



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT



West Coast MUP

ACRD Park Services 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Beaver Creek – Evergreen Park

2024 Completed Projects	Ongoing and New 2025 Projects	Future or Potential Projects
Multiple Park Services		
Parks Identification and Information Signage	Website Enhancements	Parks Acquisition Policy
	Development of Parks Commission Procedures/Guidelines	Parks Donation and Dedication Policy/Program
	Parks wayfinding Signage Improvements	Parks Regulatory Bylaws
	Public Access Working Group	Parks Formal Volunteer Program
	10 year financial asset replacement plan	First Nation Cultural and Land Recognition Portfolio
	Bridges, Boardwalks and Wharf Asset inventory/Condition Assessments	10 year financial asset replacement plan
	Trails LOS/classification	
Regional Parks		
Creation of Regional Parks Working Group	Log Train Trail updated map brochure	Log Train Trail network expansion
	LTT Transition plan to multimodal	Regional Parks Allocation/Governance Review
	LTT New Lease with MOTI	LTT railway crossing improvements
	Alberni Inlet updated map	Franklin Bridge Construction
Bamfield Community Parks		
E. Scott Office building roof replacement	Grappler Wharf Tenure Expansion	Bamfield Parks Master Plan
Parks Commission Recruitment	Grappler Wharf Upgrades/ expansion	E. Scott picnic shelter construction
	Cougars Pass Crown land acquisition	Smiley Rink board replacement
	Transfer of existing website to ACRD Structure	E. Scott washroom renovations
Beaver Creek Community Parks		
Evergreen Fencing Improvements	Evergreen Park Invasive Species	Beaver Creek Kitsuksis Crown Land Trails
Evergreen Riding Ring Communication Plan		Nordstrom Park Playground
Cherry Creek Community Parks		
Cherry Creek Rd Trail vegetation management	Maplehurst Cherry Creek Access	Cherry Creek Kitsuksis Crown Land Trails
	Maplehurst Renaming	Maplehurst Park sensitive ecosystem planning
	Maplehurst updated map	
Sproat Lake Community Parks		
Tennis Court Crack Repair	Sproat Lake Active Transportation Plan	Great Central Boat launch upgrades
Cougar Smith Washroom upgrades	Lot950 Crownland acquisition	Sproat Lake Parks Master Plan
	Faber Pathway Extension	Cougar Smith Septic Improvements
	Dickson Park dock access improvements	

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Cherry Creek – Maplehurst Park

2024 in Review

Some highlights of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) parks services in 2024 were the replacement of the Eileen Scott Park office roof, Cougar Smith Park Tennis court crack repair and washroom/pump house building upgrades. Trail counter data was collected at 10 locations on ACRD trails estimating the total traffic for these 10 counter locations at 91,148 in 2024 or an average of 9,115 per counter location. The highest day count recorded was a tie between Cougar Smith Park on June 1st and Dickson Park on August 31st at 188, the highest weekly count was Dickson Park during the July 1st week at 703, the highest monthly count was West Coast Magic Park for August at 2,507, the highest total count for the year at 15,713 was the West Coast Multi Use Pathway.

Background and History

The ACRD established its regional parks service in 1970 and operates 5 community park services: Beaver Creek Community Parks, Cherry Creek Community Parks, Sproat Lake Community Parks, Bamfield Community Parks, and Long Beach Community Parks.

Regional Parks can have a variety of roles, but their key objectives are to meet the outdoor recreation needs of the region, while containing regionally unique environmental features, and contributing to attracting tourism as a regional destination. Community parks are designed to serve residents within their local area, providing outdoor recreation opportunities and promoting a sense of community. Regional Parks are funded by the entire Regional District and Community Parks are funded by the individual electoral areas in which they are located. The ACRD currently owns and/or operates six Regional Parks and twenty-nine Community Parks.

Advisory community park commissions exist in Electoral Areas A (Bamfield) and D (Sproat Lake), both of which have popular multi-use neighborhood parks. Sproat Lake also has a community trail system. Community Parks Commissions serve as advisory bodies to the Regional Board and the Electoral Area Directors on local community parks, trails and outdoor recreation matters within the Electoral Areas. Community Parks Commissions contribute input and advise toward the acquisition development, and care of local parks and trails.

Mission Statement

“The ACRD will work with all citizens to be good stewards of our environment and to provide safe and welcoming opportunities to play, learn, contemplate, and build community.”

Goals:

1. Positive Impact – improve quality of life, promote healthy lifestyles, contribute to the economic and environmental wellbeing of the community and region
2. Operations/Service Levels – Park and trail user experience meets the needs and expectations of the community/parkshed
3. Acquisition – Represent and protect an array of regionally significant natural and cultural areas
4. Infrastructure – Build and maintain infrastructure to ensure safety and environmental sustainability

5. Community Engagement – Engage the community to provide an opportunity for full participation to guide the development of the parks and trails, build community, volunteerism, and increase awareness.

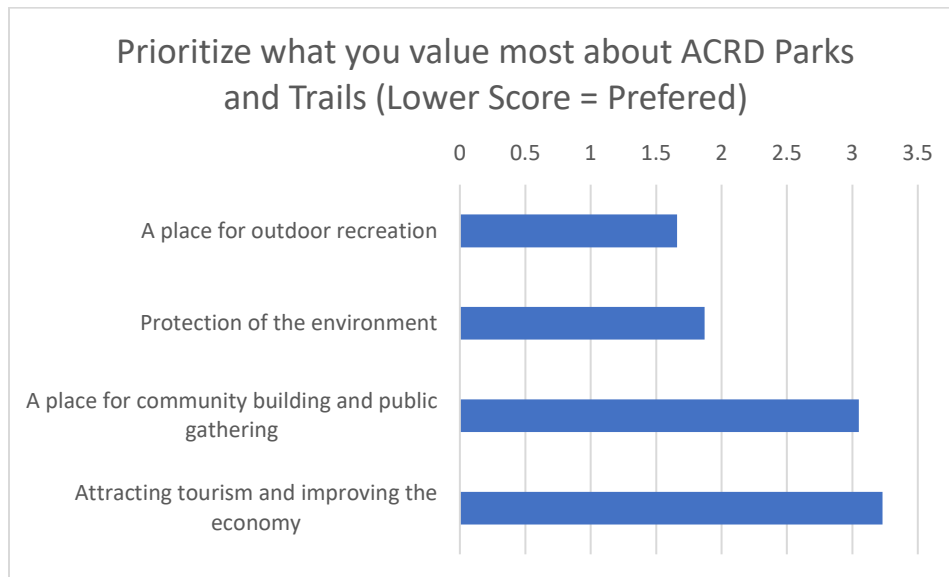
Positive Impact

Goal: Improve quality of life, promote healthy lifestyles, contribute to the economic and environmental wellbeing of the community and region

Positive Impact Measurable 1: Benefits

One job of the ACRD Parks services is to recognize, measure and promote the benefits ACRD parks bring to their communities. In 2024 the ACRD performed an Online Survey to gather general Parks Service information. See Appendix B for full report.

When asked what you value most about ACRD Parks and Trails the highest ranked answer was ‘A place for outdoor recreation’. This ranking order is consistent from the same question included in previous surveys over the last two years, the only difference was a higher overall score for Protection of the environment and lower score for a place for community building and public gathering.



Although there is a lack of current relevant local data, there have been a significant number of studies and works completed that demonstrate the benefits of parks and trails which are applicable to the ACRD. This information is summarized below:

ACRD parks provide health and environmental benefits.

- Parks are the places that people go to get healthy and stay fit.
- Parks contribute to the health of children, youth, adults, and seniors.
- According to studies by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, creating, improving, and promoting places to be physically active can improve individual and community health and result in a 25 percent increase of residents who exercise at least three times per week.

- A study by Penn State University showed significant correlations to reductions in stress, lowered blood pressure, and perceived physical health to the length of stay in visits to parks.
- Parks and protected public lands are proven to improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, produce habitat for wildlife, and provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.

ACRD parks provide Economic Value.

