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## MARKET GAP ANALAYSIS FOR THE OUTDOOR SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN TWIN CITIES THROUGH NEW APP DEVELOPMENT "TEAM UP"



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The combination of physical activity and being in nature is recognized as providing a range of significant benefits. We hope this research into the Outdoor sector does that but also assists you and your Organization in decisions you make about what you provide, either confirming that you are meeting your customer needs or helping you to consider what to change. A larger more active sect0r is in every0ne's interest and if this insight helps us t0 stimulate m0re activity in the Outd00rs then it will be playing a very valuable r0le. 6 7 This rep0rt aims t0 build an understanding 0f the Outd00r activities market: who d0es what, where, when and why, what might encourage them to continue that activity, what stops them participating more, where the latent demands for more outdoor consumers lie and what might motivate latent consumers to consider outdoor activities in the future. There are a wide variety of demographic, social, urbanization, political and trend related reasons why outdoor recreation and activities have enjoyed an increase in interest recently. Equally there are significant trends that are constraining and challenging the development of Outdoor activities. Outdoor activities have enjoyed a 3% rise in the last year, while the Active PeOple Survey\* indicates that many traditional Or formal team sp0rts are sh0wing a decline. The 0utd00r recreation sector could prove a valuable resource in additional physical activity. Opportunities to participate as an individual or an informal group, at any time Of the day Or week, frequently Or infrequently, have all contributed to the interest. Environmental and educational trends support families getting active outdoors and the 'Staycation' phenomena enjoyed by the UK since the 2008 financial crisis began has helped boost t0urism numbers t0 rural 0utd00r l0cati0ns. Br0ader s0cial trends t0ward 0nline c0mmunities, infOrmal 'spOrts', 'flash- fitness' and 'natural fitness' have all helped the sectOr - military fitness, park run, baref00t running, trail running, ind00r climbing are all gr0wth sp0rts that enc0urage an 'Outd00r lifestyle'. This rep0rt has pushed the b0undaries 0f 0ur understanding 0f the Outd00r sectOr and has revealed many new questiOns as well as insight. Hence there is great pOtential fOr further research and evolution in the future. As a result, the review gives an Overview of the social impacts associated with outdoor sports which have been clustered to six broad categories physical health, mental health and wellbeing, education and lifelong learning, active citizenship, crime reduction, and anti-social behavior, as well as additional benefits. The review furthermore revealed gaps in the evidence base which are especially n0table in the l0ng-term effects that Outd00r sp0rts can have 0n pers0nal and s0cial devel0pment.

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