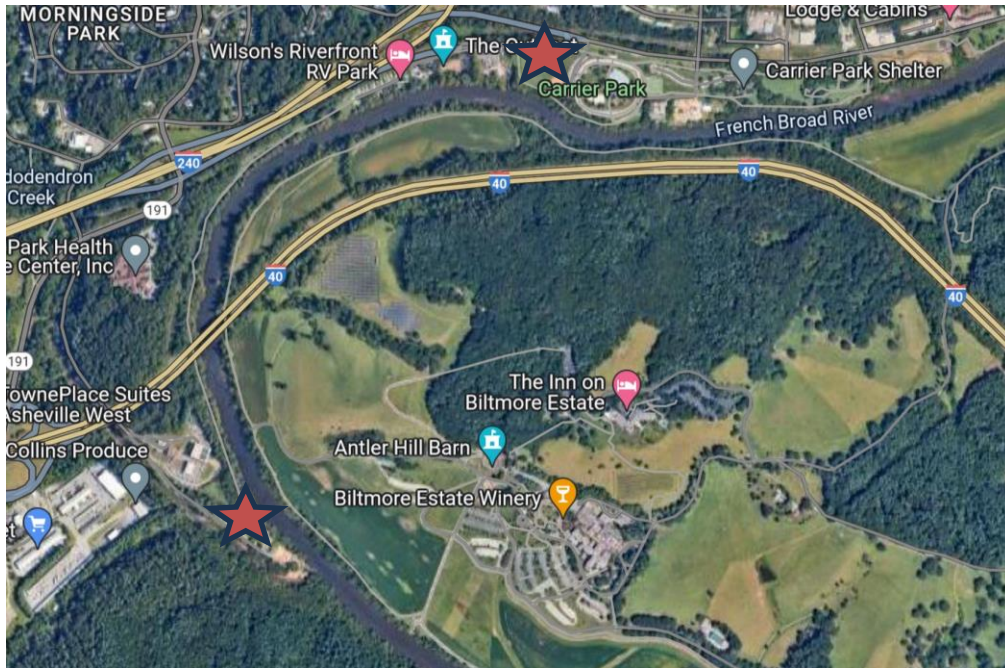


Asheville – French Broad River Greenway Hominy Creek Road and Amboy Road

Time Period: Saturday June 1, 2024, to Friday June 7, 2024

Location: French Broad River Greenway. Hominy Creek Road and Amboy Road at Carrier Park. The locations were approximately 1.2 miles apart, walking the trail from point to point.



(Image: Google Maps)

Equipment: EcoCounter Pyro Counter. Placed 5/30/2024 and retrieved June 10, 2024. RPO 1 Counter was mounted at the southern end of the trail off Hominy Creek Road. RPO 2 Counter was mounted just west of the Amboy Road Parking Lot for Carrier Park.

The Pyro Counter can count bicyclists, pedestrians, skateboarders, rollerbladers, or anyone who passes within approximately 16.5 feet of the equipment. However, the device is unable to differentiate between the different users and simply counts them as general users.

Possible sources of error include facility-users walking side-by-side or close to each other; this is likely to include people walking or running side-by-side, children being held by a parent or walking along side of them, or dense groups of users. It is unclear the number of users who were likely to have been missed due to these circumstances and there has been no effort to make up for this discrepancy.

As with all these surveys, this is just a snapshot of time for activity in the study area. There can be differences in activity due to the time of year the survey is conducted. Weather can have an impact on the results of the survey. Efforts will be made to repeat the survey during different seasons and during the same time of the year during future years.

Results

This survey was done to establish a baseline of activity at the southern end of the French Broad River Greenway prior to the proposed connection between the French Broad River Greenway and Brevard Road (EB-5823.) This survey was performed immediately after the Hominy Creek Greenway survey at Sherburne Road and at Sand Hill Road, which ran from [May 21-27, 2024](#). There is a road closure along Hominy Creek Road between 8 PM and 6 AM Monday through Thursday. The peak time at the Amboy Road location on Saturday June 1, was 9 AM to 11 AM.

