



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 Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest:

- Contracted site mowing and maintenance, trash collection and restroom cleaning at 17 recreation fee sites on Conasauga, Blue Ridge and Oconee ranger districts.
- Constructed a new waterline to connect the Lake Sinclair Recreation Area water system to a municipal water facility.
- Refurbished parking area, picnic area, and three restrooms at Lake Sinclair Recreation Area.
- Repaired and rehabilitated numerous campsites at Lake Sinclair, The Pocket, Lake Conasauga, Frank Gross and Coopers Creek recreation sites.
- Improved host sites at two campgrounds to provide a more attractive location for future volunteers.
- Supported eight volunteers who assisted with daily operations at the Brasstown Bald Visitor Center.
- Resurfaced campsites at Jacks River Fields Campground, a gateway campground to the Cohutta Wilderness.
- Contracted barrier fence and boulder installation to keep riders on designated trails and protect the riparian corridor within the Houston Valley ATV Trail System.

Special Feature

With 417 miles of shoreline in the heart of Georgia, Lake Sinclair offers a myriad of water-based recreation opportunities. In 2011, recreation fees supported removal of hazard trees from the lake's day use area, restroom repairs and campsite remodels. A new project to connect the existing water system to a new municipal water system was initiated with the intent of reducing future infrastructure and maintenance needs.



Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest
Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$278,966
Special Uses	\$251,378
Interagency Pass	\$13,000
Total	\$543,344

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$239,979
Visitor Services	\$155,626
Cost of Collections	\$58,843
Law Enforcement	\$54,429
Total	\$508,877

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



Barrier fencing and boulders protect the stream corridor at Houston Valley ATV Trail System.



A renovated campsite at Pocket Campground

Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest Additional Accomplishments

- Cooperated with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division and upgraded the Chestnut Mountain Shooting Range: replaced fencing, maintained walkways, upgraded vault toilets and improved signage.
- With the assistance from Rockdale Trailblazers and Backcountry Horsemen of South and Central Georgia, constructed new hitching rails and mounting blocks at the Ocmulgee Bluff Equestrian Trailhead.
- Worked collaboratively with Backcountry Horsemen of North Georgia who provided trash service, restroom cleaning and campsite maintenance at Jacks River Fields Campground in addition to constructing two horse stalls.



Chestnut Mountain Shooting Range after improvements



Resolved drainage issues at Lake Sinclair Day Use Area beach.

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Southern Region Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$6,881,548
Special Uses	\$1,152,240
Interagency Pass	\$123,920
Total	\$8,157,709

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$4,972,816
Visitor Services	\$1,175,444
Cost of Collections	\$974,192
Law Enforcement	\$268,074
Habitat Restoration	\$1,500
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$7,392,027

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