

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0010

State parks and historic sites-fees.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and
Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks and historic sites;
2 increasing use fees; repealing annual nonresident camping
3 permits; providing for additional fees for developed
4 campgrounds; providing for a continuous appropriation; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-4-121(a)(i) through (xii), by
10 creating new paragraphs (xiv) and (xv) and by renumbering
11 (xiv) as (xvi) is amended to read:

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13 **36-4-121. Permits to use state parks, recreation**
14 **areas and historic sites.**

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1 (a) The department of state parks and cultural
2 resources shall offer for sale permits that allow use of
3 the state parks, recreation areas, archeological sites and
4 historic sites. Daily use permits shall be required at
5 Glendo, Guernsey, Curt Gowdy, Edness Kimball Wilkins,
6 Buffalo Bill, Boysen, Seminoe and Keyhole state parks and
7 Fort Bridger, South Pass City, Trail End, Fort Fetterman
8 and Fort Phil Kearney state historic sites, and Hawk
9 Springs state recreation area. The department may
10 establish voluntary pay stations at Bear River and Hot
11 Springs state parks to allow users of those parks to make
12 voluntary contributions for the use of the state parks.
13 Persons who enter or use Bear River or Hot Springs state
14 park without paying daily use fees shall not be subject to
15 the penalties provided for in subsection (j) of this
16 section. Overnight camping permits shall be required at
17 Boysen, Buffalo Bill, Curt Gowdy, Glendo, Guernsey,
18 Keyhole, Seminoe and Sinks Canyon state parks, Connor
19 Battlefield state historic site, Medicine Lodge state
20 archeological site and Hawk Springs state recreation area
21 by the department during the entire calendar year. Except
22 for the lifetime permit issued without cost pursuant to
23 subsection (n) of this section, the cost of the permits
24 authorized under this section shall be:

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(i) ~~Twenty five dollars (\$25.00)~~ Thirty-three dollars (\$33.00) per calendar year for a resident annual bucking horse daily use permit and ~~forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ fifty-three dollars (\$53.00) for a nonresident annual bucking horse daily use permit to designated state parks, historic sites, archeological sites and recreation areas, valid for the holder and occupants of the holder's vehicle, provided resident permits purchased pursuant to this paragraph between January 1 through February 15 of each year shall cost ~~twenty dollars (\$20.00)~~ twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) and nonresident permits purchased during the same period shall cost ~~thirty five dollars (\$35.00)~~ forty-six dollars (\$46.00);

(ii) ~~Thirty dollars (\$30.00)~~ Forty dollars (\$40.00) per calendar year for an annual resident overnight camping permit, ~~and sixty dollars (\$60.00) per calendar year for an annual nonresident overnight camping permit,~~ authorizing overnight camping at designated state parks, historic sites, archeological sites and recreation areas for the holder and occupants of the holder's vehicle;

1 (iii) Except as provided under paragraph (a)(v)
2 of this section, ~~two dollars (\$2.00)~~ four dollars (\$4.00)
3 for residents and ~~four dollars (\$4.00)~~ six dollars (\$6.00)
4 for nonresidents for the daily use fee for designated state
5 parks, archeological sites and recreation areas, valid for
6 the date of purchase for the holder and occupants of the
7 holder's vehicle and for the holder entering the park or
8 area by bicycle, horseback or on foot;

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10 (iv) Except as provided under paragraph (a)(v)
11 of this section, ~~one dollar (\$1.00)~~ two dollars (\$2.00) per
12 person for residents and ~~two dollars (\$2.00)~~ four dollars
13 (\$4.00) per person for nonresidents for the daily use fee
14 for designated state historic sites, valid for the date of
15 purchase for the holder only. The fee is not required for
16 persons under the age of eighteen (18) years;

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18 (v) ~~Two dollars (\$2.00)~~ Three dollars (\$3.00)
19 per person for the daily use fee for buses used in guided
20 tours at designated state parks, historic sites and
21 recreation areas, valid for the date of purchase only. The
22 bucking horse annual permit authorized under paragraphs
23 (a)(i) and (ii) of this section is not valid for and shall
24 not be issued to buses used for purposes specified under

