

# Kisatchie National Forest

## Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

### Beneficial Partnerships



*Sugarcane Trail bridge*

The forest continued their valuable partnership with American Youth Works from the Louisiana and Texas Conservation Corps. Using approximately \$76,500 in recreation fee funds the forest completed the following projects:

- Installed signage at recreation sites and trails.
- Removed and installed new picnic tables and fire rings in campgrounds.
- Painted buildings and boards at recreation sites and trailheads.
- Removed and replaced old bridges on trails.
- Maintained and cleared trails.

### 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.



### Helpful Information



*Forest information signs*

A well signed and marked recreation area helps to orient and provide information to visitors. Recreation staff continued to focus on improving signage, trail markers and information boards throughout the forest. This will help ensure visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience while exploring the many trails and recreation areas the forest has to offer.

### Camping Opportunities



*Site furnishings were replaced at Beaverdam Campground*

The Beaverdam Campground is situated on the shores of Upper Caney Lake and located in a beautiful setting among the wooded hills. Visitors to this site enjoy swimming, boating and fishing. In 2019, the forest upgraded each campsite by replacing all of the dilapidated site furnishings and installing new picnic tables and fire rings. Recreation fee funds in the amount of \$25,000 covered the cost of the project.

## Other Accomplishments

- Operated and maintained four day-use areas, four multiple use trail systems, ten associated trailheads, 14 developed campgrounds and four developed boat ramps.
- Removed hazard trees, pumped vault toilets and septic tanks and cleaned facilities.
- Completed minor facility and site repairs.
- Patrolled recreation sites and trail systems for safety and compliance.
- Initiated and continued community law enforcement agreements for visitor and resource safety and protection.
- Repaired boat ramps and constructed foot bridges.



*Kisatchie Bayou Scenic River*

## Regional Map



*Hiking bridge replacement*



*Beaverdam Campsite with new furnishings*

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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$215,710	\$6,834,733
Special Uses	\$1,618	\$1,202,835
Interagency Passes	\$14,580	\$260,301
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$231,908</b>	<b>\$8,297,869</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$341,067	\$5,140,065
Visitor Services	\$5,662	\$2,599,856
Law Enforcement	\$8,493	\$220,175
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$146,506
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$40,461
Collections/Overhead	\$22,648	\$1,322,238
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$377,870</b>	<b>\$9,469,301</b>

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