



National Forests of North Carolina

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2015

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Developed Recreation



Cradle of Forestry offers glimpses into the early 1900s

Recreation fees supported 29 campgrounds, group camps, lodges and cabins; 26 day use areas including swim beaches, OHV trailheads, whitewater rafting put-ins and take-outs, and shooting ranges; and one major visitor center. Work included mowing; collecting trash; providing clean and well-maintained facilities; treating and testing water and wastewater; providing on-site utilities; replacing damaged and worn tables, grills, fire rings and other site furnishings; rehabilitating camp and picnic sites; upgrading signage; and removing hazard trees.

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 will benefit as 80-95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

Trails

Recreation fee revenue leveraged funds and volunteer support for a variety of trail projects including step construction at Whiteside Mountain, a trail re-route at Wayehutta, new crushed rock on trails at Brown Mountain and major work at Badin Lake OHV Trail Complex. Volunteers worked 11 weekends at Badin Lake to install metal guardrails, rehabilitate dispersed

campsites and illegal trails, install signs, paint trail blazes, clean-out trail ditches, and remove hazard trees.



Uwharrie National Recreation Trail

Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$1,358,082
Special Uses	\$674,852
Interagency Passes	\$19,746
Total	\$2,052,680
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$934,774
Visitor Services	\$248,794
Law Enforcement	\$24,972
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$211,338
Total	\$1,419,878

*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.

Additional Accomplishments

- Provided on-site hosts at many sites.
- Provided lifeguards and resurfaced the observation deck at Sliding Rock.
- Provided parking tenders at the Nantahala River take-outs during peak weekends.
- Hosted thousands of visitors at the annual Roan Mountain Rhododendron Festival, which included staffing the Roan Garden Interpretative Center, and providing traffic control.
- Installed a generator at Roan Garden Interpretive Center to back up the solar powered system.
- Provided 19 special events with over 5,000 participants at Cradle of Forestry.
- Supported shooting range projects in partnership with the State and others, which included a range safety officer at Flintlock Valley, restroom rehabilitation at Dirty John, and major effort at Panther Top. Panther Top involved constructing and maintaining target stands, raking all shooting lanes, and removing all user-generated debris like casings, shotgun wads and hulls and target fragments.
- Replaced baseboard heaters with central heat and air system at Balsam Lake Lodge.



Rafters now have electricity for filling boats and a gathering spot at Beechertown put-in.



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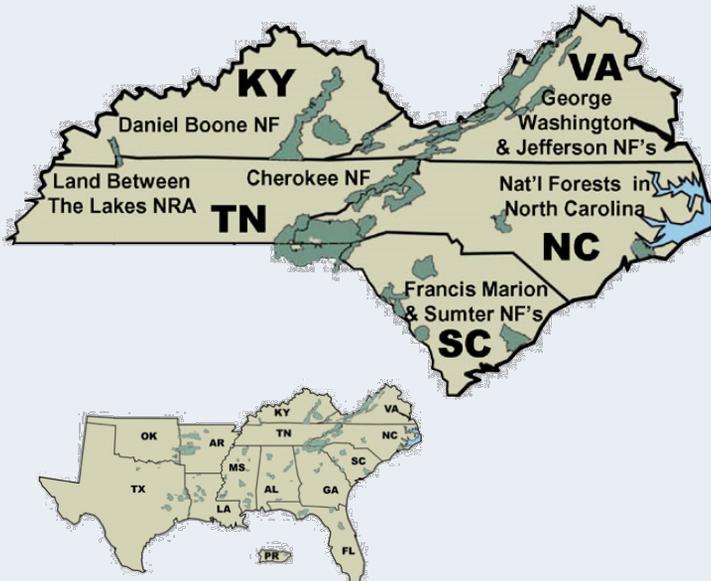
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Southern Region Map



Regional Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$7,145,209
Special Uses	\$1,069,860
Interagency Passes	\$134,379
Total	\$8,349,448
Expenditures	Amount
Repair & Maintenance	\$4,645,190
Visitor Services	\$1,200,213
Law Enforcement	\$189,584
Habitat Restoration	\$1,256
Fee Agreements	\$0
Cost of Collections	\$667,560
Total	\$6,703,803

*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.