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## Death Valley News Release

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### **Addendum to News Release about Death Valley National Park Fee Increase in 2006**

Death Valley would like to make a correction and clarification to a previous news release about Death Valley's proposed fee increases in January 2006. Death Valley National Park has received preliminary approval on its proposed fee increases, with a planned effective date of January 1, 2006. The park is seeking and encourages public comment on these proposed increases. Comments can be sent via mail to Superintendent, Death Valley National Park, PO Box 579, Death Valley, CA 92328 or by sending an email to [DEVA\\_Superintendent@nps.gov](mailto:DEVA_Superintendent@nps.gov).

The proposed increases are described below:

<u>Type of Fee</u>	<u>Old Rates</u>	<u>New Rates</u>
Entrance Fee Good for 7 days.	\$10.00/vehicle	\$20.00/vehicle
Per Person Fee Good for 7 days.	\$ 5.00	\$10.00
Death Valley Annual Pass	\$20.00	\$40.00
Camping Fees (daily rates)		
Furnace Creek (mid Oct-mid Apr)	\$16.00	\$18.00
Furnace Creek (mid Apr-mid Oct)	\$10.00	\$12.00
Furnace Creek (Group camping)	\$50.00	\$52.00
Mesquite Springs	\$10.00	\$12.00
Stovepipe Wells	\$10.00	\$12.00
Sunset	\$10.00	\$12.00
Texas Springs	\$12.00	\$14.00

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The commercial tour bus fee structure and tour fees for Scotty's Castle will remain the same.

Death Valley National Park's last fee increase was in 1997. The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) signed by President Bush in December 2004 allows parks to keep \$.80 of every dollar collected at their site. The retention of 80% of the fees allows the park to accomplish projects that relate to visitor use and enjoyment. Past funds have helped in the stabilization of historical structures at the Harmony Borax Works, rehabilitation of 1930's CCC campground features, and construction of a new day-use area at Badwater, the lowest point in North America.

At this time Death Valley National Park has identified more projects than can be funded at the current fee levels. The increase in fees will allow Death Valley National Park to make better strides in improving visitor facilities and protecting park resources. Future projects include the reconstruction of the Cook House at Scotty's Castle which was destroyed in a fire in the early 1990s, the building of a new visitor use and parking area at the Mesquite Flats sand dunes near Stovepipe Wells, and the design, production and installation of park information signs to help interpret to park visitors the natural and cultural resources of Death Valley.

For additional information, contact the park at 760-786-3200 or visit the park's web site at [www.nps.gov/deva](http://www.nps.gov/deva).

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