



To: Committee of the Whole

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The attached Parks Services 2025 Annual Report provides a summary of service delivery, key operational activities, and progress on priority parks and trails initiatives.

The report outlines work undertaken in 2025 to maintain parks and trail infrastructure, support public use, and advance priority planning and improvement projects across the parks system. It also provides an overview of service levels, asset management, community use, and key priorities that will continue to guide parks service delivery moving forward.

To keep the community informed, the annual report will be made available on the ACRD website.

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ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT



West Coast MUP

ACRD Park Services 2025 Annual Report

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Executive Summary

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Parks Services provide safe, accessible, and practical outdoor recreation opportunities that contribute to the overall livability of the region, while managing public assets in a responsible and sustainable manner.

In 2025, ACRD Parks Services focused on maintaining existing infrastructure, supporting community use, and improving service delivery within available resources. The ACRD currently manages 663 hectares of parkland across 35 parks and approximately 67 km of trails within Regional and Community Parks services.

Key Results – 2025

- Completion of a Linear Asset Inventory and Condition Assessment, improving understanding of infrastructure condition and future replacement needs
- Targeted safety upgrades at Grappler Wharf, addressing known risks in a high-use asset
- Continued invasive species management at Evergreen Park, supported by volunteer partnerships
- Advancement of design work for priority projects, including Dickson Park access improvements and the Faber Trail extension
- Collection of trail use data at 11 locations, recording approximately 75,096 visits, with highest use concentrated in key regional corridors such as the West Coast Multi-Use Pathway

The West Coast Multi-Use Pathway (MUP) recorded the highest overall use, with 13,444 counts in 2025 and peak monthly use of 2,562 in July. Peak daily use occurred during the Evergreen Park Broom Busting event (296 users), and weekly use peaked on the MUP during the week of July 1 (684 users).

These results indicate strong seasonal patterns and concentrated demand in key corridors, supporting data-informed planning and prioritization of maintenance and capital investment.

Asset Management and Service Delivery

ACRD Parks Services manage infrastructure with an estimated current replacement value of approximately \$6.3 million. Asset condition data indicates that a significant portion of infrastructure is aging and will require reinvestment to maintain safe and functional use.

The focus of the service is the responsible management and maintenance of existing public assets, including:

- Ensuring infrastructure is safe for public use
- Addressing hazards in a timely and risk-informed manner
- Planning for long-term replacement of aging assets
- Aligning maintenance practices with available financial resources

Service Levels and Managing Expectations

Maintaining parks and trails across a large geographic area requires balancing community expectations with available resources.

To support this, ACRD applies Levels of Service (LOS) to guide maintenance and inspection practices. Building on operational experience, staff are working toward an updated approach that will:

- Better distinguish between parkland and trail systems
- Align maintenance standards with use, risk, and available resources
- Clearly communicate expected service levels to the public

This work is intended to improve transparency and ensure service delivery remains realistic and financially sustainable.

Value of Volunteer Contributions

Volunteer contributions continue to play a significant role in supporting ACRD Parks Services and reducing overall service costs.

In 2026, staff will develop a Parks Volunteer Framework to provide a more structured and accountable approach to volunteer involvement. The framework will:

- Clarify roles and expectations
- Improve safety and reduce liability risks
- Align volunteer work with ACRD standards and priorities
- Support consistent coordination and reporting

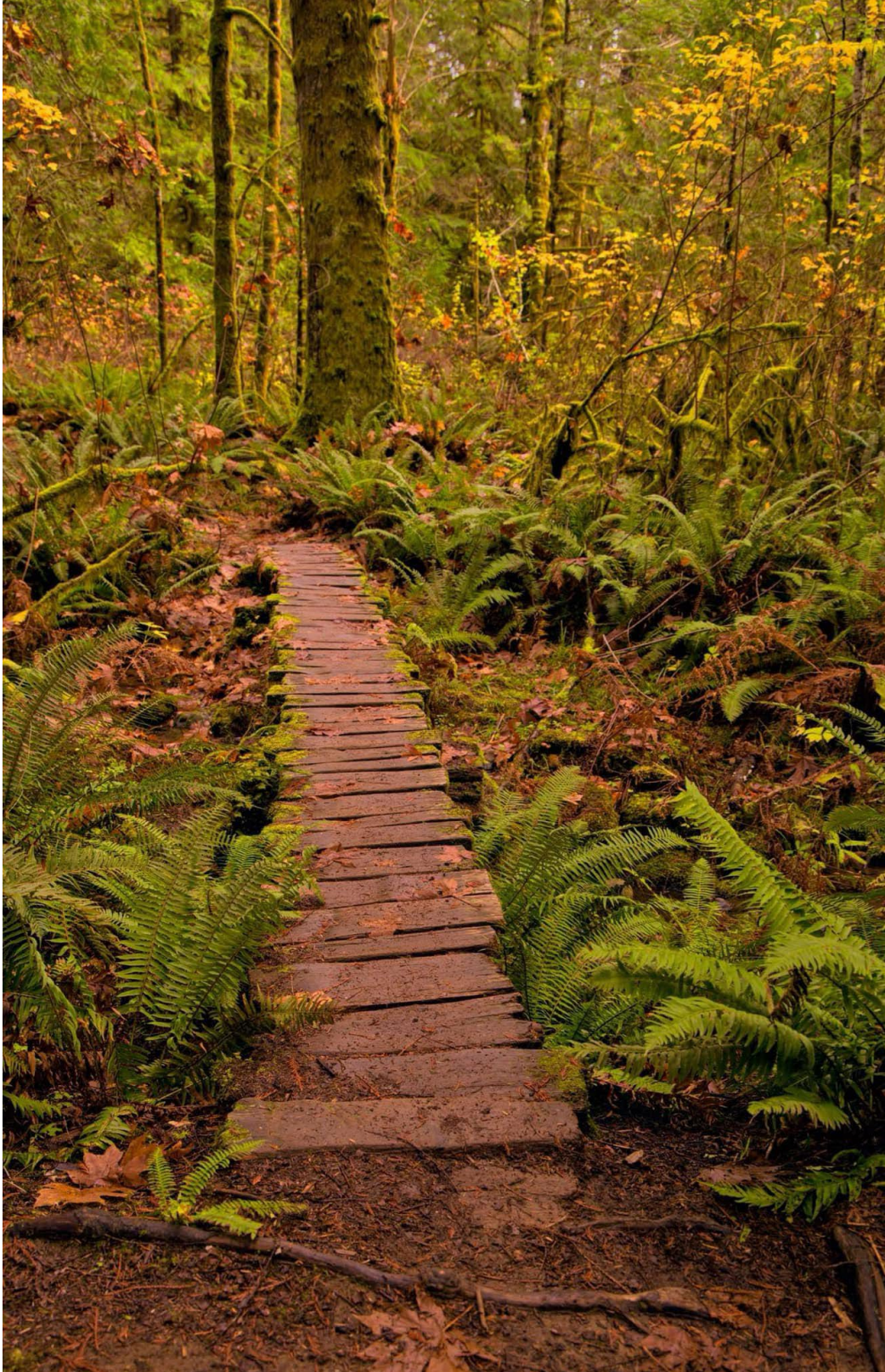
This approach supports continued community stewardship while ensuring safe and effective management of public assets.

Looking Ahead

Key priorities moving forward include:

- Continued use of asset management data to inform maintenance and replacement decisions
- Refinement of Levels of Service to align expectations with available resources
- Advancement of priority projects based on safety and condition
- Development of policies to guide acquisition, governance, and long-term planning
- Implementation planning for a formal volunteer program

ACRD Parks Services will continue to focus on maintaining existing assets, managing risk, and delivering services efficiently while supporting community use and stewardship of parks and trails.



Cherry Creek – Maplehurst Park

Background and History

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) established its regional parks service in 1970 and currently operates five community parks services: Beaver Creek, Cherry Creek, Sproat Lake, Bamfield, and Long Beach.

Regional parks serve the broader population of the ACRD and are intended to meet regional outdoor recreation needs, protect environmentally significant areas, and contribute to tourism within the region. Community parks, by contrast, are designed to serve local residents by providing accessible recreation opportunities and supporting community connection.

Regional parks are funded by the entire Regional District, while 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 29 community parks.

Community parks commissions are established in Electoral Areas A (Bamfield) and D (Sproat Lake). These commissions act as advisory bodies to the Regional Board and Electoral Area Directors on local parks, trails, and outdoor recreation matters. They provide input into park acquisition, development, and maintenance, and play an important role in supporting community engagement and volunteer coordination within their respective areas.

In 2025, the ACRD operated a Regional Parks Working Group (RPWG) to support discussion related to governance, planning, and management of Regional Parks. The working group provided input on topics including asset management, trail planning, and long-term service direction, and served as a forum for engaging a range of community partners.

The RPWG concluded its work in early 2026. Moving forward, Regional Parks matters will continue to be addressed through established Committee of the Whole and Board processes, supported by targeted public engagement initiatives.

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: Community Value and Benefits

ACRD Parks Services provide accessible outdoor recreation opportunities, support environmental stewardship, and contribute to the overall quality of life in the region. The Positive Impact goal focuses on understanding how parks are used and valued, and how this informs service delivery and planning.

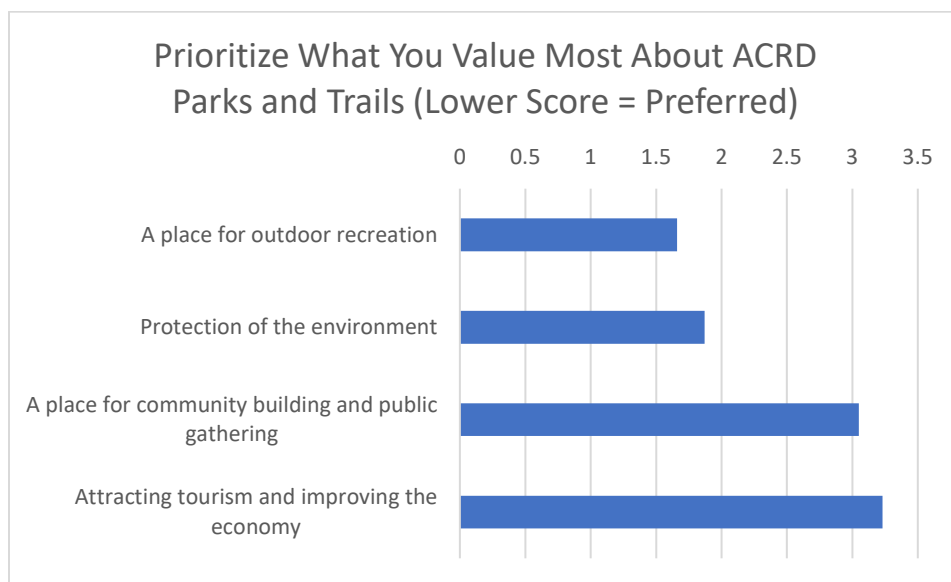
While a comprehensive parks survey was not conducted in 2025, results from the most recent 2024 survey indicate that the highest value identified by respondents was “a place for outdoor recreation,” followed by environmental protection and community gathering space. These results are consistent with previous survey findings and indicate stable community expectations regarding the role of parks services.

Although local survey data is limited for 2025, broader research consistently demonstrates that parks and trails contribute to public health, environmental protection, and local economic activity. These findings are applicable to the ACRD context and support the continued provision of parks services as a core community asset.

Overall, survey results and trail use data indicate that ACRD parks are actively used and valued by the community, with demand concentrated in key locations and seasonal periods. This information supports continued focus on maintaining core infrastructure, prioritizing high-use assets, and aligning service delivery with observed patterns of use.

Graph 1: Park Value Priority

The following chart shows responses when asked to prioritize what you value most about ACRD parks and trails. A lower score represents a preferred value.



These results are consistent with previous surveys. The presented values were ranked and indicate that the primary role of ACRD parks, from a community perspective, is to provide accessible outdoor recreation opportunities, with environmental protection and community use as secondary benefits.

Positive Impact Measurable 2: Park and Trail Use Trends

Trail counter data collected at 11 locations across the ACRD system recorded approximately 75,096 visits in 2025. Use is concentrated in key regional corridors, with the West Coast Multi-Use Pathway accounting for the highest volume of recorded traffic.

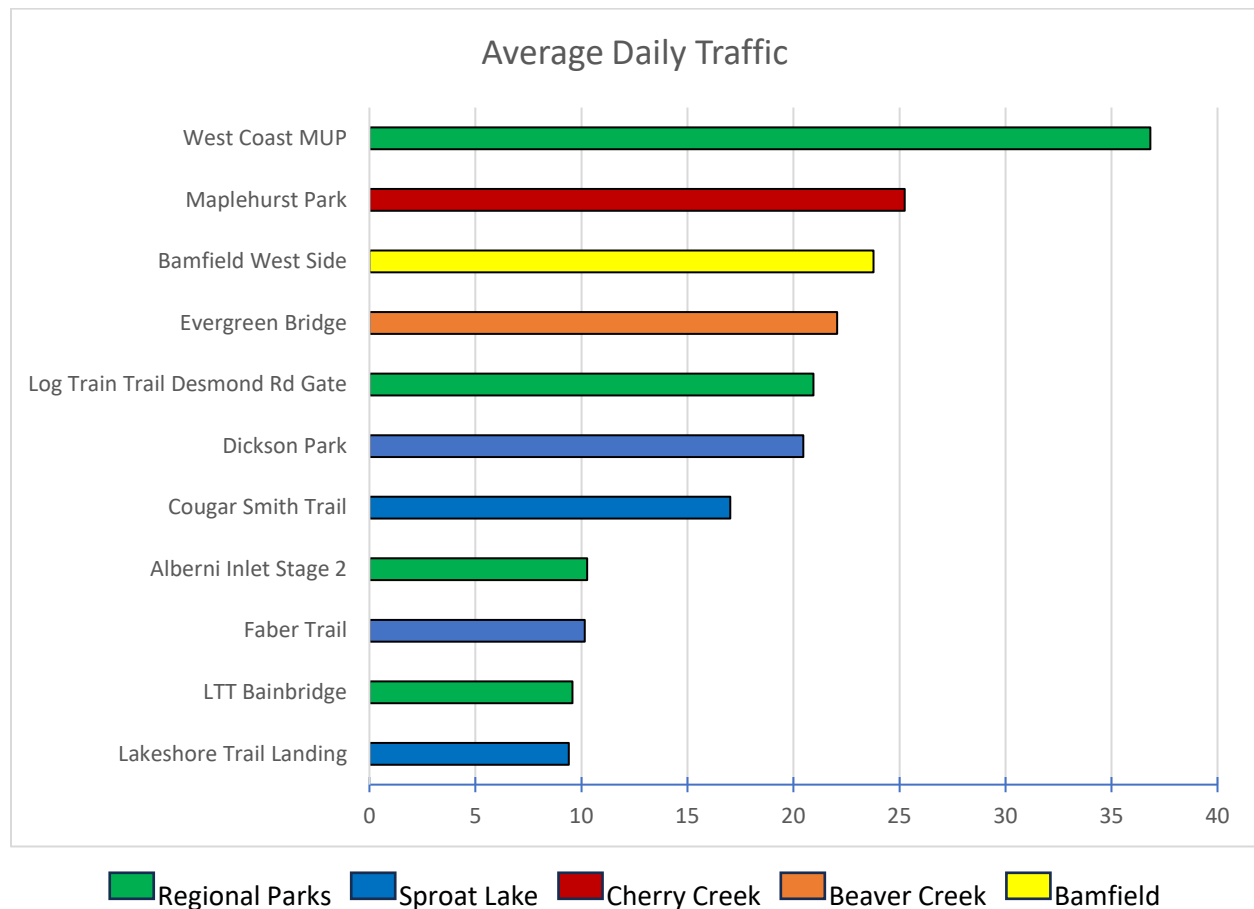
Seasonal trends show peak usage occurring in summer months, particularly July and August, with lower activity during winter periods. This trend is consistent across multiple years of collected data.

Trail counter data provides a useful indicator of park use and supports ongoing planning, maintenance prioritization, and infrastructure investment decisions.

Park and trail use remains strong, with demand concentrated in high-use corridors and peak summer periods, supporting targeted investment and maintenance planning.

Graph 2: Average Daily Traffic 2025 Trail Counter Data

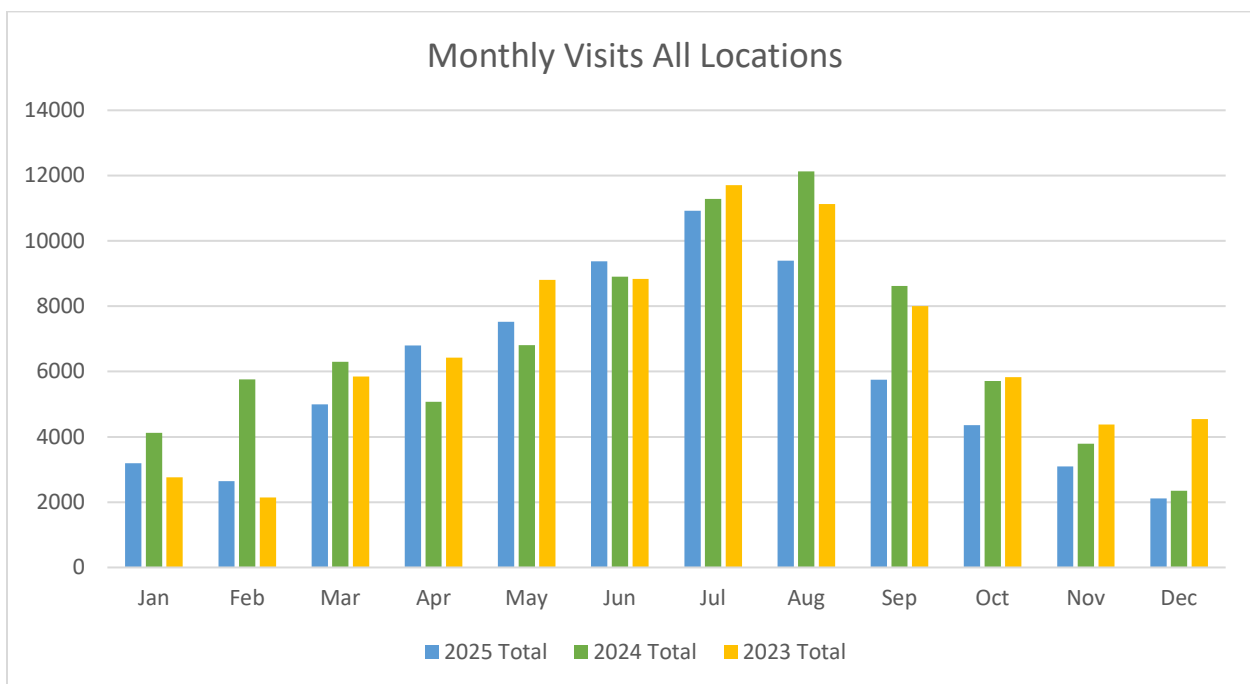
The below graph represents average daily traffic from the trail counter locations that collected data in 2025.



This graph shows average daily traffic varies significantly across the ACRD Parks system, with use concentrated in a small number of high-demand corridors such as the West Coast Multi-Use Pathway, while many sites experience moderate to low levels of use. This variation supports a service delivery approach that prioritizes maintenance and investment in high-use assets while aligning lower-use areas with more moderate Levels of Service.

Graph 3: Monthly Visits All Locations 2023-2025 Data Combined

The below graph displays total monthly visits for each month recorded from trail counter data from 2023 to 2025. It is representative of seasonal trends in trail use, illustrating higher activity levels during summer months and reduced use during winter. These trends are consistent with previous years and reflect seasonal recreation patterns within the region.



Monthly visitation data shows a consistent seasonal pattern, with peak demand occurring in July and August and lower use in winter months. While total annual use varies slightly between years, overall patterns remain stable, supporting a service delivery approach that prioritizes peak-season maintenance while maintaining baseline service levels year-round.

