



Prince William Forest Park News Release

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Prince William Forest Park Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Entrance and Camping Fee Increases

TRIANGLE, Va. – Prince William Forest Park invites the public to comment on proposed entrance and campground fee increases. Fees collected at the park are critical to the park operations. One-hundred percent of the money collected at Prince William Forest Park is reinvested in park projects that improve facilities and experiences for visitors. Comments are being accepted online through Feb. 27, 2015.

Interested citizens are also invited to discuss the proposed fee increases at two open houses, which will be held at the park visitor center on Saturday, Jan. 31 and Saturday, Feb. 7 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Following the comment period, feedback will determine whether and how a fee increase would be implemented.

The current park entrance fees have been in place since 2009. The proposed entrance fees, which would become effective no sooner than May 1, 2015 are as follows:

Entrance Fee	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Per Person	\$3 valid for 7 days	\$5 valid for 7 days
Per Motorcycle	\$3 valid for 7 days	\$5 valid for 7 days
Per Vehicle	\$5 valid for 7 days	\$7 valid for 7 days
Annual Park Pass	\$20	\$30

The park also proposes to increase the rates for the Turkey Run Ridge Group Tent Campground. Currently all sites, regardless of capacity, are \$40 per night. The current and proposed rate are as follows:

Site Capacity	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Up to 20	\$40	\$40
21 to 25	\$40	\$50
26 to 40	\$40	\$60

“I hope the public will appreciate how much these fees directly support the protection and preservation of park resources,” Superintendent Vidal Martinez said. “The funds from camping and entrance fees are used to perform historic preservation and backlog maintenance projects, and to maintain or improve facilities and trails.”

Examples of projects that have been completed utilizing these funds include, chimney repair and rehabilitation in cabin camps, installation of new playground equipment in Pine Grove Picnic Area, Rehabilitation of the A-Loop comfort station at Oak Ridge Campground, improvements to the park visitor center (which will eventually include all new exhibits), hosting the park’s Heritage Festival, replacement of picnic tables and grills park-wide, and rehabilitation and re-establishment of three campsites at Turkey Run Ridge Group tent campground.

Prince William Forest Park is a strong economic engine for the surrounding area. In 2013, more than 315,000 park visitors contributed over \$14 million to the local economy and supported over 200 jobs related to tourism.

To provide comments on the proposed fee increases, go to:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/PWFPfeeincrease>. The public has the opportunity to comment on the increases for a 30-day period ending on Feb. 27, 2015. Written comments should be provided through this website.

The annual park pass is valid for one year from the date of purchase. Entrance fees are not charged to persons under 16 years of age or holders of the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Senior, Access or Military Passes. These passes may be obtained at the park. In addition, the park offers at least six entrance fee-free days per year.

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