

Suwannee River Wilderness Trail Economic Impact Assessment

The Suwannee River Wilderness Trail was created through multiple public and private partnerships. The intended outcome was to provide an outstanding recreational experience for visitors, while simultaneously creating an economic engine for the 8 rural counties along the Suwannee River corridor.

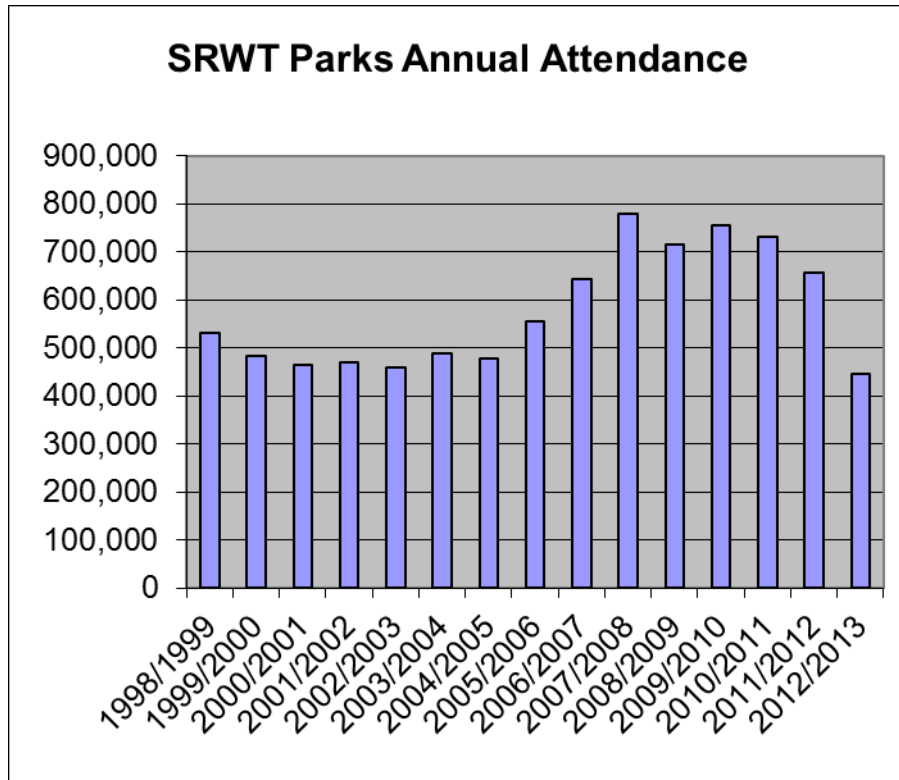
Since physical development of the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail began in 2005 there has been a marked increase in visitation to the State Parks already existing along the river corridor. In addition to the increase in visitation at these pre-existing parks, two new parks have come on-line, Madison Blue Spring and Lafayette Blue Spring. Promotions for the SRWT on a national, and even international level have lead to an increased awareness of the Suwannee Valley’s unique appeal. Visitors have flocked from throughout the US and beyond to paddle, bike, hike and camp here, thanks to the Trail.

Combined Data for State Parks on the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail*

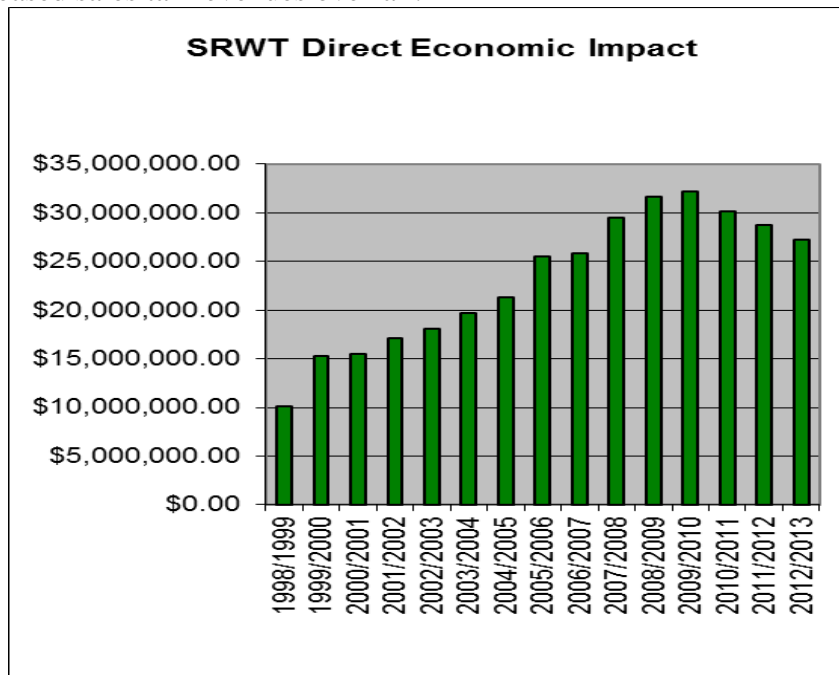
Fiscal Year	Annual Attendance	Visitor Expenditures	Direct Economic Impact	Increased Sales Tax Revenue	Jobs Generated
1998/1999	531,404	\$9,225,210	\$10,129,192	\$607,751	304
1999/2000	481,592	\$13,636,081	\$15,240,069	\$914,403	457
2000/2001	494,188	\$14,084,028	\$15,527,624	\$1,086,933	466
2001/2002	513,115	\$9,597,734	\$17,165,228	\$1,201,565	343
2002/2003	497,755	\$15,357,331	\$18,072,980	\$1,265,107	361
2003/2004	532,478	\$16,382,953	\$19,661,143	\$1,376,279	393
2004/2005	476,432	\$18,304,335	\$22,838,299	\$1,598,680	457
2005/2006	552,151	\$35,340,969	\$25,037,693	\$1,752,638	501
2006/2007	638,353	\$27,587,063	\$31,918,362	\$2,234,285	638
2007/2008	775,035	\$33,665,972	\$38,542,882	\$2,698,003	771
2008/2009	715,372	\$27,444,104	\$32,224,811	\$2,228,735	645
2009/2010	754,578	\$26,215,297	\$29,309,503	\$2,208,306	587
2010/2011	731,758	\$31,292,937	\$34,664,040	\$2,190,505	693
2011/2012	654,841	\$27,423,478	\$30,005,582	\$1,919,644	605
2012/2013	444,997	\$23,819,235	\$26,552,850	\$1,667,345	426