An example of further detailed trail counter information is attached as Appendix D.

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 closely tied to the expectations users have for their experience at a given park or trail. Managing these expectations and delivering consistent, sustainable service requires a clear understanding of how different parks and trails are intended to function and the level of service they are designed to provide.

The ACRD currently applies Levels of Service to parks and trails to help guide maintenance standards, inspection frequency, and resource allocation. These levels range from high-profile parks with frequent maintenance and intensive use, to natural areas with minimal or no routine maintenance. The intent of this approach is to align service delivery with community needs, available resources, and the intended use of each asset.

Through recent planning work, including the Log Train Trail Management Plan and ongoing asset management initiatives, staff have identified opportunities to improve how Levels of Service (LOS) are defined and applied. In particular, it has been identified that the existing LOS framework—originally developed primarily for parkland—does not translate well to linear trail systems, which function differently and are more influenced by natural conditions, user preparedness, and variability in terrain.

As part of ongoing service improvement, staff are currently developing an updated Level of Service framework that introduces several key concepts:

- A distinction between parkland and trail assets, recognizing their different functions and management needs
- Consideration of both user experience (customer LOS) and operational requirements (technical LOS)
- A more explicit risk-based approach to inspection, maintenance, and hazard response
- Clearer communication of what users can expect when visiting different types of parks and trails

This evolving approach is intended to better align service delivery with how parks and trails are used, while supporting sustainable operations and informed decision-making.

The current Levels of Service applied across ACRD parks are shown in the table below. These classifications continue to guide operations, while updated service definitions are being developed for future consideration by the Board.

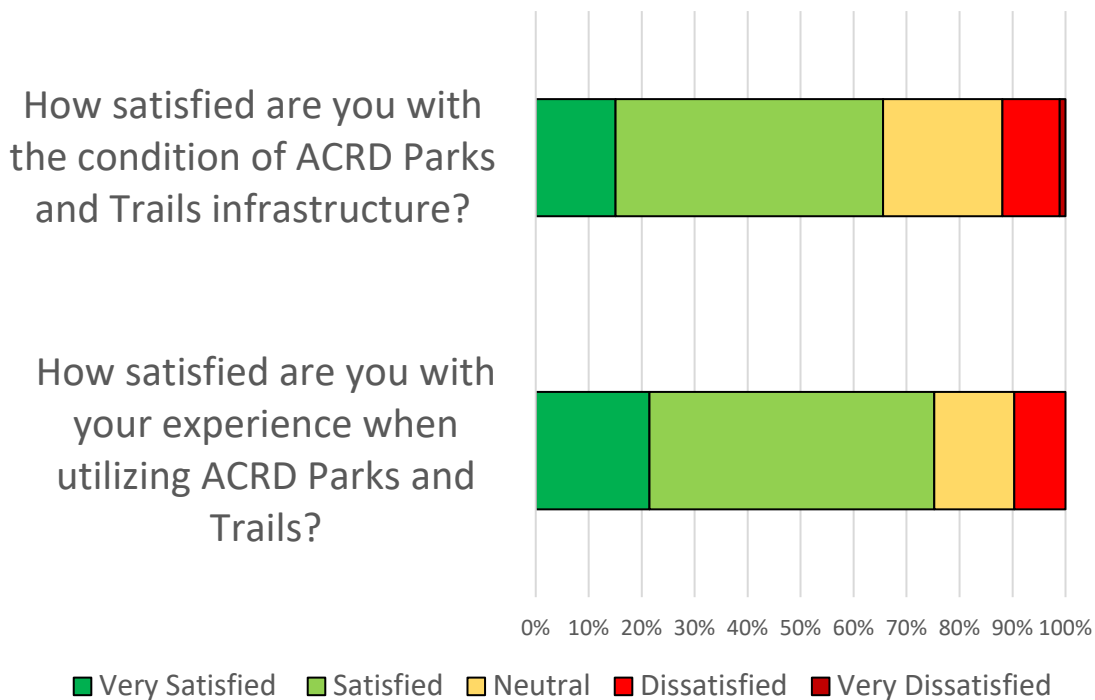
Level Of Service	Parks
Level 1	West Coast Multi Use Pathway
Level 2	China Creek Regional Park, Salmon Beach Public Square, Eileen Scott Park, West Park, Cougar Smith Park, Dickson Park, Faber Road Trail, Lakeshore Road Trail, Cherry Creek Pathway, Nordstrom Park
Level 3	Alberni Inlet Trail, Log Train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

The results of the most recent parks survey completed in 2024 indicate a high level of overall user satisfaction, with a greater proportion of respondents indicating they are satisfied or very satisfied with both their experience and the condition of parks and trails compared to previous years.

These results suggest that, overall, current service levels are meeting user expectations. As updated Levels of Service are developed, future monitoring of user satisfaction will continue to be an important tool in evaluating whether service delivery aligns with community expectations and available resources.

Graph 4: Park User Satisfaction

The below graph represents the responses to two questions on park user satisfaction for infrastructure and general experience.

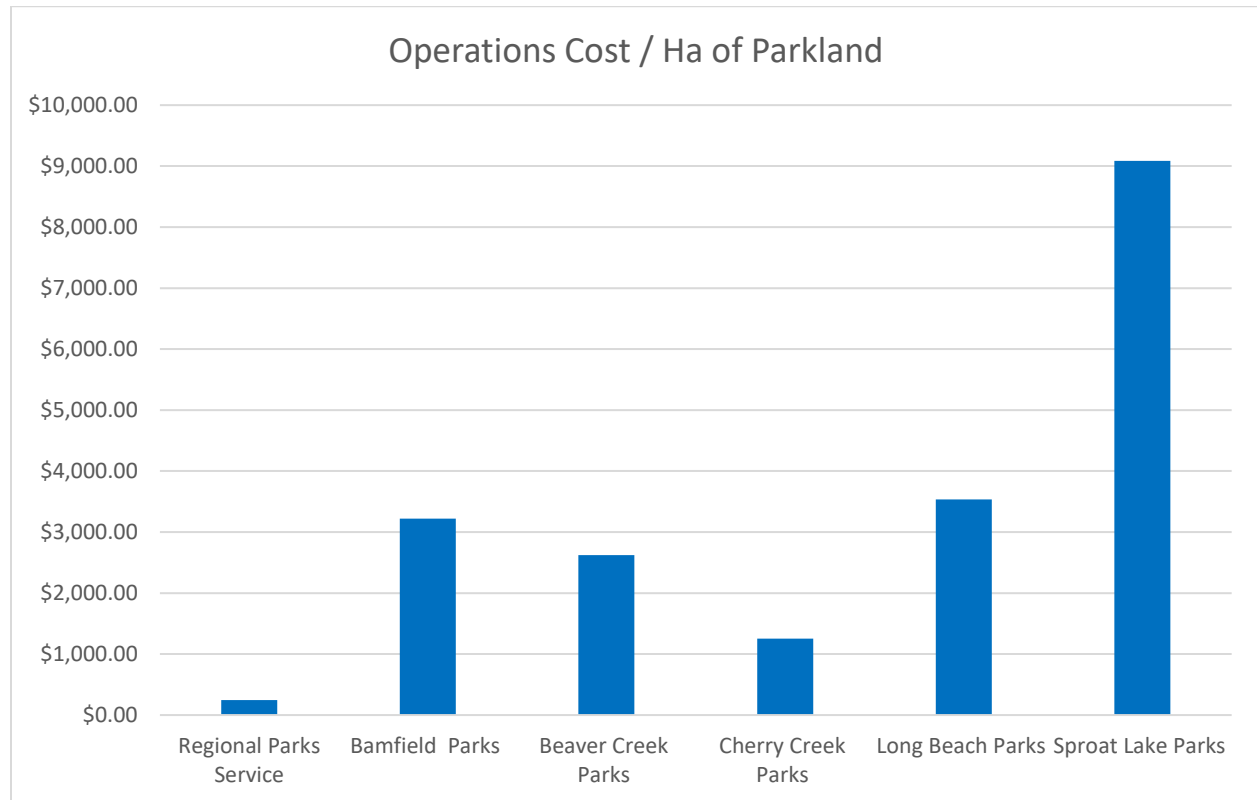


Survey results indicate high overall user satisfaction with ACRD parks and trails, with stronger satisfaction related to user experience than infrastructure condition. While most users report positive

experiences, neutral and lower satisfaction responses related to infrastructure suggest opportunities for targeted maintenance and asset improvement.

Operations/Service Levels Measurable 2: Operating Costs by Service Area

Graph 5: Cost Per Hectare of Parkland



The above graph illustrates the variation in operating cost per hectare across ACRD Park Services. These differences are primarily driven by the level of service and the type and amount of infrastructure within each service.

For example, the Cherry Creek Parks Service consists largely of Maplehurst Park, which includes a large area of natural forest with minimal infrastructure and relies heavily on volunteer-maintained trails, resulting in lower operating costs. In contrast, the Sproat Lake Parks Service includes predominantly developed parkland such as Cougar Smith Park, Faber Trail, and Lakeshore Trail, which contain significant built infrastructure including playgrounds, sports courts, irrigated fields, and bike park features. These assets require higher levels of maintenance and contracted services, resulting in higher operating costs.

Overall, the data demonstrates that operating costs are closely aligned with service levels and asset complexity, supporting a service delivery approach that matches investment with the intensity of use and infrastructure provided.

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

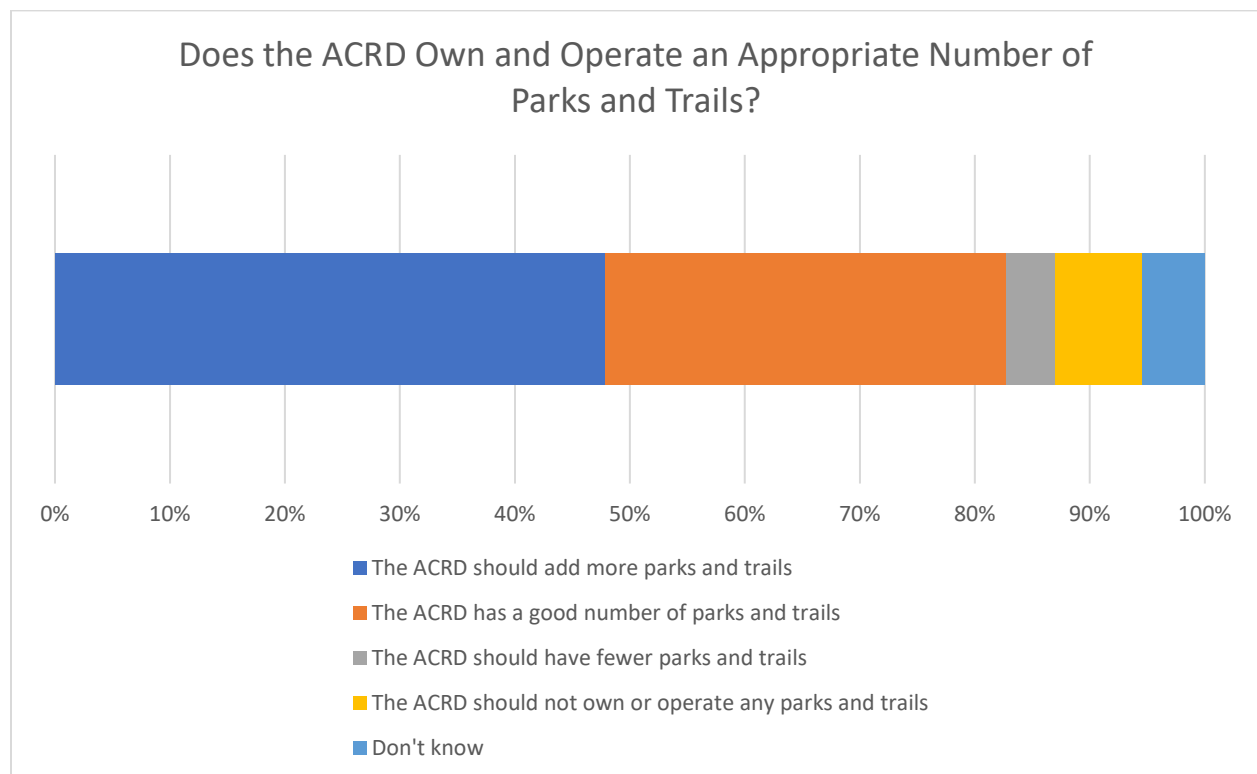
Acquisition

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

Acquisition Measurable 1: Acquisition of New Regional or Culturally Significant Parkland

There was 1.02 hectares of parkland acquired under the Sproat Lake Parks Service in 2025. This parkland was acquired through subdivision parkland dedication at Taylor Arm Drive and Sander Drive. 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.

Graph 6: Does the ACRD Own and Operate an Appropriate Number of Parks and Trails?



The above graph shows responses from the 2024 parks survey regarding whether the ACRD owns and operates an appropriate number of parks and trails. Results are consistent with previous years and indicate that a majority of respondents either support expanding the parks system or feel that the current number of parks and trails is appropriate. A smaller proportion of respondents indicated that there should be fewer or no parks and trails.

These results suggest that community expectations generally support maintaining or increasing the current level of parkland, while also highlighting the importance of ensuring that future acquisitions are aligned with community needs and available resources.

Infrastructure

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

Infrastructure Measurable 1: Infrastructure Meets Adopted Standards

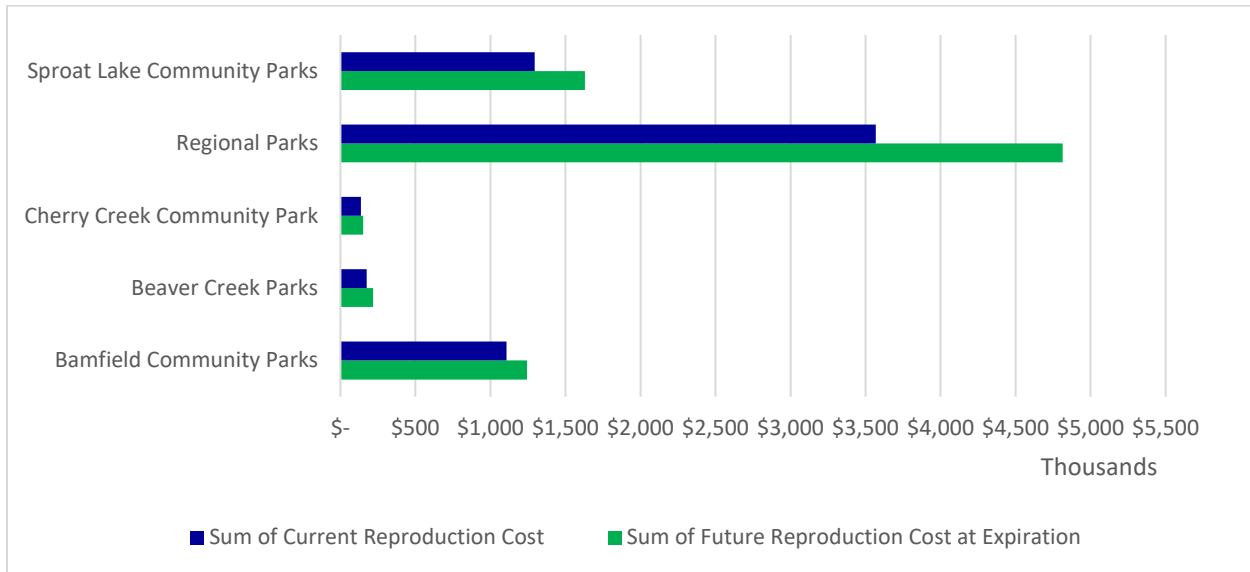
Service Name	2021 Census Pop	Asset Reproduction Cost	Reproduction Cost/Person	# of Parks in Service	Park Area	Ha/1,000 People	Trails and Pathways
Regional Parks Service	33,521	\$3,569,145	\$106.47	6	613.14 Ha	18.29	52.65 km
Bamfield Community Parks	256	\$1,106,225	\$4,321.19	7	9.27 Ha	36.21	0.35 km
Beaver Creek Community Parks	2,946	\$175,304	\$59.51	7	12.13 Ha	4.12	1.83 km
Cherry Creek Community Parks	1,977	\$134,946	\$68.26	2	14.97 Ha	7.57	2.2 km
Long Beach Community Parks	875	NA	NA	1	1.98 Ha	2.26	0
Sproat Lake Community Parks	1,843	\$1,294,644	\$702.47	12	11.56 Ha	6.27	6.8 km
Total		\$6,281,264		35	663.05 Ha		66.94 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 2025, the parks linear asset inventory and condition assessment project significantly improved the accuracy of the asset registry and the parks asset management program.

Graph 7: ACRD Parks Reproduction Cost Per Parks Service

The below graph identifies the current reproduction cost of all assets within a park service. That is the cost required if that service would replace all assets that currently exist within the service.

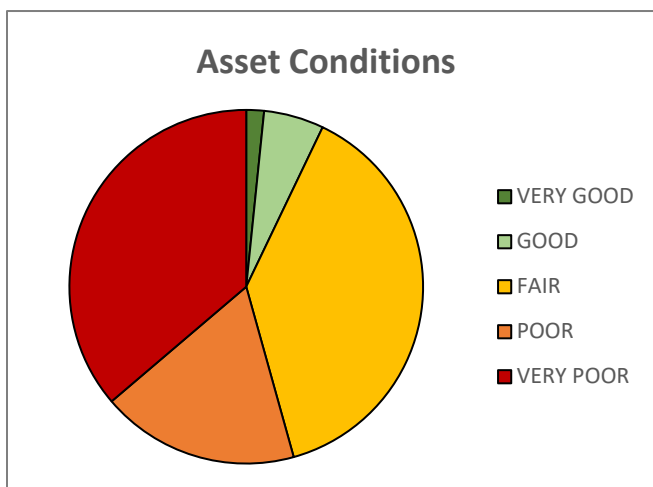


The chart illustrates Regional Parks and more developed community park systems such as Sproat Lake and Bamfield representing the majority of assets, highlighting the need for long-term asset management and financial planning, particularly for higher-value and more developed park systems.

Parks infrastructure has a total current reproduction value of \$6,281,264. This does not include a contingency for construction, engineering, financial, legal or administration costs. Subject to inflation, the estimated future replacement costs are \$8,056,670 for current infrastructure at the end of the components estimated service life.

Graph 8: Asset Conditions

The below graph identifies the proportion of assets in each condition category (very good – very poor)



The chart indicates that a majority of ACRD park assets are in fair to very poor condition, with only a small proportion in good or very good condition.

Asset condition data indicates that a substantial portion of existing park infrastructure is at or nearing the end of its service life and does not meet modern standards, reinforcing the need for prioritized reinvestment and long-term capital planning.

Infrastructure Measurable 3: Safety Incidents

The ACRD received 10 complaints and four reports of an incident within the parks services in 2025. 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 five ACRD playgrounds received comprehensive inspections twice during the 2025 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

Volunteers and community organizations play a critical role in the delivery, stewardship, and ongoing success of ACRD Parks Services. A substantial portion of park and trail maintenance, enhancement, and programming is supported by dedicated local groups and individuals who contribute time, expertise, and local knowledge.

The ACRD currently works with a range of community groups including the Backcountry Horsemen Society, Alberni Outdoor Club, Bamfield Community Affairs, Alpine Club of Canada, and other informal volunteer groups. These contributions significantly enhance park infrastructure, trail accessibility, and overall user experience while strengthening community connection and stewardship.

Historically, volunteer involvement in ACRD parks has occurred through a largely informal approach. While this has enabled a high level of community participation, it has also presented challenges related to consistency, coordination, safety standards, and risk management. As park use, infrastructure complexity, and public expectations continue to grow, there is an increasing need for a more structured and transparent approach to volunteer involvement.

