

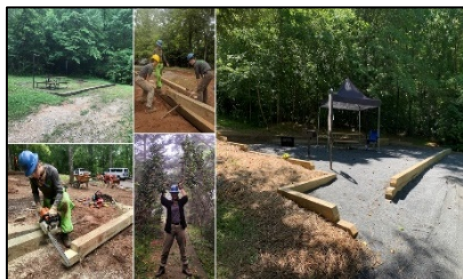
# National Forests in North Carolina

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

### Visit Recently Improved Campgrounds

The National Forests in North Carolina partnered with the Southeast Conservation Corps to perform work at three developed recreation areas during the summer of 2019. Crews worked alongside forest staff over the course of three weeks at Jackrabbit Mountain Campground, Tsali Campground and Trailhead and Roan Mountain. Work included complete reconstruction of campsites and picnic areas and clearing of vegetation and hazardous trees.

Jackrabbit Mountain Campground lies on a peninsula of Lake Chatuge. The area offers a large campground and numerous day use activities such as swimming, picnicking, mountain biking, hiking, fishing and motorized boating. The forest reconstructed seven campsites with new landscape timbers, gravel, grills and lantern posts. These reconstructed sites are in addition to the four that were reconstructed with Southeast Conservation Corps crews.



*Before, during and after Southeast Conservation Corps crew work*

*Recently reconstructed campsite at Jackrabbit Mountain*



### Open Concepts

The forest made huge improvements to the Mortimer Campground, located near the Wilson Creek Wild and Scenic River. Two new campsites were constructed using "open concept" designs that allow for

a variety of campers to enjoy, from tent only to vans or small RVs. Additionally, the forest reconstructed a critical footbridge in the campground that was destroyed by a flood in May of 2018. The new bridge crosses Thorps Creek to access three walk-in campsites. Concrete piers were poured and anchored to a solid rock base with oak bridge timbers cabled together for bridge tread.



*New trail bridge construction at Mortimer Campground*

### Recreation Fee Dollars

Recreation fee dollars are an investment in outdoor recreation. They support and enhance:

- Public safety
- Recreation site maintenance and improvements
- Educational experiences
- Informational wayside exhibits
- Youth programs and partnerships
- Interpretive programs

Current and future generations benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

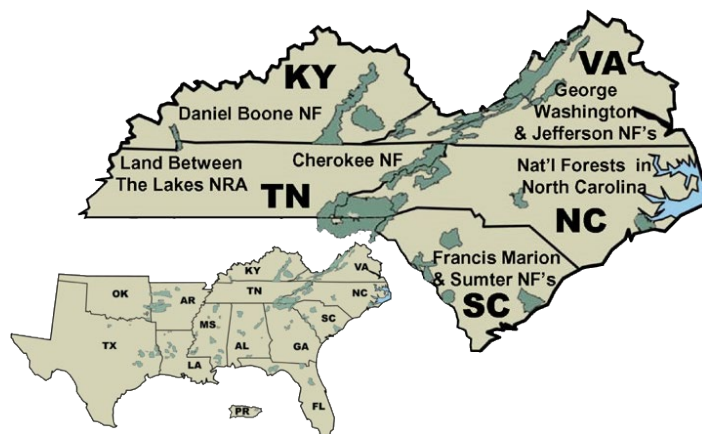
## Other Accomplishments

- Operated and maintained sites including: mowed; collected trash; pumped vault toilets and septic tanks; treated and tested water systems; repaired bathrooms and vault toilets; replaced damaged and worn tables, grills, fire rings and other site furnishings; pressure washed recreation areas; reconstructed camp and picnic sites; replaced trail bridges; upgraded signage; removed hazard trees; replaced sand at swim areas; installed new fences and graded and added new gravel to developed recreation areas.
- Re-routed one mile on Trail 10 within the Brown Mountain OHV Trail Complex. The relocation addressed a dangerous creek crossing that was a source of erosion.
- Provided for campground hosts across the forests.
- Reopened Cedar Point Campground following damages from hurricanes.
- Provided security patrols and additional law enforcement presence at recreation areas in partnership with local Sheriff's Departments.
- Partnered with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to maintain the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range and to provide a full-time Range Safety Officer.
- Replaced fencing at Appletree Group Campground.
- Installed a new swimming barrier at Jackrabbit Mountain Recreation Area.



*The forests stretch from the mountains to the coast*

## Regional Map



## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$1,180,172	\$6,834,733
Special Uses	\$691,399	\$1,202,835
Interagency Passes	\$45,800	\$260,301
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,917,371</b>	<b>\$8,297,869</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$996,728	\$5,140,065
Visitor Services	\$416,592	\$2,599,856
Law Enforcement	\$12,639	\$220,175
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$146,506
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$40,461
Collections/Overhead	\$345,265	\$1,322,238
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,771,224</b>	<b>\$9,469,301</b>

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