

LARIMER COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

The mission of Larimer County Department of Natural Resources is to establish, protect and manage significant regional parks and open lands providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities and stewardship of natural resource values. We are committed to fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the natural and agricultural heritage of Larimer County for present and future generations.

Date: September 3, 2019

Time: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Horsetooth Area Information Center (HAIC), 4200 W. County Road 38E, Fort Collins, CO 80526

Contact: Please contact Sidney at smichl@larimer.org or 970-619-4462 if you are unable to attend.

AGENDA

Scheduled times are subject to change.

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. AGENDA REVIEW
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Natural Resource events for this month: See <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
 - b. To sign up for Parks Advisory Board minutes, go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click 'Subscribe,' and then check the 'Parks Advisory Board' box.
 - c. The Department's Federal Lands Access Program grant application has been shortlisted which means we are likely to receive the grant. Next steps will include a site visit with program administrators with final notification anticipated in January 2020.
6. UPDATES & REPORTS
 - a. Park District updates – Dan/Mark
 - b. Horsetooth Special Enforcement Zone Plan – Ken and Mark

c. Visitor Use Study – Jenn Almstead (30 minutes)

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Board Election of Officers

9. U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION UPDATE

10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Daylan Figgs

12. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: 10/1/2019 at Natural Resources Administrative Offices (AO), 1800 S. County Road 31, Loveland, CO 80537

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a)) for discussion pertaining to the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest.

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Included in PDF:

- Agenda
- Sales Tax Revenue Distribution Report
- Visitor Use Study presentation

Attached Separately:

- Minutes of last meeting

This meeting will be recorded and archived according to law. Votes require a quorum.

Public can view agenda and minutes at:

http://legacy.larimer.org/boards/minutes/parks_advisory_board.cfm



OPEN SPACE SALES TAX ACTIVITY
June 2019 Distribution

REVENUES:

SALES TAX	\$	1,317,877.31
MV USE TAX	\$	108,563.90
BUILDING USE TAX	\$	89,144.98
INTEREST	\$	3,450.16
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	1,519,036.35

EXPENDITURES:

PERSONNEL & OPERATING	\$	4,186.08	\$	23,462.62
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NET REVENUE:	\$	1,514,850.27
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% SALES TAX DISTRIBUTED TO INCORP. AREAS (USED AS A BASIS) 50%

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON POPULATION

2018 State of Colorado Statistics

	<u>2017 POPULATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	164,810	59.86	\$ 453,382.76
LOVELAND	76,797	27.89	\$ 211,264.10
ESTES PARK	6,276	2.28	\$ 17,264.91
BERTHOUD	6,762	2.46	\$ 18,601.87
WELLINGTON	9,501	3.45	\$ 26,136.70
WINDSOR	7,042	2.56	\$ 19,372.13
JOHNSTOWN	833	0.30	\$ 2,291.53
TIMNATH	3,312	1.20	\$ 9,111.12
TOTAL INCORP.	275,333	100.00	\$ 757,425.14

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON SALES TAX GENERATION

2018 Larimer County Statistics

	<u>2017 GENERATION</u>	<u>% OF INCORP AREA SALES TAX</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 15,871,780	55.45	\$ 420,024.03
LOVELAND	\$ 8,741,862	30.54	\$ 231,340.92
ESTES PARK	\$ 1,657,605	5.79	\$ 43,866.15
BERTHOUD	\$ 284,353	0.99	\$ 7,525.00
WELLINGTON	\$ 241,630	0.84	\$ 6,394.39
WINDSOR	\$ 342,229	1.20	\$ 9,056.60
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 627,655	2.19	\$ 16,609.99
TIMNATH	\$ 854,308	2.98	\$ 22,608.04
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 28,621,422	100.00	\$ 757,425.14

DISTRIBUTION BASED ON HIGHEST YIELD TO INCORPORATED AREAS:

FORT COLLINS	\$ 453,382.76	54.50
LOVELAND	\$ 231,340.92	27.81
ESTES PARK	\$ 43,866.15	5.27
BERTHOUD	\$ 18,601.87	2.24
WELLINGTON	\$ 26,136.70	3.14
WINDSOR	\$ 19,372.13	2.33
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 16,609.99	2.00
TIMNATH	\$ 22,608.04	2.72
TOTAL INCORP	\$ 831,918.58	100.00

