



Sentier Wakefield Trails

Report on 7 months of Trail Counters

Our Wakefield Trails are Linear Parks!!

What other parks are used EVERY day, all year round??



Background

- Sentier Wakefield Trails acquired 3 Trail Counters from TRAFx >> www.trafx.net
- TRAFx makes counters for a myriad of functions - hikers, bikers, cars, even wildlife
- Counters use infrared sensors, sampling every 1.5 seconds for presence of infrared signature
- TRAFx website stores our data and provides analysis tools
- Counters placed, near trailheads, at
 - Wakefield Community Centre Trail
 - MacLaren Cemetery Trail - west entry point
 - Fairbairn House Trail



TrafX Trail Counter

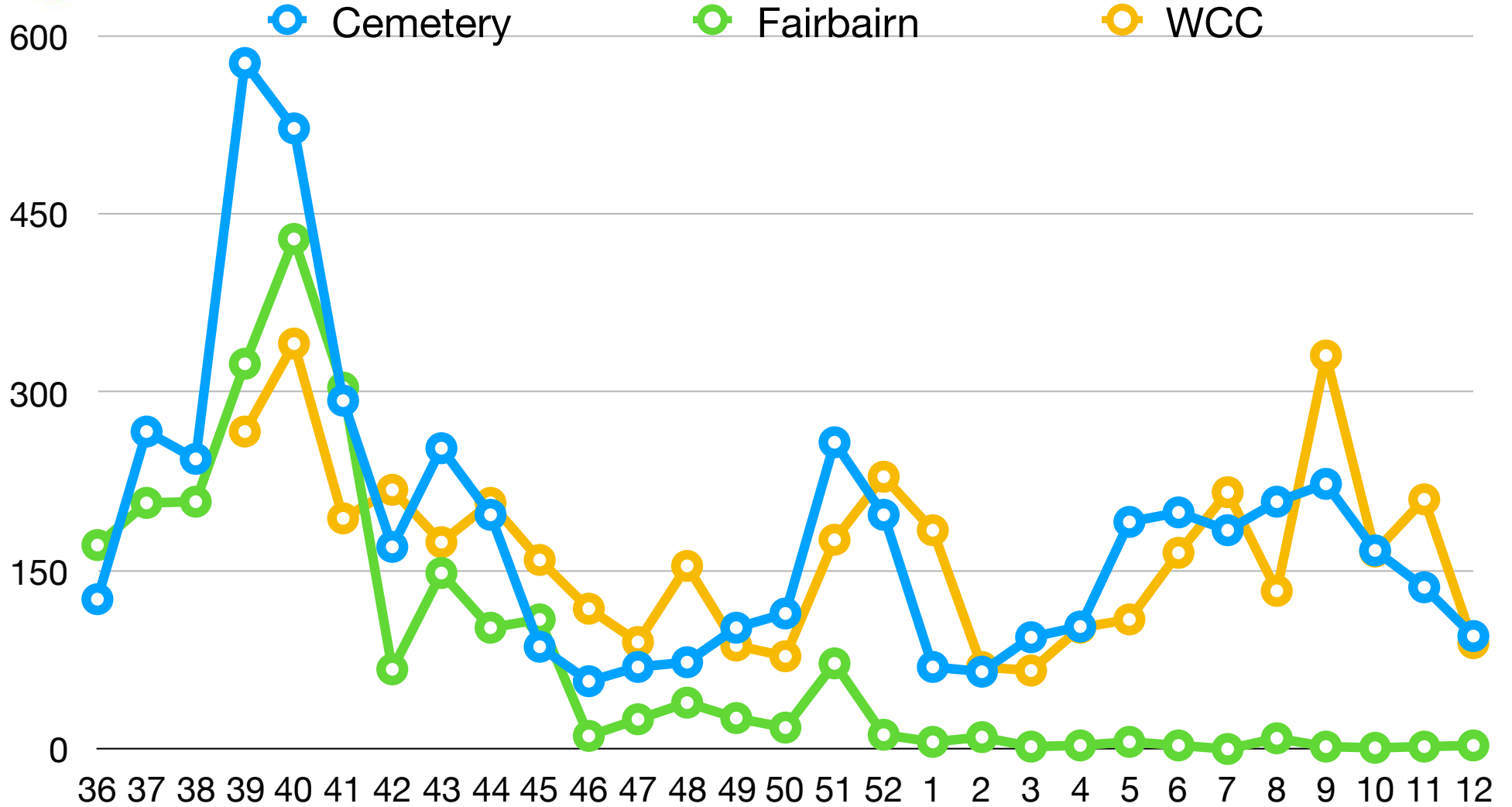


Our Customized Enclosure



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Total Weekly Visitors Sept-March





Observations

- Technology is reliable and easy to use
- We do not have any “summer” data - but would expect higher numbers
- Trails are well used everyday of the week, but a bit more on weekends
- Except - Fairbairn is not well used in winter (also, counter not well placed)
- Missing counters???...
 - The boardwalk and trail through the village
 - East end of Cemetery trails
 - Trailhead near old school

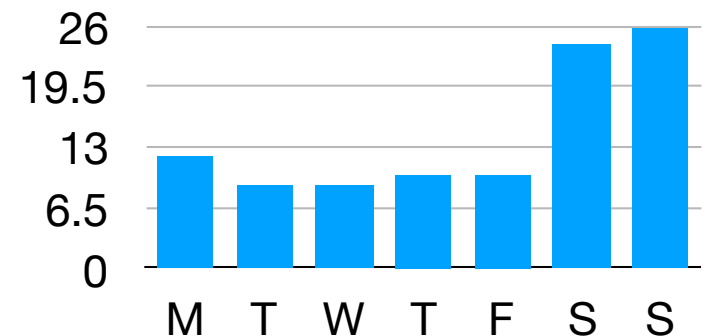
Weekly Averages Sep-Dec 2018

Wakefield Centre	175
MacLaren Cemetary	210
Fairburn	140

Weekly Averages Jan-Mar 2019

Wakefield Centre	147
MacLaren Cemetary	155
Fairburn	<1

Day of Week distribution





Conclusions

- Wakefield trails are Linear Parks, being used everyday, 365 days per year
- Technology is straightforward to deploy and easy to collect and analyze the data. Can we help other organizations??
- Recommendation - add counters?? ...
 - Cemetery east entry
 - Trail starting near the old school
 - Place(s) along the Boardwalk/trail in the village
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