

# District of North Vancouver *Parks In the Summer 2015*



# *Telling a Story*

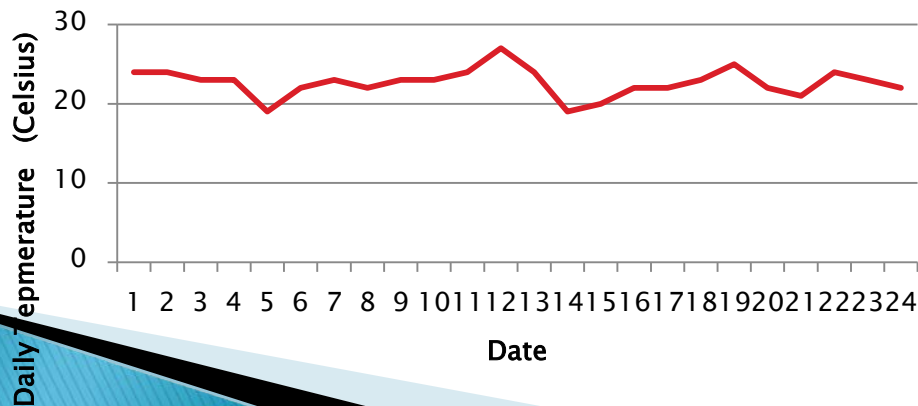
- ▶ Ranger Program statistics
- ▶ Panorama/Deep Cove Summer Ranger Report
- ▶ Fire & Rescue stats
- ▶ Trail Counters
- ▶ Vehicle Counters
- ▶ Park User Survey (July–Sept)
- ▶ Resident reports



# *People Seek Out Parks*

- ▶ Passion for outdoor recreation
- ▶ High regional use of trails
- ▶ North Shore topography
- ▶ People looking for challenges
- ▶ New outdoor sports evolving
- ▶ Hot summer brought people out

**August 2015 Temperature**



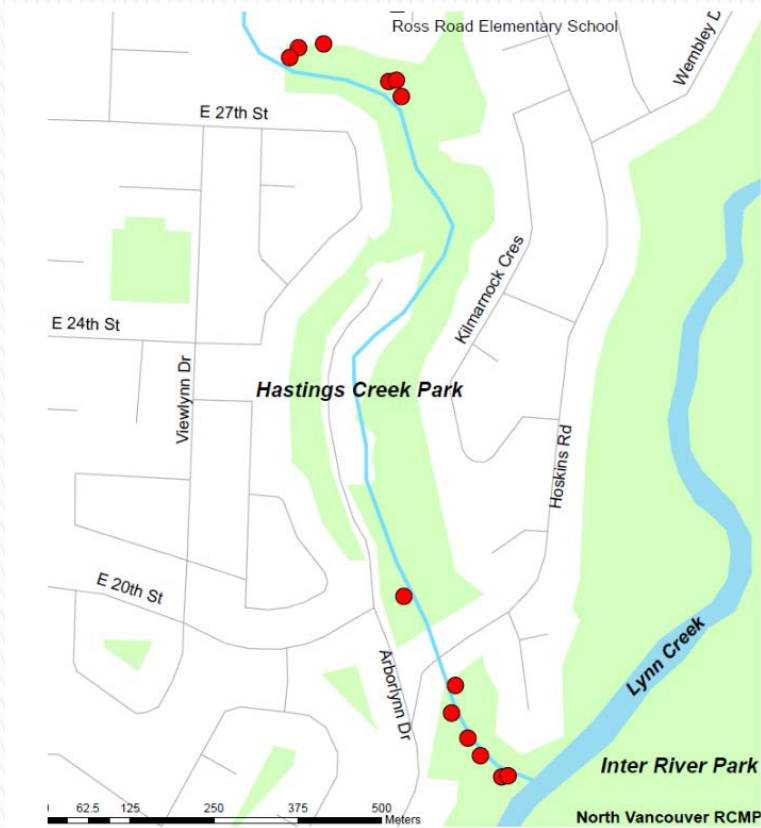
# *Growing Park & Rec Trends*



- ▶ High challenge outdoor activities
- ▶ Increasing #'s of trail users
- ▶ Special Events in Parks
- ▶ Summer Camps
- ▶ Outdoor Education
- ▶ Commercial Use of Parks – Eco companies



