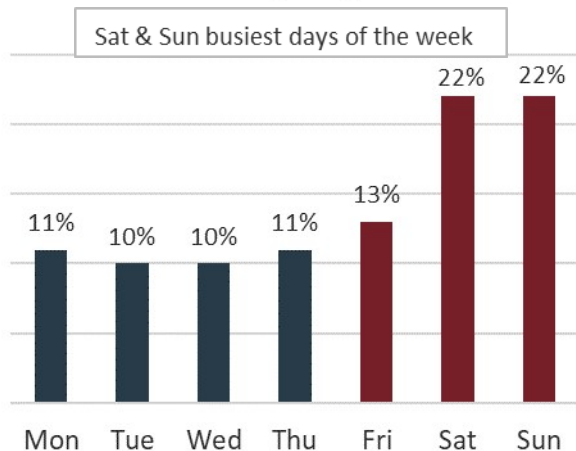
The busiest day of the year:

Sunday, October 3
955 visits

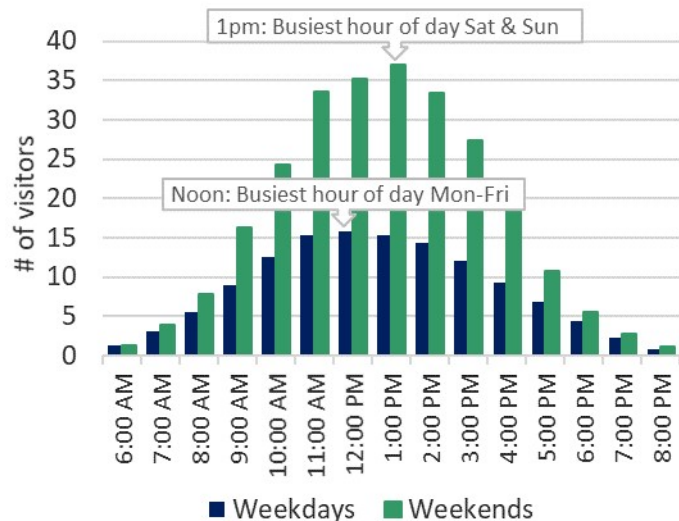
Visitation by Month



Visitation by Day of Week



Visitation by Hour



Pella Crossing

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
14,173	6,571	11,911	17,208	18,136	15,695	14,050	14,474	14,154	17,653	15,060	12,644	171,729

The busiest month:

May

18,136 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Sunday

17% of total visitation

The busiest hour of the day:

10 a.m. on weekends

Average 60 visitors

10-11 a.m. on weekdays

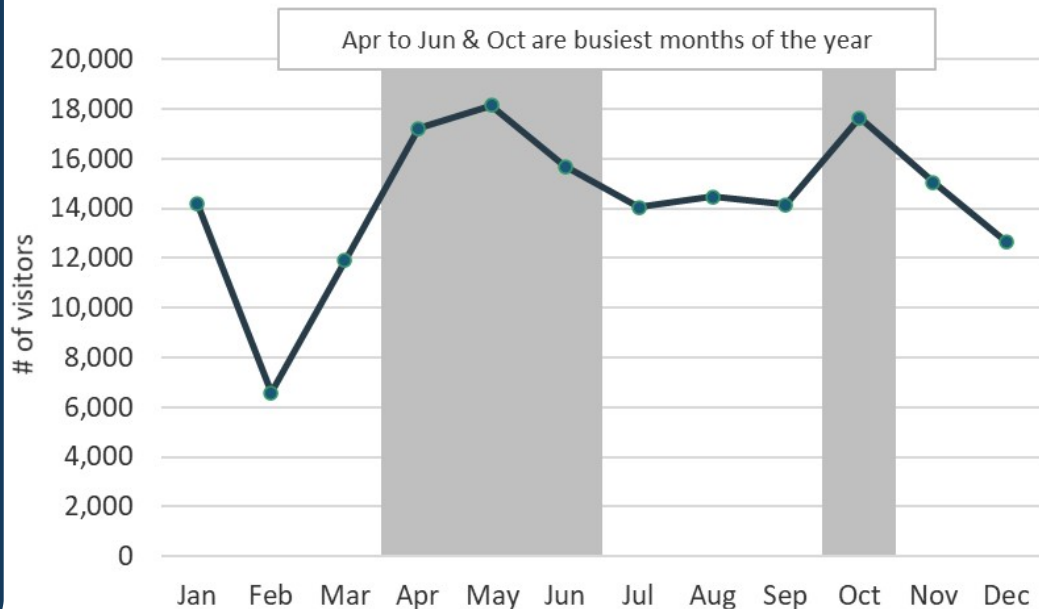
Average 44 visitors

The busiest day of the year:

