



County of Sacramento

Department of Regional Parks 2013 Fee Schedule

April 9, 2013

Greetings,

This letter is to notify you of the Department of Regional Parks proposed 2013 Fee Schedule. The Regional Parks' Fee Schedule establishes fees for park entry and facility use, and describes fee policies. The proposed revisions include a non-motorized vessel fee, professional instruction permit fees and increases to program, group activity and special event permit fees, picnicking fees and low income annual pass fees.

Background:

Regional Parks' Fee Schedule establishes fees for park entry and facility use, and describes fee policies. The Fee Schedule is reviewed and updated annually to:

- Adjust fees for inflation,
- Standardize fees with similar facilities and services,
- Raise needed revenues to offset department maintenance and operations costs.

The latest revision to Regional Parks' Fee Schedule was approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 23, 2010. From October 2012 through February 2013, a draft Fee Schedule was circulated to Parks stakeholders and user groups for comments. Parks staff considered all comments prior to the development of the final proposed 2013 Fee Schedule.

Proposed Changes to Current Fees

Standard picnicking fees will be raised from \$200 for rental of a large picnic site to \$250 for large sites. The proposed increase will keep picnic reservation fees competitive with other large picnic spaces in the Sacramento region. Parks will also charge the picnic weekend rates on Fridays.

Program, Group Activity and Special Event Permit fees will be increased, generating revenues to fund staff costs for coordinating and supporting events of this size. The Low Income Annual Pass fees will be raised to 50% of the Annual Pass fee, which is consistent with past Fee Schedules.

New Fees Proposed

Proposed additions include a Trail Event Permit Fee and a Professional Instruction Permit Fee. County Service Area 4D also proposes a new non-resident fee for the rental of Herald Park.

The Trail Event Permit Fee is being charged to groups who are using the Jedediah Smith Memorial Bike Trail or other trails for an Open or Closed Trail Event. Regional Parks set a fixed Closed Trail Event Permit Fee to cover the associated fees for closing down the trail for an event. Trail events (open trail/trails recreation) will be charged a per participant fee to help capture the fees related to how much impact the event has on the trail and to the everyday trail users.

The Professional Instruction Permit fee is for group exercise activities that occur routinely or are scheduled to occur more than one time per year. Professional Instruction fees include our standard application fee in addition to our Professional Instruction permit fee. Standard vehicle entry fees will be charged to permitted instruction groups.

See the proposed fee schedule on our website at www.sacparks.net.

Public Testimony:

The American River Parkway Advisory Committee will hear public testimony on April 19, 2013 and forward a recommendation to the Recreation and Park Commission.

Location: 5700 Arden Way, Carmichael, CA 95608

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Recreation and Parks Commission will hear public testimony on April 25, 2013 and forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers, 700 H St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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