* Each Fiscal Year’s data was compiled from the Florida Park Service Economic Impact Assessment for the corresponding period. Parks included: Big Shoals Public Lands, Nature and Heritage Tourism Center, Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, Suwannee River State Park, Troy Spring State Park, Fanning Spring State Park, Manatee Spring State Park, Madison Blue Spring State Park (opened FY 2004/2005), and Lafayette Blue Spring State Park (opened FY 2005/2006). “Direct Economic Impact” refers to the sum of visitors’ expenditures

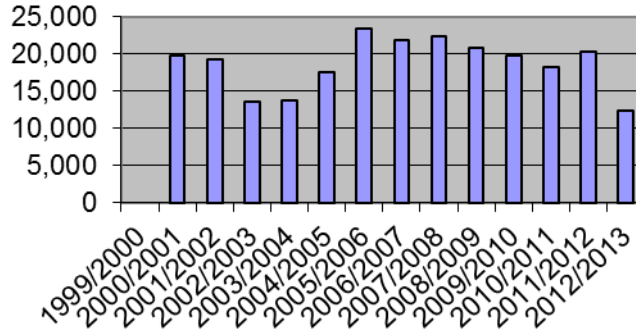
in the parks and local areas, combined with park expenditures (operating, new development, etc.).



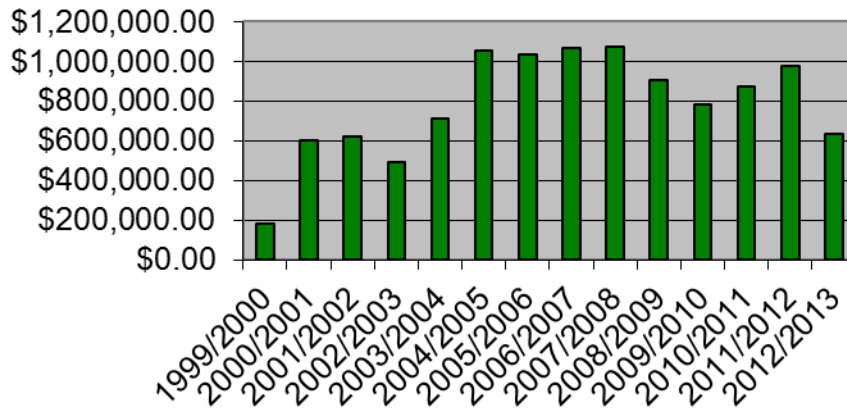
Attendance figures for the parks along the Suwannee have steadily risen every year since development of the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail. Overall, annual attendance at the parks located on the Suwannee River has increased since the opening of the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail. This increase in annual attendance provides direct economic benefit through visitor expenditures at the parks and their surrounding communities, as well as increased sales tax revenues over-all.



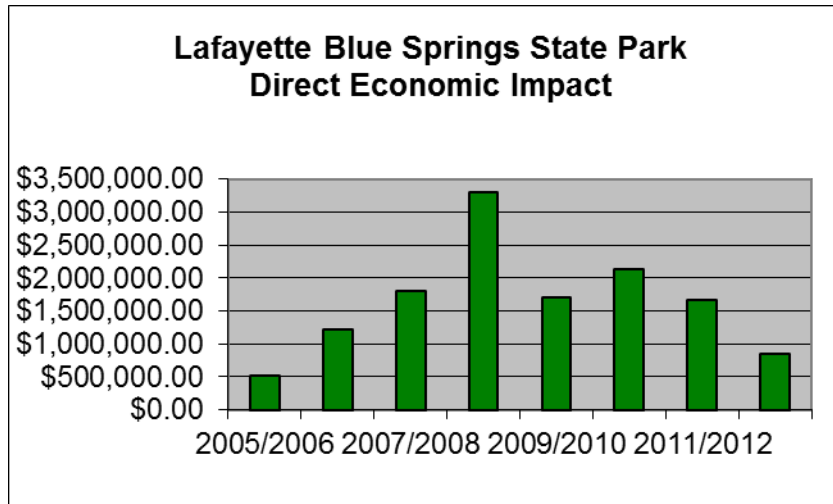
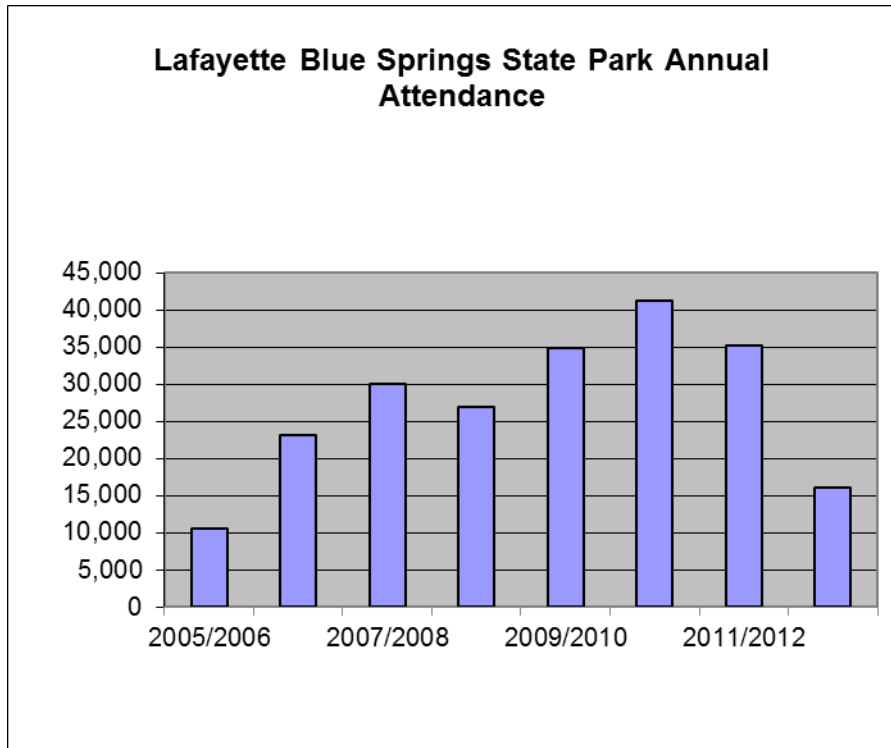
Big Shoals Public Lands Annual Visitation



