

How can tourism benefit you personally?

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Activities for residents, friends, and family

- Places and activities for families and friends when they visit.
- “Staycation” activities for family.
- Yes, give my kids activities.
- Just seeing something for younger.

- Increased areas to visit.
- It can also bring more activities for locals to do.
- Venues for grand kinds and family/friends who visit.
- Additional opportunities for activities. – Canaan Valley
- Increase some activities in our area,
- It gives me and my family things to do and enjoy as residents of Tucker County. – Thomas
- More things to do. – Parsons
- Tourism can benefit me personally by having more fun activities
- Give me more opportunity to volunteer and things to do. – Parsons
- Additional activities to participate in
- allow locals to enjoy what attractions are present.
- My guests and visiting family would have more to do. – St. George
- activities for my children
- More entertainment and points of interest for family. – Parsons
- More entertainment. – Hambleton
- Increasing my access to hiking and biking trails and staff to maintain and protect the facilities. - St. George
- More options of things to do. – Hendricks
- more things for my family to do. – Parsons
- More people, more activities. An injection of youth. - Canaan Valley
- Company, family. – Parsons

- Fun. - Canaan Valley
- A little more positive activity possibly. – Hambleton
- more activities for residents to enjoy. – Parsons
- Seeing the rail trail kept up and usable. – Hendricks
- and more hiking trails. Canaan Valley
- more things for visiting friends and family to do,
- My family would visit much more. – Hambleton
- It would provide activities, recreation, and entertainment for local residents as well as visitors. – Parsons
- All can benefit from venues. – Parsons
- It would get me out of the house more. More friends and family would visit here with us. – Canaan Valley

Community Development

- Improve infrastructure
- Keep community looking better. – Thomas
- possibly clean up environment. – Davis
- potential to have communities come back. – Thomas
- Seeing the homes in the communities being upgraded and brought back to the condition they need to be. – Parsons
- Growth in the community. – St. George
- Pride. – Parsons
- Provide additional amenities I can personally and gives me a sense of pride in my community. – Davis

- Broaden ideas and build the community. – Canaan Valley
- Just seeing the area flourish. – St. George
- Tourism traffic bridges the sales gap so we can provide basic food services to the community. - Thomas

Community Pride

- My husband's family is named after the town, so there is a certain amount of pride that comes from that. Hopefully our future grandchildren, etc., will want to live here and prosper.
- Just seeing our community prosper. – Parsons
- By being nice people. – Davis
- improvement in homeowners/community pride. – Parsons
- Appreciation of hometown. – Leadmine

Economic Development

- Keep this area from dying out. Coal and most other industry about gone.
- More money in the community.
- Tourism could bring extra people who will spend money in our community or the close by ones.
- Folks spend money in this county, helps our economy.
- Hopefully help put my friends or neighbors by increasing economic opportunities.
- Economic growth.
- Growth in the area and growth in the real estate market. – Davis

- Agri-tourism could benefit us as well as local markets or restaurants getting produce locally. – St. George
- economically thriving and therefore a happier community. – St. George
- Not looking for personal gains. We are losing residents, our communities need the commerce. – Parsons
- If our town is successful in attracting many tourists, we benefit by monies and diversified talents introduced to US.
- Tourism supports the local businesses
- Not me, but I know it brings in money to the local business. – Davis
- Increase. – Thomas
- Money. – Parsons
- No. Business (Yes) – Parsons
- Keep community vital, bring in revenue. – Davis
- \$. – Thomas
- It can also help the community to diversify the economy. – Canaan Valley
- Business. – Parsons
- Revenue/exposure. – Thomas
- Bring money into the area, hotel-motel tax (business) benefit. – St. George
- I own several residential buildings as well as commercial space. More tourism can lead to more local residents as well as more customers for local businesses. – Thomas

Enjoy sharing with others and meeting new people

- It shows people the beauty of small towns.

