



# Fast Facts

## Parks Canada Fee Increases – March 2006

1. **In 2006, Parks Canada will increase user fees as part of the four-year pricing strategy that the Agency implemented in 2005.**

2. **User fee revenue is reinvested in the parks and sites where it is earned and is spent on visitor services and facilities.**

*Reinvestment in PANP over recent years includes: picnic tables and hibachis, campground and trail improvements, navigational buoy replacement and much more.*

3. **The increased fees take effect nationally on Saturday April 1, 2006.** They will continue to be phased in over the next three years. In 2006, fees increase in most areas between \$1-5 dollars. The largest increase in entry pass fees is the national annual pass, which increase from \$109 to \$139 by year four.

4. The fee increases for 2006 are effective in the following areas:

Entry            School Groups    Firewood       Fishing        Backcountry

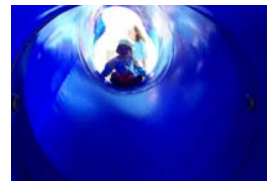
5. **Consultations between November 2003 and February 2004 with Canadians identified the need to phase-in increases over time to ensure parks remained affordable and accessible and the majority of people consulted accepted the need to charge higher fees, on the condition that the resulting revenues are used to support the service offer where they are collected.**

*PANP mailed approximately 3,000 consultation packages to various stakeholders to gather their feedback.*

6. Visitor fees support a wide variety of programs and services including search and rescue, information and campground services, maintenance of washrooms, roads and picnic areas. **These increases are critical if parks Canada is to continue to offer high quality services and to repair or replace aging visitor facilities.**

7. The fee strategy is designed to ensure Parks Canada charges the similar prices for similar services and levels of service at its NPs and NHSs.

8. **Parks Canada's user fees are comparable to those charged at other similar Canadian heritage attractions, and we are continuing to offer price incentives to families, frequent visitors, youth, seniors and school groups**



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