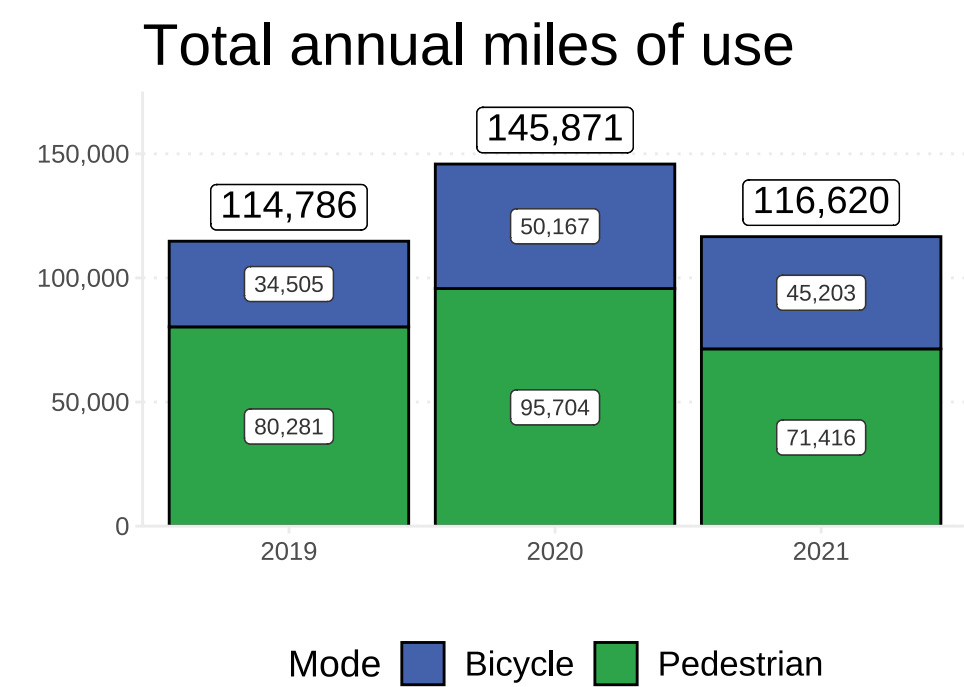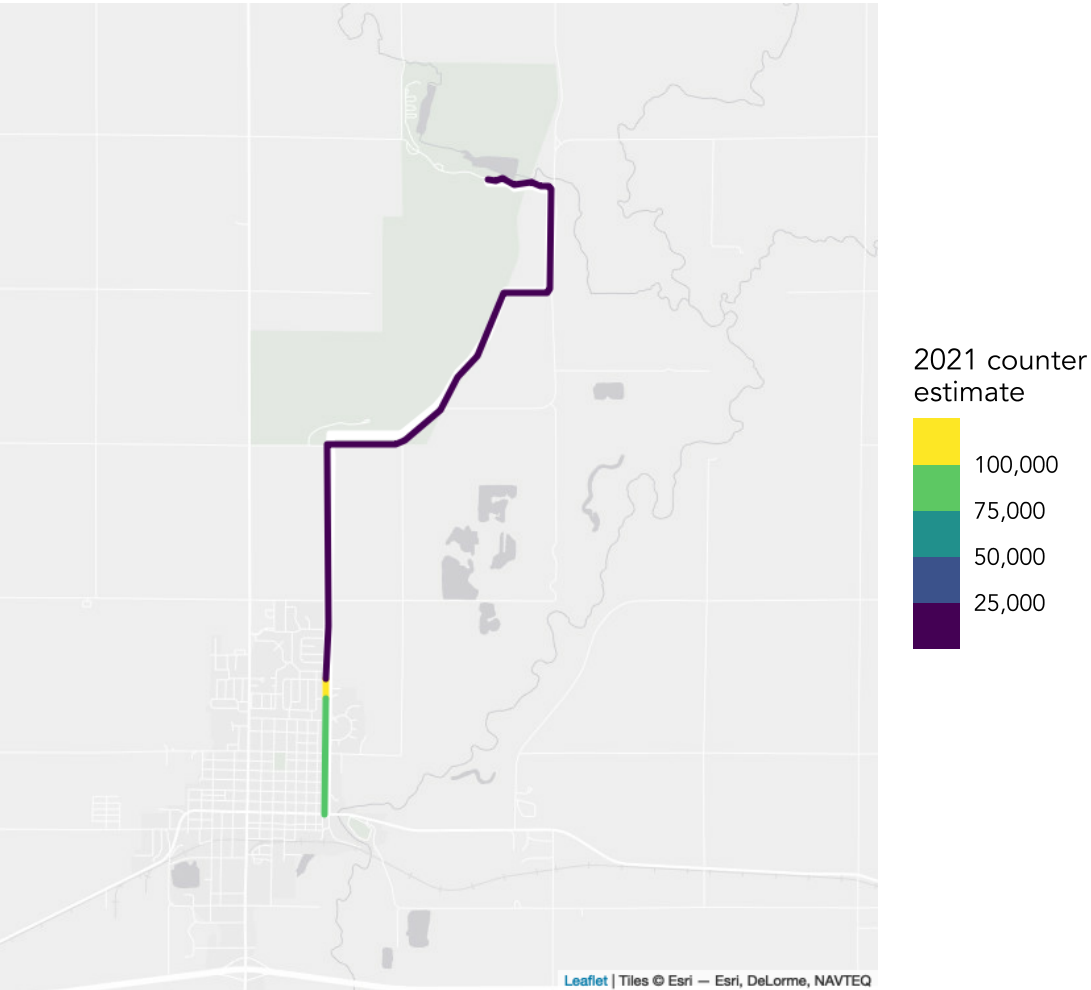# Blue Mounds Regional Trail