- Pleasure in knowing we are growing and sharing our heritage.
- Many tourists are very interesting, enriching me. I enjoy sharing the place I love.
- Not really except for the joy of seeing others' joy. – Canaan Valley
- Enjoyment. – Thomas
- Always try and give a smile to new people. – Thomas
- Yes. I love to share the scenery. – People need to appreciate nature as it is. – Hendricks
- I enjoy interacting with others. – Parsons
- By sharing our great community and open spaces of nature with others that don't have. – Parsons
- Meet new people. – Parsons
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- As a tourist: enjoying things that aren't available where I live. As a resident: sharing this beautiful place with others. – Canaan Valley
- I benefit by the people I meet, what I learn, and how to connect place – history – today. –St. George
- Brings variety of people to community. Interaction. – Davis
- More people to associate with. – Parsons
- Sharing the beauty and enjoy new people. Learning new ways. – Parsons
- Come see me. – Parsons
- Meeting others. – Davis
- Opportunities for people to learn about nature and culture. – Canaan Valley
- Diversity. – Canaan Valley

Improve public services

- Service to our town EMT, fire – We need local police take 20 to 30 minutes to get to a call. Davis has none – county or state. Police have to come for calls.
- Increasing the tax base to improve services such as sewer, water, fire and EMS.
- Keeps EMS and VFD on the job.
- increase police, EMS coverage,
- Increased services, benefits from more availability of things. – St. George

Improve quality of life

- Helps the community to thrive making a better place to live.
- Quality of life.
- Improve our standard of living.
- Not really looking for it to benefit me personally more as a whole.
- Substantially as a local tourist business owner. I would also benefit from the additional facilities available for my use and entertainment.
- more restaurants and bars, more events.
- More resources coming into the county thru tourism dollars will provide better facilities, roads, etc., for me and others. More opportunities to participate in activities others are seeking.
- It helps the people and businesses around me.
- By developing tourism, our access to goods and services may increase.
- More Choices.
- It can make what resources we have better. – Parsons
- Help beautify the community. – Thomas

- More nearby amenities. – Canaan Valley
- State parks to enjoy. – Red Creek
- Possibly raise living standard. – Parsons
- Art market, entertainment, restaurants, improvements. - Canaan Valley
- Better school and community funding from H/M taxes
- Brings money to community, creates jobs, raises quality of live. – Canaan Valley
- A vibrant community in WV seems partially supported by cash flowing from out-of-town/ state visitors. – Canaan Valley
- It will benefit myself and peers. – Thomas
- More options for local dining. – Davis
- Improved quality of life for community. – Parsons
- Make life better for others. – Unknown
- Better stores, restaurants, and the same use of rivers. – Parsons
- A few new restaurants would be nice. – Canaan Valley
- It may open up a few more things to go and view. – St. George
- I like fun stuff. – Parsons
- Only by bringing in entertainment. – Thomas
- Promotes services. – Thomas
- It can bring in more income, residents, services to our area and more opportunities for our youth. – Canaan Valley
- I like the same thing tourists like, like music and hunting. – Davis
- quality of life

Income

- Does increase revenue.
- Dependable sales of my product.
- I can sell more art. – Canaan Valley
- I may be able to rent out rooms and gain some much needed income. – Parsons
- Money. – Thomas
- My husband sells tourists wine, relatives work for parks/resorts. – Davis
- It will increase the income and business in the area. It could profit from greater resources. – Parsons
- I own a design build company that primarily builds homes for 2nd or 3rd homeowners who come here for recreation. – Canaan Valley
- Selling at yard sales. – Hambleton
- Possibly more photography sales – but that is not a high priority for me. – Red Creek
- Eat at my restaurant. – Parsons
- I am a realtor and maybe some tourists want to move to our county. – Parsons
- Selling honey. – Thomas
- Help support the local economy providing income. – Davis
- Sale of homemade crafts. – Davis
- Increased income. The more visitors we have, the more we can increase the number of people we entertain and the more rental homes we can clean. – Canaan Valley
- Income. – Thomas
- Can provide me with an income. – Canaan Valley

- Vigorous commerce in the arts. – Canaan Valley
- I work for a local printing company. So I would like to think we would get more business from the growth. – Parsons
- Money from camp ground. – St. George
- Business is maintaining vacation homes. – Canaan Valley
- My family owns businesses locally. – Red Creek
- Brings \$ (sales) for my farm winery
- If more people come to an event that I put on, it could make more money. – Davis
- Help my family financially. – Davis
- We are part owners in a rental property in the valley (North Face). – Canaan Valley
- To have an income that allows me to support my family and continue living in this area. – Davis
- I own a grocery store. Tourism numbers mean more business for us.