# *Fires in Parks Hastings*



Hastings –  
13 fires in 1 night

# *Managing Visitors in Parks*

## *Ranger Program 2015*

- ▶ Expanded role outside Lynn Canyon Pk
- ▶ Monitoring DNV Park “hot spots”
- ▶ Fire Season high volume of monitoring
- ▶ Dedicated Park Ranger for waterfront parks
- ▶ Special Event co-ordination
- ▶ Monitoring & public education w/visitors
- ▶ Encroachment investigations
- ▶ Wildlife co-ordination
- ▶ More call outs – support NSSR, Fire/Rescue Services
- ▶ Mapping trails

# *Park Operational Challenges*

## ▶ **Ranger Program**

More call out for rescues & injuries to visitors

Parking volume & residential impacts

Greater need for 7 day management

Gates, fires, unauthorized activity, dog issues, wildlife etc

## ▶ **Caretakers**

Higher need to service washrooms & clean up

## ▶ **Staff co-ordination special events**

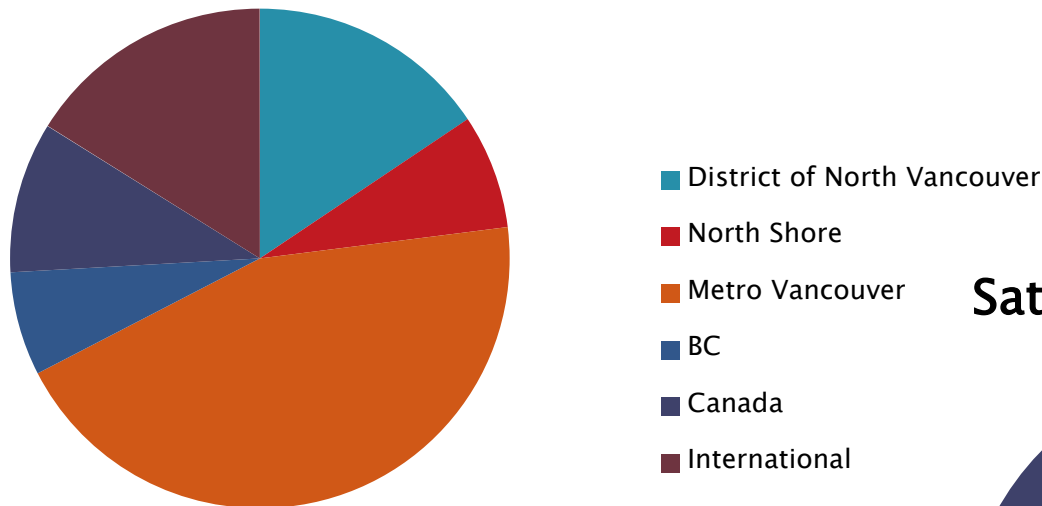
Garbage pick up, security, parking, fire, visitor info  
etc



