



Wayne National Forest

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2017

New Horse Trails



New trail construction on the Kinderhook Horse Trail

The forest constructed almost ten miles of horse trails horse trails in Washington and Monroe Counties. In Washington County, 4.4 miles of new trail were added to the Kinderhook Horse Trail system, resulting in two new loops that increase riding opportunities for visitors. The Washington County Chapter of the Ohio Horseman’s Council and volunteer assistance provided \$5,000 in matching funds to purchase stone for the Kinderhook Horse Trail extension. In Monroe County, 5.3 miles of trail were constructed to create the new Plainview Horse Trail system, in partnership with the Monroe County Chapter of the Ohio Horseman’s Council and volunteers. Approximately \$50,000 was leveraged with annual federal funds and partnership contributions for this project.

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.

OHV Trails Hardened



Volunteers clearing trees off trails

The forest offers visitors access to over 60 miles of motorized trails and 45 miles of horse trails. Annually, fees from trail permit sales, along with volunteers and partners, are leveraged to help keep these trails in good condition. In 2017, recreation fees were used to purchase a new kiosk at an ATV trailhead, trail maintenance supplies such as gravel and permeable pavers, and trail junction signs.

With the help of volunteers, these items were installed on the trails to protect it against erosion and improve visitors’ riding experience.

Reducing Old Maintenance Costs

One of three new vault toilets installed at Burr Oak Cove Campground



The forest spent \$90,000 in recreation fees to address health and safety issues at Burr Oak Cove Campground. The funds were used to replace three vault toilets and decommission one vault toilet at this campground. Through cost saving efforts, the Forest was also able to replace the vault toilet at Stone Church Horse Campground with the funds. This project helped reduce \$88,722 of deferred maintenance at recreation sites in Athens and Perry Counties.

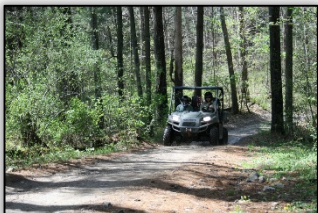
Other Accomplishments

Operated and maintained recreation sites and trailheads. Services include:

- Mowing grass
- Cleaning restrooms
- Trash collection
- Removing hazard trees
- Improving signs and kiosks
- Making facility repairs
- Providing security patrols

Provided visitor services at the Wayne National Forest Visitor Center. Services include:

- Responding to visitor requests and questions
- Selling trail permits and America Beautiful Passes
- Distributing information, brochures, rackcards, and maps to visitors



Riders on a maintained section of the Monday Creek Motorized Trail System

Leveraged trail grant funds along with partnership and volunteer contributions to reroute trails. The forest completed routine maintenance on 143 miles of motorized trails and 121 miles of non-motorized trails. 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.



Overlooking pond at Lamping Homestead Campground

Regional Map



Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$383,498	\$4,699,500
Special Uses	\$531	\$365,496
Interagency Passes	\$34,400	\$616,296
Total	\$418,428	\$5,681,293
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$306,115	\$3,450,421
Visitor Services	\$13,989	\$1,488,258
Law Enforcement	\$11,823	\$304,718
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$67,329
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$13,258
Collections/Overhead	\$12,945	\$835,990
Total	\$344,872	\$6,159,974

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