

Allegheny National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Ticket to Ride



Family enjoys the ATV trail use on the Allegheny National Forest. Photo used with permission.

Rocky Gap and Willow Creek motorized trails offer about 33 miles of one-way loop riding on graveled surfaces through dense forest. In 2015, the Forest cleared fallen trees and removed encroaching vegetation and other blockages. The Forest also repaired trail features that help with erosion control and water drainage. Finally, the Forest reshaped 138 miles of tread on these and other trails.

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Tango through the Trees

For the 10th year, the Forest hosted the Kinzua Country Tango Adventure Race. The race includes a half marathon, a 20-mile bike ride, a 2.2-mile swim across the Allegheny Reservoir, a 6-mile orienteering course, a 4.5-mile run, and a 10.2-mile canoe paddle down the Allegheny River. Special use permit administrators and Forest Protection

Officers help monitor event activities on forest.

Racers enjoy the beauty of the Allegheny.



Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$166,146
Special Uses	\$1,906
Interagency Passes	\$4,900
Total	\$172,952
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$154,168
Visitor Services	\$8,787
Law Enforcement	\$0
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$17,178
Total	\$180,133

*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenue.



Additional Accomplishments

Administered, monitored and supported the following events under special use permits:

- Super-Kwik half-marathon.
- Bi-annual Tour de Forest ATV ride.
- Over 15 fishing tournaments on Allegheny Reservoir.
- Running races sponsored by Forest County Snowmobile Club, Elk County Conservation District, Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the United Fund.
- Allegheny 100 Hiking Challenge
- Pennsylvania Firefly Festival
- Hunting field trials: Pennsylvania Field Trail Club for hunting dogs and Pennsylvania Game Commission's Youth Field Day.



Fishing on the Allegheny River



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Eastern Region Map



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Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$4,351,556
Special Uses	\$352,626
Interagency Passes	\$99,725
Total	\$4,803,908
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,414,372
Visitor Services	\$951,286
Law Enforcement	\$277,816
Habitat Restoration	\$55,400
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$259,288
Total	\$3,958,162

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Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

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Wider is Better



An ATV rider enjoys a fall ride on the newly upgraded Flambeau Motorized Trail near Pike Lake.

The Forest finished a five-year project to increase the width of Flambeau Motorized Trail. With the help of recreation fee revenue, the trail can now accommodate all-terrain (ATV) and utility-task (UTV) vehicles up to 65 inches. Previously this trail system was only open to motorized vehicles less than 50 inches. This trail system offers more than 70 miles of riding opportunities to ATV and UTV enthusiasts, and snowmobile riders during the winter.

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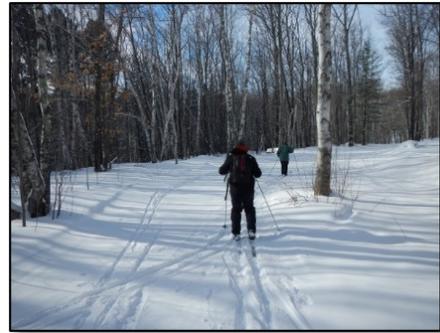
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A Quiet, Cold Trek

The Forest grooms and maintains cross-country ski trails at 13 winter recreation areas. In addition, several partners groom and maintain an additional five ski trails. Visitors enjoy these trails, as well as the back-country ski opportunities, available for all skill levels.



Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$626,264
Special Uses	\$4,208
Interagency Passes	\$7,965
Total	\$638,437
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$361,715
Visitor Services	\$13,840
Law Enforcement	\$26,363
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$26,362
Total	\$428,280

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Additional Accomplishments

- Operated and maintained 42 campgrounds and 66 day use sites removing hazard trees, repairing plumbing systems, re-painting, repairing and replacing bulletin boards, recreation and directional signs, sign posts and picnic tables as needed.
- Supported volunteer hosts at 15 sites who answered visitor questions, completed cleaning and maintenance tasks and enhanced security at campgrounds.
- Funded additional law enforcement patrols on holidays, weekends and evenings.
- Re-painted more than 20 campground restrooms inside and out.
- Rebuilt a set of stairs at Bear Lake Campground.
- Refurbished 10 informational kiosks.
- Installed new directional signs at key intersections of the Washburn Ranger District ATV trails.
- Strung and installed new swimming buoys at Lake Owen and Long Lake.
- Cleared brush and limbs around campsite pads to safely accommodate larger recreational vehicles.
- Tiled and replaced beach sand at Newman Beach.
- Replaced parking barriers and fences with maintenance free boulders at several locations.
- Replaced several fire rings to make them accessible.
- Installed a six-panel kiosk at Wintergreen trailhead.
- Groomed cross country ski trails at 13 ski areas,



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Chippewa National Forest

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New Access to Norway



A new gate and road address safety concerns for emergency egress at Norway Beach Recreation Area.

