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USER FEES TO BE CHARGED ON 12 NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

The Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service announced today that daily fees will be charged for public use of 12 national wildlife refuges until Congress takes action on the expired Golden Eagle program that provided for \$10 annual entrance permits last year.

The following refuges will be charging daily fees (others may be added at the discretion of the Service):

Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, Texas
Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Texas
Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, Texas
Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Utah
Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Oklahoma
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, Illinois
De Soto National Wildlife Refuge, Iowa
Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, Delaware
Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge, New Jersey
Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, New York
Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Massachusetts
Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, Virginia

Three types of user fees will be charged:

- (1) \$1 per automobile, regardless of number of occupants. When overnight stays are permitted, permits shall be valid until noon of the following day.
- (2) \$.50 per person per day for individuals entering by means other than automobile.
- (3) Separate fees may be charged for use of sites, facilities, equipment, or services.

No fees shall be charged for:

- (1) Use of water.
- (2) Access to privately owned lands.
- (3) Commercial or other activities not related to recreation.
- (4) Organized tours or outings conducted for educational or scientific purposes.
- (5) Hospital inmates involved in medical therapy.
- (6) Individuals conducting State, local, or Federal business.
- (7) Individuals under age 16.

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