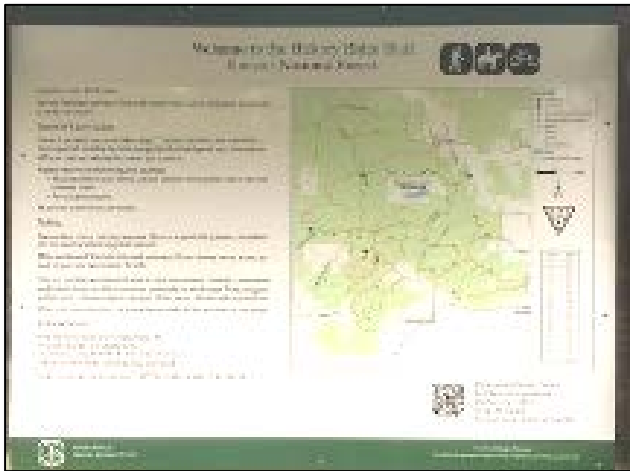




Hoosier National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

New Trailhead Kiosks



Recreation fee dollars, estimated at \$1,000, helped replace five trailhead kiosk signs which are now installed at all trailheads and campgrounds. Information displayed on each sign includes: trail mileage, trail location, topographical data, and forest rules.

Better Trails for Users

The Oriole Trail System consists of 13.7 miles of multiple use trail located near Sulphur, Indiana. The trail is split into East and West segments which feature scenic hardwoods throughout. The forest used about \$1,100 of recreation fee funds to purchase 120 tons of gravel to reinforce tread on a segment of the trail.

This trail is used by hikers, horseback riders, and mountain biking. The trails wander through scenic hardwood forests, creek bottoms, and a lake. The Oriole Trail System can be accessible year-round.



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.

Beautiful Recreation Opportunities



Sundance Lake

Other Accomplishments

- Cleared approximately 112 miles, and mowed approximately 130 miles of multiple use trails.
- Installed 20 rolling dips at German Ridge, Lick Creek, Birdseye, and Mogan East Trails.
- Placed 60 tons of gravel on Mogan East Trail, 20 tons at Birdseye Trail, 40 tons at D-Trail, and 60 tons at Hickory Ridge Trail System.
- Replaced one culvert at Springs Valley with five tons of riprap.
- Purchased carsonite posts for trail marker replacements.
- Patrolled multiple use trails checking for compliance of trail use rules and regulations.
- Monitored outfitter and guide field operations.



Lake Monroe



Treetop view from the Hickory Ridge Lookout Tower, which overlooks the Charles C. Deam Wilderness.

Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

| Revenue* | Forest | Region |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Recreation Fees | \$77,092 | \$4,699,500 |
| Special Uses | \$2,409 | \$365,496 |
| Interagency Passes | \$28,960 | \$616,296 |
| Total | \$108,461 | \$5,681,293 |

| Expenditures | Forest | Region |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Repair & Maintenance | \$51,689 | \$3,450,421 |
| Visitor Services | \$6,120 | \$1,488,258 |
| Law Enforcement | \$4,440 | \$304,718 |
| Habitat Restoration | \$0 | \$67,329 |
| Fee Agreements | \$4,519 | \$13,258 |
| Collections/Overhead | \$6,343 | \$835,990 |
| Total | \$73,111 | \$6,159,974 |