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For this summary, distances for recreation sites and facilities were measured from the Headquarters Building on Robins AFB - located at 215 Page Road, Robins Air Force Base, GA 31098 to the street address of the recreation facility (when available). Since some of the criteria requested was within a 30 minute to a 45 minute drive from Robins AFB, the seven-county area within that range surrounding Robins AFB was examined - this includes Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach and Twiggs counties. Additionally, since the 1995 criteria also included certain recreation within a 1.5 hour drive to a 2.5 hour drive, this area was expanded to include Atlanta and other outlying counties.

BRAC Evaluation Criteria that were examined in 1995 were:

Swimming Pools, Movie Theaters, Public Golf Courses, Bowling Lanes, Boating, Fishing, Zoos, Aquarium, Theme Parks, Professional Sports, Collegiate Sports, Camping Facilities, Beaches, Winter Sports, Shopping Malls (or shopping environment), and Metro Center.

Swimming Pool		1995	2003
Green	= 30 minute drive	X	X
Yellow	> 30 and = 45 minute drive		
Red	> 45 minute drive or not available		

4 swimming pools < 30 min's in Houston County = DL Fountain Park; Memorial Park; Sewell Pool; Creekwood Park & Pool (Perry)

4 swimming pools < 30 min's in Bibb County = Bloomfield Recreation Center, Booker T. Washington Community Center, Frank Johnson Recreation Center; Memorial Gym

Public pools also in the data collection:

Bibb: East Macon Park, Freedom Park Recreation Center
 Monroe: High Falls State Park, Forsyth City Pool

Movie Theater		1995	2003
Green	= 30 minute drive	X	X
Yellow	> 30 and = 45 minute drive		
Red	> 45 minute drive or not available		

2 Theaters/Cinemas < 30 min in Houston county = Galleria 10 Cinemas; Parkway Cinemas

Movie theaters also in the data collection:

Bibb: Am Star Cinema 16, Douglas Theatre, Regal Rivergate Cinema 16

Public Golf Course		1995	2003
Green	= 30 minute drive	X	X
Yellow	> 30 and = 45 minute drive		
Red	> 45 minute drive or not available		

1 public golf course < 30 min in Houston County = The International City Golf Club

Public Golf Course also in the data collection:

Bibb = Bowden Golf Course
Jones = Lake Jonesco Golf Course, Woodland Hills
Monroe = Forsyth Golf Club

Bowling Lane		1995	2003
Green	= 30 minute drive	X	X
Yellow	> 30 and = 45 minute drive		
Red	> 45 minute drive or not available		

2 bowling alleys < 30 min in Houston County = Gold Cup Bowling Center on N Houston Rd, and Gold Cup Bowling Center on Russell Parkway

1 bowling alley < 30 min in Bibb County = Gold Cup Bowling Center

Boating		1995	2003
Green	= 30 minute drive	X	X
Yellow	> 30 and = 45 minute drive		
Red	> 45 minute drive or not available		

Local – Houston County – Houston Lake, Lake Joy, Ocmulgee River (near Perry)

Boating also in the data collection:

Bibb – Lake Tobesofkee
Jones – Miller Creek Lake
Monroe – High Falls State Park, Lake Juliette (Rum Creek)
Peach – Flint River

Twiggs – Ocmulgee River

Fishing		1995	2003
Green	= 30 minute drive	X	X
Yellow	> 30 and = 45 minute drive		
Red	> 45 minute drive or not available		

Local – Houston County – Houston Lake, Lake Joy, Ocmulgee River, Village at Town Centre Pond, Rozar Park (fishing pond)

Fishing also in the data collection:

Bibb – Lake Tobesofkee, Ocmulgee River
 Crawford – Flint River (Hawkins Bridge Landing)
 Jones – Hillsboro Lake, Miller Creek Lake, Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge
 Monroe – High Falls State Park, Lake Juliette (Rum Creek)
 Peach – Flint River, Whitewater Creek State Park
 Twiggs – Hendricks Memorial Park, Ocmulgee River

Zoos		1995	2003
Green	= 1.5 hour drive	X	
Yellow	> 1.5 and = 2.5 hour drive		X
Red	> 2.5 hour drive or not available		

1 zoo = 1 hr 55 minutes – The Parks at Chehaw in Albany GA

1 zoo = 1 hr 50 minutes – Zoo Atlanta

1 petting zoo = 3 hrs 1 minute in Hephzibah GA (traveling petting zoo)

Aquarium		1995	2003
Green	= 1.5 hour drive	X *	
Yellow	> 1.5 and = 2.5 hour drive		X
Red	> 2.5 hour drive or not available		

Atlanta – proposed Aquarium to be located near the Atlantic Station development in Midtown (slated for opening 2005)

*In 1995 BRAC the response was Fernbank Natural Science Museum in Atlanta for an aquarium display consisting of 5-10 large fish tanks, currently only 1 fish tank is on display.