NEW DISTRIBUTION FOR MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT:

		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>PAID TO DATE</u>
FORT COLLINS	\$ 412,784.99	\$ 2,119,384.95	\$ 82,314,577.34
LOVELAND	\$ 210,625.69	\$ 1,081,427.17	\$ 38,216,677.11
ESTES PARK	\$ 39,938.20	\$ 205,056.89	\$ 6,295,218.41
BERTHOUD	\$ 16,936.18	\$ 86,956.37	\$ 3,003,590.07
WELLINGTON	\$ 23,796.31	\$ 122,178.72	\$ 2,800,173.00
WINDSOR	\$ 17,637.47	\$ 90,557.05	\$ 1,554,136.23
JOHNSTOWN	\$ 15,122.67	\$ 77,645.15	\$ 1,002,226.73
TIMNATH	\$ 20,583.63	\$ 105,683.66	\$ 1,188,344.53
TOTAL INCORP	<u>\$ 757,425.14</u>	<u>\$ 3,888,889.96</u>	<u>\$ 136,374,943.42</u>
TOTAL UNINCORP	<u>\$ 757,425.13</u>	<u>\$ 3,888,889.90</u>	<u>\$ 98,818,636.19</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 1,514,850.27</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,777,779.86</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 235,193,579.61</u></u>
	\$ -		

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



UNDERSTANDING OUR VISITORS

2017-18 LARIMER COUNTY VISITOR USE STUDY RESULTS



2017-18 VISITOR USE STUDY RESULTS



Visitation has steadily increased at Larimer County open space and reservoir park properties over the past several years.

As the population of the State and the County continue to increase, the Natural Resources Department prioritized the need to better understand our users.

As a result, the Department launched a visitor study at several locations.



2017-18 VISITOR USE STUDY RESULTS



Purpose

To determine the annual visitation at Horsetooth Mountain Open Space, Red Mountain Open Space, and Horsetooth Reservoir;

To ascertain visitor's overall experience, satisfaction of services, and preferences at the two open space properties

Team

Visitor Study Project Manager: Jenn Almstead

Visitor Study Core Team: Mark Caughlan, Steve Gibson, and Zac Wiebe

Visitor Study Project Coordinators: Sidney Michl and Lexie Sorenson

Visitor Study Volunteers: 28 volunteers logged 1,000+ hours for the study



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Visitor Use Study Partnership:

Colorado State University's
Human Dimensions of Natural Resources Department

- Professor, Jerry Vaske; 30+ years experience
- Affiliate Professor, Jay Beaman



2017-18 VISITOR USE STUDY RESULTS



Horsetooth Mountain OS

213,000 to 235,000

Estimated Annual Person Visits

Main: 134,000-147,000

Soderberg: 79,000-87,000*

**Includes 24,000 trail walk-ins from
Lory State Park*

Visitor Count Estimates:

- Calculated using vehicle and observational parking data
- Data analyzed by CSU (80% confidence interval)



Red Mountain OS

19,700 to 22,300

Estimated Annual Person Visits



Horsetooth Reservoir

790,000 to 918,000

Estimated Annual Person Visits

Rotary, Skyline, and Sunrise
Day Use Areas: 378,000 to 442,000

2017-18 VISITOR USE STUDY RESULTS



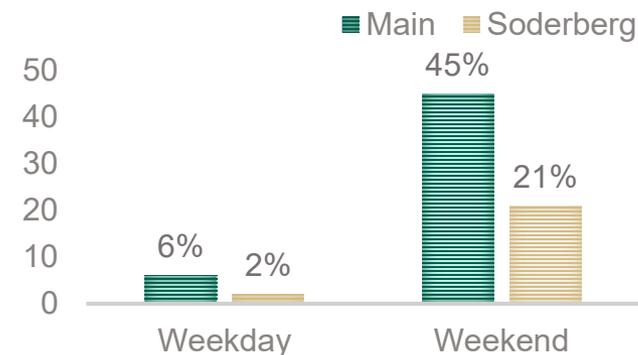
Horsetooth Mountain Open Space Percent of Time Parking Areas Reached Capacity

- Capacity = five (5) or fewer parking spaces available
 - 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Main
 - 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Soderberg

