

## **Public Comments Sought on Increased Entrance Fees at Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites**

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The National Park Service seeks public comment on its proposal to raise the entrance fees, institute a transportation fee and begin charging for “Specialty Programs” at The Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, The Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site and Top Cottage (FDR’s retreat). The new fees would start in January, 2008.

The proposed new Entrance Fees would go from:

\$14.00 to \$18.00 per person at The Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt and FDR Presidential Library/Museum.

\$8.00 to \$10.00 per person at The Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site

\$8.00 to \$10.00 per person at Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site

\$8.00 to \$10.00 per person at Top Cottage

The proposed new Transportation Fee would be:

\$1.00 per person for taking the National Park Service shuttle bus on site

\$3.00 per person for taking the National Park Service shuttle bus from the Poughkeepsie Train Station.

The proposed new “Specialty Programs” would be for programs such as Behind the Scene tours, Landscape programs, and Farm Day. The fee for the Behind the Scene tours would be \$10.00 per person. The fee for Landscape programs would be \$8.00 per person, and for Farm Day it would be \$5.00 per family.

The proposal to raise fees is a service-wide plan to standardize and simplify entrance fees to all national parks. This new system standardizes fees and allows for a structure that contributes to capital improvements, deferred maintenance and visitor programs. Changes to the fee program also allow more money collected at each park to directly fund park operations.

Although the proposed fee increase, which is part of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004, requires public involvement, the National Park Service recognizes that the present and future welfare of its parks depends largely on public support. The public will have a greater understanding of the complexities involved in managing its national treasures if they are involved in the major decisions being made.

A public meeting to discuss our fee proposals will be held on May 2, 2007 from 6pm – 7:30pm at the Henry A. Wallace Center located on RT 9. If you have questions or wish to comment about the proposed increases contact the park in writing at: Superintendent, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, New York 12538; or email comments at [www.rova\\_info@nps.gov](mailto:www.rova_info@nps.gov)