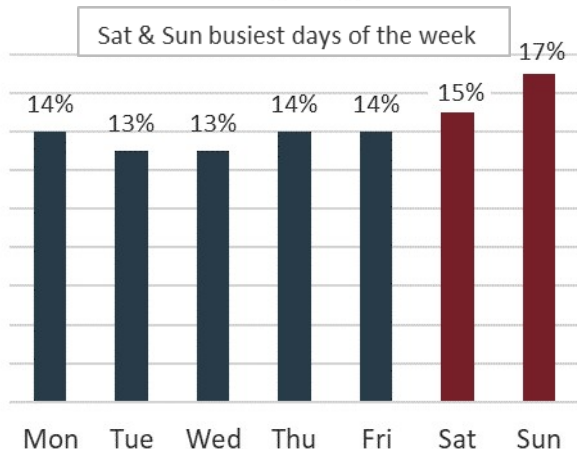
Sunday, April 18

985 visits

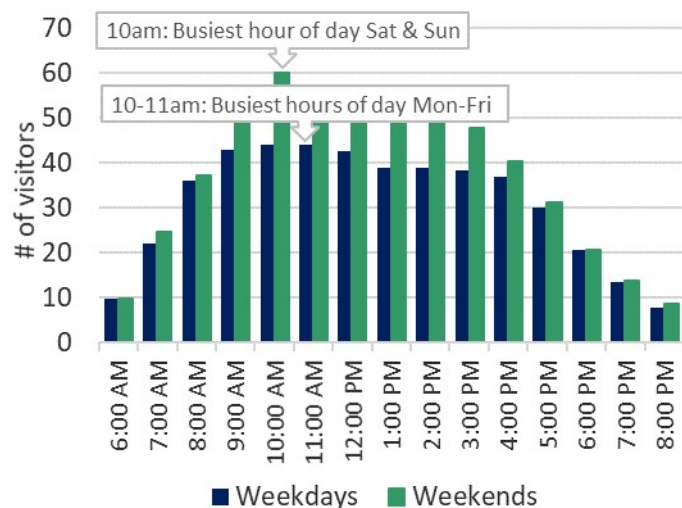
Visitation by Month



Visitation by Day of Week



Visitation by Hour



Ron Stewart Preserve at Rabbit Mountain

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
8,520	6,483	8,157	7,573	7,684	6,398	5,746	5,876	5,089	5,613	5,714	4,696	77,549

Notes: Ron Stewart Preserve was closed to the public Monday to Wednesday, Jan 1 to 30, and Sep. 20 to Dec. 31 (except for certain holidays) for elk management. If the hunters were successful, the park was opened for the week.

The busiest month:

January
8,520 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Sunday
22% Jan 31 to Sep 19
31% Sep 20 to Dec 31

The busiest hour of the day:

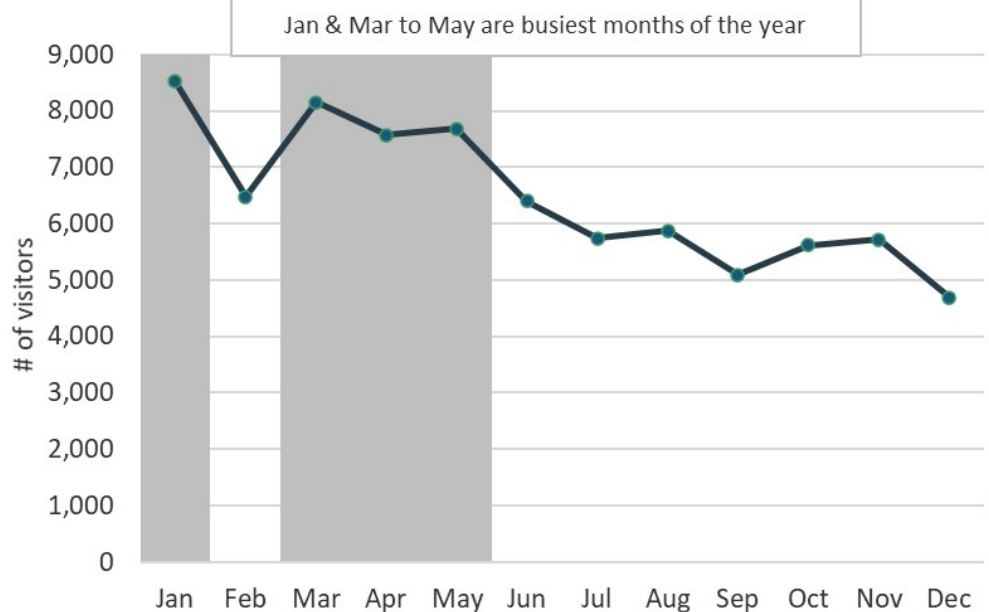
10 - 11 a.m. on weekends
Average 39 visitors