% Capacity - Month by month



Capacity Weekday vs. Weekend



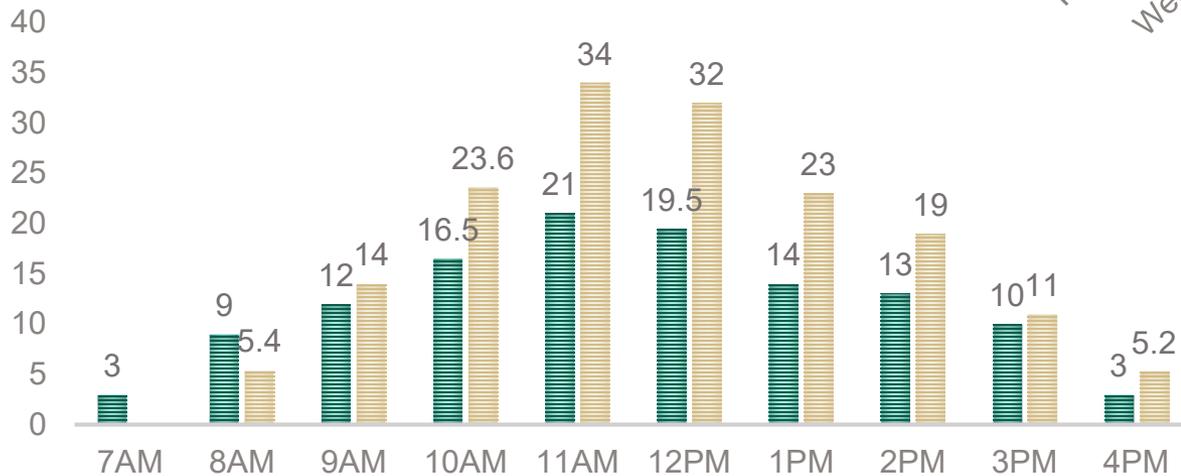


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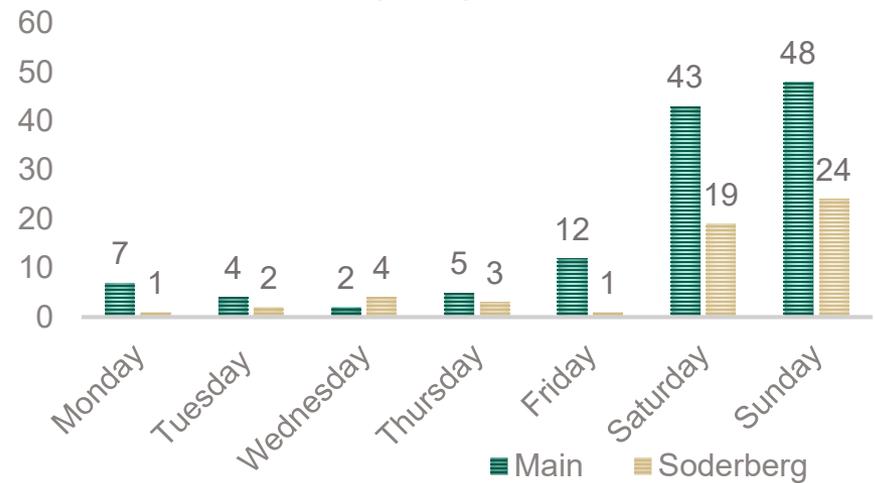
**Horsetooth Mountain Open Space
Percent of Time Parking Areas Reached Capacity**

