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Red Rock Canyon fee increases up for discussion

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The Bureau of Land Management and U.S Forest Service Nevada Recreation Resource Advisory Subcommittee are holding a meeting next week to discuss raising fees at Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area and a business plan for the facility and to hear public comment on the proposals.

Among the proposed changes would be that pedestrians and bicyclists could no longer use Scenic Drive for free. They would instead be charged \$3 each for a one day scenic drive pass. Reserving the Red Spring group picnic area would also no longer be free. That permit would cost \$40.

The other proposals include charging:

- \$7 for a Scenic Drive day pass for a car instead of \$5
- \$3 for a Scenic Drive day pass for a motorcycle, instead of \$2
- \$5 per person for a commercial tour buses using Scenic Drive
- \$30 for a Scenic Drive Red Rock annual pass instead of \$20.
- \$15 for an individual campsite at the campground instead of \$10.
- \$40 for a group campsite at the campground instead of \$25.

Access to the Red Rock Overlook on State Route 159 will remain free.

The meeting is to be 12:30-5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17 at the Red Rock Canyon

National Conservation Area Visitor Center.

Discussion: 6 comments so far...

1. By [mojowomyn](#)
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4:39 p.m. If the fees help Red Rock, its all good. If they just go into some social services pool or roadwork outside of Red Rock, then don't do it.
2. By [tom_duh](#)
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4:45 p.m."They took all the trees, and put em in a tree museum
And they charged the people a dollar and a half to see them
Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you got till it's gone
They paved paradise, and put up a parking lot"
3. By [getalife](#)
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5 p.m. mojo, I totally agree with you.
4. By [GrandmaCrabby](#)
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5:01 p.m. I agree with the first post. If it helps Red Rock, I'm for it.
5. By [randomrider](#)
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7:22 p.m. What does Red Rock need help from? The facilities seem to be fine. Are more facilities needed? Will the increased fees pay for more or better facilities? Perhaps Red Rock is too crowded. The increased fees may help solve over crowding. I know I'll not be paying more.