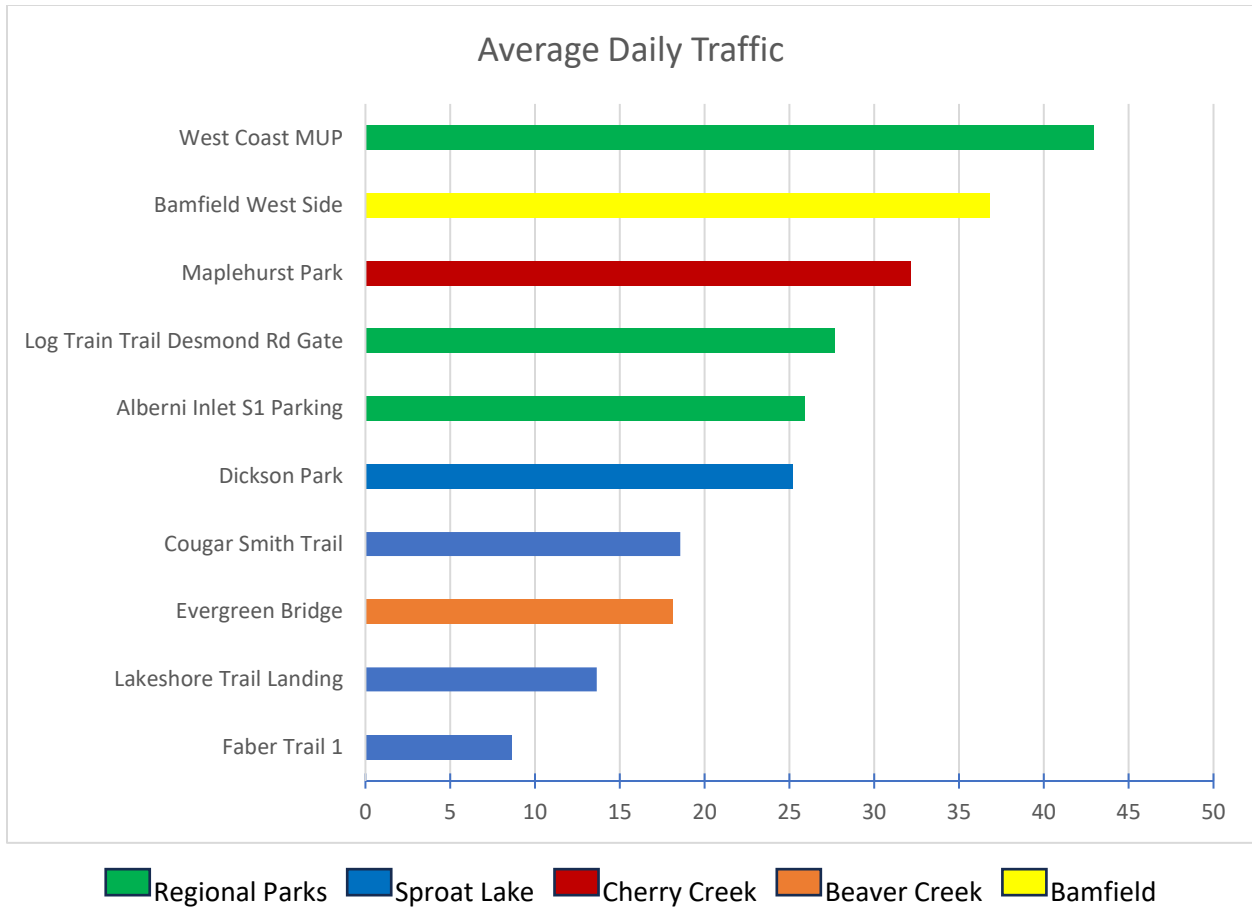
- Parks improve the local tax base and increase property values. It is proven that private property values increase the value of privately owned land the closer such land is to parks. This increase in private property value due to the proximity to parks increases property tax revenues and improves local economies.
- Quality parks and recreation are cited as one of the top three reasons that businesses cite in relocation decisions in a number of studies.
- Parks provide significant indirect revenues to local and regional economies. Economic activity from hospitality expenditures, tourism, fuel, recreational equipment sales, and many other private sector businesses is of true and sustained value to local and regional economies.

ACRD parks provide Social Importance.

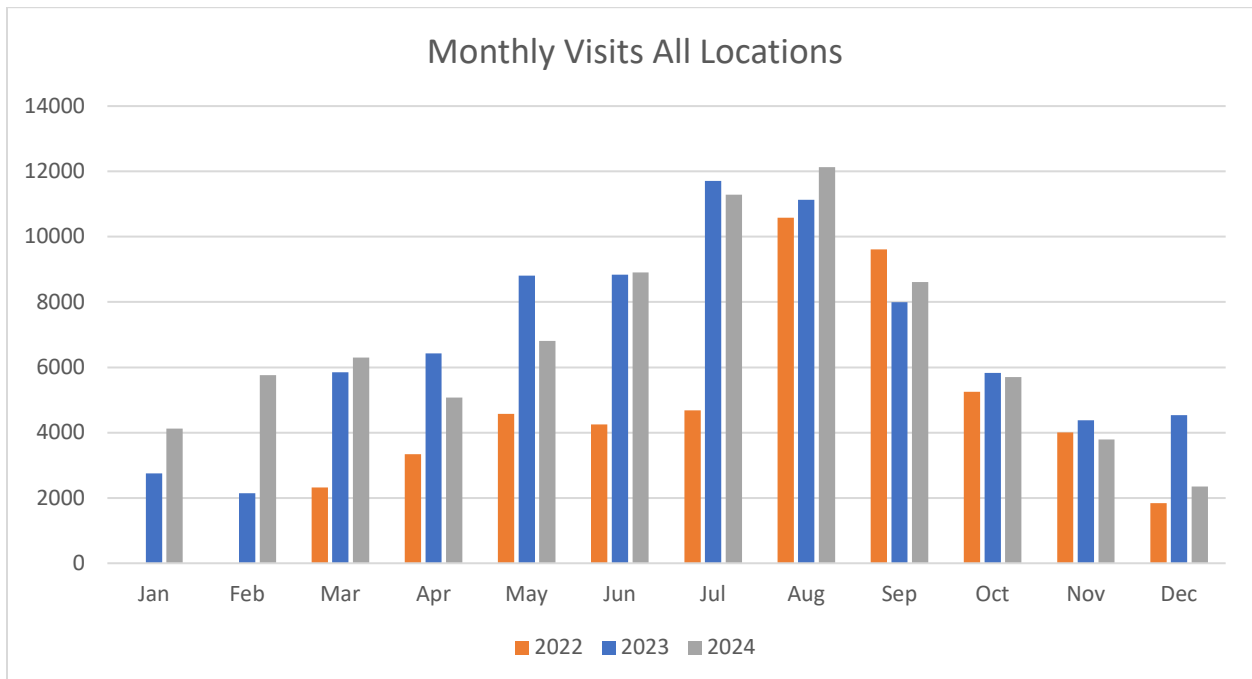
- Parks are a tangible reflection of the quality of life in a community. They provide identity for citizens and are a major factor in the perception of quality of life. Parks and recreation services are often cited as one of the most important factors in surveys of how livable communities are.
- Parks provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as for individuals of all ages and economic status, regardless of their ability to pay for access.
- Parks and recreation programs provide places for health and well-being that are accessible by persons of all ages and abilities, especially to those with disabilities.
- Access to parks and recreation opportunities have been strongly linked to reductions in crime and to reduced juvenile delinquency.
- Parks provide a sense of public pride and cohesion to the community.

Positive Impact Measurable 2: Park and Trail use trends

The ACRD continued to collect trail counter data in 2024. The first and most common is an Infrared Trail counter which counts people, walkers, hikers, joggers, horseback riders, cyclists etc. It senses and detects the infrared wavelength that people emit as they pass the counter. The second is an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) counter which counts vehicles such as ATVs, quads, motorcycles, 4x4s, etc. This counter utilizes a magnetometer to detect when one of these vehicles passes. These counters are a good tool to better understand park use and visitation trends, but the data should only be utilized as an indicator as it may not represent 100% accurate verified counts. The graph below shows average daily traffic from infrared counters at specific locations where trail counters were set up in 2023.



The trail counter data is valuable to see seasonal trends as shown below



An example of further detailed trail counter information is attached as Appendix D for Alberni Inlet Trail.

Positive Impact Measurable 2: Number of non-community members traveling to use parks and trails

The Alberni-Clayoquot region holds unique and scenic geography which makes it a highly popular destination for domestic and international visitors and has the potential for an abundance of outdoor activities for residents and tourists alike. As a regional government, park services utilize our spectacular landscape to enhance quality of life, promote the region as a desirable location for business, and be environmental stewards of our natural environment and resources. Parks play a vital role in the social, economic, and physical wellbeing of ACRD residents and its communities.

Operations/Service Levels

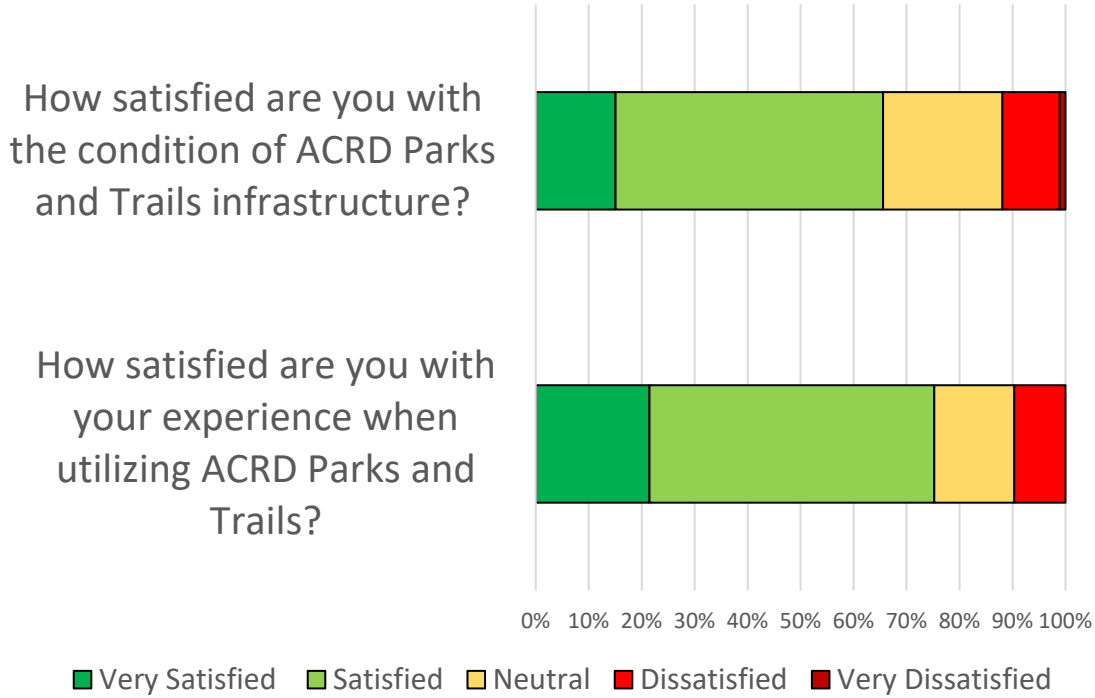
Goal: Park and trail user experience meets the needs and expectations of the community/parkshed

