

Appendix: Detailed 2025 Visitation Estimates

This appendix contains agency-level subtotals for the Regional Park and Trail Use Estimate. The data presented are accurate and for use only at the agency level. These numbers are useful for identifying the proportional use of parks or trails by agency or for looking at trends for an agency across time. They are acceptably accurate for identifying the proportion of park vs. trail visits in the system overall. The estimates for individual park or trail units are not representative due to unacceptably large margins of error at the park or trail unit level. The park and trail estimates are shared with agencies at the request of stakeholders, but are not published by the Council as research.

Visitation estimates are not the only way to talk about the value of a particular agency or unit to the system. Other metrics are not yet measured, such as the value of land for non-human species, for mitigating climate change, for providing public health benefits, and for economic development.

Seasonal visitation data gathered in 2021 from 5,405 regional park and trail visitors is used to calculate visitor multipliers for 2021 and later use estimates.

All visits are listed in thousands (for example, “50.5” is equivalent to 50,500 visits). Subtotals are rounded.

The following definitions are used in the agency-level tables below:

- Regional Parks subtotals refer to Regional Parks, Park Reserves, and Special Recreation Features.
- Special Events include events with over 300 attendees and any unusual park-specific situations.
- Camping is in “visitor-days,” where each visit is one person in the park for one day. A family of four staying one night would result in eight visitor days.

Anoka County

Unit type	Summer Estimated Visits (thousands)	Spring, Fall, and Winter Estimated Visits (thousands)	Camping and Special Events (thousands)	Total Estimated Visits (thousands)
Regional Parks subtotals	940.3	1,703.3	271.8	2,915.4
Regional Trails subtotals	476.6	825.5	0	1,302.1
Agency total	1,416.9	2,528.8	271.8	4,217.5

City of Bloomington

Unit type	Summer Estimated Visits (thousands)	Spring, Fall, and Winter Estimated Visits (thousands)	Camping and Special Events (thousands)	Total Estimated Visits (thousands)
Regional Parks subtotals	243.6	441.2	60.1	744.9
Regional Trails subtotals	125.2	216.8	0	342
Agency total	368.8	658.0	60.1	1,086.9

Carver County

Unit type	Summer Estimated Visits (thousands)	Spring, Fall, and Winter Estimated Visits (thousands)	Camping and Special Events (thousands)	Total Estimated Visits (thousands)
Regional Parks subtotals	304.7	551.9	46.7	903.3
Regional Trails subtotals	387	670.3	4.7	1,062
Agency total	691.7	1,222.2	51.4	1,965.3

Dakota County

Unit type	Summer Estimated Visits (thousands)	Spring, Fall, and Winter Estimated Visits (thousands)	Camping and Special Events (thousands)	Total Estimated Visits (thousands)
Regional Parks subtotals	450.9	816.8	80.7	1,348.4
Regional Trails subtotals	632.6	1,095.5	0	1,728.1
Agency total	1,083.5	1,912.3	80.7	3,076.5

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

Unit type	Summer Estimated Visits (thousands)	Spring, Fall, and Winter Estimated Visits (thousands)	Camping and Special Events (thousands)	Total Estimated Visits (thousands)
Regional Parks subtotals	6,581.8	11,921.9	785.5	19,289.2
Regional Trails subtotals	2,605.4	4,512	15.1	7,132.5
Agency total	9,187.2	16,433.9	800.6	26,421.7

Ramsey County

Unit type	Summer Estimated Visits (thousands)	Spring, Fall, and Winter Estimated Visits (thousands)	Camping and Special Events (thousands)	Total Estimated Visits (thousands)
Regional Parks subtotals	1,398.3	2,532.8	233.2	4,164.3
Regional Trails subtotals	935.8	1,620.5	0	2,556.3
Agency total	2,334	4,153.3	233.2	6,720.6

City of Saint Paul

Unit type	Summer Estimated Visits (thousands)	Spring, Fall, and Winter Estimated Visits (thousands)	Camping and Special Events (thousands)	Total Estimated Visits (thousands)
Regional Parks subtotals	2,070.9	3,751.1	681.6	6,503.7
Regional Trails subtotals	387.8	671.6	1.5	1,061
Agency total	2,458.7	4,422.8	683.1	7,564.7

Scott County

Unit type	Summer Estimated Visits (thousands)	Spring, Fall, and Winter Estimated Visits (thousands)	Camping and Special Events (thousands)	Total Estimated Visits (thousands)
Regional Parks subtotals	304.7	551.8	30.1	886.6
Regional Trails subtotals	104.9	181.7	0	286.5
Agency total	409.6	733.5	30.1	1,173.1

Three Rivers Park District

Unit type	Summer Estimated Visits (thousands)	Spring, Fall, and Winter Estimated Visits (thousands)	Camping and Special Events (thousands)	Total Estimated Visits (thousands)
Regional Parks subtotals	2,439.4	4,410.9	659.9	7,510.3
Regional Trails subtotals	2,620.8	4,538.7	7.6	7,167.1
Agency total	5,060.2	8,949.6	667.5	14,677.4

Washington County

Unit type	Summer Estimated Visits (thousands)	Spring, Fall, and Winter Estimated Visits (thousands)	Camping and Special Events (thousands)	Total Estimated Visits (thousands)
Regional Parks subtotals	521	943.7	81.6	1,546.2
Regional Trails subtotals	236.2	409.1	2.1	647.4
Agency total	757.2	1,352.8	83.7	2,193.6

REGIONAL TOTALS

Unit type	Summer Estimated Visits (thousands)	Spring, Fall, and Winter Estimated Visits (thousands)	Camping and Special Events (thousands)	Total Estimated Visits (thousands)
Regional Parks subtotals	13,572.4	24,546	2,931.2	45,812.2
Regional Trails subtotals	8,512.4	14,741.6	31	23,285
REGIONAL TOTAL	22,084.8	39,287.6	2,962.2	69,097.2