# RECREATION RESPONDENT PROFILES 

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## A. TRIP CHARACTERISTICS

## 1. Trip Behavior <br> a. Current trip behavior

1. Is this visit part of a day trip or will you be away from home for one or more nights?
$\qquad$ Day trip $\qquad$ More than one day
2. Which of the following best describes the type of trip you are on? (Please check only one)

| Single day trip | ___ Vacation trip |
| :--- | :--- |
| O_ Overnight trip | Oeekend trip |

3. How many days has it been since you started your trip? $\qquad$ Days
4. How important was viewing the scenery to your decision to take a trip to this location?

| Not at All <br> Important | Slightly <br> Important | Somewhat <br> Important | Quite <br> Important | Extremely <br> Important |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

5. How important was being close to nature in your decision to take a trip to this location?

| Not at All <br> Important | Slightly <br> Important | Somewhat <br> Important | Quite <br> Important | Extremely <br> Important |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

6. How important was learning more about nature in your decision to take a trip to this location?

| Not at All <br> Important | Slightly <br> Important | Somewhat <br> Important | Quite <br> Important | Extremely <br> Important |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

7. How important was viewing historic sites in your decision to take a trip to this location?

| Not at All <br> Important | Slightly <br> Important | Somewhat <br> Important | Quite <br> Important | Extremely <br> Important |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

8. How important was doing some hiking in your decision to take a trip to this location?

| Not at All <br> Important | Slightly <br> Important | Somewhat <br> Important | Quite <br> Important | Extremely <br> Important |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

9. How important was doing some fishing in your decision to take a trip to this location?

| Not at All <br> Important | Slightly <br> Important | Somewhat <br> Important | Quite <br> Important | Extremely <br> Important |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

10. How important was doing some camping in your decision to take a trip to this location?

| Not at All <br> Important | Slightly <br> Important | Somewhat <br> Important | Quite <br> Important | Extremely <br> Important |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

11. Which of the following statements best describes your reason for choosing [site name] as a destination?
__ I planned to visit several recreation areas on this trip, this is the main one
$\qquad$ I planned to visit several recreation area on this trip, but this is not the main one
___ This destination is one of several recreation areas that I wanted to visit on this trip more or less equally.
$\qquad$ I planned to visit family and/or friends, then while in the general area decided to visit here.
$\qquad$ I planned to visit the general area for business, then while in the area decided to visit here.

## b. General trip behavior

12. Do your [activity] trips usually occur during? (Check only one)
$\qquad$ Weekends or Holidays only $\qquad$ Weekdays only $\qquad$ Both

## 2. Trip purpose

13. Is [site name] your only destination on this trip or is it one of several places you are visiting?
$\qquad$ Only destination
$\qquad$ One of several
14. Is [site name] the first destination on this trip?
$\qquad$ YES
_- NO
15. Is your visit to [site name] the main destination of your trip?
$\qquad$ YES NO IF NO, where is your main destination?
16. Was [site name] the final destination on your trip or just one stop along the way? (check one)
___ Final stop Just one stop
IF [site name] was just one stop, how many miles out of your way did you travel to visit it? Write 0 if you didn't travel any extra miles. _ Extra miles (one way)
17. Is your visit part of a:
___ Vacation pleasure trip
_ Business trip
__ Combined business/pleasure trip

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Other (specify $\qquad$

## 3. Off-site trip characteristics

18. Where did you stay overnight before arriving here?
__ (town/area)
19. What destinations did you go to before coming here? (List destinations in the order that you visited them)

| Name | Name |
| :--- | :--- |
| City | City |
| State | State |
| County | County |
| Main Activity | Main Activity |
| (Note: main activity can include non- <br> recreational activities., e.g. visiting <br> family, business) | (Note: main activity can include non- <br> recreational activities., e.g. visiting <br> family, business) |
|  |  |
| Time spent at site (not including travel |  |
| time) | Time spent at site (not including travel <br> time) |
| Days hours _ days _ hours | Means of transportation to get to above <br> destination. |
|  | Means of transportation to get to above <br> destination. |

(The above format can be repeated as many times as necessary)
20. Where will you stay overnight after you leave here?
___ (town/area)
21. How many days of your trip thus far have you spent in [geographic region]?
$\qquad$ days
22. How many days of your trip after you leave here will you spend in [geographic area]? __ days
23. Have you visited other recreation areas on this trip so far?
$\qquad$ YES $\qquad$ NO

IF YES, which areas and for how long?
Areas: A $\qquad$ ; B $\qquad$ ; C
Length of stay: A $\qquad$ ;B $\qquad$ ; C $\qquad$
24. Will you visit other recreation areas on this trip after you leave here?
$\qquad$ YES $\qquad$ NO

IF YES, which areas and for how long?
Areas: A $\qquad$ ; B $\qquad$ ; C
Length of stay: A $\qquad$ ; B $\qquad$ ; C $\qquad$
4. Trip planning
25. In planning this trip did you attempt to avoid crowds by selecting a time when you though the fewest number of people would be at [site name]?
$\qquad$ NO
_ YES
IF YES, what time did you select to avoid crowds?
(The above question can be modified to identify if respondents are selecting a particular time of the year, week, or day to avoid crowds. The question as written above, will have to have the particular time frame specified before it is put into use.)