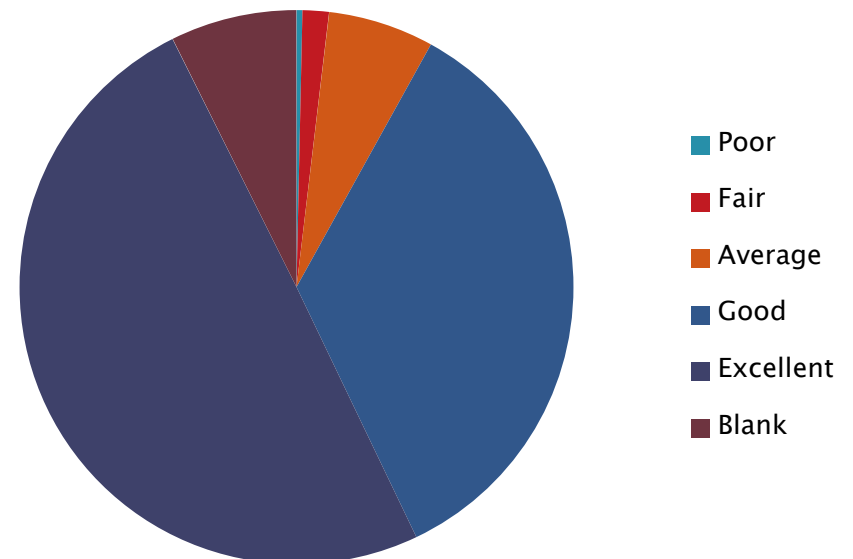
# *Park Visitor Snapshot (July - Sept)*

Panorama/Deep Cove, Cates, Lynn Canyon, Fromme

## Where do our visitors live?

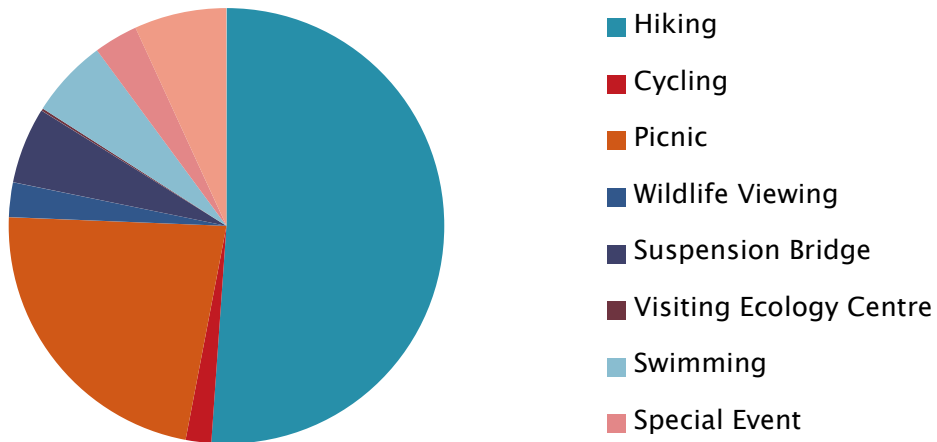


## Satisfaction rate with facilities?

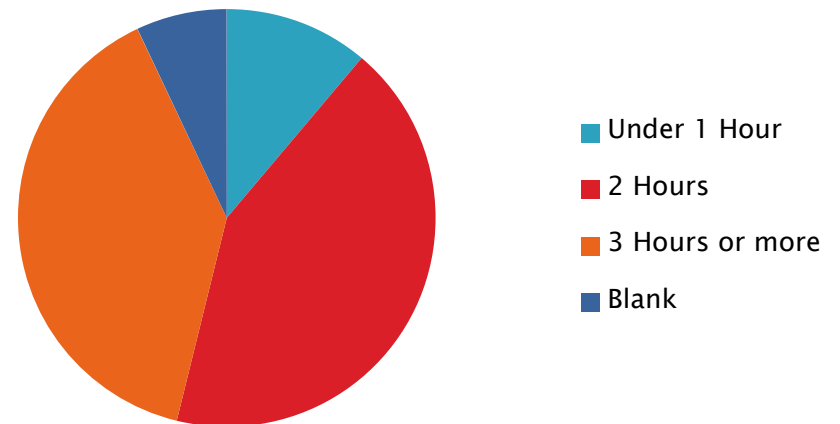


# Quick Park Visitor Profile in 2015

## What do people like to do?

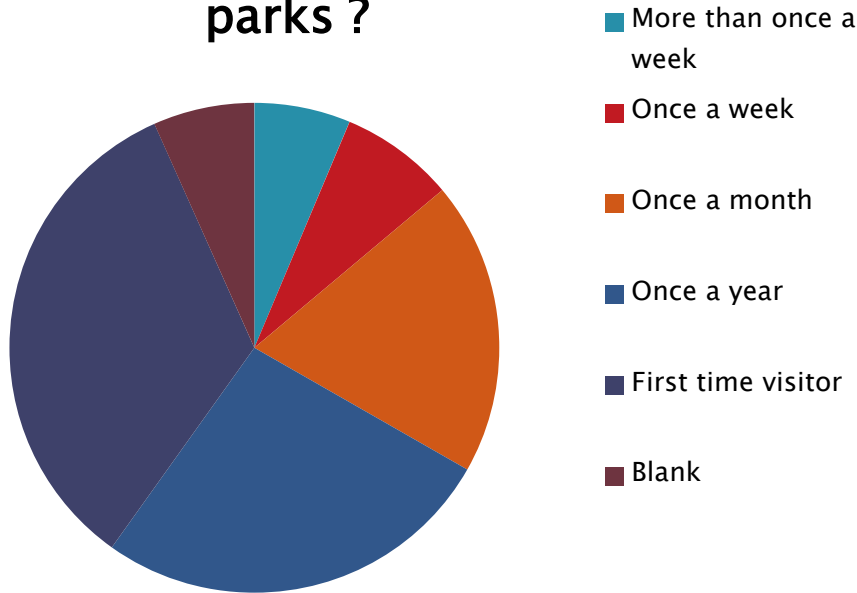


## How long are visitors staying?

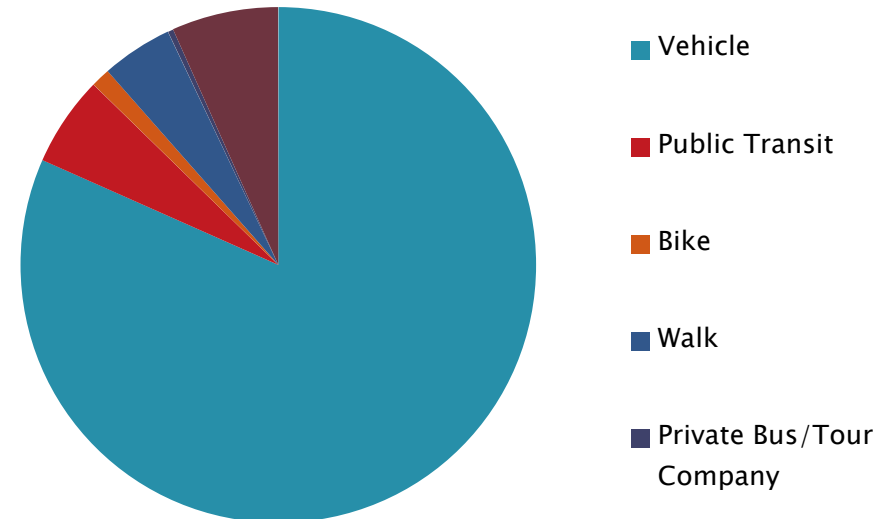


# What did our visitors tell us?

## How often are people visiting parks ?



## How do people get to parks?



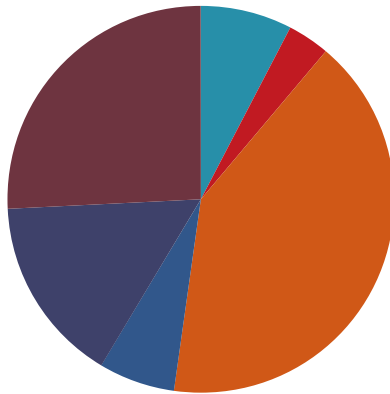
# *Lynn Canyon Park – high # tourists*

25 % international visitors

25% BC & Canada

30% Metro Vancouver

20% North Shore



