Lake Carlos State Park

This factsheet summarizes park-level data for Lake Carlos State Park. Use estimates were derived using location-based services (LBS) data and represent the number of visitors arriving to the park by vehicle, bike, or foot. A vehicle multiplier of 3.2 was used to convert vehicle counts to visitor counts for all DNR State parks.

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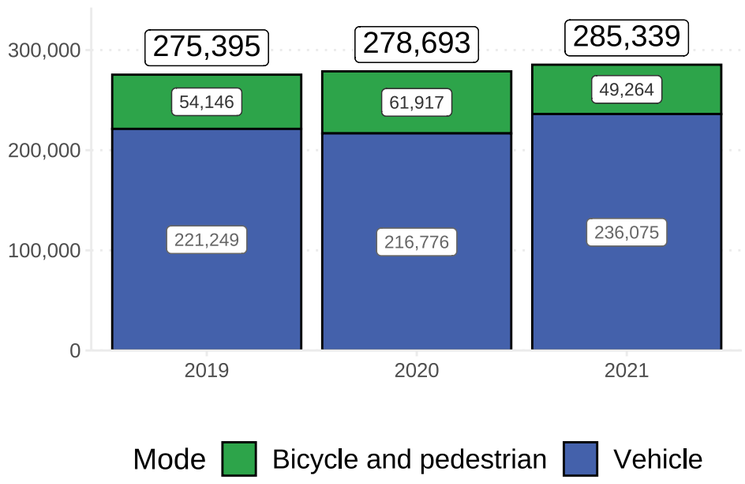
Total annual visits

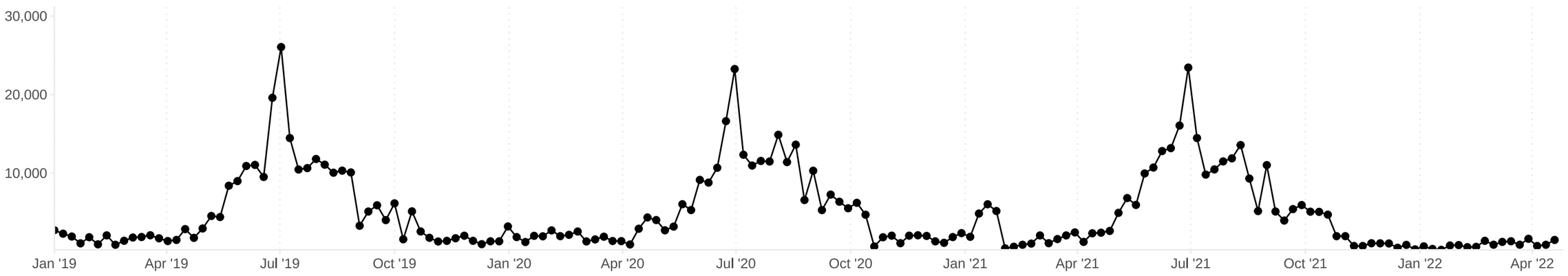


Year	Total visits	Vehicle visitors	Bicyclists	Pedestrians
2019	275,395	221,249	5,187	48,959
2020	278,693	216,776	7,231	54,686
2021	285,339	236,075	4,415	44,849

Lake Carlos is part of the DNR State Park system. The park is in Douglas County (DNR Area 1B). Park boundaries were accessed via the Minnesota Geospatial Commons in July 2023 and may have been edited to improve LBS data performance.

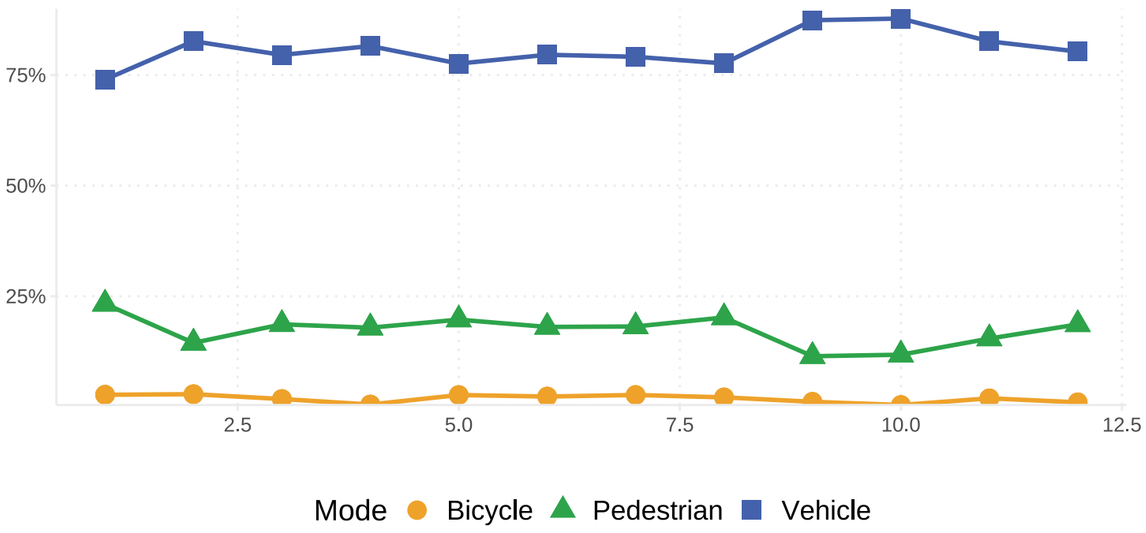
Weekly visits

Each point in this time series indicates estimated weekly visits to Lake Carlos.



