



# National Forests in Alabama

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

## Gather Family and Friends



*A new metal roof on Lake Chinnabee Group Picnic Shelter*

The Lake Chinnabee Recreation Area is a peaceful getaway for visitors who enjoy hiking, picnicking and fishing. This site received some much needed upgrades. The forest installed a new metal roof on the group picnic pavilion, repaired several picnic tables and installed a new swing set in the play area. Additionally, the forest installed metal roofs on three information boards. These projects were completed using \$7,500 in recreation fee funds.

## 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.



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## Facility Improvement

The forest replaced an old bathhouse building at Open Pond Day Use Area and a flush toilet facility at the Eastside Campground in the Payne Lake Recreation Area. Both buildings were built back in the 1960's and needed work. The forest demolished the buildings and replaced them with new vault toilets. The Open Pond Day Use Area received a double vault toilet and along with new sidewalks, bollards and a disabled parking pad. The Eastside Campground received a single vault toilet. Additional work including grading, removal of dead trees and brush were completed after the installation. A combined cost of \$62,800 in recreation fee dollars funded both projects.



*New double vault toilet at Open Pond Day Use Area*

## Lakeside Recreation Awaits

*Refurbished fishing piers at the Open Pond Recreation Area*



*Shoreline Vegetation Treatment at Payne Lake Recreation Area*

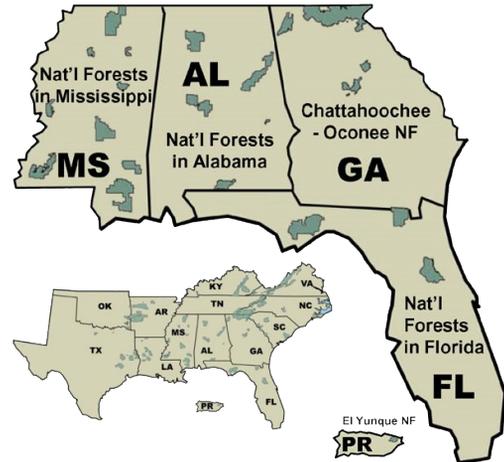
## Other Accomplishments

- Maintained all fee sites: cleaned toilets and bathrooms, mowed lawns, picked up and disposed litter and trash.
- Repaired and replaced sections of the main and secondary waterlines into the Open Pond Recreation Area to reduced breakages and leaks.
- Conducted routine law enforcement operations and investigations associated with fee sites across the forest.
- Demolished and removed the old fishing pier at Buck Pond. The fishing pier had deteriorated over the years and created a hazard to users due to exposed nails and deteriorated substructure, decking and handrails.
- Pressure washed the exterior of toilets, sidewalks, bath houses and other structures at fee sites.
- Treated 20 acres of shoreline along Payne Lake with herbicide to reduce vegetation growth and increase available access points to the lake providing more opportunities for fishing.
- Repaired wooden shooting tables, posts and seating at South Sandy, Vick, Uchee, Shepherds Branch and Hurricane Creek Shooting Granges.
- Replaced recreation site identification signage, credit lines and Forest Service shields at Hurricane Creek shooting range, Brushy Creek Recreation Area, Owl Creek Trailhead, Pine Creek Trailhead and the Sipsev Trailhead and Day Use Area on the Bankhead National Forest.



*Devil's Den Falls situated on the Chinnabee Silent Trail*

## Regional Map



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$258,160	\$6,834,733
Special Uses	\$4,844	\$1,202,835
Interagency Passes	\$13,940	\$260,301
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$276,944</b>	<b>\$8,297,869</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$266,171	\$5,140,065
Visitor Services	\$22,913	\$2,599,856
Law Enforcement	\$12,772	\$220,175
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$146,506
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$40,461
Collections/Overhead	\$0	\$1,322,238
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$301,856</b>	<b>\$9,469,301</b>

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\*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and upcoming startup costs.