



Francis Marion-Sumter National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

Horse Riding at Woods Ferry

The Woods Ferry Recreation Area lies within the beautiful Broad River Valley of Upstate South Carolina surrounded by rolling hills of mature hardwoods. Campers and day-users alike can choose from a variety of activities including fishing, canoeing, and horseback riding. The nearby Woods Ferry Horse Trail has 21 miles of easy-to-moderate trails and eight campsites have horse corrals to enable horse camping.

The forest used over \$6,500 of recreation fee funds to partner with the Woods Ferry Horse Trail Club. The club provided labor, cash donations and discounted supplies valued at over \$7,000 to



repair 10 picnic tables and 20 benches, repair and replace 10 corral gates, and extend the campground operating season through the winter months.

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.



Trekking the Enoree OHV Trails



The Enoree OHV Trail travels for 25 miles through rolling hills, forests and bottomland hardwood stands offering a system of interconnected loops where riders can plan trips of varying lengths. To help achieve the Forest's commitment to high quality trail experience, the Forest

provided over \$15,000 in recreation fee funds to leverage about \$80,000 in state trails program funds, over 450 volunteer hours, and two weeks of Youth Conservation Corp crew time to complete a variety of trail and trailhead projects.

The work included heavy trail tread maintenance throughout the 25 mile system, hazard tree removal, replacement of one mile of split rail fence around the trailhead parking area, and funding a trail/trailhead host to assist other riders.

Improving Visitor's Experience

Hauling trash to the dump during the 5th Annual Chattooga River Sweep.



Repairing picnic table benches.

Other Accomplishments

- Coordinated with Department of Natural Resources, river outfitters and the local community during the 5th Annual Chattooga Wild and Scenic River Sweep where over 1,000 pounds of litter were collected.
- Cleared blowdown and removed hazard trees from trails and campgrounds after severe storms at several facilities.
- Repaired vault toilets, roofs, electrical hook-ups and picnic tables at recreation sites.
- Supported August's solar eclipse, which included a visit from Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue.
- Increased staff coverage on weekends and holidays to provide visitor information, education and assistance.
- Supported campground hosts at seven fee sites who in turn provided visitor information, monitored sites, performed trash collection, and cleaned bathrooms and campsites.



Rafting the Chattooga National Wild and Scenic River.

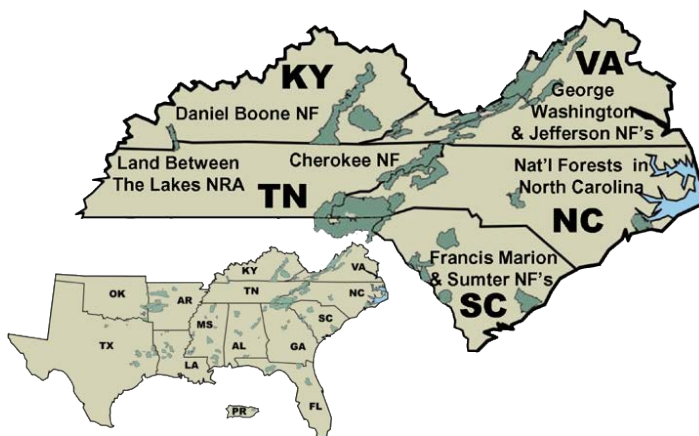


Horseback riders enjoying the Woods Ferry Horse Trail.

Riders at the Enoree OHV Trailhead delineated by split rail fencing.



Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$231,758	\$7,790,073
Special Uses	\$66,872	\$1,704,464
Interagency Passes	\$34,789	\$528,471
Total	\$333,418	\$10,023,008
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$255,543	\$4,625,554
Visitor Services	\$0	\$1,400,284
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$180,257
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$304,256
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$55,183
Collections/Overhead	\$27,000	\$1,272,180
Total	\$282,543	\$7,837,714

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