French Broad River (Hominy Creek)

Total Users	4,952
Users/Hour	29.5
Peak 24-Hour Usage	912
Peak Day	Saturday, June 1, 2024
Peak 2-Hour Usage Period	194
Peak 2-Hour Date and Time	Saturday, June 1, 2024 -- 2 PM to 4 PM

French Broad River (Amboy Road)

Total Users	4,587
Users/Hour	27.3
Peak 24-Hour Usage	880
Peak Day	Saturday June 1, 2024
Peak 2-Hour Usage Period	221
Peak 2-Hour Date and Time	Tuesday June 4, 2024 -- 6PM to 8 PM

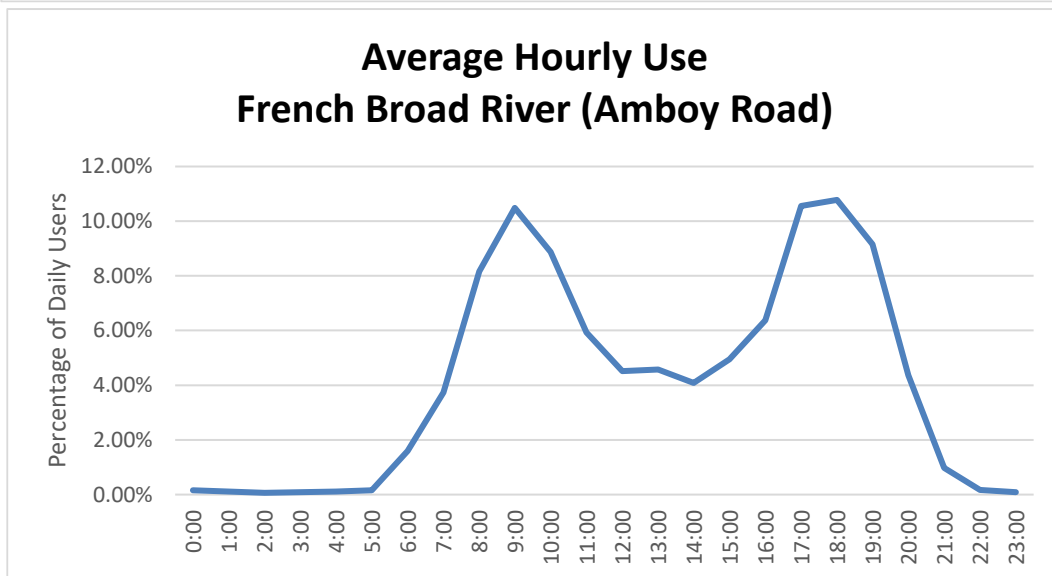
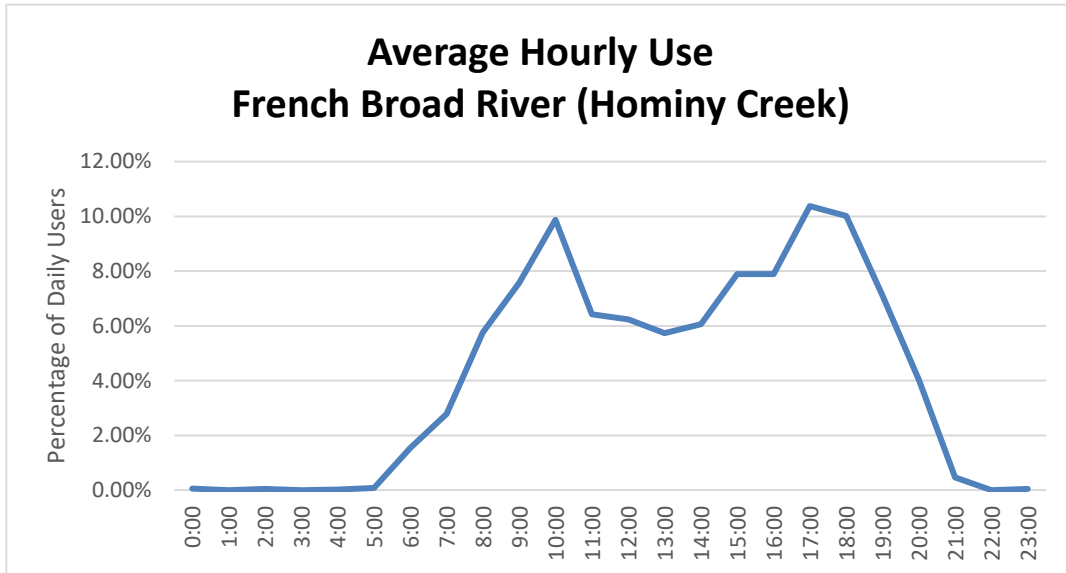
At first blush, both locations were consistently busy. The trail, as with other locations recently surveyed, has people who will walk from one end of the trail to the other, either for exercise or for walking their dogs. On each day, set-up and removal, the researcher met the same people at both pedestrian counter locations. Both locations have AM peak activity at either 9 AM or 10 AM. Both locations have an “after work” peak at either 5 PM or 6 PM. Both locations have a relative lull between 11 AM and 2 PM. Saturday, June First, was the most active day for both locations. Sunday, June Second, was the least active day for both locations.