In 2025, the ACRD board directed staff to develop a Parks Volunteer Framework to establish a more consistent and coordinated approach to volunteer participation. The framework is to be based on a community group–managed model, where the ACRD works in partnership with organized groups through formal agreements. Under this approach:

- Volunteer activities are coordinated through recognized partner organizations.
- Staff provide oversight and direction to ensure activities align with ACRD standards and priorities.
- Safety requirements, training expectations, and insurance coverage are clearly defined.
- Volunteer work is documented and reported to support accountability and asset management.

This evolving approach represents a shift toward a more structured and sustainable volunteer program that balances the benefits of community-driven stewardship with the operational needs of a local government. It also supports improved alignment between volunteer activities and Levels of Service by ensuring that work undertaken by volunteers reflects the intended maintenance standards, risk considerations, and user experience of each park or trail.

The continued support and development of volunteer partnerships remains a priority for ACRD Parks Services, as volunteerism is essential to maintaining and enhancing parks and trails across the region in a financially sustainable manner.

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.

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.

Parks services were a common topic at OCP public engagement events in 2025. As the ACRD continues to update Electoral Area OCPs, current park operations and the future of park development will be a significant component of community planning.

Projects

Completed 2025 Projects

Parks Commission Recruitment (Bamfield)

The term for members of the Bamfield Parks Commission expired, and recruitment was completed to re-establish an active and functioning commission.

Parks Identification and Wayfinding Signage

Installation of park identification and wayfinding signage continued across all park services to improve navigation and user experience.

Linear Asset Condition Assessment

Completed in fall 2025, this project improved mapping and condition data for key infrastructure, including bridges, boardwalks, and wharf structures, supporting the asset management program.

Dickson Park Marine Access Design

Concept design for marine access infrastructure at Dickson Park was completed to support future improvements.

Faber Trail Extension Design

Concept design for extending the Faber Trail to Cougar Smith Park was completed in spring 2025.

Evergreen Park Broom Removal

In partnership with Alberni Valley Broombusters and the Backcountry Horsemen, a significant Scotch broom infestation was removed from the Evergreen Park back field.

Grappler Wharf Safety Upgrades

Safety improvements, including installation of ladders, bull rail, and float repairs, were completed to address identified risks.

Projects in Progress or Beginning in 2026

Website Enhancements

Ongoing improvements to the ACRD website to enhance access to parks information, project updates, and opportunities for community participation and feedback.

Parks Commission Procedures and Guidelines

Development of formal procedures and guidelines to clarify roles, improve efficiency, and support volunteer participation within parks commissions.

Asset Inventory and Condition Assessments

Ongoing improvements to the parks asset register and condition data to better inform asset management and long-term planning (grant dependent).

Parks Signage Improvements

Continued design and installation of park identification, information, and wayfinding signage across all ACRD parks.

Trails Level of Service and Classification

Development of updated Levels of Service and classification framework for parks and trails, reflecting differences between parkland and linear trail systems.

Log Train Trail (LTT) Lease Negotiation (MOTT)

Negotiation of a new lease agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to support implementation of the LTT Management Plan.

Log Train Trail Lease Transition Planning

Development of a transition plan to implement updated governance and allowable uses identified in the LTT Management Plan.

Maplehurst Cherry Creek Access Planning

Planning and development of improved access to Maplehurst Park.

Maplehurst Renaming Initiative

Working with Tseshah and Hupacasath Nations to establish a Nuuchah-nulth name for Maplehurst Park.

Maplehurst Bridge and Boardwalk Repairs

Assessment and planned repair or replacement of four bridge and boardwalk structures within Maplehurst Park.

Dickson Park Marine Access Improvements

Advancement of improvements to the swimming dock access walkway, based on the 2025 concept design, with further scope development by the Sproat Lake Parks Commission.

Lot 950 Crown Land Investigation

Investigation of potential acquisition or Section 57/56 application for recreational use of Crown land adjacent to Taylor Arm Drive.

Evergreen Park Broom Reclamation

Ongoing management and replanting efforts to prevent reinfestation of Scotch broom and improve ecological conditions.

Maquinna Trails Investigation

Review of a proposal to apply for a Section 57 Crown land permit for the Maquinna Trails system.

Cougars Pass Investigation

Investigation of a potential Section 57 Crown land trail permit for trails in the Bamfield area.

Great Central Lake Boat Launch Concept Design

Development of a concept design to guide future improvements to the public boat launch infrastructure.

Volunteer Program Development

Development of a formal framework to support volunteer coordination, safety, and alignment with ACRD operational priorities.

Cougar Smith Park Septic Assessment

Condition assessment of the septic system to inform maintenance and future upgrades.

Projects on the Horizon (2026+)

Parks Acquisition Policy

Development of a Parkland Acquisition Policy to guide consistent and strategic parkland acquisition decisions in collaboration with Planning.

Parks Donation and Dedication Program

Development of a framework to support donations, dedications, and memorial installations within parks services.

Regional Parks Governance Review

Review of governance and funding structure for the Regional Parks Service to ensure alignment with long-term objectives.

Log Train Trail Network Expansion

Investigation of opportunities to expand the LTT network to include informal access points identified in the Management Plan.

Franklin River Bridge (Grant Dependent)

Proposed pedestrian bridge project, subject to securing grant funding following completion of feasibility work.

Smiley Rink Board Replacement

Replacement or upgrade of deteriorated rink boards in Bamfield.

Eileen Scott Park Pavilion Construction

Proposed pavilion structure to provide covered gathering space, subject to approvals.

Nordstrom Park Improvements

Further project scoping to identify community needs required.

Kitsuksis Crown Land Trail Integration (Beaver Creek & Cherry Creek)

Potential formalization of existing informal Crown land trails within community park services.

Maplehurst Park Sensitive Ecosystem Planning

Identification, mapping, and protection of environmentally sensitive areas within Maplehurst Park.

Great Central Lake Boat Launch Capital Improvements

Future upgrades to boat launch infrastructure.

Mount Arrowsmith Road Improvements

Assessment and potential upgrades to improve road condition and ensure safe access.

Appendix A – Park Service Data Sheet

ACRD PARKS SERVICE DATA SHEET - 2025

ACRD	Regional Parks Service	Bamfield Parks	Beaver Creek Parks	Cherry Creek Parks	Long Beach Parks/MUP	Sproat Lake Parks	Total
2021 Census population	33,521	256	2,946	1,977	875	1,843	-
Asset Replacement Value	\$3,569,145	\$1,106,225	\$175,304	\$134,946	\$0	\$1,294,644	\$6,281,264
Asset Replacement Value / Person	\$106.47	\$4,321.19	\$59.51	\$68.26	\$0	\$702.47	-
# of Parks in Service	6	7	7	2	1	12	35
Total Parkland Area (Ha)	613.14	9.27	12.13	14.97	1.98	11.56	663.05
Ha/1,000 People	18.29	36.21	4.12	7.57	2.26	6.27	-
Trails and Pathways (KM)	52.65	0.35	1.83	2.2	3.13	6.8	66.94
2025 Financial Plan base operations cost	\$151,165	\$27,831	\$31,794.00	\$22,025	\$7,100.00	\$123,392	-
2025 Service Tax Requisition	\$166,000	\$34,137	\$29,967.00	\$20,725	\$7,000.00	\$122,437	-
Operations Cost / Person	\$4.51	\$108.71	\$10.79	\$11.14	\$8.11	\$66.95	-
2025 tax requisition / Person	\$4.95	\$133.35	\$10.17	\$10.48	\$8.00	\$66.43	-
Operations cost / ha of parkland	\$246.54	\$3,002.27	\$2,621.10	\$1,471.27	\$3,141.59	\$10,674.05	-
New parkland acquired 2025 (ha)	0	0	0	0	0	1.02	1.02
Safety incidents / complaints	4	2	2	0	0	6	14
average annual traffic / counter	6,250 needs MUP	8,678	8,052	9,215	Insufficient data	5,205	10544

Appendix B –Survey General Parks Questions

ACRD Parks User Satisfaction Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

11 January 2021 - 15 May 2025

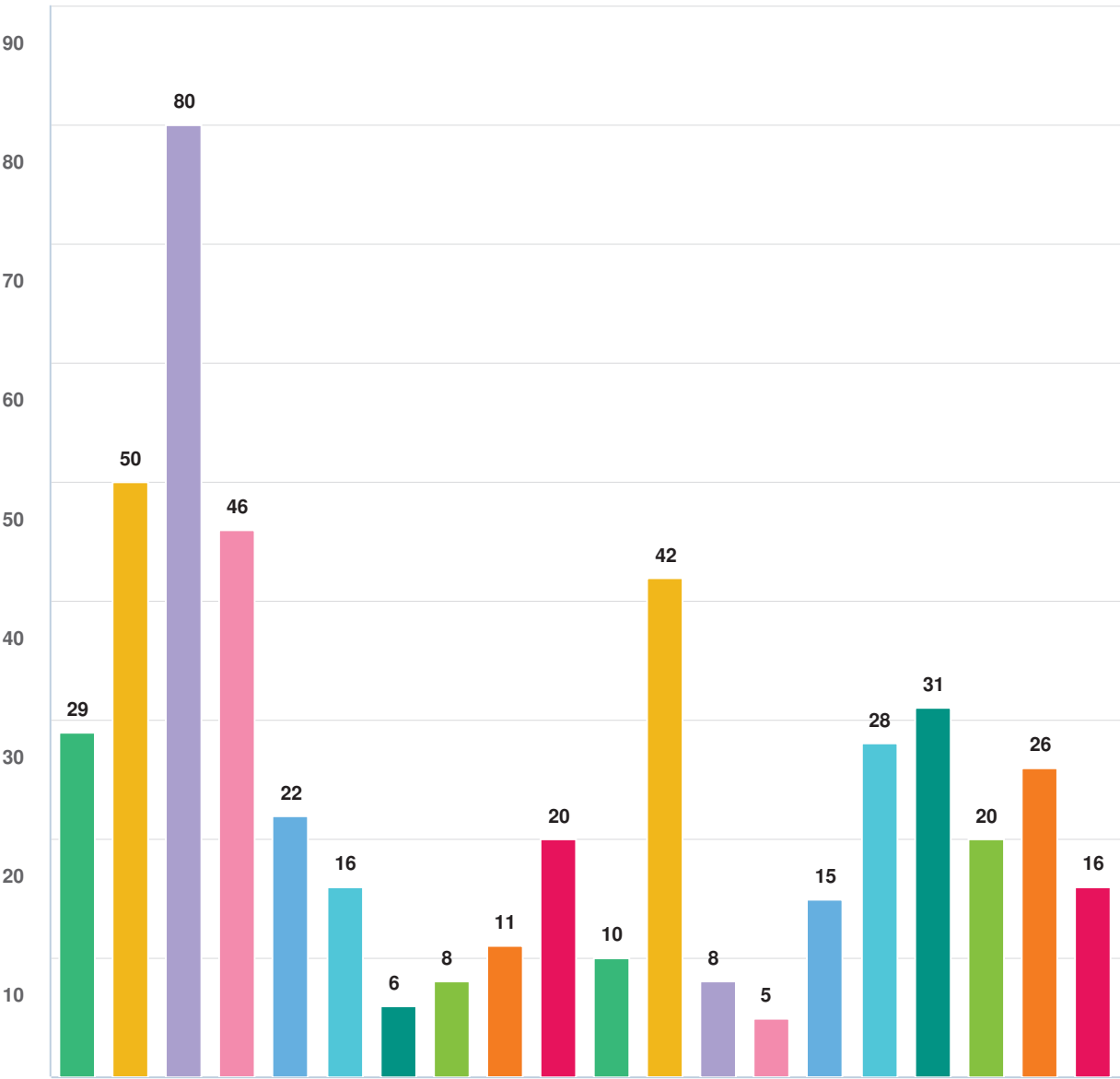
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ACRD Parks User Satisfaction Survey



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 Which ACRD park(s) have you been to in 2024? (Select all that apply)

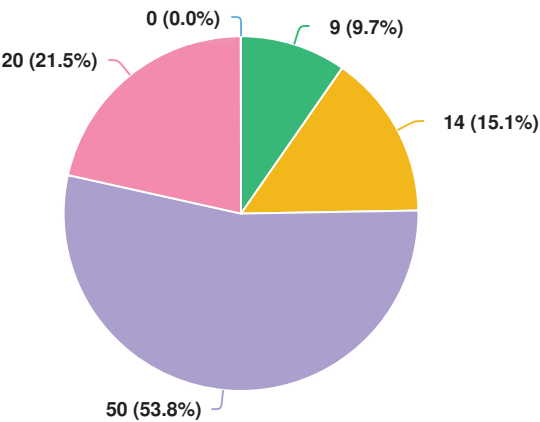


Question options

- Mount Arrowsmith Park (Regional)
- China Creek Park (Regional)
- Log Train Trail (Regional)
- Alberni Inlet Trail (Regional)
- West Coast Multi-Use Pathway (Regional)
- West Bamfield Park (Bamfield)
- Eagle Bay Park (Bamfield)
- West Coast Magic Park (Bamfield)
- Eileen Scott Centennial Park (Bamfield)
- Evergreen Park (Beaver Creek)
- Nordstrom Park (Beaver Creek)
- Maplehurst Park (Cherry Creek)
- Willowbrae Park (Long Beach)
- Salmon Beach Public Square (Salmon Beach)
- Dickson Park (Sproat Lake)
- Cherry Creek Pathway (Cherry Creek)
- Cougar Smith Park (Sproat Lake)
- Great Central Lake Boat Launch (Sproat Lake)
- Faber Road Trail (Sproat Lake)
- Lakeshore Road Trail (Sproat Lake)

Optional question (92 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q2 | How satisfied are you with your experience when utilizing ACRD Parks and Trails?

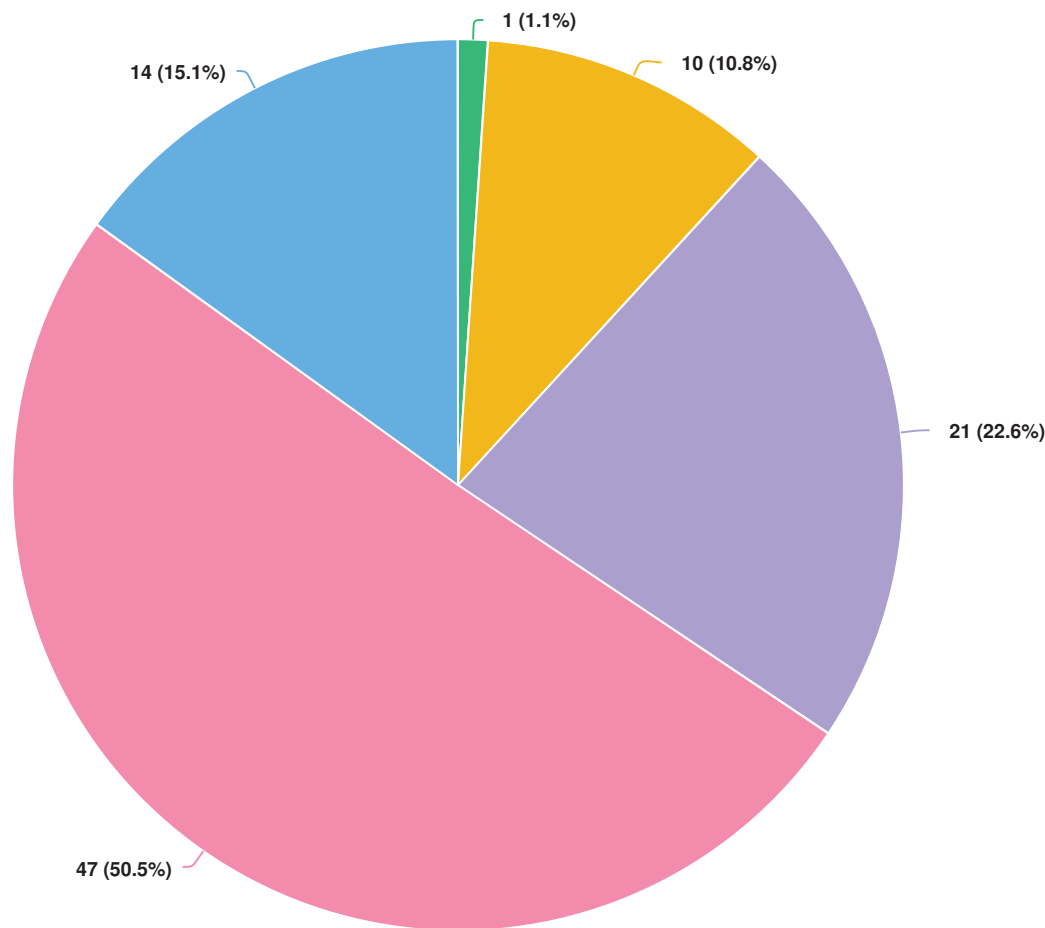


Question options

● unsatisfied ● Neutral ● Satisfied ● Very Satisfied ● Very unsatisfied

Optional question (93 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Emoji Question

Q3 How satisfied are you with the condition of ACRD Parks and Trails infrastructure?



Question options

Very unsatisfied Unsatisfied Neutral Satisfied Very Satisfied

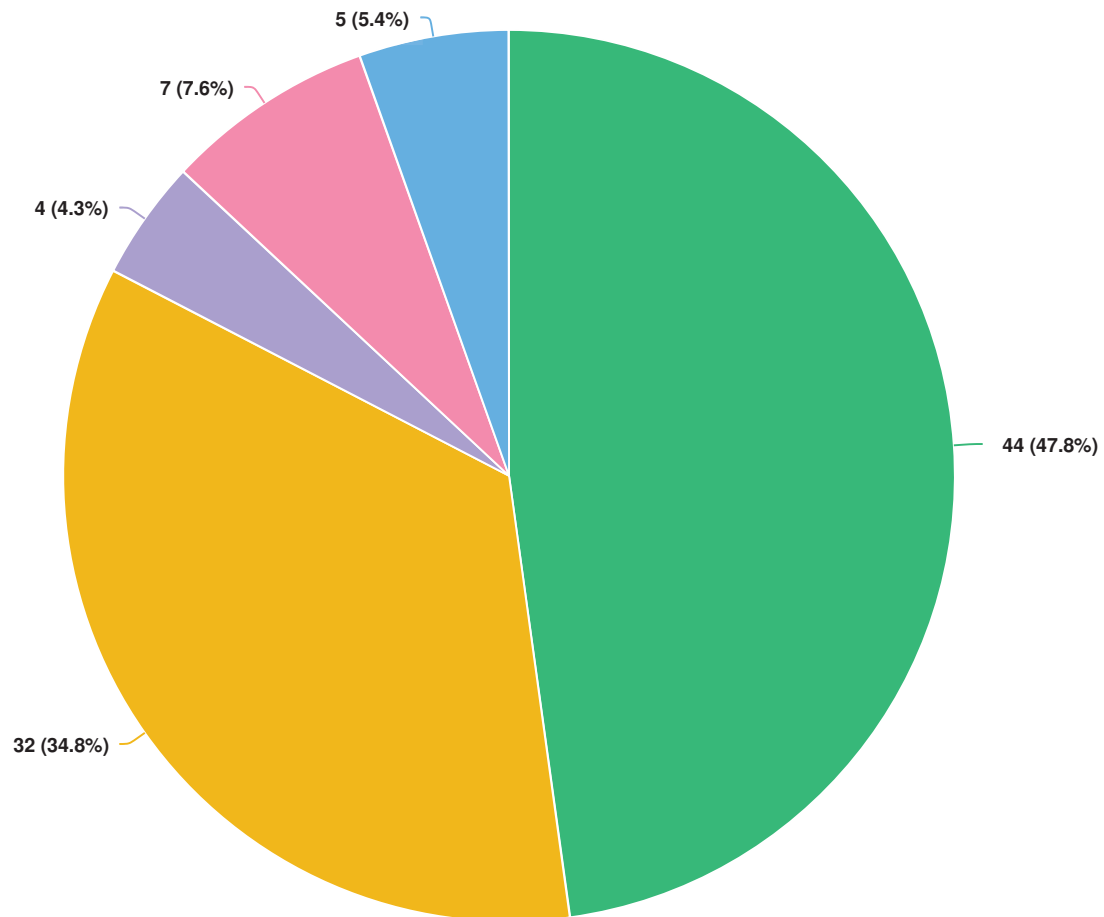
Optional question (93 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Emoji Question

Q4 | Prioritize what you value most about ACRD Parks and Trails. (1= most valued, 4= least valued)

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
A place for outdoor recreation	1.66
Protection of the environment	1.87
A place for community building and public gathering	3.05
Attracting tourism and improving the economy	3.23

Optional question (91 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Ranking Question

Q5 Does the ACRD own and operate an appropriate number of parks and trails?



