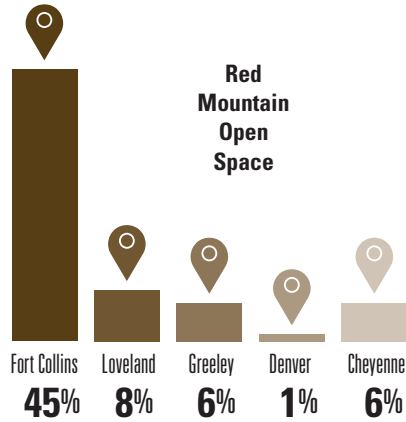
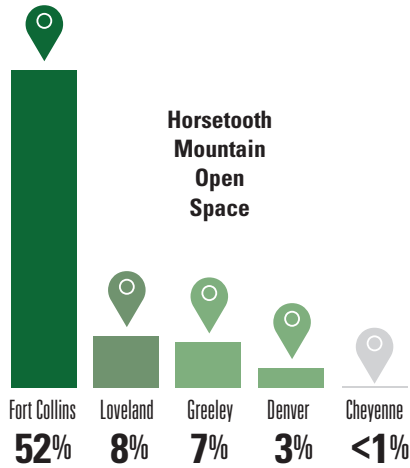


Where Do Visitors to These Open Spaces Live?

2/3
Larimer County Resident

1/3
Non-Resident



Do Visitors Feel Crowded or Experience Conflict?

Despite increased use at these open spaces, visitors reported that they don't feel crowded and they experience little to no conflict with other visitors. Similarly, 90% or more of visitors never observed discourteous or unsafe behavior among other users.



Understanding Our Visitors

2017-18 Larimer County Visitor Use Study

Summary of Key Findings

98+%
OVERALL SATISFACTION
Rating of "GOOD OR EXCELLENT"
AT HORSETOOTH MOUNTAIN AND
RED MOUNTAIN OPEN SPACES

To review the Visitor Use Study executive summary or full report, please visit the Plans, Reports and Advisory Boards webpage at larimer.org/naturalresources.

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Larimer County Natural Resources is committed to maintaining a balance between conservation of natural and cultural resources and providing appropriate recreation on parks and open spaces. Over the past decade, visitation to Larimer County properties has steadily increased, with more occurrences of trailheads and parking areas reaching capacity, especially near urban areas.

In 2017-18, the department conducted a 12-month visitor study at Horsetooth Mountain and Red Mountain open spaces and Horsetooth Reservoir. The objectives of the study were to gain accurate visitation numbers, learn about visitors' experiences and satisfaction, and assess crowding and conflict at the two open spaces. The department partnered with Colorado State University to develop and implement a scientifically sound study.



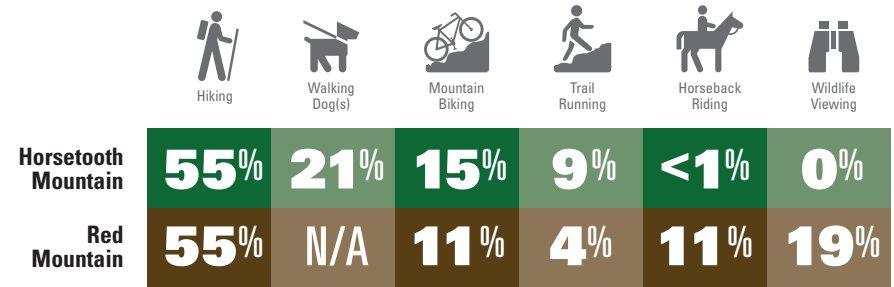
Visitors to Horsetooth Mountain Open Space complete a survey for this study.

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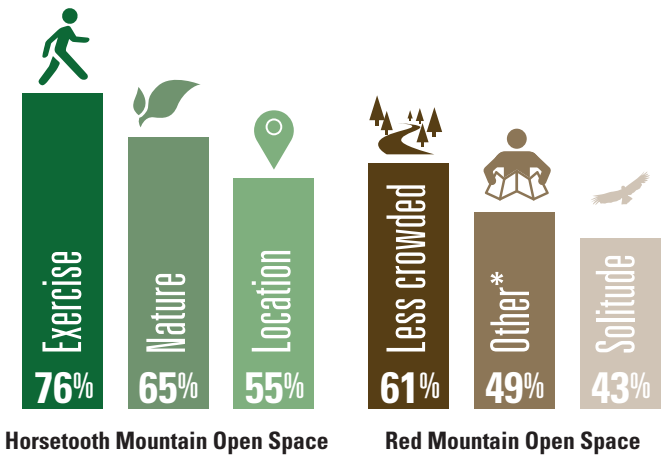


Visitor Days represent total visits over a 12-month period, which is aggregated by one or more persons in single or multiple visits, and are based upon an 80% confidence interval.

What Are the Primary Activities Reported by Visitors?

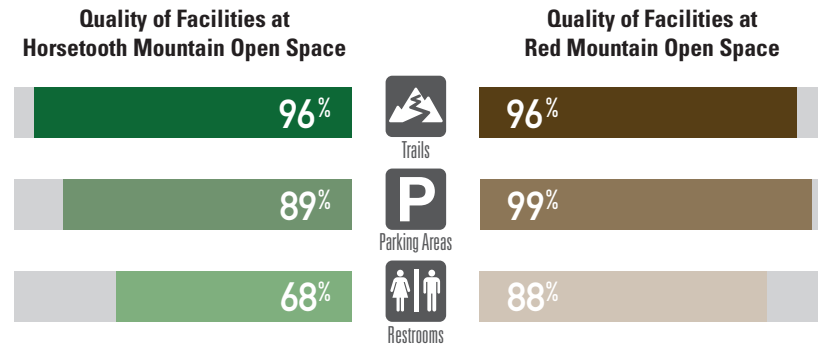


Why Do Visitors Choose These Open Spaces?



* Red Mountain visitors who selected "other" referred to scenery and/or visiting the open space for the first time.

How Do Visitors Rate Amenities?



This graphic shows the percentage of visitors who rated facilities as "Good" or "Very Good".

The open spaces for this study were selected because of pending management plan updates and recent land acquisitions, and as the busiest property in Larimer County's system, the reservoir was included to assess annual visitation figures. The data from this study are one of many ways the department will inform management decisions.

Visitor Use Study results are based upon a 95% confidence interval provided by CSU.

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