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Advanced Backcountry Reservations for 2007

Grand Teton National Park will begin accepting advanced reservations for backcountry sites as of January 1, 2007. For the 2007 season, a slightly higher processing fee will be charged to obtain an advanced backcountry reservation; the new cost is \$25 per trip. Backcountry users are reminded that free walk-in permits can be obtained during the summer season on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees are only required for advanced reservations, in order to off-set the cost of processing such requests.

The park recently implemented a new method for making reservations for backcountry permits. An automated form, available on Grand Teton's website, simplifies and streamlines the process of requesting and obtaining an advanced reservation. Beginning January 1, 2007, backcountry reservations may be made by accessing the park's website at www.nps.gov/grte/ and clicking on a quick link to the backcountry reservation form.

Requests for an advanced reservation are accepted each year from January 1 through May 15. After May 15, all backcountry site permits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Only one-third of the backcountry sites are reserved, leaving two-thirds available for walk-in requests during the summer season. Walk-in permits can be obtained 24 hours before the start of a backcountry trip in the park.

When making a reservation, please include a name, address and phone number, number of people, and preferred campsites and dates. Be sure to include alternative sites and dates in the event that a first choice is not available. Requests are processed in the order received. Each backcountry reservation request must be accompanied by a \$25, non-refundable fee. This fee is retained only if a reservation is available and confirmed; otherwise the fee is returned. Payment can be made by providing either a credit card number or by mailing a check made payable to the National Park Service. The new electronic reservation form accepts credit card payments for the processing fees through a secure website.

In addition to the new website reservation form, backcountry users may continue to request advance reservations by either writing or faxing the park, as before; however, the new system should be more convenient and efficient. To make a written request, mail to Grand Teton National Park, Attn: Permits Office, P.O. Box 170, Moose, Wyoming, 83001. To send a request by fax, dial (307) 739-3438.

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