

BEACH RECREATION VISITOR SURVEY

(Personal Interview)

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Beach Recreation Visitors Survey

This survey is being conducted for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The time you spend on this survey will help us more effectively manage our valuable resources.

The questions in this survey ask about the trip to _____ that you just completed. Your participation is voluntary. Please complete this survey at the end of your recreation trip. Then return it in the attached postage-paid envelope.

Part I: TELL US WHY YOU CAME HERE AND WHAT YOU DID

1. Which of the following best describes the purpose of your trip away from home? *(Check one)*

- Primarily for recreation at one or more sites at _____
- Primarily for recreation, but _____ wasn't the primary destination
- Staying at a seasonal home in the area
- Passing through the area on a longer trip and stopped for a visit at _____.
- In the area visiting relatives, on a business trip, or for other reasons
- Other _____

2. Why did you choose to come to _____ rather than another site? *(Check one)*.

- Closer than other sites to my home
- More scenic than other sites
- Less congested than other sites
- Better quality natural resources
- Better quality recreation facilities
- Am more familiar with this site
- Came here with someone else
- Other _____

3. Including this trip, how many recreation trips have you personally made to _____ within the past 12 months? _____ *(Enter number)*

7. What recreation activities did you and the other people in your vehicle participate in during this trip to _____? *(Check all that apply)*

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating from a marina slip | <input type="checkbox"/> Scuba diving | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping in RV or trailer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating from a launch ramp | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping in tent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial water cruise ride | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunbathing | <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure driving through recreation area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking or canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing on playground equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sail boarding or windsurfing | <input type="checkbox"/> Running or jogging | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife or nature observation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jet skiing (personal watercraft) | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking for fitness or pleasure | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing from a boat | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Sightseeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing from shore / dock / pier | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting or trapping | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ | | |

Other (please specify): _____

4. How long have you been coming to _____? *(Check one)*

- This is my first trip
- Less than 1 year
- The past 1 to 5 years
- The past 6 to 10 years
- More than 10 years

5. Have you used any other recreation areas on _____ in the last 12 months in addition to the one at which you were interviewed? *(Check one)*

- Yes No Not sure

6. How familiar are you with each of the following sites *(Check one box for each site)* and how many visits have you personally made to each one in the past twelve months *(Enter number)*?

Site	Very Familiar	Somewhat Familiar	Not Familiar	Number of visits last 12 months
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Part II: FOR ANGLERS ONLY

If you or anyone in your vehicle fished during this trip to _____, then please answer the following questions. SKIP TO PART III IF NO ONE IN YOUR VEHICLE FISHERD DURING THIS TRIP.

1. How many people in your vehicle fished during this visit to _____ Site? ____ (Enter number)

2. How many of these people were 15 years old or younger? ____ (Enter number)

3. How many hours did you personally spend fishing during this trip to _____? ____ (Enter number of hours)

4. If you fished, how many fish did you catch during this trip? _____ (Enter total number of kept fish plus total number caught and released)

4a. How many fish did you keep? ____ (Enter number)

5. For what species did you and the other people in your vehicle fish? (Check all that apply)

- Any or all species
- Catfish
- Largemouth bass
- Spotted bass
- Trout
- Walleye
- Other _____ (write in)
- Bream / sunfish
- Crappie
- Smallmouth bass
- Striped / hybrid striped bass
- White bass

6. What methods did the people in your vehicle use to fish? (Check all that apply)

- Bow fishing
- Jug line
- Spear fishing
- Giggling
- Rod and reel
- Trout line / set line

Part III: TELL US WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU ABOUT _____

1. How important were each of the following site and/or site attributes for this recreation trip? (Check one box for each attribute)

Attribute	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Does Not Apply
Close to home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waterside setting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suitable facilities for my activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety and security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural beauty of the area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleanliness & maintenance of facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friendliness & courtesy of park staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water level of site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of crowding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reasonable user fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restaurants, shopping, or other attractions nearby or on the way	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. How important were each of the following reasons for this visit to _____. (Check one box for each reason)

Reason for this Trip	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Does Not Apply
Time with friends or family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Getting exercise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rest and relaxation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunity to get outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practice or learn outdoor skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use recreation equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Engage in a favorite outdoor activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excitement/adventure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Part IV: TELL US HOW MUCH YOUR TRAVEL PARTY SPENT DURING THIS TRIP

- This information will help us determine the value of recreation to the local/regional economy and predict changes in recreation patterns as the price of gas, food, and other travel costs change.
- Please enter the amounts you and the other people in your vehicle spent during this trip to _____. The amounts in COLUMN A and B should add up to the total amount of money your party spent for that item.

