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Local National Parks (Zion, Bryce, and Cedar Breaks) will be Increasing Fees

Springdale, Cedar City, and Bryce Canyon City, Utah– In order to fund important maintenance and improvement projects within the parks, several local National Park Sites will be raising fees.

In 2014, the National Park Service issued the call for parks nationwide to conduct stakeholder outreach through civic engagement to gauge support for possible fee changes to entrance, expanded amenity, and special recreation permit fees authorized by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) of 2004. Entrance fees had not been raised since 2007.

Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks and Cedar Breaks National Monument started the discussion of raising fees in December by calling and visiting with State, Federal and local legislative offices and staff. The three parks also issued press releases, posted proposed fee increase information on park websites and Facebook pages, and attended a variety of public meetings to gather feedback.

“During the public comment period, very few of the comments were negative. Politicians, visitors and local community members alike seemed to understand the need for additional funding to help with deferred maintenance projects at parks, especially with the increases in visitation we have seen recently,” said Cedar Breaks Superintendent Paul Roelandt.

“By law, these funds can only be used to help cover costs that are directly related to providing visitor services,” said Bryce Canyon Superintendent Lisa Eckert. “For example, entrance fees have supported a wide range of projects that improve the park and visitor experiences, including rehabilitating trails, developing and installing exhibits in visitor centers, improving park water systems and other infrastructure, and improving ADA accessibility.”

“This modest increase in fees will allow us to continue to improve facilities and services important to visitors,” said Zion Superintendent Jeff Bradybaugh. “After carefully considering the impact of a fee increase on visitors and community members, we came to the conclusion that this is the right course of action to help us protect, preserve and share these special places with current visitors and future generations.”

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Zion National Park

Camping	Current Fee	New Fee	Effective Date
Entrance Fees	Current Fee	New Fee	Effective Date
Per Vehicle	\$25	\$30	July 1, 2015
Per Person	\$12	\$15	July 1, 2015
Motorcycle	\$12/person	\$25/motorcycle	July 1, 2015
Zion Annual Park Pass	\$50	\$50	No Change
Watchman Campground Tent Sites	\$16	\$20	January 1, 2016
Watchman Campground RV Sites w/Hookups	\$18	\$30	January 1, 2016
South Campground No Hookups	\$16	\$20	January 1, 2016
Watchman Group Camp	\$3/person	\$50 for 7-15 people \$90 for 16-25 people \$130 for 26-40 people	January 1, 2016
Wilderness Permits	Current Fee	New Fee	Effective Date
Wilderness Permit 1-2 people	\$10	\$15	January 1, 2016
Wilderness Permit 3-7 people	\$15	\$20	January 1, 2016
Wilderness Permit 8-12 people	\$20	\$25	January 1, 2016

Bryce Canyon National Park

Entrance Fees	Current Fee	New Fee	Effective Date
Per Vehicle	\$25	\$30	July 1, 2015
Per Person	\$12	\$15	July 1, 2015
Motorcycle	\$12/person	\$25/motorcycle	July 1, 2015
Bryce Canyon Annual Park Pass	\$30	\$35	July 1, 2015
Commercial Tour Rate	\$150	\$150	No Change
Camping	Current Fee	New Fee	Effective Date
Sunset and North Campground RV Sites	\$15	\$30	July 1, 2015
Sunset and North Campground Tent Sites	\$15	\$20	July 1, 2015
Backcountry Camp Sites	\$5 1-2 people \$10 3-6 people \$15 7+ people	\$5/person	July 1, 2015

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Cedar Breaks National Monument

Entrance Fees	Current Fee	New Fee	Effective Date
Per Person	\$4	\$5	May 22, 2015
		\$6	May, 2017
Cedar Breaks Annual Park Pass	\$20	\$25	May, 2017
Camping	Current Fee	New Fee	Effective Date
Point Supreme Campground	\$14	\$18	May 22, 2015
		\$20	May, 2017

National Park entrance fees are not charged for persons under 16 years of age. Costs for passes covered under the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Program will not be changed at this time. All Interagency Passes available for admission to federal fee areas will remain at the current rates: Annual (\$80) – valid for one year from month of purchase; Senior (\$10) – valid for life for U.S. citizens, 62 years and older; Access Pass (\$0) – valid for life for permanently disabled U.S. citizens; and Military Pass (\$0) – valid for one year from month of purchase for active military personnel.

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