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Death Valley National Park to Increase Fees in 2006

On January 1, 2006 entrance and camping fees will be increased at Death Valley National Park. The following is a breakdown of the increases:

<u>Type of Fee</u>	<u>Old Rates</u>	<u>New Rates</u>
Entrance Fee	\$10.00/vehicle	\$20.00/vehicle
Good for 7 days.		
Per Person Fee	\$ 5.00	\$10.00
Good for 7 days.		
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

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

An annual review of fee rates helps determine if an increase in fees is warranted. 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 no less than 80% of the funds collected at their site. The retention of 80% of the fees allows the park to accomplish projects that relate to visitor use and enjoyment. In Death Valley the funds have helped in the stabilization of historical structures at the

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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. The increase in fees will allow Death Valley National Park to make continued 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.

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