Outdoor Activity Tourism Toolkit - Why?



Why should you use outdoor activities to enhance your offer?



Activities on OvernightTrips in South West England - 2011 (All trips in millions) 2.9 Long walk, hike or ramble (min of 2 miles / 1 hour) 0.5 Non-motorised watersports (canoeing/kayaking/surfing) 0.44 Cycling on a road/surfaced path 0.18 Running, jogging, orienteering

0.11 Organised adventure sports (whitewater/rafting/sphering canyoning/gorge walking)

0.11 Mountainbiking

4.7 Short walk/ stroll - up to 2 miles/ 1 hour

Source: Visit England Activities on Overnight Trips in England - 2011

You can increase visitor numbers during the off-peak season by linking yourself to outdoor activities. Climbing and adrenaline sports visits are much less seasonally peaked, however, with an above average proportion of winter visits. Adventure tourism, certainly in inland areas, can thus contribute to extending the season, and to attracting winter visits.

Many of these can take place whatever the weather; purpose built mountain bike trails or sailing and windsurfing when you're already wet.

Our countryside can look even more beautiful during the spring and autumn.



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