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Morristown National Historical Park Proposes Entrance Fee Increase

Morristown, NJ – Morristown National Historical Park will present a program on *Your Fee Dollars at Work* to discuss a possible fee increase in 2015. The current park entrance fees have been in place since the early 1990s.

Type of Fee	Current	Proposed
Entrance Fee	\$ 4.00	\$ 7.00
Park Annual Pass	\$ 15.00	\$ 30.00

Entrance fees are not charged to persons under 16 years of age or holders of the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Senior, Access or Military Passes. These passes may be obtained at the Park.

“We are committed to keeping the park affordable but we also want to provide visitors with the best possible experience,” said Morristown National Historical Park Superintendent Thomas Ross.

Over the past five years several major projects have been completed using entrance fee revenue. A new standby generator has been installed at the Washington’s Headquarters Museum that will immediately start when the building loses power. This will help ensure visitor and staff safety and will also provide power to collections areas, thus helping to preserve the collection by preventing major fluctuations in temperature and humidity during times of power loss. Another project was the replacement of the support system and decking of a rustic bridge along the park’s historic Old Camp Road in Jockey Hollow. The bridge is an important part of the park’s trail and fire road system and is now safe for emergency and fire vehicles, horseback riders, and hikers to pass over it.

Additional revenue raised by a fee increase would help repair and stabilize the historic Stark’s Brigade Monument in the Jockey Hollow area of the park. The historic Wick Orchard would be preserved and maintained. Visitor Center exhibits could be upgraded. Improvements would be made in several conservation and sustainability projects, including

control of non-native invasive plants, vegetation inventories, and deer enclosure maintenance and management.

Morristown National Historical Park is a strong economic engine for the surrounding area. In 2013, more than 300,000 park visitors contributed \$16 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 197 jobs in the local area.

***Your Fee Dollars at Work* program will take place on Friday, January 30th at 2:30 pm in the Washington's Headquarters Museum auditorium at 30 Washington Place, Morristown, NJ, and will include a public comment session.**

Comments can also be emailed to Vanessa Smiley, Chief of Interpretation and Education at Morristown National Historical Park, at Vanessa_Smiley@nps.gov. The deadline for submitting comments is January 30th at 5:00 pm.

Following the program and your feedback, we will determine how, or if, a fee increase would be implemented.

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