% Capacity Time of Day

■ Soderberg ■ Main



% Capacity Day of the Week



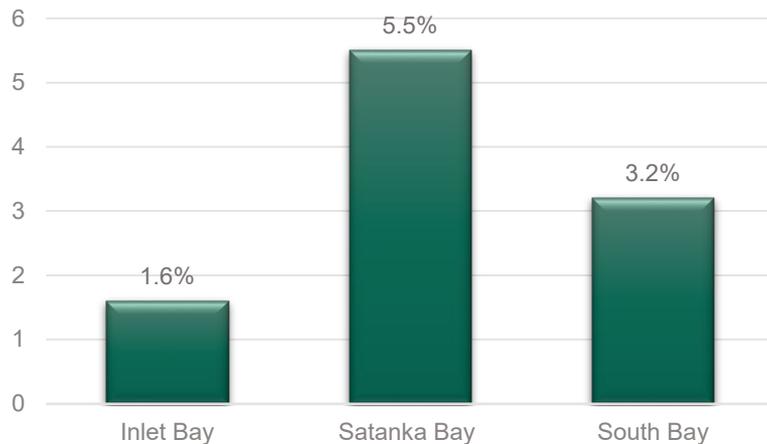
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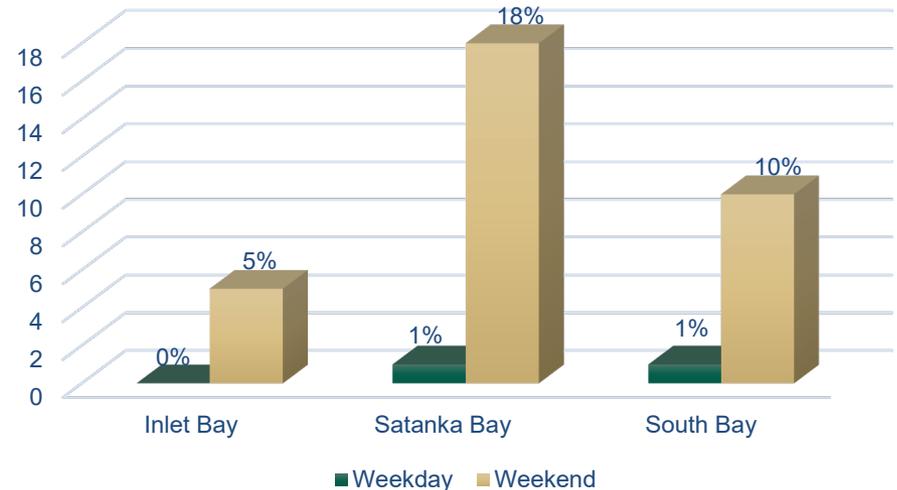
Horsetooth Reservoir Inlet Bay, Satanka Bay, and South Bay Parking Lot Capacity

Capacity = five (5) or fewer parking spaces available

% Parking Capacity Peak Season (May-Sept)



% Parking Capacity Peak Season (May-Sept) Weekday vs. Weekend



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Horsetooth Mountain and Red Mountain Open Spaces Visitor Survey Data Collection Effort (12 months)



Surveys administered on-site at Main and Soderberg trailheads from June 2017 to May 2018

- All seasons
- Weekdays and weekends
- Morning, afternoon, evenings

A total of 1,466 visitors completed the survey

- 1,002 completed surveys at HTMOS
- 464 completed surveys at RMOS

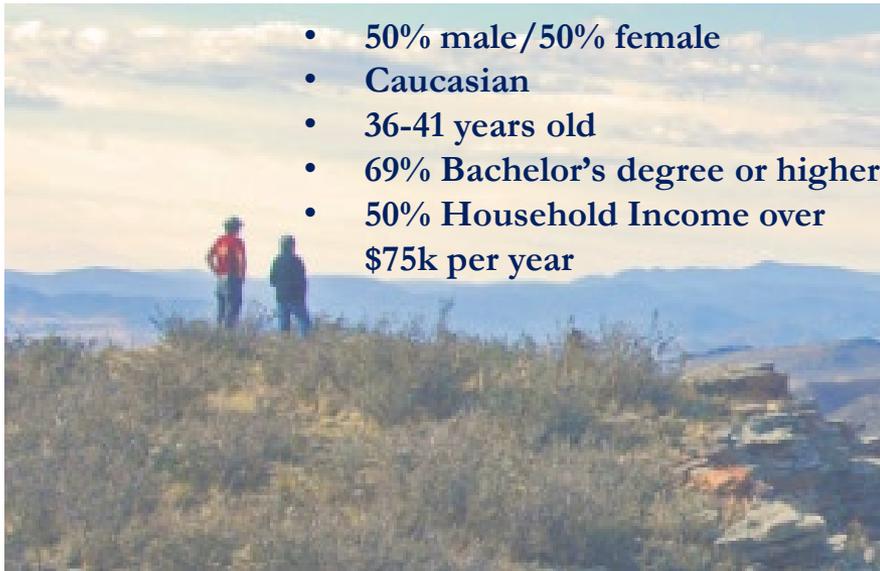
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Horsetooth Mountain and Red Mountain Open Spaces Visitor Satisfaction Survey Results