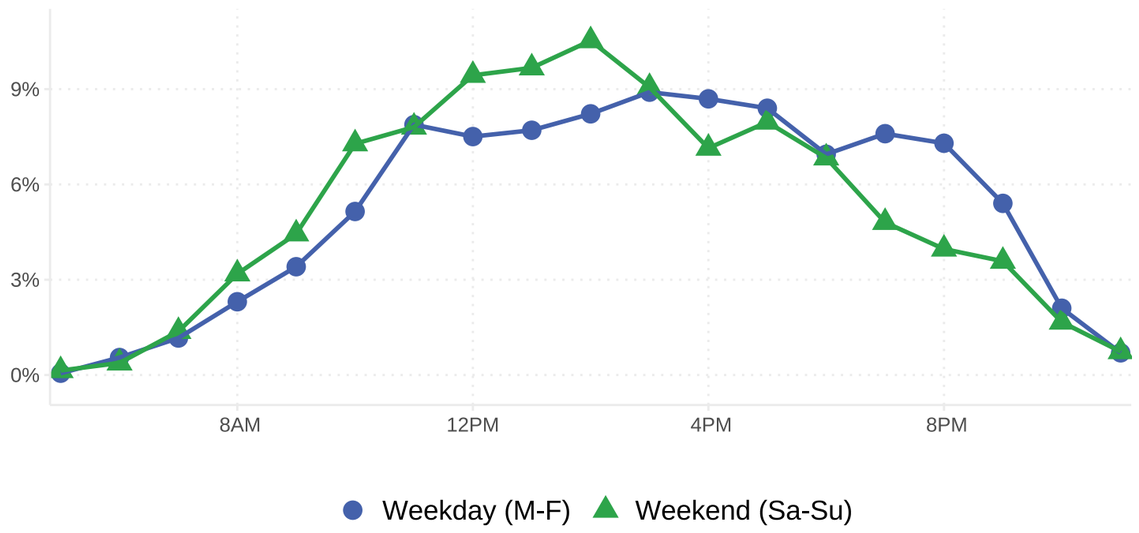
Mode share

Mode share shows the percent of visitors arriving by vehicle, bicycle, or on foot (pedestrian). Points show the monthly averages across the study period.



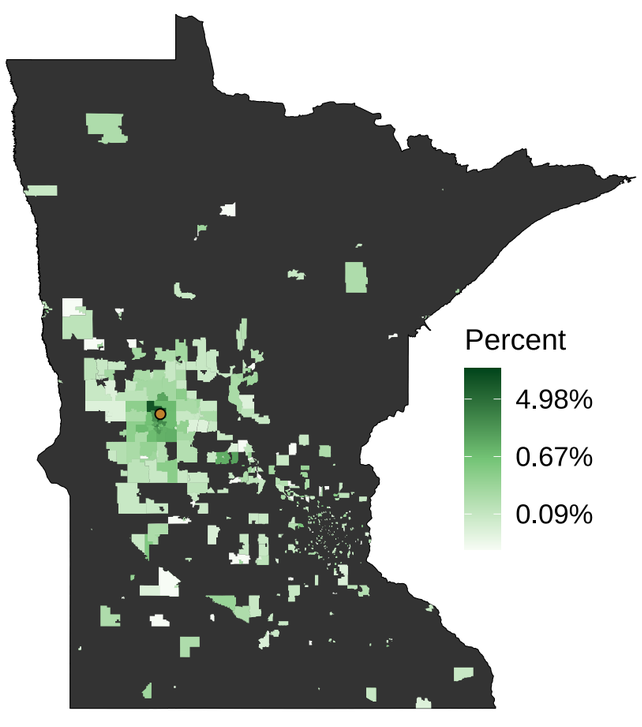
Hourly use

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



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 100% of visitors to Lake Carlos lived inside of Minnesota while 0% of visitors lived outside of Minnesota.



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 Lake Carlos during 2021 (LBS data). 2020 US Census data for the state is provided for context. Please note that local and/or historical context is crucial when interpreting park-level demographic data.

Category	Census Group	Park Estimate (entire 2021)	State Average
Race/ethnicity	American Indian	0.4%	1.0%
	Asian	1.6%	5.2%
	Black	1.8%	6.9%
	Hispanic or Latinx	3.2%	6.1%
	More than one race	4.1%	4.1%
	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%
	Some other race	1.4%	0.4%
	White	87.4%	76.3%
Income	Less than $25,000	14.2%	10.4%
	$25,000 - 39,999	12.1%	11.2%
	$40,000 - 59,999	16.0%	15.1%
	$60,000 - 74,999	10.8%	10.0%
	$75,000 - 99,999	14.9%	14.1%
	$100,000 - 149,999	17.8%	18.3%
	$150,000 or higher	14.3%	20.8%
Education	High school	32.3%	30.9%
	Associate degree or some college	37.0%	32.4%
	4-year degree	20.6%	24.2%
	Graduate or professional degree	10.1%	12.6%