



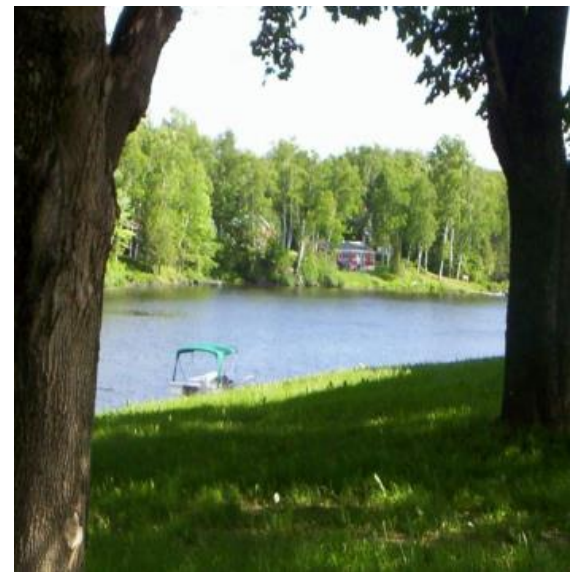
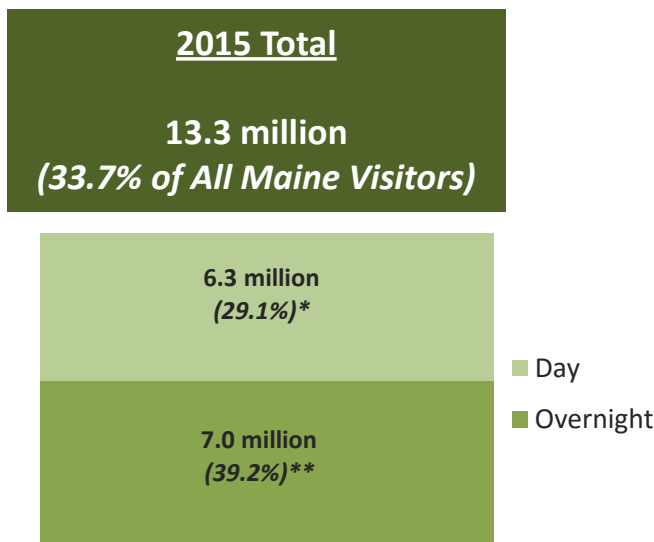
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## 2015 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates



**An estimated 13.3 million visitors came to the Maine Woods in 2015.**



\* Percent of estimated total Maine day visitors

\*\* Percent of estimated total Maine overnight visitors

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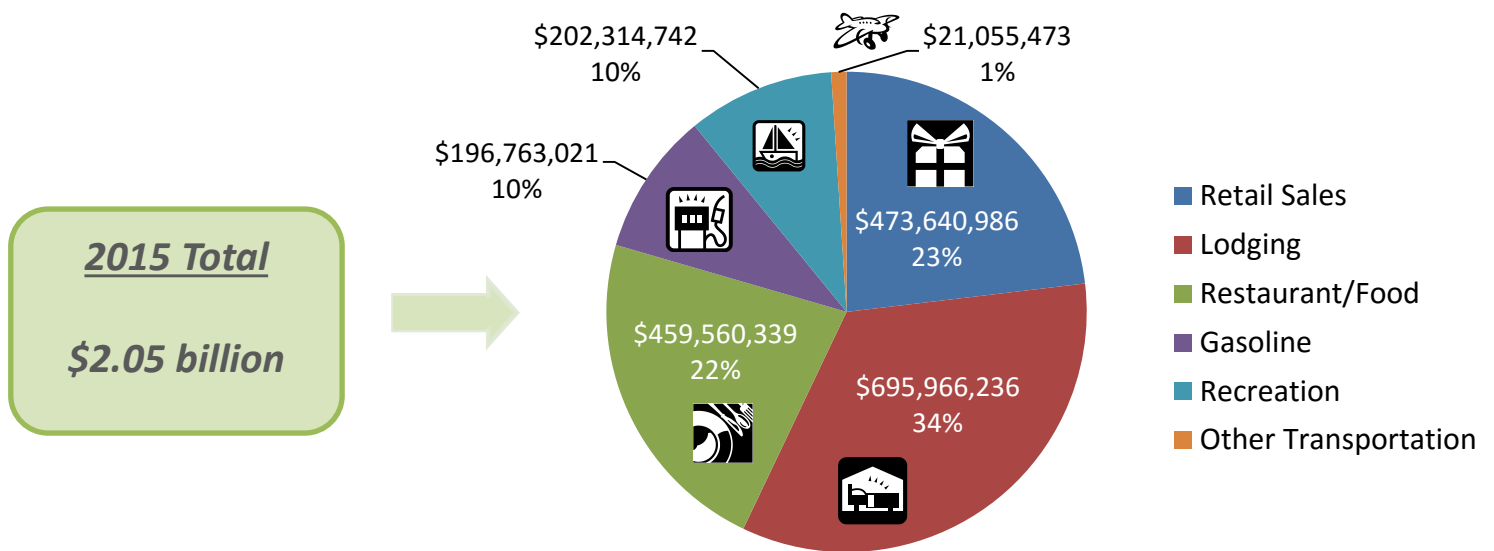


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Visitors to the Maine Woods spent more than **\$2 billion** in 2015.



The \$2 billion spent by visitors in the Maine Woods supported...

*Economic Impact* begins when a visitor spends money in an area. The benefits to the local economy go beyond the basic impact of these dollars spent – these dollars create a chain effect. The effects of these expenditures are evident as the direct recipients of these expenditures in turn pay wages, earn income, and pay taxes. Further, these direct recipients spend *their* income and thereby create more impact.

**34,704 jobs**

**\$ 671,638,705 in total earnings**

**\$ 169,467,115 in total taxes**

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- For the purposes of expenditure estimates, visitors are defined as all overnight visitors and all out of state day visitors on tourism related trips.
- *Economic Impact is estimated using DPA visitor expenditure estimates, and the RIMS II Economic Impact model.*