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Pinnacles Proposes Entrance Fee Increase for Transportation Operations

The National Park Service is seeking public input from September 23 - October 31, 2013, about proposed increase in the park entrance fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 to support transportation services. This is the first proposed fee increase to support the shuttle bus system at Pinnacles. All public comments must be received by October 31, 2013. The proposed fees would come into effect in 2014.

The shuttle bus system is identified in the Pinnacles National Park General Management Plan (2013) as an important tool in providing high quality visitor experiences while protecting natural and cultural resources. High numbers of visitors to the park during peak periods, such as spring and holiday weekends, creates parking and road congestion problems. Shuttle bus service eases congestion during these times. Currently, shuttles run only on weekends and holidays, from February through early July each year. The proposed fee increase would increase shuttle availability throughout the year, especially during the peak season in April and May. The proposed fee will also provide opportunities for enhancement of shuttle stops through the addition of amenities such as shade structures, visitor information kiosks, and water fountains.

Purchase prices for Golden Age and America the Beautiful passes will remain the same. The free Golden Access and America the Beautiful Annual Pass for Active Duty Military personnel will continue to be offered.

Interested parties are encouraged to make comments electronically via the National Park Service's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/pinn>. Click on: Proposed Fee Increase for Transportation Services. To submit written comments by letter, you may send them by U.S. Postal Service or other mail delivery service, or hand-deliver your comments to Superintendent, Pinnacles National Park, Attn: Proposed Fee Increase for Transportation Services, 5000 Highway 146, Paicines, CA 95043. Comments submitted by e-mail and anonymous comments will not be accepted.

NOTE: Comments will not be accepted by FAX, e-mail or in any manner other than the methods previously specified. Bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted. Before including a personal address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in written comments, anyone providing written comment should be aware their entire comment - including their personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While anyone wishing to comment may ask the National Park Service in their comment to withhold their personal identifying information from public review, the National Park Service cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.

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