

Herring Cove/ Beaver Lake Trail

DESCRIPTION:

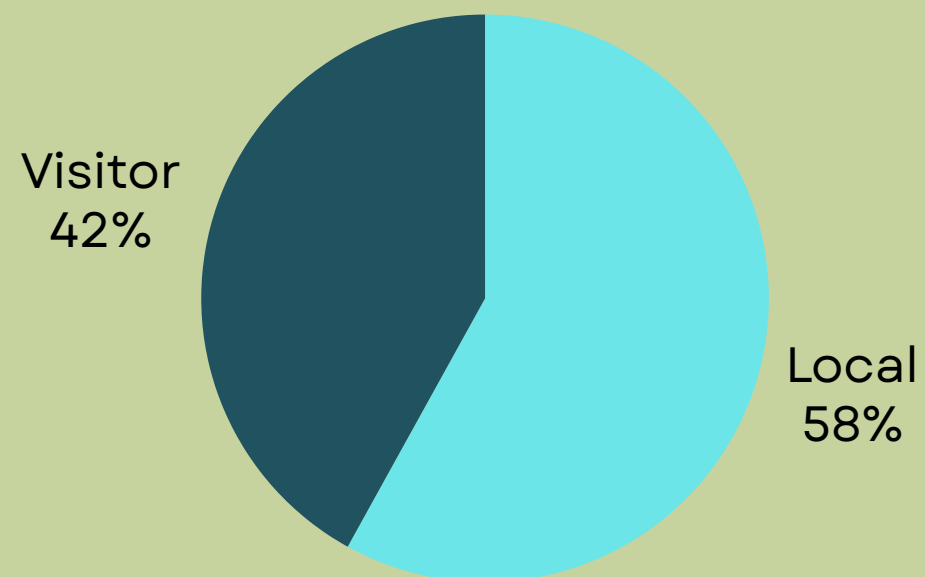
- 3.6 mile gravel loop
- Used for hiking, hunting, fishing, foraging, connection to other recreational areas
- Biking prohibited
- ADA accessible trail to the first waterfall owned by the city



CONSIDERATIONS

- Two starting points, Blue Lake Trailhead and Herring Cove Trailhead
- Connected to Forest Service owned land, where max group size is 7 visitors + 1 guide
- Small gravel parking lot at trailhead

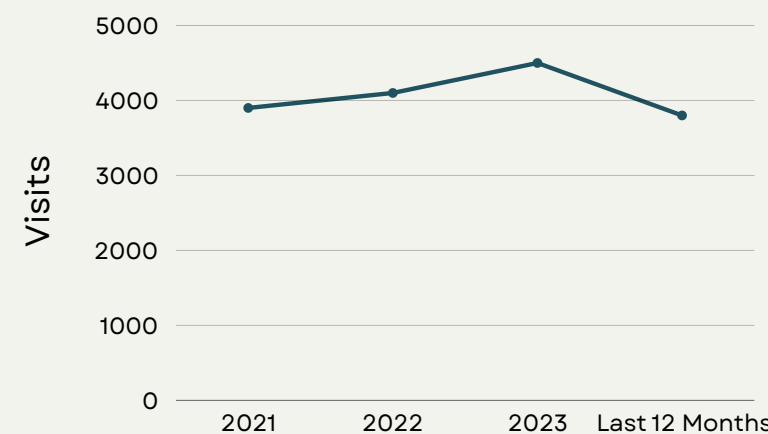
CURRENT LEVELS OF USE: January-October 2024



Split of local versus visitor trail users.

