



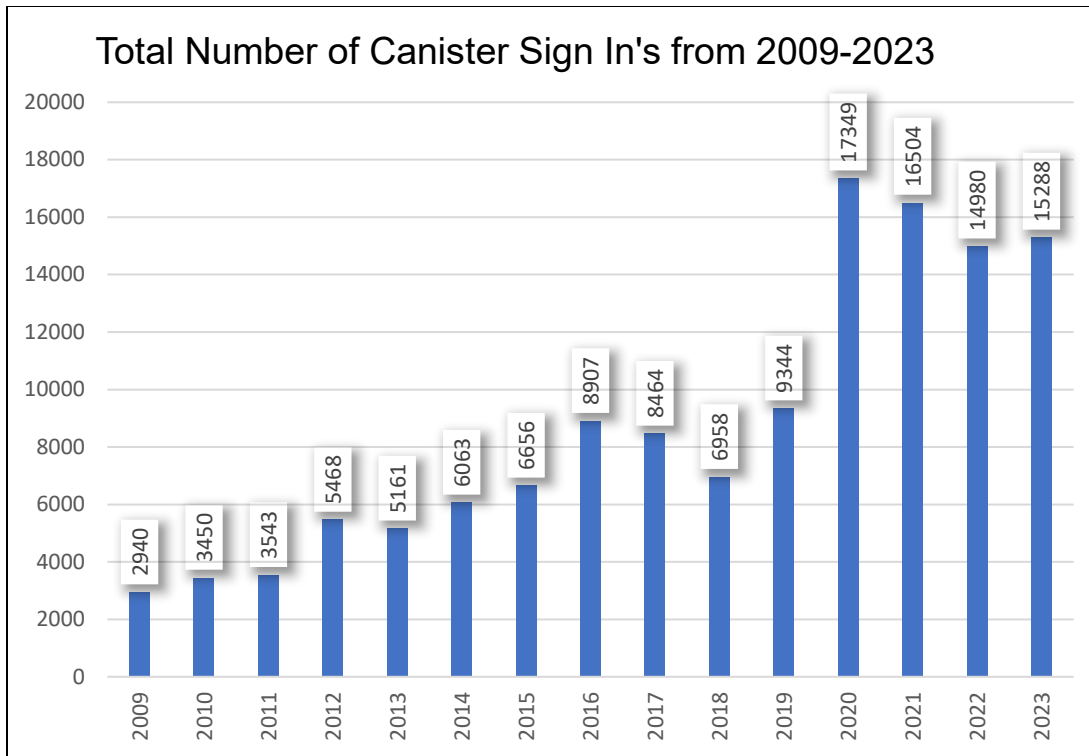
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Formerly Trailless Catskill High Peaks

Canister Sign in Analysis from 2009-2023

April 2024



There was a 2% increase in total canister sign ins from 2022-2023.

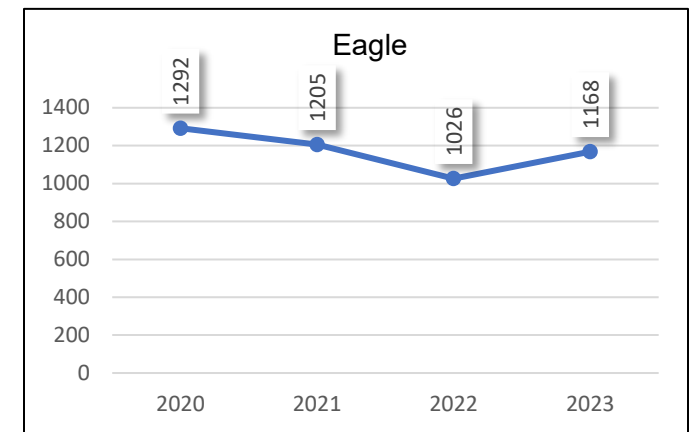
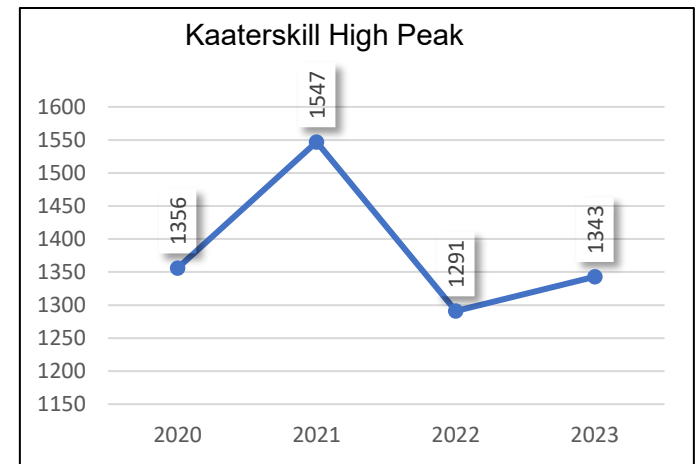
A total of 64,121 people have signed in at canisters from January, 2020 to December of 2023.

