

Park service proposes raising Fort Clatsop fees

The National Park Service is proposing a \$2 increase in park entrance fees at Fort Clatsop.

A \$10 increase in the annual pass, now at \$20, also is planned.

The new fees could take effect in May. The park service began collecting entrance fees at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, which includes Fort Clatsop, in 1987. It would be the fourth increase in 30 years.

"We are committed to keeping the park affordable, but we also want to provide visitors with the best possible experience," Park Superintendent Jon Burpee said. "The money from entrance fees is used to improve park facilities and provide expanded visitor services."

The park service seeks input from the community, visitors and neighbors on the proposed fee.

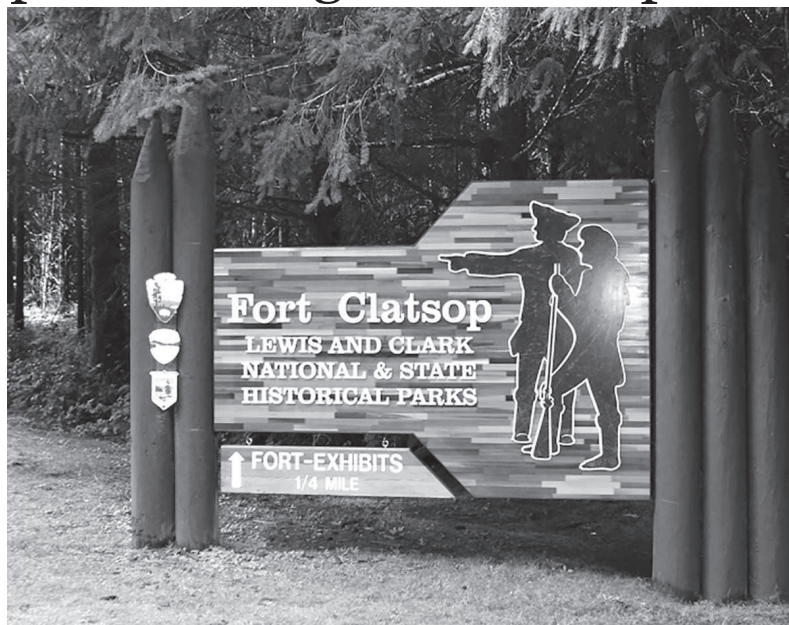
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Comments may be submitted online at parkplanning.nps.gov/FeesAtLEWI or by email to Burpee at lewi_superintendent@nps.gov until Feb. 18.

Comments also may be submitted in writing to the Park Superintendent, 92343 Fort Clatsop Road, Astoria, OR 97103.

Park visitors can provide comments at the visitor center's front desk.

All revenue from entrance fees stay at the park. The funds preserve natural and cultural resources, improve visitor facilities and provide educational and recreational opportunities. Past projects funded with entrance fees include construction of the Kwis Kwis and South Slough trails, summer camps, fort maintenance, local youth employment and community outreach. Additional revenue



Entry fees for Fort Clatsop are proposed to increase \$2.

raised by a fee increase would help fund development of new exhibits, increase accessibility and provide for upkeep of the trail system.

Entrance fees are not charged to children younger than 16 or to holders of The National Parks and Federal Recreational Annual, Senior, Access, Military or Volunteer passes. The passes can be obtained at the park.

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park is a strong economic engine for the area.

In 2016, more than 281,000 park visitors contributed \$16.5 million to the local economy and supported 260 jobs related to tourism.

Following the 30-day comment period, feedback will determine how, or if, a fee increase would be implemented.

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Couple arrested after found with baby, drugs and syringes in car

A Naselle couple was arrested and their infant daughter placed in protective custody after police officers searched their car and found heroin, methamphetamine and 83 syringes, many of them containing drugs ready for injecting, according to a police report.

The baby was dressed lightly, had no jacket or blanket and there were no diapers or food in the vehicle, which they appeared to be living in, police said.

Their vehicle was pulled over about 9:30 p.m. Dec. 30 on Ridge Road by an officer who suspected the driver was under the influence of intoxicants.

Another officer, who had seen a be-on-the-lookout bulletin issued by Washington authorities concerned about the child's welfare, contacted the officer by radio to alert him to the warrant. He, too, headed to the location.

Warrenton Police Depart-

ment's drug-detection dog arrived and found the suspected drugs. The syringes were found throughout the vehicle, including under the baby's child seat, according to the report.

During the search, the woman grabbed two baggies and put them in her mouth.

A sheriff's deputy, who had been called to the scene to search the woman, took her to the ground while they attempted to remove them from her mouth.

Medics were called because it wasn't clear how many baggies she'd taken or if she'd swallowed any.

Michael Alfred Amick, 25, was arrested on suspicion of possessing drugs and child endangerment.

Lisa Marie Neaman, 36, was arrested on a felony warrant from Washington state as well as possessing drugs and child endangerment.

Both were booked at Clatsop County Jail.

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