

VALUE TO THE NATION FAST FACTS

USACE RECREATION 2019 NATIONAL REPORT

Natural and recreational resources at the 402 USACE lakes provide social, economic and environmental benefits for all Americans. The following information highlights some of the benefits related to USACE's role in managing natural and recreational resources in the U.S.

SOCIAL BENEFITS

Facilities in FY 2019

- 5,045 recreation areas
- 31,801 picnic sites
- 91,583 camping sites
- 2,129 playgrounds
- 887 swimming areas
- 3,572 trails
- 7,773 trail miles
- 884 fishing docks and piers
- 3,713 boat ramps
- 109,057 marina slips

Public Outreach in FY 2019

- 3,259,241 public outreach contacts

Visits (person-days/nights) in FY 2019

- 262,158,492 in total
- 40,415,133 picnickers
- 33,418,212 campers/overnight visitors
- 57,851,914 swimmers
- 32,702,402 walkers/hikers/joggers
- 72,792,399 boaters
- 67,901,882 sightseers
- 29,112,407 anglers
- 9,128,840 special event attendees
- 9,834,337 others

Benefits in Perspective

By providing opportunities for active recreation, USACE lakes help combat one of the most significant of the nation's health problems: lack of physical activity.

Recreational programs and activities at USACE lakes also help strengthen family ties and friendships; provide opportunities for children to develop personal skills, social values, and self-esteem; and increase water safety.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Economic Data in FY 2019

- 262,158,492 visits per year resulted in:
- \$ 11,002,841,889 in visitor spending within 30 miles of USACE lakes
 - \$ 6,091,860,743 in sales within 30 miles of USACE lakes
 - 86,557 jobs within 30 miles of USACE lakes
 - \$ 2,425,639,001 in labor income within 30 miles of USACE lakes
 - \$ 3,379,495,154 in value added within 30 miles of USACE lakes
 - \$ 2,292,543,862 in National Economic Development Benefits

With multiplier effects, visitor trip spending resulted in:

- \$ 9,839,082,864 in total sales
- 112,864 jobs
- \$ 3,633,641,264 in labor income
- \$ 5,507,274,726 in value added (wages & salaries, payroll benefits, profits, rents, and indirect business taxes)

Benefits in Perspective

The money spent by visitors to USACE lakes on trip expenses adds to the local and national economies by supporting jobs and generating income. Visitor spending represents a sizable component of the economy in many communities around USACE lakes.

[How these numbers were calculated.](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Resources in FY 2019

- 4,043,939 land acres
- 5,629,791 water acres
- 41,188 shoreline miles

Benefits in Perspective

Recreation experiences increase motivation to learn more about the environment; understanding and awareness of environmental issues; and sensitivity to the environment.

