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**ASHUWILTICOOK RAIL TRAIL
JULY 2008 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 seen a particular user before.

SATURDAY, July 12

Total Volume: 2,355 one way trips between 7:00AM and 7:00PM

Mall: 974 (41%), Farnam's Rd: 707 (30%), Russell Field: 674 (29%)

Total Bicyclists: 1,659 (71% of total volume)

Mall: 618, Farnam's Rd: 518, Russell Field: 523

Percent of Bicyclists not wearing Helmets: 34%

Total Walkers: 429 (18% of total volume)

Mall: 206, Farnam's Rd.: 100, Russell Field: 123

TUESDAY, July 15

Total Volume: 561 one way trips between 7:30-9:30AM and 4:30-6:30PM

Mall: 184 (33%), Farnam's Rd: 173 (31%), Russell Field: 204 (36%)

Total Bicyclists: 322 (58% of total volume)

Mall: 86, Farnam's Rd: 123, Russell Field: 113

Percent of Bicyclists not wearing Helmets: 36%

Total Walkers: 148 (26% of total volume)

Mall: 45, Farnam's Rd: 30, Russell Field: 73

A Note on Tuesday's Counts: On Tuesday, data was collected at all three locations during the AM and PM peak periods only, which represents one third of the amount of time for which data was collected on Saturday. For the PM peak hour on Tuesday between 4:30 and 5:30, there were 198 (35%) one way trips counted at all three locations. For the PM peak hour on Tuesday between 5:30 and 6:30, there were 185 (33%) one way trips counted at all three locations.

Conclusions

On Saturday, the highest total number of one way trips was counted at the Berkshire Mall location (974) (41%). The lowest total number of one way trips was counted at the Russell Field location (674) (29%). On Tuesday, the highest total number of one way trips was counted at the Russell Field location (204) (36%). The lowest total number of one way trips was counted at the Farnam's Road location (173) (31%).

SATURDAY

The highest total number of one way trips was counted between 1:00-2:00PM (290) (12%). The lowest total number of one way trips was counted between 7:00-8:00AM (70) (3%). At the Berkshire Mall location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 11:00AM-12:00PM (180) (18%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 7:00-8:00AM (27) (3%). At the Farnam's Road location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 2:00-3:00PM (127) (18%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 7:00-8:00AM (20) (3%). At the Russell Field location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 12:00-1:00PM (101) (15%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 7:00-8:00AM (23) (3%).

The most popular mode of travel was Bicycling (1,659) (71%), followed by Walking (429) (18%). The least popular mode of travel on Saturday for which there was at least one trip counted was "Jogger w/ Baby Carriage" (2) (0%). Percentage wise, the least popular modes of travel on Saturday were "Walker w/ Baby Carriage" (17) (1%) and "Other" (26) (1%).

Bicyclists and Skaters without helmets were categorized separately from those wearing helmets. The total number of bicyclists without helmets was 563 (33% of total volume). The total number of skaters without helmets was (139) (87%).

The age group with the highest total representation was "25-44" (642) (34%). The age group with the lowest total representation was "Under 15" (172) (9%).

At the Berkshire Mall location, the age group with the highest representation was "25-44" (306) (35%). The age group with the lowest representation was "Under 15" (77) (9%). At the Farnam's Road location, the age group with the highest representation was "45-64" (128) (35%). The age group with the lowest representation was "Under 15" (36) (10%). At the Russell Field location, the age group with the highest representation was "45-64" (227) (37%). The age group with the lowest representation was "Under 15" (59) (10%).

Volunteers were asked to inventory license plates whenever possible. On Saturday, there were 98 license plates from MA inventoried, 33 from VT, 14 from NY, 2 from CT, 2 from RI, 2 from VA, and 2 from PA.

TUESDAY

The highest total number of one way trips was counted between 4:30-5:30PM (198) (35%). The lowest total number of one way trips was counted between 7:30-8:30AM (63) (11.2%). At the Berkshire Mall location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 4:30-5:30PM (65) (11.6%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 7:30-8:30AM (19) (3.3%). At the Farnam's Road location, the highest total of one way trips was counted between 5:30-6:30PM (62) (11%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 7:30-8:30AM (16) (2.8%). At the Russell Field location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 4:30-5:30PM (78) (13.9%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 7:30-8:30AM (28) (5%).

The most popular mode of travel on Tuesday was Bicycling (322) (58%), followed by Walking (148) (26%). The least popular mode of travel on Tuesday for which there was at least one trip counted was "Jogger w/ Baby Carriage" (1) (0%). Percentage wise, the least popular modes of travel on Tuesday were "Walker w/ Baby Carriage" (15) (3%) and "Other" (9) (2%).

Bicyclists and Skaters without helmets were categorized separately from those wearing helmets. The total number of bicyclists without helmets was 116 (36% of total volume). The total number of skaters without helmets was 35 (76% of total volume).

The age group with the highest total representation was "45-64" (158) (32.05%). The age group with the lowest total representation was "Over 65" (54) (10.95%).

At the Berkshire Mall location, the age group with the highest representation was "45-64" (60) (40%). The age group with the lowest representation was "Under 15" (8) (5.33%). At the Farnam's Road location, the age group with the highest representation was "45-64" (48) (34.04). The age group with the lowest representation was "Over 65" (10) (7.09%). At the Russell Field location, the age group with the highest representation was "Under 15" (54) (26.73%). The age group with the lowest representation was "16-24" (23) (11.39%).

Volunteers were asked to inventory license plates whenever possible. On Tuesday, there were 37 license plates from MA inventoried, 2 from FL, 1 from NY and 1 from OH.