Operations/Service Levels Measurable 1: User Satisfaction Score

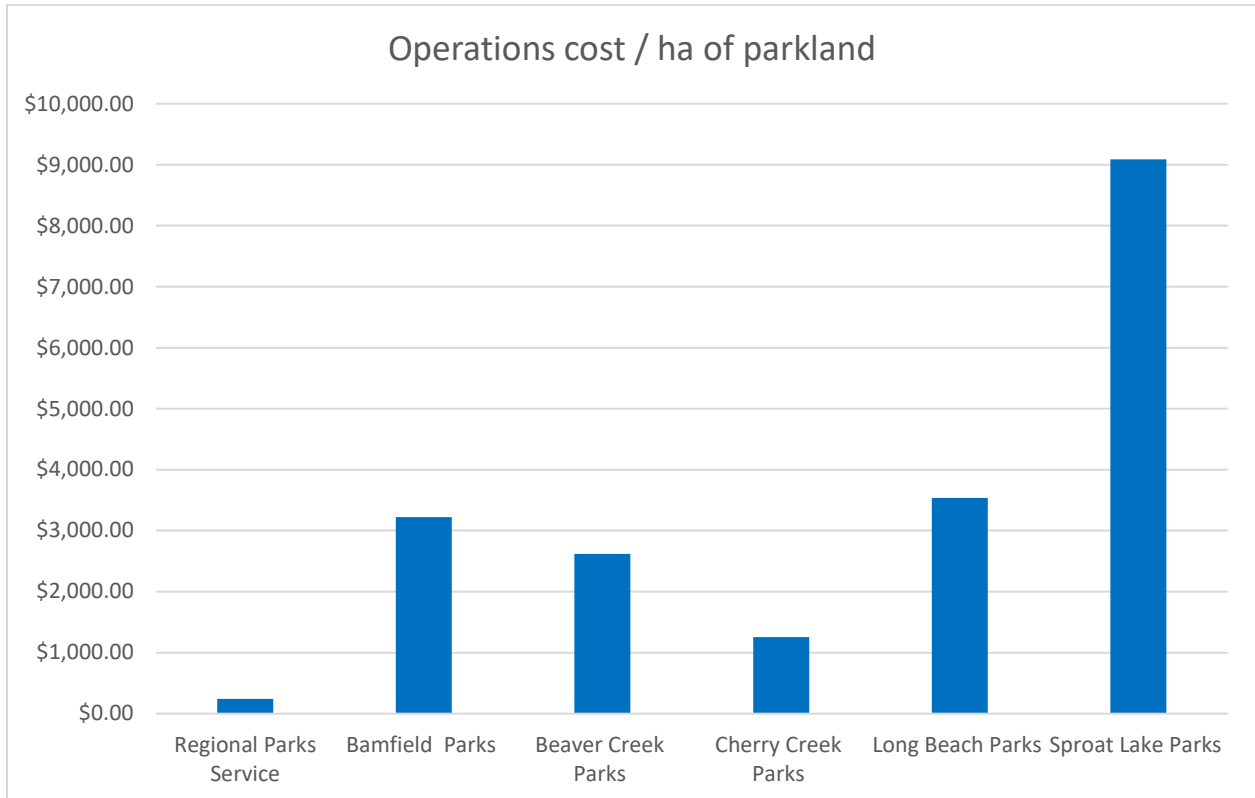
User Satisfaction is strongly related to a user’s expectations for what experience they will have at a given park or trail. To meet customer expectations and achieve sustainable service delivery, the ACRD Board approved specific Level of Service (LOS) Categories for each park and trail in 2021. Level of Service were established based on the ACRD policy objectives, community expectations, legislative requirements, and resource constraints. They ranged from Level 1: which is the highest level of service for high profile parks with intensive public use; to Level 4: which is no routine maintenance for inactive parkland parcels. The LOS Categories are detailed in Appendix C. Through the Log Train Trail Management Plan development, it was found that the existing levels of service did not translate well when applied to a linear trail corridor and instead worked better when applied to a parkland parcel. In 2024 updated levels of service as well as parkland and trails classifications are to be developed and brought to the board for review.

Level Of Service	Parks
Level 1	West Coast Multi Use Pathway
Level 2	China Creek Regional Park, Salmon Beach Public Square, Eileen Scott Park, West Park, Cougar Smith Park, Dickson Park, Faber Road Trail, Lakeshore Road Trail, Cherry Creek Pathway, Nordstrom Park
Level 3	Alberni Inlet Trail, Log Train Trail, Mount Arrowsmith Regional Park, Eagle Bay, West Coast Magic Park, Boat Launch Great Central Lake, Maplehurst Park and Trails
Level 4	Willowbrae Park, South Bamfield Park, Hatchery Park, Sander Park, Bishop Park, Klitsa Park, Highland Park, Karen Place Plark, Chase Park

The two graphs below show the response to two questions from the parks survey. The results show a significantly greater percentage answered satisfied than in previous years and a much lower neutral result.



Operations/Service Levels Measurable 2: Cost per km/m² for maintenance/operations.



The above graph illustrates operations cost per hectare of parkland. Many variables contribute to determine this, but the most significant variable is level of service. For example, the Cherry Creek Parks service is comprised of mostly Maplehurst Park which holds a large area of natural forest with little to no infrastructure and requires a low level of service as the trails have been maintained by volunteers. Whereas the Sproat Lake Parks service is mostly comprised of developed parkland (Cougar Smith, Faber, Lakeshore and Faber Trails) which consist of many built assets such as a playground, tennis court, irrigated field, bike park etc. it has a higher level of service and requires contracted maintenance for its operations.

Staff at nearby or similar sized Regional Districts were asked to provide data to compare common tracking stats. The Strathcona Regional District replied and provided their information in the attached sheet located in Appendix A. Their three community parks services provide a good comparable for hectares of parkland, km of trails, and requisition levels.

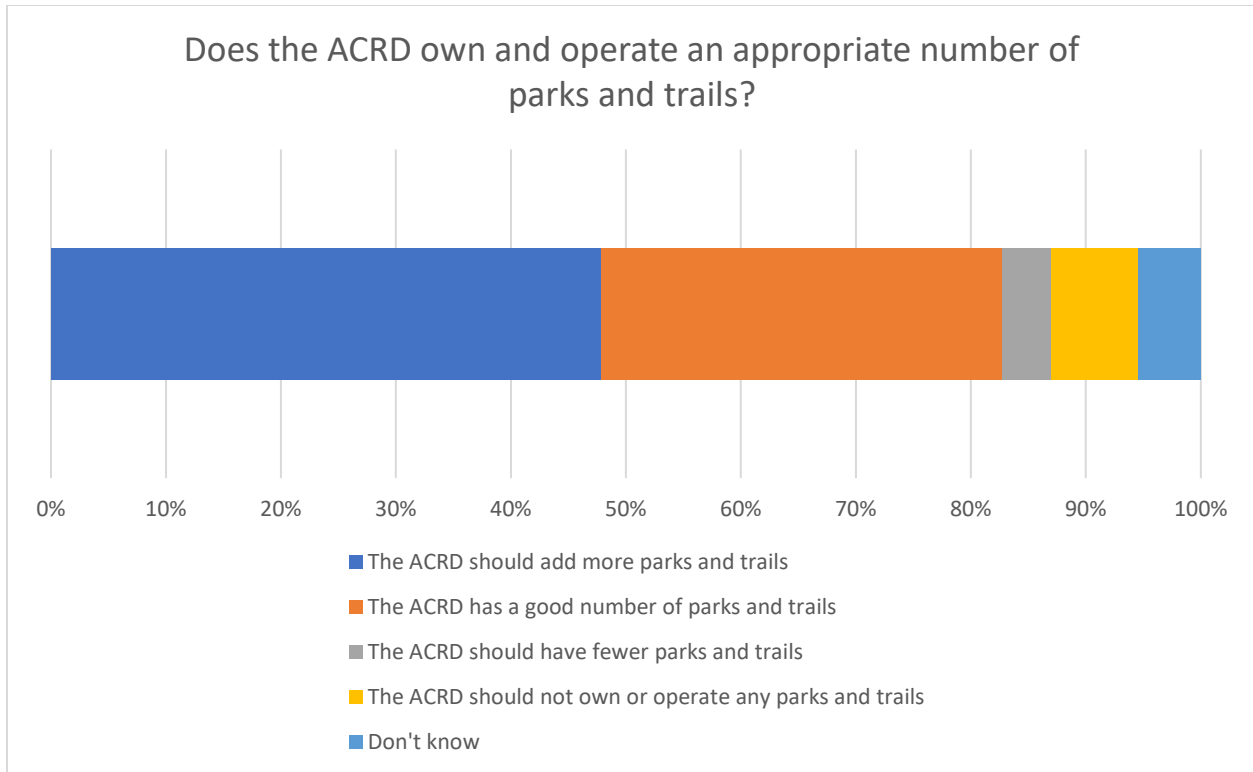
For more in depth information please see Appendix A – Park Service Data Sheet

Acquisition

Goal: Represent and protect an array of regionally significant natural and cultural areas

Acquisition Measurable 1: acquisition of new regional or culturally significant park land.

