

VALUE TO THE NATION FAST FACTS

USACE RECREATION 2019 DISTRICT REPORT Galveston District

Natural and recreational resources at USACE lakes provide social, economic and environmental benefits for all Americans. The following information highlights some of the benefits related to USACE's role in managing natural and recreational resources in the Galveston District.

SOCIAL BENEFITS

Facilities in FY 2019

- 14 recreation areas
- 1,186 picnic sites
- 30 camping sites
- 22 playgrounds
- 0 swimming areas
- 24 trails
- 58 trail miles
- 1 fishing docks and piers
- 2 boat ramps
- 0 marina slips

Public Outreach in FY 2019

- 15,692 public outreach contacts

Visits (person-days/nights) in FY 2019

- 2,489,417 in total
- 480,735 picnickers
- 9,078 campers/overnight visitors
- 165,747 swimmers
- 552,385 walkers/hikers/joggers
- 16,308 boaters
- 1,023,953 sightseers
- 362,040 anglers
- 229,492 special event attendees
- 135,043 others

Benefits in Perspective

By providing opportunities for active recreation, USACE lakes help combat one of the most significant of the nation's health problems: lack of physical activity.

Recreational programs and activities at USACE lakes also help strengthen family ties and friendships; provide opportunities for children to develop personal skills, social values, and self-esteem; and increase water safety.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Economic Data in FY 2019

2,489,417 visits per year resulted in:

- \$ 76,281,390 in visitor spending within 30 miles of USACE lakes
- \$ 55,180,115 in sales within 30 miles of USACE lakes
- 520 jobs within 30 miles of USACE lakes
- \$ 19,804,483 in labor income within 30 miles of USACE lakes
- \$ 32,155,120 in value added within 30 miles of USACE lakes
- \$ 10,306,186 in National Economic Development Benefits

With multiplier effects, visitor trip spending resulted in:

- \$ 90,590,710 in total sales
- 717 jobs
- \$ 33,960,022 in labor income
- \$ 54,863,964 in value added (wages & salaries, payroll benefits, profits, rents, and indirect business taxes)

Benefits in Perspective

The money spent by visitors to USACE lakes on trip expenses adds to the local and national economies by supporting jobs and generating income. Visitor spending represents a sizable component of the economy in many communities around USACE lakes.

[How these numbers were calculated.](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Resources in FY 2019

- 12,640 land acres
- 8,140 water acres
- 40 shoreline miles

Benefits in Perspective

Recreation experiences increase motivation to learn more about the environment; understanding and awareness of environmental issues; and sensitivity to the environment.

LAKES IN GALVESTON DISTRICT

Buffalo Bayou and Tributaries; Wallisville Lake - Trinity River and Tributaries



Source: US Army Corps of Engineers, Institute for Water Resources
<https://www.iwr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Value-to-the-Nation/>

