



# National Forests in Oregon

## 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 **15 million acres** of National Forest lands in Oregon and **over 2,000 world-class outdoor recreation** areas, facilities, and programs across the state. There is something for everyone in your National Forests!

**9,000,000** annual visits



**14,736** miles of trails

**8,242 miles** non-motorized  
**6,494 miles** motorized



**13**

ski resorts

**31** summer resorts

**164**

day-use sites

**86** picnic sites  
**78** boating sites



**575**

campgrounds

**236** concession-operated



**16**

scenic byways

**6** scenic bikeways



**416**

permitted outfitters & guides

**41**

wilderness areas

**2,252,346** acres



**46**

wild & scenic rivers

**1,219** river miles

**1,662**

recreation residences

**77** historic rental facilities  
**28** organizational camps





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# THE OUTDOOR ECONOMY

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

**\$448** Million spent annually in communities around national forests in Oregon

**3,950** year-long jobs supported by recreation

**\$129** million in labor income



# MOST POPULAR RECREATION ACTIVITIES

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

HIKING/  
WALKING  
**53%**

VIEWING  
NATURE  
**51%**

RELAXING/  
SWIMMING  
**36%**

VIEWING  
WILDLIFE  
**29%**

SCENIC  
DRIVING  
**21%**

SKIING/  
SNOWBOARDING  
**19%**

# National Forests NATURE'S BENEFITS



National Forests and grasslands are treasured for their recreational settings and opportunities. People are visiting them in record numbers to hike, camp, fish, 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)

Facilities: Infrastructure (INFRA) Database (2019)

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

Economic Values: General Technical Report PNW-GTR-957 (2017)



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