This factsheet summarizes trail-level data for Blue Mounds Regional Trail. Use estimates were derived using location-based services (LBS) data and represent the number miles traveled on trails by bicyclists and pedestrians.

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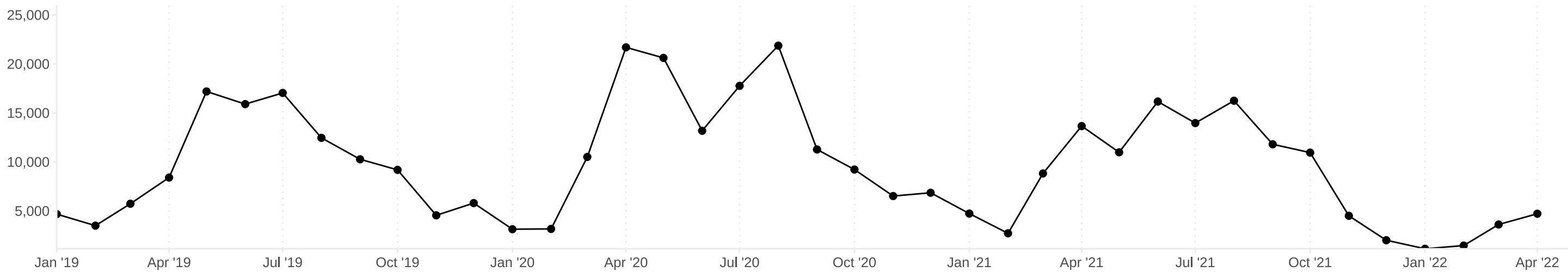

2021 counter estimate

Blue Mounds is part of the Greater MN Regional Trail system (Greater MN District 5). Trail boundaries were accessed via personal communication in July, 2021 and may have been edited to improve LBS data performance.

Total annual miles of use

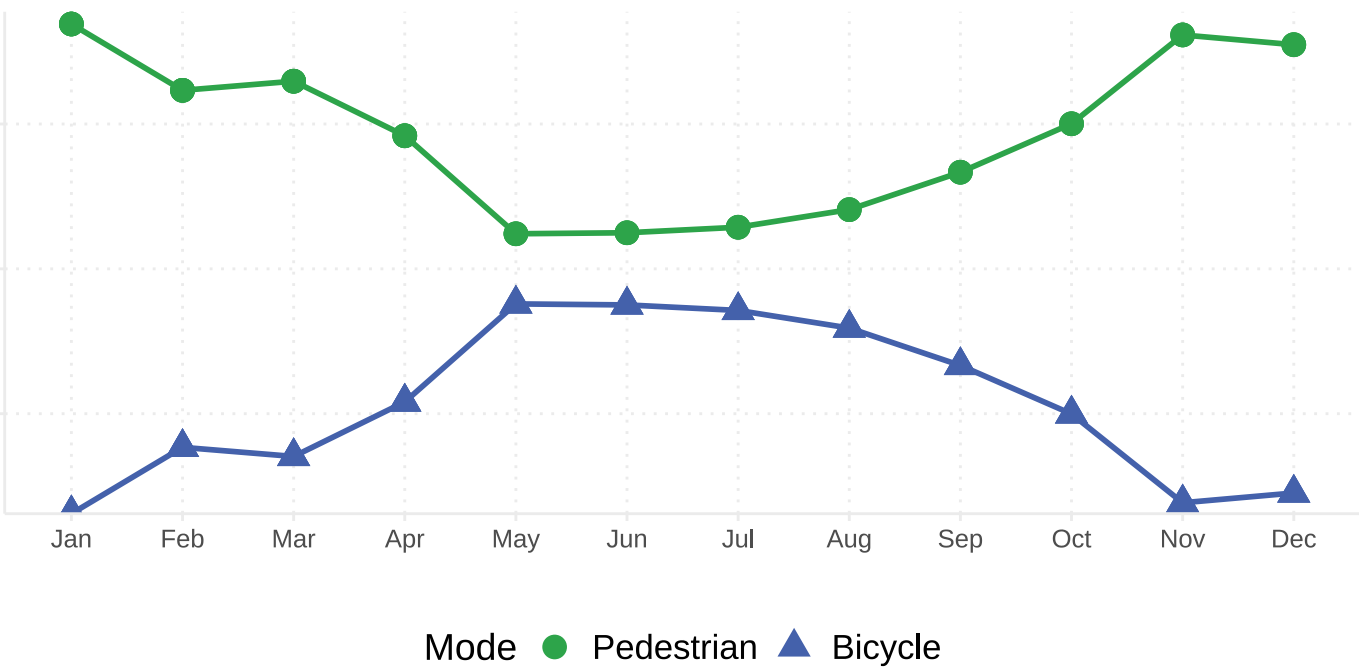| Year	Total miles traveled	Bicycle miles traveled	Pedestrian miles traveled	Total counter estimate	Bicycle counter estimate	Pedestrian counter estimate
2019	114,786	34,505	80,281	93,363	21,875	72,706
2020	145,871	50,167	95,704	119,043	35,964	86,317
2021	116,620	45,203	71,416	104,327	29,179	77,294

