

Outdoor Recreation Plan for State-Owned Lands and Waters in Ireland

Costs and Benefits Associated with the Development of Public Recreational Infrastructure

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DESCRIPTION

Future Analytics Consulting, together with Optimize Economics were commissioned to undertake a cross-agency report to assess the existing recreation resources of the five State bodies, and to evaluate the costs and benefits of future recreation that will serve to enhance, support and promote increased recreation use and other public goods benefits. The report was undertaken on behalf of five State bodies comprising Bord na Móna, Coillte, Inland Fisheries Ireland, National Parks and Wildlife Service and Waterways Ireland.

The *Outdoor Recreation Plan (ORP) for State-Owned Lands and Waters in Ireland* presents a coordinated approach to recreation management, and sets out a unified strategy to significantly enhance the provision of outdoor recreation facilities and services on public owned land and waterways.

The key objectives of this study were:

- Identify, measure and map all existing recreation assets nationally pertaining to all five State bodies;
- Determine the costs associated with the development of new recreation infrastructure;
- Evaluate the costs and benefits of the plan on the wider economy including employment creation, tourism and health and wellbeing.

The study provided the client with the comprehensive and integrated report demonstrating the capital costs required to implement the plan over the coming 5-years and also provided a detailed analysis of the projected benefits associated with the plan. These included economic, tourism, health and wellbeing benefits.

Expertise

- Strategic Planning
- Economic Analysis
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- Spatial Analysis and Mapping
- Tourism
- Biodiversity
- Health and Wellbeing

Client

Coillte (on behalf of Bord na Móna, Coillte, Inland Fisheries Ireland, National Parks and Wildlife Service, and Waterways Ireland)

Year

2016

