

## Park Talking Points for Fee Increases and Updated Entrance Fee Rate Schedule

The National Park Service updated the entrance fee schedule, which had not changed since 2008, in 2014. Currently, only 120 of the 417 National Park Service units collect entrance fees.

- Parks have the authority to change their recreation fee rates to align with the new rate schedule, after they have actively engaged the public and stakeholders about proposed changes and impacts. The decision to adjust fees will be made locally, with input from local communities, to ensure that the fee increases are implemented in a way that works best for parks and visitors.
  - As part of the civic engagement required for this fee change, parks will communicate directly with their Congressional delegations, local and state governmental and non- governmental contacts, key stakeholders and visitors.
  - Based on feedback received through civic engagement, parks will develop an implementation strategy that meets the needs and expectations of the community. New fee implementation may begin in 2017, but in some cases, parks may choose to phase in rates over two years.
  - Parks must document the results of these outreach efforts, which must be considered by the park and approved by NPS Regional Directors before any increased fees are implemented.
  - Authorized changes may include entrance fees, expanded amenity fees (campground, tours, etc.), transportation fees and special recreation permits.
- There continues to be a growing need for funds to improve facilities, infrastructure and visitor services in parks.
- The new revenue from the fee increases will be used to provide enhanced visitor services including repair and maintenance of facilities, capital improvements, enhanced amenities, resource protection and additional visitor programs and services. There will be an emphasis on park-deferred maintenance projects.
- The National Park Service entrance fee rate schedule is:

Group	Annual Pass	Per Vehicle	Per Person	Motorcycle
1	\$30	\$15	\$7	\$10
2	\$40	\$20	\$10	\$15
3	\$50	\$25	\$12	\$20
4	\$60	\$30	\$15	\$25

- Tumacácori NHP is in Group 1