



Chippewa National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

New Showers at Stony Point



New and improved Stony Point Shower Building

Just before the season opener, the forest completed renovation of the shower building at the Stony Point Campground on Leech Lake. Over \$100,000 in recreation fee dollars funded the project. The renovation features all new interior walls, ceiling, flooring and fixtures as well as new doors, roofing and exterior siding. This project included energy efficient upgrades to the lighting, ventilation, water filter and water heaters.

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 Vault Toilet Facility

The forest completed installation of four new vault toilets in the Norway Beach Recreation Area using about \$50,000 of recreation fee funds. One new toilet was installed in each of the four campgrounds within the area. These double toilets feature concrete pre-fab structures which are accessible and built to last.



New vault toilet at Norway Beach Recreation Area.

A New Look for Norway?

The forest is considering making significant changes at Norway Beach Recreation Area. Several campsites have little or no use and the existing waste water system needs replacing. In 2017 the forest developed a proposal to convert several campsites to group sites, replace the existing septic system, remove some campsites, install electric sites, and upgrade the bathroom and other facilities. While these proposed projects could take several years, the forest is hoping to begin implementation in 2018.

Campsite in Norway Beach Recreation Area



Other Accomplishments

- Installed new fire rings at Northstar Campground.
- Installed new picnic tables in several campgrounds
- Purchased two new aerators for the Norway Beach Waste Water Treatment Facility.
- Replaced dock at West Winnie Campground/Boat Access.
- Replaced dock at Dora Lake Campground.
- Removed hazardous trees throughout several campgrounds.
- Funded campground hosts and volunteers who helped maintain the forest's 21 campgrounds.
- Hosted Youth Conservation Corp and Conservation Corp of Minnesota-Iowa crews to assist with maintenance and project work at recreation fee sites.
- Provided seasonal recreation and environmental education services.



Sunset over campsite in the Norway Beach Area



Volunteer group from the local Lion's Club assisting the Forest with repairs at Mable Lake Campground site

Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$404,537	\$4,699,500
Special Uses	\$1,697	\$365,496
Interagency Passes	\$17,511	\$616,296
Total	\$423,745	\$5,681,293
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$132,704	\$3,450,421
Visitor Services	\$175,812	\$1,488,258
Law Enforcement	\$7,000	\$304,718
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$67,329
Fee Agreements	\$1,700	\$13,258
Collections/Overhead	\$133,651	\$835,990
Total	\$450,867	\$6,159,974

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