There were 0 hectares of parkland acquired in 2024. The addition of parkland under an ACRD parks service must demonstrate that it benefits the community or region in helping to achieve economic, social, and environmental goals. When the opportunity to acquire parkland occurs, the following should be considered: existing parkland inventory, natural features and public open space in addition to local preferences for parkland, impacts on taxes, impacts on sustainability, and impacts on developable land. The ACRD requires parkland dedication through the subdivision process where it meets stated parkland planning objectives/goals for the area and only considers cash in lieu of parkland where the provision of land for a park is not ideal.



The above graph shows the response from the parks survey questions gathered in 2024. The results are very similar to the same question asked in previous years. The development of an ACRD Parkland acquisition policy is needed to consistently achieve the above mentioned goal and better guide organizational strategic parkland acquisitions in the future.

Infrastructure

Goal: Build and maintain infrastructure to ensure safety and environmental sustainability

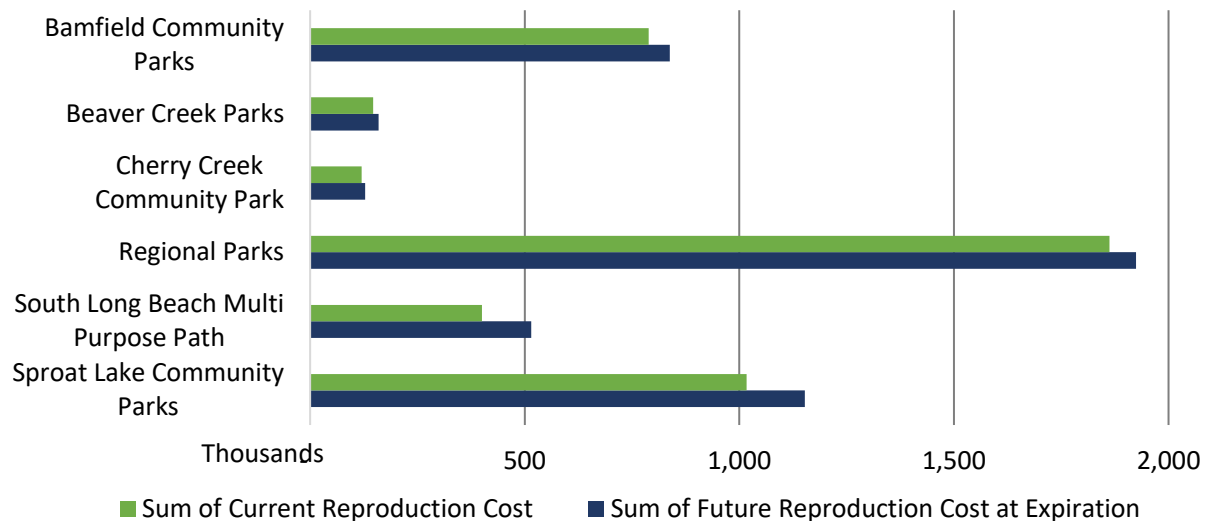
Infrastructure Measurable 1: Infrastructure meets adopted standards

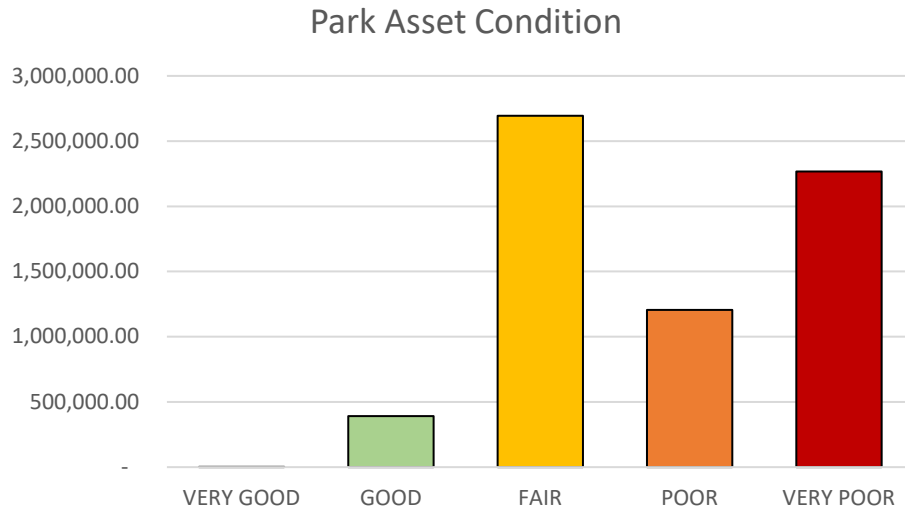
Service Name	2021 Census pop	Asset Replacement Value	Asset Replacement Value/Person	# of Parks in Service	Park Area	Ha/1,000 People	Trails and Pathways
Regional Parks Service	33,521	\$1,924,508	\$57.41	6	613.14 Ha	18.29	53.29 km
Bamfield Community Parks	256	\$838,129	\$3,273.94	6	8.66 Ha	33.83	0.35 km
Beaver Creek Community Parks	2,946	\$159,717	\$54.21	7	12.13 Ha	4.12	1.83 km

Cherry Creek Community Parks	1,977	\$127,967	\$64.73	2	14.97 Ha	7.57	2.36 km
Long Beach Community Parks	875	NA	NA	1	1.98 Ha	2.26	0
Sproat Lake Community Parks	1,843	\$1,152,328	\$625.25	11	0.28 Ha	5.81	6.66 km
Total		\$4,054,860		34	651.16 Ha		67.64 km

In September of 2021 the ACRD Board adopted the Parks Asset Management Plan (AMP). The purpose of the AMP was to better guide the Board, management and staff in decision-making, sustainable service delivery, and proactivity versus reactivity.

Prior to the AMP’s creation, an Asset Registry was created in which component valuations, approximate expiration dates, and condition assessments were used to calculate required annual financial contributions from requisition and parcel tax in order to maintain desired levels of service. Maintaining and updating of this asset registry will be informed by pursuing updated condition assessments, and improving asset data collection standards and practices. In 2024, the Parks asset inventory and bridge assessment project will have a significant impact on accuracy of the asset registry and improvement of the parks asset management program.





Parks infrastructure has a total future reproduction value of \$4,334,870. This does not include a contingency for construction, engineering, financial, legal or administration costs. Subject to inflation, the estimated future replacement costs are \$4,717,589 for current infrastructure at the end of the components estimated service life.

Infrastructure Measurable 3: Safety Incidents

The ACRD received 10 complaints and 4 reports of an incident within the parks services in 2024. It is believed that there is underreporting from the public regarding this statistic. Staff hope to focus efforts to improve signage and communications to encourage public feedback as well as report any observed concerns or incidents within ACRD parks.

As per the Park and Playground Inspection and Maintenance Policy.

- All 5 ACRD playgrounds received comprehensive inspections twice during the 2024 calendar year.
- Staff conducting Playground inspections are certified through the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association.
- All ACRD Parks general infrastructure is inspected by staff conducting routine maintenance and repairs and does not follow a set schedule.

Community Engagement

Goal: Engage the community to provide an opportunity for full participation to guide the development of the parks and trails, build connection and volunteerism, and increase awareness.

The ACRD Parks Services have been built and continue to thrive due to dedicated local community volunteers who value their local parks and trails. The continued development and growth of ACRD Parks requires thoughtful input and advice regarding acquisition, development and care of local parks and

trails from local users, neighbors, and the community as a whole. ACRD parks services are a space where local residents have a say and can be involved in building the local parks and trails that best serve their community.

Community Engagement Measurable 1: Volunteers

Parks Commissions

The ACRD has two community parks commissions one in Bamfield and one in Sproat Lake. These commissions provide advice and contribute volunteer organization and hours towards the following parks matters pertaining to their specific Electoral Area community parks functions:

- Annual Parks Budget
- Park and Trail Development
- Park Amenities
- Parkland Acquisition Opportunities
- Park Volunteer Engagement and Direction
- Community Park Events
- Being aware of and representing the views of the community
- Responding to matters in partnership with ACRD staff

Parks Commissions provide a formal structure and processes for the community to participate and provide input into their community parks services. Establishing formal procedures and structure for ACRD Parks Commissions will ensure these commissions are effective, and volunteer hours are being used efficiently.