More access equals more safety ...

The Forest installed a new gate and opened a road, connecting to pre-existing road, into the Norway Beach Recreation Area. After a 2012 wind storm toppled many trees in the area, the Forest conducted an “after-action review”, which revealed the need to have alternative access

into Norway Beach, a large recreation site. These changes improve safety for visitors by providing secondary emergency access and exit points, which had previously been blocked. Recreation fee revenue provided \$3,500 for this project.

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A Nice Hot Shower

Stony Point Campground is on its way to getting a new shower building. The current building, shown below, has deteriorated on both the inside and out over the past several years. The Forest has drafted the plans for the new building and hopes to begin work during the summer of 2016.

Recreation fee revenue will provide about \$150,000 towards this project.



Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$401,927
Special Uses	\$675
Interagency Passes	\$3,630
Total	\$406,232
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$196,464
Visitor Services	\$29,864
Law Enforcement	\$10,101
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$55,263
Total	\$ 292,053

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Other Accomplishments

- Installed a new hand pump at the Onegume Campground.
- Completed GIS mapping for all developed campgrounds.
- Purchased and installed entry signs for the Norway Beach Recreation Area and Knutson Dam Campground.
- Purchased a new sewer holding tank for the Knutson Dam Campground host site.
- Purchased a double vault toilet for Cass Lake Campground.
- Funded campground hosts and volunteers who helped maintain the Forest's 21 campgrounds.
- Hosted a Youth Conservation Corps group as well as a National Hispanic Environmental Council crew during the summer.
- Helped provide seasonal recreation and environmental education services.



Fishing opener on the Chippewa

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Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests

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Better Outfits



Horses and riders take a break during a Burnt Hill Ride.

The Forest invested recreation fee revenue from special use events into an agreement with the University of Vermont to develop an Outfitter and Guide Needs Assessment for processing recreation event and outfitter/guide permits. The information will help the Forest better understand the public need for both events and outfitter and guide services.

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General Maintenance

The Forest maintained and repaired campgrounds and day use sites using recreation fee revenue.



Chittenden Brook campground during the summer

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$36,689
Special Uses	\$47,914
Interagency Passes	\$5,621
Total	\$90,224
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,571
Visitor Services	\$29,540
Law Enforcement	\$0
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$5,369
Total	\$37,480

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More Forest Photos



Chittenden Reservoir

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Hiawatha National Forest

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A Long And Sordid Launch History Turns Smooth

Au Train Lake is home to many resorts that attract thousands of boaters each summer. Au Train Lake boat launch offers the only public access to the lake for fisherman, sport boaters and duck hunters who often launch several pontoon-boat sized blinds into the lake.

The launch had been turning into more of a hazard than a help. Originally, the launch included metal planks from the road to the water launching. Those planks had deteriorated and started to catch in trailer axels. After those were removed, plastic mesh and two concrete slabs served as the launch, causing boaters to back down the asphalt onto gravel laid in front of the slabs, then navigate the two slabs. With steep dips on either side of the slabs and tires spinning once the boaters hit the gravel, this 'fix' created constant erosion and sedimentation into the lake.

Later the campground road was repaved. However, new asphalt significantly elevated the road, creating a significant drop where the asphalt ended and the concrete slab began.

Recreation fee revenue \$22,000 helped to address this long-standing issue by replacing concrete slabs with interlocking pavers and filling the drop-off section with cement. Appropriated funds of \$9,000 also contributed to this project.



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Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$62,944
Special Uses	\$8,070
Interagency Passes	\$2,990
Total	\$74,004
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$35,322
Visitor Services	\$6,227
Law Enforcement	\$384
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$3,446
Total	\$45,379

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Additional Accomplishments

- Conducted visitor education, resource protection, vehicle and boat maintenance, water testing and law enforcement at fee sites across the forest as needed.
- Maintained 58 dispersed campsites and two cabins, which included toilet cleaning and pumping, trash pick-up, water samples, hazard tree removal, painting, staining, pruning low hanging branches along roads, replacing signs and posters, and chimney cleaning.
- Replaced fire rings where needed.
- Cut and hauled 10 cords of firewood to Tom’s Lake cabin and replaced two screens.
- Continued public education efforts to prevent the spread of NNIS Eurasian Watermilfoil at Steuben Lake.
- Reprinted information booklets for Grand Island.
- Purchased a bear-proof garbage can, and a new bulletin board and large map for a campground.



