



# United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
CASA GRANDE RUINS NATIONAL MONUMENT  
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Dear Interested Party:

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, as well as other National Park Service (NPS) units that collect entrance and recreation fees from park visitors, is beginning public engagement to seek comments on possible changes in park/recreation fees. Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is proposing increases to its entrance fees. Current fees have been in place since 2006.

Under the authority of Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, Casa Grande Ruins National Monument retains 100% of the recreation fees collect at the monument. Fee revenues from entrance stations have provided funding for many projects and non-permanent staffing since 2010. All of the projects funded by fee revenues have focused on improvements to visitor services, facilities, and visitor safety. Recent examples include the construction of the new theater at the park visitor center, a new park movie, ruins stabilization and preservation program, and new wayside exhibits, which are used by visitors to the monument every day.

“The fee revenue is critical to these projects”, said Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Superintendent Karl Pierce. “Funds from entrance fees are used to improve and maintain park facilities and archaeological sites, including the Great House, and to provide valuable visitor services. Without fee revenues, we simply would not be able to complete these projects or maintain the high level of services to visitors which our staff provides”.

The NPS entrance fee rate schedule has been updated for all national park units. Casa Grande Ruins National Monument currently charges a per person fee of 5 dollars (\$5.00) for adults, ages 16 and over. The updated entrance fee rate schedule for 2015 proposes an increase of 5 dollars (\$5.00), bringing the total rate to 10 dollars (\$10.00) per person, age 16 or older. Prices of interagency passes will not be affected and holders of these passes will still receive free entry into the monument. If supported by civic engagement, the proposed increased entrance fees would allow parks to invest in the improvements necessary to provide the best possible park experience for visitors.

The public comment period is open for 30 days from January 1 through January 30. Please access the National Park Service planning website to comment: <http://parkplanning/cagr>. Written comments can also be accepted by mail to Superintendent, Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, 1100 W. Ruins Drive, Coolidge, AZ 85128. You may also comment through our website ([www.nps.gov/cagr](http://www.nps.gov/cagr)). Look for the Contact Us link on the left side of the home page under Park Tools. Or, stop by our visitor center to fill out a visitor comment form. Check the website for hours. Comments are being accepted through January 30, 2015.

Following the comment period, your feedback will be analyzed to determine how, or whether, the proposed fee increase would be implemented.

Respectfully,

Karl M. Pierce  
Superintendent