



# National Forests in North Carolina

Recreation Fee Program Accomplishment Highlights 2020

## Tsali Campground



*Tsali Campground campsite reconstruction before and after*

Tsali Campground on the Nantahala National Forest is a popular area that provides access to a wide range of recreation opportunities. Forest staff reconstructed one large campsite at Tsali to improve visitor experience and accessibility. This work cost approximately \$2,500 and was paid using recreation fees collected from visitors. Additionally, fees in the amount of \$1,900 were used to install new trail signage for the Tsali Mountain Bike and Equestrian Trail System, a project done in coordination with the Nantahala Area SORBA (Southern Off Road Bicycle Association).

## Canebrake Horse Camp

Canebrake Horse Camp on the Uwharrie National Forest is the largest and most popular horse camp within the National Forests in North Carolina. The outdated and undersized horse warm-up and lunging ring was reconstructed and expanded in 2020 utilizing approximately \$8,500 in recreation fees collected from the campground. This work was completed by Uwharrie recreation staff and the Canebrake campground host.



*Before (top) and After (right) of the newly expanded horse warm-up and lunging ring at Canebrake Horse Camp*

## 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.

## Jackrabbit Mountain Campground

Jackrabbit Mountain Campground on the Nantahala National Forest offers visitors lakefront camping on Lake Chatuge. In 2020, forest staff reconstructed five campsites with new landscape timbers, gravel, grills, and lantern posts, replaced several grills and fire rings, replaced 11 carsonite sign markers, replaced plumbing fixtures in the bathhouses and hired a tree service to remove hazard trees. The total cost of the project was \$10,700. All of this work was made possible by recreation fees collected from the site.



*Jackrabbit Mountain Campground campsite reconstruction*

## Other Accomplishments

- Operated and maintained sites including but not limited to mowing; trash collection; vault and septic tank pumping; replace damaged or aging picnic tables, grills, fire rings, and other site furnishings; upgrade signage; and hazard tree removal.
- Provided for campground hosts across the forests.
- Replaced 16 deteriorated picnic tables at Rattler Ford Group Camp with recycled plastic tables (\$7,500).
- Installed new entrance signs for Horse Cove Campground (\$2,300).
- Repaired All-Terrain Vehicle ramp at Falls Dam Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trailhead (\$1,030), installed 2,000 linear feet of guard rails on Falls Dam Trail (\$5,050), and performed trail maintenance on Daniel Trail (\$22,990), all part of Badin Lake OHV Trail Complex.
- Replaced plumbing fixtures, two pedestal grills, and removed hazard trees from Jackrabbit Mountain Swim Area.
- Conducted a thorough cleanup of Panther Top Shooting Range and provided materials for volunteers to construct and maintain target stands.
- Provided additional law enforcement in partnership with local Sheriff's Departments.
- Partnered with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to maintain the Flintlock Valley Shooting Range and to provide a full-time Range Safety Officer.



*View from Roan High Bluff at Roan Mountain*

## Regional Map



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## Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	Forest	Region
Recreation Fees	\$364,493	\$5,900,372
Special Uses	\$1,490	\$843,894
Interagency Passes	\$20,360	\$134,150
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$386,343</b>	<b>\$6,878,416</b>
Expenditures	Forest	Region
Repair & Maintenance	\$90,466	\$4,924,193
Visitor Services	\$28,735	\$1,952,896
Law Enforcement	\$0	\$212,051
Habitat Restoration	\$156,786	\$168,584
Fee Agreements	\$0	\$52,938
Collections/Overhead	\$69,266	\$1,273,085
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$345,253</b>	<b>\$8,583,747</b>