

# Economic Contribution of California's State Park System



## Summary

The second phase of the California Outdoor Recreation Economic Study has quantified the economic contribution from visitation to (and operation of) the State Park System (SPS) and the economic benefits that California residents obtain from their visits to the SPS. The estimated economic contribution and economic benefits of the SPS were also examined by type of park unit (e.g., State Parks, State Beaches, State Historic Parks, etc.) and by region of the state. The fiscal contributions to the State of California and local government revenues were also analyzed and quantified.



## Findings

- From FY06-08, the SPS averaged 78 million visitor days per year.
- SPS visitors spent an average of \$3.2 billion each year during their trips to SPS facilities.
- Including “multiplier effects,” SPS-related trips and park operating expenditures contributed \$6.8 billion to California’s economy each year and supported about 56,000 jobs.
- SPS-related activities generated over two dollars in state and local government revenues (from fees, income taxes, lodging and sales taxes) for each dollar spent on park operations.

*Note: Nine park units encompass land in more than one region.*

*A portion of the total statewide economic contribution could not be attributed to specific regions.*