## 5. Trip satisfaction

26. Overall, how satisfied were you with this [activity] trip?
(please check only one)
___ Extremely satisfied
___ Very satisfied
Satisfied
Neutral
Unsatisfied
Very satisfied
___ Extremely unsatisfied
27. Accommodations used
28. What type of overnight accommodations are you mostly using on this trip?
___ Motel/hotel Motorhome/camper/van Trailer Tent
___ Other (specify $\qquad$

## 7. Transportation

## a. Form of transportation

28. How did you travel to this recreation area? (check one)
$\qquad$ Hike
Passenger vehicle
__ Bicycle Motorhome
__Bus Camper
___ Other (specify: $\qquad$
29. How did you reach [site name]? (check only one)
$\qquad$ In a car
$\qquad$ In a truck (including 4-wheel drive)
$\qquad$ On motorcycle
__ On foot
$\qquad$ In a van
___ On bicycle
$\qquad$ In a motorhome

## b. Distance traveled

Questions in this section deal with distance the respondent has traveled to reach the site. In order to obtain accurate answers these questions, the manager or researcher constructing the questionnaire must consider the specificity of information requested. When mileage is asked, it should be specified if this is one-way or round-trip mileage. Also, lack of specificity in the site name can create problems as well. For example, while it may be less than one mile from the respondent's home to the shore of a lake, it may be 15 miles to the nearest place he or she can launch a boat on that lake.

## B. TRAVEL PATTERNS

30. On average, how far is it from your home to the places where you usually [activity]?
$\qquad$ miles
31. On average, how often do you visit Army Corps of Engineer areas each year? (check one)

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1-2 $\qquad$ 8-14 3-4

-15 or more
_ 5-7 Never have visited before

## C. DEMOGRAPHICS

## 1. Gender

32. What is your sex? $\qquad$ female $\qquad$ male
33. How many men and women are in your group?
$\qquad$ men $\qquad$ women
34. Starting with yourself, please list all the people in your party by writing their relationship to you (e.g. wife, son, friend, etc.) their age and gender for all party members.

| party members $\square$ relationship to <br> you | Age | sex <br> (circle one) |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Person no. 1 | You |  |  | M F |
| Person no. 2 |  |  |  | M F |
| Person no. 3 |  |  |  | M F |
| Person no. 4 |  |  |  | M F |
| Person no. 5 |  |  |  | M F |

## 2. Age

35. How old were you on your last birthday?
___ years old
36. How many of the people in your group were in each of the following age groups?

| $<12$ | $12-17$ | $18-25$ | $26-35$ | $36-45$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $46-55$ | $56-65$ | $>65$ |  |  |

(An advantage to use of categories in asking for the ages of a group is that the respondent may not know the actual ages of everyone in his or her party. The use of categories requires that respondents only know the approximate age of each party member.)

## 3. Education

37. What is the highest grade you have completed in school?
(Please circle one)
$\begin{array}{lccccccccc}1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 78 & 9 & 101112 & 13141516\end{array} \begin{array}{ll}17181920 \\ \text { Elementary school } & \text { Jr. High } \\ \text { High school } & \text { College }\end{array}$

## 4. Place of residence

38. Where is your principle home residence?
$\qquad$ (state) $\qquad$ (town/city)
$\qquad$ (zip code)

## 5. Group Composition

39. How many people are/were in your group? $\qquad$
40. On average, how many people are in your group when you [activity]?

41. Which of the following best describes your group?

| Family | Business associates |
| :--- | :--- |
| Friends | An Individual Alone |
| Family and friends | Other |

42. If it was an organized group, please give the name of the group below:

## 6. Employment Status

$43 \quad$ Are you presently?

| Employed full-time | Unemployed |
| :--- | :--- |
| Employed part-time | Retired |
| Student full-time | Disabled |
| Full-time homemaker |  |

44. What is your occupation? $\qquad$
45. (If married) Is your husband or wife currently...

| Employed full-time | Unemployed |
| :--- | :--- |
| Employed part-time | Retired |
| Student full-time | Disabled |
| Full-time homemaker |  |

46. 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 |

## 7. HOUSEHOLD

47. In total how many persons live in your household including yourself?
48. What is your marital status?
$\qquad$ married $\qquad$ divorced $\qquad$ widowed
49. How many children do you have? $\qquad$
What are their ages? $\qquad$
50. How would you describe your household? (Mark only one) Single person with no children at home
___ Single person with children at home
___ Two persons with no children at home
__ Two persons with children at home
___ Multiple persons with no children at home Multiple persons with children at home

## 8. Race/Ethnicity

51. Which of the following best describes your ethnic background?
52. HISPANIC ORIGIN
53. NON-HISPANIC ORIGIN
54. Which of the following best describes your race?
55. WHITE
56. BLACK
57. AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE
58. ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER