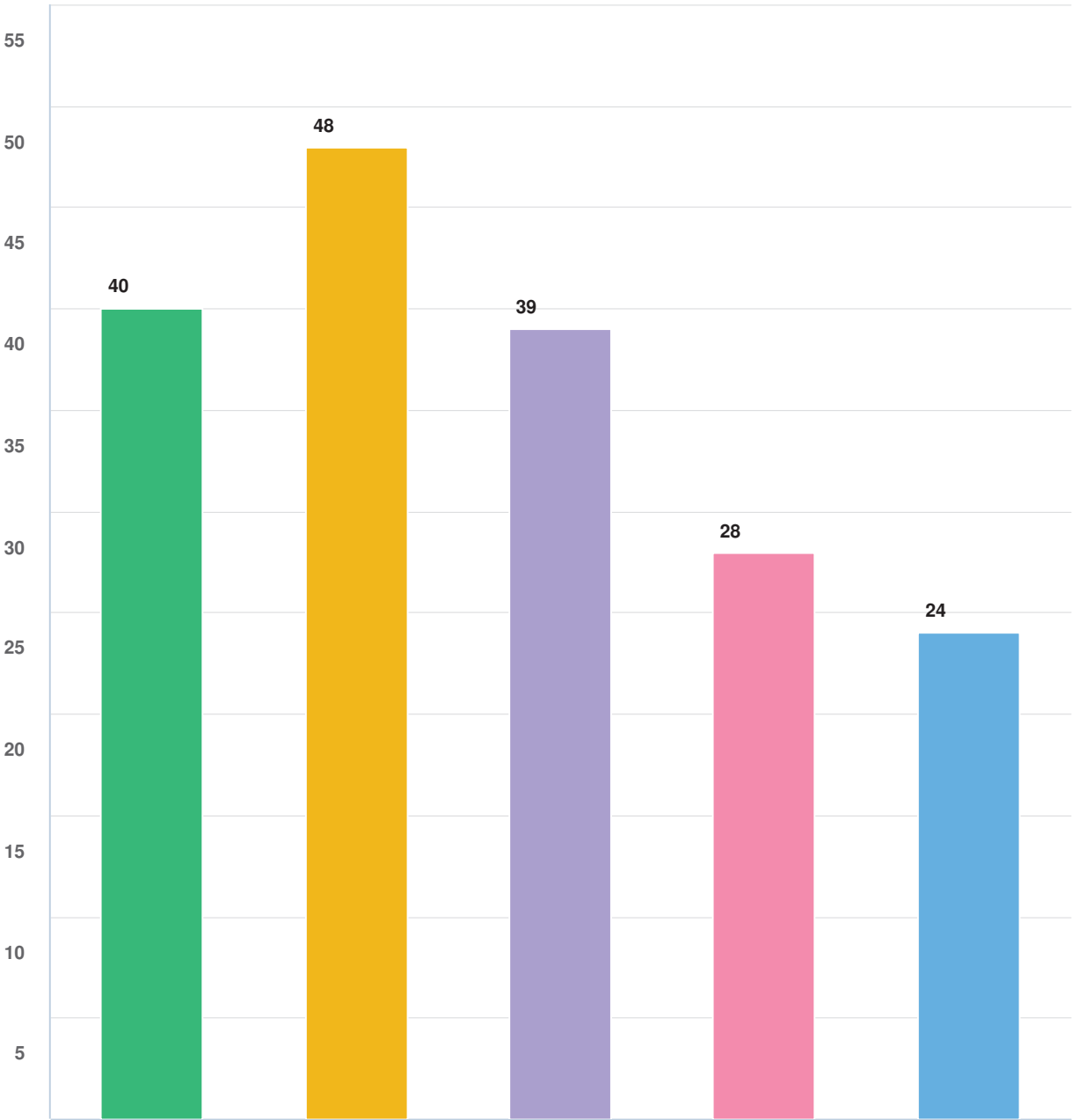
Question options

- The ACRD should add more parks and trails
- The ACRD has a good number of parks and trails
- The ACRD should have fewer parks and trails
- The ACRD should not own or operate any parks and trails
- I don't know

Optional question (92 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q6 Which aspect(s) do you believe need increased investment from the ACRD? Select all that apply

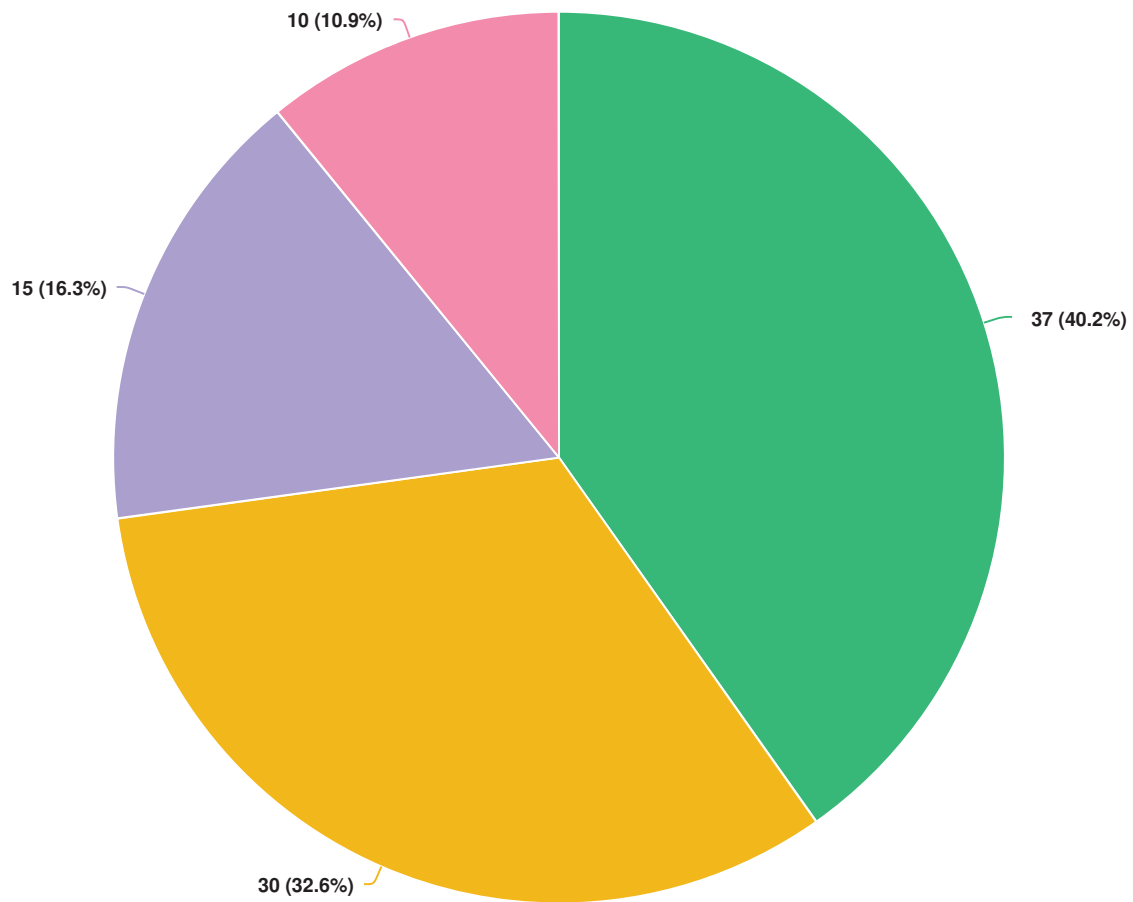


Question options

- Park infrastructure (new signage, trails, benches, playgrounds, etc.)
- Park maintenance (scheduled landscaping, garbage removal, repair, etc.)
- New parkland acquisition (increase number of parks and trails)
- Improved community engagement (more communication, strengthening volunteerism)
- No increased investment

Optional question (92 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q7 Assuming the level of service is directly correlated to the tax rate, which statement do you support?



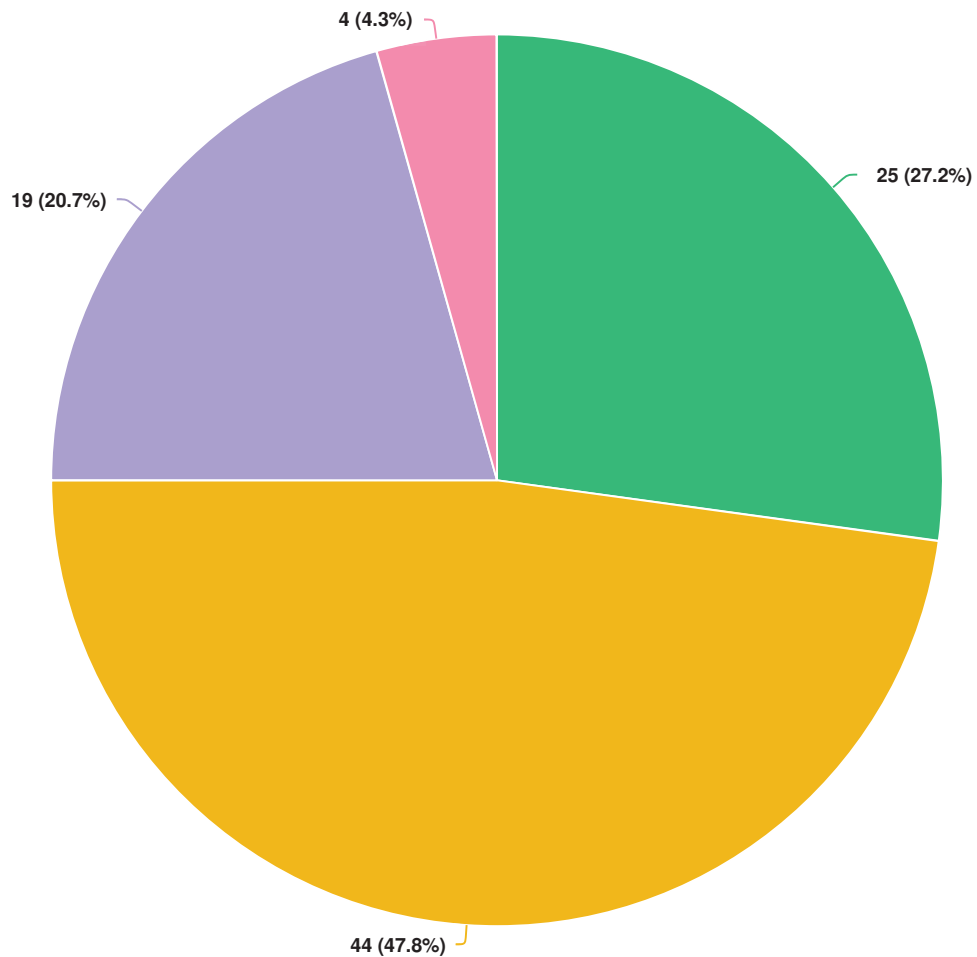
Question options

- ☐ I support maintaining the existing Parks services and maintaining a stable tax rate
- ☐ I support the expansion of ACRD Parks services and an increase in its tax rate
- ☐ I support service cuts to the ACRD Parks services and decreasing the tax rate
- ☐ I'm not sure

Optional question (92 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 | How well do you think this mission and vision reflect what is important to you for ACRD Regional Parks and Trails?

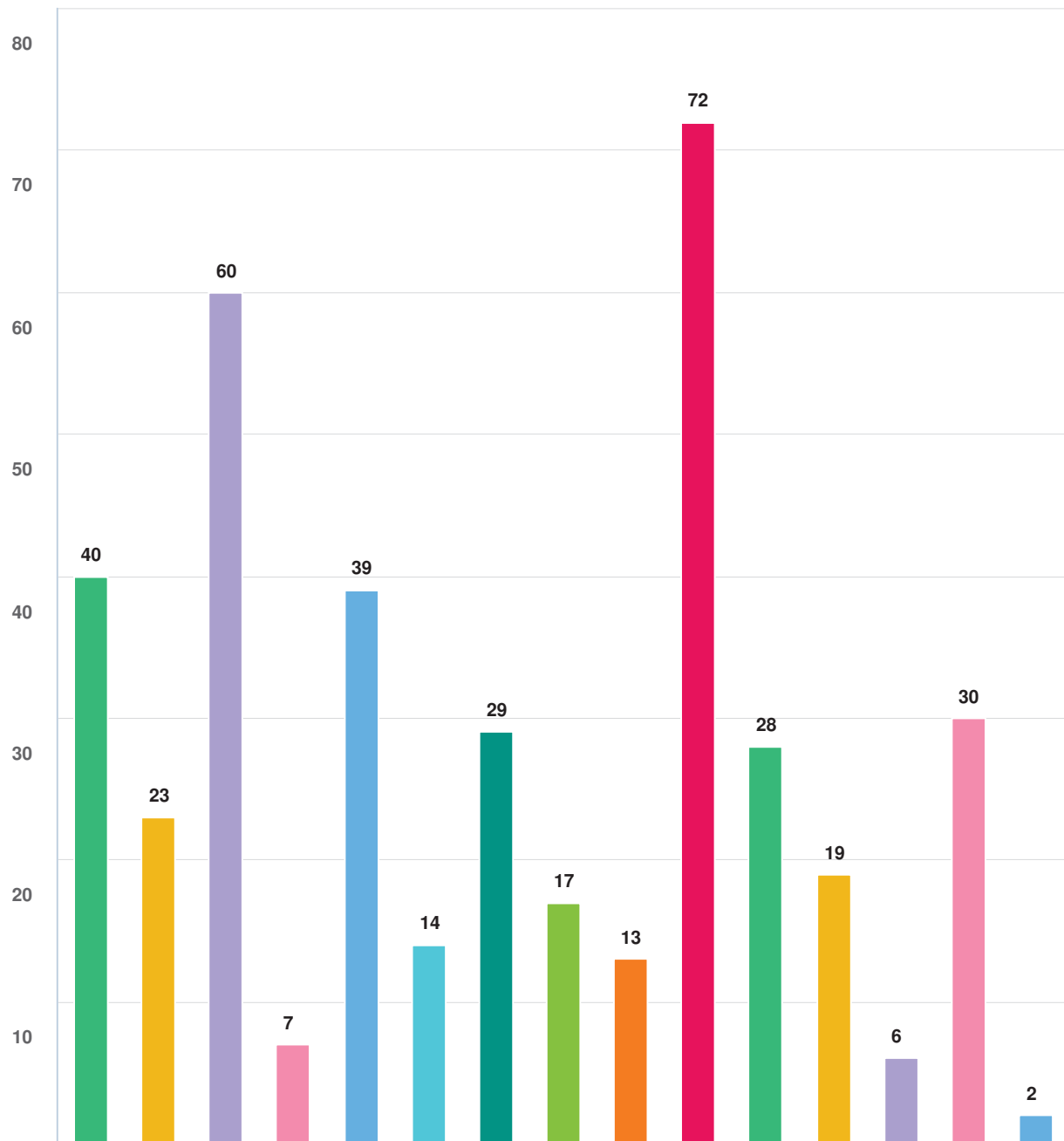


Question options

Very Well Somewhat / There is room for improvement Not Well I Don't Know

Optional question (92 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q10 What KEY words or phrases are most important to you for guiding Parks and Trails development in the ACRD? Please select up to (5) FIVE.



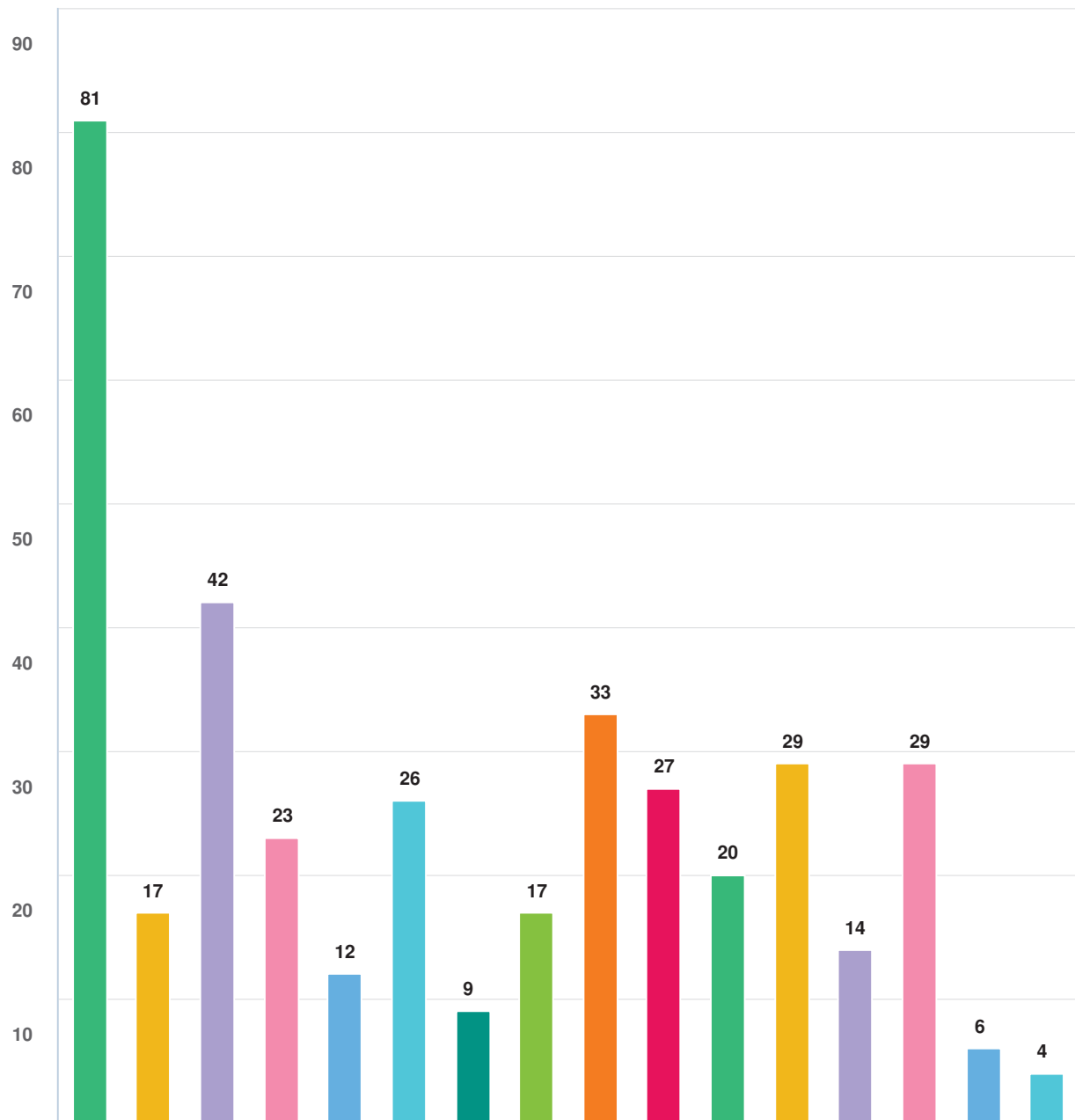
Question options

- Accessibility
 ● Connectivity
 ● Conservation/Protection
 ● Cultural Values
 ● Diverse Landscapes/Ecology
- Education
 ● Family Oriented
 ● Fiscally Responsible
 ● Reconciliation
 ● Recreation (Outdoor, Nature Based)
- Safety
 ● Stewardship
 ● Visitor Experience
 ● Well-Managed
 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (92 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q11 What are the TOP ACTIVITIES that you pursue or hope to pursue at ACRD Parks and Trails? Please select up to (5) FIVE.