2020: 17,349

2021: 16,504

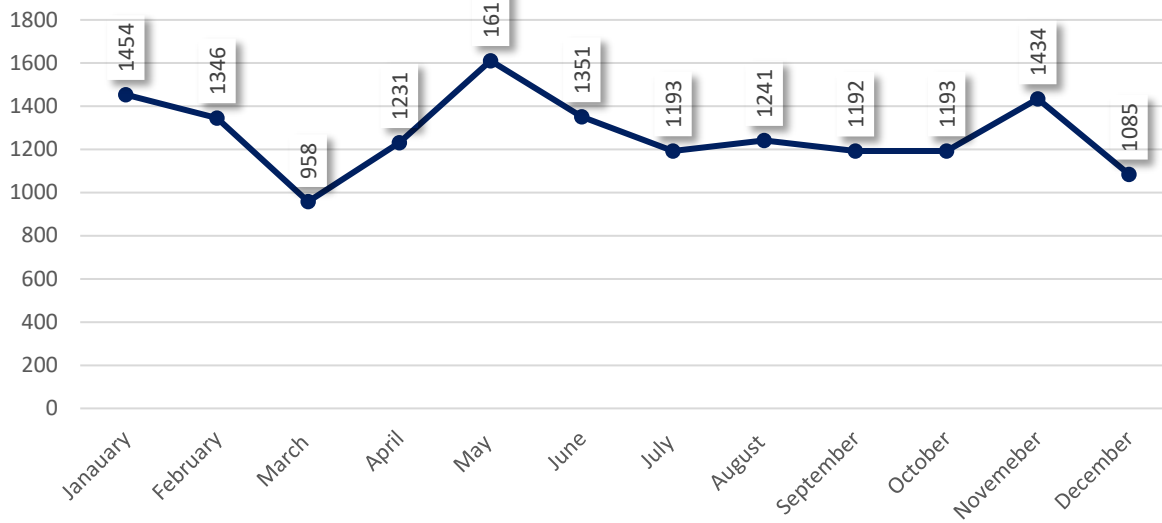
2022: 14,980

2023: 15,288

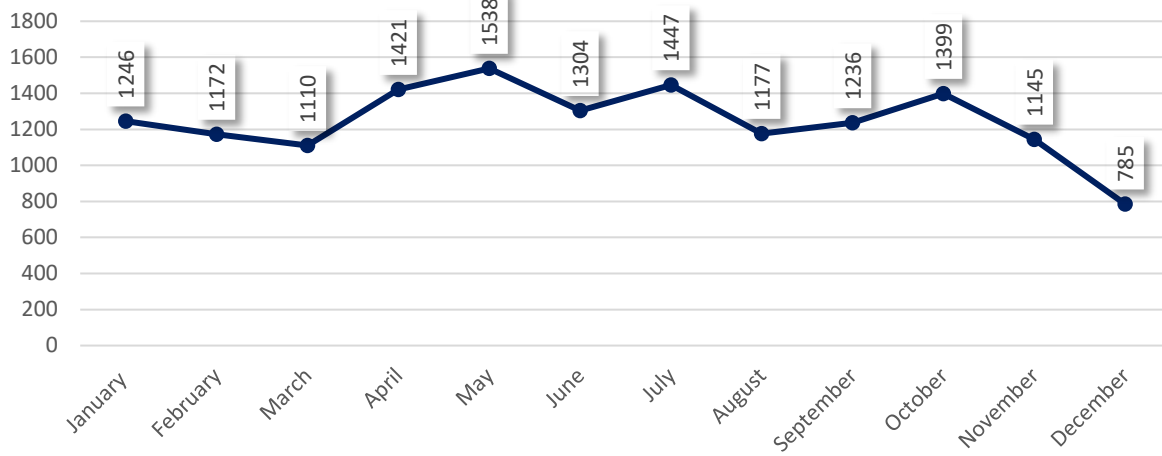


Canisters were added to Kaaterskill High Peak and Eagle in 2020. There was a 4% increase in canister sign ins at KHP from 2022-2023. There was a 13% increase in canister sign ins at Eagle from 2022-2023.