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Huron Manistee National Forest

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New Wildflower Boardwalk



Loda Lake National Wildflower Sanctuary Boardwalk before and after improvements.

The Forest replaced Loda Lake National Wildflower Sanctuary Boardwalk with support from the Michigan Garden Club, volunteers and 21st Century Conservation Corps labor. The Garden Club contributed \$10,000 for the materials to rebuild the boardwalk. Conservation Corps members removed the old boardwalk and volunteers built the new boardwalk. Recreation fee revenue provided \$9,300 for dumpster fees, swamp pans and employee labor.

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When You Gotta Go

While it may lack beauty and grace, a new septic tank for the host campsite at the Mack Lake ORV Campground will make a big difference. Camp hosts remain onsite during the operating season to assist with operations and management. An operational septic system will bring a little comfort to high quality hosts who both love off-roading and helping others.

New septic system before it is covered with dirt and landscaping.



Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$452,841
Special Uses	\$57,626
Interagency Passes	\$12,585
Total	\$523,053
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$268,775
Visitor Services	\$185,096
Law Enforcement	\$26,873
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$60,420
Total	\$541,164

*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenue.

Other Accomplishments

Developed Recreation

- Maintained nearly 25 boating and fishing access sites, 16 campgrounds, six camping areas, two horse camps, seven day use sites and 12 trailheads.
- Worked with the state of Michigan to prevent the spread of oak wilt at developed recreation sites.
- Provided additional security patrols in heavily used areas through agreements with eight agencies.
- Improved accessible toilet facilities by replacing roofs and vents at Round Lake and Rollways campgrounds.
- Installed new interpretive signs at Lake Michigan Recreation Area.
- Repaired boat launch at Jewell Lake.

Outfitting and Guiding

- Administered 58 outfitter and guide permits on four Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Volunteers and Partners

- Supported four interns with the Student Conservation Association who provided visitor education at sensitive sites. Recreation fee revenue of \$22,400 leveraged \$34,168.
- Partnered with North Country Trail Association volunteers who provided 779 hours (valued at \$17,972) to maintain a portion of the North Country National Scenic Trail.



A beautiful day on the Manistee river.

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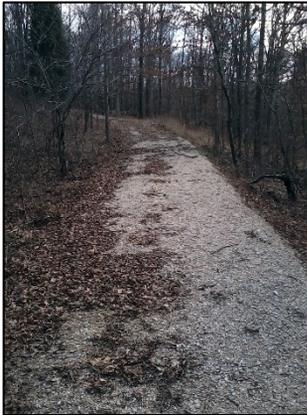
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Hoosier National Forest

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New Birds Eye Trail



The new section of Birds Eye trail required 900 tons of gravel to lift it off of low wet areas.

The Birds Eye trail offers over 11 miles horse riding, mountain biking or hiking through scenic hardwood forest. In 2015, the Forest constructed about 2 miles of new trail to bypass a wet, muddy, and eroded area. The new portion of trail includes 15 rolling dips and involved over 900 tons of gravel and a culvert to protect surrounding lands. Recreation fee revenue of \$10,000 enabled this project.

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Diverting Erosion

A heavy storm demolished a short portion of the Springs Valley Trail and washed out three culverts. Recreation fee revenue leveraged Youth Conservation Corps muscle and energy to repair the culverts using rip-rap, gravel, and rock walls.



A new culvert is firmly in place.

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$90,221
Special Uses	\$6,372
Interagency Passes	\$3,790
Total	\$100,383
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$18,439
Visitor Services	\$34,884
Law Enforcement	\$2,137
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$14,776
Total	\$70,236

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Additional Accomplishments

Trail Operations and Maintenance

- Logged out 187.5 miles
- Mowed 130.1 miles
- Repaired .2 miles of the Youngs Creek multiple use trail with the help of the Hoosier Backcountry Horsemen.

Special Uses

- Outfitter and Guide permittees were checked for compliance, Forest Service personnel were funded with recreation fee funds.



