



James A. Garfield
National Historic Site

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Entrance Fees Announced at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site

Beginning June 1, 2008 the James A. Garfield National Historic Site (JAGNHS) in Mentor, Ohio will be collecting entrance fees to the Historic Site. The fee is five dollars for individuals 16 and older, youth 15 and under are free. Holders of the America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass, including the Annual, Senior and Access Passes, are admitted free of charge. The entrance fee includes a tour of the President’s home, access to all areas of the grounds, and exhibits and movie in the Visitor Center.

These entrance fees represent a savings over the previous admission prices charged by the former operating partner, in some cases by more than 50%.

“The fee program at JAGNHS will greatly benefit the park, our visitors, the historic resources, and our working environment. All the revenue stays here in the park,” states Carol Spears, Site Manager of JAGNHS. *“Projects including deferred maintenance, expanded programming, resource protection and improvements to visitor facilities will all be possible with the income generated from the fee program. Congress appropriates a base funding amount to each park, which covers operational and personnel costs, so all of the revenue made from the fee program will be used to enhance and improve the visitors’ experiences.”*

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Visitors may purchase the America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual, Senior and Access Passes in the JAGNHS Visitor Center.

Cost is \$80 for the Annual Pass, \$10 for the Senior Pass (62 years and older), and no charge for the Access Pass (for disabled citizens). Certain qualifications apply to the Senior and Access passes. Please visit http://www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm, or call 440-255-8722 for further information on these passes

Members of the Northeast Ohio Inter-Museum Council are also free, with a valid picture ID from participating institutions. Visit <http://www.cwru.edu/affil/NEOIMC/museum-listings.htm> for a listing of member organizations.

About the James A. Garfield National Historic Site and the National Park Service

James A. Garfield National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service (NPS), is located at 8095 Mentor Avenue (U.S. 20) in Mentor, Ohio, approximately 25 miles east of Cleveland. The 8-acre site consists of the main house and memorial library of James A. Garfield, the twentieth president of the United States, the 1880 presidential campaign office, the 1893 carriage house, the windmill and several outbuildings associated with the Garfield farm. Most of the furnishings and personal effects in the main house are original Garfield family pieces, on loan to the NPS by the Western Reserve Historical Society. In the late 1990s the house was completely restored by the National Park Service, making it one of the most impressive presidential homes preserved for the public. House tours run regularly, please call ahead for a schedule. Tours and the Visitor Center are largely wheelchair accessible. Special community events and special education programs for the public are scheduled throughout the year. The Garfield site is open from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon- 5 p.m. during May through October. November through April the site is open weekends only, noon through 5:00 p.m. For information call 440-255-8722, write 8095 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH 44060, or www.nps.gov/jaga on the Internet.

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There are 385 national parks covering more than 84 million acres in every state (except Delaware), the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. For more information, please visit www.nps.gov.

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