



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:

- Contracted site mowing, trash collection and restroom cleaning at 20 recreation fee sites on the Conasauga, Blue Ridge and Oconee ranger districts.
- Repaired and maintained interior access roads at Chestnut Mountain Shooting Range, Cottonwood Patch Campground and Lake Conasauga Recreation Area.
- Repaired wooden steps at Lake Conasauga Day Use Area.
- Installed new toilet stall partitions and fixtures, as well as painted the interior and exterior, of the Lake Conasauga Day Use Area restroom.
- Replaced six pedestal grills at Pocket Picnic Area.
- Repaired the campground host trailer at Lake Conasauga Campground.
- Constructed an accessible horse mounting ramp at Dry Creek Trailhead.
- Repaired a streamside rock retaining wall and resurfaced the spring box at Pocket Picnic Area.
- Installed new water hydrants at Lake Sinclair Recreation Area.
- Installed new restroom doors at Lake Sinclair Campground.
- Repaired and painted restrooms at the Lake Sinclair Recreation Area.
- Prepared site for new accessible restroom at Lake Sinclair Day Use Area.



The Lake Conasauga Day-Use Area restroom received new fixtures and a fresh coat of exterior and interior paint.



Workers installed 24 new hitching rails at Ocmulgee Bluff Equestrian Trailhead.

Special Feature

Return visitors to the scenic Desoto Falls Campground this summer may notice it seems a little larger than the last time they visited. The campground received several improvements in 2012, including a new double and single family campsite, a double-vault toilet and numerous improvements to the existing bathhouse. The bathhouse received new fixtures, countertops, and an energy-efficient water heater to provide hot showers.



Chattahoochee-Oconee NF Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$311,567
Special Uses	\$198,494
Interagency Pass	\$13,745
Total	\$523,806

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$255,492
Visitor Services	\$169,543
Cost of Collections	\$55,073
Law Enforcement	\$26,258
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$506,366

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

Chattahoochee-Oconee Accomplishments Continued

- Constructed and installed 24 hitching rails at Ocmulgee Bluff Equestrian Trailhead.
- Repaired and painted nine fee information boards on the Oconee Ranger District.
- Installed solar-powered motion-detection lighting inside all non-electric restrooms at all fee sites on the Blue Ridge Ranger District and at all fee tubes for improved visitor safety and security.



New water hydrant at the Lake Sinclair Recreation Area dump station



Lake Conasauga Recreation Area bathhouse improvements are pictured at left.

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Southern Region

Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*

Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$6,791,076
Special Uses	\$1,118,698
Interagency Pass	\$121,590
Total	\$8,031,364

Expenditures

Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$4,940,929
Visitor Services	\$1,392,036
Cost of Collections	\$915,195
Law Enforcement	\$230,780
Habitat Restoration	\$1,496
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$7,480,436

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