The Tipsaw trail now has a sturdy and dry tread on a section that traverses a low wet area.

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Mark Twain National Forest

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From Bridges to Culverts



New culvert at Chadwick Motorcycle and ATV Area

The Forest replaced two bridges with culverts in Chadwick Motorcycle and ATV Area. The culverts are much less expensive and meet the same objective of allowing motorized vehicle to cross over, rather than in, the intermittent water flow. Recreation fee revenue along with 'legacy roads' and trails funding covered the project costs. In addition, the Forest partnered with AmeriCorps St. Louis to help provide labor.

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Connecting the Trails

The Forest finished connecting existing ATV trails within the at Sutton Bluff ATV and Motorcycle Trail System. The connectors greatly increase safety by enabling riders to use ATV trails rather than paved roads. In addition, the Forest constructed a new trailhead to provide ample, safe, parking for riders with vehicles and trailers of all sizes.

Recreation fee revenue along with a Recreation Trails Program grant and Youth Conservation Corp crew enabled this project.



Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$164,389
Special Uses	\$22,370
Interagency Passes	\$7,160
Total	\$193,919
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$26,824
Visitor Services	\$59,958
Law Enforcement	\$1,076
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$9,596
Total	\$97,454

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Other Accomplishments

- Supported volunteer hosts at eight recreation areas. These volunteers greeted and assisted visitors cleaned toilets and sites, picked up litter, mowed grass to reduce visitor contact with ticks, insects, and venomous snakes, and improved site security.
- Maintained quality recreation experiences through routine services such as mowing, trash collection, cleaning, vault toilet and septic tank pumping, minor building repairs, and utility payment.
- Removed hazard trees and limbs removal, tested drinking and swim water, and purchased playground inspection equipment.
- Provided additional Forest Service law enforcement patrols for public safety and assistance, including emergency medical services on busy weekends.
- Removed fallen trees, repaired and/or installed drainage structures, repaired eroded trail tread, fixed bridges, and installed signs on trails.



Red Bluff on the Mark Twain



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Monongahela National Forest

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Clean, Clear Signs



The Summit Lake sign was restored, a \$3,000 savings over purchasing a new sign..

Visitors to the Forest will see about 20 new signs posted throughout recreation areas. Where possible, the Forest restored signs to save costs. Visitors will find these new or restored signs at sites, postings for bear country or on bulletin boards.

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Storing the Right Stuff

The host at Summit Lake Campground now has better access to tools, equipment supplies to maintain the site thanks to a new shed provided with the help recreation fee revenue.



Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$202,153
Special Uses	\$29,986
Interagency Passes	\$3,614
Total	\$235,754
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$12,921
Visitor Services	\$3,838
Law Enforcement	\$0
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$4,354
Total	\$21,113

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Other Accomplishments

Developed Recreation

- Maintained quality recreation experiences on the Forest through routine services such as mowing, trash collection, cleaning, vault toilet and septic tank pumping, minor building repairs, and utility payment.
- Removed over 55 hazard trees and tested drinking water.
- Provided additional law enforcement patrols for public safety and assistance.

Outfitting and Guiding

- Ensured that the sites or areas used by guides are well-maintained and improved, that guides follow the terms of their permits and that illegal guiding does not occur.



Overlooking the Monongahela National Forest

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Total	\$4,803,908
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$2,414,372
Visitor Services	\$951,286
Law Enforcement	\$277,816
Habitat Restoration	\$55,400
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$259,288
Total	\$3,958,162

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Ottawa National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Another Great Day at Camp Onji-Akiing



The Ottawa National Forest and Great Lakes Indian Fish Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) hosted the 8th annual Camp Onji-Akiing (meaning “From the Earth”) at Lake Nesbit Summer Camp. Nesbit offers bunk houses, kitchens and numerous activities for group use with about \$21,000 in recreation fee revenue invested yearly. The summer camp is designed as a hands-on outdoor learning opportunity for tribal youth to build leadership skills and environmental stewardship. Fifty-five students and six junior counselors participated in the 5-day residential camp, which focuses on natural resources, environmental

sciences, and Native American treaty rights. A high-ropes course helped students face challenges and overcome obstacles, while a low-ropes course fostered teamwork. Forest Service and GLIFWC staff offered sessions on aquatic ecology, fisheries, wildlife, archery, cultural exploration, native plants workshops and swimming. Over 30 Forest Service and GLIFWC employees shared their time and talents to create a learning and supportive environment, which challenged campers to try new things while learning more about themselves and others.