Big Shoals Public Lands Direct Economic Impact

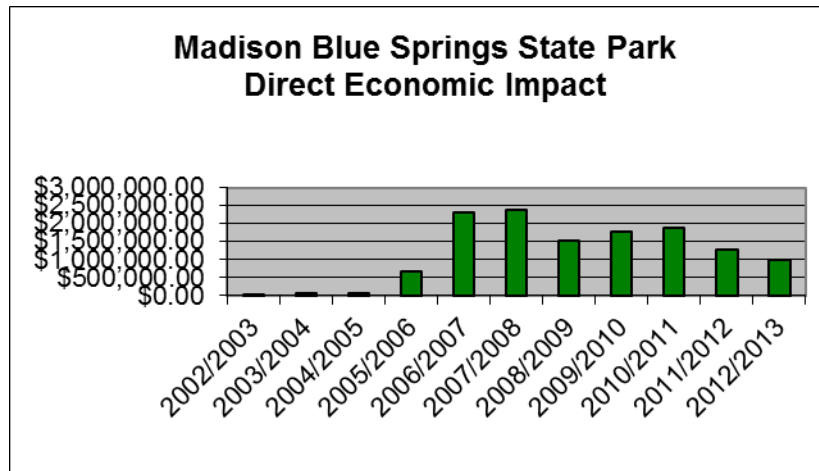
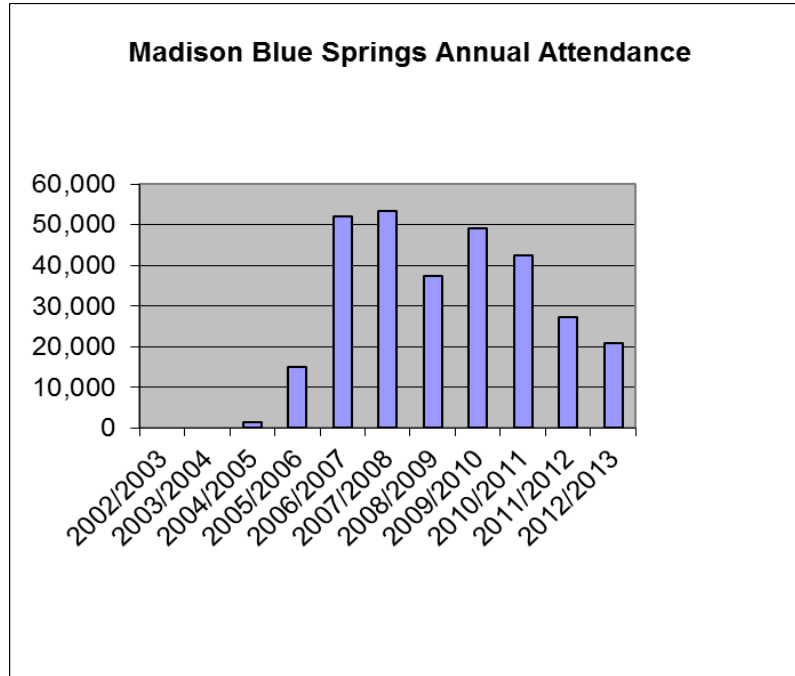


	Annual Attendance	Visitor Expenditures	Park Expenditures	Direct Economic Impact	Increased Sales Tax Revenue	Jobs Generated
1999/2000	0	\$0.00	\$178,989.00	\$178,989.00	\$10,739.00	5.5
2000/2001	19,733	\$503,816.00	\$97,010.00	\$600,826.00	\$42,058.00	18.0
2001/2002	19,255	\$528,165.00	\$93,599.00	\$621,764.00	\$43,523.00	12.4
2002/2003	13,506	\$373,981.00	\$118,805.00	\$492,786.00	\$34,495.00	9.9
2003/2004	13,653	\$378,052.00	\$329,879.00	\$707,930.00	\$49,555.00	14.2
2004/2005	17,469	\$597,265.00	\$456,670.00	\$1,053,935.00	\$73,775.00	21.1
2005/2006	23,361	\$945,607.00	\$88,221.00	\$1,033,828.00	\$72,368.00	20.7
2006/2007	21,853	\$944,399.00	\$119,351.00	\$1,063,750.00	\$74,463.00	21.3
2007/2008	22,409	\$973,402.00	\$100,538.00	\$1,073,940.00	\$75,176.00	21.5
2008/2009	20,774	\$813,219.00	\$89,327.00	\$902,546.00	\$63,178.00	18.1
2009/2010	19,719	\$687,286.00	\$93,497.00	\$780,783.00	\$54,655.00	15.6
2010/2011	18,133	\$775,585.00	\$93,705.00	\$869,290.00	\$54,291.00	17.4
2011/2012	20,227	\$876,375.00	\$100,296.00	\$976,672.00	\$61,346.00	19.5



