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The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission coordinated a survey of three mountain bike systems in Greater Minnesota during the summer of 2021. The Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota was hired to conduct a visitor intercept survey and trail user counts at the Cook County Mountain Bike Trails, Duluth Traverse and Detroit Mountain Recreation Area.

These three systems were chosen for their distinctly different terrain, geographic location within the Greater Minnesota System and the diversity of visitor profiles to their area.

The information gathered in the research will help inform planning and marketing efforts by the GMRPTC and our collaborative partners. Additionally, the information provides guidance for future trail expansions and development of new systems.

In this report you will find detailed information about the user counts and the visitor profiles for each system. The report begins with a trail count summary that provides a starting point to understand the unique differences and the similarities of the average daily traffic.

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