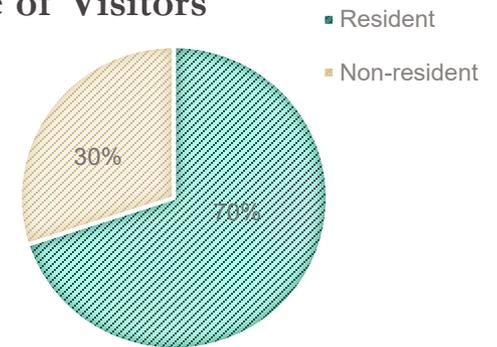
(12 month period)

Typical Visitor

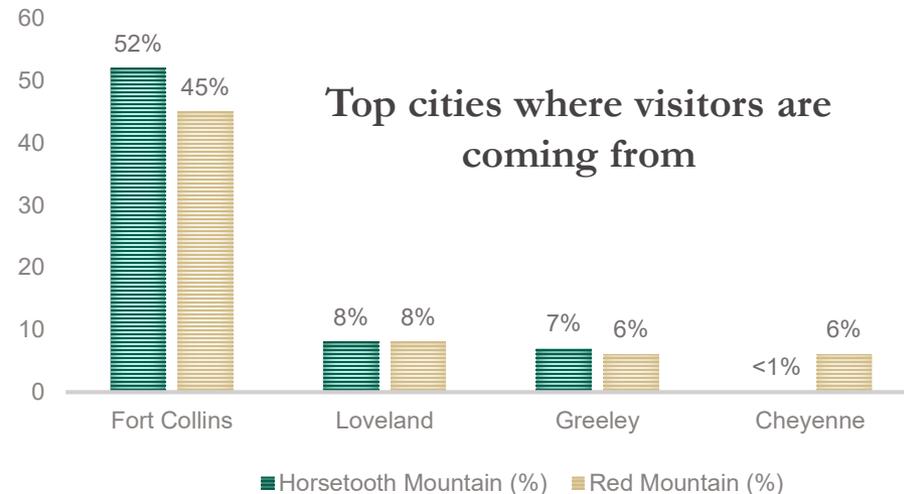


- 50% male/50% female
- Caucasian
- 36-41 years old
- 69% Bachelor's degree or higher
- 50% Household Income over \$75k per year

Residence of Visitors



Top cities where visitors are coming from

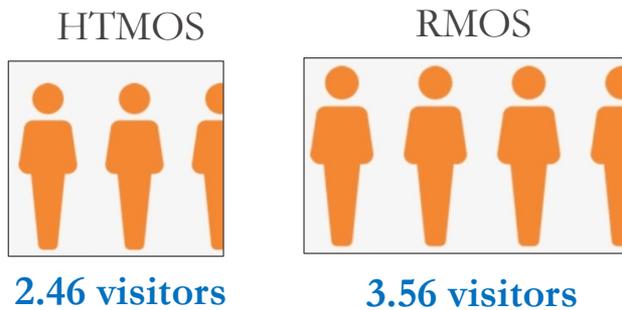


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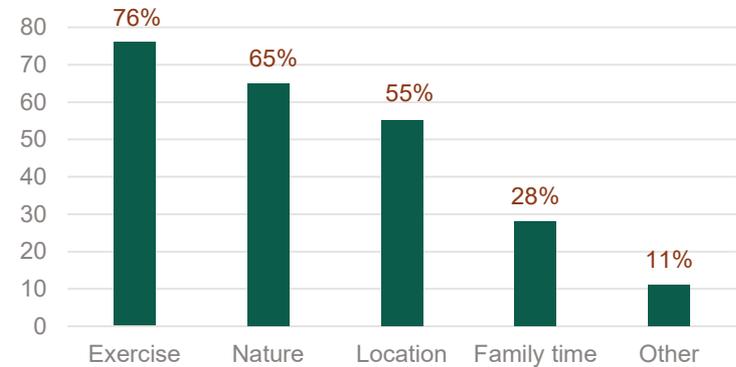
Horsetooth Mountain and Red Mountain Open Spaces Visitor Satisfaction Survey Results (12 month period)