- Busiest day on Saturday
- Peak use at 11 am and 6 pm
- 2200 users in 2024

HISTORICAL USE:



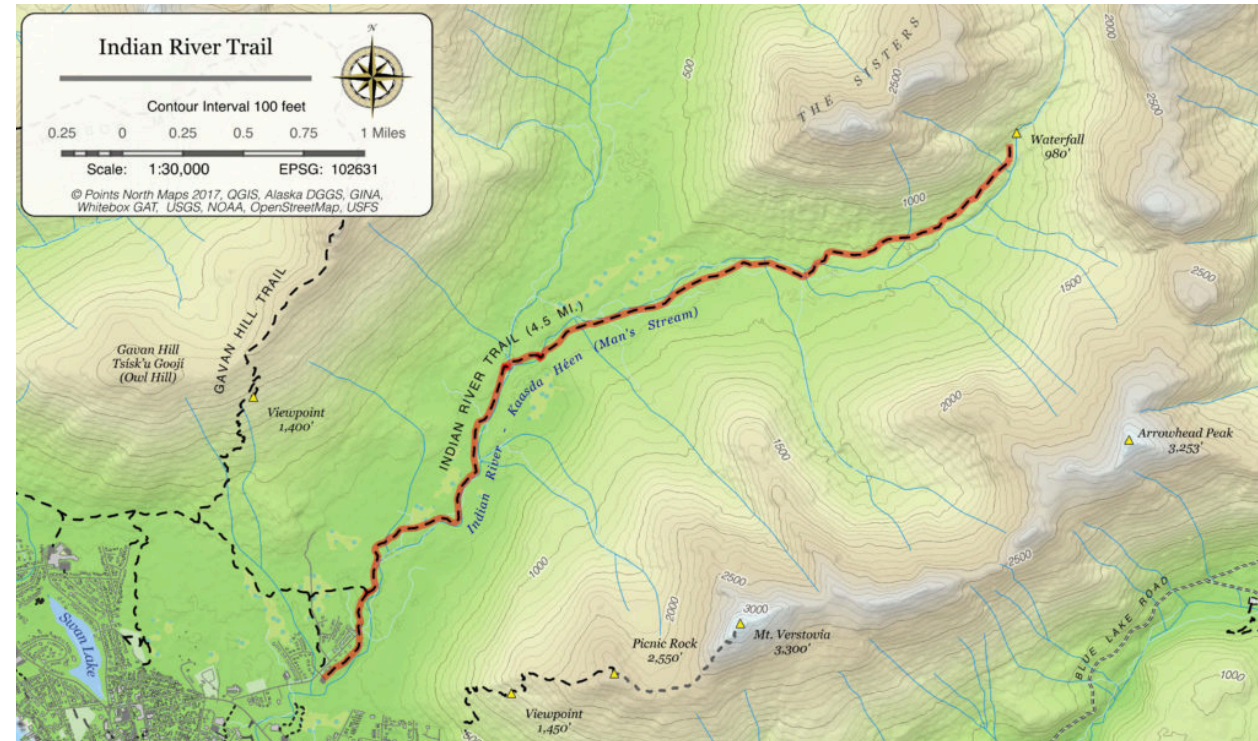
CURRENT COMMERCIAL LEVELS OF USE:

- 5 commercial permits issued in 2024
- 2500 maximum number of visitors under those permits
- Maximum group size of 18 visitors

Indian River Trail

DESCRIPTION:

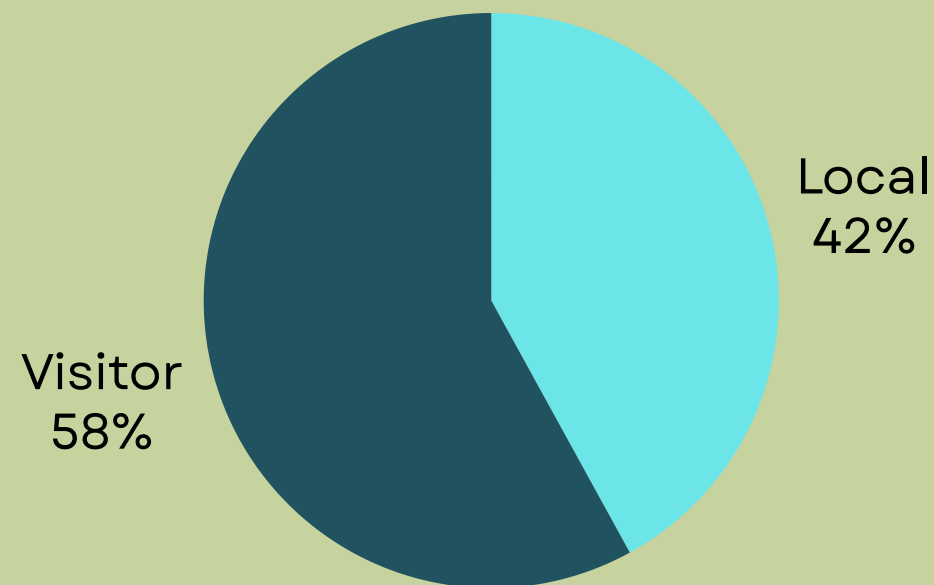
- 4.5 miles one way, 9 miles out and back
- Used for hiking, hunting, fishing, foraging, connection to other recreational areas
- Biking only allowed on first 1500 ft



CONSIDERATIONS

- Connected to Sitka Cross Trail
- Connected to Forest Service owned land, where max group size is 15 visitors + 1 guide
- Concrete parking lot at trailhead

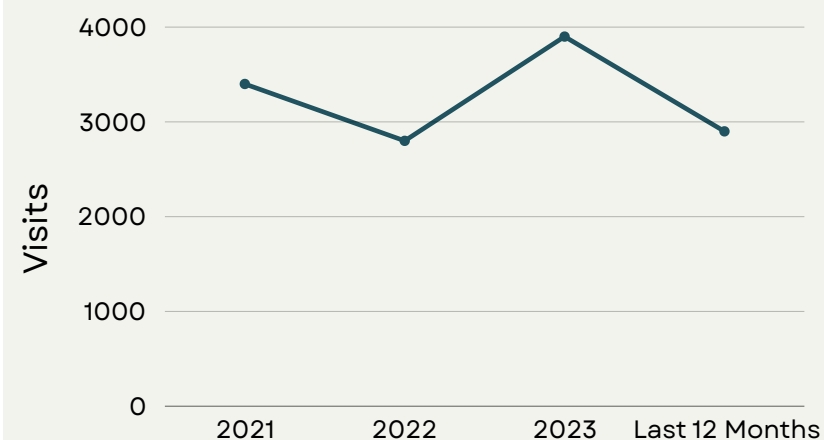
CURRENT LEVELS OF USE: January-October 2024



Split of local versus visitor trail users.

- Busiest day on Saturday
- Peak use at 11 am and 12 pm
- 1800 users in 2024

HISTORICAL USE:



CURRENT COMMERCIAL LEVELS OF USE:

- 3 commercial permits issued in 2024
- 500 maximum number of visitors under those permits
- Maximum group size of 18 visitors

Thimbleberry/ Heart Lake Trail

DESCRIPTION:

