

CRD Regional Parks and Trails 2025 Summer Outreach and Education Overview

Regional Parks Committee
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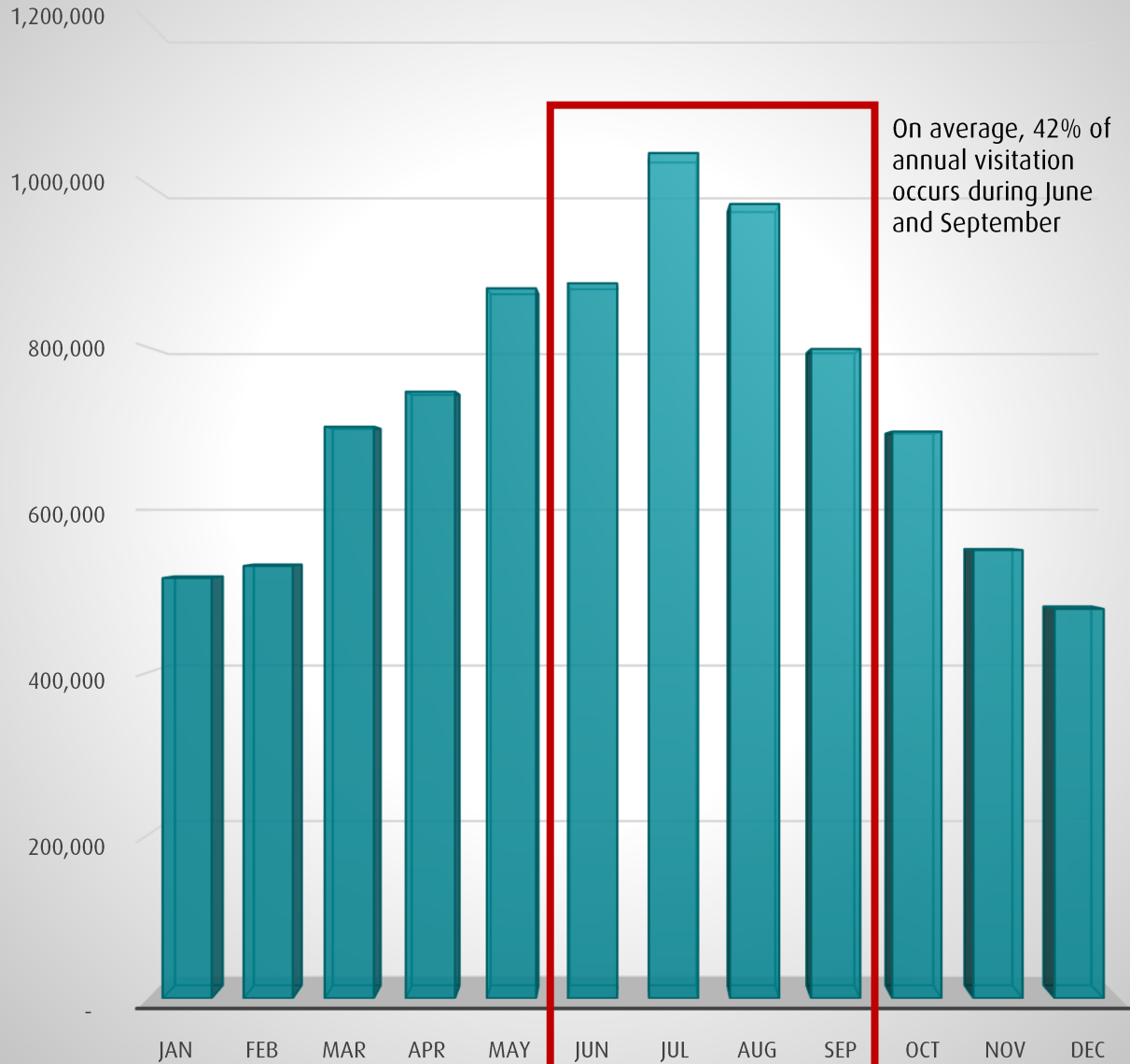
- ▶ Keep right except to pass
- ▶ Alert other trail users when passing
- ▶ Control speed, especially on e-bikes
- ▶ Yield to pedestrians, horse riders & farm equipment
- ▶ Respect fellow trail users & the trail environment
- ▶ Keep dogs leashed & under control

Agenda

1. Summer Visitation Rates
2. Park Ranger Overview
3. Park Ranger Summer Workplan
4. Themes & Priorities for Summer Ranger Patrols
5. Park Interpreter Overview
6. Park Interpreter Summer Workplan
7. Themes & Priorities for Summer Nature Programs
8. Conclusion



