

# A Historic Year

This year brought extraordinary challenges for Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. Despite frozen budgets, staffing shortages, and mounting pressures, CNPC has remained a steady partner meeting urgent needs, launching new programs, and ensuring the park continues to thrive.

Since February 2025, the park has operated with a high vacancy rate, leaving dedicated rangers and staff stretched thin to keep operations running in an already underfunded system. In the midst of these challenges, CNPC delivered on its annual commitments and then some, supporting core safety, access, and education efforts while also funding critical needs. This included raising over \$50,000 for immediate relief, contributing to a record-breaking year of more than \$1 million in total donations. These funds helped fill essential gaps and ease the strain on park operations.

> Join us in celebrating a historic year of building community, enriching lives, and catalyzing support for your local national park.



### PARTNERING FOR A STRONGER PARK

Chattahoochee National Park Conservancy is grateful to the National Park Foundation for their generous grant funding. Their support has been instrumental in helping us chart a sustainable and impactful path for the future of Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

With this funding, we're able to complete our largest trail project at Island Ford and expand our membership program, helping us continue to build a strong community of support for CRNRA.





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## **Your Impact in 2025**

From record-setting volunteer hours to growing membership and community support, 2025 was a year of big wins for CNPC and Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

These numbers tell the story of how your generosity and hard work made a lasting impact on our park.

\$1,018,530

in total financial contributions

**\$122,000** raised at Party for the Park 2025

community events, including 4 member events 1,664 hours of trash cleanup



13,009

volunteer hours

4,019

total corporate volunteers with **12,057 total hours** 

**5,716**hours of trail work

#### SUPPORTING OUR RANGERS

This year, your support made it possible for CNPC to fund projects that touch every corner of the park. This initiative invited rangers to pitch their own ideas for improving the park and receive up to \$5,000 in funding to bring them to life. Thanks to your support, these ranger-led projects—plus exciting efforts in science, education, and safety—are already making a visible impact across CRNRA:

Supported the
Dragonfly Mercury
Project, engaging
students and volunteers
in collecting dragonfly
larvae to measure
mercury in waterways as
part of a national study

Supplied Junior Ranger booklets so thousands of kids could explore the park and earn their badges Provided Harmful
Algal Bloom (HAG)
test kits to help
staff quickly detect
harmful algae and
keep the river safe for
recreation

Funded training and equipment for volunteer chainsaw crews, who contributed 641 hours removing fallen trees to reopen trails

Purchased first aid kits and other safety supplies to keep staff, volunteers, and community programs prepared for emergencies

#### LOOKING AHEAD

Everything CNPC funds bridges the gap between federal resources and local needs. In 2026, we're looking to prioritize:

- Building sustainable trail infrastructure, including replacing pedestrian bridges
- ▶ Tackling **quick-win trail improvements** across the park
- ▶ Restoring **culturally significant sites** such as the Sope Creek Mill Ruins
- ► Funding youth programs that **connect future stewards** to their national park



### Support our mission and help your local national park

Your tax-deductible donation helps preserve and enhance the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. To contribute, simply tear off this section and return it in the enclosed envelope or donate online at **chattahoocheeparks.org/donate** or by scanning the QR code. **Thank you!** 



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