



# National Forests in North Carolina

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

### Forest Festival Day



In 1908 Dr. Carl A. Schenck hosted the Forest Fair at the Biltmore Estate. This event honored the 10th year of the Biltmore Forest School, America's

first school of forestry. Over 400 people were invited to this celebration of the beginnings of American Forestry. Today we commemorate Schenck's Forest Fair along the 1-mile Forest Festival Trail and annual Forest Festival Day where traditional craftsmen, exhibitors, forestry students, and entertainers are invited to present their skills and craftsmanship. Approximately \$2,000 of Recreation Fee dollars were used.



*Forest Festival Day cross-cut saw competition.*

### 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.



### Campground Peninsula Reconstructed

Five campsites at Jackrabbit Campground were completely reconstructed with new timbers, gravel, grills, steps, picnic tables, and lantern posts and was funded with \$10,000 of Recreation Fee collections.

The Jackrabbit 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 and hiking trails, fishing and motorized boating access to the lake.



### Step Into Whitewater Falls

Whitewater Falls, the highest waterfall east of the Rockies and is a regional destination that attracts thousands of visitors each year.



The trail to the overlook and falls takes visitors down 154 wooden steps which were destroyed during the historic Fall 2016 fire season.

The reconstruction of the trail was a Forest priority and made possible through \$96,404 of Recreation Fee collections.

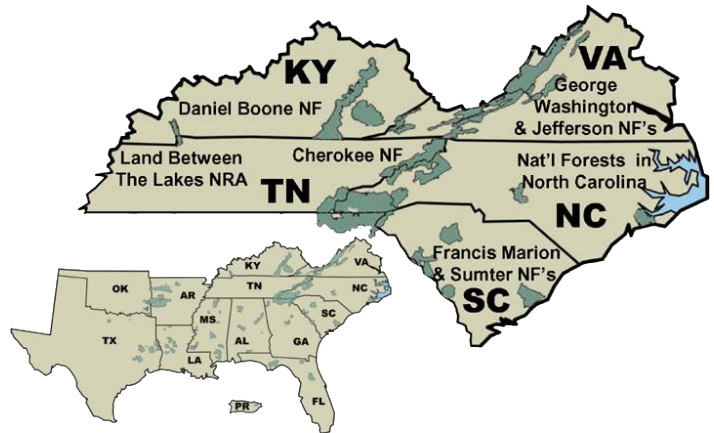
## Other Accomplishments

- Operated and maintained sites including: mowing; collecting trash; cleaning; treating and testing water and wastewater; providing on-site utilities; replacing damaged and worn tables, grills, fire rings, and other site furnishings; rehabilitating camp and picnic sites; upgrading signage; and removing hazard trees.
- Leveraged partnerships, including Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreements with the Sheriff's Departments to provide security patrols and additional law enforcement presence.
- Partnered with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to maintain the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range and to provide a full-time Range Safety Officer.
- Funded materials for 11 volunteer work weekends where they installed metal guardrails; rehabilitated dispersed campsites and illegal trails; installed signs and trail blazes; cleaned out trail ditches and culverts; removed hazard trees; and protected archaeological sites and water quality at the Badin Lake OHV Trail Complex.
- Removed 40 old cement picnic tables and replaced with new, accessible picnic tables with \$20,000 and replaced the waterline distribution system at \$65,000 at the Tsalgi Campground.
- Upgraded the trail to walk-in campsites using timber barriers and graveled walkway at Cheoah Point Campground, and replaced all windows in the cabin with energy efficient, vinyl windows.
- Replaced plumbing fixtures, installed new roof and new LED lighting in beach bathhouse, replaced concrete walkway, installed new signage, replaced two pedestal fire grills and a new large pedestal fire grill for the picnic shelter at Jackrabbit Mountain Swim Beach.



*The Forests differ greatly in their geography and distinctive beauty, but share in common their unsurpassed recreation opportunities that millions of visitors experience and enjoy.*

## Regional Map



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$1,372,581	\$7,790,073
Special Uses	\$890,271	\$1,704,464
Interagency Passes	\$80,615	\$528,471
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,343,467</b>	<b>\$10,023,008</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,099,673	\$4,625,554
Visitor Services	\$489,498	\$1,400,284
Law Enforcement	\$14,771	\$180,257
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$304,256
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$55,183
Collections/Overhead	\$389,705	\$1,272,180
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,993,647</b>	<b>\$7,837,714</b>