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## Rocky Mountain National Park News Release

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### **Rocky Mountain National Park Proposes Changes In Entrance And Camping Fees**

Rocky Mountain National Park is proposing a change in its current entrance fees.

The park is proposing a 5-dollar increase to the Daily Vehicle Entrance fee. This pass would increase from \$25 to \$30 for a day pass to Rocky Mountain National Park. There are no proposed changes to the park weekly pass (\$35 per week), park annual pass (\$70 per year), or any of the interagency American the Beautiful passes.

The park is also proposing increases to front-country campground overnight fees:

- Summer campground fees would increase from \$30 to \$35 per night at Moraine Park, Glacier Basin, Aspenglen, and Timber Creek Campgrounds.
- Winter campground fees would increase at Moraine Park Campground (the only campground that is open in the winter season) from \$20 to \$35 per night
- Group campsite fees in Glacier Basin Campground would increase by \$10 per night. This would increase the group sites from \$40, \$50, and \$60 per night (depending on the size of the site) to \$50, \$60, and \$70 per night.

These proposed campground fee increases are based on comparable fees for similar services in nearby campgrounds.

The proposed fee increases are necessary for Rocky Mountain National Park to improve and maintain high-quality visitor services. While basic park operations are funded by direct appropriations from Congress, the recreation use fees collected by the park are used to support new projects and the ongoing maintenance of park facilities that directly enhance the visitor experience.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) is the legislation that allows the park to collect entrance and amenity fees. This law allows parks like Rocky Mountain National Park to retain 80 percent of the fees collected in park for use on projects that directly enhance the experience of park visitors. The remaining 20 percent of all collected fees is distributed for use throughout the National Park System.

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Some of the projects funded through the collection of entrance station and campground fees at Rocky Mountain National Park include:

- **Hazard Tree Mitigation:** The park is among many areas along the Rocky Mountains where trees have been dying from a beetle epidemic. Recreation fee monies have funded extensive mitigation of hazard trees in or near developed areas and other popular park facilities, such as campgrounds, parking lots, road corridors, housing areas and visitor centers.
- **Hiking Trail Repairs and Improvements:** Many hiking trail repair projects have been funded by recreation fee monies, such as repairing washed out sections of trail, the installation of bridges, and the installation of vault toilets at heavily used trailheads.
- **Wilderness Campsites Improvements:** Rocky Mountain National Parks wilderness campsites are used by thousands of backcountry campers each year. Recreation fee monies help fund the maintenance of these cherished campsites.
- **Bear Management:** Park entrance and campground fees help keep bears wild at Rocky Mountain National Park. Thanks in part to fee dollars collected over the past 20 years, 100% of the park's garbage cans, recycling bins, and dumpsters are now bear-resistant. The park has also gone from 0 food storage lockers to 352. Your recreation fees also help support visitor education programs focused on black bears.
- **Restoration of Historic Rock Walls along Trail Ridge Road:** The historic rock walls along Trail Ridge Road provide for visitor safety and a visually pleasant drive. Originally built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, recreation fee program funding allows for damaged sections of these rock walls to be restored by Rocky Mountain National Park staff who specialize in rock work.

Public engagement is an important part of the park's planning process. Rocky Mountain National Park is accepting public comments on the proposed fee increases. Please submit all comments to: [https://parkplanning.nps.gov/RMNP\\_FEES\\_2022](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/RMNP_FEES_2022).

Comments may also be submitted via mail to:

Rocky Mountain National Park  
Office of the Superintendent  
1000 US Hwy 36  
Estes Park, CO 80517

Please be advised, before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. Although you can ask in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee we will be able to do so.

All public comments on the proposed fee increases will be accepted through January 7, 2022.

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