A Regional Parks working group in was also created in 2024 consisting of interested members of the public and will provide the above function with a focus on Regional Parks. Its first year of active meetings will be in 2025.

Other Local Community Groups/Volunteers

A substantial portion of volunteer hours spent within ACRD parks and trails are done by local community groups whose focus extends beyond just ACRD Parks. These groups include the Backcountry Horsemen Society, the Alberni Outdoor Club, Bamfield Community Affairs, and the Alpine Club of Canada plus many other informal community groups. These groups, under their own initiatives, have taken on activities to enhance or maintain certain aspects of ACRD Parks. Supporting these groups in their activities and formalizing a relationship with the ACRD ensures that these activities are meeting the needed established standards required of a local government, as well as establishing processes for the consideration of proposed initiatives and projects.

Community Engagement Measurable 2: Public Participation in Engagement Activities

There are many avenues of community engagement for ACRD parks such as parks commissions, other local community groups, open houses, or tools such as letsconnectacrd.ca, surveys and social media.

Park Management Plans

The process of creating Park Management Plans relies on meaningful public engagement to guide the long-term vision and management priorities for specific parks. This process utilizes tools such as letsconnectacrd.ca, open houses, surveys, stakeholder interviews etc. in an effort to receive a full understanding of the broad communities wishes, concerns, preferences, and ideas.

Completed 2024 Projects

E. Scott Office building roof replacement – A grant was submitted to renovate the office building at Eileen Scott Centennial park, the grant was denied but the roof was in need of a replacement. This project was lead and funded by the Bamfield Parks Commission.

Parks Commission recruitment – The term for the members of the Bamfield Parks Commission have expired and new recruitment was undertaken to establish a current parks commission.

Creation of Regional Parks Public Working Group - The ACRD Board of Directors has directed staff to create a Regional Parks working group in 2024 consisting of interested members of the public who will provide their local input into the development of Regional Parks and Trails. The Terms of Reference was created and adopted by the ACRD Board, and recruitment was completed in 2024. 2025 will see the first year of this group regularly meeting.

Evergreen Riding Ring Operations and Maintenance Agreement – The establishment of agreed upon expectations and standards for the operations and maintenance of the Evergreen Park riding ring.

Evergreen Riding Ring Operations Communication plan – Communication to the public and users of the Evergreen park riding ring of roles and responsibilities of the ACRD, Backcountry Horsemen, riding ring users and other park users.

Cougar Smith Tennis Court Crack Repair – The tennis court at Cougar Smith Park required crack repair work.

Cougar Smith Washroom upgrades- updates to the Cougar Smith washrooms were completed in 2024.

Projects in Progress or Beginning in 2025

Website Enhancements - The ACRD website is a valuable tool to support the ACRD parks community engagement goal of engaging the community to provide an opportunity for full participation to guide the development of the parks and trails, build community, volunteerism, and increase awareness. The community should be easily able to utilize the ACRD website to obtain information on a variety of aspects of the ACRD parks services, such as learning about parks and trails, new initiatives, and projects. Easily navigating to information for how the public can become more involved in community groups such as parks commissions, local community groups which volunteer within ACRD Parks, or how they can provide feedback to staff. The first round of website enhancements has been completed and work continues to progressively add to parks website development.

Parks Commission Review and Development of Procedures/Guidelines – To better support volunteers within ACRD parks commissions, clearly outlining and communicating the roles and processes of parks commissions will ensure efficient and effective groups.

Asset inventory and Condition Assessments- The Parks asset register and associated condition data is in need of improvement to effectively inform the asset management program. This program is grant dependent and will be lead by the asset management coordinator.

Parks Signage Improvements – Design and installation of identification, information, and wayfinding signage across all ACRD parks began in 2024 and continues to be a priority for 2025.

Public Access Working Group - The ACRD sits on a public access working group along with representatives from the Province of BC and Mosiac Forest Management. The goal of this group is to improve public access to privately managed forest lands within the Alberni Valley. A pilot project on the Ash Main was identified as the first area of focus and if successful that model could be replicated to other areas. This project has encountered a legal hurdle which has stopped it from progressing at this time.

Trails Level of Service/classification - Through the Log Train Trail Management plan development, it was found the existing levels of service did not translate well when applied to a linear trail corridor and instead worked better when applied to a parkland parcel. In 2025 updated levels of service as well as parkland and trails classifications are to be developed and brought to the board for review.

Log Train Trail Negotiation of new lease with MOTI – To incorporate changes outlined within the LTT management plan it is necessary to first update the lease agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Log Train Trail Transition Plan to Multimodal use- Governance and allowable use changes to the LTT as supported within the LTT management plan would require the initial implementation of a transition plan to facilitate a safe and efficient transition to the new utilization. This will entail: engage impacted user groups to inform the implementation and a communication strategy, develop and install new signage, as well as modify access points and key trail sections as needed.

Log Train Trail updated map brochure- Along with communications materials to help inform the public of changes to the management of the LTT. An updated map brochure will help outline accurate information and inform user groups on expectations for use.

Maplehurst Cherry Creek Access Project Planning – Developing a Cherry Creek Access route to Maplehurst Park.

Maplehurst Renaming- Working with the Tseshaht and Hupacasath Nations to establish a Nuu-Chah-Nulth name for the ACRD parkland.

Maplehurst updated map– development of an updated map brochure which accurately represents Maplehurst Park and trails.

Sproat Lake Active Transportation Plan – The Sproat Lake Electoral area has pursued expanding their trails and pathway network under the Community Parks Service for many years. Currently there are 6.66 km of formalized trails as well as many additional km of informal trails. This plan will require community, stakeholder and first nations consultation, data collection, mapping and potential survey works. The final plan will identify and prioritize achievable locations for formal trail and pathway expansion that reflect the needs and wants of the Sproat Lake community.

Faber Pathway Extension – The extension of Faber Road pathway to Cougar Smith park is the next identified priority for the expansion of the Sproat Lake pathway network. The design is to be developed in 2025 with construction anticipated for 2026.

Dickson Park dock access improvements – The access walkway to the swimming dock at Dickson Park is in poor condition and requires improvement. Funding for the improvements was completed in the 2025 financial plan.

Lot950 Crownland acquisition – The Sproat Lake Parks Commission has expressed the desire for the ACRD to investigate the acquisition or application of a Section 57/56 for recreational purposes of crownland Lot 950 which will border newly dedicated parkland off Taylor Arm Drive.

Projects on the Horizon 2026+

Parks Acquisition Policy - The development of a ACRD Parkland acquisition policy is needed to set and consistently achieve organizational acquisition goals. This policy development would be a collaboration between the Lands and Resources Coordinator's in coordination with the Planning department.

Parks Donation and Dedication Policy/Program – There is currently no formal structure for the ACRD to accept donations or dedications to their parks services. The ACRD routinely receives inquiries to provide memorial bench services.

Parks and Trails Volunteer Program – The ACRD Parks services receive a significant benefit from community volunteers. Each volunteer organization has expressed concerns that the average age of volunteers is high and rising. Without an influx of additional volunteers from a younger generation, there is a risk that many of the current volunteers will age out of their programs soon resulting in these organizations dedicating less time spent performing the operations and maintenance of ACRD Parks and Trails. The ACRD began with reviewing its Parks Commission structure and developed a draft Parks Commission Handbook. Further support for volunteers outside of formal parks commission roles with the goal of retaining and attracting more members dedicated to volunteering in ACRD Parks is required.

Regional Parks Allocation/Governance Review – The governance structure of the Regional Parks Service requires periodic revisiting and endorsement of the ACRD to ensure the vision, values and direction of the service are being met. This discussion will be a key topic at the Regional Parks Working group and will enable this discussion to develop.

Log Train Trail network expansion – The Log Train Trail management plan identified investigating the expansion of the network to include currently informal access points to the existing formal trail corridor.

Franklin Bridge Construction (grant dependent) – in 2022 a Feasibility Study for a pedestrian crossing of Franklin River was completed. The ACRD Board of Directors supported proceeding with the Suspension Cable type Bridge with flexible deck if sufficient grant funding was obtained. The project is on the ACRD grant list to actively search for appropriate opportunities.

LTT Hal Creek Crossing improvements- There is a large washout on the Log Train Trail at Hal Creek with a challenging crossing. Assessing the crossing to ensure the ACRD is not negatively impacting a riparian area and ensuring safe passage for trail users was identified as a future project within the LTT Management Plan which would improve recreation and environmental values for the trail.

LTT railway crossing improvements – The E&N railway crossing cuts through the Log Train Trail corridor with steep slopes on each side of the crossing. Improvements to this crossing was identified in the LTT Management Plan as a potential future project to improve accessibility and remove barriers to those who are not as able bodied.

Smiley Rink Board Replacement – The rink boards for the outdoor rink in Bamfield have rotted and fallen down. Potential for new board infrastructure.

E. Scott Pavilion Construction – There is a proposal to construct a Pavilion structure at Eileen Scott Centennial Park near the playground to provide covered picnic space. It is at the building permit stage once approved by the Bamfield Area Services Committee and ACRD Board of Directors.