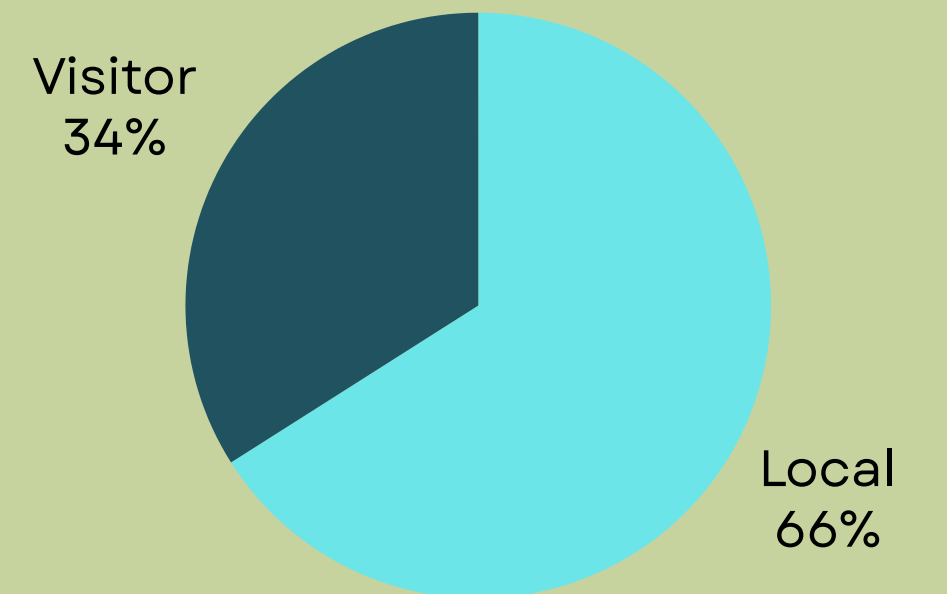
- 1.6 mile trail, with two separate trailheads, on Sawmill Creek Road and on Blue Lake Road
- Used for hiking, fishing, foraging, skating in the winter
- Docks on each lake



CONSIDERATIONS

- Trail up to first water fall is city owned, beyond that is Forest Service owned, with a group size limit of 15
- Two trailheads split traffic
- Concrete parking lot off Sawmill Creek Rd.

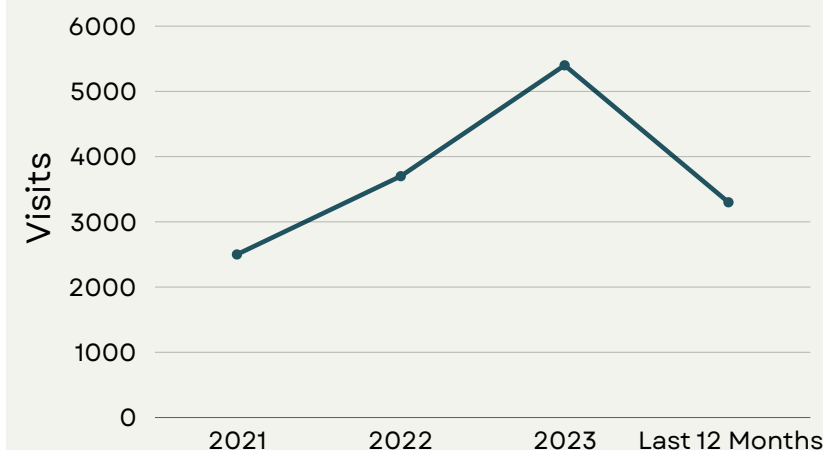
CURRENT LEVELS OF USE: January-October 2024



Split of local versus visitor trail users.

- Busiest day on Monday
- Peak use from 11 am to 1 pm
- 2200 users in 2024

HISTORICAL USE:



CURRENT COMMERCIAL LEVELS OF USE:

- 4 commercial permits issued in 2024
- 2500 maximum number of visitors under those permits
- Maximum group size of 18 visitors

Sitka Cross Trail

DESCRIPTION:

- 8 mile long gravel pathway, with many trailheads and connections along the way
- Used for hiking, hunting, fishing, foraging, biking, transportation, connection to other recreational areas
- Connects to Gavan Hill trail which is Forest Service owned and has a group size limit of 8