Average Group Size



Reasons for Visiting

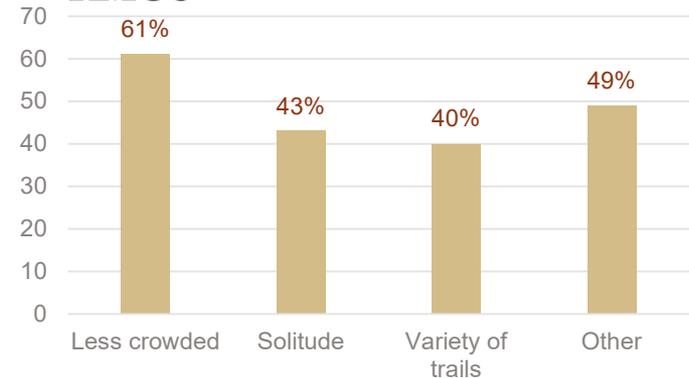
HTMOS



First Time Visitors



RMOS

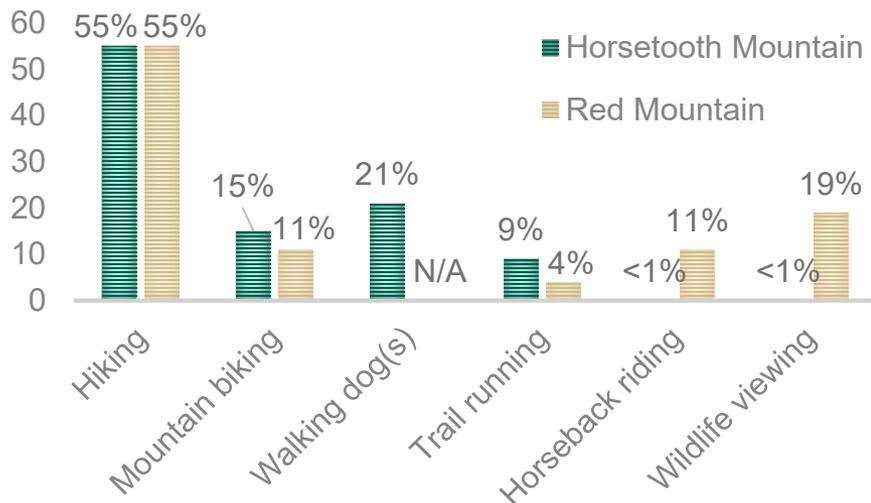


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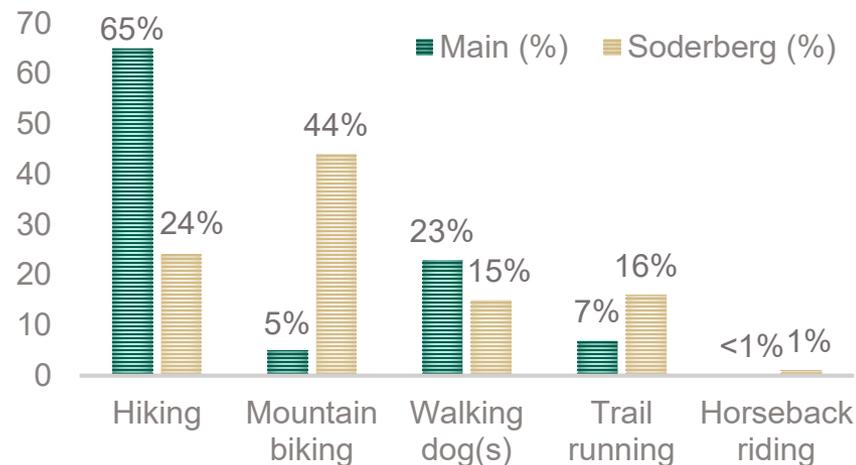


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Primary Activities by Visitors



