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· Cape Hatteras National
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· Fort Raleigh National
Historic Site
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Memorial

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Wright Brothers National Memorial Proposes Entrance Fee Increase and Campground Fee Increase in Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Wright Brothers National Memorial is proposing to increase the entrance fee into the Memorial. The proposed change would transition the entrance fee from a per-person to a per-vehicle cost structure. The proposed entrance fee would be \$15 per vehicle and \$10 per motorcycle. All entrance passes are valid for seven consecutive days. The Memorial's annual pass would increase from \$20 to \$30. The current park entrance fee of \$4 per-person, in place since 2006, is significantly below the national minimum entrance fee for this type of site. The fee increase is part of a larger National Park Service initiative to standardize fees in similar national parks across the country.

The additional revenue from the fee increase will be used to enhance visitor services, including repair and maintenance of park facilities, restoration and rehabilitation of visitor service buildings, and interpretive exhibits.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is also evaluating campground rates via a comparable rates study and public feedback to determine if camping fees are adequate, or need adjustment, in order to sustain campground operations. The park is proposing to raise camping fees from \$20 per night to \$28 per night. The current camping rates have been in place since 2004. The campground rate increase will allow campsites reservations to be made via the national campground reservation system ensuring that visitors will be able to reserve a campsite in advance of their visit.

The park is considering adding new campground amenities, such as electrical hookups at some individual campsites. The new fee structure for this amenity would be \$7 per night for these sites. In addition, the park proposes to change the group camp site fee structure from \$4 per person per night to \$70 per site per night. Each group site is limited to a maximum of 30 occupants. Interagency Access and Senior Pass holders will continue to receive a 50% discount on camping. Interagency Passes, which are honored at all federal managed land units, are not affected by the proposed fee

increase and will remain at \$80 for the regular pass, \$10 for the Senior Pass and free for Access and Military passes.

A thirty (30) day public engagement period on the proposed fee increase opens, Monday, November 10, 2014 through Friday, December 12, 2014.

Feedback will be accepted via the National Park Services Planning, Environment, and Public Comment System (PEPC) at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/comment> and U.S. Postal mail addressed to: Outer Banks Group Superintendent, Attention: Proposed Fee Increase, 1401 National Park Drive, Manteo, NC 27954.

The new fees could be implemented in early 2015. However, the implementation schedule may vary based on the results of civic engagement. The park will develop an implementation schedule that supports local communities and interested stakeholders.

For information on visiting the parks of the Outer Banks Group, please visit the park's websites at www.nps.gov/wrbr, www.nps.gov/caha, and www.nps.gov/fora, or by calling 252-473-2111.

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