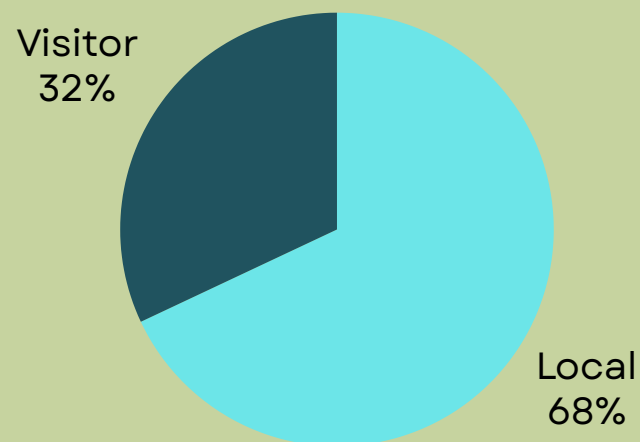


CURRENT COMMERCIAL LEVELS OF USE:

- 6 commercial permits issued in 2024
- 2750 maximum number of visitors under those permits
- Maximum groups size of 18 visitors

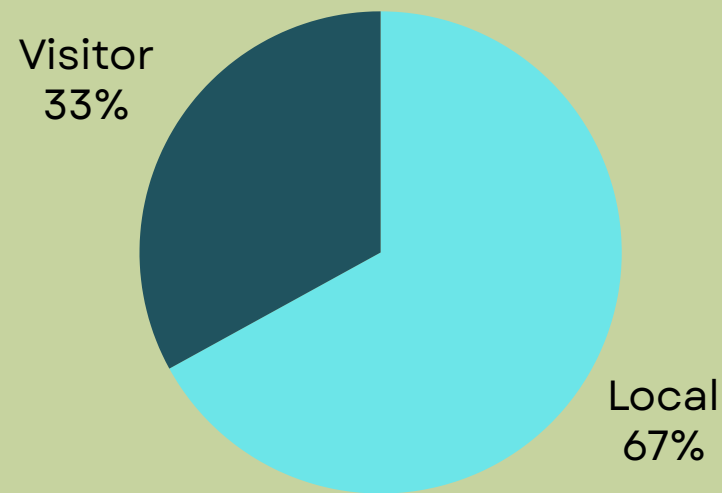
CURRENT LEVELS OF USE: January-October 2024

Kramer Ave to Sitka High School



- Busiest day on Monday
- Peak use at 11 am and 3 pm
- 1700 users in 2024

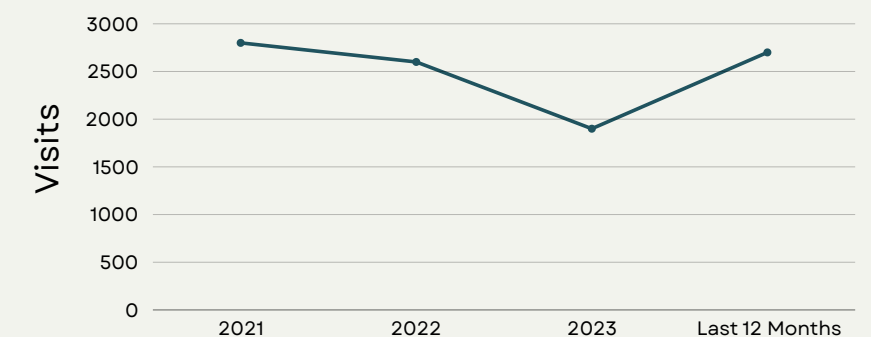
Sitka High School to Yaw Drive



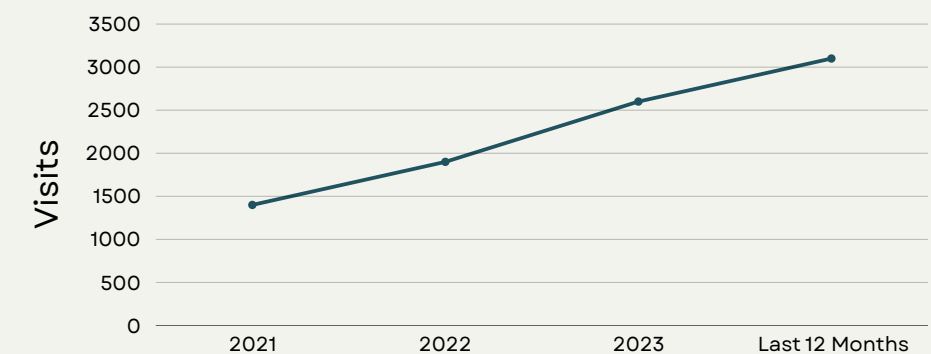
- Busiest day on Monday
- Peak use from 2 pm to 3 pm
- 1300 users in 2024

