



Kisatchie National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

Trail Maintenance Done By Youth



Ongoing and valuable partnerships with the Louisiana National Guard's Youth Challenge Program (YCP) and the Texas Conservation Corp Crews helps maintain and improve trailhead facilities and trails on the Forest. The YCP crews focused their efforts within the Camp Livingston Trail System. This popular multiple-use system includes Little Creek and Hickman trails. Hikers, mountain bikers, horseback riders, and off-highway vehicle enthusiasts enjoy the beauty and challenge offered by the trail as it loops through pine upland forests and sandy hardwood bottoms for almost 35 miles. Recreation fee revenues provided signs and markers for the trails.

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.

Knowing Where You Are

A well signed and marked recreation area or trail helps to orient visitors. The forest focused on improving all signage trail markers, which help to ensure visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience while exploring Louisiana.



Community Water at Kincaid

The forest installed more than 12,000 feet of water line to connect the Kincaid Recreation Area to a community water system. This move will help to reduce costs of water systems maintenance and repairs and water testing.



Other Accomplishments

- Operated and maintained four day-use areas, four multiple use trail systems and ten associated trailheads, fourteen developed campgrounds, and four developed boat ramps.
- Removed hazard trees, pumped vault toilets and septic tanks, and cleaned facilities.
- Completed minor facility and site repairs.
- Patrolled recreation sites and trail systems for safety and compliance.
- Initiated and continued community law enforcement agreements for visitor safety.
- Repaired boat ramps and constructed foot bridges.

Repairs and general maintenance at the Caney Lakes boat launches.



Trail bridge constructed by YCC Crew on the Sugarcane trail.

Repairing day-use areas and campgrounds.



Kisatchie Bayou State Scenic River

Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$212,582	\$7,790,073
Special Uses	\$978	\$1,704,464
Interagency Passes	\$17,611	\$528,471
Total	\$231,171	\$10,023,008
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$120,477	\$4,625,554
Visitor Services	\$2,000	\$1,400,284
Law Enforcement	\$3,000	\$180,257
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$304,256
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$55,183
Collections/Overhead	\$8,000	\$1,272,180
Total	\$133,477	\$7,837,714

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