2020-2024 Regional Parks AVG Visitation



Summer in Regional Parks

- Increase in visitation
- Multitude of recreational opportunities
- Visitor use issues
- Optimal public outreach time



Park Rangers:



Patrol regional parks throughout the year



Promote voluntary compliance to park regulations and enforce parks bylaws



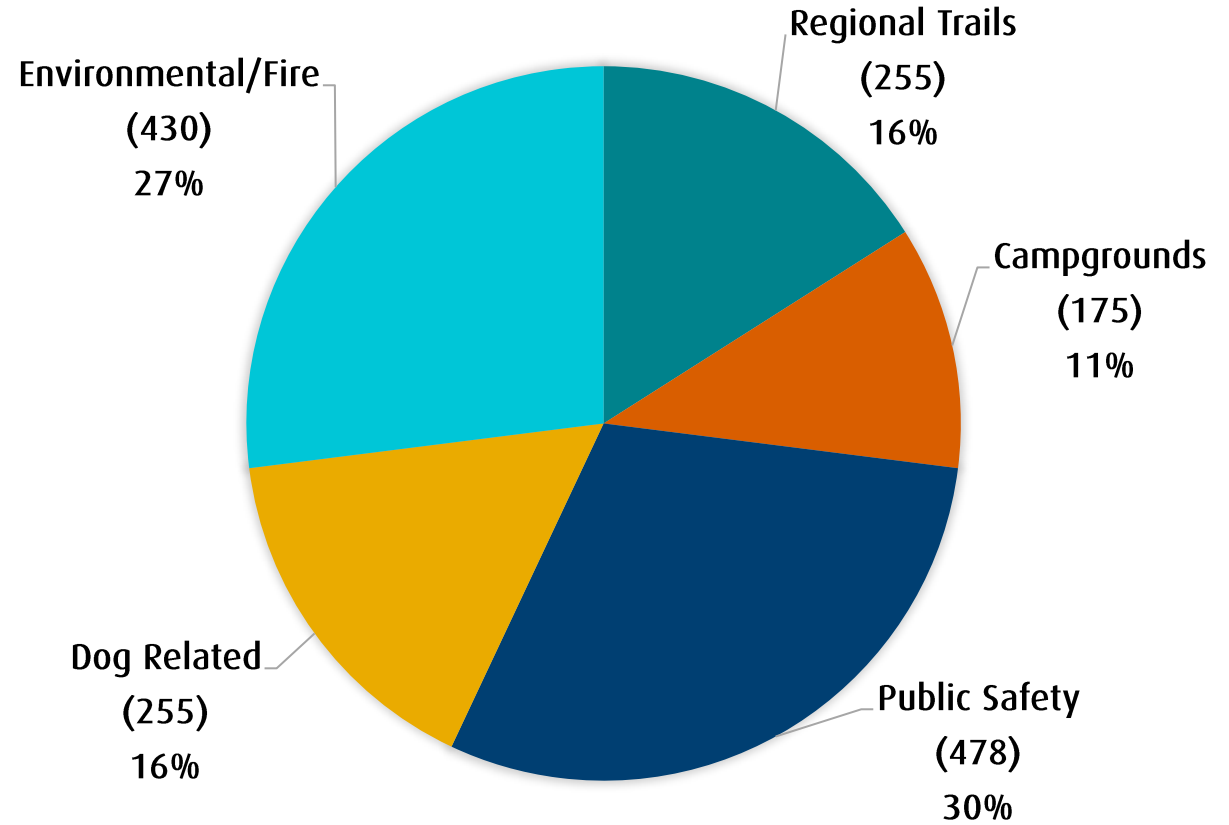
Collaborate with partner agencies



Investigate serious violations

Summer 2025 Work Plan Focus - Park Rangers:

PATROL HOUR FORECASTING JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2025



Rangers will patrol a total of 1,593 hours between June and September.





Themes & Focus of Summer 2025

Park Ranger patrols:

- **Park visitor safety:**
 - Share information with visitors on park and water safety.
 - Collaborate with partner agencies on swimming and boating safety.
 - Mitigate unsafe behavior in parks, including drugs and alcohol.
- **Wildfire prevention:**
 - Conduct regular patrols through parks, backcountry, regional trails and campgrounds.
 - Educate the public and enforce the parks bylaw as it relates to smoking.
 - Act as incident support with provincial and municipal partners.
- **Regional trail safety:**
 - Act as a presence on trail to monitor, encourage and enforce good regional trail etiquette.
 - Support the annual Cruise with Courtesy public awareness and safety campaign.
 - Partner with local police in commitment to shared safety in and around the regional trail corridors.



