Skinner, Rochelle

From: Rick Hall <noreply-comment@blogger.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2014 12:39 PM
To: ANR - Parks
Subject: [Vermont State Parks] New comment on We'd Like Your Input on Proposed Fee Changes.

Rick Hall has left a new comment on your post "We'd Like Your Input on Proposed Fee Changes":

We've been using the Vermont Park system since 1976. Your fees were fair then, they are now, and they will be with this increase. Have you ever considered a Senior rate for those over 62 or 65 such as the National Park System? We have the Vermont lifetime day use pass which is very nice, and the National Park Service pass which is even better. A similar pass in Vermont that would allow Vermont Seniors a reduced rate, even if it were limited to May/June/Sept/Oct, and/or Sun-Thurs nights only might fill a lot of those empty sites with retired people who can take advantage of the parks mid-week.

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Moderate comments for this blog.

Posted by Rick Hall to Vermont State Parks at April 26, 2014

Skinner, Rochelle

From: Whipple, Craig
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2014 8:26 AM
To: Skinner, Rochelle; Snyder, Michael
Subject: Fwd: Fee Increase Proposal

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Josephson, Scott R (Finance)" <scott.josephson@thehartford.com>
Date: April 23, 2014, 8:25:20 AM EDT
To: "craig.whipple@state.vt.us" <craig.whipple@state.vt.us>
Subject: Fee Increase Proposal

Hello Craig,

My name is Scott Josephson and I happened to have perused VTSTATEPARKS website for some information and saw the article regarding the Fee Increase Proposal. I feel compelled to throw my support in for the fee increases. The Vermont State Parks offer great recreational alternatives as well as an access to nature that that is second to none. These opportunities are not self-sustaining, so financial considerations must be made to do so. The increases suggested are reasonable considering that the only other certainty besides Death and Taxes is Inflation (or rising costs of doing business). The fee increases are nominal and we will gladly lend support towards this initiative now and well into the future.

My family and I have enjoyed staying at VT State Parks for several years now and really enjoy both Wilgus and Button Bay so much that it is now our annual tradition which has now extended to friends. Not sure if it's by coincidence or if my family's VT experience impacted both my daughters' decision to enroll at UVM where they currently attend.

Sincerely,

Scott Josephson & Family
Longmeadow, MA
Friends of VTSTATEPARKS

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From: Whipple, Craig
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 7:43 AM
To: Skinner, Rochelle; Snyder, Michael
Subject: Fwd: increases

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "SHUHART, PATRICIA" <PSHUHART@berlincentral.org>
> **Date:** April 22, 2014, 6:03:55 AM EDT
> **To:** "'craig.whipple@state.vt.us'" <craig.whipple@state.vt.us>
> **Subject: increases**
>
> The increases are not that bad. The parks in Vermont are kept exceptionally well and are always clean and neat. They are a wonderful value for your money.
>
> Pat Shuhart – frequent camper at Half Moon Pond and we LOVE it there.

Skinner, Rochelle

From: Whipple, Craig
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 9:04 AM
To: Skinner, Rochelle
Subject: Fwd: Vermont State Parks:We'd Like Your Input on Proposed Fee Changes

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Sam and Lou Clarino <no-reply@blogger.com>
> **Date:** April 6, 2014, 2:44:27 PM EDT
> **To:** <craig.whipple@state.vt.us>
> **Subject: Vermont State Parks:We'd Like Your Input on Proposed Fee Changes**
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> Sam and Lou Clarino has sent you a link to a blog:
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> Vt. Has a great park system that is why so many out of staters come here. If we camp out of state we pay a higher fee and we believe that out of staters should also pay a higher fee to offset the money that comes from our state budget. Thank you.
>
> Blog: Vermont State Parks
> Post: We'd Like Your Input on Proposed Fee Changes
> Link: http://vtstateparks.blogspot.com/2014/03/proposed-fee-changes.html
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Skinner, Rochelle

From: Skinner, Rochelle
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 9:47 AM
To: Skinner, Rochelle
Subject: comment on rule change

Amy Joas Evans An increase on top of a two night minimum may be tough to swallow.
Like · Reply · March 26 at 2:14pm

Tom Longfellow no prob. here, still the best deal around. frequent user from alburgh.
Like · Reply · March 26 at 10:41am

Dave Schramm This isn't a reasonable post to ask for input on. What is the "minor fee"? If you want input you should give the relevant information.
Like · Reply · March 26 at 10:38am

Vermont State Parks Hi Dave,

A full explanation of the proposed fee changes is posted on our blog: http://vtstateparks.blogspot.com/.../proposed-fee-changes...
Like · March 26 at 11:04am · Edited

Dave Schramm Those increases don't seem unreasonable.
Like · March 26 at 11:06am

Write a reply...