Formerly Trailless Peak Visitation by Month in 2023

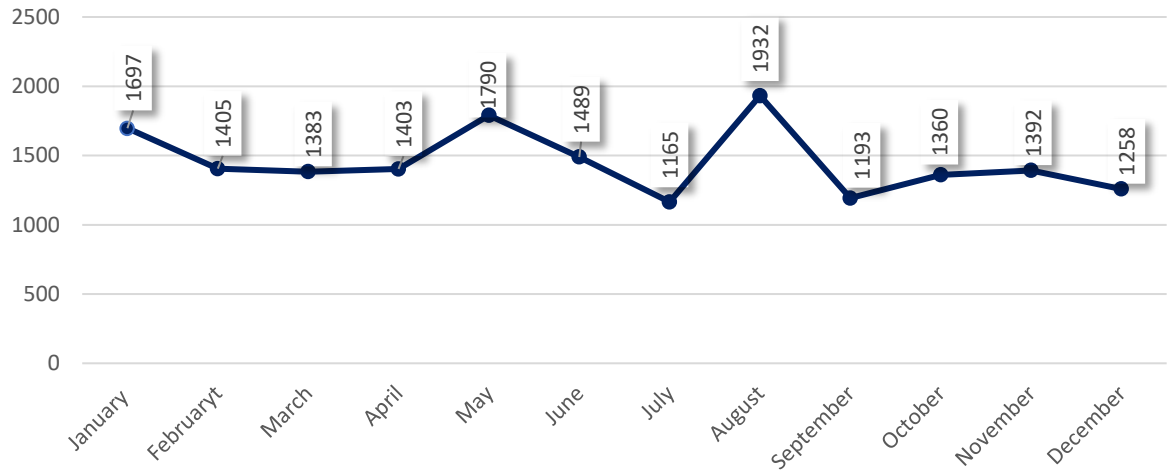


Formerly Trailless Peak Visitation by Month in 2022

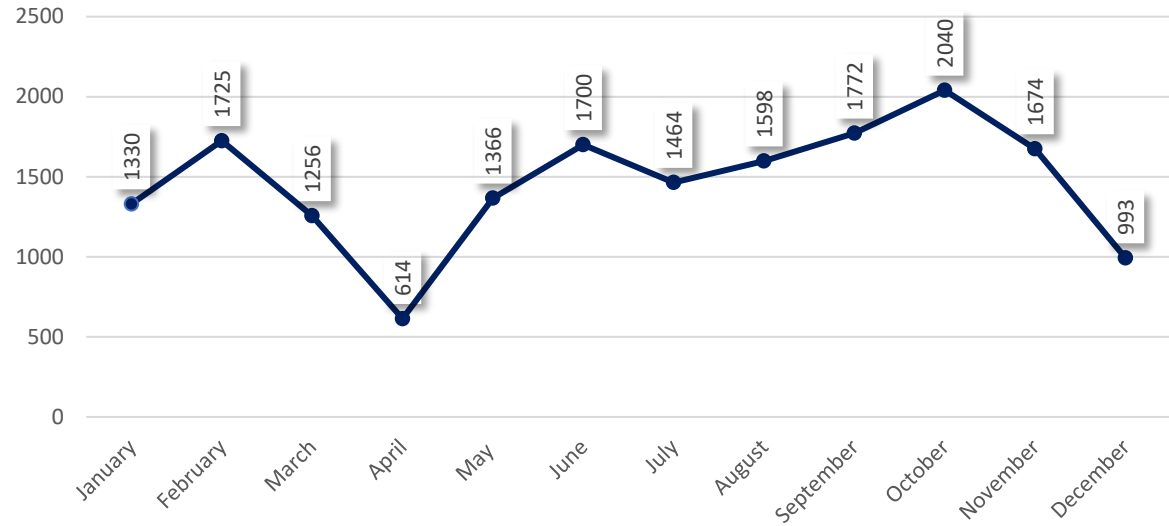


Canister sign data since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic reveals some surprising trends in monthly visitation. May was the month with the highest sign in rates in 2022 and 2023 which is surprising given that it has been assumed that the fall season is the most popular time to visit these peaks. This trend is concerning because several ground-nesting montane bird species are particularly vulnerable during this month because they have started to breed and nest. The highest number of recorded canister sign ins occurred in October of 2020 with 2040 signatures recorded. 614 people signed into canisters in April of 2020 which is the month with the lowest recorded visitation since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Formerly Trailless Peak Visitation by Month in 2021