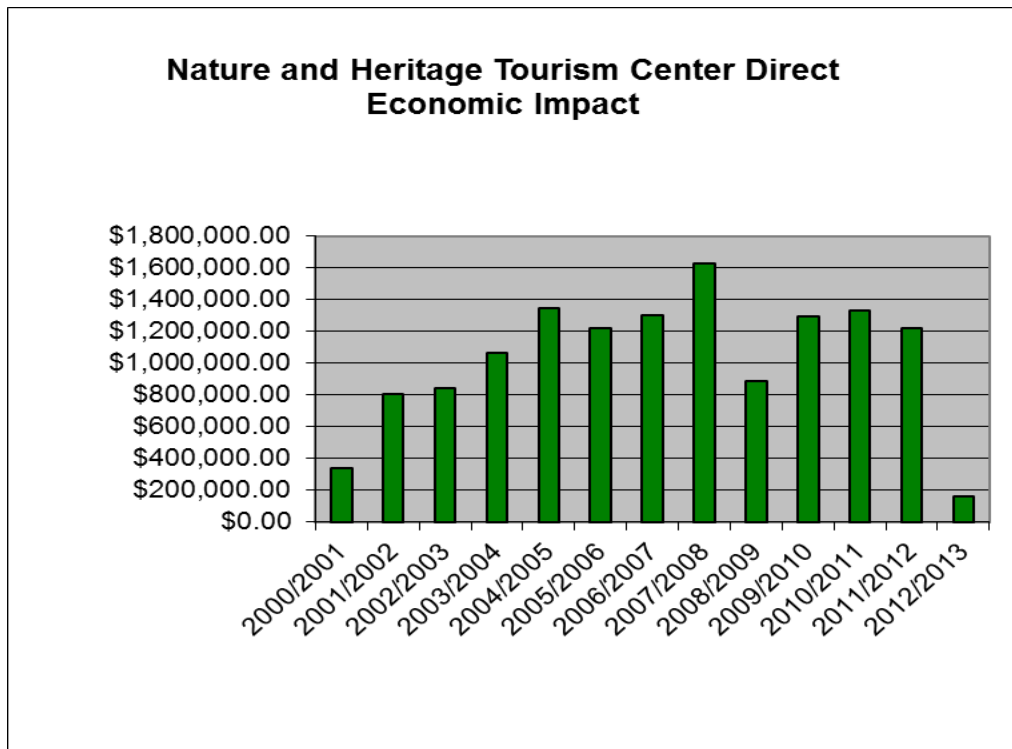
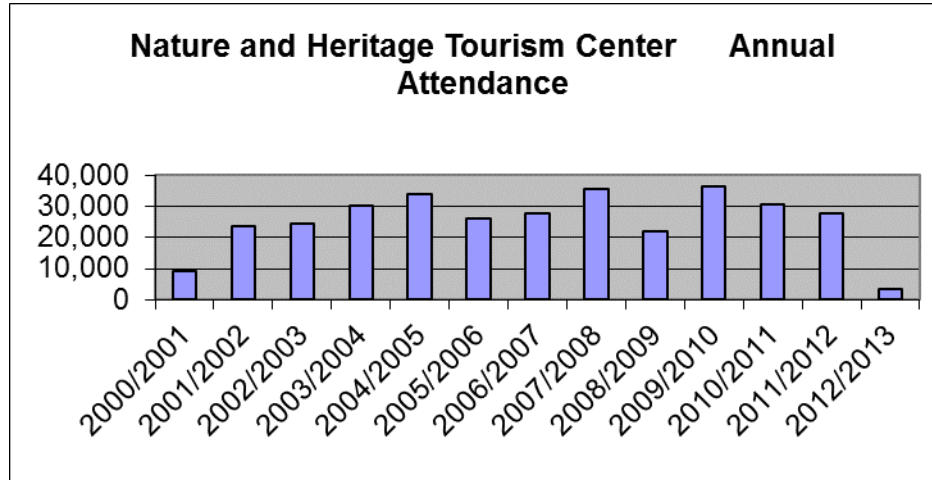
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2005/2006	10,648	\$431,010.00	\$87,296.00	\$518,306.00	\$36,281.00	10.4
2006/2007	23,111	\$998,765.00	\$230,538.00	\$1,229,303.00	\$86,051.00	24.6
2007/2008	30,028	\$1,304,356.00	\$507,782.00	\$1,812,139.00	\$126,850.00	36.2
2008/2009	26,990	\$1,056,551.00	\$2,239,026.00	\$3,295,577.00	\$203,690.00	65.9
2009/2010	34,893	\$1,216,161.00	\$490,413.00	\$1,706,574.00	\$119,460.00	34.1
2010/2011	41,278	\$1,765,543.00	\$379,325.00	\$2,144,868.00	\$123,588.00	42.9

2011/2012	35,229	\$1,526,367.00	\$149,716.00	\$1,676,083.00	\$106,846.00	33.5
2012/2013	16,118	\$698,345.00	\$154,387.00	\$852,732.00	\$48,884.00	14.0



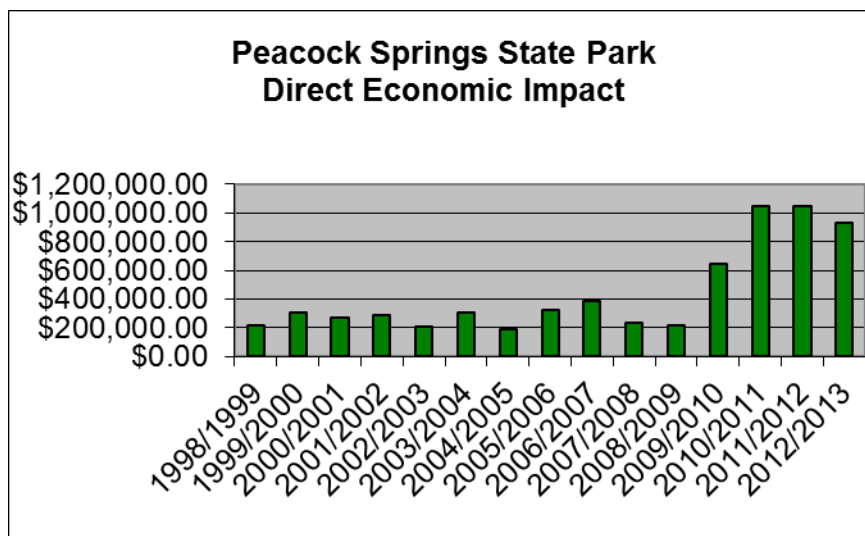
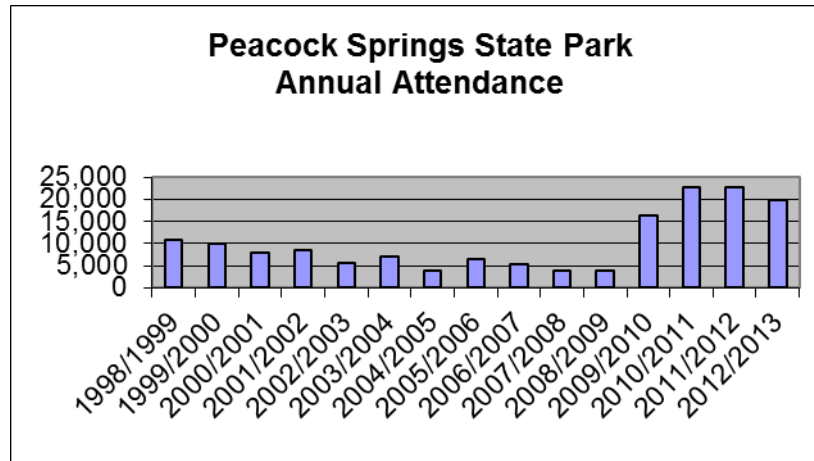
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2002/2003	0	\$0.00	\$7,227.00	\$7,227.00	\$506.00	0.1
2003/2004	0	\$0.00	\$73,978.00	\$73,978.00	\$5,178.00	1.5
2004/2005	1,382	\$47,251.00	\$15,968.00	\$63,219.00	\$4,425.00	1.3
2005/2006	14,933	\$604,458.00	\$58,374.00	\$662,835.00	\$46,398.00	13.3
2006/2007	51,880	\$2,242,046.00	\$76,384.00	\$2,318,430.00	\$162,290.00	46.4
2007/2008	53,401	\$2,319,633.00	\$74,382.00	\$2,394,015.00	\$167,581.00	47.9
2008/2009	37,232	\$1,457,484.00	\$60,466.00	\$1,517,950.00	\$106,256.00	30.4
2009/2010	49,131	\$1,712,412.00	\$75,071.00	\$1,787,483.00	\$125,124.00	35.7
2010/2011	42,413	\$1,814,089.00	\$76,234.00	\$1,890,322.00	\$126,986.00	37.8

