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National Park Service Proposes Standardized Entrance Fees for Cape Cod National Seashore

The National Park Service is proposing a fee increase for 2018 for the per person and motorcycle daily fees. The per person daily fee would increase from \$3 to \$10, and the motorcycle daily fee would increase from \$10 to \$15. This change is in response to the NPS effort to standardize entrance fees across the National Park System. The per vehicle rate of \$20 will remain the same.

"At the local level, the fee program is critical to the park," said Acting Superintendent Shawn P. Mulligan. "Fees collected at the seashore are used to improve our visitors' experiences. For example, the new bathhouse and concession facilities at Herring Cove Beach, the Salt Pond Visitor Center Amphitheater rehabilitation and the ongoing repairs to the Red Maple Swamp trail were all made possible through these funds. Any additional revenue from the fee increase will be used to enhance visitor services, including repair of park facilities, rehabilitation of visitor centers and cultural resources, and the provision of additional park programs and transportation services."

Cape Cod National Seashore beach entrance fees are collected from late June through early September when lifeguards are on duty, and on weekends/holidays from Memorial Day to the end of September. Beach entrance fees are collected at all six seashore beaches. Most people visiting Cape Cod National Seashore arrive by automobile so this proposed increase will not affect the majority of park visitors.

Comments should be submitted using the National Park Service's Planning, Environment and Public Comment website (<u>https://parkplanning.nps.gov/ccnsfee2018</u>) and will be accepted through January 5th.

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