1 this paragraph. The fee imposed under this paragraph shall
2 not apply to persons under the age of eighteen (18) years;

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4 (vi) ~~Four dollars (\$4.00)~~ Six dollars (\$6.00)
5 per night for residents and ~~eight dollars (\$8.00)~~ eleven
6 dollars (\$11.00) for nonresidents for overnight camping at
7 any designated state park, historic site, archeological
8 site and recreation area valid for the date of purchase and
9 the following day until 3:00 p.m. for the holder and
10 occupants of the holder's vehicle;

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12 (vii) ~~Five dollars (\$5.00)~~ Seven dollars (\$7.00)
13 for each additional vehicle annual bucking horse ~~entrance~~
14 daily use permit issued under subsection (b) of this
15 section;

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17 (viii) ~~Five dollars (\$5.00)~~ Seven dollars
18 (\$7.00) for each additional vehicle annual resident ~~or~~
19 ~~nonresident~~ overnight camping permit issued under
20 subsection (b) of this section;

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22 (ix) ~~Five dollars (\$5.00)~~ Seven dollars (\$7.00)
23 for each duplicate annual bucking horse ~~entrance~~ daily use
24 permit issued under subsection (c) of this section;

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2 (x) ~~Five dollars (\$5.00)~~ Seven dollars (\$7.00)3 for each duplicate annual resident overnight camping permit
4 issued under subsection (c) of this section;

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6 (xi) Any group may be charged a fee of not more
7 than ~~seventy five dollars (\$75.00)~~ one hundred fifty8 dollars (\$150.00) for a twenty-four (24) hour period for9 the use of the lodges located at Curt Gowdy or Buffalo Bill
10 State Parks;

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12 (xii) Any group may be charged a fee of not more
13 than ~~fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ sixty-six dollars (\$66.00) for14 a twelve (12) hour period for a group picnic shelter and
15 adjacent grounds located at any department location;

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17 (xiv) An amenities fee which is in addition to18 any other fee specified in this section may be charged for19 camping in campsites designated by the commission as20 campsites containing added amenities. "Added amenities"21 means sites with electrical hookups, showers or camping22 structures. An amenities fee may be charged at any park,23 area or site under the jurisdiction of the department,24 regardless of whether a daily use or camping fee has been

1 established by law. The amount of the fee shall be set by
2 rule and regulation but shall not exceed fifteen dollars
3 (\$15.00) per night for electrical hookups or showers or one
4 hundred dollars (\$100.00) per night for sites with camping
5 structures;

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7 (xv) Funds collected from the amenities fee
8 authorized by paragraph (xiv) of this subsection shall be
9 deposited in an account and are continuously appropriated
10 to the department to pay the utility fees and maintenance
11 costs for the additional amenities offered. The remaining
12 funds collected from the amenities fee authorized by
13 paragraph (xiv) of this subsection at the end of the fiscal
14 year shall be deposited in a capital construction account
15 and expended in accordance with W.S. 36-4-121(h);

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17 ~~(xiv)~~ (xvi) Waived for the following:

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19 (A) Persons needing to pass through a state
20 park or historic site to access private property shall be
21 exempt from the entrance permit requirements of this
22 section;

1 (B) Persons needing access to a state park
2 or historic site to conduct official business or only to
3 access a private commercial business without further use of
4 the state park or historic site shall be exempt from the
5 entrance permit requirements of this section;

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7 (C) School groups on school sanctioned
8 events including events sanctioned by educational programs
9 defined under W.S. 21-4-101(a)(iii), (iv) and (v), and
10 residents and staff of publicly owned homes or institutions
11 while on official agency functions shall be exempt from the
12 entrance permit requirements of this section;

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14 (D) Not for profit groups or organizations
15 needing access to a state park or historic site to provide
16 volunteer assistance or services that have been previously
17 agreed upon by the department of state parks and cultural
18 resources shall be exempt from the permit requirements of
19 this section.

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective January 1, 2009.

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23 (END)