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**ASHUWILTICOOK RAIL TRAIL
May 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, May 2

On Saturday, May 2nd, data was collected at all three locations from 7:00AM to 7:00PM. However, there was no data collected between 10:15-11:00PM at Russell Field.

Total Volume: 1,966 one way trips between 7:00AM and 7:00PM

Mall: 619 (31%), Farnam's Rd: 646 (33%), Russell Field: 701 (36%)

Total Bicyclists: 1,084 (55% of total volume)

Mall: 252 (23%), Farnam's Rd: 378 (35%), Russell Field: 454 (42%)

Number of Bicyclists not wearing helmets: 485

Percent of Bicyclists not wearing helmets: 44.7%

Total Walkers: 626 (32% of total volume)

Mall: 252 (40%), Farnam's Rd: 200 (32%), Russell Field: 174 (28%)

WEDNESDAY, May 6

On Wednesday, May 6th, data was collected at the Berkshire Mall and Farnam's Rd. for both the AM and PM peak periods (7:30-9:30AM and 4:30-6:30PM). Data was collected at Russell Field during the PM peak period only.

Total Volume: 523 one way trips between 7:30-9:30AM and 4:30-6:30PM

Mall: 206 (39%), Farnam's Rd: 178 (34%) Russell Field: 139 (27%)

Total Bicyclists: 232 (44% of total volume)

Mall: 91 (39%), Farnam's Rd: 77 (33%) Russell Field: 64 (28%)

Number of Bicyclists not wearing helmets: 100

Percent of Bicyclists not wearing helmets: 43.1%

Total Walkers: 205 (39% of total volume)

Mall: 75 (37%), Farnam's Rd: 69 (34%), Russell Field: 61 (29%)

DATA SUMMARY

SATURDAY, May 2

On Saturday, May 2nd, the highest total number of one way trips was counted at the Russell Field location (683) (35%). The lowest total number of one way trips was counted at the Berkshire Mall location (634) (32%). The highest total number of one way trips was counted between 3:00-4:00AM (252) (13%). The lowest total number of one way trips was counted between 7:00-8:00AM (43) (2%).

At the Berkshire Mall location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 12:00-1:00PM (92) (15%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 8:00-9:00AM (15) (2%). At the Farnam's Road location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 3:00-4:00PM (95) (15%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 7:00-8:00AM (13) (2%). At the Russell Field location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 1:00-2:00PM (108) (16%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 10:00-11:00AM (6) (0%).

The most popular mode of travel was Bicycling (1,084) (55%), followed by Walking (626) (32%). The least popular mode of travel for which there was at least one trip counted was "Wheel Chair or Disability" (11) (1%). Percentage wise, the least popular modes of travel were "Skater with Helmet" (42) (2%), "Wheel Chair of Disability" (11) (1%) and "Other" (21) (1%). "Other" one way trips included scooters, skateboards, roller skis, tricycles and big wheels. Volunteers were also asked to count baby carriers for which there were 33 (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 599 (30% of total volume). The total number of one way trips by bicyclists without helmets was 418 (25% of total volume). The total number of one way trips by skaters with helmets was (42) (2%). The total number of one way trips by skaters without helmets was (86) (4%).

In addition to mode of travel, age estimates were also documented. The age group with the highest total representation was "25-44" (588) (30%) and "45-64" (588) (30%). The age group with the lowest total representation was "16-24" (196) (10%).

At the Berkshire Mall location, the age group with the highest representation was "45-64" (246) (39%). The age group with the lowest representation was "16-24" (44) (7%). At the Farnam's Road location, the age group with the highest representation was "25-44" (229) (35%). The age group with the lowest representation was "Under 15" (47) (7%). At the Russell Field location, the age group with the highest representation was "Under 15" (215) (32%). The age group with the lowest representation was "Over 65" (54) (8%).

WEDNESDAY, May 6

On Wednesday, May 6th, the highest total number of one way trips was counted at the Berkshire Mall location (206) (39%). The lowest total number of one way trips was counted at the Russell Field location (139) (27%). However, it should be noted that there was no AM count performed at Russell Field on Wednesday. The highest total number of one way trips was counted between 5:30-6:30PM (256) (49%). The lowest total number of one way trips was counted between 7:30-8:30AM (33) (6%).

At the Berkshire Mall location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 5:30-6:30PM (78) (38%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 7:30-8:30AM (21) (10%). At the Farnam's Road location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 5:30-6:30PM (97) (54%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 8:30-9:30AM (10) (6%). During the PM count performed at the Russell Field location, the highest number of one way trips was counted between 5:30-6:30PM (81) (58%). The lowest number of one way trips was counted between 4:30-5:30PM (58) (42%).

The most popular mode of travel on Wednesday was Bicycling (232) (44%), followed by Walking (205) (39%). The least popular mode of travel for which there was at least one trip counted was "Wheel Chair or Disability" (2) (0%). This was also the least popular mode of travel based on percentage. Volunteers were also asked to count baby carriers for which there were 20 (4%) 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 132 (25% of total volume). The total number of one way trips by bicyclists without helmets was 100 (19% of total volume). The total number of one way trips by skaters with helmets was 7 (1% of total volume). The total number of one way trips by skaters without helmets was 32 (6% 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" (93) (31%). The age group with the lowest total representation was "16-24" (36) (12%).

At the Berkshire Mall location, the age group with the highest representation was "Over 65" (32) (62%). The age group with the lowest representation was "25-44" (0) (0%) and "16-24" (0) (0%). At the Farnam's Road location, the age group with the highest representation was "25-44" (45) (35%) and "45-64" (45) (35%). The age group with the lowest representation was "Under 15" (6) (5%). At the Russell Field location, the age group with the highest representation was "Under 15" (32) (26%) and "45-64" (32) (26%). The age group with the lowest representation was "Over 65" (9) (7%).

After all data was officially tallied on Wednesday, a counter noted that the Pittsfield Boy Scout Troop 1 was assembling for a ride. It was estimated that there were 15 scouts and a few leaders, all were wearing helmets.