2011/2012	27,197	\$1,178,364.00	\$85,706.00	\$1,264,070.00	\$82,486.00	25.3
2012/2013	20,736	\$898,429.00	\$80,803.00	\$979,232.00	\$62,890.00	16.0



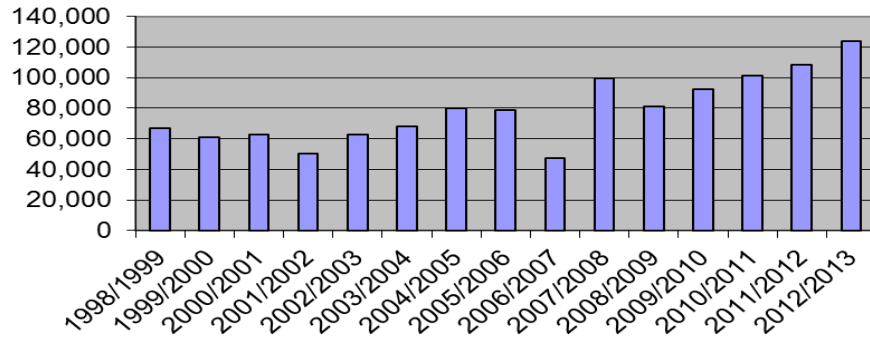
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2000/2001	9,008	\$229,524.00	\$111,001.00	\$340,525.00	\$23,837.00	10.2
2001/2002	23,695	\$649,954.00	\$156,362.00	\$806,316.00	\$56,442.00	16.1
2002/2003	24,303	\$672,950.00	\$168,657.00	\$841,607.00	\$58,912.00	16.8
2003/2004	30,150	\$834,854.00	\$225,990.00	\$1,060,844.00	\$74,259.00	21.2
2004/2005	34,163	\$1,168,033.00	\$176,434.00	\$1,344,467.00	\$94,113.00	26.9
2005/2006	26,297	\$1,064,450.00	\$156,185.00	\$1,220,635.00	\$85,444.00	24.4
2006/2007	27,798	\$1,201,318.00	\$98,535.00	\$1,299,853.00	\$90,990.00	26.0
2007/2008	35,446	\$1,539,703.00	\$85,065.00	\$1,624,768.00	\$113,734.00	32.5
2008/2009	22,034	\$862,543.00	\$25,262.00	\$887,805.00	\$62,146.00	17.8
2009/2010	36,506	\$1,272,380.00	\$18,149.00	\$1,290,530.00	\$90,337.00	25.8
2010/2011	30,796	\$1,317,207.00	\$11,306.00	\$1,328,513.00	\$92,204.00	26.6

2011/2012	27,824	\$1,205,530.00	\$10,991.00	\$1,216,522.00	\$84,387.00	24.3
2012/2013	3,417	\$148,048.00	\$11,967.00	\$160,015.00	\$10,363.00	3.0

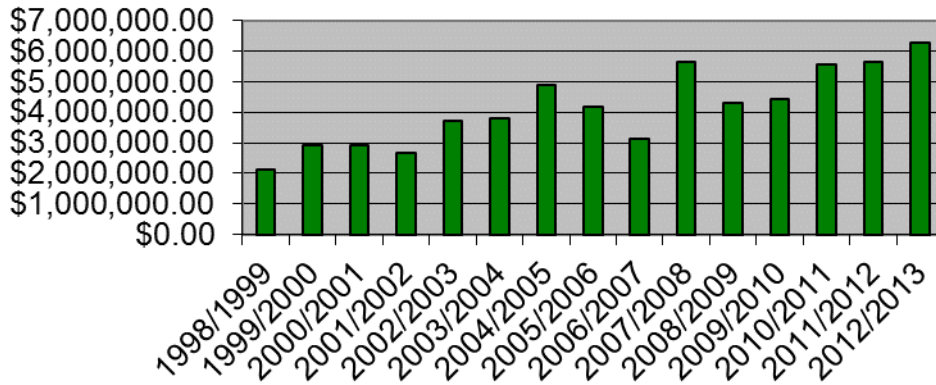


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1998/1999	10,995	\$172,523.00	\$48,750.00	\$221,273.00	\$13,276.00	6.6
1999/2000	10,117	\$257,781.00	\$50,409.00	\$308,190.00	\$18,491.00	9.2
2000/2001	8,074	\$205,726.00	\$60,687.00	\$266,413.00	\$18,649.00	8.0
2001/2002	8,425	\$231,098.00	\$58,223.00	\$289,321.00	\$20,252.00	5.8
2002/2003	5,680	\$157,279.00	\$49,290.00	\$206,569.00	\$14,460.00	4.1
2003/2004	7,064	\$195,602.00	\$114,161.00	\$309,763.00	\$21,683.00	6.2
2004/2005	3,895	\$133,170.00	\$57,117.00	\$190,287.00	\$13,320.00	3.8
2005/2006	6,534	\$264,483.00	\$61,129.00	\$325,612.00	\$22,793.00	6.5
2006/2007	5,352	\$231,292.00	\$153,791.00	\$385,083.00	\$26,956.00	7.7
2007/2008	3,821	\$165,977.00	\$65,078.00	\$231,055.00	\$16,174.00	4.6
2008/2009	3,810	\$149,146.00	\$65,671.00	\$214,818.00	\$15,037.00	4.3
2009/2010	16,369	\$570,525.00	\$72,271.00	\$642,796.00	\$44,996.00	12.9
2010/2011	22,777	\$974,218.00	\$70,878.00	\$1,045,096.00	\$68,195.00	20.9
2011/2012	22,660	\$981,790.00	\$67,900.00	\$1,049,690.00	\$68,725.00	21.0
2012/2013	19,832	\$859,261.00	\$68,602.00	\$927,863.00	\$60,148.00	15.0

