

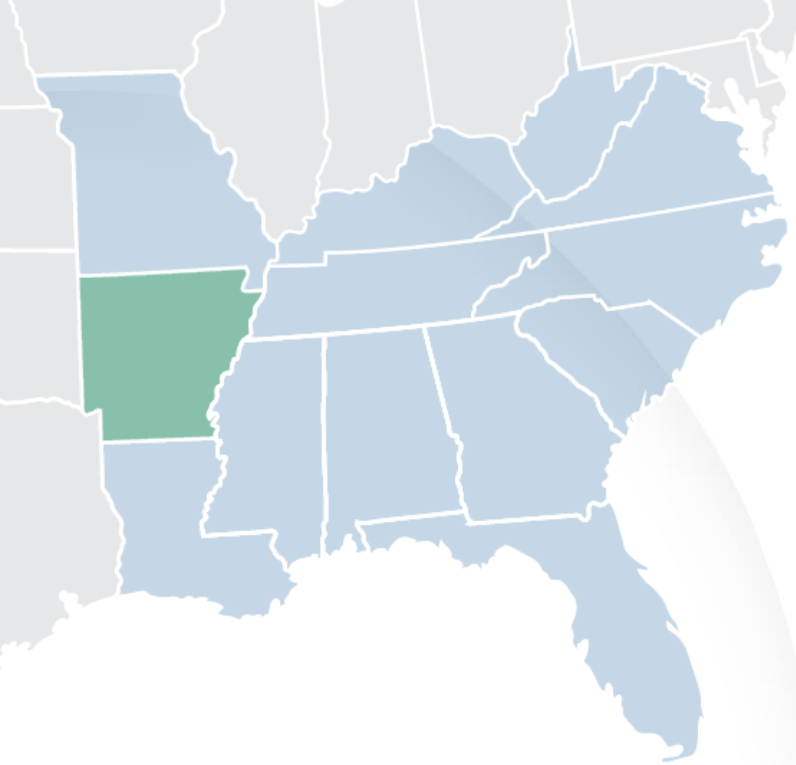
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In 2022, more than **48 million** domestic and international travelers visited Arkansas, spending **\$9.2 billion**, which supported **70,000** jobs and generated **\$752 million** in state and local tax revenues, according to research commissioned by the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism. These numbers are substantial, but they don't tell the whole story. Communities across Arkansas are promoting their cultural, natural, and historic assets to tell their stories, deliver remarkable travel experiences, and drive economic vitality.

**The key segments that make tourism an engine of growth for Arkansas, include:**

**National Park Service:** There are **9** national parks and in Arkansas:

- Arkansas Post National Memorial
- Buffalo River National River
- Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail (runs across MO, AR, OK, TX, NM, AZ, CA)
- Fort Smith National Historic Site (runs across AR, OK)
- Hot Springs National Park
- Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site
- Pea Ridge National Military Park
- President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home National Historic Site
- Trail of Tears National Historic Trail (runs across AL, AR, GA, IL, KY, MO, NC, OK, TN)



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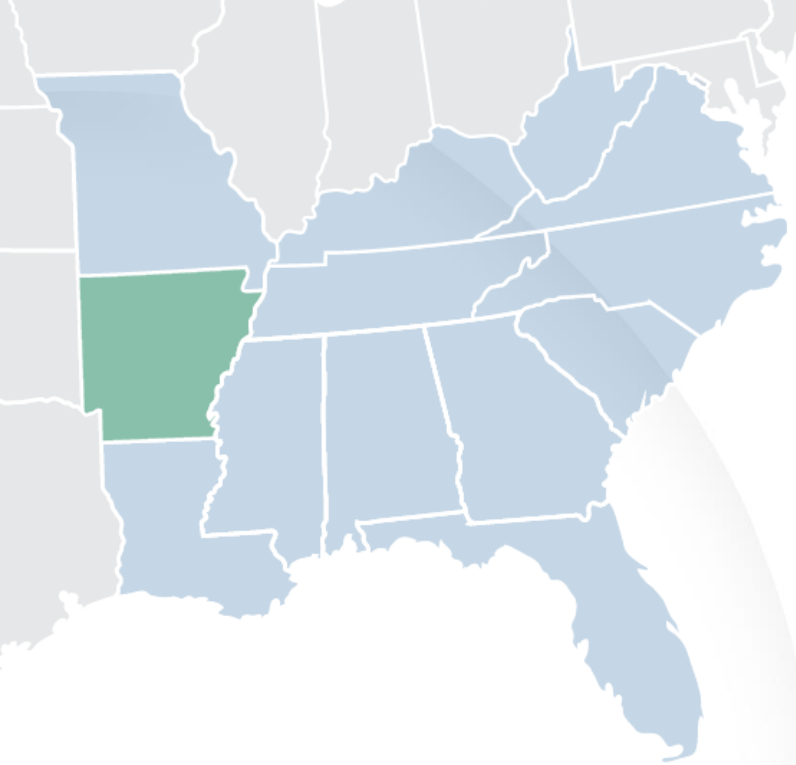
In 2022, **4.3 million** park visitors spent an estimated **\$278 million** in Arkansas' gateway communities supporting a total of **3,900** jobs with a payroll of **\$107 million**, according to the *National Park Service Visitor Spending Effects Report*.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Recreation:** USACE is one of the nation's leading providers of outdoor recreation. In Alabama, it manages **19** lakes and rivers:

- Arkansas River
- Beaver Lake
- Blue Mountain Lake
- Bull Shoals Lake
- Dardanelle Lake
- Degray Lake
- Dequeen Lake
- Dierks Lake
- Gillham Lake
- Greers Ferry Lake
- Greeson Lake
- John Paul Hammerschmidt Lake
- Millwood Lake
- Nimrod Lake
- Norfolk Lake
- Ouachita Lake
- Ouachita-Black River
- Ozark Lake
- Table Rock Lake

On these waterways, USACE maintains:

- 341 recreation areas
- 1,649 picnic sites
- 5,675 camping sites
- 169 playgrounds
- 94 swimming areas
- 81 trails
- 311 trail miles
- 24 fishing docks and piers
- 288 boat ramps
- 15,684 marina slips



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In 2022, these natural and recreation sites attracted **15.7 million** visitors, who spent **\$875.7 million** in Arkansas' gateway communities, supporting a total of **4,999** jobs with a payroll of **\$176.2 million**.

**U.S. Forest Service:** There are **2** national forests in Arkansas:

- Ozark
- St. Francis

These forests provide clean air and water, preserve cultural resources and conserve lands for the enjoyment of present and future generations, and support the economies of gateway communities through recreation, timber, energy, and minerals. According to U.S. Forest Service research, these forests annually contribute **\$144.9 million** to Alabama's GDP and support **2,090 jobs** with a payroll of **\$91.4 million**.