



*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 on the Ouachita National Forest:

- Supported the expansion of cooperative law enforcement agreements with county agencies in Oklahoma and Arkansas to provide additional county law enforcement patrols in developed recreation fee areas.
- Funded operation and maintenance activities, such as lawn mowing, facility cleaning and trash removal at developed recreation fee sites.
- Funded debris removal and site clean-up at Charlton Recreation Area following a spring storm event.
- Installed new grills and campfire rings at Charlton Campground.
- Purchased and installed 12 bear-proof trash receptacles at South Fourche Campground and Lake Sylvia Recreation Complex; purchased and installed six new fire rings at Lake Sylvia.
- Removed encroaching vegetation and added beach sand to enhance day use beach areas at the Cedar Lake Recreation Area.

### Special Feature

Great fishing, miles and miles of hiking trails, abundant wildlife and spectacular scenery are only a few of the reasons visitors return again and again to Cedar Lake Recreation Area. In 2011, fee funds were used to treat invasive plants within the area and, in particular, on North Shore Beach. Once completely choked with invasive plants, this beach is once again available for visitor use.



### Ouachita National Forest Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$216,643
Special Uses	\$5,632
Interagency Pass	\$8,670
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$230,945</b>

Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$170,556
Visitor Services	\$23,258
Cost of Collections	\$36,179
Law Enforcement	\$28,426
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$258,418</b>

\*Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenues.



*Charlton Recreation Area swim beach before and after removal of 2,300 yards of debris.*

## Ouachita National Forest Additional Accomplishments

- Upgraded horse corrals and removed several tons of horse manure monthly at the Cedar Lake Equestrian Campground.
- Provided portable restrooms at Winding Stair Campground during a water shortage.
- Repaired the wastewater system lift station at Charlton Campground.
- Removed hazard trees in developed recreation fee sites across the forest.



*Cedar Lake Equestrian Campground corral resurfaced with gravel*



*Added sand at Sandy Beach, Cedar Lake Recreation Area*

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