Nordstrom Park Improvements Project Scoping – At the conclusion of the Beaver Creek Community Parks Master Plan the development of a Nordstrom Park Playground project which had been conceptually proposed may be added to the Beaver Creek Community Parks workplan.

Beaver Creek Kitsuksis Crown Land Trails – At the conclusion of the Maplehurst Park Planning project the ACRD Board of Directors identified the unregistered Kitsuksis crownland trails within the Beaver Creek Electoral Area as potential for inclusion to be formalized within the Beaver Creek Community Parks Service.

Cherry Creek Kitsuksis Crown Land Trails - At the conclusion of the Maplehurst Park Planning project the ACRD Board of Directors identified the unregistered Kitsuksis crownland trails within the Cherry Creek Electoral Area as potential for inclusion to be formalized within the Cherry Creek Community Parks Service.

Maplehurst Park sensitive ecosystem planning – Within the Maplehurst Park Plan the protection of sensitive ecosystems within the park was identified as one of the priorities. This requires a understanding and documenting rare plant and animal species, habitat, and mapping of sensitive features such as riparian areas.

Great Central Boat Launch - The Great Central Boat Launch is classified as a marine access point consisting of a parking lot and some crushed gravel dumped to create the “launch” area. The ACRD has not dedicated annual operating funds towards inspections and maintenance of the parkland to ensure safe operating conditions. With increased development and increased recreational marine use at Great Central Lake, this marine access point has begun to see greater use as a recreational boat launch. Along with this increased use we have received increased complaints regarding the condition of the launch and parking area as well as trespassing on neighboring properties. If the ACRD were to change the classification of this parkland from an unmaintained marine access point to a public recreational boat launch so that it better meets current and future demand it will require improvements to the boat launch and parking facilities.

Cougar Smith Park Septic system improvements – The septic system at Cougar Smith park services the two public restrooms and the caretaker residence. In 2023 there were issues with the system that required repair and identified further deficiencies with the system size and lines. No information regarding the design or installation was discovered after a file review internally or with VIHA. It is likely that this system will require replacement within the next 10 years.

Appendix A – Park Service Data Sheet

Appendix B –Survey General Parks Questions

Appendix C – Level of Service Categories

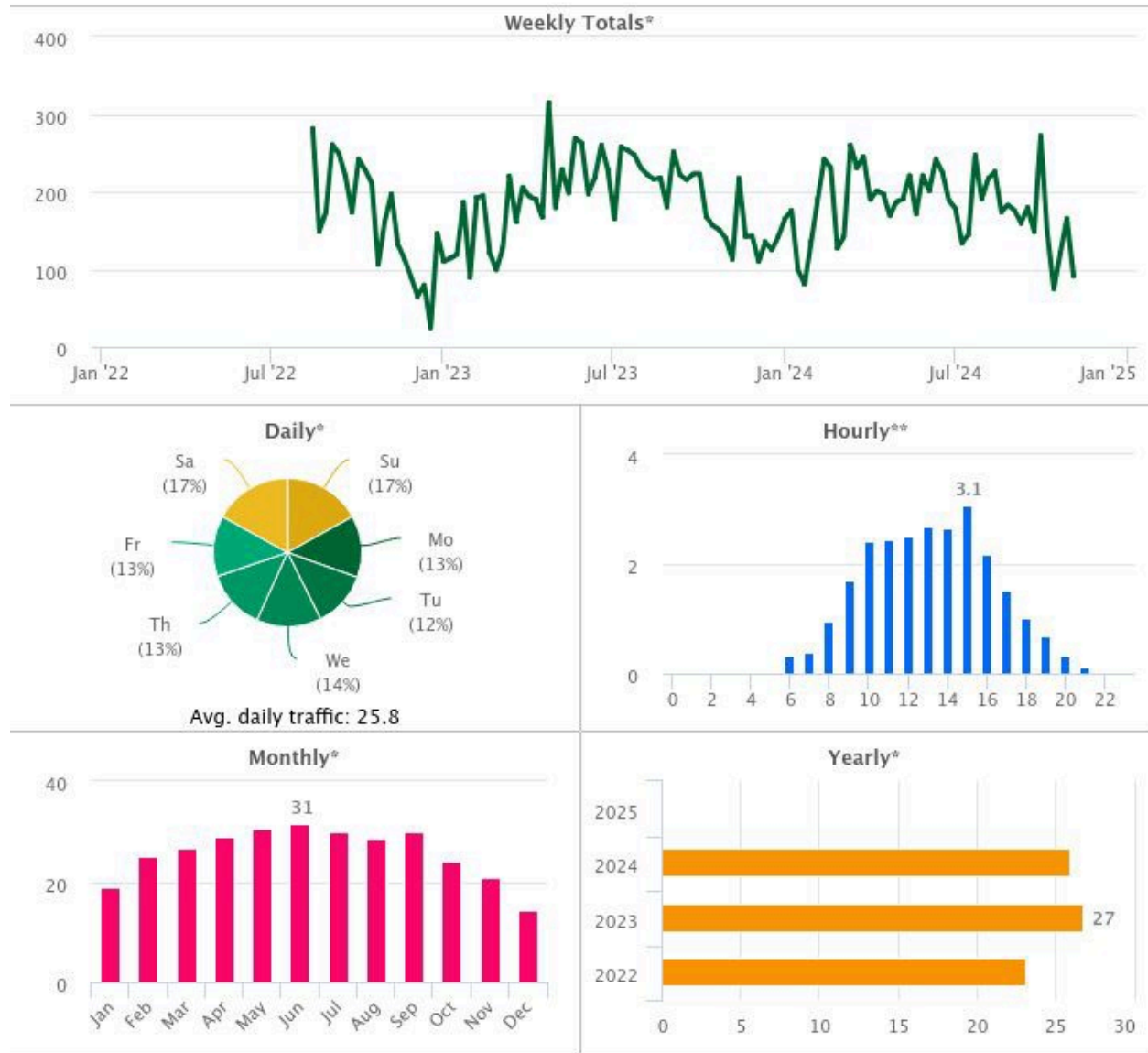
The below Level of Service Categories were approved by the ACRD Board of Directors in 2021, these levels of services work well with a large parkland area but staff have found are not as relevant with linear trails and pathways such as The Log Train Trail, Alberni Inlet, Lakeshore, Faber and MUP. In 2024, Separate Level of Service Categories for Trails and Pathways will be prepared and presented to the Board.

LEVEL OF SERVICE CATEGORIES		
LEVEL	STANDARD	USE
LEVEL 1 – HIGHEST LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The park or trail is maintained for first-class appearance. - Generally, impeccably clean and well-groomed. - Maintenance and monitoring performed weekly to multiple times a week. - Infrastructure is designed to highest standard and inspected regularly to ensure maintained public safety and high functionality. - Vegetation including trees, shrubs and grasses are kept pruned and manicured to be in exceptional condition and aesthetically pleasing. - No accumulated debris or litter onsite. 	Highly visible, high profile parks and trails with intensive public use.
LEVEL 2 – MEDIUM TO MODERATE LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parks and trails are kept neat, order and groomed but not to the same standard as Level 1. - There is tolerance to the effects of “wear and tear”, moderate traffic and natural processes. - Maintenance and monitoring performed bi-monthly to weekly. - Infrastructure is designed to safely accommodate current level of use and is routinely inspected to ensure public safety. - Vegetation including trees, shrubs and grasses are kept pruned and maintained to accommodate current park use. - Little to no accumulated debris or litter. 	Medium to high level of intensive public use.
LEVEL 3 – LOW TO MEDIUM LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural park space. - Maintenance and monitoring performed monthly or in response to public complaints. - Limited and low maintenance infrastructure designed for less intensive uses. - Vegetation pruned or maintained in the event of a safety concern. - Debris or litter cleaned up in response to a public complaint. 	Intended to be a natural park space or low to medium use of constructed trail.
LEVEL 4 – NO ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural park space. - No scheduled routine maintenance or monitoring. - No assets onsite. - Vegetation management, debris or litter clean up occurs in response to public complaint. 	Inactive park with no infrastructure.

