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Cover: Androscoggin Ranger District trail crew member cleans out a drainage on the Gulfside Trail, part of the Appalachian Trail.

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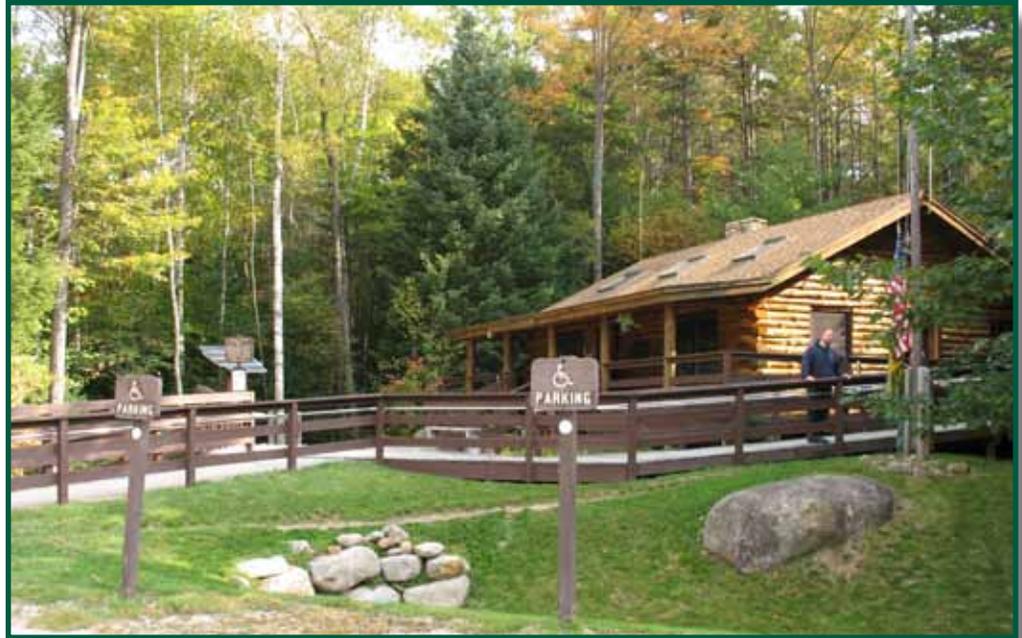


Your Forest, Your Support

Recreation on the White Mountain National Forest means something different to each of us. Providing a variety of experience opportunities is one of the reasons the National Forest exists. No matter your choice of activity — a walk along a gentle forest path, a lengthy backcountry hike, or picnicking in a pavilion built by the Civilian Conservation Corps — you'll find your recreation fee dollars at work.

Right. Autumn at the Lincoln Woods Visitor Center and Trailhead, Pemigewasset Ranger District.

Below. Labor Day hikers at the summit of Mount Chocorua, Saco Ranger District.



Making the Experience Memorable!

People come to the White Mountain National Forest for many reasons; some come from a great distance, others are “just next door.” We strive to meet the needs of everyone that we meet and greet, either at a visitor center or in the woods. This year we were able to accomplish the following with your support.

- We ensured that a welcoming face was available to answer your questions at Forest Service visitor information centers. Almost 140,000 visitors were served.
- Recreation Technicians and Information Specialists provided wildlife and hikeSafe programs, as well as recreation information, at numerous recreation sites.
- We provided the “Woods in Winter” environmental education program to approximately 150 local school children and Girl Scouts.
- We staffed Lower Falls Day Use site — this busy site receives over 15,000 visitors each summer.
- We provided conservation education / interpretive programs over and above those made available through other funding sources. This allowed us to reach over 500 additional visitors.
- We coordinated interpretive programs at Dolly Copp Campground and the Pinkham Notch Visitor Center.
- We provided multiple education/interpretation programs at public schools, visitor centers, campgrounds, and the White Mountain Rotary. We provided support and staffing for the Fryeburg Fair, and the Farm & Forest Expo.

Chain saw class training for hazardous tree removal.

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Above: New Junior Rangers take the oath of office at Androscoggin Ranger District visitor center.

Below: An interpretive program at the Barn, Russell-Colbath historic site, on the Saco Ranger District.





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We strive to repair facilities, when needed, and to schedule routine maintenance each season. In 2009, thanks in part to funding from the Recreation Fee Program, the Forest was able to continue the rehabilitation of Radeke Cabin, a very popular rental located only 100 feet off of the scenic Kancamagus Highway. This year's maintenance activities included repairing the roof, chimney, foundation, and plumbing; as well as constructing a wood shed and applying fresh paint to the trim.

Other work accomplished in 2009 includes:

- Building and installing three new informational kiosks at Greeley Ponds, East Pond, and Long Pond trailheads, as well as maintaining current kiosks, sign boards, and fee tubes throughout the Forest
- Refurbishing and painting the exterior of outhouses at Welch Dickey and Livermore trailheads.
- Constructing 107 linear feet of puncheon on the Mount Carr Trail.
- Providing 4-5 cords of firewood for use at Radeke Cabin.
- Installing an 80 foot long split rail fence at Smarts Brook Trailhead.
- Installing a new cedar shingle roof on the Jim Liberty Cabin, staining the exterior, reconstructing and capping the chimney, painting the interior, replacing the outhouse door, staining the outhouse, and rehabilitating interpretive panels.
- Converting the Lincoln Woods generator exhaust pipe to discharge through the chimney.
- Refreshing the oakum chinking in the Camp Penacook shelter.

Left. Forest Service employee clears a blowdown while patrolling trails. Right. Foundation repairs to the popular Radeke Cabin, Saco Ranger District.



Preparing to do trail maintenance in the Pemi Wilderness, Pemigewasset Ranger District.



Constructing puncheon on the Mount Carr Trail, Pemigewasset Ranger District.



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- Planting seed and spreading loam at Basin Pond Day Use Area.
- Constructing wood sheds at the Russell-Colbath House.

Beyond assisting these specific projects, Recreation Fee Funding also helps support operation and maintenance activities at all standard, expanded amenity, and recreation fee area sites. Though much of this work is routine in nature, it is vital to ensuring that your visit is a safe and healthy one.

Routine operation and maintenance activities completed include:

- Facility and grounds inspections.
- Hazard tree removal and brushing.
- Cleaning and supplies.
- Sign and info board maintenance.
- Drinking water testing.
- Garbage collection.
- Toilet pumping or septic service.
- Sealing cracks and striping parking areas.
- Mowing.
- Facility maintenance.
- Repairing vandalism as necessary.
- Providing law enforcement.

Picnickers at Lower Falls pavillion, Saco Ranger District.



