

National Forest Recreation Use
1924-1996

Years 1924 – 1964
(Thousands of Recreation Visits)

YEAR	CAMPGROUNDS	WINTER SPORTS SITES	OTHER SPECIAL USE	OTHER DEVELOPED SITES	WILDERNESS/ PRIMITIVE	OTHER DISPERSED	TOTAL
1924	1,588.5	--	1,200.3	1,871.5	--	--	4,660.3
1925	2,130.0	--	1,405.5	2,086.7	--	--	5,622.2
1926	2,056.7	--	1,584.1	2,403.4	--	--	6,044.2
1927	1,845.7	--	1,667.5	2,623.6	--	--	6,136.8
1928	1,845.7	--	1,767.1	2,937.5	--	--	6,550.3
1929	1,903.0	--	2,172.6	3,056.5	--	--	7,132.1
1930	1,980.7	--	1,657.5	3,272.7	--	--	6,910.9
1931	2,193.9	--	2,115.0	3,765.0	--	--	8,073.9
1932	2,178.2	--	1,668.8	4,048.8	--	--	7,895.8
1933	2,219.8	--	1,589.8	4,355.9	--	--	8,165.5
1934	2,343.1	--	1,627.5	4,610.2	--	--	8,580.8
1935	2,395.7	--	1,996.6	5,326.0	--	--	9,718.3
1936	2,421.3	--	2,548.1	5,811.7	--	--	10,781.1
1937	2,836.0	--	3,022.7	5,973.9	--	--	11,832.6
1938	3,181.8	--	3,685.5	7,627.9	--	--	14,495.2
1939	3,157.5	1,289.2	2,866.0	7,019.2	--	--	14,331.9
1940	3,583.1	1,538.4	3,109.9	7,931.5	--	--	16,162.9
1941	3,349.9	1,519.1	2,763.2	5,819.0	87.1	4,466.6	18,004.9
1942	1,771.3	993.9	1,676.0	3,300.6	55.6	2,609.8	10,407.2
1943	1,095.2	266.8	1,039.4	2,050.4	43.2	1,779.6	6,274.6
1944	1,246.8	287.4	1,262.5	2,051.1	50.0	2,254.2	7,152.0
1945	1,814.9	527.3	2,053.5	2,729.4	74.5	2,874.5	10,074.1
1946	3,055.1	1,249.2	3,348.8	4,458.7	144.5	5,948.4	18,240.6
1947	3,518.1	1,725.7	2,969.0	5,262.6	194.1	7,661.3	21,330.8
1948	3,424.1	2,284.9	2,826.4	6,682.2	213.4	8,579.8	24,010.8
1949	3,837.0	1,712.6	2,931.1	7,659.2	243.6	9,696.7	26,080.2

1950	3,858.8	1,504.6	2,983.2	7,577.6	245.8	11,197.8	27,367.8
1951	4,140.9	1,929.3	3,248.2	8,669.3	312.4	11,650.1	29,950.2
1952	4,528.0	1,758.1	3,731.9	9,515.9	386.7	13,086.3	33,006.9
1953	4,810.3	1,944.2	3,910.2	10,335.9	408.3	13,994.1	35,403.0
1954	5,806.1	2,362.4	4,490.8	11,467.8	395.8	15,781.0	40,303.9
1955	6,796.7	2,977.2	4,749.6	12,418.3	462.1	18,308.9	45,712.8
1956	7,205.0	3,040.5	5,688.4	14,667.2	448.3	21,506.7	52,556.0
1957	8,352.4	3,158.7	5,709.5	16,138.5	534.6	27,063.8	60,957.5
1958	9,324.7	4,127.0	5,692.4	17,845.2	556.1	30,904.1	68,449.5
1959	9,955.8	4,184.1	6,223.8	19,283.3	564.7	41,309.3	81,521.0
1960	10,878.0	4,706.8	6,440.7	19,800.8	614.3	50,153.9	92,594.5
1961	11,835.1	4,478.3	7,235.3	20,456.8	756.7	57,150.3	101,912.5
1962	12,940.9	5,575.8	8,136.3	21,283.6	815.2	54,010.4	112,762.2
1963	13,562.5	6,677.6	7,306.8	21,575.4	937.1	72,522.6	122,582.0
1964	14,152.1	7,911.8	8,185.3	21,476.9	973.8	81,062.4	133,762.3