Date	Minimum Temperature	Maximum Temperature	Average Temperature	Precipitation	Ave. Wind Speed
6/1/2024	48.9 °F	76.2 °F	62.0 °F	0.00 in	1.0 mph
6/2/2024	59.9 °F	71.2 °F	63.4 °F	0.09 in	0.5 mph
6/3/2024	58.5 °F	81.3 °F	68.9 °F	0.00 in	0.7 mph
6/4/2024	62.8 °F	85.5 °F	70.9 °F	0.02 in	1.0 mph
6/5/2024	64.7 °F	83.5 °F	71.3 °F	0.00 in	0.9 mph
6/6/2024	64.1 °F	83.9 °F	72.3 °F	0.00 in	0.9 mph
6/7/2024	60.8 °F	84.2 °F	70.9 °F	0.00 in	1.3 mph

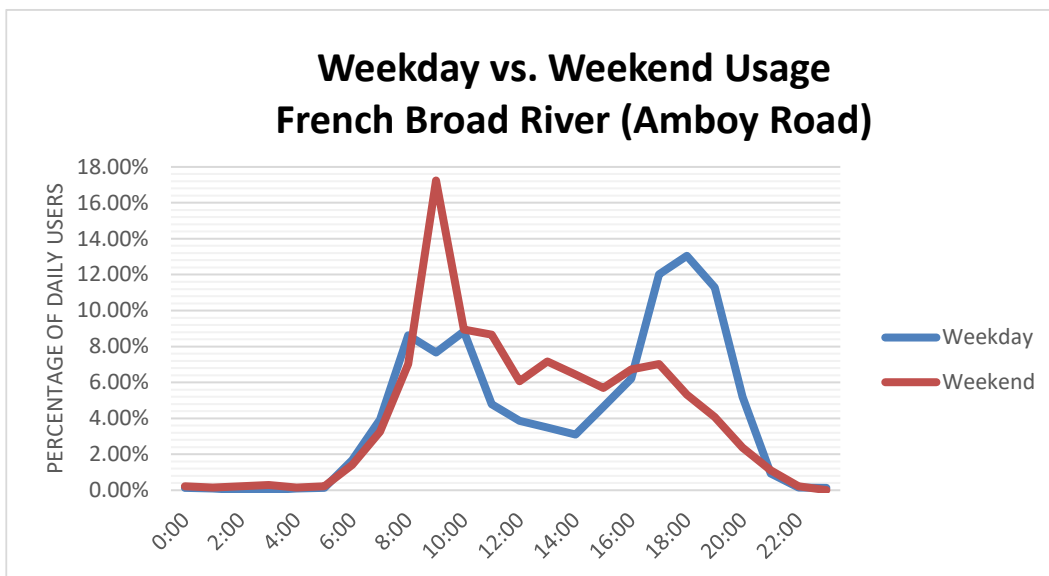
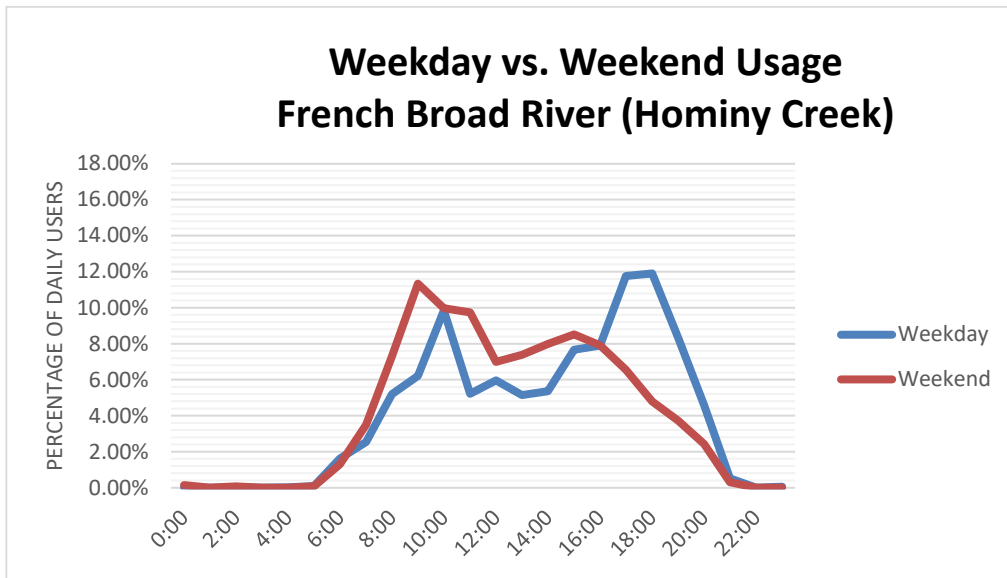
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Patterns of Use