Mode ▪ Bicycle ▪ Pedestrian

Monthly use

Each point in this time series indicates estimated monthly miles traveled on Blue Mounds.
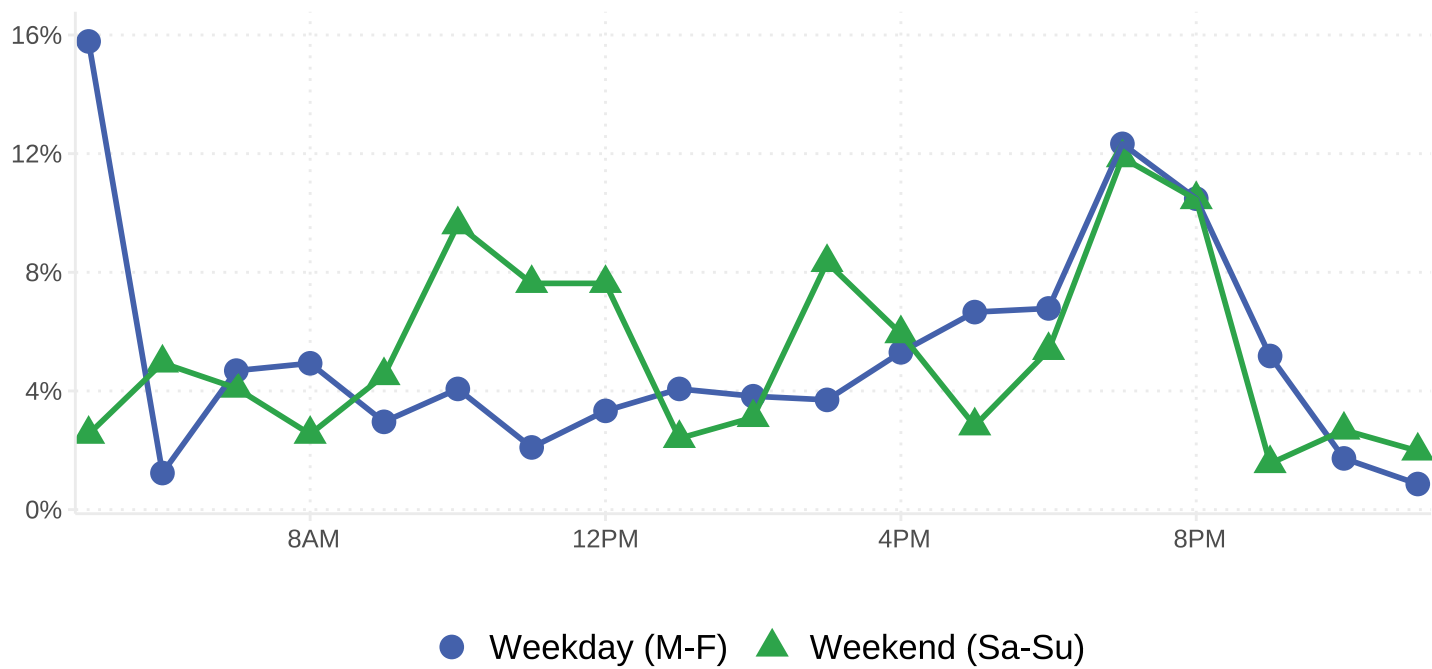

