

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0020

State parks-nonmotorized recreational trail fees.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state parks and cultural resources;
2 authorizing the department of state parks and cultural
3 resources to establish nonmotorized recreational trail
4 fees; providing for administration of the fees; creating an
5 account; providing for continuous appropriation of the
6 account; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective
7 dates.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-4-124 is created to read:

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13 **36-4-124. Nonmotorized recreational trail permits;**
14 **fees.**

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1 (a) As used in this section, "bicycle" means as
2 defined by W.S. 31-5-102(a)(iii) and also includes electric
3 bicycles as defined by rule of the department of state
4 parks and cultural resources.

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6 (b) The department of state parks and cultural
7 resources may designate trails located within the
8 boundaries of state parks, historic sites or recreation
9 areas that are under the control of the department for
10 which a bicycle user shall be required to display or
11 possess a valid nonmotorized recreational trail permit.

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13 (c) The following shall apply to permits issued under
14 this section:

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16 (i) The department may require a nonmotorized
17 trail permit for the use of bicycles on trails designated
18 by rule in accordance with this section;

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20 (ii) The department may establish the following
21 fees for nonmotorized recreational trail permits:

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1 (A) An annual fee of not more than ten
2 dollars (\$10.00) for Wyoming residents and not more than
3 twenty dollars (\$20.00) for nonresidents;

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5 (B) A daily fee of not more than five
6 dollars (\$5.00) for any user, regardless of residency.

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8 (iii) The department may use selling agents as
9 provided by W.S. 36-4-123 to sell nonmotorized recreational
10 trail permits;

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12 (iv) A person under eighteen (18) years of age
13 shall be exempt from the permit required under this
14 section;

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16 (v) The department may issue permits in physical
17 or electronic form, or by any other method authorized by
18 rule of the department;

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20 (vi) A nonmotorized recreational trail permit is
21 valid as follows:

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1 (A) An annual permit is valid from the date
2 of issuance through December 31 of the same calendar year;

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4 (B) A daily permit is valid for the
5 calendar day specified at the time of purchase.

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7 (d) There is created the nonmotorized recreational
8 trails account. Funds received from the sale or issuance of
9 permits under this section shall be deposited into the
10 account. The department may accept gifts, grants, donations
11 or other contributions for deposit into the account. Funds
12 deposited into this account are continuously appropriated
13 to the department of state parks and cultural resources for
14 the administration of the nonmotorized recreational trail
15 program. It is the intent of the legislature that funds in
16 the account shall supplement any funds appropriated to the
17 department of state parks and cultural resources for the
18 purposes and uses specified in this subsection. The funds
19 shall be expended only for:

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21 (i) Maintenance, construction, signage and
22 enforcement of nonmotorized trails;

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1 (ii) Educational programs related to
2 nonmotorized trail use and safety;

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4 (iii) Infrastructure supporting trail use,
5 including trailheads, parking areas and restrooms;

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7 (iv) Projects located within state parks,
8 historic sites, recreation areas or on public trails
9 located within five (5) miles of a boundary that connect to
10 a park, site or area.

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12 **Section 2.** The department of state parks and cultural
13 resources shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement
14 this act.

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