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Canaveral National Seashore Changes Entrance Fee to Address Infrastructure Needs & Improve Visitor Experience

The National Park Service (NPS), Canaveral National Seashore will modify its entrance fees to provide additional funding for infrastructure and maintenance needs to enhance the visitor experience. Effective January 1, 2024, the entrance fees to the park will be \$25 per vehicle or \$20 per motorcycle and \$15 per pedestrian/bicycle for a 7- day visit. An annual park pass will increase to \$45. All the money received from entrance fees remains with the National Park Service with at least 80 percent of the revenue going to Canaveral National Seashore. We share the other 20 percent of entry fee income with other national parks for their projects.

National parks have experienced record-breaking visitation, with more than 1.5 billion visitors in the last five years. Throughout the country, the combination of an aging infrastructure and increased visitation along with strong storms have put a strain on park roads, bridges, campgrounds, waterlines, bathrooms, and other visitor services and led to a \$11.6 billion deferred maintenance backlog nationwide.

The additional revenue from entrance fees at Canaveral National Seashore will be used to perform back-logged maintenance and repair to three historic structures; Eldora House, Shultz-Leeper House and Seminole Rest and to research and develop resiliency strategies for erosion and dune preservation.

Canaveral National Seashore has had an entrance fee since 1996. The park is one of 117 National Park Service sites that charges an entrance fee, there remain over 300 national parks that are free to enter.

The price of the annual America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass and Lifetime Senior Pass will remain \$80.

The National Park Service has a standardized entrance fee structure, composed of four groups based on park size and type. Some parks not yet aligned with the other parks in their category

will raise their fees incrementally and fully incorporate the new entrance fee schedule by January 1, 2024.

The complete fee schedule will change according to the following:

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	Per Vehicle	Per Person	Per Motorcycle	Park Specific Annual Pass
Jan 1, 2023/ 7-day entry	20	10	15	40
Jan 1, 2024/ 7-day entry	25	15	20	45

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