



Project Name: Joshua Tree National Park Campground Fee Increase 2021
Project Number: 101977

Background: JOTR strives to make our campgrounds affordable and accessible to the public. They are clean, conveniently located, and available all year for our visiting public to enjoy during their stay at JOTR. In the past five years, camp night stays have increased 23% and campgrounds are at or near capacity 6 out of 12 months of the year. With increased overnight stays and the addition of a reservations system, customer service demand has increased including: greater need for support for campers (answering questions, emails, and calls); more frequent bathroom cleaning and pumping vault toilets; additional campground dumpsters and more frequent trash/recycle removal; and need for rangers to ensure a safe visit that protects the park and provides a National Park Service quality experience.

Purpose of the Proposed Action: To meet this increase in customer demand and use, JOTR proposes a campground fee increase to hire additional park staff to maintain high visitor satisfaction. Hiring additional park staff allows us to enhance our customer support and have a greater presence in campgrounds to better address common campground issues such as: campground noise complaints; unattended food; trash disposal; graffiti; and campsite poaching.

Description of Proposed Action: Joshua Tree National Park is proposing to raise campground fees by \$5.00 per night for all campgrounds. The increased fee would result in the following rate changes:

| Campground / Facility Name | Current Rate | Proposed Rate |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Cottonwood Campground | \$25 | \$30 |
| Cottonwood Dump Station | \$5 | \$10 |
| White Tank Campground | \$15 | \$20 |
| Belle Campground | \$15 | \$20 |
| Jumbo Rocks Campground | \$20 | \$25 |
| Ryan Campground | \$20 | \$25 |
| Hidden Valley Campground | \$15 | \$20 |
| Black Rock Campground | \$25 | \$30 |
| Black Rock Dump Station | \$5 | \$10 |
| Black Rock Equestrian Campground | \$20 | \$25 |
| Indian Cove Campground | \$25 | \$30 |

Proposed Implementation Date: If enacted the proposed fee increases would take effect in October 2021 and would appear on www.recreation.gov as the published rate.

Decision: Following public review and comment, Joshua Tree National Park Superintendent will decide whether to implement the fee increase as described above.

Further Information:

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