# *Lynn Canyon Park*

## Parking & Vehicle Counts (June– Sept)

### PARKING ( off Peter's Road)



Vehicles parking – average daily count – max 2,552

Average a month – 60,000

Service road overflow parking  
Most people stay 2 –3 hours



Buses – 112 commercial  
( majority July/Aug)



# *Lynn Canyon Suspension Bridge*

(June to Sept)



Peak summer times – max 6,622 visitors per day  
(Sat, Sun & Monday peak days)



# *Lynn Canyon Park*

## Increase in high risk rec

- ▶ Role of Social Media – “Bored in Vancouver”
- ▶ Fire & Rescue Services – 12 rescues

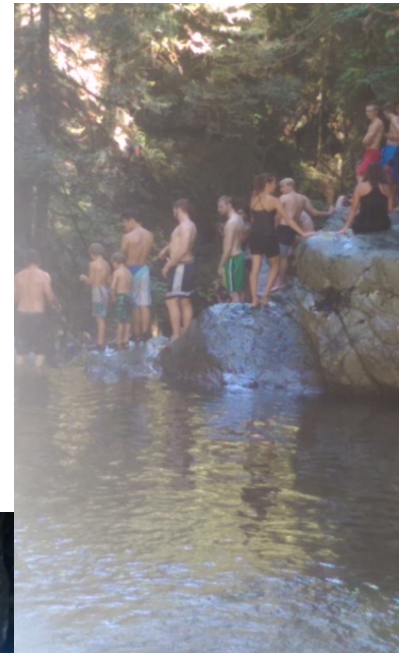
	2015	2011
Jumpers	13,049	8,861
Swimmers	18,705	10,727
Cliff Climbers	6,126	10,994
Visitor Inquiries	15,471	12,336
Tour/School Groups	912	241
Alcohol Incidents	1,602	537
Bylaw Tickets/ Warnings	1,982	–



