

In Delaware, it pays to play outside.



Outdoor recreation within the Delaware portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed boosts the state's economy.

Outdoor recreation in Delaware is a powerful economic driver. By investing in outdoor assets, state and local governments enhance the lives of state residents while also attracting tourists and employers. Delaware's clean water, air, and natural areas encourage people to spend billions annually on outdoor activities ranging from birdwatching and boating to hiking and biking. Recreation in the Delaware portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed contributes significantly to the overall state economy.



\$52.2 Million
State and Local Tax Revenue



10,431
Jobs Supported



\$1.1 Billion
Annual Consumer Spending

Estimates based on 2017 Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) (<https://outdoorindustry.org/advocacy/>) Delaware data; OIA's state-level values have been adjusted to reflect the rounded 36% of Delaware that falls within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.



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