Jay Rashbaum Is the $2.00/ night increase for tent sites and leanto's
Like · Reply · March 26 at 10:33am

Nicole Stearns Parent ☹
Like · Reply · March 26 at 10:25am

James Button Really?
Like · Reply · March 26 at 9:32am

Jaime LaRoche Brewer The changes in fees won't keep my family from camping in VT several times each year. Heck, I'd even pay extra for camp wood that isn't fire resistant ☺ Firewood is always wet!!! Half Moon is our favorite place in the world ♡
Like · Reply · March 26 at 12:36pm

Kate Bascom Come camp at Quechee State Park....Our wood is kiln dried!
Like · 👍 2 · March 26 at 2:40pm

Write a reply...

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From: Skinner, Rochelle
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 9:47 AM
To: Skinner, Rochelle
Subject: facebook rule comments

Ashley Brisson, Kate Wood, Cindy Davis and 39 others like this. Top Comments

Write a comment...

Kate Wood I'm for the increase. You can't go anywhere else for on what cost to throw a tent up and be in touch with the outdoors. I'm a big fan of Vermont State Parks. I've stayed at other state parks for higher price and they aren't as clean and well taken care of like the Vermont state parks.
Like · Reply · 1 · March 26 at 9:49pm

Charleen Callahan Clifford Well worth the increase!! Love Half Moon State Park!!
Like · Reply · 3 · March 26 at 12:12pm

Julia Andrews The beautiful spaces and family experiences we've been a part of at Vermont State Parks are worth every penny and then some. We're always happy to fork it over to the State Park system. Also, your staff is always extremely helpful and easy to work with!
Like · Reply · 1 · March 26 at 3:18pm

Rachel Winer Seems reasonable, especially if the rates haven't changed in a while.
Like · Reply · 1 · March 26 at 12:43pm

Ruth Donovan Cross I would like to see the under used Sandbar State Park begin to accommodate self contained campers in a pull thru configuration on the east end of the parking lot. There are few large sites at Grand Isle that the larger RV's can use and I think Vermont State Parks could charge a premium for these sites.
Like · Reply · 1 · March 26 at 11:56am

Lindsey Lefebvre Walker How about offering a season's pass or a 10 night pass at current rates that's use it or lose it?
Like · Reply · March 26 at 8:05pm

Marsha Werst Just do it!
Like · Reply · March 26 at 2:36pm

These fees are still fair and affordable. Do what you need to do to keep our State Parks maintained and operational.

MARCH 27, 2014

Matt Parsons said...

Vt state parks are still the best bang for our camping buck.

MARCH 29, 2014

Rick Hall said...

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APRIL 26, 2014

Suzy Kinefelter said...

It's understandable that prices need to rise to keep up with maintenance costs, etc. The parks are a treasure that we need to maintain. Thanks for all that you do to provide special places for us to spend time with family and friends!

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INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

To: Louise Corliss, SOS
Brian Leven, SOS
Katie Pickens, LCAR
ICAR Members

Date: March 11, 2014

Proposed Rule: Rules and Regulations: Visitor Conduct and Fees and Charges for State Park Services and Commercial Activities on Department Lands
(Agency of Natural Resources)

The following official action was taken at the March 10, 2014 meeting of ICAR.

Present: Chair Michael Clasen, Steve Knudson, Diane Zamos, John Kessler, Dixie Henry, Jon Groveman, Trevor Lewis, and Dirk Anderson
Absent: Scott Bascom
Abstain: Jon Groveman

[ ] The Committee has no objection to the proposed rule being filed with the Secretary of State.

[X] The Committee approves the rule with the following recommendations.

1. Coversheet #5: Confirm citation is correct.
2. Adopting Page #5: Add title of rule.
3. Public Input Statement #4: Consider adding list of people and organizations involved.

[ ] The Committee opposes filing of the proposed rule.

cc: Craig Whipple
Rochelle Skinner