



MCDOWELL COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION PARTICIPATION SURVEY

The total economic output from outdoor recreation visitor spending is

\$28.2 MILLION



\$8.1 MILLION

which supports approximately

in labor income

299 FULL-TIME JOBS

POPULAR ACTIVITIES

- DAY HIKING (44%)
- NATURE VIEWING (31%)
- SCENIC DRIVING (25%)

63% of recent trips were overnight, averaging a stay of **1.5 NIGHTS**



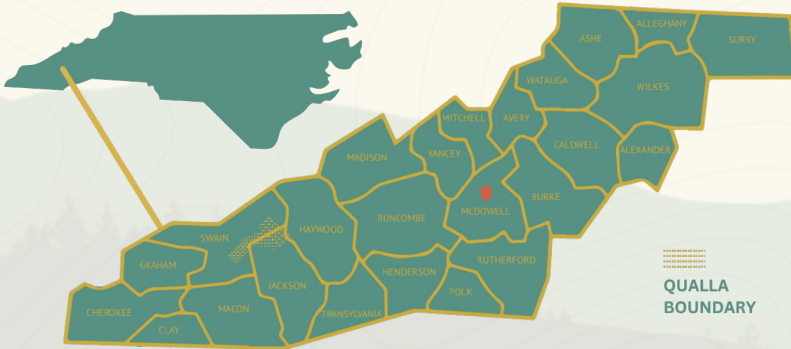
AVERAGE TRAVEL PARTY SIZE

\$301 average spending per trip



88%

of respondents were satisfied with their outdoor recreation experience



POPULAR SPENDING



- LODGING - \$82
- RESTAURANT MEALS - \$70
- ENTERTAINMENT - \$62
- GASOLINE - \$42

POPULAR DESTINATIONS

- BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY (75%)
- LAKE JAMES STATE PARK (41%)
- LINVILLE GORGE WILDERNESS (41%)

POPULAR LODGING

- HOTEL/MOTEL (41%)
- PRIVATE CAMPGROUND (6%)
- RESORT (6%)
- FRIENDS/FAMILY (6%)



The MADE X MTNS (Made By Mountains) Partnership is working to expand the outdoor industry and economy across North Carolina's Appalachian region and catalyze rural development by building vibrant outdoor communities, growing outdoor businesses, and amplifying outdoor culture. For more information, visit madexmtns.com or [@madexmtns](https://twitter.com/madexmtns)