



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:

- Provided security, maintenance work and visitor information at approximately forty campgrounds, and numerous 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.
- Constructed new pavilion at Choctaw Lake Recreation Area.
- Hosted Mississippi State University Summer Camp youth by conducting an environmental education program at Choctaw Lake Recreation Area.
- Hosted an Americorps work day/training event at Puskus Lake Recreation Area in Holly Springs National Forest.
- Replaced a roof on Marathon Lake bathhouse.
- Added a kiosk, four interpretive stations, crushed rock on the trail, and a new trail bridge on the Bienville Interpretive Trail.
- Improved trailheads and bulletin boards on the Delta National Forest.
- Funded invasive species treatment at the Okhissa Lake Recreation Area.
- Cleared Brushy Creek Horse Trail of downed trees and debris resulting from Hurricane Isaac.



Frisbee Disc Golf Course at Ashe Lake Recreation Facility, DeSoto Ranger District



Tombigbee National Forest employees pour the slab for a new pavilion at Choctaw Lake Recreation Area.

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 Bienville Interpretive Trail. In 2012, district personnel added a kiosk, signage and crushed limestone to the trail as well as a new trail bridge. The improvements greatly enhanced this well-used facility.



National Forests in Mississippi Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$395,438
Special Uses	\$0
Interagency Pass	\$10,809
Total	\$406,248
Expenditures*	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$444,158
Visitor Services	\$1,296
Cost of Collections	\$24,356
Law Enforcement	\$17,281
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$487,091

*Expenditures may be funded with previous years' revenue.

National Forests in Mississippi Accomplishments Continued

- Produced a brochure available online and at recreation fee sites and trails to educate visitors about safe trail use during hunting season.
- Improved disc golf opportunity at the Ashe Lake Recreation Area by adding two new golf holes, graveling the parking area and installing a fence. This work was completed in partnership with a local Frisbee disc golf group.



A successful day of fishing on Okhissa Lake, Homochitto National Forest.



A 17-pound largemouth bass caught on Davis Lake Recreation Area, Tombigbee National Forest

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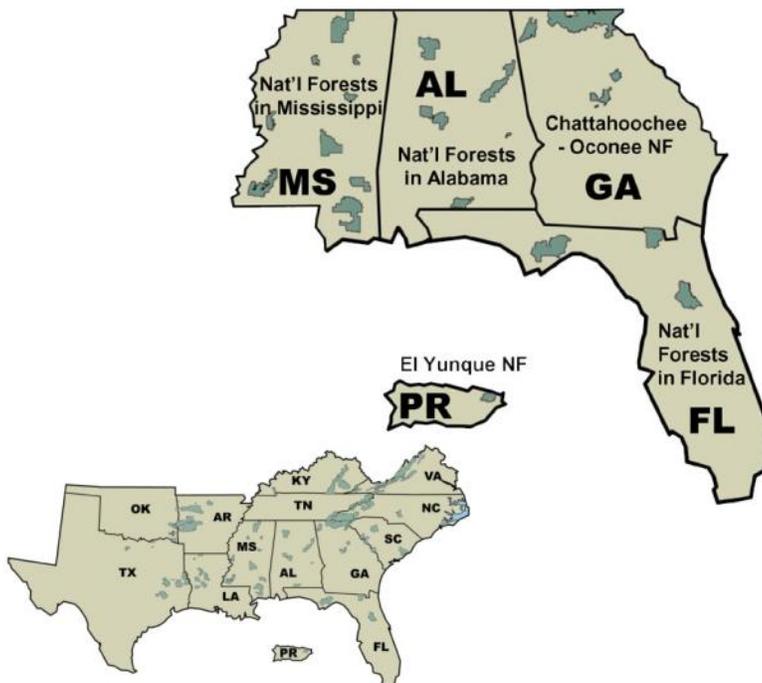
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Southern Region Revenue & Expenditures

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

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