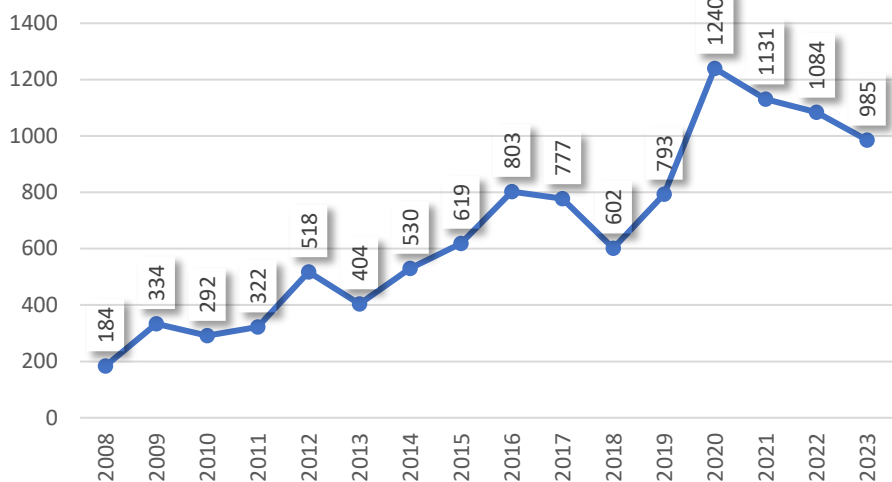


Formerly Trailless Peak Visitation by Month in 2020

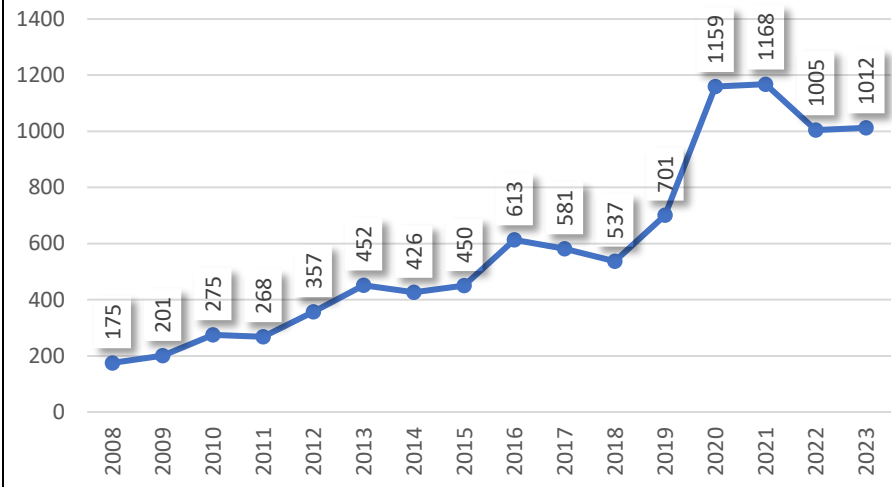


Peak	2009	2022	2023	% Increase or decrease from 2022-2023
SW Hunter	301	1326	1196	9.8% decrease
Vly	228	1068	1128	5.6% increase
Rusk	197	1103	1036	6% decrease
Balsam Cap	221	1067	1212	13% increase
Friday	244	1080	1212	12% increase
Halcott	201	1006	1012	0.5% increase
Fir	226	1084	985	9% decrease
North Dome	155	1012	979	3% decrease
Rocky	214	954	964	1% increase
Lone	248	981	1035	5% increase
Big Indian	334	1084	985	9% decrease
Sherrill	181	983	1033	5% increase