HISTORICAL USE:

Sitka High School to Yaw Drive



Kramer Ave to Sitka High School



Back Beach/ Eagle Beach

DESCRIPTION:

- Water access for kayaks, jet skis, motorized watercraft
- Parking lot with limited space



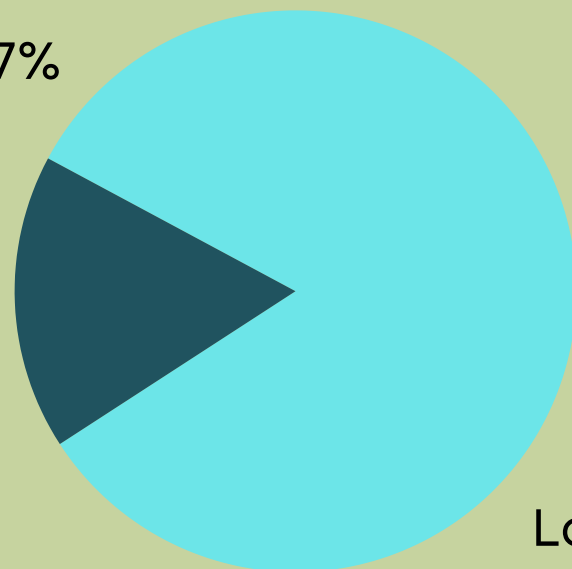
CONSIDERATIONS

- Popular water access for locals
- Permits have been issued but not used to their potential
- Very close to residential property

CURRENT LEVELS OF USE: January-October 2024

- Busiest day on Thursday
- Peak usage from 3pm to 4 pm
- 1800 users in 2024

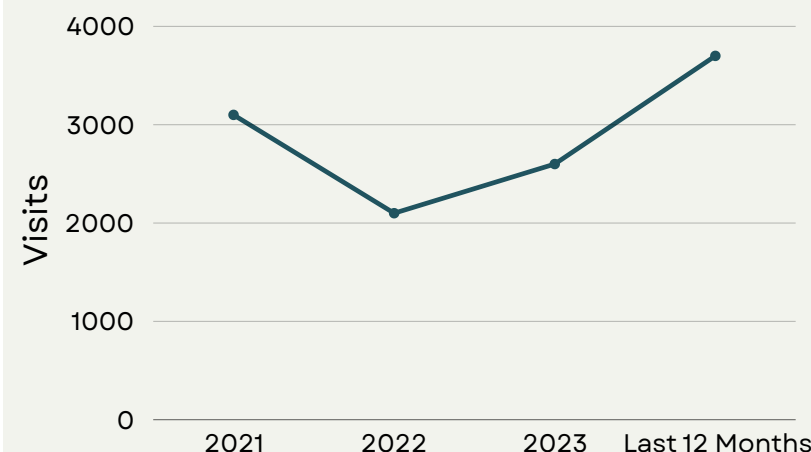
Visitor 17%



Local 83%

Split of local versus visitor trail users.

