

Cherokee National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2018

Keeping History Alive



Architects taking field measurements on the CCC-built arbor at Dam Creek

In order to preserve the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), the Forest is working with local environmental and architect companies to produce historical narratives, detailed drawings, and repair recommendations for seven CCC-built structures. Most of these 1930's structures are timber-framed picnic shelters. Others are an arbor at Dam Creek and a stone gazebo on the brim of Oswald Dome. This work, at a cost of \$52,000 of recreation fee funds, will help the Forest retain the sites' historical integrity when making repairs, and may make them eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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.



Bathroom Design Fix

Due to a design flaw, the Forest needed to replace the roofs on many bathhouses, and in 2018 focused on the roofs at Thunder Rock Campground and Chilhowee Recreation Area. This work entailed removing the existing metal roof and skylights, removing any damaged materials, patching the stained wood interior ceiling, installing new skylights, and installing new standing-seam metal roofs.

These new roofs, which cost \$101,000 in recreation fee funds, will prevent water leaks and structural damage for decades to come.



Bathroom of Chilhowee Recreation Area

In the Works

Horse Creek Recreation Area, located in the shadow of Cold Spring Mountain, offers picnicking, camping and many hiking opportunities. In 2018, the Forest committed \$65,000 in recreation fee funds for an early 2019 bathroom project that will reduce deferred maintenance and have the bathroom in good shape before the site opens.



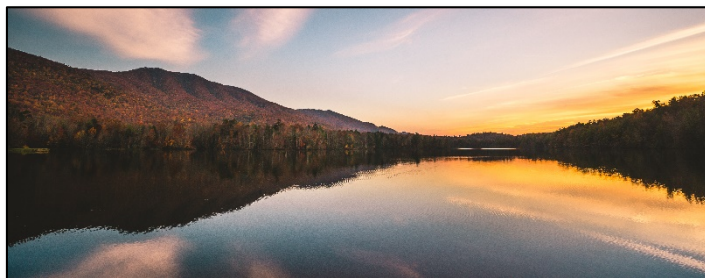
Horse Creek Recreation Area bathroom

Other Accomplishments

- Repaired lighting and moved power poles at Rat Branch Launch
- Removed hazard trees, mowed, trimmed, cleared brush and leaves, picked up litter, removed trash, pumped vault toilets, updated visitor information boards, and provided visitor assistance at developed recreation sites.
- Resurfaced campsites with gravel, installed signs, and maintained bathhouses, gates, culverts, RV sanitation stations and water systems
- Removed debris from boat ramp areas, maintained security lighting, stabilized shoreline and repaired courtesy docks.
- Tested water, removed debris from developed swim areas and beaches, stabilized shoreline, repaired swim lines and buoys and replenished sand as needed.
- Cleaned shooting range sites, replaced posts and wire used to hold targets and repaired vandalism.
- Supported several recreation special use events based at the Ocoee Whitewater Center and supported seasonal staff to deliver a popular snorkeling program.

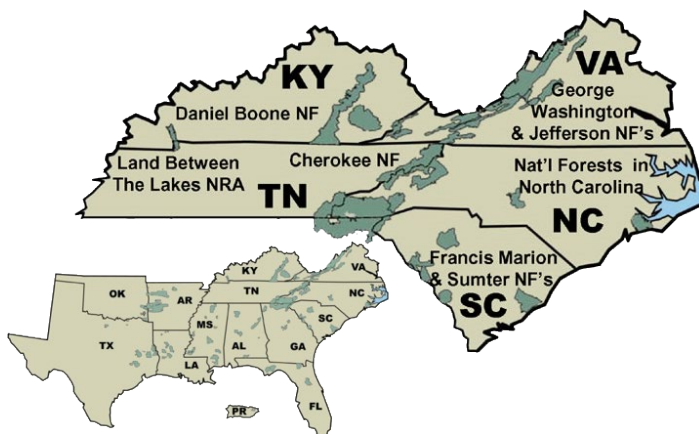


Fee revenue paid to restore the fishing point at Indian Boundary Lake, as well as rebuild several campsites following damage from a winter storm.



Indian Boundary Lake, Indian Boundary Recreation Area, Tellico Ranger District, Cherokee, National Forest

Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$868,681	\$6,854,330
Special Uses	\$19,482	\$1,210,993
Interagency Passes	\$16,540	\$248,638
Total	\$904,703	\$8,313,961
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$772,724	\$5,346,472
Visitor Services	\$103,937	\$2,390,812
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$231,504
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$211,682
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$69,907
Collections/Overhead	\$139,807	\$1,354,533
Total	\$1,016,468	\$9,604,908

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