Increase property value

- Increase the real estate value of my home.
- Raise real estate values,
- “Increase” rather than decrease property values!!!
- Increase entertainment. Destination factor would increase property values and the quality of retired life.
- Increase property values
- Rise in property.
- Increase the value of my home.
- Increase jobs and property values. – Canaan Valley
- higher real estate values.

- Resale value of home. - Canaan Valley
- Increased property values,
- Increased value of home.
- Real estate sales. – Hambleton
- Increase value in properties in Canaan Valley. – Canaan Valley
- Housing values rise. – Canaan Valley

Jobs

- Jobs for family.
- Jobs.
- Need jobs in area.
- Work because that's all that's here.
- Most of my income is directly related to tourism.
- Provide job opportunities and economic growth.
- It will create jobs in Tucker Co. – Hopefully full time well-paying jobs.
- Giving people jobs so they are not so dependent on my tax dollars.
- Possible bring jobs then my children could move home to work and raise their children.
- Put some people to work.
- Provides conditions to jobs, taxes; revenue for motels and restaurants, therefore jobs.
- Provide income.
- My livelihood. I own a business and make an adequate income but work very hard and is extremely stressful. Those who do not own business are economically marginal.

- Bring more people into our business, the more our business grows the more people we can hire.
- Seeing others having jobs.
- Employ my neighbors.
- Keeps me employed.
- I have been working as a guide and instructor for 25+ years. While I'm retiring from that kind of work, it's been possible to live here.
- Supports myself and my family to live happy lives.
- My husband works for a local restaurant so the tourists come to eat which helps us financially. – Canaan Valley
- Increase jobs
- I might get to build something for them and get a small piece of their money. – Davis
- Entertainment, work. – Parsons
- Get me a job. – Davis
- Provide work for locals
- Helping people who need a job. – Davis
- More jobs. – Thomas
- Job, home, and a fair wage! – Canaan Valley
- I have stumbled into hospitality and increased tourism would increase job opportunities for me. – Thomas
- More jobs. – Parsons
- better jobs,
- More employment opportunities for family, friends and neighbors. – Parsons
- My work depends on it. – Davis

- Jobs. Hambleton
- New job opportunities. – Parsons
- Tourists bring business and jobs. – Thomas
- A possible job
- Jobs. - St. George
- Brings new people, money, better paying jobs, helps with road repairs. This list of benefits to our community can go on forever. – Thomas
- More jobs. – Parsons
- Keeps me busy with my employment. - Thomas
- Possible employment, growth for the county. – Parsons
- Bring a smile to my face and maybe a job. – Hambleton
- Brings money to community, creates jobs, raises quality of live. – Canaan Valley
- Job value.
- More jobs
- A paycheck. – Canaan Valley
- My husband and I own a seasonal tourism based business. My husband and I are employed seasonally in tourism based businesses. – Canaan Valley
- I am a ski instructor. – Canaan Valley
- More work. – Canaan Valley
- I have dedicated 30 years of my life to tourism. – Parsons
- I can get more work. – Canaan Valley
- Provides jobs for my clients and family. – Davis
- Part time jobs and things to do. – Canaan Valley

- Provides jobs. Locals can't really afford it. – Hambleton
- provides job opportunities. – Davis
- More job opportunities for residents of Tucker – Randolph. – Dryfork
- As an employee of Canaan Valley Resort tourism (all seasons) represent and continuity in quality and personnel. – Dryfork
- A job. – Dryfork
- Ski instructor at Timberline Ski Resort. – Davis
- Increase jobs for others and increase business revenues/opportunities for my children. – Parsons
- I work in the tourism already established in this area. – Thomas
- Tourism helps me find employment opportunities. – Thomas
- Not sure other than job security. – Thomas
- Increase in employment opportunities would mean more economic advantages for school age children whose parents don't work. – Parsons
- Provide jobs, satisfaction by helping tourists to know the area. – Red Creek
- Keep people working. – Thomas
- Job security/gainful employment, Financial Stability,