10 a.m. - noon on weekdays
Average 15 visitors

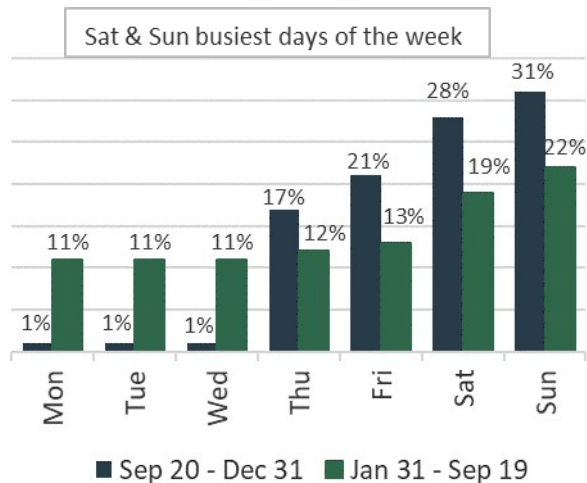
The busiest day of the year:

Sunday, March 7
756 visits

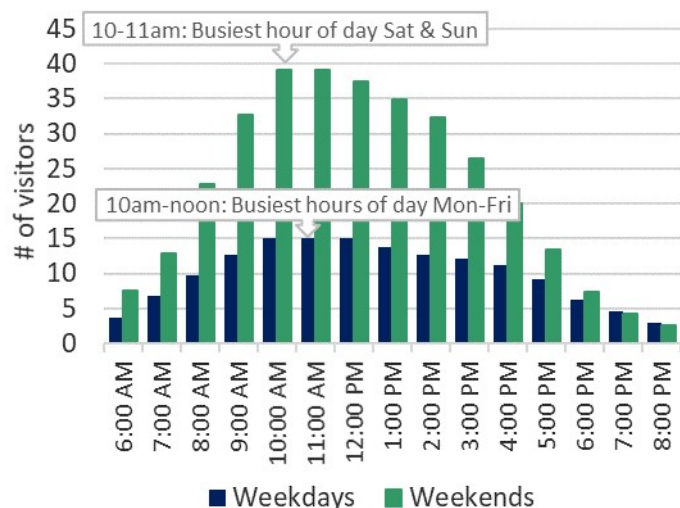
Visitation by Month



Visitation by Day of Week



Visitation by Hour



Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Cottonwood Trailhead	8,075	5,905	7,359	7,724	9,953	7,157	5,903	5,444	5,796	7,776	6,624	5,086	82,802
Wally Toevs Pond Trailhead	5,697	4,163	5,066	5,572	6,031	5,051	4,946	4,409	4,717	5,430	4,839	3,590	59,511
Total	13,772	10,068	12,425	13,296	15,984	12,208	10,849	9,853	10,513	13,206	11,463	8,676	142,313

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
15,984 visits

The busiest day of the week:

Saturday, Sunday,
Tuesday
15% of visitation each day

The busiest hour of the day:

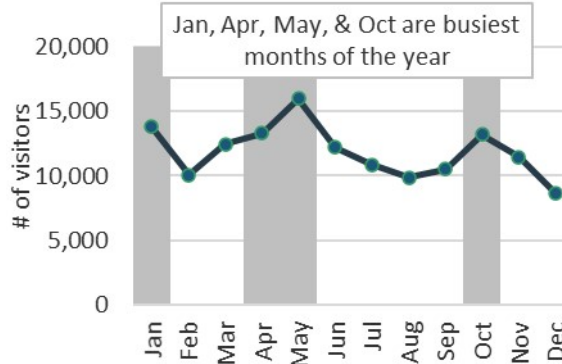
11 a.m. on weekends
Average 44 visits

2 p.m. on weekdays
Average 38 visits

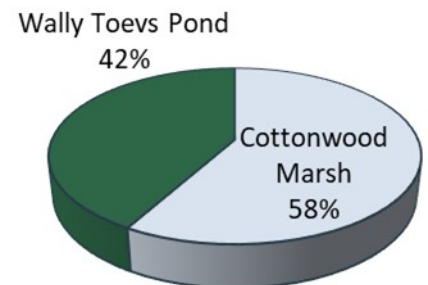
The busiest day of the year:

