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- 1. I don't think anyone should be charged a day-use fee. The idea is to get people to use and appreciate the parks isn't it? Who's going to collect the fee and enforce the rule? How much is that going to cost? In other words how much of the new fee is going towards enforcement?
- 2. What's wrong about having Annual Passes? Lots of other states do, for residents and non-residents. The Annual Pass could buy down the cost of camping fees.
- 3. Yes, your camping and utility fees are low compared to some states, but that's only half of the equation. What are you providing for that fee relative to other states? I would pay more for showers and updated restrooms and better tent sites and electricity for RV'ers.

Not everyone has an RV, or wants one, but no one likes listening to someone else's generator running when they went camping to get away from that sort of thing. Electricity should be mandatory for RV'ers and not available to tent campers.

Tent campers should have better sites. They should not be all "Hike-in" sites. We camped in one last summer that was ringed with poison ivy, while the RV sites were two-thirds empty and nothing more than an asphalt parking lot with one hose-bibb without electricity. Needless to say, RV generators were all running and one was even leaking sewage from a waste line!

4. I have no experience with the last two items in your email. However, I would like to say that our campground host was very friendly and helpful, but restricted in what he had to work with.

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