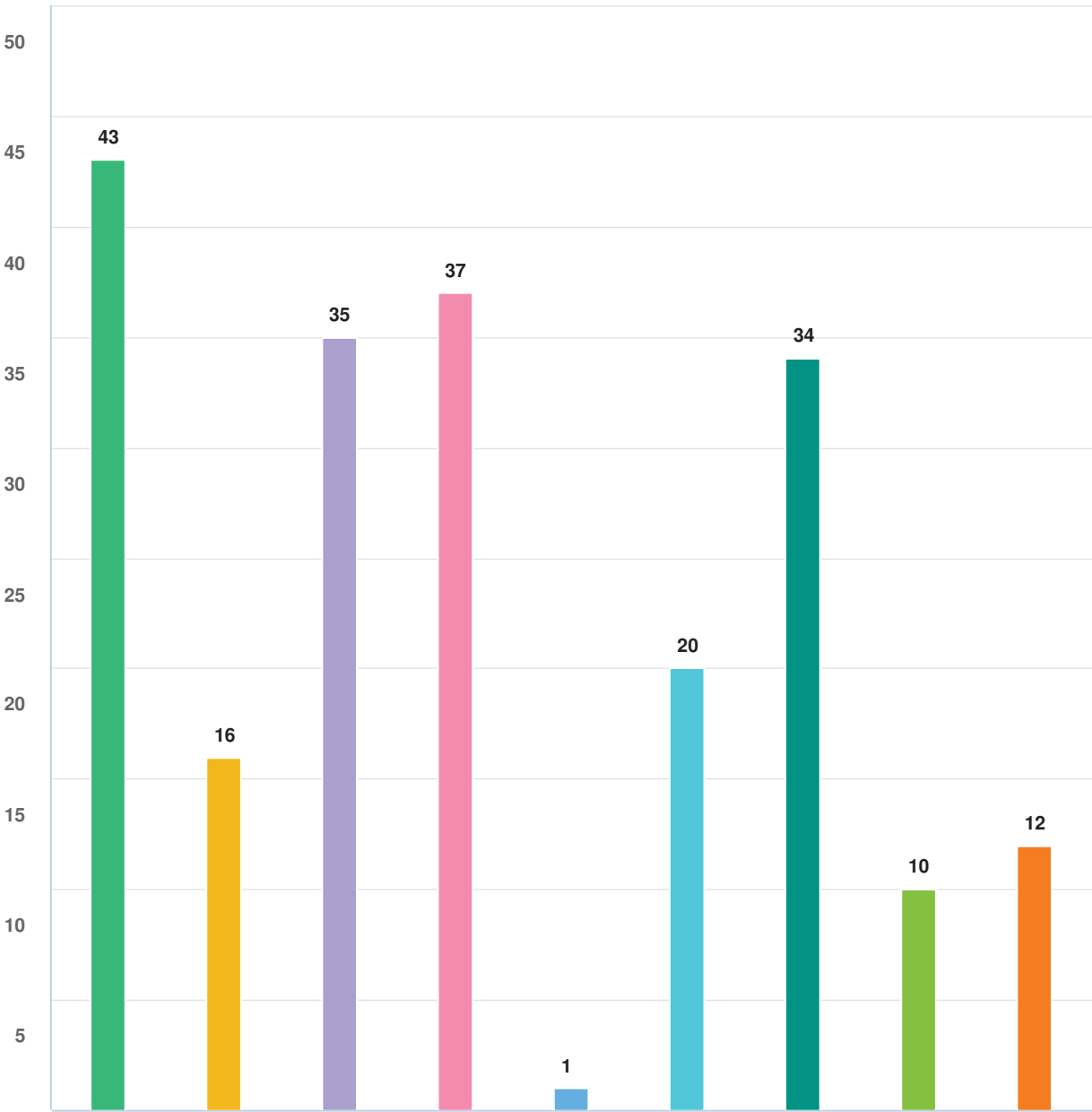
Question options

- Walking/Hiking
 ● Trail Running/Jogging
 ● Dog Walking
 ● Camping
 ● Horseback Riding
 ● Swimming
- Rock Climbing/Mountaineering
 ● Boat Launching
 ● Nature Appreciation/Bird Watching/Photography
- Motorized Recreation (ATV, Dirtbike etc.)
 ● Learning About Nature/local History/Culture
 ● Relaxing/picnicking
- Stewardship/Volunteering
 ● Biking/E-Biking/Mountain Biking
 ● Skiing/Sledding/Snow Sports
 ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (92 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q12 What are your top concerns for ACRD Parks and Trails? Please select upto (3) THREE

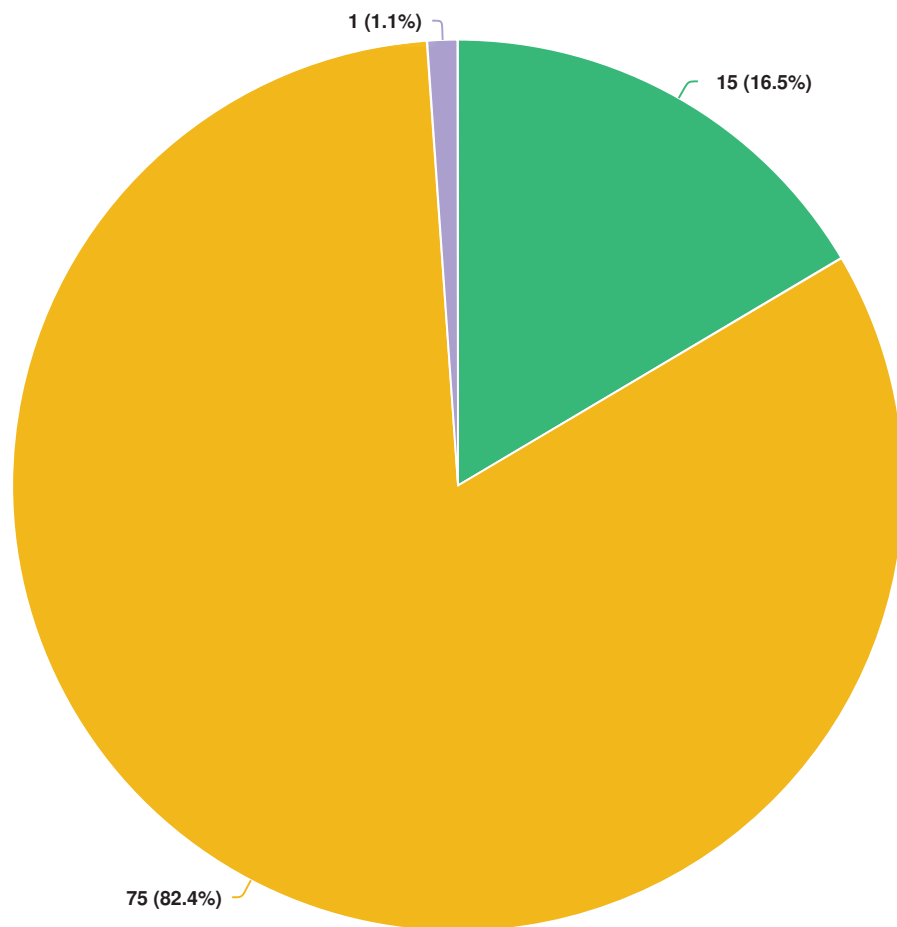


Question options

- Impacts or degradation of the natural environment (e.g. garbage, invasive species, wildlife impact, wildfire management)
- Overuse or overcrowding
- Conflicts between user groups
- Improper use or poor etiquette (aggressive dogs, unsafe use, etc.)
- Park or trail locations not close to my home
- Limited parking or ease of access
- Level of maintenance (e.g. trail conditions)
- I don't have any concerns
- Other (please specify)

Optional question (92 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q13 | Do you or someone you visit parks with have a accessibility requirement? (e.g. a condition that impacts mobility, vision, hearing, cognition, or requires the use of an aid such as a stroller, wheelchair, cane, or walker)?



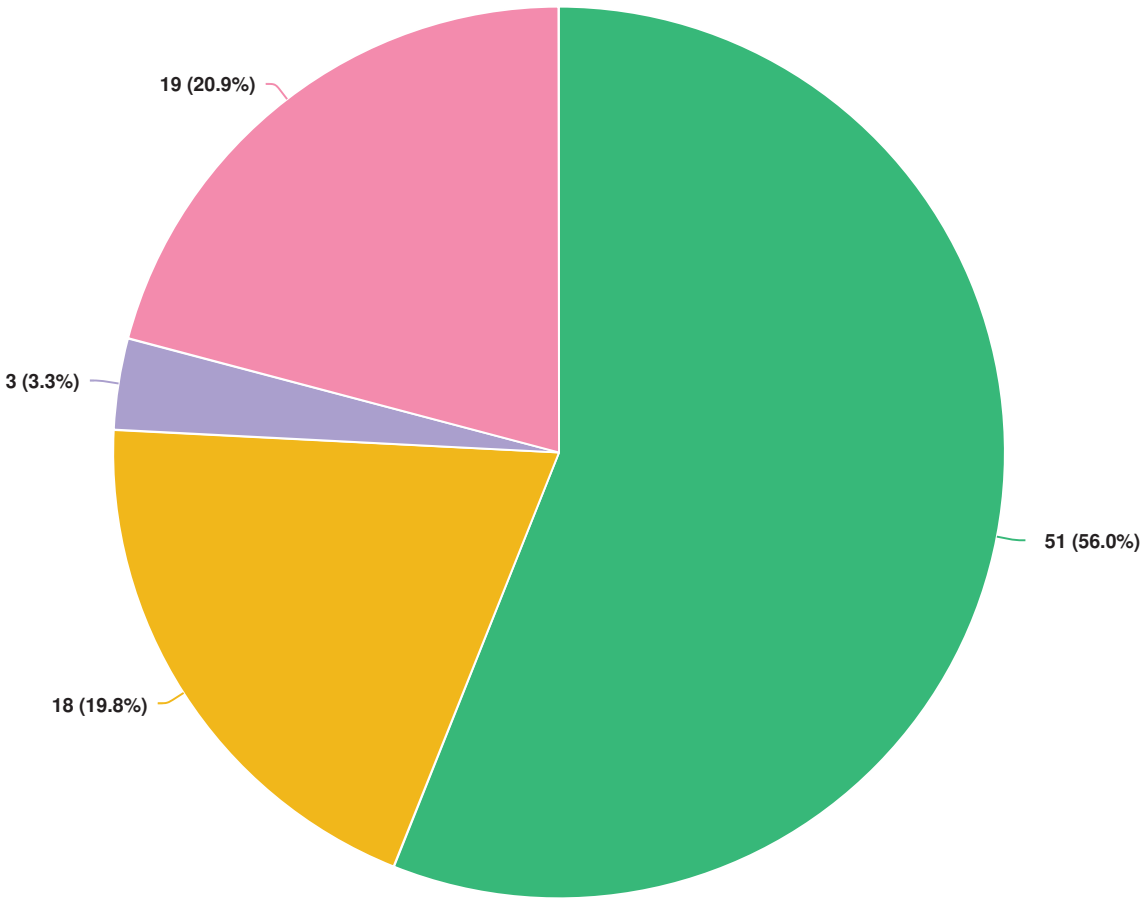
Question options

☒ Yes ☒ No ☐ I prefer not to say

Optional question (91 response(s), 3 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

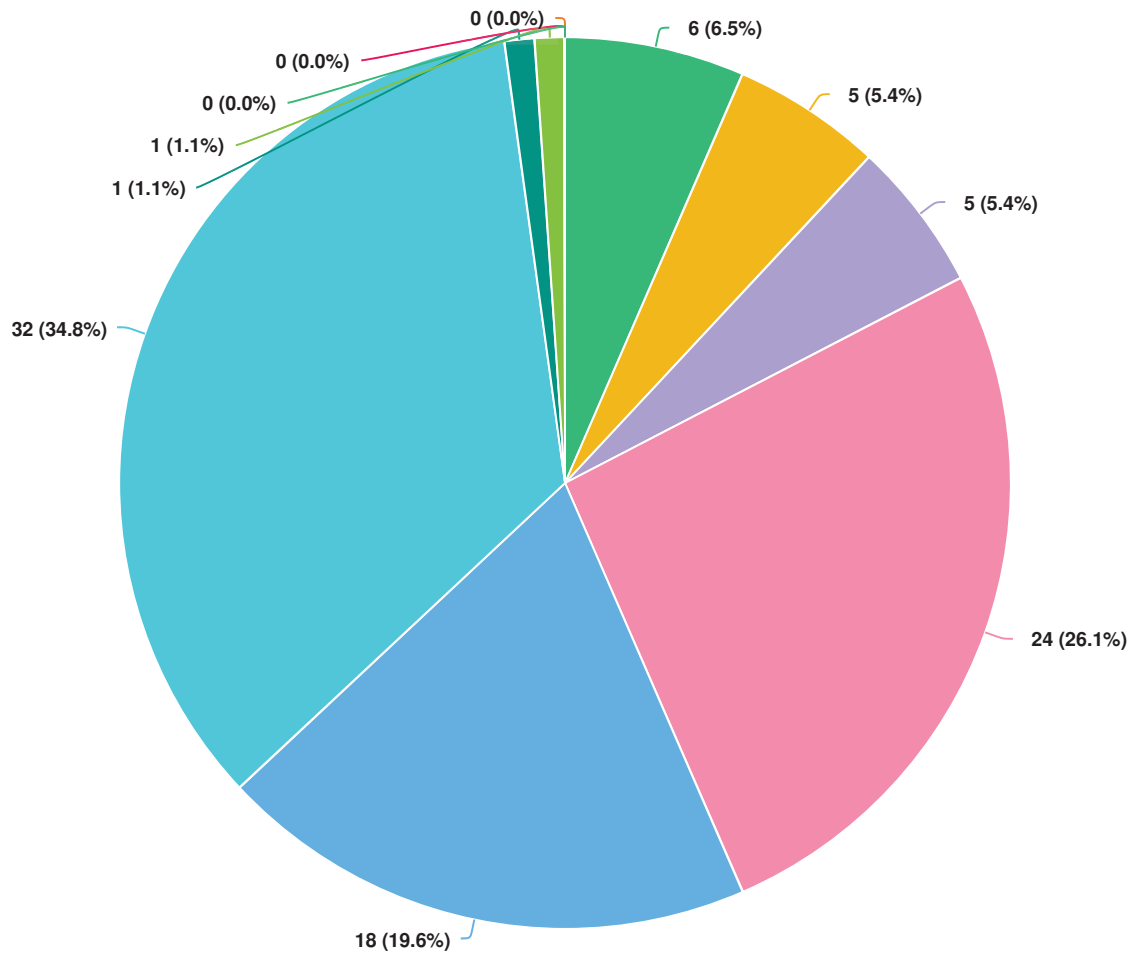
Q15 | The ACRD has a commitment to inclusion with a vision of making parks welcoming and meaningfully accessible to all. Do you feel that ACRD parks are welcoming, inclusive, safe, and meaningfully accessible spaces?



Question options
● Yes ● No ● I prefer not to say ● Other (please specify)

Optional question (91 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q16 | Where do you live?



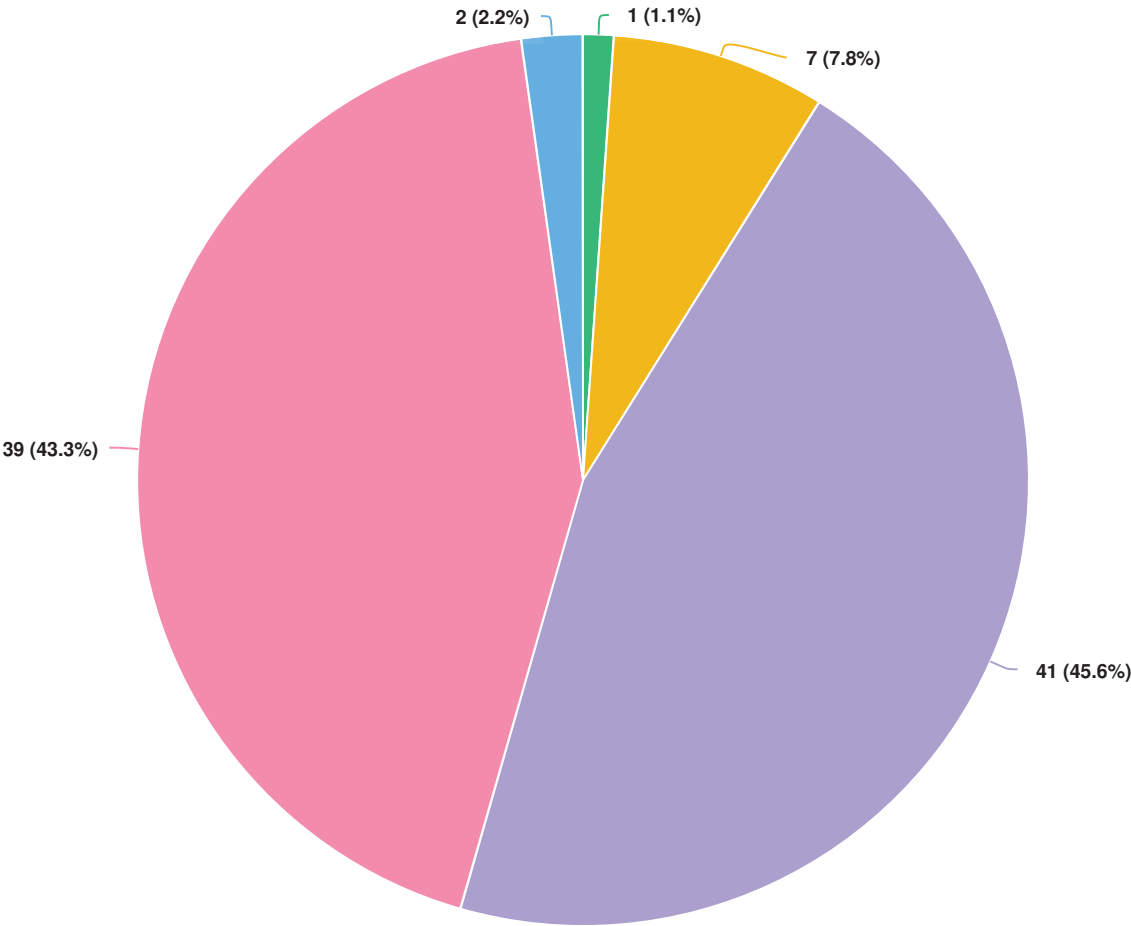
Question options

- Bamfield Electoral Area 'A'
 ● Beaufort Electoral Area 'B'
 ● Sproat Lake Electoral Area 'D'
- Beaver Creek Electoral Area 'E'
 ● Cherry Creek Electoral Area 'F'
 ● City of Port Alberni
 ● District of Tofino
- Outside of the ACRD
 ● Long Beach Electoral Area 'C'
 ● District of Ucluelet
- First Nations Community (Please Specify)

Optional question (92 response(s), 2 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q17 | What is your age group?



