

Daniel Boone National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2018

15 Miles of River Cleanup

The Red River Gorge Geological Area is noted for its outstanding recreation opportunities. Hallmarks of this area are the Red River and Swift Camp Creek.



Old tires are staged for collection along Swift Camp Creek

Seasonal rains periodically transform these tranquil waters into rushing streams capable of transporting large debris from headwaters that are outside the Forest boundaries. The Forest leveraged approximately \$5,000 in recreation fees, with the help of student interns from Eastern Kentucky University and local volunteers, to conduct four river cleanups resulting in tons of trash and debris being removed along 15 miles of watershed. This work also promotes conservation and natural resource stewardship among interns, volunteers and visitors.

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.



Clear Signs

Clear, accurate signs in the right places help visitors orient themselves, understand the setting and the rules of an area, and can greatly improve their recreation experience. This year, the Forest replaced and repaired over 150 defective or inaccurate signs at fee sites using about \$90,000 of recreation fee funds. These included a variety of directional, recreation site and regulatory signs, all made with durable, low maintenance materials.

Which significantly contributes to our goals of providing consistent and identifiable information for recreational visitors, in the most sustainable manner.



New low-maintenance sign placed at entry to Flatwoods Boat Ramp

Ramping it up



As one of the most popular recreation sites, boat ramps degrade from heavy use as well as harsh environmental conditions that constantly batter and erode their surfaces and foundations.

The Forest must continuously harden the edges of boat ramps to reduce erosion and ensure their long term safe service. This year, the Forest spent about \$11,000 in recreation fee fund to harden ramps on Laurel Lake. The funds leveraged inmate labor to prep, place, pour and finish concrete and rock work on the edges of the boat ramps and adjacent shore.

Other Accomplishments

- Fixed lighting issues at the boat ramps along Cave Run and Laurel Lakes.
- Refreshed accessible parking areas at boat ramps.



- Refaced berms and replaced sandbags at Keno Shooting Range.

- Replaced damaged concrete and the roof on the vault toilet at Natural Arch Scenic Area.

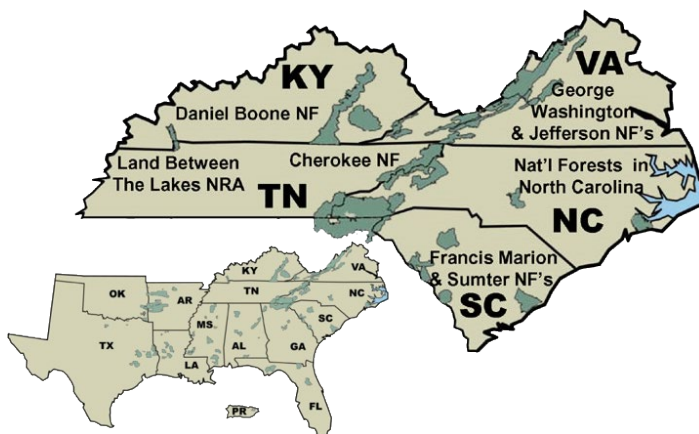


- Striped parking lots at Bee Rock Campground.
- Removed Emerald Ash Borer at Bee Rock Campground by treating 70 acres and removing hazard trees.
- Removed hazard trees at Barren Fork Horse Camp, in cooperation with Pine Knot Job Corps Urban Forestry Program.
- Repaired Bee Rock water line over the CCC bridge to restore water to the Laurel County side of the campground.
- Repaired Flatwoods vault toilet – patched and painted to repair vandalism from illegal shooting.
- Installed 3 seasonal bear-proof dumpsters to public boat ramps on Laurel Lake.



Natural Arch is located on the southern end of the Daniel Boone National Forest

Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$330,376	\$6,854,330
Special Uses	\$15,132	\$1,210,993
Interagency Passes	\$12,740	\$248,638
Total	\$358,247	\$8,313,961
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$137,677	\$5,346,472
Visitor Services	\$93,148	\$2,390,812
Law Enforcement	\$30,018	\$231,504
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$211,682
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$69,907
Collections/Overhead	\$61,798	\$1,354,533
Total	\$322,641	\$9,604,908

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