# *Lynn Canyon Park*

19,000 jumpers & cliff  
climbers

12 rescues





# Baden Powell Trail

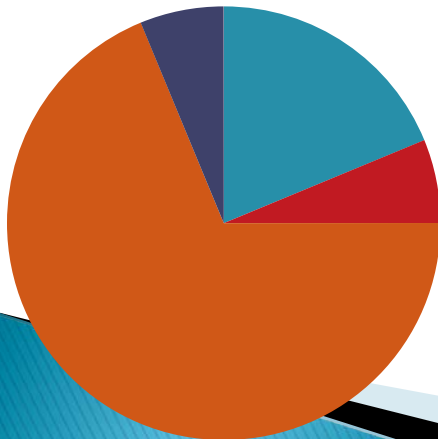
## Panorama/Quarry Rock



- ▶ Average weekly use 4,200
- ▶ Monthly - 17,000
- ▶ Approx 2,000 visitors/wkend
- ▶ Injuries - 18 rescues (May- Aug)
- ▶ Parking issues



## High Regional Use



- District of North Vancouver
- North Shore
- Metro Vancouver
- BC
- Canada
- International



# *Cates Park/Whey-ah-wichen*

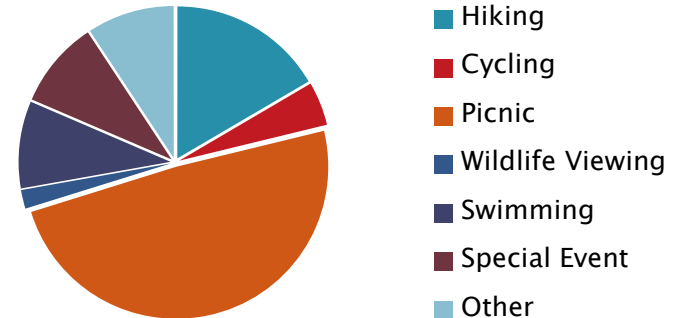
( June - Sept )



3,200 vehicles/wkend  
max 40,000/ month

- ▶ Boat Launch – 3,437 tickets purchased
- ▶ Takaya Tour site ( TWN)
- ▶ Weekend peak periods
- ▶ 65% visitors stay over 3 hrs.
- ▶ 50% visitors come to picnic
- ▶ High regional use of park
- ▶ Special event management
- ▶ Fire/barbecue issues
- ▶ Dogs on beaches
- ▶ Full time caretaker

Cates Park  
Primary activity?



# *Deep Cove Management*

Dedicated Park Ranger ( July – Sept )

- ▶ Deep Cove Wharf – 1,205 tickets sold
  - Compliance challenges
- ▶ Popular boating & kayaking
- ▶ Parking issues
- ▶ Special Events
- ▶ High regional visitors



# *Fromme Mountain*

## Trail Use

**New Parking Lot Opened in July – 75 parking stalls**



July 30 – Sept 21: monthly average–10,000 cars  
(Sat/Sun – 2,500 )

Peak Periods – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- ▶ Continuing popularity of Fromme trails
- ▶ NSMBA/DNV partnership trail maintenance
- ▶ More special trail race events requested
- ▶ High regional use
- ▶ GPS trails



# 38 "Hot Spot Sites" & Homeless



# *Special Events in Parks*

	2015	2014
Total DNV Special Events	107	87
Community	61	59
Commercial	16	25



# *Considerations*

- ▶ Expand role of seasonal rangers beyond Lynn Canyon Park
- ▶ Dedicated summer ranger to manage Deep Cove/Panorama/ Cates/Quarry Rock
- ▶ Expand authority for seasonal rangers to enforce park control bylaw
- ▶ Continue to work closely with RCMP, Fire & Rescue & Bylaws during peak season
- ▶ Develop public relations & communication messaging to park visitors
- ▶ Review special event permit fees & rates
- ▶ Formalize commercial permitting process for eco companies operating
- ▶ Review feasibility of seasonal pay parking options at high use parks ( pilot )

*Questions?*

