



Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

Longest Swinging Bridge

Swinging Bridge on the Toccoa River provides access to the Benton MacKaye Trail and Duncan Ridge Recreation Area. It's the longest swinging bridge and is popular with hikers, paddlers, and fishermen. The forest, in partnership with the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club constructed the 270-foot long bridge in 1977.

Recreation fee dollars of \$3,500 helped replace the aged decking, replace bolts, and repair fencing.



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.



OHV Trails Maintained



Satterfield Trailhead at Beasley Knob OHV Area

Satterfeild Trailhead is one of two sites that provide access to Beasley Knob OHV Area, which is a popular destination for four wheel drive vehicles, AVTs/UTVs and dirt bike riders.

Recreation fee funds of about \$2,430 help to leverage state recreation trails grant funds to maintain this 10.8 mile motorized trail system each year. In addition volunteers from the Georgia Recreation Trail Riders Association give hundreds of hours to ensure the trail is in the best shape possible.

Upgraded Amenities

The forest installed four new fire rings at Deep Hole Campground. This is a small but popular campground with access to the amazing Appalachian National Scenic Trail. It is also well known for lake trout fishing with an annual senior fishing rodeo, hosted by the forest and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.



Other Accomplishments

- Purchased supplies to help with operation and maintenance at developed campgrounds, picnic areas, shooting ranges and trailheads.
- Replaced two pedestal grills at Pocket Campground.
- Made improvements at the Deep Hole Recreation Area, including constructing a redi-rock sea wall and retaining wall for \$18,444.
- Improved access on forest roads used by outfitter guides. Work included spreading gravel, blading, cleaning drainage and repairing the road surface.
- Washed and painted five restroom facilities.
- Painted and pressure washed accessible ramp at Roberts Bike Camp motorcycle/ATV trail.
- Replaced sand at the Lake Sinclair Beach Area.
- Removed sewage at the Lake Sinclair Recreation Area.

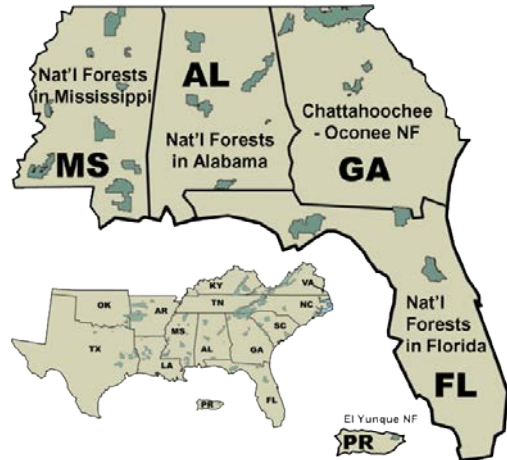


New sand at the Lake Sinclair Recreation Area



60 acre freshwater wetland created to provide healthy and sustainable waterfowl habitat

Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$445,693	\$7,790,073
Special Uses	\$183,426	\$1,704,464
Interagency Passes	\$67,790	\$528,471
Total	\$696,909	\$10,023,008
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$264,966	\$4,625,554
Visitor Services	\$0	\$1,400,284
Law Enforcement	\$10,328	\$180,257
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$304,256
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$55,183
Collections/Overhead	\$145,397	\$1,272,180
Total	\$420,691	\$7,837,714