



MACON COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION PARTICIPATION SURVEY

The total economic output from outdoor recreation visitor spending is

\$91.5 MILLION



\$31.1 MILLION

which supports approximately

in labor income

841 FULL-TIME JOBS

POPULAR ACTIVITIES

- DAY HIKING (37%)
- FISHING (34%)
- SCENIC DRIVING (23%)

71% of recent trips were overnight, averaging a stay of **2.5 NIGHTS**



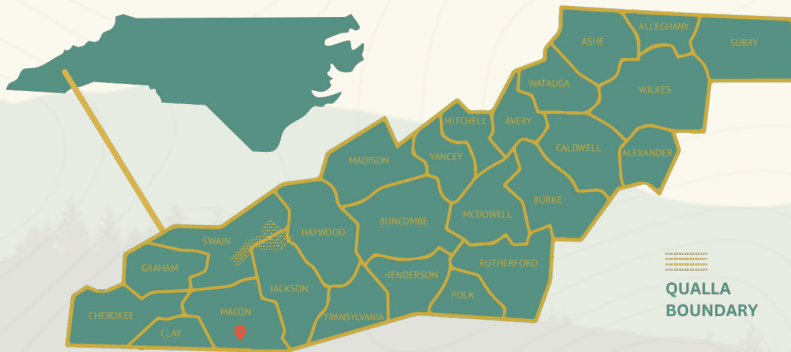
AVERAGE TRAVEL PARTY SIZE

\$587 average spending per trip



100%

of respondents were satisfied with their outdoor recreation experience



POPULAR SPENDING



- LODGING - \$135
- RESTAURANT MEALS - \$110
- GASOLINE - \$89
- GROCERIES - \$81

POPULAR DESTINATIONS

- APPALACHIAN TRAIL (54%)
- NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST (46%)
- NANTAHALA RIVER (37%)

POPULAR LODGING

- HOTEL/MOTEL (17%)
- CAMPER (14%)
- SHORT TERM RENTAL (9%)
- FRIENDS/FAMILY (9%)



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