Question options

17 years or younger 18 to 34 years old 35 to 59 years old 60 to 79 years old 80 years or older

Optional question (90 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Appendix C – Level of Service Categories

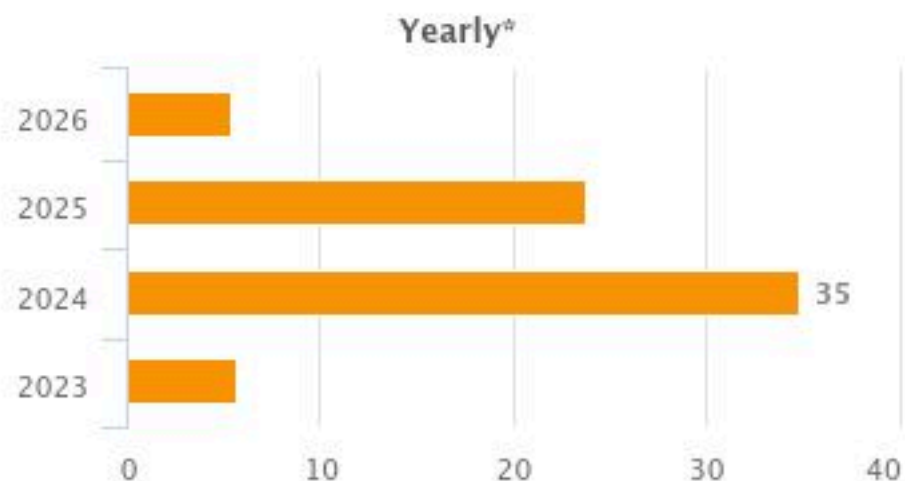
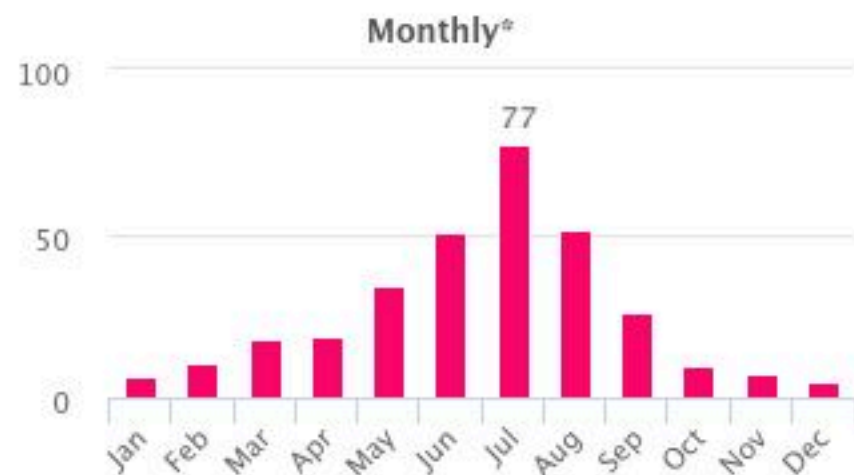
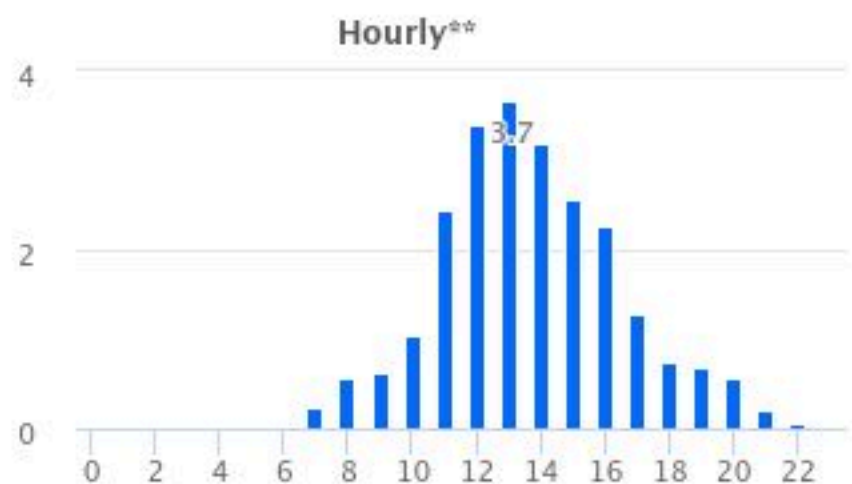
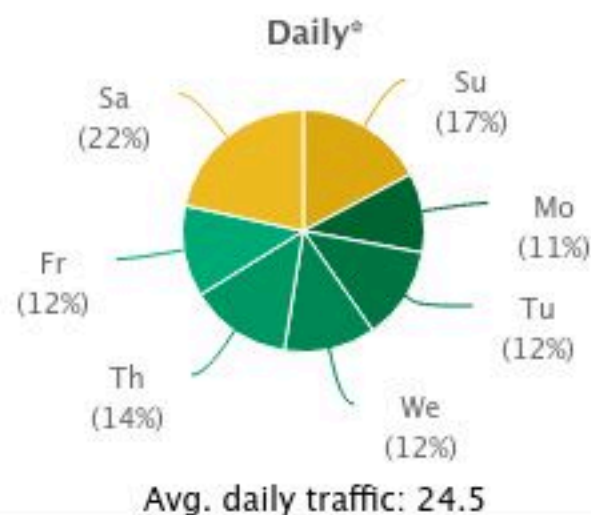
The below Level of Service Categories were approved by the ACRD Board of Directors in 2021, these LOS work well with a large parkland area but staff have found are not as relevant with linear trails and pathways such as The Log Train Trail, Alberni Inlet, Lakeshore, Faber and MUP. In 2026, a review of Level of Service Categories for parks, trails and pathways will be prepared and presented to the Board.

LEVEL OF SERVICE CATEGORIES		
LEVEL	STANDARD	USE
LEVEL 1 – HIGHEST LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE	- 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	- Parks and trails are kept neat, orderly 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	- 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	- 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 –Infrared Counter Data Sheets

Bamfield West Side

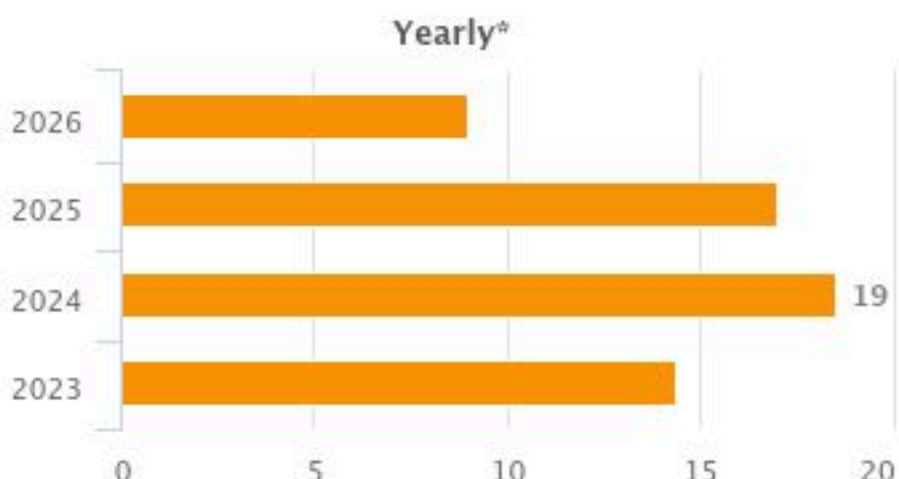
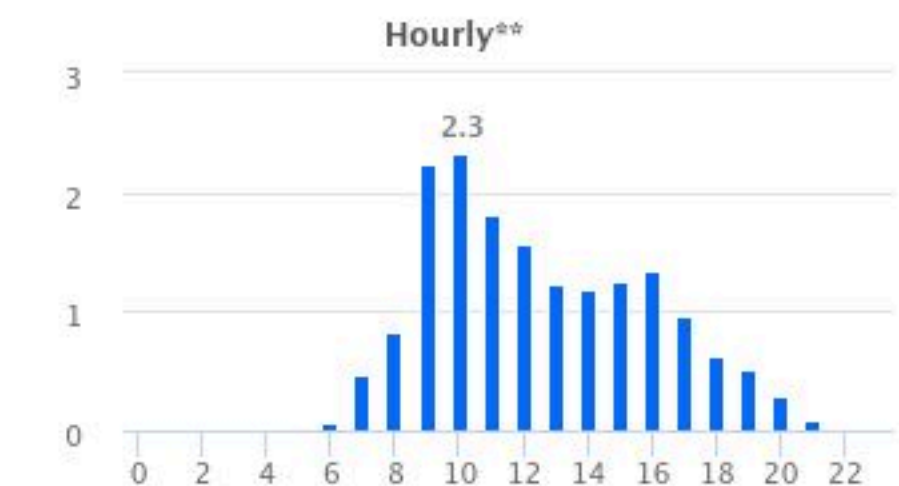
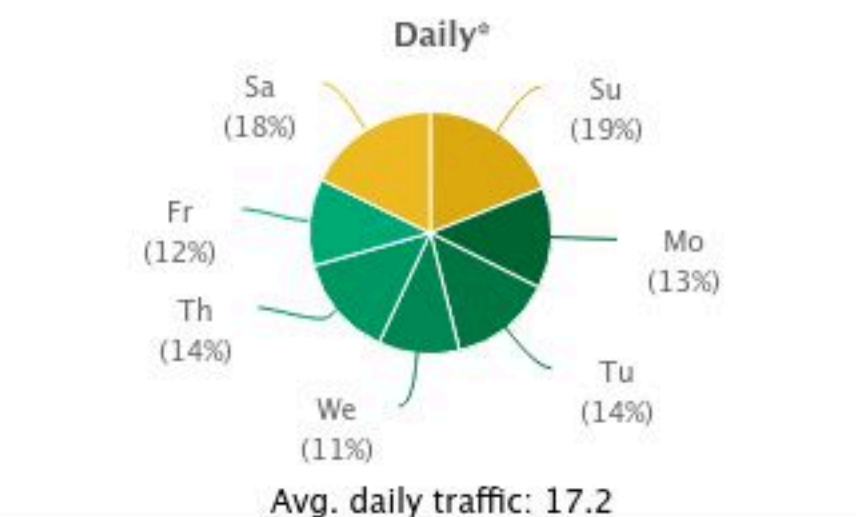
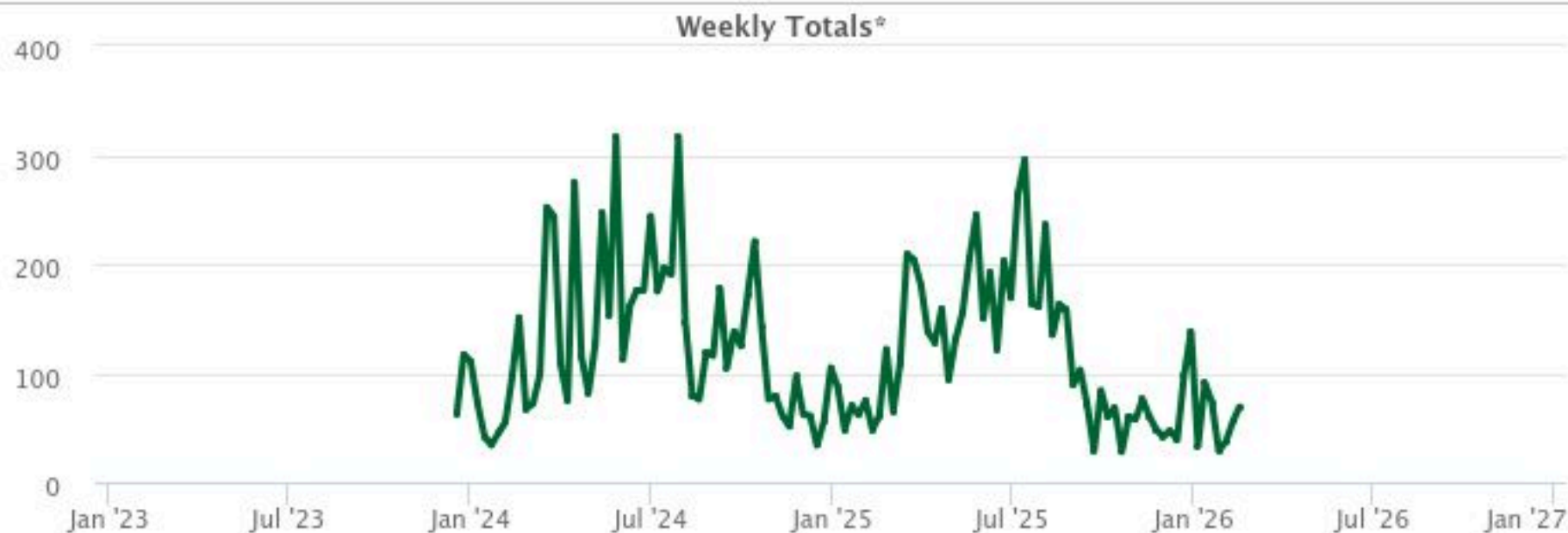
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Cougar Smith Trail

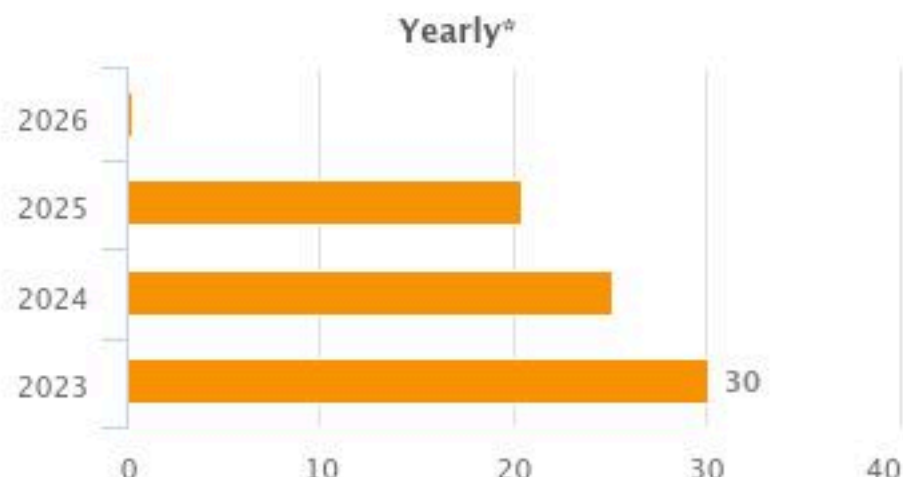
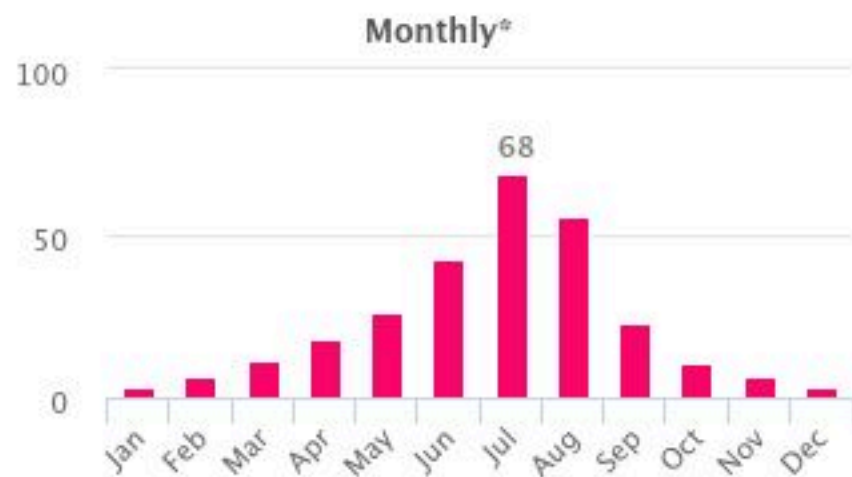
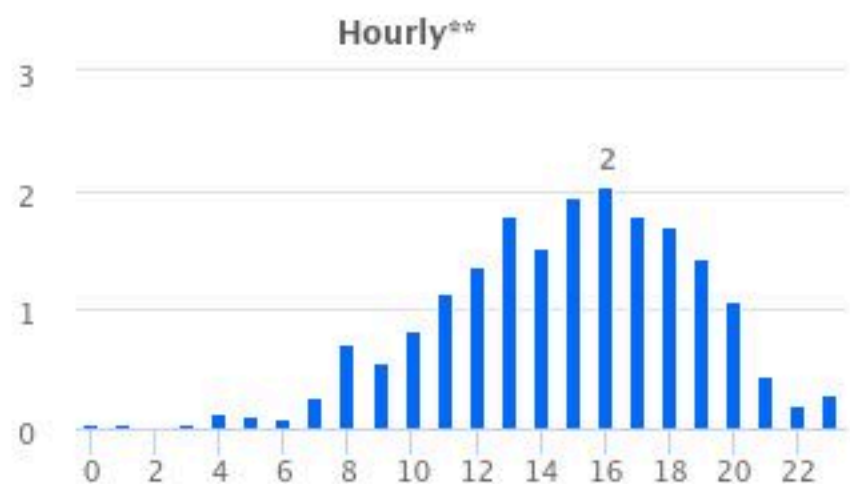
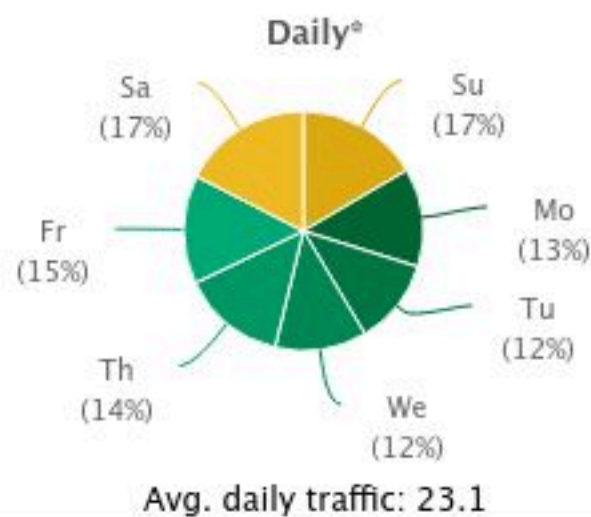
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Dickson Park

