

## **THE OUTDOOR CENTER: STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN OUTDOOR RECREATION**

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Located in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, Plymouth State University has much to offer in the way of outdoor recreation. For my research project I chose to study the factors that lead to, or do not lead to, student participation in outdoor recreation. Specifically I will be looking at extracurricular outdoor recreation, or outdoor recreation that is provided by a student's university. Here at PSU the Outdoor Center does just that, it offers an array of outdoor activities to its students for little or no cost. Through my research I discovered what drives PSU students to use the Outdoor Center or not. This research is important because it will allow the Outdoor Center and Plymouth State University to alter programs in order to get the highest possible levels of student participation.