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George Washington and Jefferson National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2018

No More Leaks



The Sherando Lake Pavilion received a new shake roof

The Civilian Conservation Corps built a now iconic pavilion at Sherando Lake Recreation Area during the Depression. The pavilion houses a picnic shelter, interpretive book store, and a bathhouse. In 2018, the Forest repaired the pavilion's roof, while preserving the original style and materials, to prevent future damage. In addition, the Forest also replaced bathhouse roofs at Raccoon Branch and Stony Fork Campgrounds, and Trout Pond Recreation Area. Recreation fee revenue of \$136,000 funded all four roof replacements.

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.



Youth Project Work

The Great Appalachian Valley Conservation Corps completed a total of 1,180 hours to improve



developed recreation areas and local trails. The crew constructed accessible ramps, painted crosswalk parking areas, pressure washed buildings, cleaned out culverts, repaired and painted information kiosks and removed invasive plants. The Forest spent \$33,000 using a combination of recreation fee revenues and appropriated funding for supplies and youth stipends. The youth gained work experience as well as education regarding conservation and natural resource stewardship ethics.

All Hands for Flood Clean up

In 2018, heavy rain, wind and flooding swept through the forest and covered three recreation areas in mud and debris. Brandywine Lake, Elizabeth Furnace and Todd Lake all sustained damage to infrastructure, walkways, roads, culverts, and bridges. Two districts invited all employees to help with the repairs and clean up using \$6,500 of recreation fee funds.

Crews removed downed and damaged trees and mud from roads and parking lots. They also replaced gravel surfaces that had been washed away.

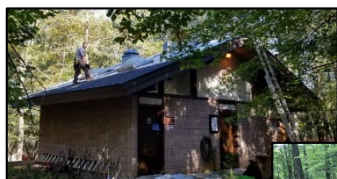


Other Accomplishments

- Installed bear-resistant trash cans at several campgrounds.
- Replaced rotten, broken and worn out components of picnic tables, signs, information boards, and fences at numerous recreation areas.
- Installed a recycling center at Trout Pond Recreation Area.
- Replaced crushed stone surfaces on campsites and walkways to improve accessibility.
- Replaced several cooking grills at North River, Brandywine Lake and Todd Lake Recreation Areas.
- Repaired and replaced electrical components including RV hookup pedestals, fuses, breakers, lights and light timers at several campgrounds.
- Repaired water system leaks and pumps at several sites.
- Installed new heaters at Cascade Falls restrooms.
- Repaired and retrofitted the fee tube at White Rocks Campground to prevent vandalism.



Angler enjoys a misty morning at Sherando Lake.

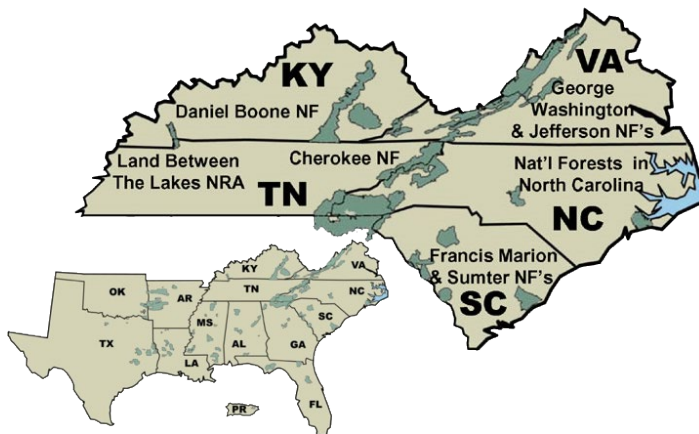


A new roof is installed at Trout Pond Recreation Area



Forest Service employee and volunteers apply new surface material to a campsite

Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$878,747	\$6,854,330
Special Uses	\$73,228	\$1,210,993
Interagency Passes	\$16,280	\$248,638
Total	\$968,256	\$8,313,961
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$325,580	\$5,346,472
Visitor Services	\$520,694	\$2,390,812
Law Enforcement	\$3,088	\$231,504
Habitat Restoration	\$1,995	\$211,682
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$69,907
Collections/Overhead	\$103,763	\$1,354,533
Total	\$955,119	\$9,604,908

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