Example

Let's say the people in your party (in the same vehicle) spent \$52 at hotels within 30 miles of the site and spent zero on lodging anywhere else. You would enter \$52 in COLUMN A and "0" in COLUMN B for this item. In addition, if your group spent \$60 at restaurants during the trip, of which \$22 was spent within 30 miles of the site, you would enter \$22 in COLUMN A and \$38 in COLUMN B for this item.

	<u>within 30 miles</u> (Column A)	<u>beyond 30 miles</u> (Column B)	Please enter 0 if you spent nothing: DON'T LEAVE BLANKS!
1. Hotels, motels, cabins, B&B, rental homes	\$ <u>52</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	
2. Restaurants, bars, and other eating and drinking places	\$ <u>22</u>	\$ <u>38</u>	

START HERE (record spending for all people in your vehicle on this recent trip)

	<u>Spending within</u> <u>30 miles of the site</u> (Column A)	<u>Spending beyond</u> <u>30 miles</u> (Column B)
LODGING		
1. Hotels, motels, cabins, B&B, rental homes	\$ _____	\$ _____
2. Campground fees (including hookups)	\$ _____	\$ _____
FOOD AND BEVERAGES		
1. Restaurants, bars, and other eating and drinking places	\$ _____	\$ _____
2. Groceries and take-out food, including alcohol and tobacco	\$ _____	\$ _____
TRANSPORTATION		
1. Gas and oil for auto, boat, RV, etc.	\$ _____	\$ _____
2. Other auto expenses (rentals, repairs, parking, tolls, etc.)	\$ _____	\$ _____
3. Other boat expenses (rentals, repairs, launching fees, etc. (excluding equipment.))	\$ _____	\$ _____
RECREATION		
1. Attractions, entertainment, and recreation fees (do not report user fees if you are an annual pass holder)	\$ _____	\$ _____
2. Sporting goods (excluding major purchases such as boats and RV's and sporting goods bought at home/prior to the trip)	\$ _____	\$ _____
OTHER EXPENSES (clothing, souvenirs, maps, books, etc.)	\$ _____	\$ _____

After recording your expenses, please answer these questions.

1. Including yourself, how many people do these expenses cover? _____ (Enter number of people)
2. In total, how many *nights* did you spend away from home on this trip? _____ (Enter total number of nights)
3. How many *nights* did you spend within 30 miles of the site? _____ (Enter applicable number of nights)

4. Did you use an annual pass during this trip? (*Check one*) Yes No Not Sure

4a. If so, how much did you pay for this pass? _____ (*Enter dollar amount*)

Part V: TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE ON THIS VISIT TO _____

1. Please rate your experience during this visit to _____ in regard to each the following attributes. If an attribute does not apply or you had no experience with it on this trip, check the ‘Does Not Apply’ box.

Attribute	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Does Not Apply
Suitable facilities for my activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety and security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural beauty of the site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cleanliness & maintenance of facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friendliness & courtesy of park staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weather conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encounters with other visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of crowding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reasonable user fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall satisfaction with your visit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Please tell us about anything you particularly liked or disliked about your visit. _____

Part VI: TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Answers to the following questions will help us to better understand the visitors we serve. Your responses are completely anonymous. But if you prefer not to answer any question, just leave it blank.

1. Are you (Check one):
 Male Female

2. How old are you? (Check one):
 under 18
 18- 24
 25- 44
 45 -54
 55 - 64
 65+

3. Which of the following best describes your ethnic background
 Hispanic
 Non-Hispanic

4. Which of the following best describes your race?
 (Check one)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Some other race
- Two or more races

5. Please indicate which group represents your total pre-tax household income for last year? Please circle one box.

Less than \$10,000	\$50,000-\$74,999
\$10,000-\$14,999	\$75,000-\$99,999
\$15,000-\$24,999	\$100,000-\$149,999
\$25,000-\$34,999	\$150,000-\$199,999
\$35,000-\$49,999	\$200,000 or more

6. Including yourself, how many people in your household are: (Enter number of people in each age group)

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- ___ Between 18 and 34 years old
- ___ Between 35 and 54 years old
- ___ Between 55 and 64 years old
- ___ 65 years or older

Part VII: FOR THOSE WHO HAVE VISITED _____ BEFORE

1. Since your first visit to _____, have you noticed any changes in conditions at the site or at the recreation areas you visit? (Check one)

- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

2. If so, describe up to three of the most important changes and indicate how each has affected the quality of your recent recreation experiences at _____ (Describe each change and then check one box at right)

a. _____ Positive Effect Negative Effect Not Sure or No Effect

b. _____ Positive Effect Negative Effect Not Sure or No Effect

c. _____ Positive Effect Negative Effect Not Sure or No Effect

3. Can you suggest ways that the Corps of Engineers could help to improve the quality of future recreation trips to _____? (Describe briefly)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

Please enclose the completed survey into the pre-addressed/postage paid envelope and drop it into a mailbox. Thank you!

