

Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

US Forest Service- Eastern Region

Fee Proposal

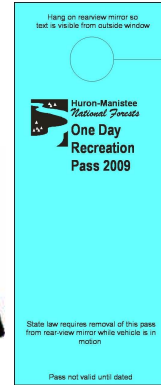
National Forest, State: Huron-Manistee National Forests, Michigan

Site Type: Day Use Pass

- Trailheads
- Picnic Sites
- Boating Access Site

FLREA Fee Type: Standard Amenity Fee

Type of proposal: Fee Increase



Site Description: Huron-Manistee NF Day Use Passes include daily, weekly, or annual passes.



Proposed Action:

Pass	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Amount Increase
Daily Pass	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$2.00
Weekly Pass	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$10.00
Annual Pass	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$10.00
Household Pass (two annual passes sold to two people at the same home address).	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$15.00

Date of Last Increase: 1995

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

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

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 is \$5.00 per day.
 - Chequamegon-Nicolet (WI) fee for day use is \$5.00 per day and the annual pass is \$20.00.
- **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 within Michigan
 - Michigan Department of Natural Resources statewide rate

Day use fees with no flush toilet and no pool were used 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.

There has not been a fee increase at these sites in 14 years. Also, when compared to other public and private providers, the proposed daily fee is on the lower end of the range (\$4 to \$28 per day) of fees and within the average costs.