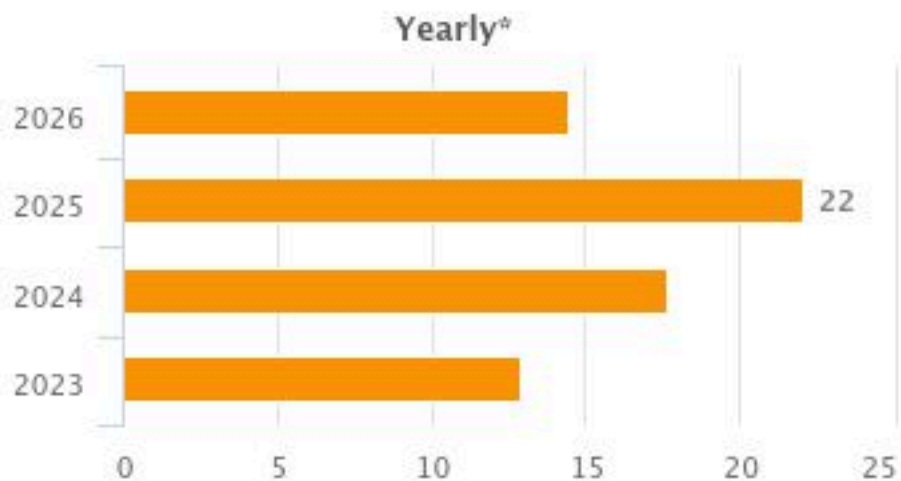
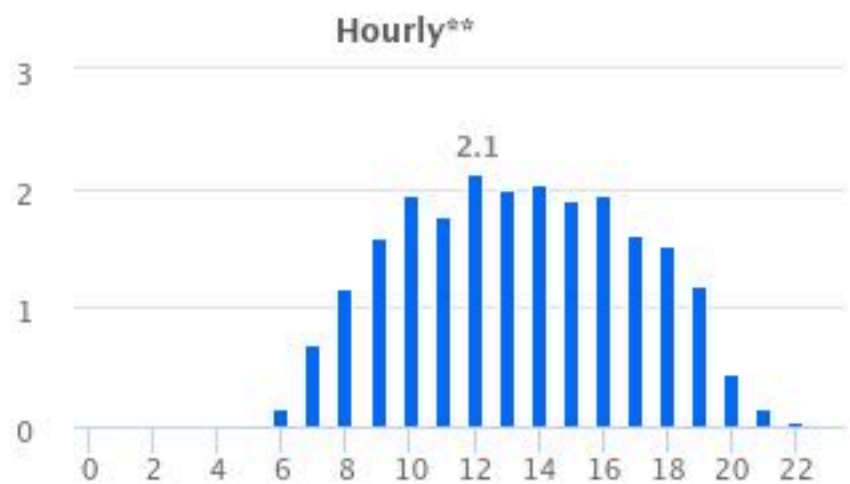
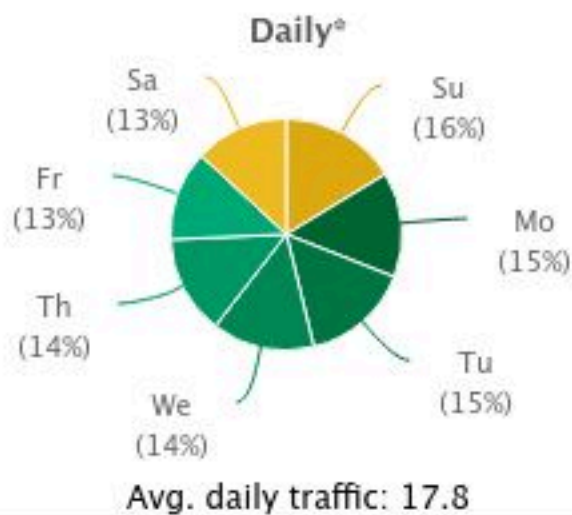
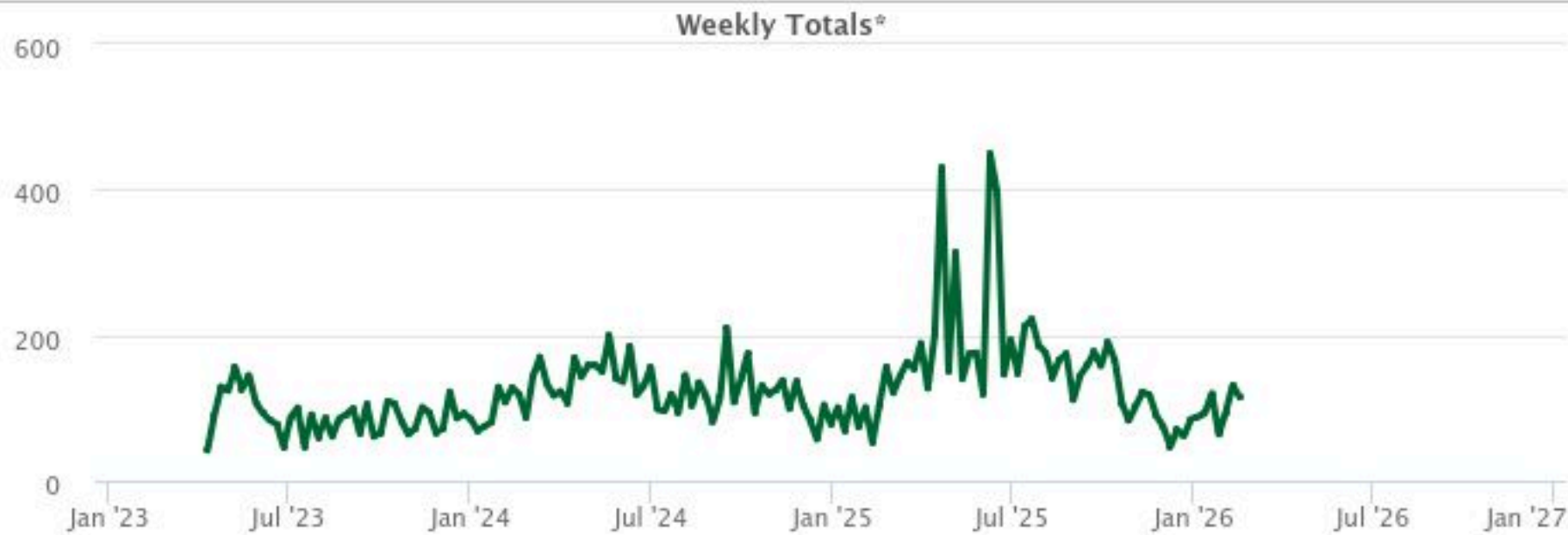
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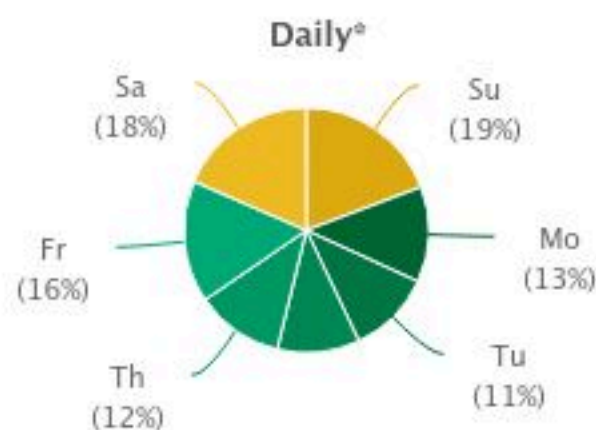
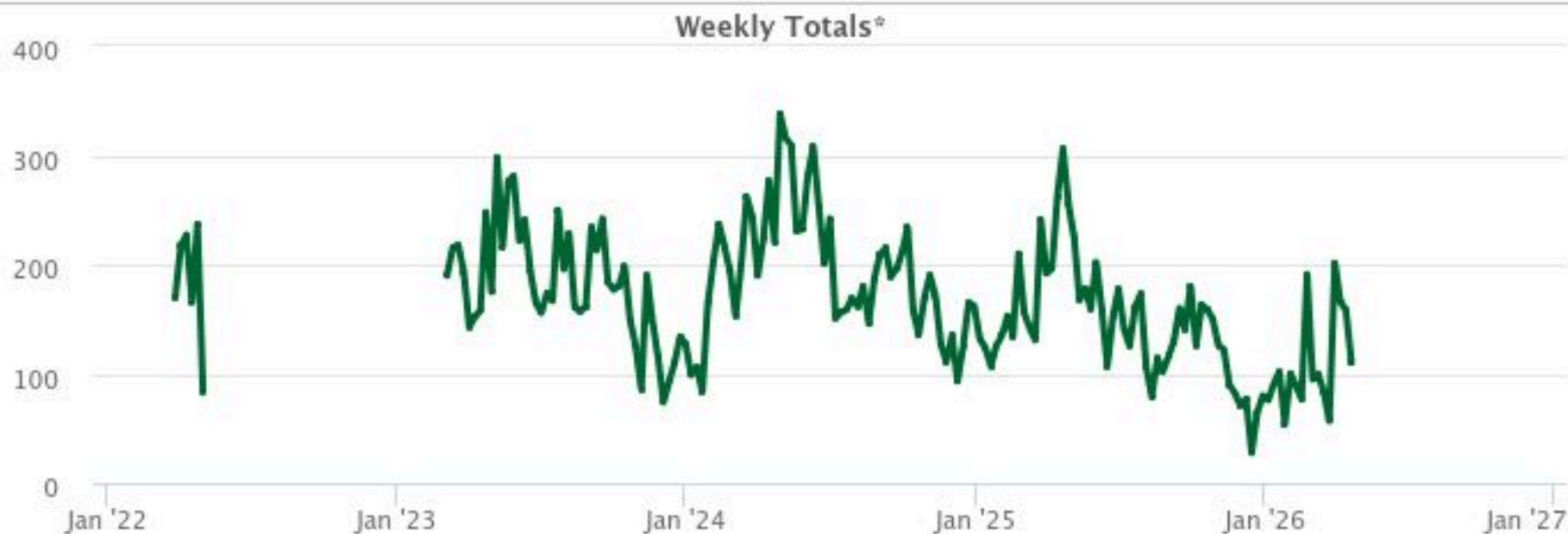
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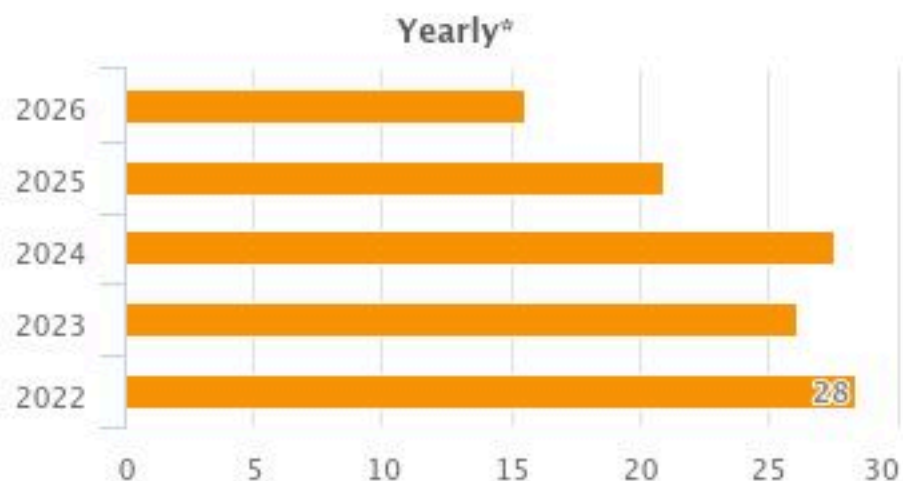
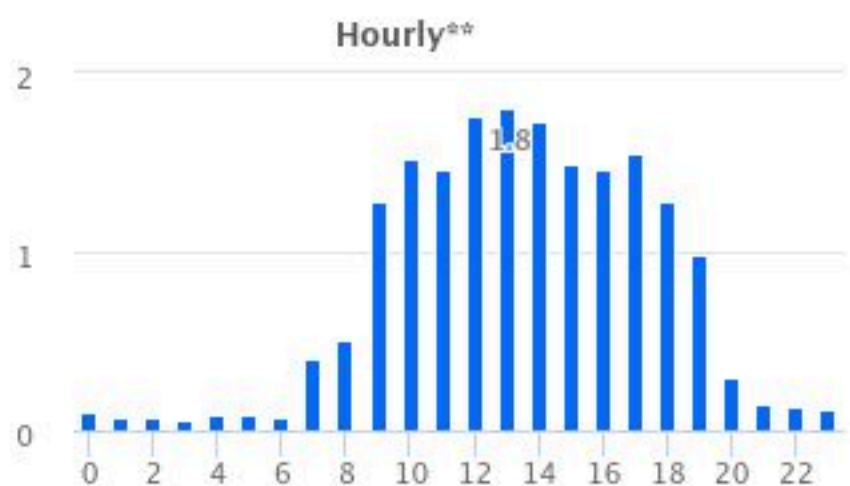
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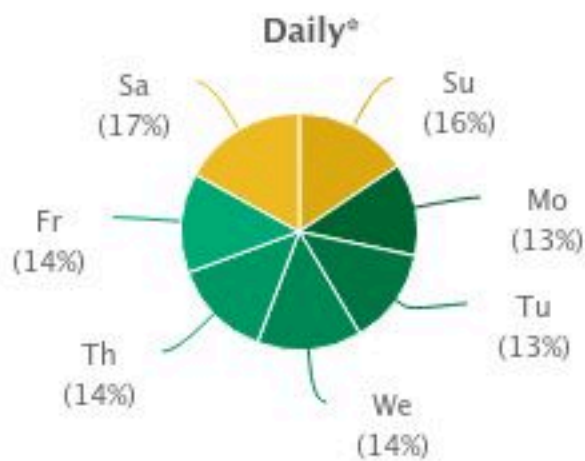