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Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$107,154
Special Uses	\$3,242
Interagency Passes	\$2,210
Total	\$112,607
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$26,723
Visitor Services	\$10,383
Law Enforcement	\$275
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$4,152
Total	\$41,533

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Other Accomplishments

Developed Sites

- Cleaned/pumped toilets and provided supplies.
- Collected and removed trash.
- Monitored and maintained water systems.
- Maintained security lighting.
- Cleaned and maintained bathhouses.
- Supported law enforcement.

Cabin Rentals

- Cleaned cabins approximately 16 times.
- Supplied propane, firewood, cleaning supplies, first aid.
- Cleaned and maintained firearm and archery ranges.
- Provided insect control spraying and inspections
- Accomplished kitchen/eating facility licensing and health inspections.

Special Uses

- Issued 18 outfitting and guide permits.
- Monitored all areas for illegal outfitting and guiding.



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Eastern Region Map



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Shawnee National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Containing Electricity



Pounds Hollow is a 25-acre campground and day use area, tucked among the Shawnee Hills, that provides opportunities to fish, swim and hike. Built in the 1940s, this site includes a lakeside picnicking and a fishing pier. The Civilian Conservation Corps hand cut the sand stone foundation of the large picnic shelter, which overlooks the beach. In 2015, the Forest provided a protective enclosure for an electric service panel that services loop three of the campground.

Recreation Fee Dollars

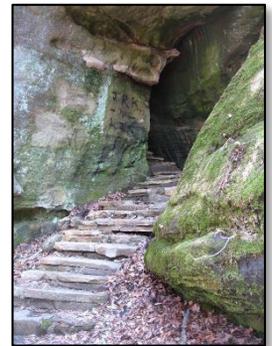
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Stay Tuned

The Shawnee National Forest collects minimal recreation fees each year, so has been saving these funds in order to accomplish more substantial projects. The Forest plans to improve Pine Ridge Campground in the Pounds Hollow Recreation Area and at Johnson Creek Campground by improving RV access and making potable water available and in campground loops.



*Rim Rock
National
Recreation Trail*

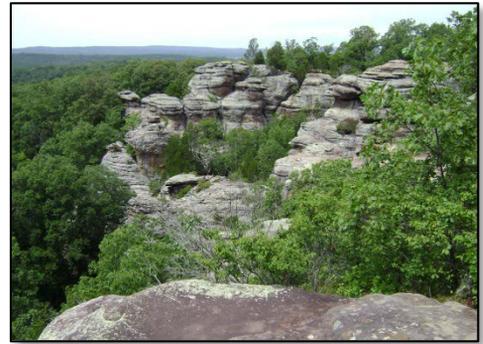
Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$28,573
Special Uses	\$7,000
Interagency Passes	\$1,231
Total	\$36,803
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$79
Visitor Services	\$123
Law Enforcement	\$0
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$0
Total	\$201

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Images From the Forest



Garden of the Gods

*Above and
at right:
Pounds
Hollow
Recreation
Area*



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Eastern Region Map



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Superior National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Daniels Lake Campsite Restoration



A crew of five restore a campsite landing and steep/eroded embankment.

A wilderness crew spent four days restoring a campsite landing and

embankment using recreation fee revenue. They used a winch, rock slings and rock bars to transport several tons of rock to stabilize a section of steep shoreline. They also installed a series of rock checks from the canoe landing leading to the main campsite area. Rock steps with check dams fortify the bank and will naturalize quickly. The wilderness ranger and volunteers used a canoe to transport the rock from sources down shore of the campsite.

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Mushers Help Restore Cabins

The Forest partnered with Voyageur Outward Bound to have dog sled teams haul cabin roofing materials to remote locations. While out, the teams also connect with winter outfitters and guides, and visitors who enjoy learning about mushing. Since 1992, mushers have not only hauled heavy materials such as latrines and fire grates over the snow, but they enable access to remote lakes.



Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,152,261
Special Uses	\$46,799
Interagency Passes	\$7,990
Total	\$1,207,050
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$720,213
Visitor Services	\$194,031
Law Enforcement	\$166,206
Habitat Restoration	\$55,400
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$0
Total	\$1,135,850

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Additional Accomplishments

- Inventoried and maintained designated campsites, removed hazard trees, restored canoe landings and tents pads, and maintained and replaced wilderness latrines and fire grates.
- Cleared brush and repaired trail tread, bridges, boardwalk and drainage structures, rehabilitated and dismantled illegal structures/features.
- Monitored, inventoried, treated and provided education on non-native invasive plants and other terrestrial and aquatic exotic species.
- Provided visitor information and assistance, conducted summer and winter patrols, issued wilderness permits.
- Supported law enforcement activities and agreements, and search and rescue operations.
- Administered 134 permits for guided activities such as fishing, canoeing, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, hunting, and dog sledding.



Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness

Field crews assess trees at designated campsites and remove those that pose a hazard to visitors.



Eastern Region Map



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Wayne National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Avoiding a Detour



Dorr Run ATV Trail reconnected through a box culvert under the new U.S. Highway 33

The Forest constructed and reconnected a section of motorized trail that was severed by construction of the U.S. Highway 33 Bypass around Nelsonville, Ohio. Recreation fee revenue of \$1,000 helped secure a \$15,000 partnership agreement with Hocking College. The remaining \$14,000 for this agreement came from a Recreational Trails Program grant. The October 2015 edition of American Motorcyclist magazine featured this outstanding project.

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Volunteers Matter

Local volunteers and a work crew from STAR Community Justice Center, a local correctional facility, worked with the Forest to repair a low water crossing on a horse trail at Lake Vesuvius. Recreation fee revenue purchased the materials and supplies. Volunteers and employees hardened the crossing and approaches to prevent horses from sinking in the mud and to prevent soil compaction and erosion.



Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$303,079
Special Uses	\$346
Interagency Passes	\$3,680
Total	\$307,105
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$325,922
Visitor Services	\$29,742
Law Enforcement	\$21,076
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$15,924
Total	\$392,664

*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenue.



Other Accomplishments

Developed Recreation Areas

- Completed routine maintenance at eight campgrounds, four picnic areas, a swim area, and 26 trailheads. Activities included mowing, trash collection, site and facility cleaning, vault toilet and septic tank pumping, installing signs, staining of observation decks and gazebos, minor building repairs, and providing security patrols.
- Enhanced public safety through hazard tree and limb removal and beach water testing.

Trails

- Maintained 148 miles of motorized trail and 268 miles of non-motorized trail. Activities included the removing downed trees, repairing and/or installing water diversion structures and culverts, repairing eroded trail tread, installing signs and trail markers and providing security patrols.



A newly stained observation deck at Leith Run Recreation Area.



Lake Vesuvius

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White Mountain National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

Better Trail to Rumney



Completed trail at Rumney Rocks.

Rumney Rocks Climbing Area is a world renowned sport rock climbing area that draws climbers from all over the world due to the challenge offered by the sheer number of most difficult routes. Due to the layout of the climbing area's two parking lots, climbers could not access the crags without walking on the edge of a curvy, busy road. Recreation fee revenue along with appropriated dollars, addressed the concern by funding a foot trail alongside the road to connect the parking lots. This accessible trail has greatly improved both climbers' and the drivers' safety.

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Busy Year Requires Work

In 2015, more visitors than ever came to the White Mountain National forest. Recreation fee revenue benefited many sites and services such as 17 day use areas, five cabin/pavilion rentals and 44 trailheads. These funds paid for items like mowing, trash collection, cleaning restrooms, vault toilet and septic tank pumping, and plowing in winter. They also enhanced public safety through hazard tree removal, drinking water testing, and

assisting visitors in emergency situations.



Many trailheads were full in 2015.

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$556,912
Special Uses	\$116,113
Interagency Passes	\$23,880
Total	\$696,904
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$264,236
Visitor Services	\$266,734
Law Enforcement	\$23,325
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$42,089
Total	\$596,384

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Additional Accomplishments

- Installed kiosks and new signs at recreation sites, repaired stone sign bases at six sites.
- Collaborated with a partner to provide interpretation at two historic sites.
- Supported outfitter guiding by ensuring that the sites or areas used by guides are well-maintained and improved, and that guides follow the terms of their permits. Guided opportunities on the Forest include hiking, winter mountaineering, rock and ice climbing.
- Hosted 16 recreation events from triathlons to hiking and bicycling events.
- Staffed six visitor centers and made personal contact with over 100,000 visitors.
- Presented or facilitated Conservation Education events attended by over 1000 participants through forums such as the Young Ranger Program, Woods in Winter, interpretive programs at schools and campgrounds, and guided interpretive hikes.



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