



Great Basin National Park News Release

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Great Basin National Park Proposes Camping and Cave Tour Fee Increase

BAKER, NV – Great Basin National Park will be reaching out to the public and community members through the park's website, social media, and will host a table at the Saturday Farmer's Market in Baker on September 10th to discuss possible fee increases in 2017.

The park will continue for now to not charge an entrance fee. Cave tour and camping fees are the only proposed increase. Cave tour fee increases are being proposed to cover the cost associated with providing reservable cave tour tickets on Recreation.gov.

Location	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Lehman Cave Tour Adults (60 min)	\$8.00	\$9.00
Lehman Cave Tour Adults (90 mins)	\$10.00	\$11.00
Lehman Cave Tour Youth 5-15 (60 mins)	\$4.00	\$5.00
Lehman Cave Tour Youth 5-15 (90 mins)	\$5.00	\$6.00
First Room Tour	\$4.00	\$5.00
Golden Age/Access Pass Holder	50% Discount	50% Discount
Toddler (under 5)	Free	Free

As visitation has increased over the last three years so has use of the campgrounds and the need to maintain them. Many of the park's campgrounds have also been improved with new picnic tables,

restrooms, fire pits, grills and tent pads. To help cover the continued maintenance of these campgrounds the following fees are proposed.

Location	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Wheeler Peak Campground	\$12.00	\$15.00
Upper Lehman Creek Campground	\$12.00	\$15.00
Lower Lehman Creek Campground	\$12.00	\$15.00
Baker Creek Campground	\$12.00	\$15.00
Grey Cliffs Group Camping	\$25.00	\$30.00
Snake Creek Camp Sites	\$0	\$5.00

“We are committed to keeping the park affordable but we also want to provide visitors with the best possible experience,” said Great Basin National Park Superintendent Steve Mietz. “The money from camping and cave tours fees goes back into providing visitors with services at those sites.”

Cave tour fees are used to pay for almost 40% of the staff hired to conduct tours. Campground fees are used for restroom supplies, staff to clean the restrooms and maintain the parks infrastructure in the campgrounds.

Great Basin National Park is a strong economic engine for the surrounding area. In 2015, more than 116,000 park visitors contributed \$6.5 million to the local economy and supported 94 jobs related to tourism.

Rangers will be available for questions and to take comments at the Saturday Farmers Market on September 10, 2016 from 8:30 – 11:30 am.

Following the Farmer’s Market feedback will determine how, or if, a fee increase would be implemented.

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