Lower taxes for residents

- Bringing money into the county might lower my taxes.
- Help with taxes. – Parsons

More cultural diversity

- Culture.
- More interesting friends and neighbors.
- Provide opportunities to meet people from other places, experiences, backgrounds, viewpoints.
- Exposure to different ideas and people, hopefully build pride (I'm proud to live in Tucker County).
- Friendship with variety of people.

- More educated culture diverse individuals.
- Bringing the world to us!
- Meet new people.
- meeting new people from all over the world. – Parsons
- Friendships, money, learning different cultures. – Parsons
- Bringing more culture to our town and county. – Thomas
- Meeting some longtime friends who started as tourists. – Davis
- Meet new people from other areas. – Dryfork
- If our town is successful in attracting many tourists, we benefit by monies and diversified talents introduced to US. – Thomas
- It can bring in more income, residents, services to our area and more opportunities for our youth. – Canaan Valley
- Exposure to a wide range of personality types and challenging situations. – St. George

More local businesses

- Hope to increase small business benefits.
- Community businesses.
- Tourism might bring in better quality restaurants and shopping and better grocery store.
- consider opening a business
- Business and my salary depend on it.
- Business opportunity.
- Tourists sometimes need their haircut so that helps my business.

- Run a small seasonal campground.
- There would be more facilities for me to use as well as visitors.
- Gift shop business.
- My son owns a small business in Davis.
- Local business.
- By needing more printed material, i.e., rack cards, menus, brochures.
- County businesses will be able to increase income. – Parsons
- Our company has a second home (rental property) in Canaan Valley that rents often. Also we do a lot of work for the other rental homes in the Canaan Valley area. – Canaan Valley
- New organizations could come or business. – Davis
- More business available and opportunities. – Parsons
- Bring more businesses here. – Parsons
- Bring more stores and restaurants to area and things to do. – Davis
- I think it would bring in new organizations that could provide services/information me/my children would benefit from. – Ledmine
- possibility of a small business. – Parsons
- Allowing more businesses to flourish in our community so we no longer have to travel to work. – Parsons
- I own an outdoor recreation business. – Thomas
- By bringing in more local eateries, a better variety of food and groceries,
- Restaurants and hotels! More tourism means better accommodations for all – especially needed for handicapped. – Canaan Valley

- Tourists bring business and jobs. – Thomas
- It increases our visitation number, promotes local businesses. - Canaan Valley
- I have great friends in Thomas and Davis who are successful small business owners. – Parsons
- More and better restaurants
- More business and selling opportunities. – Canaan Valley
- Offer new venues. – Davis
- The tourism here in Davis/Tucker County helps keep the businesses that I enjoy open. We need their money to keep things going. – Davis
- By helping local businesses to be financially motivated to make ADA improvements to gain access to accessible tourism market i.e., people within 3 hour drive. – Thomas

No Benefit

- I don't feel it can.
- Doesn't/It doesn't. (4)
- Not at all/None/No. (11)
- So far it never has. Had to go somewhere else to get a job with enough money to live on.
- Not really.
- It can't/Cannot. (9)
- Not much to me.
- It won't/it will not. (2)
- It should not affect me at all.