Park Interpreters:



Educate and engage visitors about responsible park use, park values, stewardship and cultural values



Reach over 10,000 visitors annually and welcome 4000 visitors into two nature centres

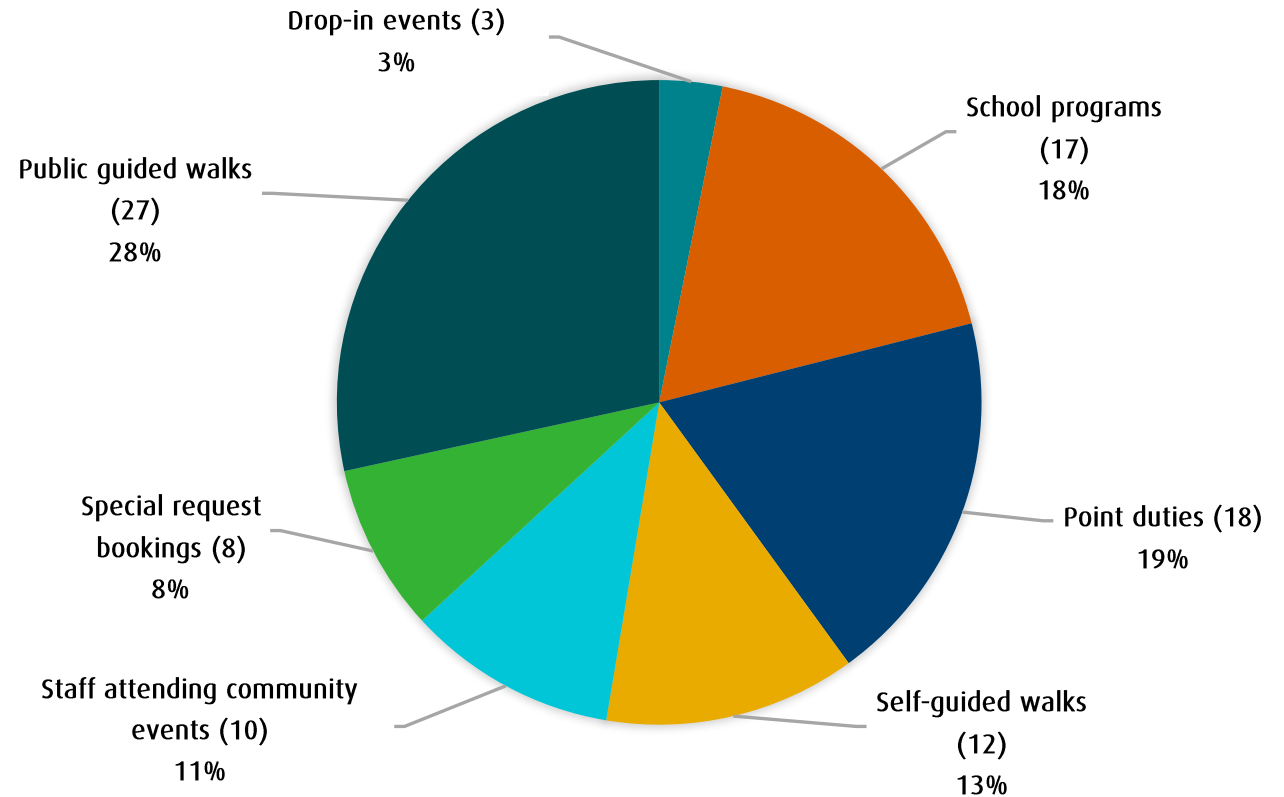


Collaborate with local partners and interest holders to offer free or low cost accessible and equitable nature programming



Summer 2025 Work Plan Focus - Interpretive Team:

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROGRAMS/PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL PROGRAMMING



Staff will work a total of 2,740 hours between June and September.



Themes & Focus of Summer 2025 Interpretive Programming:

- Respectful park use.
- Stewardship etiquette for beach visitors.
- Importance of staying on trail.
- Continued education on Indigenous perspectives.
- Increasing access and equity in parks.



Conclusion

- Outreach and education are integral to park visitor safety, cultural appreciation and ensuring lasting ecological integrity of parks.
- Staff will adapt to respond to visitor needs and park management issues, as necessary.
- Park ranger and interpretive programs continue to grow and evolve.



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