Monday, February 8
803 visits

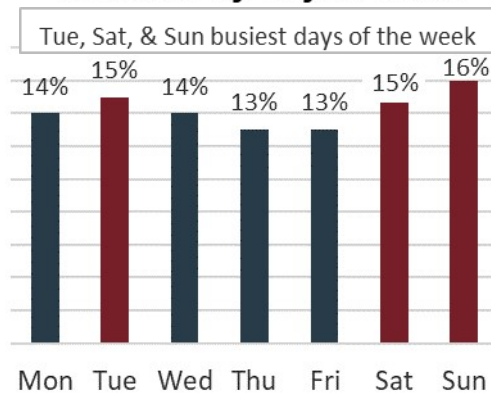
Visitation by Month



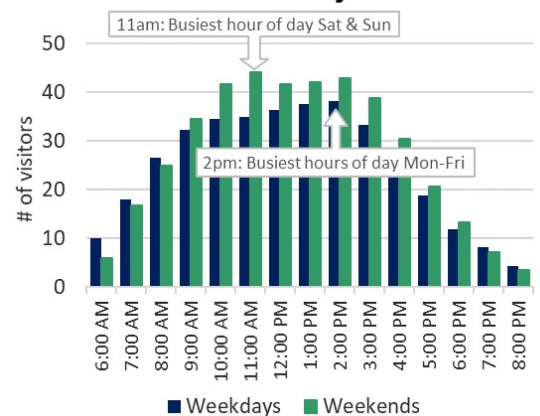
Visitation by Location



Visitation by Day of Week



Visitation by Hour



Walker Ranch

The minimum estimated number of visits to all Boulder County Parks & Open Space parks in 2021 was 1,960,773 visitors.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Josie Heath Trail	195	150	162	408	568	561	578	452	345	333	249	160	4,161
Ethel Harrold Trailhead	561	377	499	1,144	1,368	2,007	1,484	1,491	1,263	946	745	497	12,382
Loop Trailhead	3,827	2,367	3,489	4,964	7,992	7088	5,890	5,915	5,335	5,238	4,194	2,719	59,018
Meyers Homestead Trailhead	811	494	560	880	797	1,010	1,318	765	666	750	592	412	9,055
Total	5,394	3,388	4,710	7,396	10,725	10,666	9,270	8,623	7,609	7,267	5,780	3,788	84,617

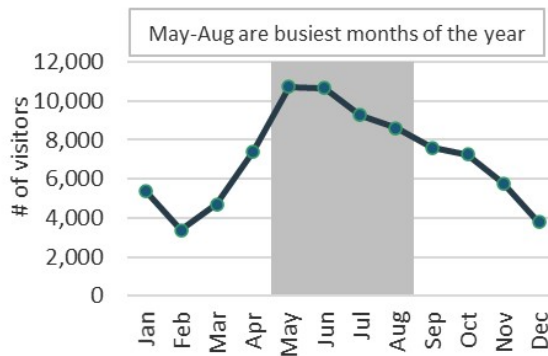
The busiest month:
June
10,725 visits

The busiest day of the week:
Saturday
27% of total visitation

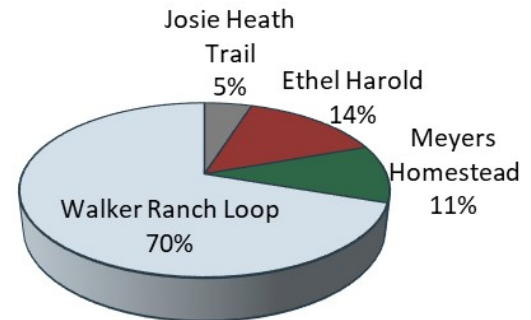
The busiest hour of the day:
1 p.m.
Average 48 visits on weekends
Average 15 visits on weekdays

The busiest day of the year:
Sunday, April 25
914 visits

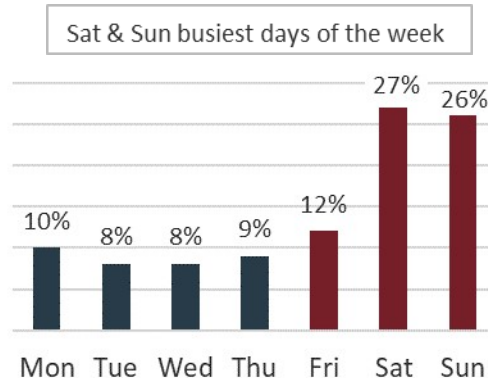
Visitation by Month



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