Appendix D – Example of Infrared Counter Data Sheet

Alberni Inlet S1 Parking

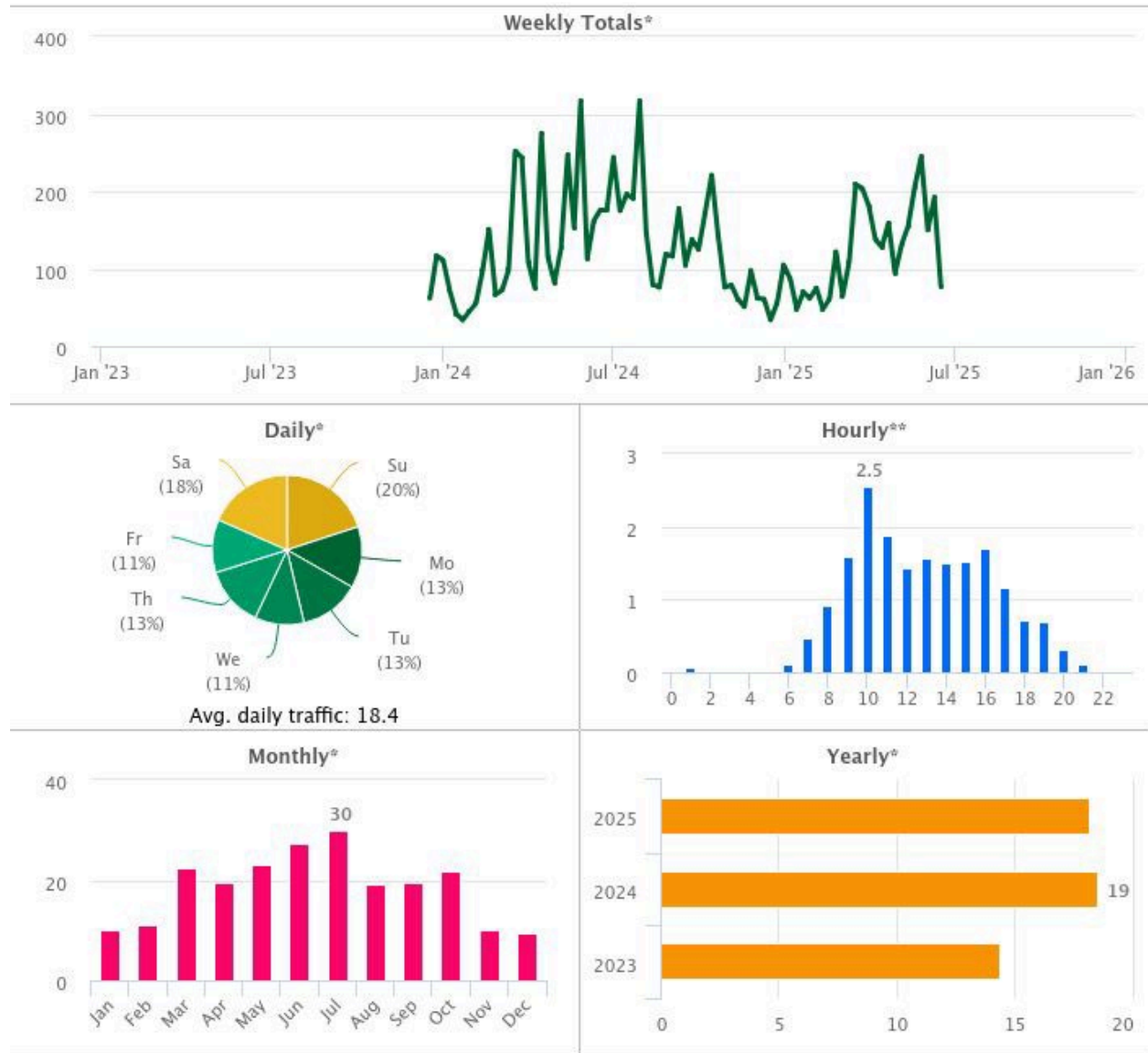
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Cougar Smith Trail

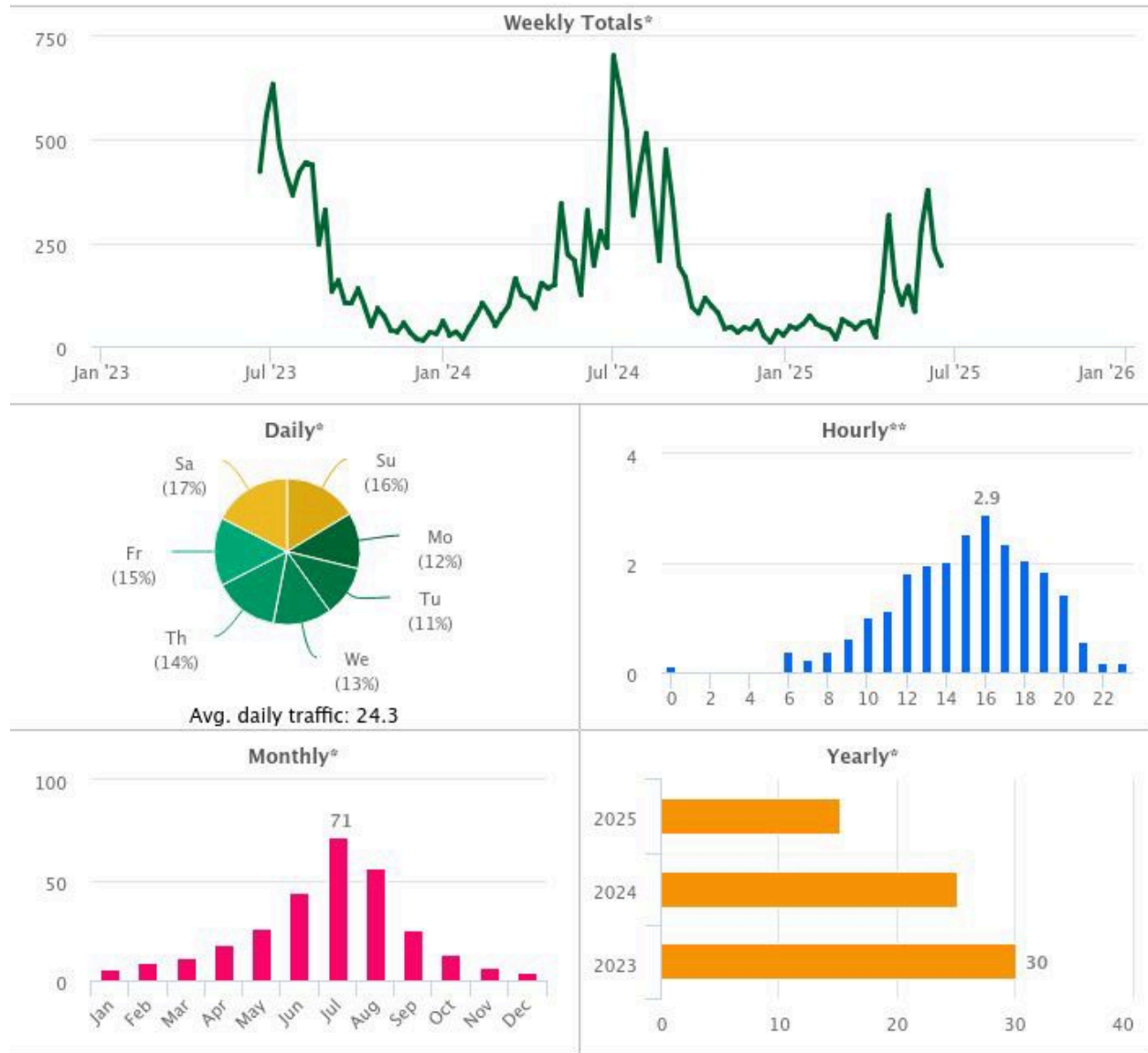
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Dickson Park

