

National Forests in Texas

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2018

Youth Make a Difference



American Youth Works from Texas Conservation Corps assisted the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas with a variety of important projects

with the help of about \$50,000 in recreation fee funds.

Projects included:

- Removed and installed new fire rings with associated concrete pads in campgrounds.
- Added 25 tons of gravel to campgrounds for erosion control.
- Installed new signs.
- Installed new barrier posts and erosion control structures in campgrounds.
- Painted picnic tables, bulletin boards, signs, pavilions and restrooms.
- Maintained numerous trails.

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.

New Floating Dock

Lake Crockett is a popular location for boating and fishing. It draws many visitors from the north Texas area as it is a premier lake for crappie fishing. The Forest installed a new floating boat dock at East Lake Crockett to replace one that had long needed repairs. The project cost \$19,000 in recreation fee funds.



Installation of new floating boat dock at East Lake Crockett.

Bathroom Improvements

The Davy Crockett National Forest replaced the women's bathhouse floor at the historic Ratcliff Lake Recreation Area. The previous floor had significant water damage. Crews removed the floor, replaced the sub-floor beam and joints, installed the new floor, and repainted the interior walls and stalls. The Forest used approximately \$28,000 in recreation fee funds.



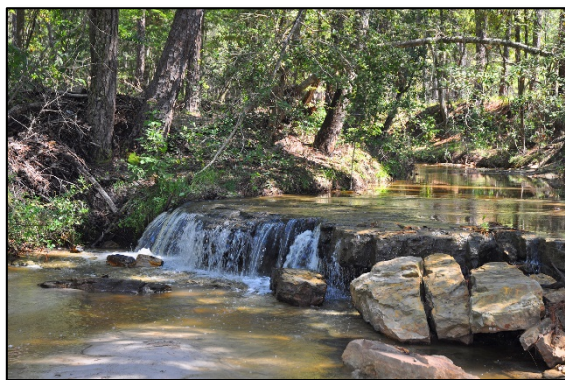
Ratcliff Lake, Davy Crockett National Forest bathhouse floor replacement.

Other Accomplishments

- Installed new campground entrance signs, fire rings, and hitching posts at equestrian campground.
- Installed new Pump replacement in campgrounds.
- Repaired waterlines in campgrounds.
- Completed annual water tank maintenance in campgrounds.
- Replaced hand dryers in restrooms.
- Repainted (re-striped) parking locations at developed recreation areas.
- Added additional rock in campground parking areas.
- Processed and monitored 27 recreation event special use permits.
- Provided visitors with information, maps, and pass sales.
- Removed overgrown vegetation in campgrounds.
- Cleaned and painted restrooms.



American Youth Works/Texas Conservation Corps installed 11 new fire rings with concrete pads at Black Creek Lake Recreation Area.



Boykin Creek Waterfall along the Sawmill Hiking Trail, Angelina National Forest

Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$486,615	\$6,854,330
Special Uses	\$5,060	\$1,210,993
Interagency Passes	\$18,733	\$248,638
Total	\$510,408	\$8,313,961
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$161,032	\$5,346,472
Visitor Services	\$281,070	\$2,390,812
Law Enforcement	\$1,000	\$231,504
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$211,682
Fee Agreements	\$52,000	\$69,907
Collections/Overhead	\$64,669	\$1,354,533
Total	\$559,771	\$9,604,908

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