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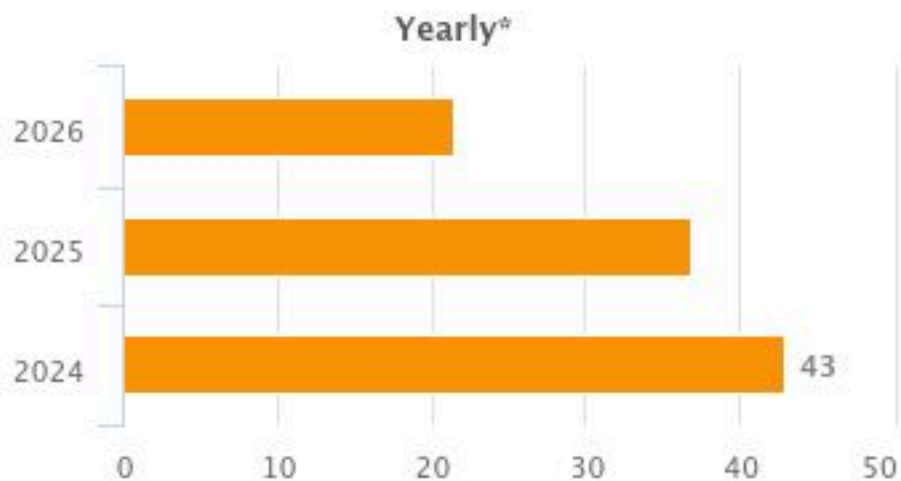
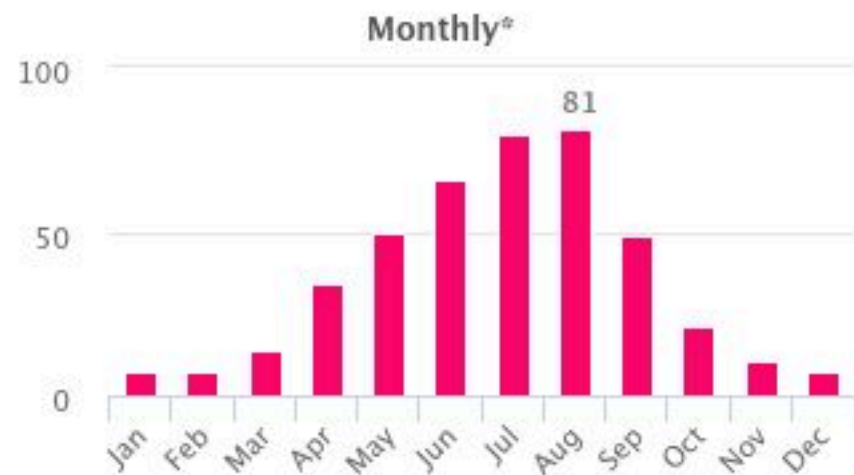
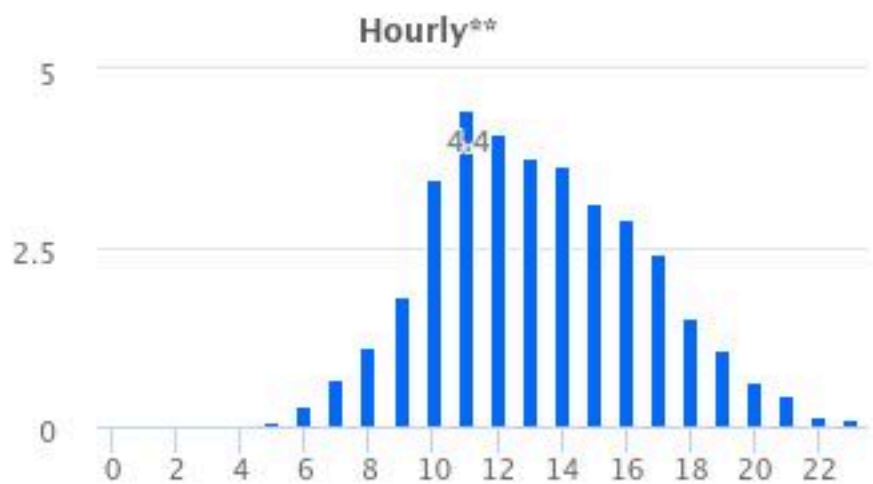
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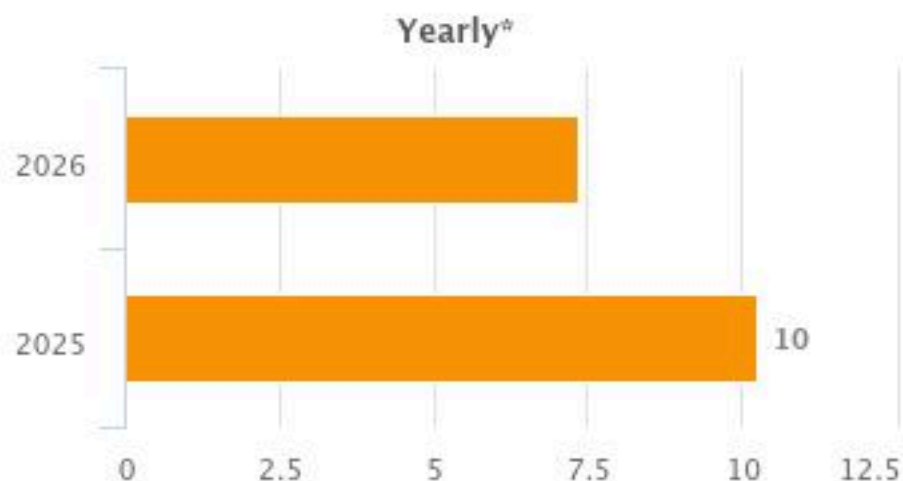
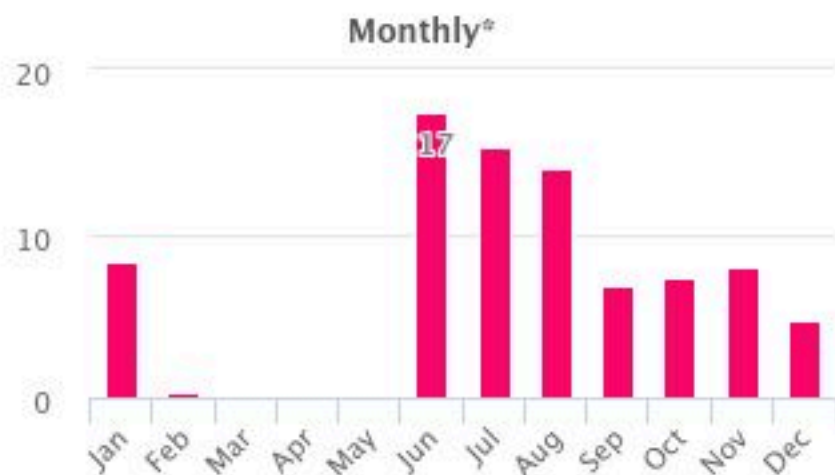
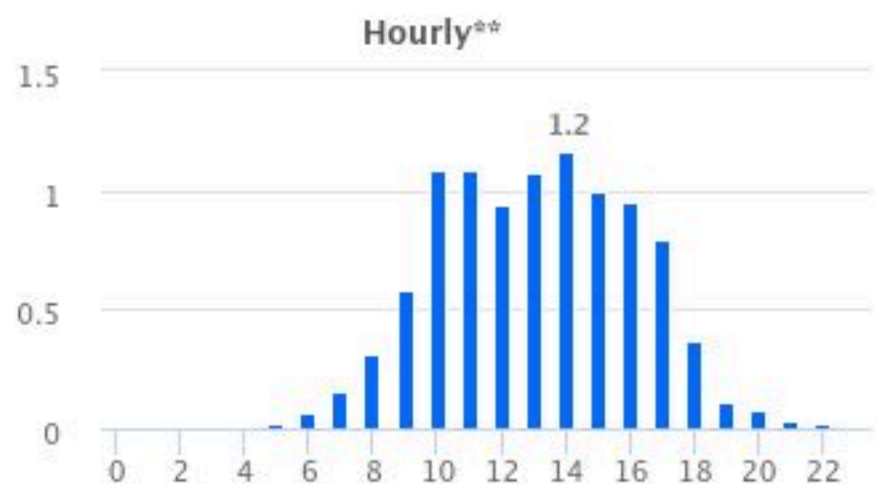
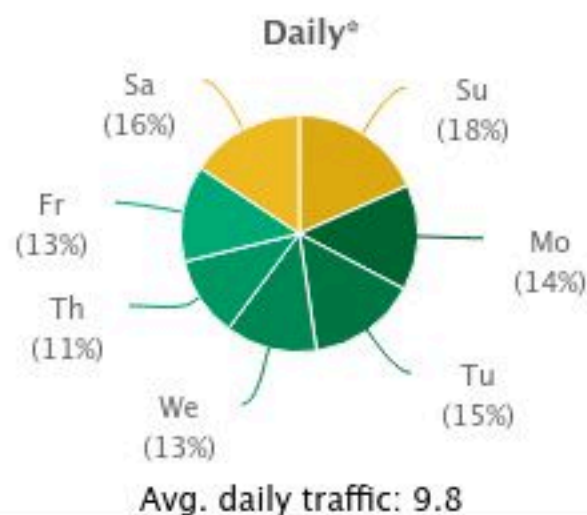
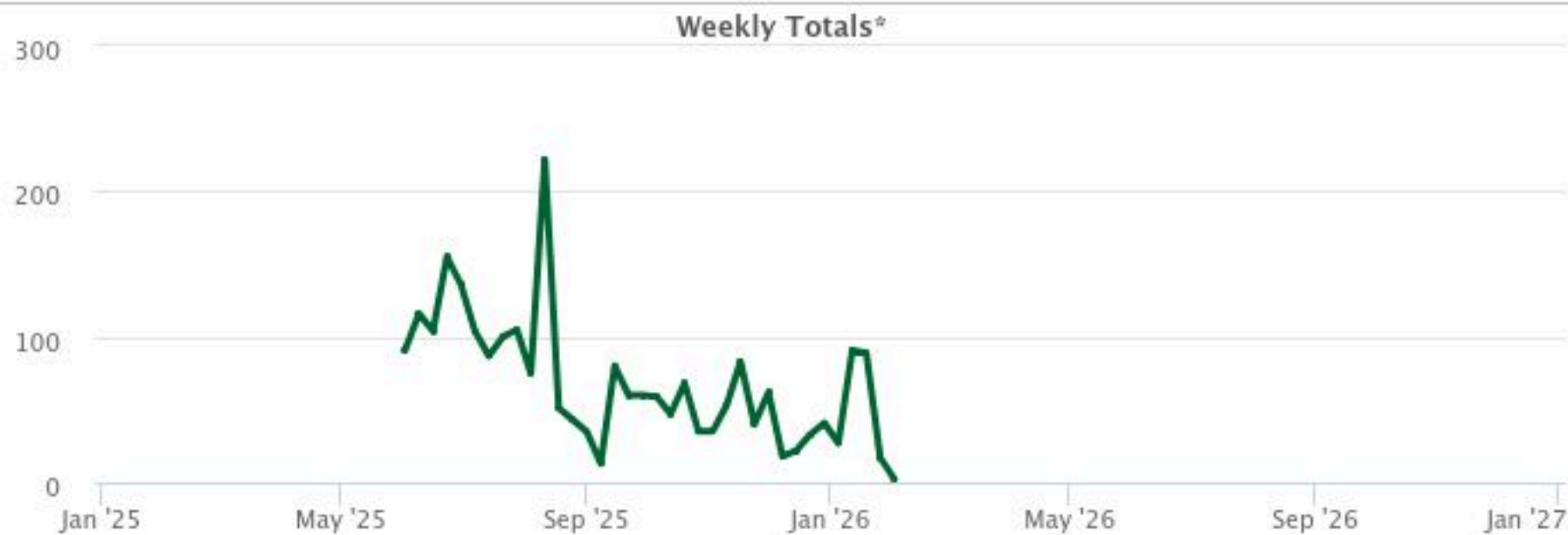
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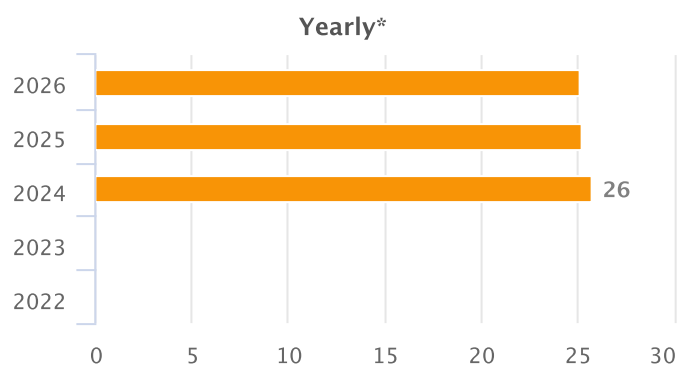
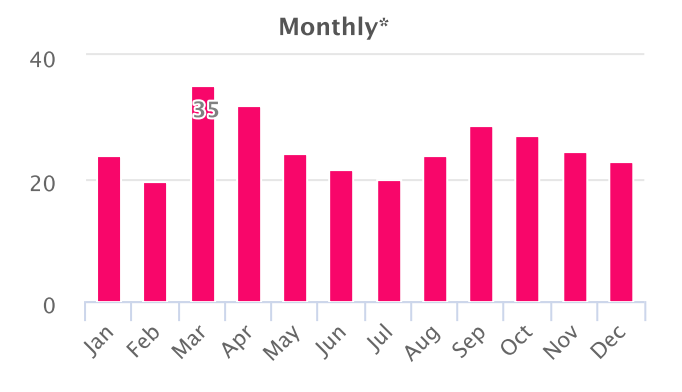
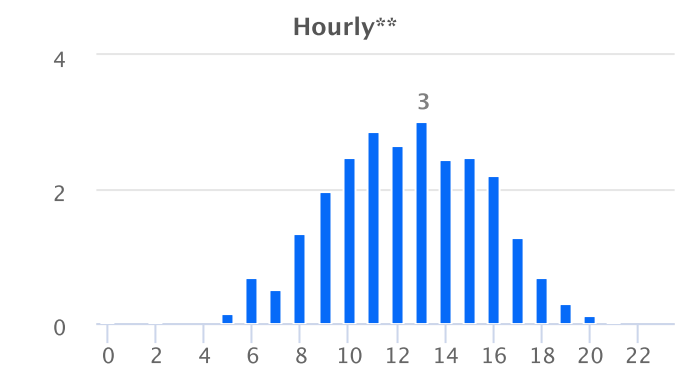
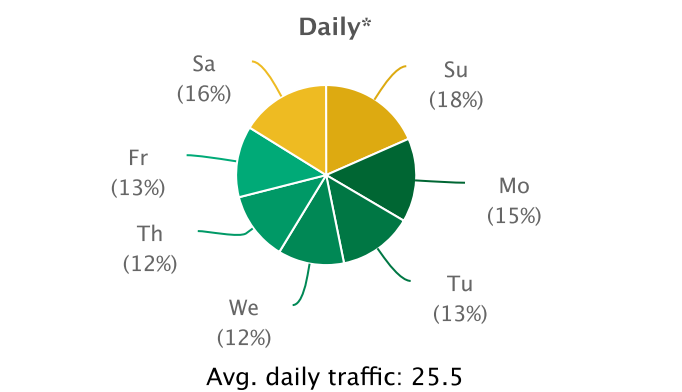
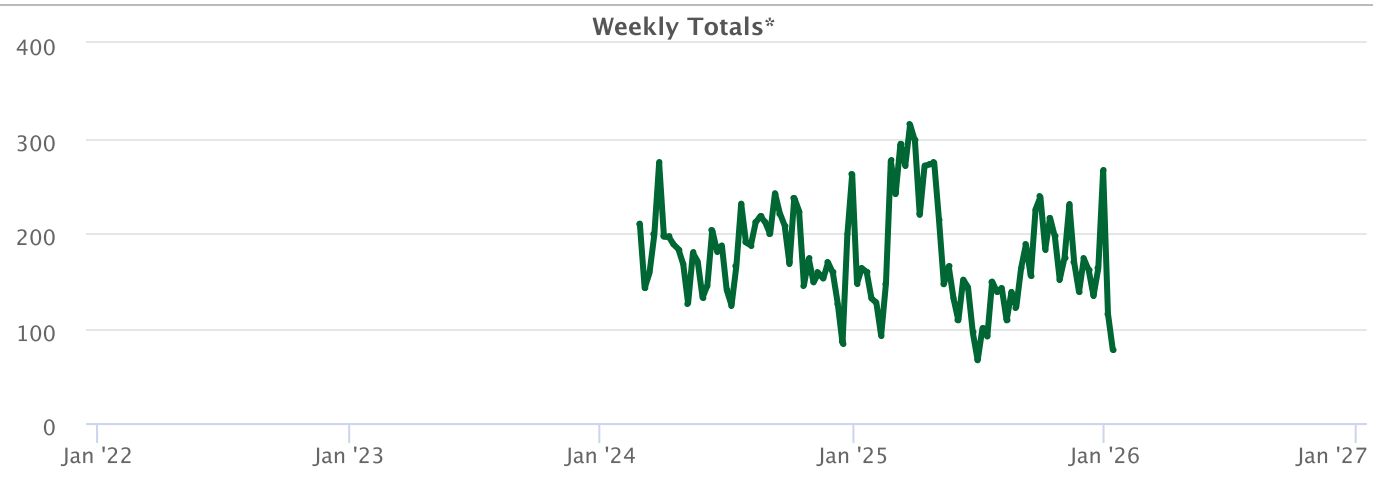
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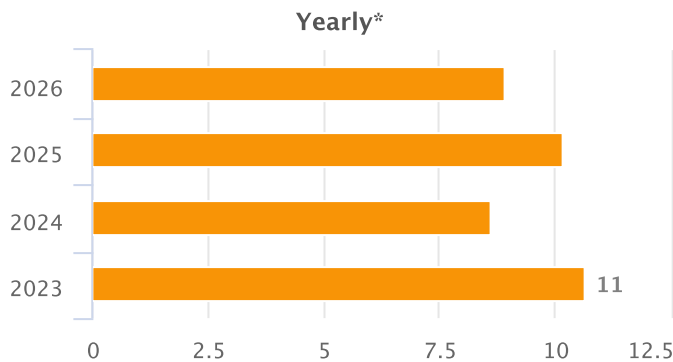
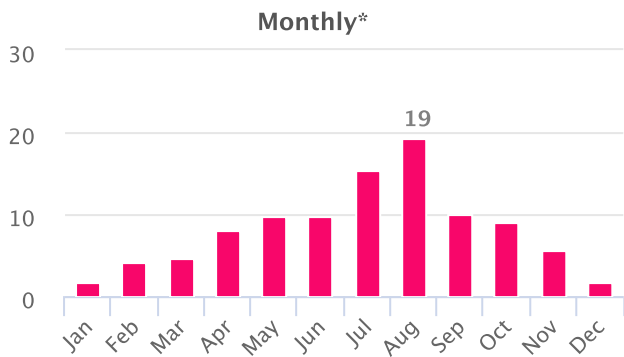
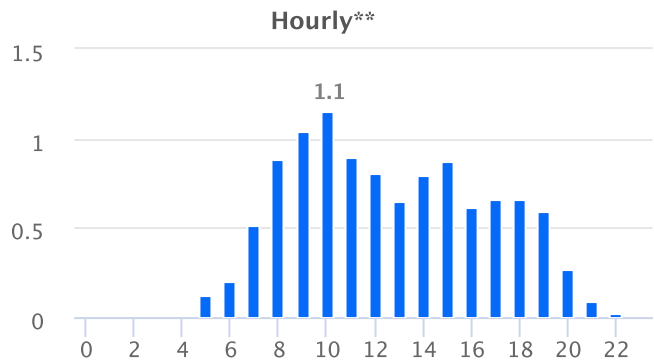
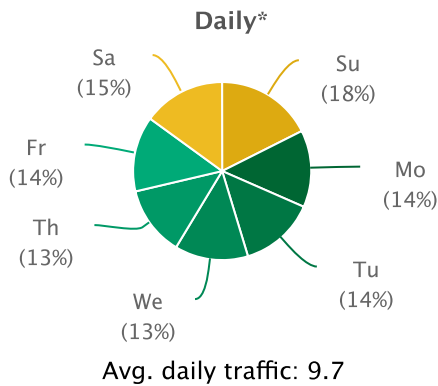
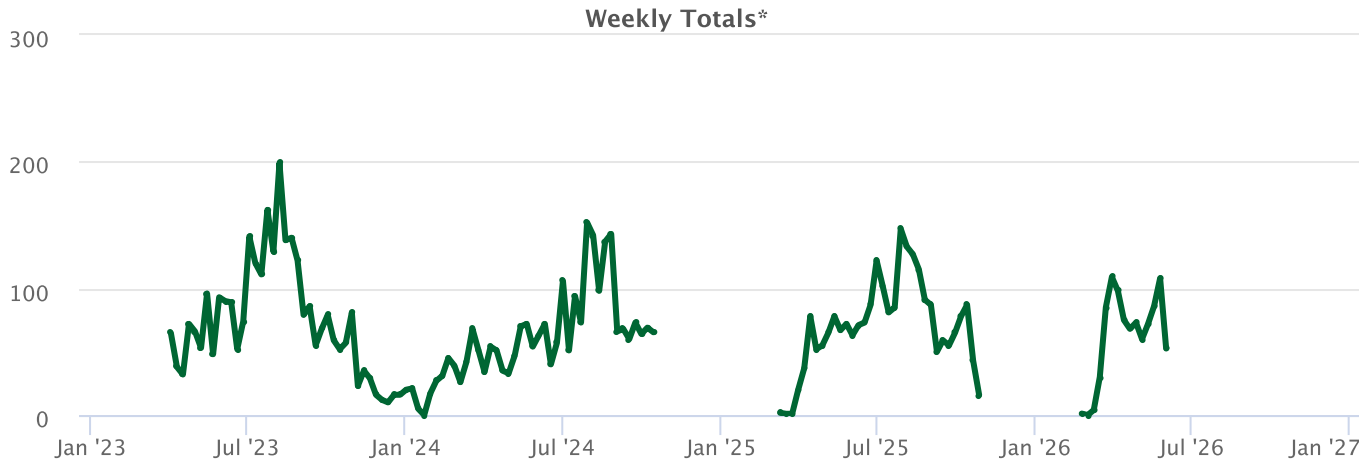
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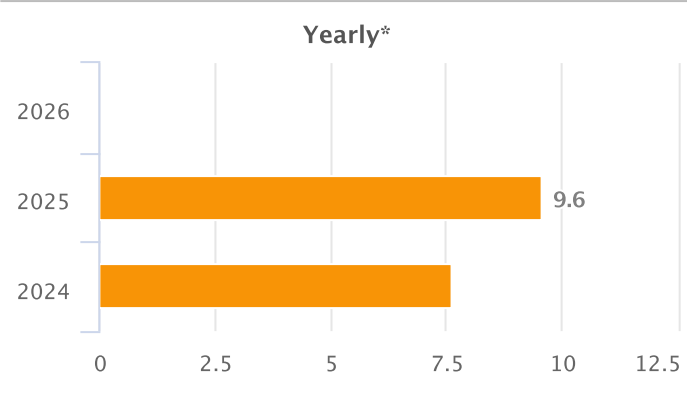
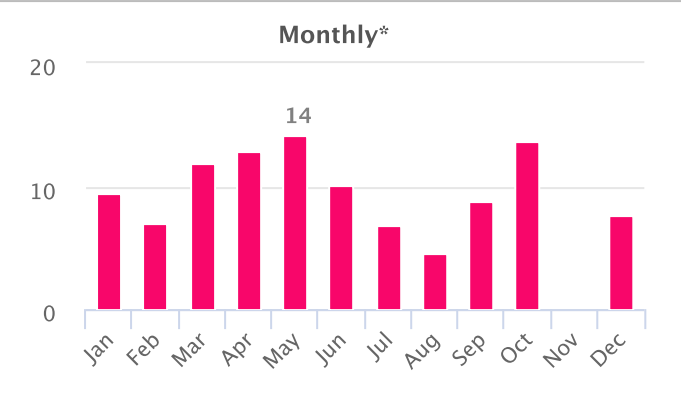
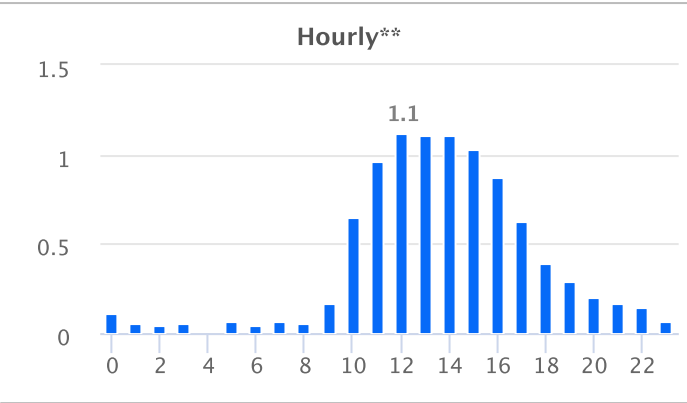
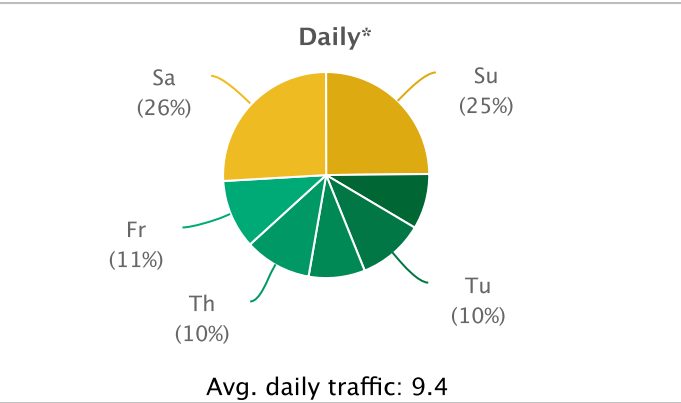
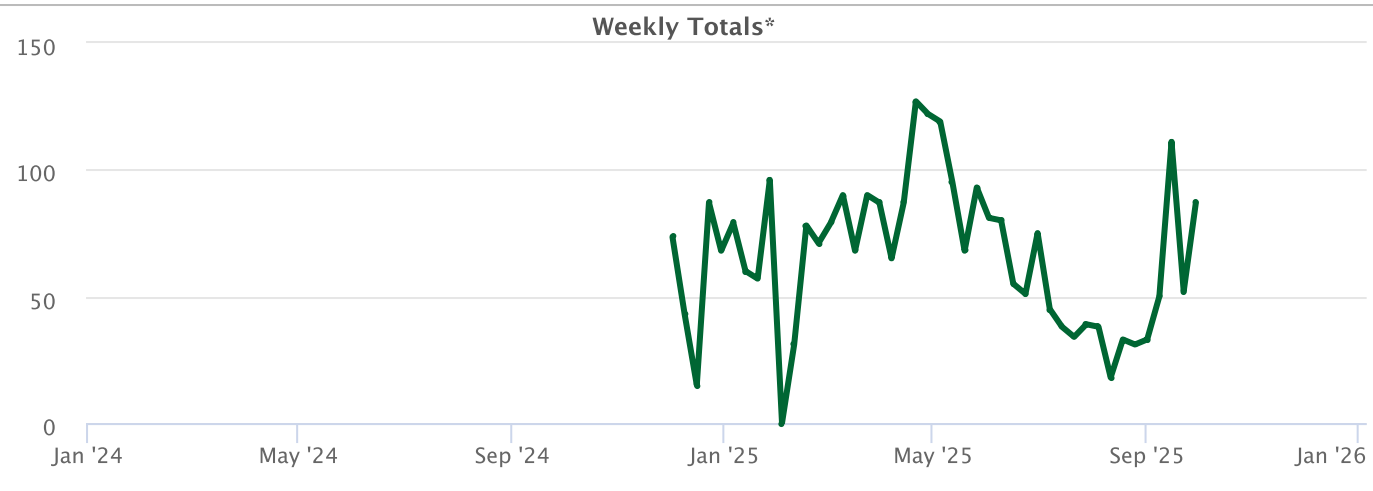
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