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Selection of 30 Barrier-Free Tourist Destinations for 2024, Ensuring Tour for All

- Expansion to 30 locations in 2024 to foster accessible tourism**
- Selected favorite tourist destinations for everyone, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites and rail biking**

The Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism (Minister YU In Chon, MCST) in collaboration with the Korea Tourism Organization (CEO KIM Jang Sil, KTO) has chosen 30 tourist destinations across 12 tourism zones for the “2024 Barrier-Free Tourist Destination Project.” This marks a 150% increase in scale compared to the 20 sites selected last year.

The “Barrier-Free Tourist Destination Project” aims to enhance safe travel for vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities, the elderly, and families with young children. It involves constructing and renovating pedestrian paths, ramps, and convenient facilities at tourist sites. In addition, it supports the development of accessible experiential content. Since 2015, 132 sites have been designated as Barrier-Free Tourist Destinations, covering various experiences such as camping, water sports, hiking, and stargazing.

To expedite the creation of a more accessible tourism environment, the MCST initiated this year’s competition earlier than in previous years. A record-breaking 28 local governments and 67 tourist sites participated, marking the highest application rate in history. After a thorough selection process—a qualification review, document assessment, and an on-site evaluation—30 sites were selected, including UNESCO World Cultural Heritage sites and popular tourist activities such as rail biking, catering to diverse preferences.

The selected tourist destinations will undergo tailored consultations from Barrier-Free¹ experts, leading to the development of site-specific improvement plans. Next year, comprehensive facility upgrades and the expansion of tourist content tailored to various vulnerable groups will be implemented.

Furthermore, the MCST actively promotes completed Barrier-Free Tourist Destinations through online and offline channels, including the Accessible Tourism Information Platform access.visitkorea.or.kr and shared travel programs will be consistently operated, allowing vulnerable groups to visit the designated sites directly, aimed at turning these sites into preferred destinations for all citizens. Plans are also in motion to support the effective management of open tourism sites through inspections and consultations involving accessibility experts and demand groups such as persons with disabilities.

PARK Jong Taek, Director-General of the MCST Tourism Policy Bureau, emphasized that “the tourism environment for vulnerable groups remains poor.” He outlined plans to significantly expand accessible tourism sites and accelerate various policies, including accessibility education, expanding information on accessible tourism, and supporting accessible travel products. These efforts are geared toward creating a more accessible tourism environment.

<Results of Selection of Barrier-Free Tourist Destinations in 2024>

Number	Regional	Basic	Tourist Destinations (30)
1	Gangwon	Chuncheon	Samaksan Mountain Lake Cable Car, Kim Yu Jeong Station Rail Bike, Animation Museum & Toy Robot Studio
2	Gyeonggi	Paju	Gongneung Tourist Park, Majang Lake, Imjingak Resort
3		Yeoncheon	Jaemin Falls Park, Yeoncheon Jaemin Falls Auto Camping Site, Hantan River Dam
4	Chungbuk	Boeun	Beopjusa Temple in Songnisan Mountain, Songnisan Theme Park
5	Chungnam	Dangjin	Hapdeokje Waterfront Park, Solmoe Shrine
6	Jeonbuk	Gochang	Dongho Beach (Dongho National Leisure Camping Ground), Bokbunja Cluster Amusement Park (Gochang National Leisure Camping Ground)

¹ A system that evaluates and certifies the installation and management of convenience facilities to ensure that all facility users, including persons with disabilities, the elderly, and pregnant women, can use various facilities more comfortably and safely.

7		Jeonju	Jeonju Arboretum, Palbok Art Factory, Jeonju Hanbyeok Culture Center
8	Gyeongbuk	Gumi	Geumosan Olle Trail & Eco Healing Forest, Gumi Eco Land
9		Andong	Woryeonggyo Bridge, Seonseonghyeon Cultural Complex
10		Yeongdeok	Goraebul Beach, Goesiri Traditional Village
11	Gyeongnam	Changwon	Yejwacheon Stream, Changwon Marine Park, House of Changwon (History and Folk Museum)
12	Ulsan	-	Jangsaengpo Special Whale Culture Zone, Daewangam Park, Gangdong Auto Camping Site



Chuncheon Uiamho Lake King Canoe



Gangneung Yeongok Beach Campground
(Universal Design Caravan)



Daegu Biseulsan County Park



Namwon Aircraft & Space Observatory

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