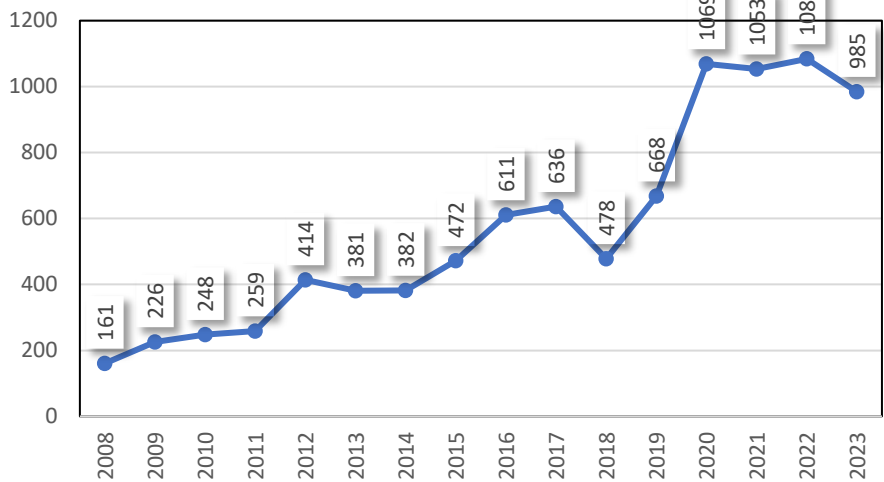
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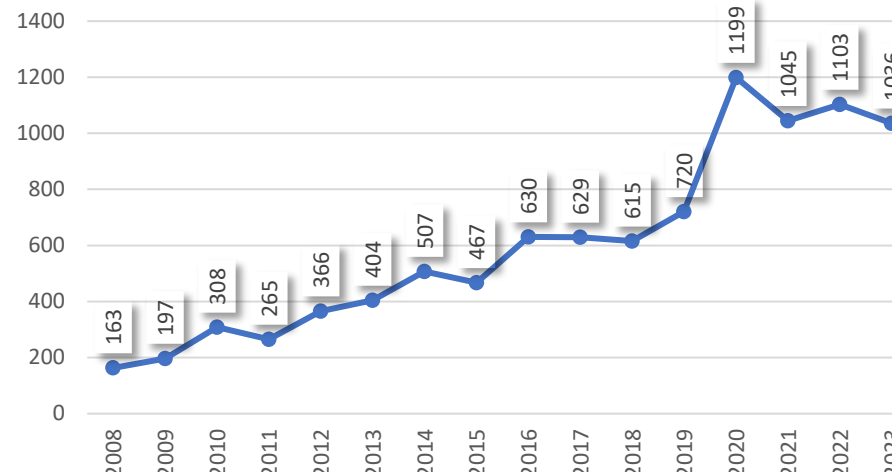
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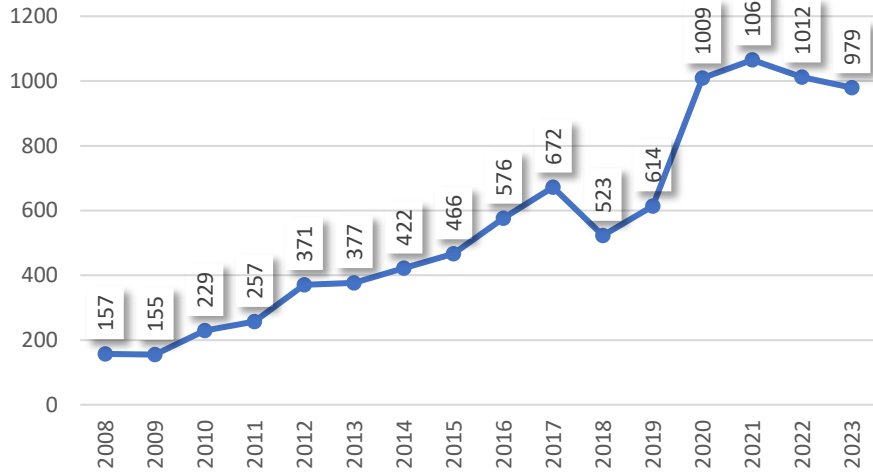
