

Activity Product Usage among Overseas Visitors in 2011

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Angling

113,000 overseas visitors engaged in angling while in Ireland in 2011, almost half came from Britain.

Hiking/Cross-Country Walking

Over 776,000 overseas visitors claim to have gone hiking/cross-country walking in 2011, Around a third of these visitors stated that walking was an important factor in their choice of Ireland as a holiday destination (241,000).

Cycling

178,000 overseas visitors engaged in cycling while in Ireland in 2011, more than half were from Mainland Europe.

Golf

The level of participation in golf by overseas visitors continued to grow in 2011 to 181,000. More than a quarter of overseas golfers were from North America.

Equestrian

72,000 overseas visitors engaged in some form of equestrian pursuit in 2011.

Summary of Overseas Visitors Engaging in Activities in 2011

| Overseas Visitors | Angling | Hiking/Cross Country Walking | Cycling | Golf | Equestrian |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|------|------------|
| Nos. Engaging (000s) | 113 | 776 | 178 | 181 | 72 |
| Share by Market (%) | | | | | |
| Britain | 48 | 32 | 19 | 45 | 16 |
| M. Europe | 45 | 43 | 53 | 22 | 52 |
| France | 12 | 11 | 12 | 6 | 9 |
| Germany | 12 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| N. America | 4 | 18 | 18 | 29 | 22 |
| Other Long Haul | 3 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 10 |

• Source: Survey of Overseas Travellers 2011

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