



Fast Facts

- The following fact sheet is intended to keep you informed.
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Parks Canada Fee Increases

- 1. Parks Canada fee increases were approved by the minister in June 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: boat launches, Beaver Glen campground improvements, trail improvements and much more.
- 3. The increased fees take effect nationally on Wednesday June 22, 2005.** They will be phased in over four years. In 2005, fees increase in most areas between \$1-5 dollars. The largest increase in entry pass fees is the national annual pass, which increase from \$89 to \$139 by year four.
4. The fee increases for 2005 are effective in the following areas:
Entry School Groups Camping Firewood Fishing
Services (i.e. camping and school groups) reserved under the old fee schedule will be honoured.
- 5. Consultations 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 proposal on the condition that revenues are invested in visitor facilities and services.**
PANP mailed approximately 3,000 consultation packages to various stakeholders to gather their feedback.
6. Services and facilities providing a public good are paid for through appropriations. Services and facilities providing a personal benefit to visitors are paid for, at least in part, through user fees.
7. 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.**
8. Fee increases help ensure Parks Canada charges the same user fees for the same level of service nationally.
- 9. Parks Canada's user fees are comparable to the fees charged by other providers of similar services and facilities.**

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