

Huntington State Park

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ECONOMIC TOOLKIT INFO

- In 2009, 59,459 individuals visited Huntington State Park. 2009 Emery County population was approximately 10,848, according to Governor's Office of Planning and Budget population estimates. So, in 2009, the county, the park, and its staff hosted a number of individuals that equates to about 5.5 times the size of the county's current population.
- It appears that most Huntington visitors are day users, and are most likely to be residents of Huntington, Price, Castle Dale, or Orangeville.
- The Huntington survey shows that on average, park visitors spent about \$45 per group as part of their visit to the park. Average group size was about 6 individuals, and average length of stay was about 1 day. This translates into average expenditures of approximately \$7.50 per visit, per individual.
- Division Planners estimate the 59,459 visitors to Huntington in 2009 could be responsible for creating approximately \$265,000 in local wages, earnings, rents, and tax revenues within Emery County.
- The park's \$265,000 economic impact is equivalent to about \$24.42 per county resident on a per capita basis ($\$265,000 / 10,848$ county population \approx \$24.42).
- In 2008, 2,359 off highway vehicles and 121 snowmobiles were registered within Emery County. These yielded revenues to the county (in the form of payments in lieu of taxes) of about \$64,873 for OHV registrations and \$3,328 for snowmobile registrations for a total of \$68,201. Through its administration of statewide OHV and snowmobile programs, the Division and the park facilitate the provision of numerous area OHV and snowmobile opportunities that undoubtedly bring even more economic impact to the county.
- In 2009, the county received \$2,568 in sales and use taxes from park operations.
- In 2009, the park spent about \$246,000 to maintain and operate the park and to pay for necessary infrastructure.
- Huntington State Park provides a number of essential, community-oriented services and frequently partnerships with the county in providing or sharing resources (PROVIDE EXAMPLES – back up for local law enforcement agencies, education programs to schools, wildland fire support, community event staff support, search and rescue availability, etc.)