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**ASHUWILTICOOK RAIL TRAIL  
July 2009 TRAIL COUNT**

**COUNT SUMMARY**

NOTE: The numbers listed below represent the total number of one way trips seen on the trail, rather than the number of individual users. Volunteers were not required to remember if they had already seen a particular user before.

**SATURDAY, July 11**

NOTE: On Saturday, July 11, the Berkshire Cycling Association (BCA) scheduled a 100 mile ride that utilized the trail from the Berkshire Mall entrance in Lanesborough to Route 8 in Cheshire. Riders could begin at anytime between 7:30-8:30AM, which accounts for the higher than normal volume recorded during those hours.

On Saturday, July 11, data was collected at the Berkshire Mall in Lanesborough and Russell Field in Adams from 7:00AM to 7:00PM. No data was collected at Farnam's Road in Cheshire.

**Total Volume: 1,855 one way trips between 7:00AM and 7:00PM**

Mall: 1,071 (58%), Russell Field: 784 (42%)

**Total Bicyclists: 1,274 (68% of total volume)**

Mall: 734 (58%), Russell Field: 540 (42%)

Number of Bicyclists not wearing helmets: 394  
Percent of Bicyclists not wearing helmets: 31%

**Total Walkers: 427 (23% of total volume)**

Mall: 230 (54%), Russell Field: 197 (46%)

**TUESDAY, July 14**

On Tuesday, July 14, data was collected at the Berkshire Mall, Farnam's Road in Cheshire, and Russell Field in Adams for both the AM and PM peak periods (7:30-9:30AM and 4:30-6:30PM).

**Total Volume: 483 one way trips between 7:30-9:30AM and 4:30-6:30PM**

Mall: 174 (36%), Farnam's Rd: 151 (31%) Russell Field: 158 (33%)

**Total Bicyclists: 225 (46% of total volume)**

Mall: 78 (35%), Farnam's Rd: 84 (37%) Russell Field: 63 (28%)

Number of Bicyclists not wearing helmets: 84  
Percent of Bicyclists not wearing helmets: 37%

**Total Walkers: 192 (40% of total volume)**

Mall: 63 (33%), Farnam's Rd: 45 (23%), Russell Field: 84 (44%)

## **DATA SUMMARY**

### **SATURDAY, July 11**

On Saturday, July 11, the higher total number of one way trips was counted at the Berkshire Mall location (1,071) (58%). The lower total of one way trips was counted at the Russell Field location (784) (42%). The highest total number of one way trips was counted between 11:00AM-12:00PM (253) (14%). The lowest total number of one way trips was counted between 6:00-7:00PM (65) (4%).

At the Berkshire Mall location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 7:00-8:00AM (133) (12%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 5:00-6:00PM (22) (2%). At the Russell Field location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 11:00AM-12:00PM (139) (18%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 7:00-8:00AM (16) (2%).

The most popular mode of travel was Bicycling (1,274) (69%), followed by Walking (427) (23%). The least popular mode of travel for which there was at least one trip counted was "Wheel Chair or Disability" (3) (0%). Percentage wise, the least popular modes of travel were "Wheel Chair or Disability" (3) (0%), "Other" (4) (0%), and "Skater with Helmet" (18) (1%). "Other" one way trips included scooters. Volunteers were also asked to count baby carriers for which there were 29 (2%) counted.

Bicyclists and skaters without helmets were categorized separately from those wearing helmets. The total number of one way trips by bicyclists with helmets was 880 (47% of total volume). The total number of one way trips by bicyclists without helmets was 394 (21% of total volume). The total number of one way trips by skaters with helmets was (18) (1%). The total number of one way trips by skaters without helmets was (68) (4%).

In addition to mode of travel, age estimates were also documented. The age group with the highest total representation was "25-44" (609) (35%) and "45-64" (529) (30%). The age group with the lowest total representation was "Under 15" (180) (10%).

At the Berkshire Mall location, the age group with the highest representation was "25-44" (360) (36%). The age group with the lowest representation was "Under 15" (72) (7%). At the Russell Field location, the age group with the highest representation was "25-44" (249) (33%). The age group with the lowest representation was "Over 65" (49) (7%).

### **TUESDAY, July 14**

On Tuesday, July 14, the highest total number of one way trips was counted at the Berkshire Mall location (174) (36%). The lowest total number of one way trips was counted at the Farnam's Road location (151) (31%). The highest total number of one way trips was counted between 4:30-5:30PM (163) (34%). The lowest total number of one way trips was counted between 7:30-8:30AM (75) (16%).

At the Berkshire Mall location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 4:30-5:30PM (61) (35%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 7:30-8:30AM (29) (17%). At the Farnam's Road location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 4:30-5:30PM (50) (33%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 5:30-6:30PM (28) (19%). At the Russell Field location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 5:30-6:30PM (64) (41%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 7:30-8:30AM (16) (10%).

The most popular mode of travel on Tuesday was Bicycling (225) (47%), followed by Walking (192) (40%). The least popular mode of travel for which there was at least one trip counted was "Wheel Chair or Disability" (1) (0%), and "Other" (3) (1%). "Wheel Chair or Disability" was also the least popular mode of travel based on percentage. "Other" one way trips included 3 wheeled peddle bikes. Volunteers were also asked to count baby carriers for which there were 12 (2%) counted.

Bicyclists and skaters without helmets were categorized separately from those wearing helmets. The total number of one way trips by bicyclists with helmets was 141 (29% of total volume). The total number of one

way trips by bicyclists without helmets was 84 (17% of total volume). The total number of one way trips by skaters with helmets was 9 (2% of total volume). The total number of one way trips by skaters without helmets was 22 (5% of total volume).

In addition to mode of travel, age estimates were also documented. The age group with the highest total representation was "45-64" (169) (37%). The age group with the lowest total representation was "Over 65" (32) (7%).

At the Berkshire Mall location, the age group with the highest representation was 45-64 (68) (40%). The age group with the lowest representation was "Over 65" (4) (2%). At the Farnam's Road location, the age group with the highest representation was "45-64" (63) (45%). The age group with the lowest representation was "Under 15" (10) (7%). At the Russell Field location, the age group with the highest representation was "Under 15" (41) (26%). The age group with the lowest representation was "Over 65" (15) (10%).