



# WILKES COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION PARTICIPATION SURVEY

The total economic output from outdoor recreation visitor spending is

**\$102.9 MILLION**



**\$29.1 MILLION**

which supports approximately

in labor income

**1,103 FULL-TIME JOBS**

## POPULAR ACTIVITIES

- DAY HIKING (44%)
- SCENIC DRIVING (29%)
- FISHING (22%)

**53%** of recent trips were overnight, averaging a stay of **1 NIGHT**



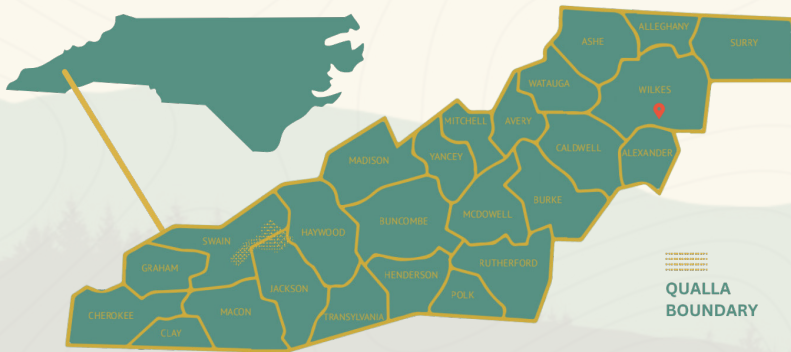
## AVERAGE TRAVEL PARTY SIZE

**\$393** average spending per trip



**97%**

of respondents were satisfied with their outdoor recreation experience



## POPULAR SPENDING



- RESTAURANTS - \$80
- LODGING - \$70
- ENTERTAINMENT - \$67
- GASOLINE - \$62

## POPULAR DESTINATIONS

- BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY (74%)
- STONE MOUNTAIN STATE PARK (35%)
- W. KERR SCOTT DAM AND RESERVOIR (26%)

## POPULAR LODGING

- CAMPER (15%)
- FRIENDS/FAMILY (13%)
- SHORT TERM RENTAL (3%)



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