

# Appendix C



# 2011 Idaho Outdoor Recreation Survey



## Results Overview

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Thanks for agreeing to participate in the 2011 Idaho Outdoor Recreation Survey conducted by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Your responses will help us determine the top outdoor recreation issues and opportunities in the state, which will assist state and federal agencies in managing public lands and outdoor recreation opportunities.

- 1.** Background: The day use fee at Idaho's state parks is \$5 per vehicle. There is also an option to purchase an annual passport for Idaho's 30 state parks for \$40, allowing unlimited entrance for that vehicle for one year. If you could buy a one-year state parks passport when you registered your vehicle each year and if it cost \$10 instead of \$40, how likely would you be to purchase it?

<b>1</b> Not at all likely		22	9%
<b>2</b> Not likely		16	7%
<b>3</b> Neutral		30	13%
<b>4</b> Likely		60	25%
<b>5</b> Very likely		108	46%
<b>Total</b>		236	100%

- 2.** Are the following issues important to you?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Not At All Important	Not Important	Neutral	Important	Extremely Important
Educating adults about natural resources and the environment	10 4%	13 6%	52 22%	100 42%	61 26%
Providing youth with opportunities for education in outdoor recreation	10 4%	3 1%	47 20%	93 39%	83 35%
Access to community trails	8 3%	4 2%	52 22%	95 40%	77 33%
Ensuring motorized vehicles stay on trails and roads	8 3%	10 4%	36 15%	75 32%	107 45%
Expanding access to water recreation resources	8 3%	25 11%	67 28%	83 35%	53 22%
Expanding outdoor recreation access for the disabled	8 3%	9 4%	65 28%	81 34%	73 31%

Acquiring land for recreational use	11 5%	17 7%	85 36%	75 32%	48 20%
Creating community open spaces	7 3%	10 4%	73 31%	98 42%	48 20%
Protecting water quality	3 1%	0 0%	21 9%	70 30%	142 60%
Protecting motorized access to existing public lands	15 6%	20 8%	60 25%	72 31%	69 29%
Controlling aquatic and terrestrial invasive species (i.e, quagga and zebra mussels, Medusa's head, etc)	10 4%	8 3%	45 19%	81 34%	92 39%
Providing expanded opportunities for spontaneous camping (reservations are not required)	11 5%	11 5%	57 24%	86 36%	71 30%
Providing youth with opportunities for natural resource and environmental education	9 4%	5 2%	39 17%	114 48%	69 29%
Expanding access to public lands for motorized outdoor recreation	24 10%	49 21%	68 29%	52 22%	43 18%

**3.** Are the following issues important to you?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Not At All Important	Not Important	Neutral	Important	Extremely Important
Providing youth with recreation safety instruction	9 4%	4 2%	46 19%	92 39%	85 36%
Providing nearby community parks	7 3%	5 2%	69 29%	97 41%	58 25%
Providing trail etiquette education to the public to decrease user conflicts	9 4%	7 3%	55 23%	101 43%	64 27%
Providing recreational facilities to encourage exercise and improve health	10 4%	9 4%	65 28%	98 42%	54 23%
Rehabilitation of community outdoor recreation facilities	7 3%	4 2%	64 27%	113 48%	48 20%
Protecting					

endangered species on outdoor recreation lands	10 4%	16 7%	54 23%	70 30%	86 36%
Maintaining minimum stream flows and/or minimum reservoir pools for recreation	7 3%	12 5%	72 31%	96 41%	49 21%
Providing community recreation programs	7 3%	13 6%	79 33%	95 40%	42 18%
Providing adults with opportunities for recreation safety instruction	11 5%	13 6%	71 30%	89 38%	52 22%
Taking part in volunteer work related to outdoor recreation activities	18 8%	17 7%	96 41%	77 33%	28 12%
Expanding designated bike trail systems	15 6%	21 9%	81 34%	73 31%	46 19%
Providing recreational trails to connect communities to outdoor recreation areas	10 4%	9 4%	71 30%	100 42%	46 19%
Taking part in community sports (soccer, tennis, etc.)	35 15%	52 22%	87 37%	47 20%	15 6%

**4.** Are the following issues important to you?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Not At All Important	Not Important	Neutral	Important	Extremely Important
Access to community pool or recreation center	14 6%	16 7%	75 32%	83 35%	48 20%
Providing designated cross-country skiing trail systems	24 10%	27 11%	94 40%	66 28%	25 11%
Providing designated snowmobile trail systems	31 13%	32 14%	90 38%	57 24%	26 11%
Expanding designated equestrian trail systems	26 11%	26 11%	109 46%	54 23%	21 9%
Expanding designated ATV trail systems	42 18%	40 17%	76 32%	45 19%	33 14%
Expanding designated single-track trail systems for motorbikes	41 17%	45 19%	89 38%	39 17%	22 9%

Access to pet-friendly parks (off leash)	28 12%	28 12%	80 34%	55 23%	45 19%
Restricting grazing on public lands	37 16%	40 17%	99 42%	33 14%	27 11%
Protecting non-motorized access to public lands	14 6%	9 4%	67 28%	76 32%	70 30%
Expanding hiking trail systems	11 5%	14 6%	61 26%	103 44%	47 20%

**5.** I choose to live in Idaho because of (please select ALL that apply):

Consumer Opportunities		15	6%
Home Prices		75	32%
Cost of Living		124	53%
Ease of Transportation		48	20%
Educational Opportunities		25	11%
Living Close to Friends		81	34%
Cultural Opportunities		26	11%
Health Care		33	14%
Access to Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources		127	54%
Living Close to Family		152	64%
Employment Opportunities		33	14%
Other, please specify		43	18%

**6.** The number one reason I choose to live in Idaho is because of (please select ONE):

Cost of Living		26	11%
Educational Opportunities		3	1%
Consumer Opportunities		1	0%
Living Close to Friends		4	2%
Access to Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources		35	15%
Home Prices		4	2%

Cultural Opportunities		1	0%
Health Care		3	1%
Ease of Transportation		4	2%
Living Close to Family		117	50%
Employment Opportunities		11	5%
Other, please specify		27	11%
Total		236	100%

**7.** In times of tight budgets for Idaho's state parks, do you support the following?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Oppose Strongly	Oppose Somewhat	Neutral	Support Somewhat	Support Strongly
Cutting back on individual park site improvements (expanded access, restrooms, boat ramps, etc.)	28 12%	52 22%	87 37%	48 20%	21 9%
Privatizing state parks in Idaho	83 35%	53 22%	73 31%	18 8%	9 4%
Channeling a portion of existing taxes into parks	11 5%	24 10%	92 39%	88 37%	21 9%
Selling, closing, or trading parks that may lack regional or statewide significance	43 18%	53 22%	82 35%	41 17%	17 7%
Paying for state parks through user fees alone	13 6%	41 17%	94 40%	64 27%	24 10%

**8.** Do you currently have an annual Idaho State Parks Passport on any of your vehicle windshields?

Yes		17	7%
No		219	93%
Total		236	100%
17 Responses			

**9.** About how often did you visit an Idaho state park in the past 12 months?

I did not visit a state park in the past 12 months.		102	43%
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1 to 5 times		121	51%
6 to 10 times		8	3%
11 times or more		4	2%
Total		235	100%

**10.** How long have you lived in Idaho?

Less than one year.		0	0%
1 to 5 years		20	8%
5 to 10 years		28	12%
10 to 20 years		50	21%
More than 20 years		138	58%
Total		236	100%

**11.** In what age range do you fall?

18-30		22	9%
31-40		27	11%
41-50		39	17%
51-60		65	28%
61-70		59	25%
71 or better		23	10%
Total		235	100%

**13.** What level of education have you completed?

High school or GED		45	20%
Some college		105	46%
4-year college degree		46	20%
Some post graduate studies		13	6%
Post graduate degree (Masters, PhD, MD, ect.)		21	9%
Total		230	100%

**14.** Optional: What is your annual family income range?

Below \$25,000		57	25%
\$25,001 to \$35,000		45	20%

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\$35,001 to \$50,000		43	19%
\$50,001 to \$75,000		43	19%
\$75,001 to \$100,000		26	11%
More than \$100,000		13	6%
Total		227	100%

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