Site Suitability for Additional Backcountry Camping Sites in The Great Smokey Mountains National Park.



In 2021, the park saw more that 14 million visitors, earning it the title of being the most visited national park in the world.



An increase in backcountry campers has led to limited resources and a decrease in the available of backcountry sites.





Suitable sites were analyzed based on their distance from other sites, trails, water sources, and critical habitat.