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park Annual Attendance

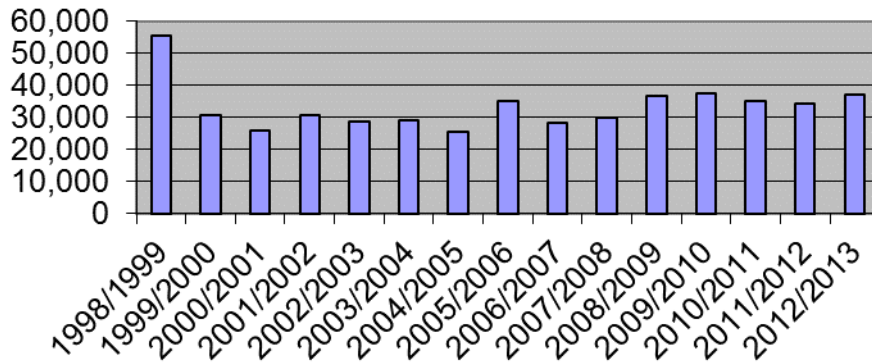


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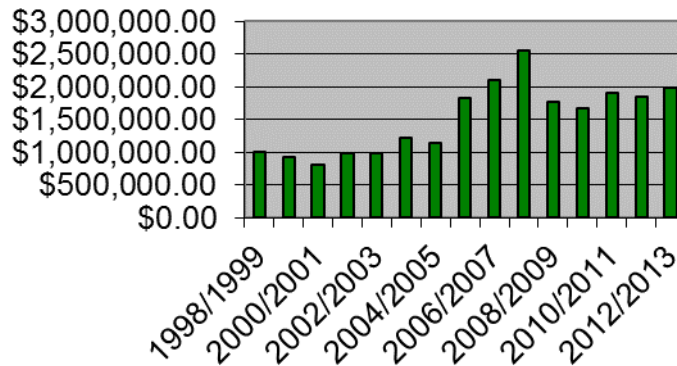


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1998/1999	67,021	\$1,504,635.00	\$613,456.00	\$2,118,091.00	\$127,085.00	63.5
1999/2000	61,203	\$2,231,217.00	\$704,672.00	\$2,935,889.00	\$176,153.00	88.1
2000/2001	62,825	\$2,290,348.00	\$607,798.00	\$2,898,146.00	\$202,870.00	86.9
2001/2002	50,463	\$1,980,471.00	\$681,574.00	\$2,662,045.00	\$186,343.00	53.2
2002/2003	62,813	\$2,488,525.00	\$1,245,421.00	\$3,733,946.00	\$261,376.00	74.7
2003/2004	67,916	\$2,690,696.00	\$1,102,039.00	\$3,792,735.00	\$265,491.00	75.9
2004/2005	79,640	\$3,895,830.00	\$993,621.00	\$4,889,450.00	\$342,262.00	97.8
2005/2006	78,825	\$3,190,678.00	\$985,678.00	\$4,176,357.00	\$292,345.00	83.5
2006/2007	47,335	\$2,045,629.00	\$1,088,103.00	\$3,133,733.00	\$219,361.00	62.7
2007/2008	99,508	\$4,322,429.00	\$1,325,757.00	\$5,648,196.00	\$395,374.00	113.0
2008/2009	80,833	\$3,164,189.00	\$1,135,190.00	\$4,299,478.00	\$300,963.00	86.0
2009/2010	92,094	\$3,209,844.00	\$1,232,169.00	\$4,442,013.00	\$310,941.00	88.8
2010/2011	101,498	\$4,341,272.00	\$1,209,137.00	\$5,550,409.00	\$303,889.00	111.0
2011/2012	108,019	\$4,680,139.00	\$960,454.00	\$5,640,594.00	\$327,610.00	112.8
2012/2013	123,869	\$5,366,872.00	\$906,875.00	\$6,273,747.00	\$375,681.00	100.0

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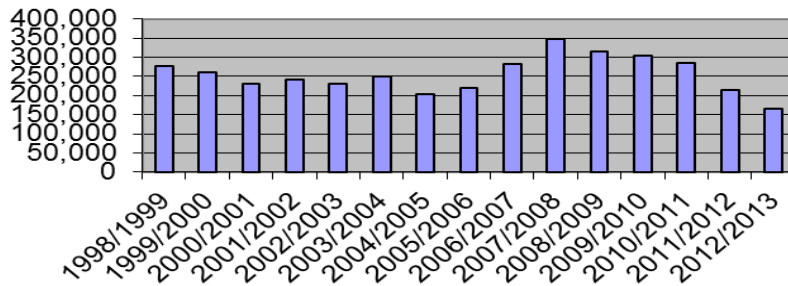


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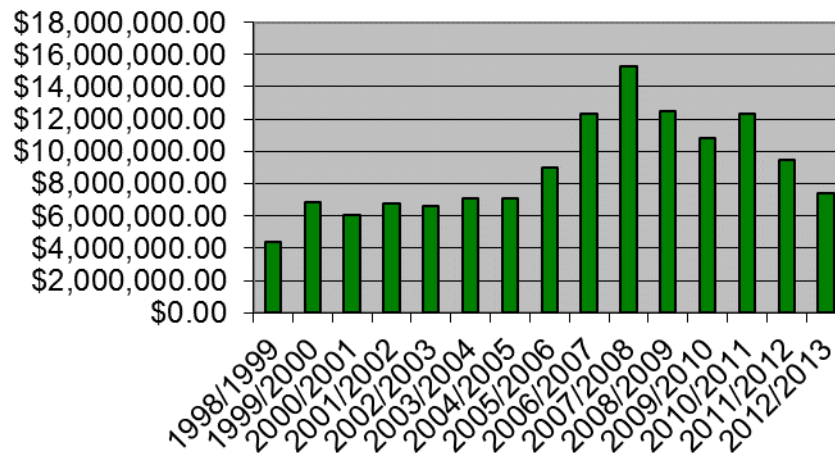


