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Fee Increase Planned for George Washington Birthplace National Monument in 2008 - Public Comment Invited

George Washington Birthplace National Monument announces plans to increase park entrance fees January 1, 2008. The fee grants entry into the commemorative area which contains the original foundation of the home in which George Washington was born, the 1930's Memorial House and plantation out buildings, and the living colonial farm.

The individual entrance fee will increase from \$4.00 to \$5.00. The individual entrance fees apply to everyone age 16 and older - children 15 and under are always free. The individual admission is valid for 7 days.

The Annual Park Pass will increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00. The annual pass grants entry into George Washington Birthplace National Monument for family members living together in the same household for one year from the month of purchase.

The National Parks Pass, Golden Passports and the America the Beautiful Pass (to be introduced January 2007) will always be accepted.

Access to the Washington Family Burial Ground, the one-mile nature trail, the Potomac River beach area, the picnic area, the Visitor Center and book shop will remain free.

The fees for 2007 will remain unchanged. The fee increase will not take place until 2008.

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All revenues generated are returned to the Park. George Washington Birthplace retains 100% of the fees collected. The money is provided for special projects which are not covered by annual operating funds. At George Washington Birthplace these projects include fence and gate restoration, automatic door installation at the Visitor Center in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, publications, museum object conservation, film projection modernization, and electrical/lighting improvements for the Memorial House.

Public comments are invited and encouraged. Park neighbors, community members, and the interested public are all invited to participate. Comments may be made via the park website at www.nps.gov/gewa, by e-mail at GEWA_Superintendent@nps.gov or by writing:

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