HISTORICAL USE:



CURRENT COMMERCIAL LEVELS OF USE:

- 2 commercial permits issued for Back Beach
- 50 maximum predicted number of visitors under those permits
- Maximum groups size of 10 visitors

Baranof Warm Springs

DESCRIPTION:

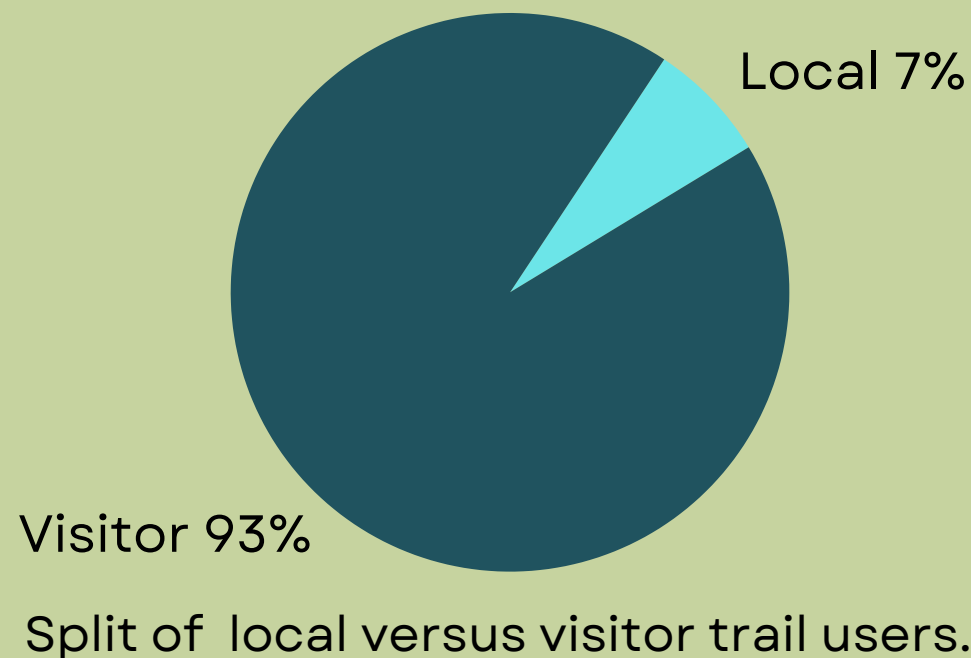
- Baranof Warm Springs is a remote recreation site on the east side of Baranof Island
- It consists of a short trail, boardwalk, dock, three tubs, and a picnic shelter
- Home to a small seasonal community



CONSIDERATIONS

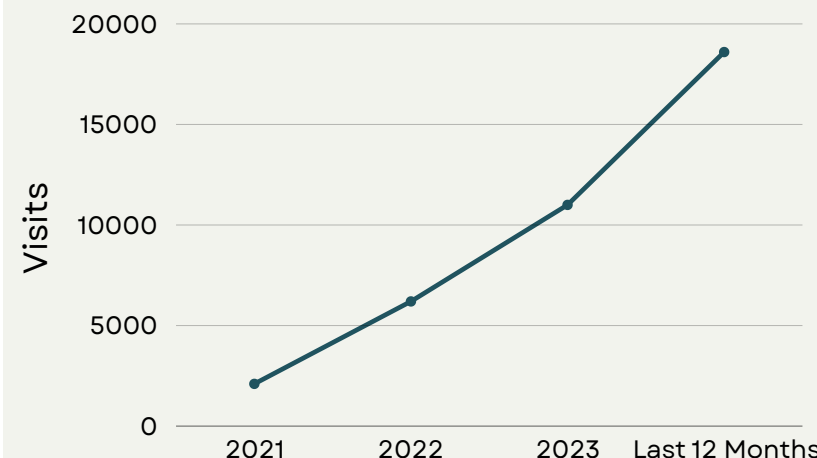
- Remote nature of this site makes management difficult
- Maintenance done by residents
- City owned area surrounded by private property

CURRENT LEVELS OF USE: January-October 2024



- Busiest day on Wednesday
- Peak usage from 3pm to 5 pm
- 9600 users in 2024

HISTORICAL USE:



CURRENT COMMERCIAL LEVELS OF USE:

- 15 commercial permits issued in 2024
- 780 maximum predicted number of visitors under those permits
- Maximum groups size of 12 visitors