Mode share

Mode share shows the percent of trail use occurring by bicyclists and pedestrians. Points show the monthly averages across the study period.
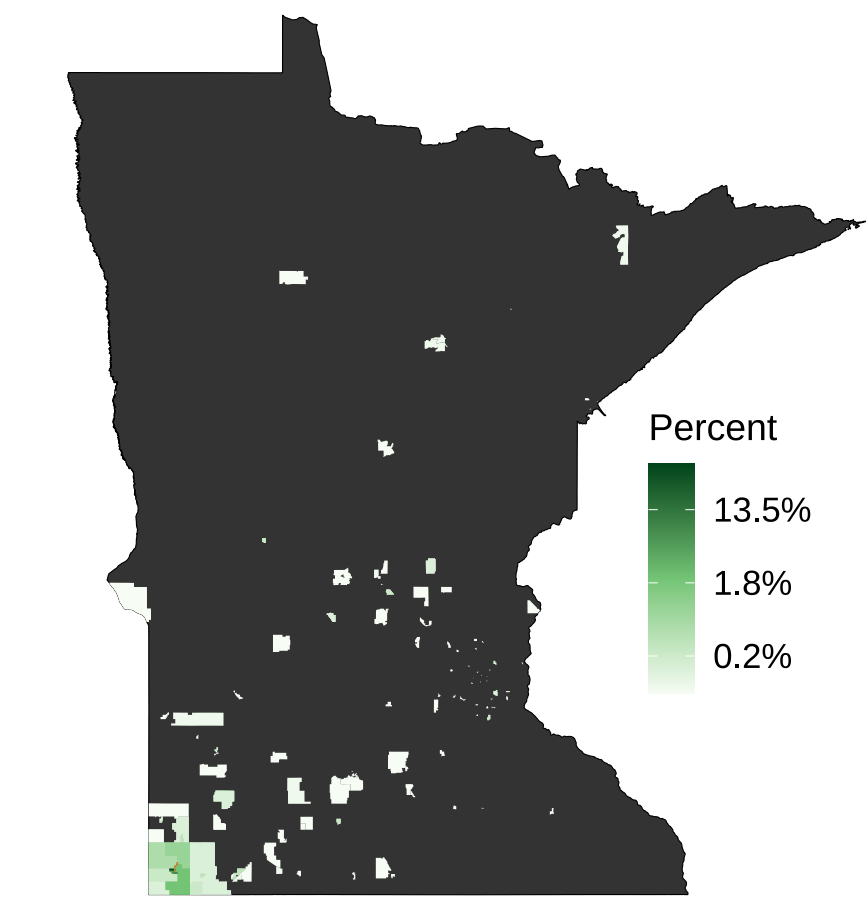

Mode ● Pedestrian ▲ Bicycle

Hourly use

Hourly use during summer 2021 shows patterns of when visitors use trails on weekdays and weekends.

● Weekday (M-F) ▲ Weekend (Sa-Su)

Visitor home locations

Inferred visitor home locations are reported at the block group level. Darker colors indicate more visitors from a given block group. During 2021, approximately 91% of visitors to Blue Mounds lived inside of Minnesota while 9% of visitors lived outside of Minnesota.

Percent
13.5%
1.8%
0.2%

Visitor demographics

Visitor demographics are inferred based on home locations and data from the 2020 US Census. The table summarizes inferred demographic attributes of visitors to Blue Mounds during 2021 (LBS data). 2020 US Census data for Greater Minnesota (the state minus the 7-county metro area) is provided for context. Please note that local and/or historical context is crucial when interpreting trail-level demographic data.

Category	Census Group	Trail Estimate (entire 2021)	Greater Minnesota Average
Race/ethnicity	American Indian	0.6%	1.6%
	Asian	0.8%	1.5%
	Black	1.4%	2.7%
	Hispanic or Latinx	6.3%	4.7%
	More than one race	4.8%	3.6%
	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%
	Some other race	3.1%	0.3%
	White	83.0%	85.6%
Income	Less than $25,000	21.1%	12.7%
	$25,000 - 39,999	10.7%	13.0%
	$40,000 - 59,999	16.0%	16.8%
	$60,000 - 74,999	12.4%	10.8%
	$75,000 - 99,999	12.5%	14.6%
	$100,000 - 149,999	15.9%	17.1%
	$150,000 or higher	11.4%	15.1%
Education	High school	36.7%	37.4%
	Associate degree or some college	34.4%	36.2%
	4-year degree	18.6%	17.9%
	Graduate or professional degree	10.3%	8.5%