

# ENGAGEMENT IN RECREATION ACTIVITIES IS DOWN.

In June 2020 New Zealand moved back to Alert Level 1 following the first major lockdown. At that point we tested which outdoor recreational activities people were keen to be involved in. Asking the same question two years later shows the impact that first restriction on our freedoms had on positive intentions and outdoor engagement. Interest overall is down, and there has been a significant drop in the numbers intending to do short walks and day hikes, bird and wildlife watching, freshwater fishing, freshwater boating, diving/snorkelling and four-wheel driving.

Noting that we are comparing a summer measure to a winter measure, there are also drops in our intentions to spend on paid activities and attractions when compared with January 2021. This is unsurprising given the economic pinch and talk of tougher times ahead, combined with that downturn in recreation engagement.

When comparing similar products within activity and attraction types, the main drivers of choice are still price/value for money, reputation and recommendations from family and friends. Sustainability reasons have seen a significant increase in influence in the last two years.

These surveys were conducted with nationally representative samples of New Zealanders. For further information please contact [liz@researchfirst.co.nz](mailto:liz@researchfirst.co.nz)

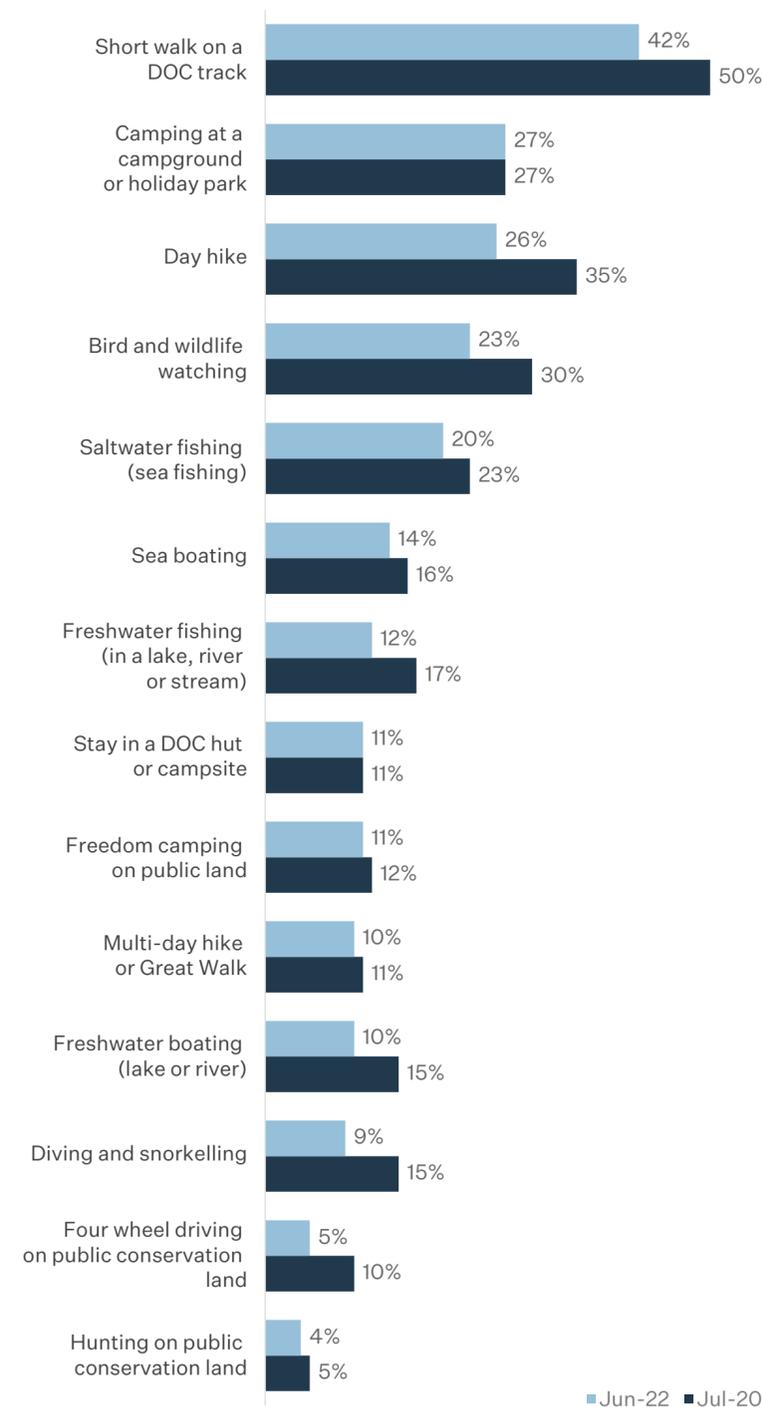
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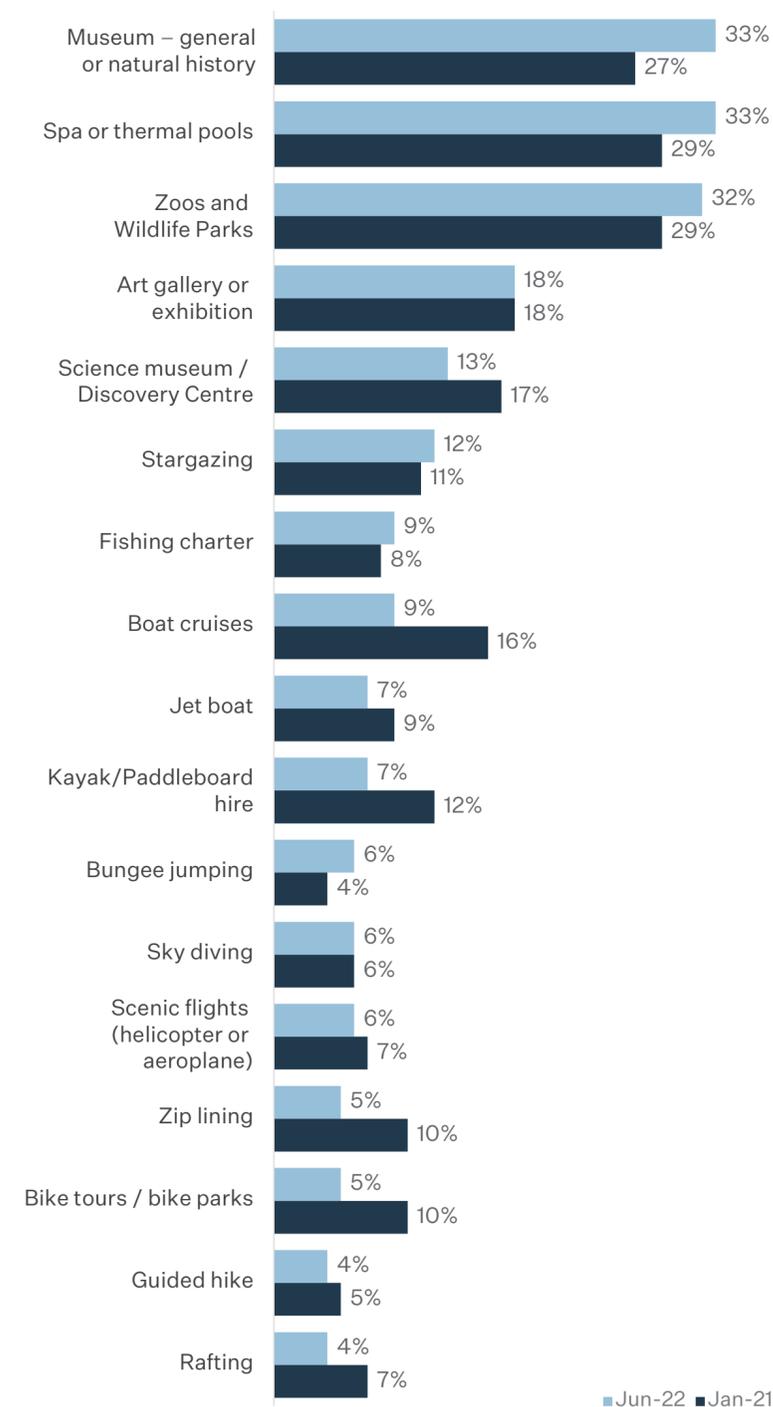
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## Which of the following have you done, or do you intend to do, in NZ this year?



## Which of the following activities and attractions are you likely to spend money on in the next 3 months?



## Which two of the following are most important when you choose an operator?

	Jun-22	Jul-20
Price / value for money	85%	88%
Reputation	42%	40%
Recommendations from family or friends	27%	24%
Budget / no frills options	15%	16%
<b>Sustainability:</b> ability to make a positive impact on the environment, economy and community	12%	6%
Luxury / exclusive options	7%	8%
Length of time the company has been operating	3%	7%
That the operator is a family business	3%	2%
That the operator is a small business	3%	2%
That the operator is a large, well known business	2%	5%