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## IRIS Research Report Part IV: National Kids Survey: Favorite Activities for Spending Time Outdoors

The Internet Research Information Series (IRIS) is an internet accessible science report series covering outdoor recreation statistics, wilderness research, and other human-dimension and demographics research related to natural resources. IRIS is a collaborative effort between the USDA Forest Service's Southern Research Station and its Forestry Sciences Laboratory in Athens, Georgia; the University of Georgia in Athens; and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee. The research reported in this series provides valuable insights into the structured and unstructured recreation activities that kids participate and enjoy.

In the September 2009 IRIS report, researchers cover what kids view as their favorite outdoor activities. Comparisons are made between boys and girls, age groups, and race and researchers compare participation rates between active (biking, jogging, playing sports) and passive (bird watching, attending field trips, reading outdoors) outdoor activities. This research indicates that exposure to nature may be accomplished through activities kids participate in and enjoy the most, even if they are not nature based. It implies there is an opportunity now to efficiently direct program messaging, education, group outdoor activities, and follow-up information.

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