Years 1965 – 1996
(Thousands of Recreation Visitor-Days 1)

YEAR	CAMPGROUNDS	WINTER SPORTS SITES	OTHER SPECIAL USE	OTHER DEVELOPED SITES	WILDERNESS/ PRIMITIVE	OTHER DISPERSED	TOTAL
1965	34,040.0	5,481.6	19,914.0	9,433.0	4,522.1	84,350.9	160,336.1
1966	32,664.1	4,842.6	18,186.1	8,182.2	4,790.7	82,063.2	150,728.9
1967	30,230.7	5,102.3	17,662.3	7,879.5	4,690.1	84,082.2	149,647.1
1968	30,665.1	5,564.0	18,500.3	7,742.5	5,056.2	89,137.2	156,665.3
1969	31,669.6	5,661.8	18,186.7	8,222.2	5,071.9	94,025.9	162,838.1
1970	34,562.3	6,478.8	17,716.9	8,897.2	5,842.8	99,056.5	172,554.5
1971	35,731.7	6,961.7	17,572.5	9,396.3	8,103.6	100,343.7	178,109.5
1972	36,079.5	6,520.6	17,442.8	9,590.2	6,459.4	107,865.8	183,958.3
1973	35,965.2	8,290.0	16,681.0	9,764.1	6,681.7	110,792.6	188,174.6
1974	35,677.9	7,722.0	17,103.4	9,455.0	6,743.2	116,214.3	192,915.8
1975	37,721.2	8,921.3	17,640.9	10,781.5	7,802.0	116,333.9	199,200.8
1976	37,134.9	7,143.7	17,395.4	11,458.9	7,105.6	119,689.0	199,928.1
1977	37,554.3	6,970.3	16,946.4	12,305.0	8,008.3	123,013.1	204,797.4
1978	39,606.9	10,601.0	16,710.3	12,712.3	8,619.9	130,243.9	218,494.3
1979	39,085.2	12,839.7	17,201.1	12,735.3	9,604.9	128,699.4	220,165.6

1980	40,276.2	13,549.7	17,444.5	14,341.1	9,267.8	138,670.0	233,549.3
1981	41,227.5	10,590.6	17,083.3	15,980.4	11,416.8	139,410.6	235,709.2
1982	38,793.9	13,343.9	17,281.4	14,909.0	11,158.1	137,951.2	233,437.5
1983	35,669.5	13,729.4	16,998.5	14,590.2	9,909.3	136,810.9	227,707.8
1984	36,151.4	13,920.4	16,755.6	15,431.7	10,209.3	135,085.5	227,553.9
1985	34,445.5	15,905.4	16,822.0	14,749.2	12,734.4	130,750.8	225,407.3
1986	34,949.6	14,942.7	17,455.5	15,033.1	12,014.7	132,137.1	226,532.7

CAMPING
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WINTER
SPORTS SITES

WILDERNESS

TOTAL

1987	68,104.5	15,200.7	--	--	--	--	238,458.3
1988	70,185.7	15,784.6	--	--	11,769.5	--	242,315.7
1989	72,263.1	17,369.3	--	--	11,571.7	--	252,495.0
1990	74,144.6	16,143.5	--	--	11,959.3	--	263,050.6
1991	76,614.9	17,851.6	--	--	12,784.8	--	278,849.0
1992	77,211.1	18,044.6	--	--	13,272.0	--	287,690.5
1993	79,318.8	19,230.2	--	--	12,692.6	--	295,473.1
1994	82,322.3	20,478.5	--	--	13,889.7	--	330,348.4
1995	85,777.2	20,348.1	--	--	13,862.8	--	345,082.9
1996	87,082.0	19,708.0	--	--	14,512.0	--	341,204.0

1/ A recreation visitor day (RVD) is a statistical reporting unit consisting of 12 visitor hours. A visitor hour is the presence of a person on an area of land and water for the purpose of engaging in one or more recreation activities during a period of time aggregating 60 minutes.

Beginning in 1965 the definition and units of recreation use were changed (double sampling started) to reflect better estimates and the passage of the Wilderness Act and the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.