Theme Park		1995	2003
Green	= 1.5 hour drive		
Yellow	> 1.5 and = 2.5 hour drive	X*	X
Red	> 2.5 hour drive or not available		

*Agrirama in Tifton, GA – 100 miles from RAFB – living history museum ; (*re-submitted in 1995 for a GREEN rating due to 100 miles distance to Agrirama and construction of the upcoming Georgia Music Hall of Fame in Macon to include the interactive museum, 1916 Terminal Building, and the Douglas Theater).

Atlanta – Atlanta Motor Speedway, Stone Mountain Park, Six Flags Over Georgia

Professional Sports		1995	2003
Green	= 30 minute drive	X	X*
Yellow	> 30 and = 45 minute drive		
Red	> 45 minute drive or not available		

3 **semi**-professional teams in Macon – Macon Trax, Macon Knights, Macon Peaches = 32 minutes or greater

*In 1995 Tinker AFB received a “Green” rating for on the strength of its **minor** league sports team)

Professional Sports also in the data collection:

4 **professional** teams in Atlanta – Atlanta Braves, Atlanta Falcons, Atlanta Hawks, Atlanta Thrasher = 2 hours and greater

Collegiate Sports		1995	2003
Green	= 1.5 hour drive	X	X
Yellow	> 1.5 and = 2.5 hour drive		
Red	> 2.5 hour drive or not available		

2 collegiate sports < 1.5 hour drive in Bibb County = Mercer University (basketball), Wesleyan College (soccer)

1 collegiate sports < 1.5 hour drive in Peach County = Fort Valley State University (tennis)

Camping Facilities		1995	2003
Green	= 1.5 hour drive	X	X
Yellow	> 1.5 and = 2.5 hour drive		
Red	> 2.5 hour drive or not available		

Camping Facilities < 1.5 hour drive in Houston County = Lake Joy

Camping Facilities also in the data collection:

Bibb – Tobesofkee Recreation Area
 Monroe – High Falls State Park, Indian Springs State Park, Lake Juliette
 Peach – Flint River, Whitewater Creek State Park
 Twiggs – Ocmulgee River

Beaches		1995	2003
Green	= 1.5 hour drive	X	X
Yellow	> 1.5 and = 2.5 hour drive		
Red	> 2.5 hour drive or not available		

Beaches < 1.5 hour drive in Bibb County = Tobesofkee Recreation Area
 (Arrowhead Park, Claystone Park, Sandy Beach Park)

Beaches also in the data collection:

Monroe – Indian Springs State Park
 Other - Callaway Gardens – Pine Mountain, GA

Winter Sports		1995	2003
Green	= 1.5 hour drive		X
Yellow	> 1.5 and = 2.5 hour drive		
Red	> 2.5 hour drive or not available	X	

1 winter sport < 1.5 hour drive in Bibb County = Ice Skating at Macon Coliseum

Winter sports also in the data collection:

Atlanta Ice Skating (2 hours +): Atlanta Ice Forum, Ice Forum – Southlake (1 hour 58 min), Ice Forum – Town Center, Parkaire Ice Arena, Stone Mountain Park

Sky Valley (near Dillard, GA) Skiing: Sky Valley Ski Resort (4 hrs 7 min)

Shopping Malls		1995	2003
Green	= 30 minute drive	X	X
Yellow	> 30 and = 45 minute drive		
Red	> 45 minute drive or not available		

1 shopping mall < 30 minutes in Houston County = Galleria Mall

1 shopping area < 30 minutes in Peach County = Peach Factory Outlet Stores

Shopping malls also in the data collection:

Bibb = Colonial Mall

Metro Center		1995	2003
Green	= 1.5 hour drive	X	X
Yellow	> 1.5 and = 2.5 hour drive		
Red	> 2.5 hour drive or not available		

2 metro centers < 1.5 hour drive = Bibb County (154,824 Census estimate July 1, 2002); and Houston County (116,768 Census estimate July 1, 2002)

Other data collection for the 7 counties not considered in BRAC 1995 includes (within a 30 minute area):

Cultural Arts, Museums, Neighborhood Parks, Recreation and Parks Departments, Roller Skating/Rollerblading, Tennis Courts

Sources:

Contacts:

Bibb County – Mike Anthony 751-9291

Peach County – Robert Stump 825-3334

Perry – Rick Kilgore 988-2861

Warner Robins – James Dodson 929-1913

Twiggs County – Jeffersonville City Clerk’s Office 945-3629

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