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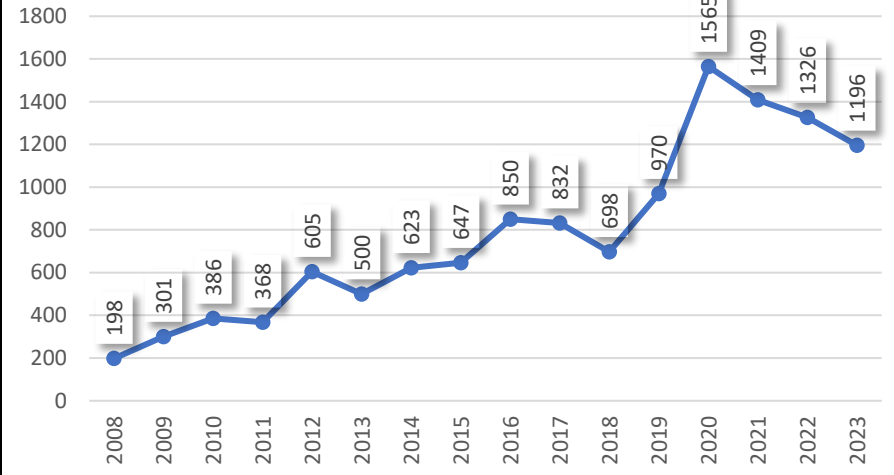
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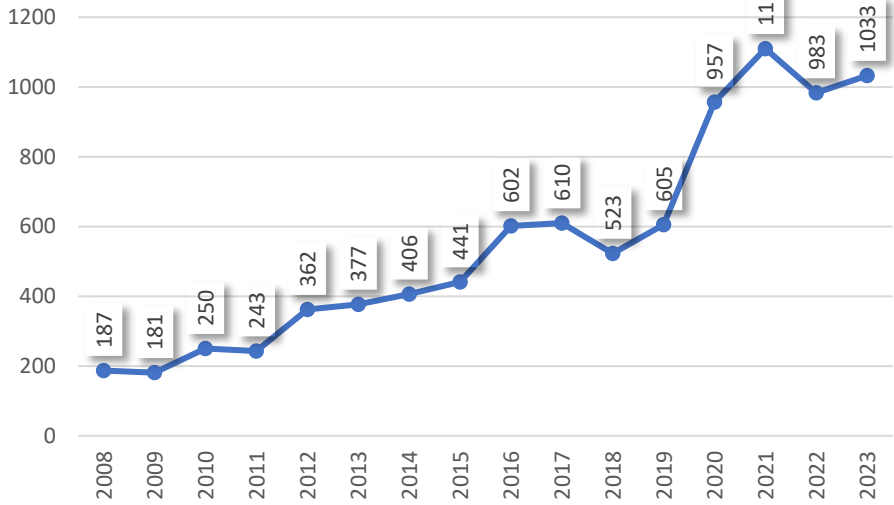
North Dome



SW Hunter



Sherrill



Vly

