

# Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

US Forest Service- Eastern Region

Fee Proposal

**National Forest, State:** Huron-Manistee National Forests, Michigan

**Site Type:** Day Use:

**FLREA Fee Type:** Standard Amenity

**Type of Proposal:** Fee Increase

**Site Description:** 52 day use sites: Trailheads, Picnic Sites and Boating Access

**Current Fee:** \$3 or \$4 per day

**Proposed Fee:** \$5 per day

**Amount Increase:** \$1 or \$2 per day

**Date of Last Increase:** 1995

**If approved, the proposal will be implemented:** January 1, 2009



**Site and Proposed Action:**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Dev Level</b>	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>Proposed Fee</b>	<b>Amount Increase</b>
4001 Landing - Picnic & Boat Launch on Au Sable National Scenic River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Au Sable Loop Picnic & Day Use	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Bear Creek River Access Boat Launch on Manistee National Recreation River	4	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Big M X-ski Trailhead	4	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Blacksmith Bayou River Access Boat Launch on Manistee National Recreation River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Corsair Trailheads (3)	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Diamond Point Canoe Landing - White River Wild & Scenic Study River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Dobson Bridge River Access - Pine National Scenic River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Dorner Lake Day Use & Picnic Area	2	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$1.00
Driftwood Valley Day Use & Picnic Area	3	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$1.00
Elm Flats Landing - Pine National Scenic River	4	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Gabion's Day Use Picnic & River Access	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
High Bridge River Access - Manistee National Recreation River	4	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00

Hoag's Lake Day Use - Swimming & Picnic Site & Boating Site	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Hoist Lake Trailhead SPNM (EAST)	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Hoist Lake Trailhead SPNM (WEST)	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Hungerford Horse Trailhead	2	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Indian Lake Boat Launch	2	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Lake Michigan Recreation Area - Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Trailhead	4	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Lake Michigan Recreation Area Day Use Swimming & Picnic Site	4	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Loda Lake National Wildflower Sanctuary Day Use - Trailhead - Interpretive Site	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Low Bridge Landing - Pine National Scenic River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Meadows Day Use	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
NCT Marilla Trailhead - North County National Scenic Trail	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
NCT Nichols Lake North Trailhead - North County National Scenic Trail	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
NCT Timber Creek Trailhead - North County National Scenic Trail	2	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
NCT Udell Trailhead - North County National Scenic Trail	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Nurnberg Trailhead - Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Nichols Lake North Day Use - Swimming & Boat launch	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00

Peterson Bridge (North) Day Use - Boat Launch - Pine National Scenic River	4	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Pine Acres River Access - lower Au Sable River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Bowman Bridge Day Use & Boat Launch - Pere Marquette National Scenic River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Claybank Fishing River Access - Pere Marquette National Scenic River	2	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Gleason's Landing Day Use & Boat Launch- Pere Marquette National Scenic River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
PMR Green Cottage Day Use & Boat Launch - Pere Marquette National Scenic River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
PMR Indian Bridge Day Use & Boat Launch - Pere Marquette National Scenic River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
PMR Maple Leaf Day Use, Walk-in area, Trailhead - Pere Marquette National Scenic River	2	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
PMR Rainbow Rapids Day Use & Boat Launch - Pere Marquette National Scenic River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Rainbow Bend Access Site Day Use & Boat Launch - Manistee National Recreation River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Ravine campground - Day Use Picnic Site	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Reid Lake Trailhead SPNM	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
River Dune Day Use	2	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Rollways Picnic area	4	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Sawdust Hole River Access (fishing) - Manistee National Recreation River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00

Sawmill Point River Access - Lower Au Sable River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Shelley Lake Day Use	2	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Thompson's Landing - Lower Au Sable River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Twinwood Lake Day Use	2	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Udell Rollways Day Use - Picnic	3	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$1.00
Upper Branch Bridge Landing - Pere Marquette National Scenic River	3	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Wakeley Lake Day Use - Picnic - Ski/Hike/Bike Trailhead	2	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Whirlpool Boat Landing - Lower Au Sable River	4	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00

**Reason for the Proposed Fee Increase:** inflation, increased maintenance costs, increased use, improved facilities, and alignment with local market, (see summary).

**Price Comparisons for Similar Facilities & Services:**

- **Forest Service:**
  - Hiawatha (MI) Day use fees range from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per day.
  - Huron-Manistee Concession sites day use fees range \$3.00 to \$8.00 per day.
  - Wayne (OH) Day use fee was \$5.00 per day
  - Chequamegon-Nicolet (WI) fee for day use is \$5.00 per day.
  
- **Local Private and Public Providers:**

2008 day use fees were reviewed for this comparison analysis

  - 60 privately owned recreation sites within 50 miles of National Forest System land in the lower peninsula of Michigan.
  - 2 National Park Service recreation sites in Michigan
  - Michigan Department of Natural Resources statewide rate

Day use fees were discounted for no flush toilet and no pool for comparison. Forest Service day use fee allows one vehicle with up to four people, (based on National Interagency Pass). Most private recreation sites charged per person.

The comparison analysis results showed an average of \$13.00 for day use fee per vehicle with four people. The median fee was \$12.00. The range was from \$4 to \$28 per day.