



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:

- 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.
- Painted swim docks with non-slip paint, and installed two vehicles gates in the day-use area to improve security and safety at the Charlton Recreation Area.
- Poured concrete pads for trash bins, installed two free-standing grills in day-use area, replaced picnic table boards, installed outside lights at bathhouse, and installed a large standing grill in the group use area within the Charlton Recreation Area.
- Contracted for more frequent janitorial services at Lake Sylvia Recreation Area for both the day use area and the campground bathhouses.
- Purchased and installed 19 free standing grills and five fire rings for use in Lake Sylvia Recreation Area.
- Provided trash removal at Cedar Lake Recreation Area.
- Funded manure contracts at Cedar Lake Equestrian Camp, the most frequented equestrian campground in Oklahoma.
- Removed hazard trees from the Cedar Lake Recreation Area and funded a part-time mowing crew throughout the growing season.
- Funded contractors to provide bathhouse cleaning, grounds maintenance and trash removal services for Shady Lake Recreation Area.



Swim docks were painted with non-slip paint for added safety.

Special Feature

Nothing quite says summer like a dip in the local swimming hole. A lot of time and hard work goes into maintaining a high-quality, safe swim site for families to enjoy. Every year, swimming areas on the forest are drained, dams and swimming docks are inspected and the base of the swimming area is cleaned and reformed to create a safe and enjoyable place for visitors of all ages to swim.



Ouachita National Forest
Revenue & Expenditures

Revenue*	
Source	Amount
Recreation Fees	\$222,066
Special Uses	\$6,423
Interagency Pass	\$7,976
Total	\$236,465

Expenditures	
Source	Amount
Maintenance & Repair	\$134,891
Visitor Services	\$18,394
Cost of Collections	\$28,613
Law Enforcement	\$22,482
Habitat Restoration	\$0
Fee Agreements	\$0
Total	\$204,380

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

Ouachita Accomplishments Continued

- Performed maintenance work on Tall Peak Trail, Shady Lake Trail and the Interpretive Trail.
- Performed routine maintenance such as cleaning fire-rings, refurbishing information and trail signs, blowing leaves, maintaining chlorination tank, and maintaining swim area.
- Provided numerous nature/interpretive programs at Shady Lake Campground.



Historic CCC bathhouse at Shady Lake Recreation Area

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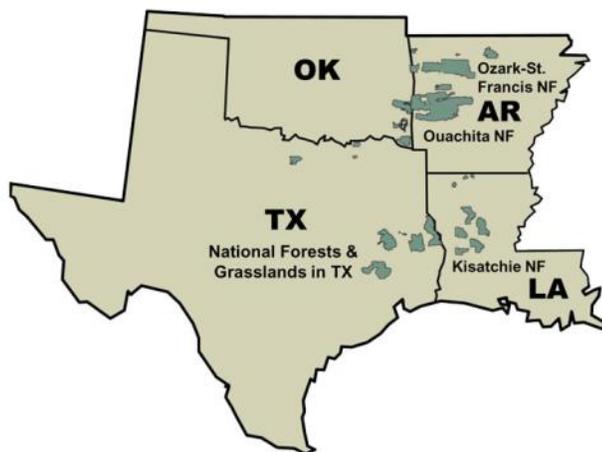
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Southern Region Revenue & Expenditures

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

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