

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Outdoor recreation plan available online

The North Dakota State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) is now available online at www.parkrec.nd.gov. The SCORP is a guide for managing and developing the state's non-consumptive (excluding hunting and fishing) outdoor recreation base.

The goal of the SCORP is to enhance outdoor recreation across the state by educating and engaging North Dakotans to help ensure diverse outdoor recreation opportunities are available to citizens and visitors. Funding priorities for outdoor recreation parks and facilities at the state and regional level are established through the SCORP implementation plan.

In 2012, research for the SCORP was compiled as North Dakota households and outdoor recreation providers were surveyed to determine the demand for and supply of outdoor recreation in the state.

Key findings of the SCORP include:

- More than one out of every two North Dakota households (55 percent) feel outdoor recreation is very important and 93 percent feel it is important.
- Providers of outdoor recreation facilities in North Dakota include government agencies at the local, state, and federal levels, as well as nonprofit organizations. Overall, 57 percent of outdoor recreation providers report demand for facilities and activities exceeds supply for their users.
- Unmet funding needs reported by ND Outdoor recreation providers are in excess of \$104,000,000 over the next five years.

Also available is the SCORP: Recreational Trails Needs Assessment. For those wanting a hard copy of the SCORP or the Recreational Trails Needs Assessment contact NDPRD Headquarters at 701-328-5357.