

George Washington and Jefferson National Forest were administratively combined in 1995 to form the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest. The two National forests contain nearly 1.8 million acres of public land, representing one of the largest blocks of public land in the eastern United States.

The size and the location of the forest make it an excellent center for outdoor activities. The forest covers over 1.8 million acres and 140 miles along the Appalachian Mountains in northwestern Virginia and in eastern West Virginia. Most of the forest is in Virginia and within a day's drive for 54 million people.



Recreation is a key resource as hikers, picnickers and campers pursue their interest surrounded by the natural beauty of the forest. Popular water sports include swimming, fishing and boating. Many visitors enjoy the forest scenery while driving over the mountain and valley roads.

Base Camp

ArrowCorps⁵ participants and staff will be utilizing National Capital Area Council BSA Goshen Scout Reservation as base operations. Goshen is one of the largest active Boy Scout camps in America hosting over 10,000 Scouts per week in a summer camp experience. ArrowCorps⁵ participants will stay in camp style tents; eat in dining halls, and other facilities.

Project Description

Projects for the two districts are unique to its operations. The James River District will offer participants the opportunity to construct a new five-mile horseback trail system. While the Warm Springs District will require Arrowmen the chance to construct a much-needed trail from the park marina to its beach about a mile in distance, refurbish minor trails and clear campsites of invasive plant species.

Recreation & Activities

The George Washington / Jefferson National forest is located in an area that offers a wide variety of recreation opportunities. They range from white water rafting, mountain biking, horseback riding, fishing, historic Appomattox Court House, Mr. Jefferson's home "The Monticello," the Stonewall Jackson house, or just sitting around base camp telling tall tales.