



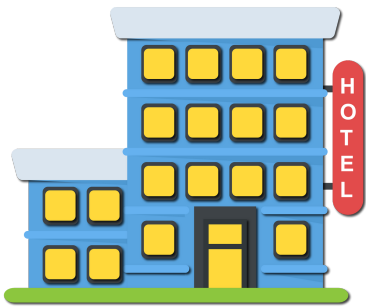
Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

THE OUTDOOR ECONOMY

VISITORS TO NATIONAL FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS GIVE BACK IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC VITALITY OF WASHINGTON

\$977

Million spent annually in communities around National Forests in Washington.



\$310

million in labor income



7,450

year-long jobs supported by recreation



MOST POPULAR RECREATION ACTIVITIES

VISITORS REPORT CHOOSING ACTIVITIES THAT IMPROVE THEIR PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND/OR SPIRITUAL WELLBEING.



**HIKING/
WALKING**

63%



**VIEWING
NATURE**

52%



RELAXING

40%



**VIEWING
WILDLIFE**

33%



**SCENIC
DRIVING**

25%



**SKIING/
SNOWBOARDING**

13%



National Forests NATURE'S BENEFITS

National Forests and grasslands are treasured for their recreation settings and opportunities. People are visiting then in record numbers to hike, camp, canoe, ski, and much more. Outdoor recreation provides countless health and social benefits as residents and visitors connect with nature and each other.

National Forest recreation also strongly contributes to the economic vitality of rural, gateway communities. The Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region (Oregon and Washington) contributes nearly 7 million directly and indirectly annually to the economy, benefiting local businesses in neighboring communities and society as a whole.

The growing, changing population and steadily increasing levels of recreation pose many challenges. In order to sustain and expand quality recreation opportunities, we are working with communities, other agencies, and public and private groups to find creative ways to address these challenges. Together we deliver recreation experiences that engage and connect present and future generations to the natural world and inspire responsibility to care for it.

SOURCES:

Visitation, Activities: National Visitor Use Monitoring (NVUM) Database (2018-2022)

Facilities: Infrastructure (INFRA) Database (2019)

Permits, Concessions, Special Uses: Special Uses Database (SUDS) (2019)

Economic Values: FY 2019 Economic Contributions from National Forests and Grasslands Methodology and Summary Report



National Forests in Washington

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Outdoor recreation is the largest single use of National Forest lands and has become an essential part of our American culture. The Forest Service manages **9 million acres** of National Forest lands in Washington and **over 2,000 world-class outdoor recreation** areas, facilities, and programs across the state. There is something for everyone in your National Forest!

7,212,675 annual visits



11,883

miles of trails

7,571 miles
non-motorized
3,933 miles
motorized



44

day-use sites

147 picnic sites
23 boating sites



326

campgrounds

5,396 campsites



5

wild & scenic rivers

221 river miles



24

wilderness areas

2,790,376 acres

36

rental cabins/lookouts



29

resorts

13 alpine ski resorts



180

permitted
outfitters & guides

