



Why Are Fees Charged at Glen Canyon?

Congress passed the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), which was signed into law by the president in December of 2004.

This law allows recreation fees to be collected at federal recreation lands and waters, including Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

Senior leadership of the National Park Service has authorized park units to pursue increasing entrance, expanded amenity, and special recreation permit fees as authorized by FLREA.



FLREA allows for the collection of *entrance* and *enhanced amenity* fees. Unlike many fee collection efforts that direct funds to the general treasury, FLREA allows up to 80% of the fees collected to be used within the park that collects the fees to enhance visitor services. The remaining 20% is made available to parks that do not collect fees on a competitive basis.

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area has used money generated by the current fee program to support a wide range of projects to improve visitor services. A portion of the fees are also used to cover the cost of fee collection.

Fees have not increased at Glen Canyon since 2006. Glen Canyon would be able to begin work on projects directly related to visitor service improvements that are currently unfunded with the addition of the proposed increase in fee revenue. The fee increase would also help address costs that have increased over time.

The law specifically prevents federal agencies from using fee money to cover the costs of routine operations. This includes a prohibition on using the funds to pay for full-time, permanent staff.

