

National Forests in Mississippi

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2018

Volleyball Time



Construction of Volleyball Court

Marathon Lake Recreation Area is a popular destination for visitors on the Bienville National Forest. Facilities include a campground, swimming area, boat launch and hiking trail. In response to visitor interest in playing volleyball, Forest Service employees and the campground host constructed a sand volleyball court. Approximately \$3,500 of recreation fees contributed to project materials.

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.



Safety at the Dock

Visitors enjoy fishing and boating on the 200 acre lake at Davis Lake Recreation Area. The Forest used \$17,000 of recreation fees to remove an old wooden dock and replaced it with an aluminum floating dock at the boat launch. The public can now load boats more easily and safely as the water rises and falls during normal lake fluctuation.



New aluminum, floating dock at Davis Lake Recreation Area, Tombigbee National Forest

Construction Volunteers

The Seabee Naval Construction Battalion provided 56 volunteer hours to assist the DeSoto National Forest with the construction and replacement of picnic tables, grills, and fire rings at Big Biloxi Recreation Area. The project provided construction experience that helps the battalion troops maintain their construction qualifications. The Forest contributed \$3,200 in fees for materials and supplies.



Picnic pavilion after construction assistance

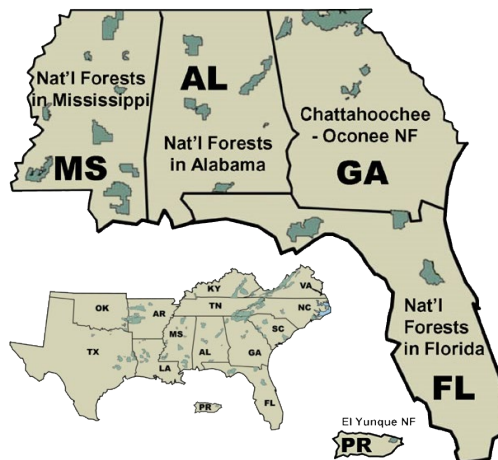
Other Accomplishments

- Repaired plumbing at Marathon Lake Recreation Area.
- Repaired water system at Turkey Fork Recreation Area.
- Reconstructed and enlarged two camp sites at Choctaw Lake Recreation Area.
- Improved beach at Choctaw Lake Recreation Area by repairing drainage, replacing swim area markers and boundary system, and reconstructing steps.
- Removed and replaced surface of fishing pier at Davis Lake Recreation Area.
- Contributed resources and labor to fisheries habitat improvement at Davis Lake Recreation Area and contributed fish for restocking at Choctaw Lake Recreation Area.
- Improved campsites at Chewalla Lake Recreation Area. Reconstructed sites using stone block construction, added gravel, installed campsite markers, replaced signs, and resurfaced picnic tables.
- Re-sanded beach and replaced swim area markers and boundary system at Chewalla Lake Recreation Area.
- Sprayed cogon grass outbreaks in the Ashe Lake Frisbee golf course.
- Repaired water leaks at Big Biloxi Recreation Area and Cypress Creek Landing.
- Repaired electrical system at Big Biloxi Recreation Area.
- Repaired fence at Okhissa Lake Recreation Area.
- Processed, administered, and monitored recreations events at Clear Springs Recreation Area.



Choctaw Lake Recreation Area, Tombigbee National Forest

Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$382,710	\$6,854,330
Special Uses	\$3,200	\$1,210,993
Interagency Passes	\$16,310	\$248,638
Total	\$402,220	\$8,313,961
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$205,320	\$5,346,472
Visitor Services	\$107,947	\$2,390,812
Law Enforcement	\$24,702	\$231,504
Habitat Restoration	\$10,834	\$211,682
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$69,907
Collections/Overhead	\$49,074	\$1,354,533
Total	\$397,877	\$9,604,908

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