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Dear Mr Thompson

**RE: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST – 19-E-0772**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 8 November 2019.

You requested the following: *information of the latest statistics for visitor numbers to the Remutaka Forest Park specifically into the Catchpool Valley via the entrance off the Wainuiomata Coast Road. Could you please include: 1. The latest statistics on visitor numbers in to the Catchpool Valley, Remutaka Forest Park; and, 2. Confirmation of the year of the count and how the count was undertaken.*

The Park has five counters installed in total, including car counter on the Catchpool Valley Road.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *The latest statistics on visitor numbers in to the Catchpool Valley, Remutaka Forest Park:*

In the last full year that we have data for, there were 22,443 recorded counts of vehicles travelling into and out of the Catchpool Valley. This is uncalibrated counter data so the number of unique vehicles entering the Valley is likely to be approximately half this number.

2. *Confirmation of the year of the count and how the count was undertaken.*

The data was collected for the last full year of 2017/18 and captured by an induction loop car counter installed mid-way along the Catchpool Valley Road.

The Department also captures pedestrian access data on four of our tracks in the Valley which helps us to determine visitor numbers on our tracks.

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I have provided links to the counter reports below in case you are interested in a better understanding of visitor numbers to the Catchpool Valley.

Orongorongo Track pedestrian counter:

- <http://counterreports.doc.govt.nz/var/100056811.pdf>

Five Mile Loop pedestrian counter:

- <http://counterreports.doc.govt.nz/var/100081729.pdf>

Catchpool Loop pedestrian counter:

- <http://counterreports.doc.govt.nz/var/100081730.pdf>

Big Bend pedestrian counter:

- <http://counterreports.doc.govt.nz/var/100081719.pdf>

If you wish to discuss this further with the Department, please contact Robert Ashe, the local Senior Recreation and Historic Ranger on 027 247 6218 or by email: [rashe@doc.govt.nz](mailto:rashe@doc.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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