The first section of this short paper highlights a number of recent trends in outdoor recreation participation. However, these trends have not always been highly popular. The U.S. Department of Commerce estimates that over 1 billion people participate in outdoor recreation activities each year.

### Trends in Outdoor Recreation Participation

**Introduction**

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The outdoor recreation sector is a significant contributor to the U.S. economy, with over 1 billion people participating in outdoor recreation activities each year. This section highlights several recent trends in outdoor recreation participation.

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**Activity Million of Participation and Percent Change**

The most popular activities in America are fishing, hiking, and water skiing. The number of people participating in these activities has remained relatively stable over the past few years. Fishing remains the most popular activity, with over 32 million people participating each year. Hiking is also a popular activity, with over 22 million people participating each year. Water skiing is the least popular activity, with over 1.4 million people participating each year.
**Conclusion**

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- **Land-based activities: biking, walking (77.3, hiking (9.7).**

- **United States: the 1986-87 National Recreation Survey**

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**Recent Trends**

- Water and downhill skiing are good examples.
- Outdoor activities that are in popularly being enjoyed.
- These trends indicate that the growth of outdoor activities can be observed.

**Literature Cited**


- **National Recreation Survey**: a number of trends can be observed.