Primary Activities by visitors at HTMOS Trailheads

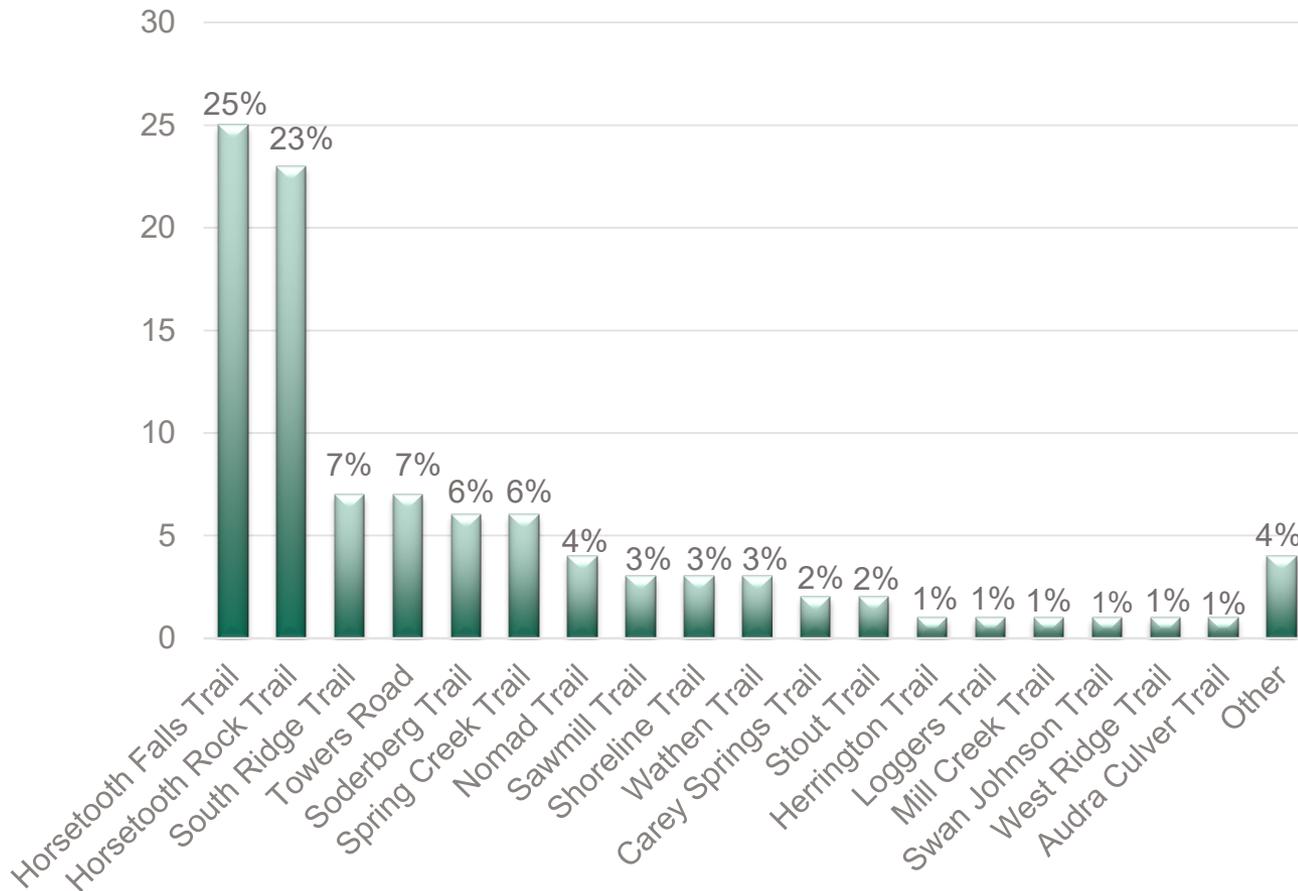


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HTMOS Specific Trail Uses Reported

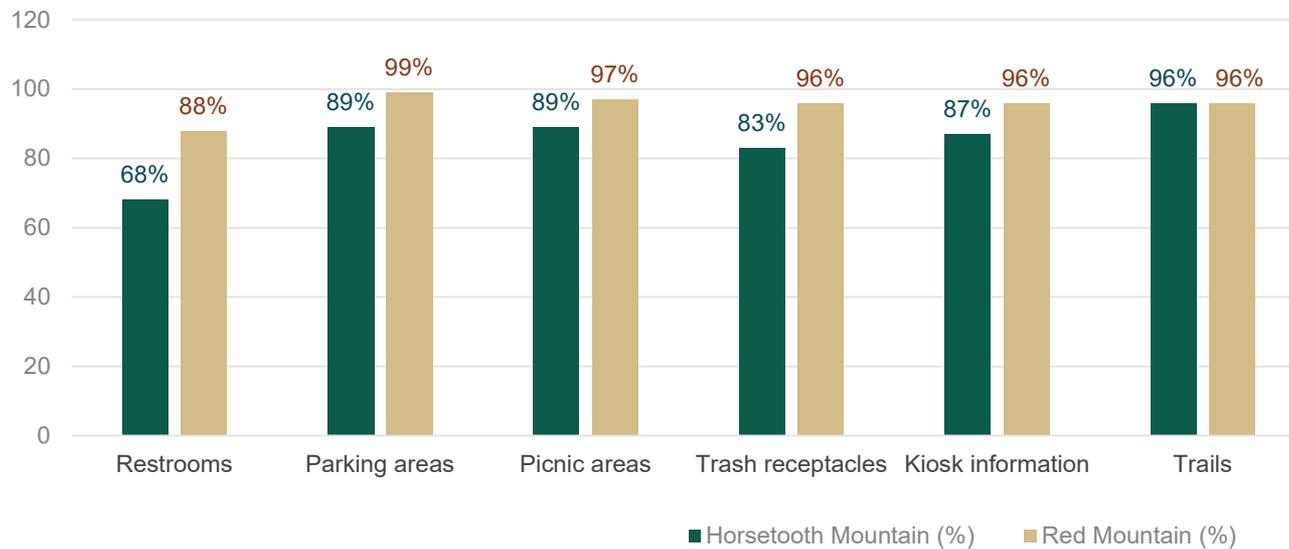
(1016 total responses; 390 visitors reported multiple trails during their visit)



