



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 National Forests in Mississippi:

- Provided security, maintenance and visitor information at approximately forty campgrounds, specialized trail systems and picnic sites.
- Removed hazard trees and ground stumps at recreation fee sites.
- Maintained and repaired campground water system lines.
- Partially funded mowing contracts in developed recreation areas and brush clearing contracts along trails.
- Trained and supported campground host volunteers in operations and maintenance procedures.
- Supported a partnership with Mississippi State University Natural Resources Summer Camp and provided conservation education staff at the Choctaw Lake Recreation Area.
- Purchased new pavilion and covered benches for Choctaw Lake Recreation Area, two benches for Puskus Lake Recreation Area swim beach, three pieces of playground equipment at Chewalla Lake Recreation Area and new swim area boundary markers.
- Supported volunteer campground hosts who helped with interpretation, maintenance and compliance tasks throughout the recreation season.
- Installed two trail bridges in the Choctaw Lake Recreation Area, two bug lights at Davis Lake and eight picnic tables and shelters at Okhissa Lake Recreation Area.



Choctaw Lake Recreation Area Gazebo

Special Feature

The six National Forests in Mississippi contain diverse terrain and ecosystems that provide the backdrop for excellent outdoor recreation opportunities. Recreation fee funds are vital to ongoing upgrades and maintenance at developed sites such as the Choctaw Lake Recreation Area. In 2011, two new trail bridges, a picnic pavilion and covered benches were added to the already pleasurable amenities.



National Forests in Mississippi Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$403,551
Special Uses	\$0
Interagency Pass	\$10,440
Total	\$413,991

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$411,229
Visitor Services	\$1,200
Cost of Collections	\$22,550
Law Enforcement	\$16,000
Total	\$450,979

*Expenditures can be funded with previous years' revenues.

National Forests in Mississippi Additional Accomplishments

- Initiated Okissah Lake Feasibility Study on Homochitto Ranger District to examine potential overnight recreation opportunities along the lake.
- Funded invasive species treatment at the Okhissa Lake Recreation Area.
- Produced a brochure to educate visitors about safe trail use during hunting season. The publication is now available online and at recreation fee sites and trails.
- Partnered with the Mississippi State Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to host the National Wild Turkey Foundation's annual Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics, and Sportsmanship (JAKES) event at Davis Lake Recreation Area.
- Maintained Woodman Springs Shooting Range.



A successful day of fishing on Okissah Lake



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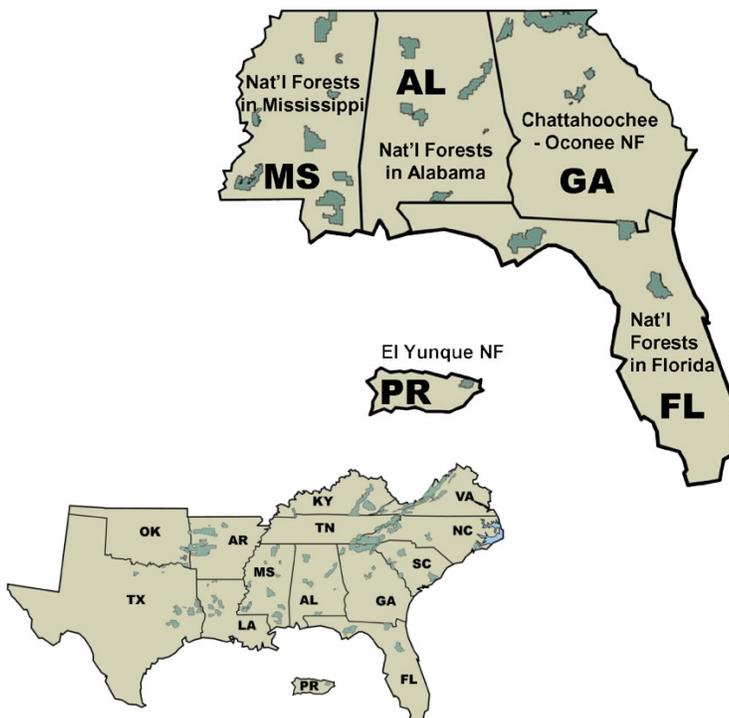
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Southern Region Revenue & Expenditures

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

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