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George Washington and Jefferson National Forests

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2019

Beneficial Partnerships

The forest worked closely with a number of partnerships to help with maintenance and operations of several recreation areas. The Spearhead Trails secured a campground host, repaired plumbing, repaired a small dam and assisted with all startup and shut down procedures at Cave Springs Campground. At High Knob Day Use Area, individuals from four partner organizations performed site improvements. Six students from the Flatwoods Job Corps Center prepared Cane Patch Campground and Phillips Creek picnic area for the 2019 recreation season. The Forest plans to build on these partnership projects in 2020.



The High Knob Lake Trail displays a view of the dam that creates a scenic lake and waterfall.

Facility Improvements

The old bathhouse at Sherando Lake Group Campground desperately needed an update. The bathhouse only had two showers for a campground that can accommodate five separate groups at a time with a capacity of 125 people each. The exterior did not match the appearance of other buildings in the recreation area and it was poorly located near the edge of the road. The forest used three contracts to remove the bathhouse and prepare the site for a new one. Recreation fees funded the project at a cost of \$297,000. The new wheelchair accessible bathhouse is more attractive and doubles the bathroom facilities. There is upgraded interior and exterior lighting and it's situated in a much better location further from the road.



Sherando Lake Group Campgrounds new bathhouse.

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.

Brandywine Lake



A campsite at Brandywine Lake Campground received new surface material, along with numerous other campsites across the forest.

Other Accomplishments

- Constructed new stone surfaces for roads and parking areas at Boley Fields Group Campground.
- Replaced a pedestrian bridge to allow access to three walk-in campsites, painted bathhouses and replaced buoys at the swim area at Cave Mountain Lake Recreation Area.
- Expanded the overlook platform at Crabtree Falls Day Use Area and installed new benches and safety rails.
- Installed bear-resistant trash cans and speed bumps at Elizabeth Furnace Campground.
- Replaced sewage lift station pumps and removed hazardous trees at Sheranod Lake Recreation Area.
- Installed a new water treatment system at Stony Fork Campground.
- Replaced grills and spread mulch around bathhouses at Todd Lake Recreation Area.

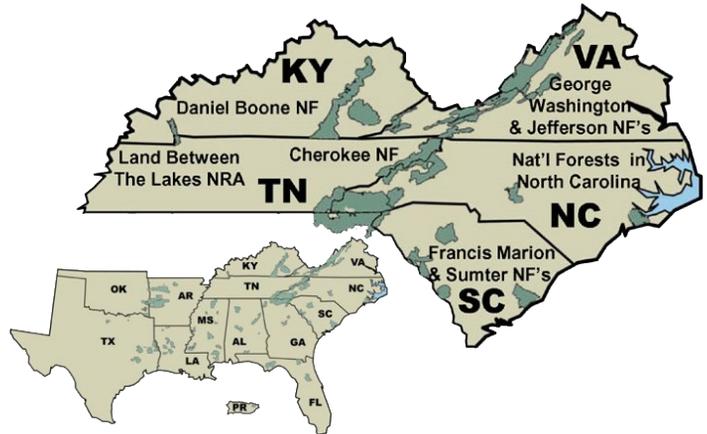
The Appalachian Conservation Corps:

- Rehabilitated two campsites, replaced grills and spread mulch around buildings at Brandywine Lake Recreation Area.
- Reconstructed damaged trails, installed a new bench at viewing area, improved emergency access near the waterfall and improved the accessible route in the picnic area at Cascade Falls Day Use Area and Trail.
- Rehabilitated 15 campsites and replaced numerous electric pedestals, grills and fire rings, installed 13 food storage lockers and replenished mulch at the playground at Sherando Lake Recreation Area.
- Rehabilitated five campsites, decommissioned six campsites, installed new sinks, painted restrooms and replaced rotting parking barriers at White Rocks.



A Forest Service employee stops to talk with a hiker on the Crabtree Falls Trail. Visitors to this picnic area and trail enjoy viewing five sets of cascading waterfalls with a total drop of 1,200 feet.

Regional Map



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Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$935,797	\$6,834,733
Special Uses	\$57,574	\$1,202,835
Interagency Passes	\$16,220	\$260,301
Total	\$1,009,591	\$8,297,869

Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$404,446	\$5,140,065
Visitor Services	\$659,058	\$2,599,856
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$220,175
Habitat Restoration	\$0	\$146,506
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$40,461
Collections/Overhead	\$126,618	\$1,322,238
Total	\$1,190,122	\$9,469,301