2017-18 VISITOR USE STUDY RESULTS



Quality of Facilities



Overall Satisfaction Rating



98+%
OVERALL SATISFACTION
Rating of "GOOD OR EXCELLENT"
AT HORSETOOTH MOUNTAIN AND
RED MOUNTAIN OPEN SPACES

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Horsetooth Mountain and Red Mountain Open Spaces Visitor Satisfaction Survey Results *(12 month period)*



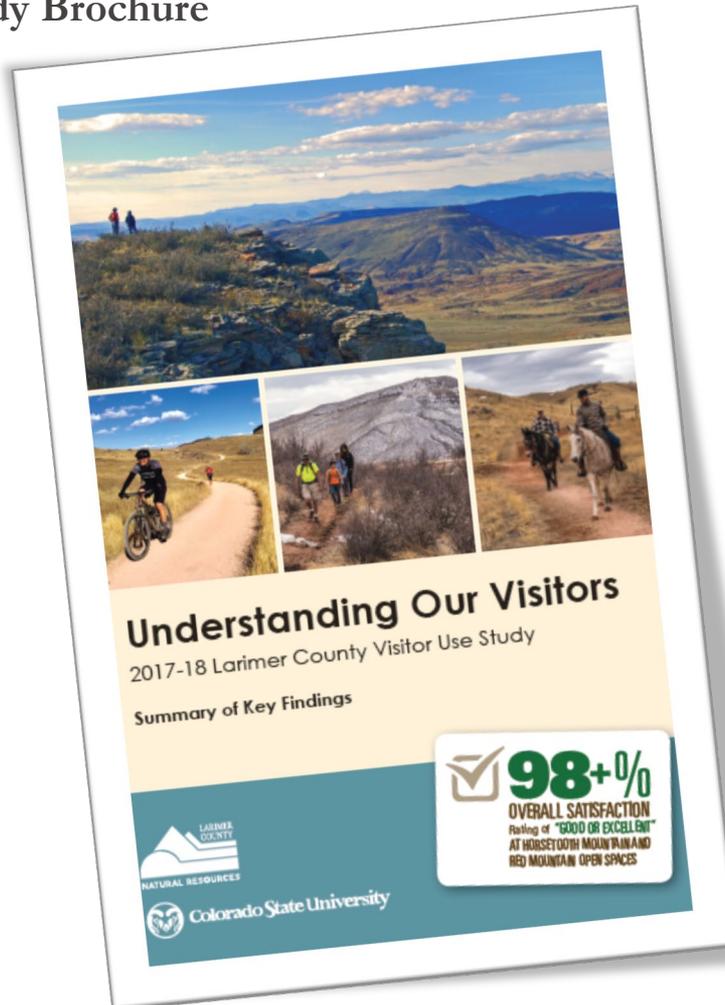
Crowding/Conflict Summary

- In general, visitors do not feel crowded (higher percentages of crowding occurred at the main trailhead)
- Visitors reported that they experience little to no conflict with other users (90% of visitors never observed hikers, mountain bikers, or equestrian riders behaving unsafely or discourteously.)
- 94% of visitors at RMOS and 98% at HTMOS reported there are no Larimer County properties that they avoid.

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Visitor Study Brochure



The full Visitor Use Study report is under
Plans, Reports, and Advisory Boards at:
www.larimer.org/naturalresources