- Tourism cannot benefit me at all.
- No way.
- Tourism cannot benefit me.
- I don't see that it will. It may even raise taxes to support it.
- It wouldn't.
- Personally I see no pros and cons for the family I visit that would allow working opportunities.
- It doesn't but it has caused higher real estate taxes.
- It doesn't. Most residents cannot afford it.
- It will make no difference monetarily.
- Not at all. My sister lives on one side and my brother above me all retired. We live on family farm and look after one another.
- Nothing.
- It can't and this response is based on my current age (79).
- No way.
- It doesn't/won't.
- It doesn't. So much of our county is public land for tourists that there is no tax base to provide funds for our county. – Canaan Valley.
- Zero, NA. – Canaan Valley
- It cannot. – Davis
- By seeing it disappear. – Canaan Valley
- It doesn't. – Canaan Valley

- Can't. – Thomas
- Hopefully more tourists will buy a house here especially mine and I can go back to Baltimore. – Red Creek
- For it to end! – Thomas
- Not at all. – Thomas
- Doesn't. – Parsons
- No. – Davis
- It won't. – Parsons
- It can't. – Parsons
- Really wouldn't – Would see more patients in clinic. – Canaan Valley
- Doesn't. – Thomas
- It can't. – Canaan Valley
- It can't. I don't go out much because I do in-home care 24/7 for my 90 year old father-in-law. – Parsons
- It can't. – Parsons
- It can't. – Davis
- Nothing. – Canaan Valley
- Can't. – St. George
- It can't. – Parsons
- No. – St. George
- It can't. – Parsons
- No. – Parsons

- None. - St. George
- It doesn't. – Thomas
- Won't. - St. George
- None. – Hendricks
- It wouldn't – Unknown
- It can't. – Red Creek
- I don't think I could benefit personally. – Red Creek
- Can't. – Parsons
- Unlikely. – Parsons
- Send the hippies home!! Close the Purple Fiddle! – St. George
- I really can't you have locals working for minimum wage jobs but cater to the tourist. – Canaan Valley
- Not really, I enjoy a quiet no traffic place to live. – Canaan Valley
- It cannot. – Thomas
- Not much. I came here to hike (keep horses off the trails!), see friends, write, and quietly enjoy life in an exciting lovely place. Tourism will ruin this. – Davis
- Will not. – Thomas
- Can't. – Unknown
- Not at all. – Hendricks
- None. – Canaan Valley
- None. – St. George

- It probably won't benefit me personally. – Canaan Valley
- Not at all. – Hambleton
- Won't. – Parsons
- Wouldn't. – Parsons
- Right now cannot see direct benefit to me. – Thomas
- It can't. – Parsons
- None. – St. George
- It would not. – Parsons
- Does not. – Unknown
- It can't. – Davis
- Not. – Hambleton
- None. – Hendricks
- No. – Parsons
- None. – Parsons
- None. Hendricks
- No. – Davis
- Not at all. – St. George
- It doesn't. – Parsons
- None. – St. George
- No. – Canaan Valley and Red Creek

- Stay out. – St. George
- Probably not. – Red Creek
- Does not benefit me. – Davis
- It won't. – Hambleton
- It can't. – Parsons
- None. – Canaan Valley
- Will not. – Hambleton
- It will not help me at all. – Hambleton
- None. – Parsons

Opportunities for Youth

- More opportunities for young adults that may want to live in the area.
- It will not – I would like to see it for the younger people. – Parsons
- Secures better homes for my kids. – Hambleton

Preserve Natural Beauty

- By preserving the natural beauty and outdoor activities of the area forever.
- By helping to preserve what has always made Tucker County so great: **NATURE**. – Davis
- Commitment to maintaining the physical environment. – Canaan Valley
- Learn more about nature and what Tucker County can offer. – Hambleton
- Expand my understanding and appreciation for the valley. – Canaan Valley
- With love of the area people may desire to protect. – Thomas

- Bring money into a community without harming the environment through pollution, felling forests, contaminating air and water etc. – Davis
- Helps my community. Can provide \$ to support nature conservation which is why I live here.
- Helps people appreciate this beautiful earth and motivate them to protect it. – Dryfork
- More people to meet and interact with/about environment. – Canaan Valley

Tax Revenue for Community

- Taxes paid by tourist help our schools and pay bills in our county.
- By increasing the tax revenue to our county which will provide more goods and services for the local economy. – Thomas
- When people get to keep more of their hard earned money they spend more money on tourism, thus creating a much higher volume of sales tax revenue that can be put in our community! – Thomas
- Better community services via increased tax base
- more local tax benefits,
- Tax revenue. – Parsons