

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0030

State parks and sites-fees.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks, historic sites,
2 archeological sites and recreation areas; authorizing the
3 department of state parks and cultural resources to
4 designate parks, sites and areas as fee areas; modifying
5 fees for the use of parks, sites and areas; authorizing
6 voluntary fees; authorizing resident lifetime use permits;
7 removing redundant language; and providing for effective
8 dates.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-4-121(a)(intro), by creating new
13 paragraphs (xvii) through (xxvii), (b), (c), (j), (k), (o)
14 and by creating new subsections (r) and (s) is amended to
15 read:

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2 **36-4-121. Permits to use state parks, recreation**
3 **areas and historic sites.**

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

1 ~~state recreation area by the department during the entire~~
 2 ~~calendar year~~ as designated by the department with the
 3 approval of the commission. Permits may be subject to per
 4 person, per vehicle or time restrictions or any other
 5 restriction the director of the department deems
 6 appropriate. The director may waive any permit fee imposed
 7 pursuant to this section, offer discounts or offer at no
 8 charge complimentary permits or gift certificates for
 9 permits authorized by this section. Except ~~for the~~
 10 ~~lifetime permit issued without cost pursuant to~~ as provided
 11 in subsection (n) of this section, the cost of the permits
 12 authorized under this section shall be approved by the
 13 commission and set in an amount not to exceed the
 14 following:

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- 16 (xvii) Resident annual daily use permit
- 17 \$64.00
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- 19 (xviii) Nonresident annual daily use permit
- 20 \$96.00
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- 22 (xix) Resident daily use fee.....\$8.00
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1 (xx) Nonresident daily use fee.....\$12.00

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3 (xxi) Lifetime resident daily use
4 permit.....\$1,500.00

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6 (xxii) Resident overnight camping permit..\$12.00

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8 (xxiii) Nonresident overnight camping
9 permit.....\$18.00

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11 (xxiv) Annual resident overnight camping
12 permit.....\$96.00

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14 (xxv) Per person daily use bus fee for guided
15 tours, which shall not be charged to persons under the age
16 of eighteen (18) years.....\$5.00

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18 (xxvi) Daily use lodge permit.....\$300.00

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20 (xxvii) Daily use group picnic shelter and
21 adjacent ground permit.....\$150.00

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1 (b) ~~Any holder of an annual daily use permit or an~~
2 ~~annual resident overnight camping permit may obtain~~
3 ~~additional vehicle annual daily use permits or additional~~
4 ~~vehicle annual overnight camping permits from~~ The
5 department or any selling agent of the department may issue
6 additional vehicle annual daily use permits or additional
7 vehicle annual overnight camping permits upon payment of
8 ~~the~~ a fee ~~prescribed under paragraph (a) (vii) or (viii) of~~
9 ~~this section, as applicable, and upon submission of proof~~
10 ~~satisfactory to the department that an original annual~~
11 ~~permit was purchased and that the additional vehicle is~~
12 ~~registered in the same name as the vehicle for which the~~
13 ~~original annual permit is obtained, or that the additional~~
14 ~~vehicle is operated by the person who purchased the~~
15 ~~original annual permit or a member of his family under duly~~
16 ~~granted authority from his employer. The director shall~~
17 ~~determine the validity of the authority of an applicant to~~
18 ~~operate an employer owned vehicle prior to issuance of an~~
19 ~~additional vehicle permit for that vehicle under this~~
20 ~~section. Any vehicle in tow by another vehicle owned by the~~
21 ~~same person shall be considered a single vehicle for~~
22 ~~purposes of this section and only a single annual bucking~~
23 ~~horse daily use permit shall be required for entrance at~~

1 ~~state parks and a single annual overnight camping permit~~
2 ~~shall be required for overnight camping at state parks~~ in
3 an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the cost of
4 the original annual permit.

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6 (c) ~~If an annual daily use permit or an annual~~
7 ~~resident overnight camping permit is lost, mutilated or~~
8 ~~destroyed, the holder of the permit may obtain a duplicate~~
9 ~~annual permit from~~ The department or any selling agent of
10 the department ~~permit~~ may issue duplicate annual daily use
11 permits or annual resident overnight camping permits upon
12 the holder of the permit filing an affidavit showing the
13 loss, mutilation or destruction of the original permit and
14 upon payment of ~~the a~~ fee ~~imposed under paragraph (a)(ix)~~
15 ~~or (x) of this section, as applicable~~ in an amount not to
16 exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of the
17 original annual permit.

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19 (j) Any person using state parks, recreation areas, l
20 archeological sites and historic sites and failing to
21 obtain a permit ~~required~~ authorized by this section and any
22 person otherwise violating this section is guilty of a
23 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven

1 hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), imprisonment for not more
2 than six (6) months, or both.

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4 (k) The department of state parks and cultural
5 resources is authorized to contract with the town of
6 Ranchester to implement a fee collection program at Connor
7 Battlefield state historic site and to provide for park
8 maintenance and operation. Notwithstanding subsection (h)
9 of this section, fees collected ~~pursuant to paragraphs~~
10 ~~(a)(ii) and (v) of this section~~ for overnight camping at
11 Connor Battlefield state historic site shall be deposited
12 into a separate account and may be expended by the
13 department pursuant to contracts entered into under this
14 subsection.

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16 (o) The department is authorized to sponsor special
17 events and to contract with groups sponsoring special
18 events at state parks, recreation areas, archeological
19 sites or historic sites. A special event fee may be charged
20 ~~as provided in paragraph (a)(xiii) of this section~~
21 regardless of whether a daily use fee has been established
22 by law and in addition to any other fee. All funds
23 received from special events sponsored by the department

1 shall be deposited in special events account. The funds
2 deposited within the account are continuously appropriated
3 to and may be expended by the department to conduct special
4 events directly or pursuant to contracts entered under this
5 subsection.

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7 (r) The department may establish methods whereby
8 voluntary contributions may be accepted in support of state
9 parks, historic sites, archeological sites or recreation
10 areas. The department may suggest and solicit specific
11 contribution amounts.

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13 (s) The department may, with the approval of the
14 commission, charge an amenities fee in addition to any
15 other fee authorized under this section for services
16 designated by the commission as added amenities. Funds
17 collected from the amenities fee authorized by this
18 subsection shall be deposited in a separate account and are
19 continuously appropriated to the department to pay the
20 utility fees and maintenance costs for the additional
21 amenities offered. The remaining funds collected from the
22 amenities fee authorized by this subsection at the end of
23 the fiscal year may be deposited in the state parks account

1 and expended in accordance with subsection (h) of this
2 section. Revenues and expenditures under this subsection
3 for each of the immediately preceding two (2) fiscal years
4 shall be reported within the department's biennial budget
5 request submitted under W.S. 9-2-1013.

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7 **Section 2.** W.S. 36-4-121(a)(i) through (xv) is
8 repealed.

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10 **Section 3.** The department shall promulgate rules and
11 regulations necessary to implement this act by July 1,
12 2017.

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14 **Section 4.**

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16 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
17 section, this act is effective July 1, 2017.

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1 (b) Section 3 of this act is effective immediately
2 upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become
3 law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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