

Scotfield State Park

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ECONOMIC TOOLKIT INFO

- In 2009, 79,862 individuals visited Scotfield State Park. 2009 County population was approximately 19,768, 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 more than 4 times the size of the county's current population.
- Scotfield State Park appears to be a primary destination that attracts visitors from out of the area. About 95 percent of the respondents participating in a visitor survey administered in the summer of 2009 resided in areas outside of Carbon County. Likewise, about 67 percent of these respondents listed Scotfield as their primary destination.
- Survey data shows that on average, Scotfield visitors spend about \$74 per group within 50 miles of the park for each trip to the park. Average group size is about 7.8 individuals, and average length of stay is about 1.78 days. This translates into average expenditures of approximately \$5.33 per visit, per individual.
- Research conducted by State Park planners shows that the 79,862 visitors to Scotfield in 2009 could be responsible for creating approximately \$642,000 in local wages, earnings, rents, and tax revenues. As the park is located in the far northeast corner of Carbon County, Utah County probably receives a greater portion of this impact. However, local economic impacts are likely to be very significant to the town of Scotfield from park visitation.
- The park's \$642,000 economic impact is equivalent to about \$33 per county resident on a per capita basis (\$642,000 / 19,768 county population ≈ \$33).
- In 2008, 3,724 off highway vehicles and 305 snowmobiles were registered within Carbon County. These yielded revenues to the county (in the form of payments in lieu of taxes) of about \$102,410 for OHV registrations and \$8,388 for snowmobile registrations for a total of \$110,798. 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.
- The Division's Boating Program collects data and information on boating-related activities and opportunities in each county. In 2009, Carbon County had 6 boat dealers, 1 boat livery (providing boat rentals), 1 boat/rafting outfitter, and 1 authorized captain/guide/boat crew permittee. The division facilitates economic impacts to the county through the provision of boating opportunities.
- In 2009, the county received \$4,127 in sales and use taxes, and \$1,086 in transient room taxes from park operations.
- In 2009, the park spent about \$298,000 to maintain and operate the park and to pay for necessary infrastructure.
- Scotfield 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.)