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1998/1999	55,398	\$869,109.00	\$146,699.00	\$1,015,808.00	\$60,948.00	30.5
1999/2000	30,858	\$786,262.00	\$151,252.00	\$937,514.00	\$56,251.00	28.1
2000/2001	26,113	\$665,359.00	\$153,624.00	\$818,983.00	\$57,329.00	24.6
2001/2002	30,803	\$844,926.00	\$151,290.00	\$996,216.00	\$69,735.00	19.9
2002/2003	28,713	\$795,063.00	\$189,015.00	\$984,078.00	\$68,885.00	19.7
2003/2004	29,291	\$811,068.00	\$414,994.00	\$1,226,062.00	\$85,824.00	24.5
2004/2005	25,569	\$874,204.00	\$265,616.00	\$1,139,820.00	\$79,787.00	22.8
2005/2006	35,025	\$14,417,742.00	\$411,455.00	\$1,829,197.00	\$128,044.00	36.6
2006/2007	28,417	\$1,228,069.00	\$884,138.00	\$2,112,207.00	\$147,854.00	42.2
2007/2008	29,748	\$1,292,194.00	\$1,264,504.00	\$2,556,697.00	\$178,969.00	51.1
2008/2009	36,835	\$1,441,943.00	\$327,869.00	\$1,769,812.00	\$123,887.00	35.4
2009/2010	37,528	\$1,308,001.00	\$364,115.00	\$1,672,116.00	\$117,048.00	33.4
2010/2011	35,264	\$1,508,312.00	\$396,107.00	\$1,904,419.00	\$105,582.00	38.1
2011/2012	34,210	\$1,482,217.00	\$368,193.00	\$1,850,410.00	\$103,755.00	37.0
2012/2013	37,316	\$1,616,790.00	\$362,021.00	\$1,978,811.00	\$113,175.00	32.0

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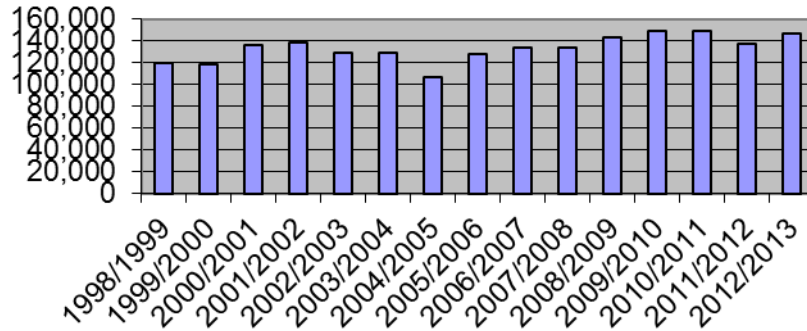


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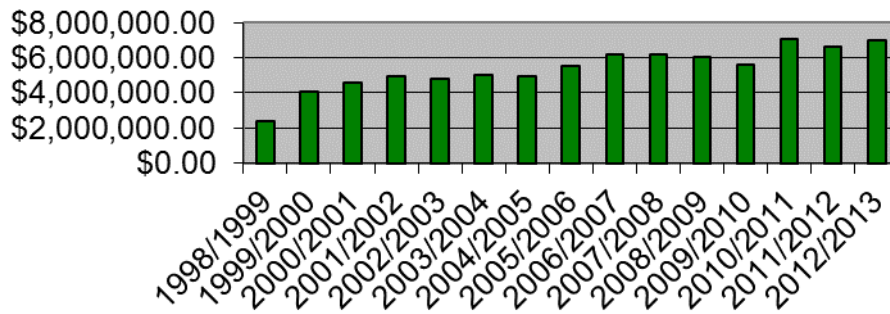


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1998/1999	277,363	\$4,352,103.00	\$22,574.00	\$4,374,677.00	\$262,481.00	131.2
1999/2000	261,010	\$6,650,535.00	\$161,210.00	\$6,811,745.00	\$408,705.00	204.4
2000/2001	231,434	\$5,896,938.00	\$130,339.00	\$6,027,277.00	\$421,909.00	180.8
2001/2002	241,034	\$661,563.00	\$176,051.00	\$6,787,614.00	\$475,133.00	135.8
2002/2003	230,642	\$6,386,477.00	\$228,444.00	\$6,614,921.00	\$463,044.00	132.3
2003/2004	249,565	\$6,910,455.00	\$200,281.00	\$7,110,736.00	\$497,752.00	142.2
2004/2005	203,387	\$6,953,802.00	\$136,905.00	\$7,090,707.00	\$496,349.00	141.8
2005/2006	218,450	\$8,842,419.00	\$129,777.00	\$8,972,196.00	\$628,054.00	179.4
2006/2007	281,346	\$12,158,649.00	\$167,182.00	\$12,325,831.00	\$862,808.00	246.5
2007/2008	346,885	\$15,067,991.00	\$179,237.00	\$15,247,227.00	\$1,067,306.00	304.9
2008/2009	315,226	\$12,339,837.00	\$167,065.00	\$12,506,902.00	\$875,483.00	250.1
2009/2010	304,646	\$10,618,132.00	\$169,207.00	\$10,787,338.00	\$755,114.00	215.7
2010/2011	285,016	\$12,190,704.00	\$171,346.00	\$12,362,051.00	\$853,349.00	247.2
2011/2012	214,743	\$9,304,170.00	\$191,354.00	\$9,495,524.00	\$651,292.00	189.9
2012/2013	166,133	\$7,198,044.00	\$181,474.00	\$7,379,518.00	\$503,863.00	118.0

Manatee Springs State Park Annual Attendance

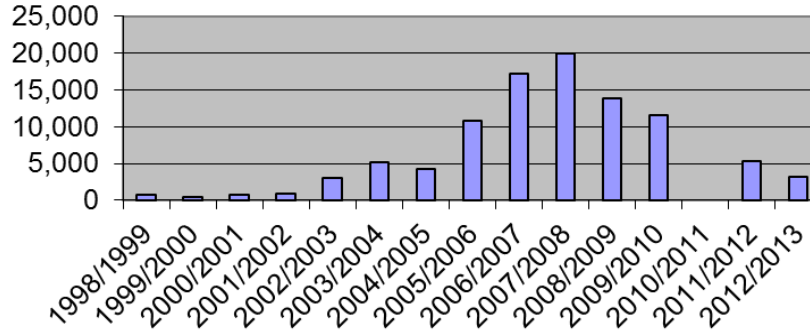


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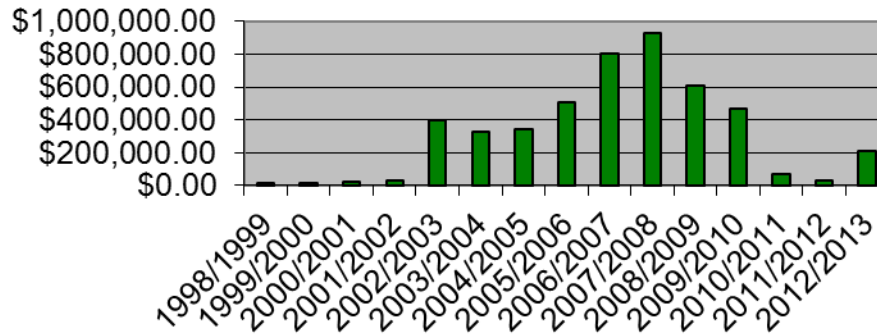


