

Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

US Forest Service- Eastern Region

Fee Proposal

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

Site Type: Group Campsite

FLREA Fee Type: Expanded Amenity

Type of proposal: Fee Increase

Site Description: South Branch Trail Group Campsite is part of an equestrian campground. The site provides nine expanded amenities (5 of 9 required) of trash can, permanent toilet, picnic table, reasonable security, fire ring, fee collection, tent site, drinking water, and access road. Additional amenities include designated parking, kiosk/exhibit/interpretive, hitching posts, fence, and group fire circle. This is a development level 3 site.

Proposed Action: increase fee for South Branch Trail Group Campsite.

	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Amount of Increase
Group Camp Fee for 1 to 50 people	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$15.00
Group Camp Fee for 50 to 100 people	\$40.00	\$70.00	\$30.00
Group Camp Fee for 101 to 150 people	\$50.00	\$80.00	\$30.00
Group Camp Fee for 151 to 200 people	\$60.00	\$90.00	\$30.00
Group Camp Fee for 201 to 250 people	\$70.00	\$100.00	\$30.00

Date of Last Increase: 1995

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

Reason for Proposed Fee Increase: inflation, increased maintenance costs, increased use, improved facilities, and alignment with local market, (see summary). Since 1995 the following improvements have been accomplished: installed well pump, added two accessible toilets, added fire pit with benches, and improved

access road. Proposed improvements are to replace non-accessible toilets, picnic tables, and fire rings

Price Comparisons for Similar Facilities & Services:

Local Private and Public Providers:

2008 fee rates were reviewed for this comparison study:

- 6 equestrian campsite fees with no hook-ups, no showers, no flush toilets, no pool and no internet
- 6 group campsite fees with no hook-ups, no showers, no flush toilets, no pool and no internet

The comparison study results were:

- Average equestrian campsite fee is \$26.00 and the median fee is \$22.00. The range was from \$12 to \$42 per night for equestrian camping at the six sites.
- Average group camping fee was \$5.50 per person and the median fee was \$4.50. The range was from \$2 to \$10.00 per person per night, at the six sites.

PRIVATE GROUP CAMPING	Low	Median	Average	High
Group Camp Fee for 1 to 50 people	\$50.00	\$225.00	\$275.00	\$500.00
Group Camp Fee for 50 to 100 people	\$100.00	\$450.00	\$550.00	\$1000.00
Group Camp Fee for 101 to 150 people	\$300.00	\$660.00	\$825.00	\$1500.00
Group Camp Fee for 151 to 200 people	\$400.00	\$900.00	\$1100.00	\$2000.00
Group Camp Fee for 201 to 250 people	\$500.00	\$1125.00	\$1375.00	\$2500.00