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Outdoor Recreation & Ecotourism

**Describe your favorite place: Gulf Shores**

* Gulf Shores has beaches, trails and a pier, plus a golf course and a zip line over the dunes.

Where is it?

* It is a city on Alabama's Gulf Coast.

Why is it your favorite?

* It is my favorite due to how much fun I have whenever I go.

How do you interact with it?

* Normally when I go down to Gulf Shores, I try to interact with the beach, go to the arcades, and try good food.

Do you go with others? Who?

* My family and friends come with me.

Is the wildlife there part of the attraction?

* The wildlife in the ocean is very beautiful with the tiny fish and the intricate jellyfish.

Are there any substitutes for this place?

* The only place that could give the same amount of amazement for me would either be Gatlinburg or Myrtle Beach.

Who else shares your view on this place?

* I believe my family sees the same as me.

What is your Favorite recreation activity?

* My favorite recreational activity would be playing football.

Consider  your favorite place or recreation activity and identify one of each of the following:

One personal Psychological benefit: It has a calming affect on me when I go to the beach and sit by the water.

One Physiological benefit: One benefit would be interacting and communicating with other humans.

One Social/Cultural benefit: It helps by having a place where people go for the same reason to either sunbath, play in the water, or other activities.

One Environmental benefit: Its good to go look out at the ocean and learn what really is going on with the planet.

One Economic benefit: It cost money to go but choosing the right place to live can save money.

**Define Ecotourism:**

* tourism directed toward exotic, often threatened, natural environments, intended to support conservation efforts and observe wildlife.

Have you ever participated in an ecotour?

* I have not.

If so where and when?

If you could go anywhere on an ecotour where would it be?

* I would love to go to the Amazon Rainforest.