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Bicycling and Walking: Where Missouri Stands

Bicycling and walking are surprisingly large sources of strength in Missouri's economy. But there is much room for improvement.

Amount of Walking and Bicycling

- Nationally, 9.5% of trips are made by walking or bicycling. But Missourians walk and bicycle **at half the national average**.
- Nevertheless, about **2 million Missourians** are regular bicyclists.
- The Missouri Bicycle Federation represents a statewide coalition of bicycling, walking, running, and trails groups with aggregate **membership of over 15,000**.

Safety

- Bicyclists and pedestrians represent less than **5% of trips**, but **7.5% of roadway deaths** and **15% of roadway injuries** in Missouri.

Benefits

- **Transportation:** Over 26% of Missouri's population has no driver's license and 8.3% of Missouri households have no motor vehicle available.
- **Health:** A walkable and bicycleable Missouri makes for healthier citizens.
- **Congestion:** Walking, bicycling, and transit work together to reduce traffic, congestion, greenhouse gases, and pollution.
- **Liveability:** People want to live where they can bicycle and walk safely.

Economic Cost

- Because we don't have Complete Streets meeting the needs of those who want to walk, bicycle, or use transit, Missourians commute more via single-occupant vehicle than the national average. This means **our household commute costs are \$700-\$1000 higher** than average.
- Cities across the country are working hard to make themselves bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly. Missouri is lagging behind. **To attract high-quality industries and employees, Missouri needs to change that situation--**become more walkable, more bicycleable, and more livable.

Economic Impact

Even with the minimal attention we currently pay to bicycling and walking in Missouri, bicycling and trails in Missouri generate:

- **\$950 million in annual retail sales**
- **\$1.2 billion in total economic activity and 14,365 jobs**
- **\$79 million in state tax revenue**

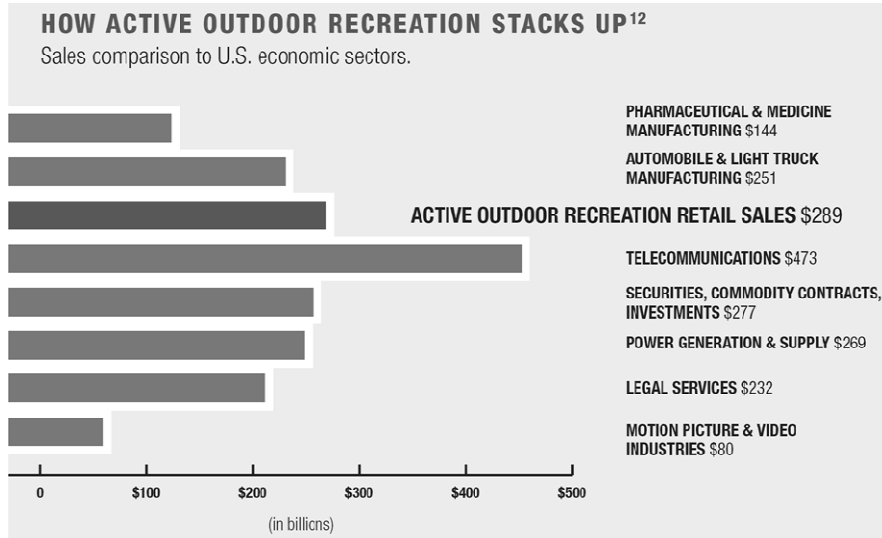
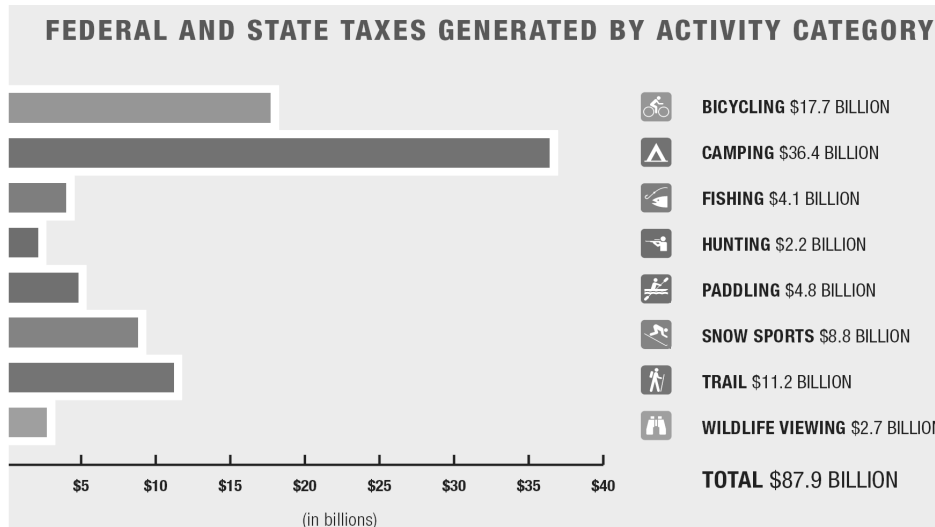
Missouri's Potential

- Bicycling and trails provide **sustainable growth** in rural communities.
- The Katy Trail has **500,000 visitors annually** from all 50 states.
- **4.3% of Missouri tourists bicycle or hike--**more than boat or golf and about the same as gambling and nightlife.
- **Tour of Missouri Professional Bicycle Race** brought over 350,000 spectators and \$26 million in direct economic impact; this will increase.



Outdoor Recreation is an Overlooked Economic Giant

The Active Outdoor Recreation Economy is big business. It ranks alongside and even dwarfs other major economic sectors in the U.S., such as telecommunications, hospitals and motion pictures and videos. Conservatively, the outdoor recreational economy represents \$733 billion annually in all sectors of the U.S. economy from manufacturing to retail to real estate to food services. **Missouri's natural beauty makes outdoor recreation a natural fit.**



For More Information

To learn more, contact Missouri Bicycle Federation Executive Director Brent Hugh, 816-695-6736 or director@mobikefed.org

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