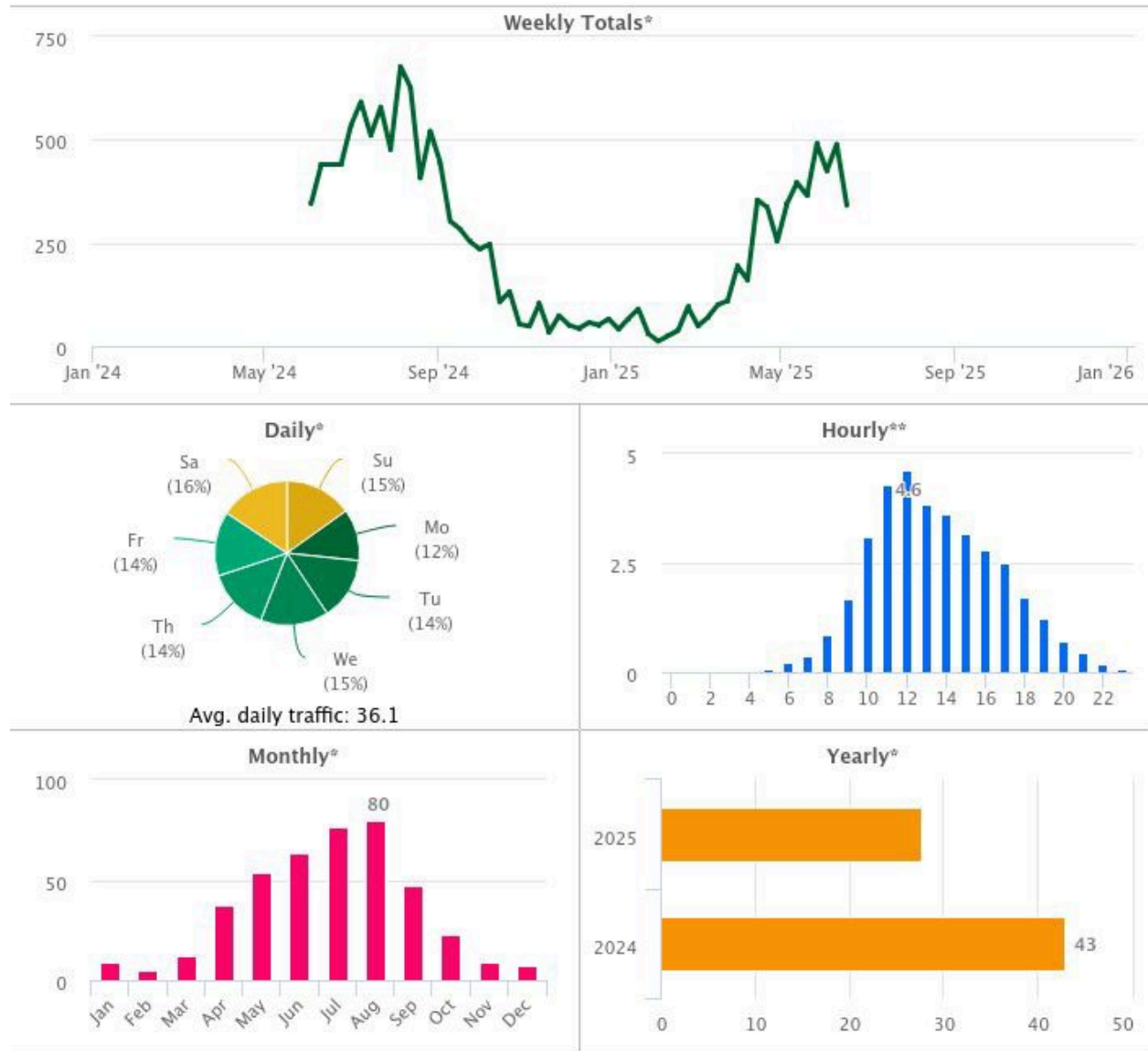
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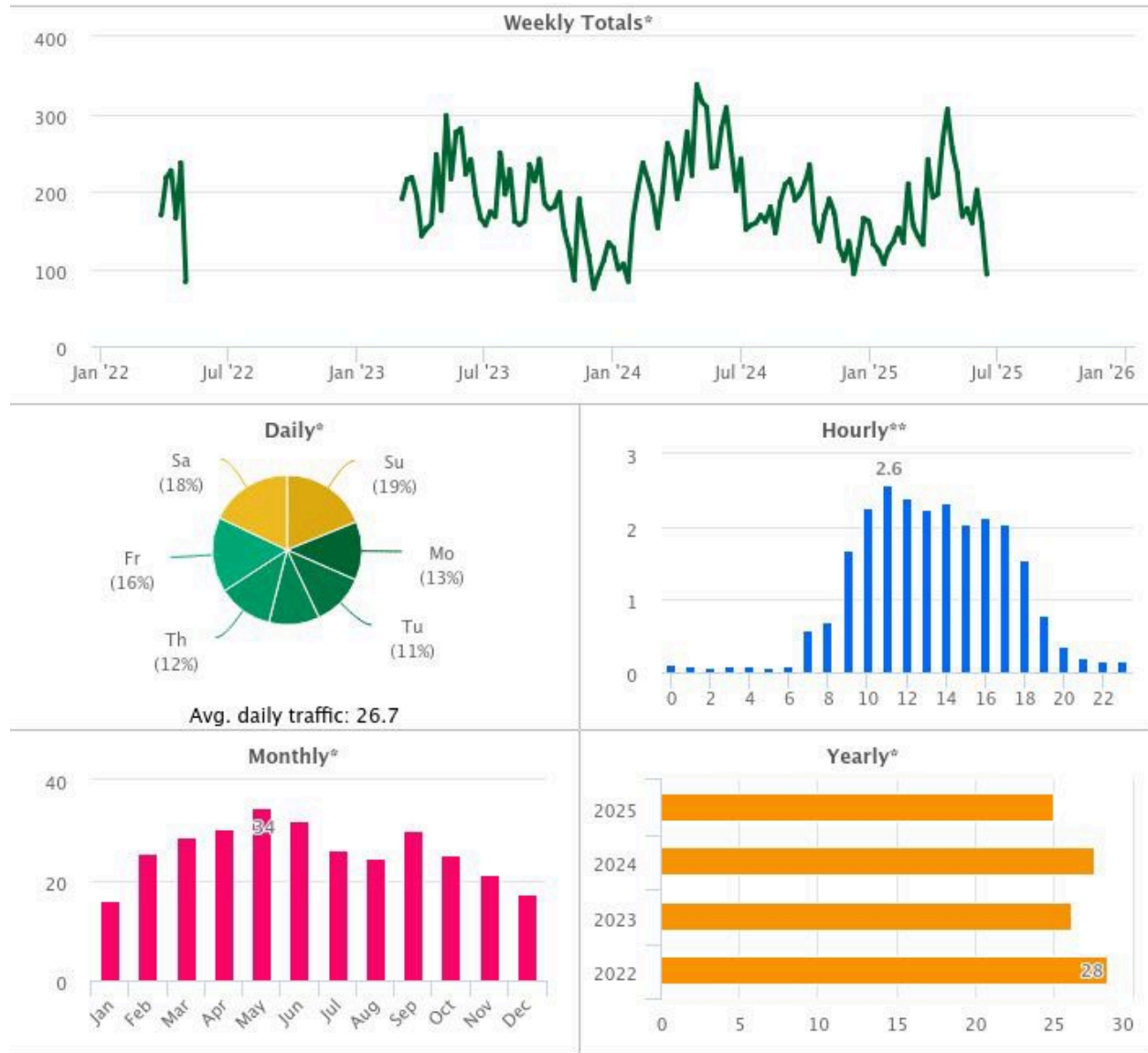
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Log Train Trail Desmond Rd Gate

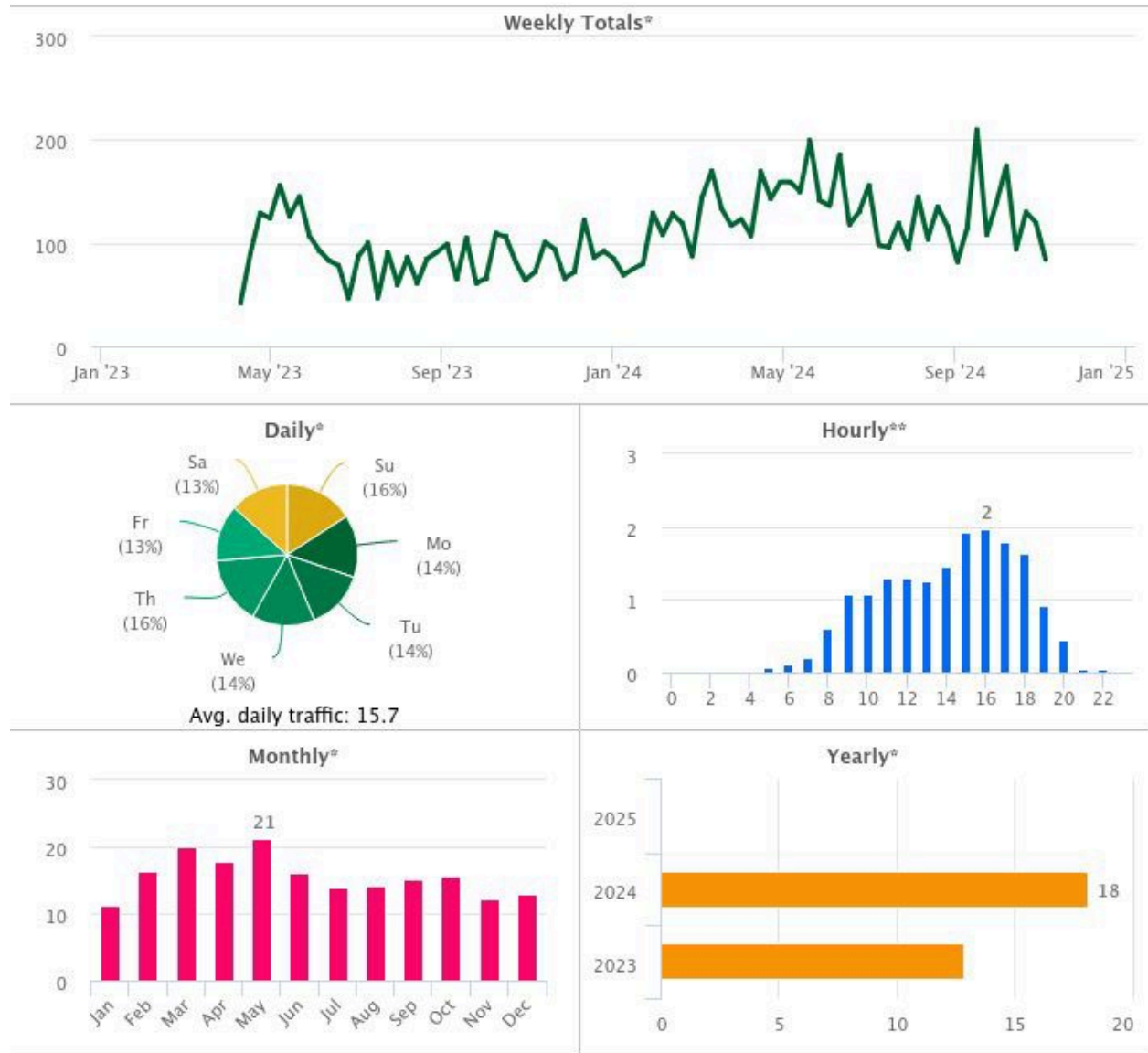
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