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1998/1999	119,879	\$2,315,103.00	\$68,556.00	\$2,383,659.00	\$143,020.00	71.5
1999/2000	117,917	\$3,697,877.00	\$355,940.00	\$4,053,817.00	\$243,229.00	121.6
2000/2001	136,315	\$4,274,838.00	\$276,626.00	\$4,551,464.00	\$318,602.00	136.5
2001/2002	138,502	\$4,675,828.00	\$297,168.00	\$4,972,996.00	\$348,110.00	99.5
2002/2003	129,149	\$4,401,398.00	\$389,261.00	\$4,790,659.00	\$335,346.00	95.8
2003/2004	129,661	\$4,418,847.00	\$632,635.00	\$5,051,481.00	\$353,604.00	101.0
2004/2005	106,741	\$4,491,661.00	\$486,121.00	\$4,977,782.00	\$348,445.00	99.6
2005/2006	127,338	\$5,145,388.00	\$385,939.00	\$5,540,327.00	\$387,823.00	110.8
2006/2007	134,110	\$5,795,698.00	\$364,645.00	\$6,160,343.00	\$431,224.00	123.2
2007/2008	133,879	\$5,815,436.00	\$376,832.00	\$6,192,268.00	\$433,459.00	123.8
2008/2009	143,434	\$5,614,867.00	\$439,137.00	\$6,054,004.00	\$423,780.00	121.1
2009/2010	149,659	\$5,216,215.00	\$385,089.00	\$5,601,304.00	\$392,091.00	112.0
2010/2011	148,727	\$6,361,351.00	\$731,412.00	\$7,092,764.00	\$445,295.00	141.9
2011/2012	137,504	\$5,957,636.00	\$688,798.00	\$6,646,434.00	\$417,035.00	132.9

Troy Springs State Park Annual Attendance

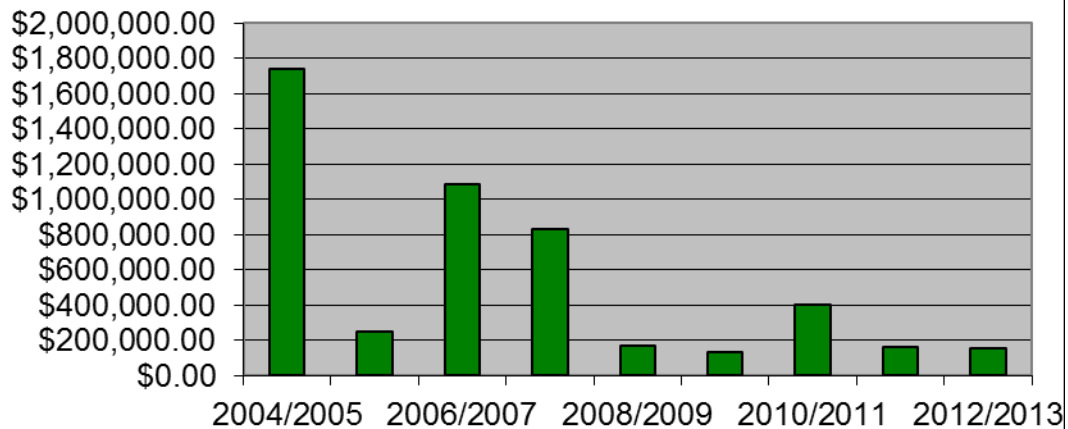


Troy Springs State Park Direct Economic Impact



	Annual Attendance	Visitor Expenditures	Park Expenditures	Direct Economic Impact	Increased Sales Tax Revenue	Jobs Generated
1998/1999	748	\$11,737.00	\$3,947.00	\$15,684.00	\$941.00	0.5
1999/2000	487	\$12,409.00	\$1,516.00	\$13,925.00	\$835.00	0.4
2000/2001	686	\$17,479.00	\$6,511.00	\$23,990.00	\$1,679.00	0.7
2001/2002	938	\$25,729.00	\$3,227.00	\$28,956.00	\$2,027.00	0.6
2002/2003	2,949	\$81,658.00	\$319,529.00	\$401,187.00	\$28,083.00	8.0
2003/2004	5,178	\$143,379.00	\$184,235.00	\$327,614.00	\$22,933.00	6.6
2004/2005	4,186	\$143,119.00	\$203,364.00	\$346,483.00	\$24,254.00	6.9
2005/2006	10,740	\$434,734.00	\$73,623.00	\$508,357.00	\$35,585.00	10.2
2006/2007	17,151	\$741,198.00	\$64,225.00	\$805,423.00	\$56,380.00	16.1
2007/2008	19,910	\$864,851.00	\$65,263.00	\$930,113.00	\$65,108.00	18.6
2008/2009	13,905	\$544,325.00	\$61,213.00	\$605,538.00	\$42,388.00	12.1
2009/2010	11,601	\$404,341.00	\$60,686.00	\$465,027.00	\$32,552.00	9.3
2010/2011	No Data	No Data	\$70,545.00	\$70,545.00	No Data	1.4
2011/2012	5,329	\$230,890.00	\$66,855.00	\$29,744.00	\$16,162.00	6.0
2012/2013	3,124	\$135,354.00	\$72,225.00	\$207,578.00	\$9,475.00	3.0

River Camps Combined Direct Economic Impact



	Annual Attendance	Visitor Expenditures	Park Expenditures	Direct Economic Impact	Increased Sales Tax Revenue	Jobs Generated
2004/2005	0	\$0.00	\$1,742,149.00	\$1,742,149.00	\$121,950.00	34.8
2005/2006	1,485	\$0.00	\$250,043.00	\$250,043.00	\$17,503.00	5.0
2006/2007	3,819	\$0.00	\$1,084,406.00	\$1,084,406.00	\$75,908.00	21.7
2007/2008	4,856	\$0.00	\$832,464.00	\$832,464.00	\$58,272.00	16.6
2008/2009	No Data	\$0.00	\$170,381.00	\$170,381.00	\$11,927.00	3.4
2009/2010	931	\$0.00	\$32,449.00	\$133,539.00	\$165,988.00	3.3
2010/2011	5,720	\$244,656.00	\$161,107.00	\$405,763.00	\$17,126.00	8.1
2011/2012	No Data	\$0.00	\$159,839.00	\$159,839.00	No Data	3.2
2012/2013	No Data	\$0.00	\$157,068.00	\$157,068.00	No Data	3.0

