



Recreation fees are an investment in outdoor recreation. Current and future generations will benefit as 95% of the funds are reinvested in the facilities and services that visitors enjoy, use, and value.

Accomplishments Provided with Recreation Fees:

- Greeted visitors and answered questions at six visitor centers. Nearly 100,000 people visited district offices, White Mountain Visitor Center, Lincoln Woods Visitor Center, and historic Russell Colbath House and Brickett Place.
- Developed plans to rehabilitate the very popular Lower Falls Recreation Site. Project implementation will better protect area vegetation and water quality, as well as visitor safety.
- Presented conservation education events at several developed sites and schools, including the Junior Ranger Program and *Woods in Winter*. Also offered guided interpretive hikes.
- Replaced Crocker Pond Campground's hand water pump.
- Cleared brush around multiple viewing areas along Kancamagus Scenic Byway.
- Constructed and installed site identification signs at a variety of locations, including Zealand Trailhead, Sugarloaf Trailhead, Zealand Picnic Area, and the forest boundary along Kancamagus Scenic Byway.
- Purchased and installed new picnic tables at Rumney II Climbing Area and Hale Brook Trailhead.
- Installed and maintained outhouses at Osceola and Rumney II trailheads.
- Maintained, patrolled and provided visitor information at 4th Iron Camping Area.
- Responded to and provided assistance at numerous accidents and injuries in developed recreation sites.
- Administered and monitored over 150 outfitter and guide special use permits for commercial operations that included hiking, backcountry camping, hunting, and snowmobiling among others.

Forest Service staff worked with Merrimack Valley Harley Davidson Owners' Group during a volunteer clean-up day at Discovery Interpretive Trail.



Special Feature

When reports of black bears in developed sites and campgrounds started coming in, recreation staff and wildlife biologists quickly went to work with New Hampshire Fish and Game employees to educate visitors on proper food storage and reduce negative encounters. Fee revenue purchased education materials and helped install bear-proof dumpsters. These are simple steps to ensure visitor and wildlife safety.



White Mountain National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$497,882
Special Uses	\$93,428
Interagency Pass	\$17,862
Total	\$609,172

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$355,719
Visitor Services	\$166,369
Cost of Collections	\$37,457
Law Enforcement	\$9,033
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$568,578

*Carryover funds will be used for large projects and the following season's startup costs.

Additional White Mountain Accomplishments

- Completed regular operation and maintenance tasks at all 39 recreation fee sites: Inspected facilities and sites, removed hazard trees and brush, purchased cleaning supplies and materials, maintained signs and information boards, tested drinking water, collected garbage, serviced toilets and septic systems, repainted parking lot stripes, mowed campsites, repaired vandalized facilities and provided law enforcement presence. The Saco Ranger District alone estimated they removed approximately 130 yards of trash, weekly mowed about five acres of grass and placed nearly 5,400 rolls of toilet paper during the recreation season.
- Removed snow at numerous trailheads to provide access for winter hiking, snowshoeing, mountaineering, and skiing. All year-round facilities were plowed an estimate 20 times during the winter.
- Funded recreation technicians and information specialists who continued to provide interpretive natural and "hikeSafe" programs, as well as recreation information at numerous sites.



Visitors can experience living history at Russell Colbath Historic House, June through mid-October.



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Eastern Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$4,220,209
Special Uses	\$280,099
Interagency Pass	\$74,654
Total	\$4,574,962

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$2,678,046
Visitor Services	\$948,114
Cost of Collections	\$352,219
Law Enforcement	\$269,956
Habitat Restoration	\$51,755
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$4,300,090

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