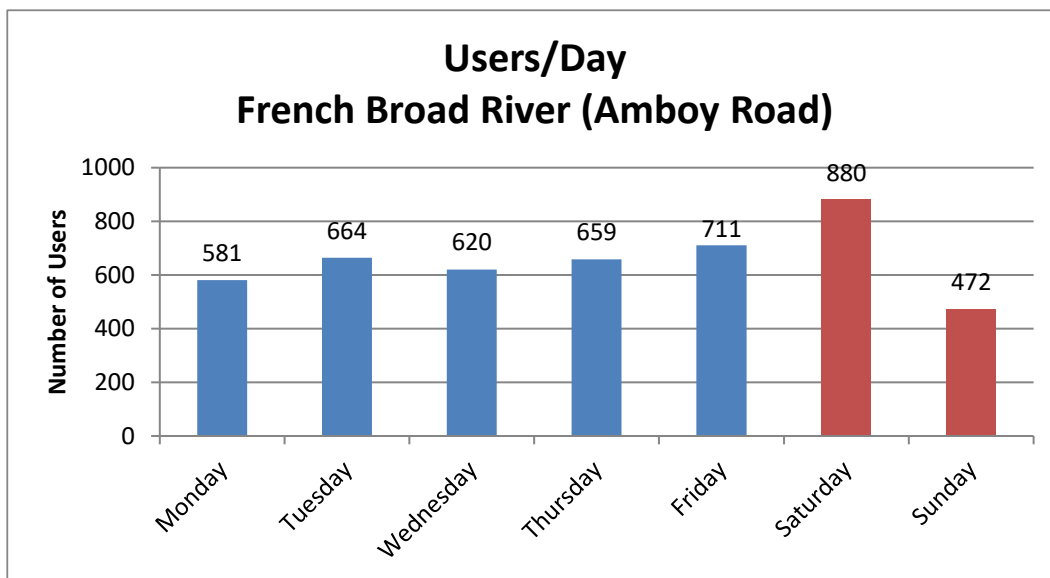
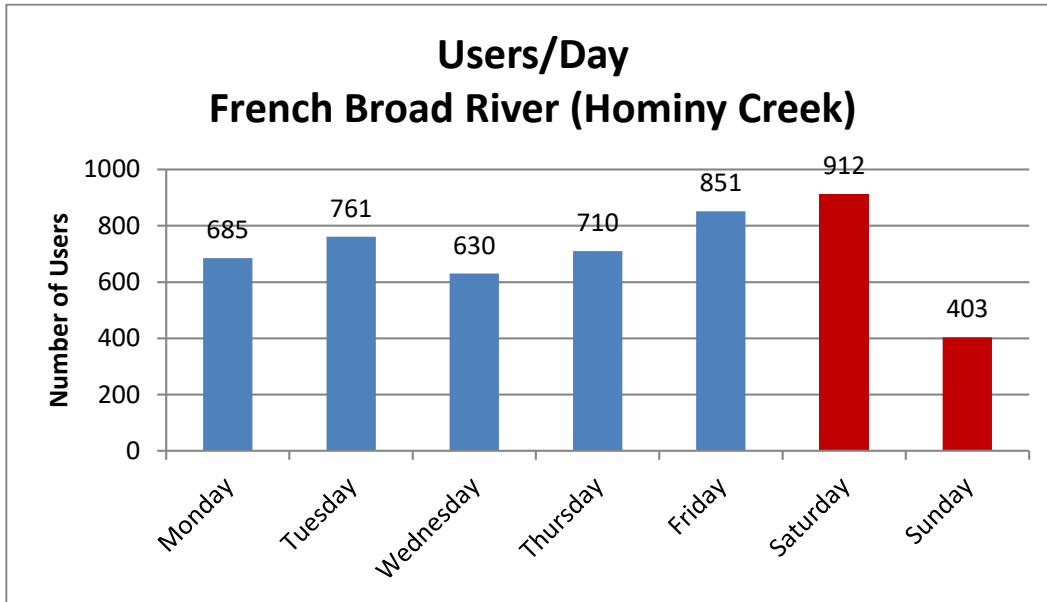
The following chart illustrates the average use of the trail at the location.



The second chart illustrates the different pattern of usage between the weekday and weekend.



The third chart shows users/day. The Hominy Creek Road location was busier than the Amboy Road location six out of seven days.



Notes:

The City of Asheville has a “[Close the Gap](#)” Plan, for connecting existing trails with new trails. There are three types of trails identified in the Plan: Greenway Spines, Arterial Collectors/Arterial Greenways, and Neighborhood Greenways. The Hominy Creek Greenway is a Neighborhood Greenway that is planned to connect with the West French Broad River Greenway (WFBRG,) an existing Greenway Spine. The Hominy Creek Greenway would connect to a proposed Greenway Spine that would then connect with phase 1 of the WFBRG (Chapter 5, Page 15, Map 15.) There is also an [interactive map](#) available through the City of Asheville that includes existing, in progress, and proposed greenways. The Southern Extension of the Hominy Creek Greenway would meet up with the Bent Creek Greenway, and they would link with phase 1 of the WFBRG.

French Broad Outfitters at Hominy Creek, a river bar and watercraft rental outpost popular with locals and recreational river users, is set to permanently close later this year.

The venue, which sits on a peninsula where Hominy Creek flows into the French Broad River, is adjacent to Buncombe County’s Hominy Creek River Park. The county, which also owns the 2 acres FBO occupies, plans to end its licensing agreement with the business on FBO’s last day of operation, which is Oct. 15.



Figure 2: Hominy Creek Rd – FBR Greenway



Figure 1: FBR Greenway – Carrier Park