

Many States have depended more heavily upon fees and charges than has the Federal Government. In 1960, the States collected \$15.9 million, 75 percent of the total, which provided on the average 52 percent of their operating and maintenance costs. However, some States, such as Nevada and Wyoming, have maintained a policy that all State-provided outdoor recreation areas should be free of charge.

A variety of patterns of fees and charges has developed in State and Federal outdoor recreation areas. Information on typical patterns of fees and charges at State recreation areas is available from a 1964 study by the Minnesota Outdoor Recreation Resources Commission.

The study included only States where the users of outdoor recreation facilities are expected to pay for some portion of the costs of operation of the facilities. The percent of costs covered by fees and charges varied from over 100 percent in Indiana to less than 20 percent in Pennsylvania.

Illustrations of variations and similarities for a few of the States are shown below, for camping fees and entrance charges. Data are for the year 1964.

Campground charges at State areas

Minnesota State parks: Tourist campground fees are \$1.50 per day per campsite, 25 cents for electricity hookup, where available, and 25 cents a bundle for firewood.

California: The camping charge is \$2.50 per automotive trailer. For automotive vehicles with or without trailer the charge is \$2 in type "A" campgrounds, \$1.50 in type "B," and \$1 in type "C."

Illinois: The tent camping charge is 50 cents per unit, and the cost of electricity hookup is 25 cents.

Indiana: The charge for campsite use in State parks is \$1, and the cost for electricity hookup is 50 cents.

New York: Charges are \$1.50 per unit and 25 cents for electricity if available.

Oregon: The charge on improved sites is \$1.50 for campers on trucks or trailers or \$1 for tents. On semi-improved sites the charge is 75 cents.

Pennsylvania: In State parks the usual charge is \$1 for the first day and 50 cents for each additional day. Three campgrounds charge \$1.25 the first day and 75 cents each additional day.

Entrance fees at State areas

Minnesota: \$2 for annual permit or 50 cents daily.

California: Charge of 50 cents per automotive vehicle per day for picnicking, use of parking areas, beach facilities, or other facilities provided.

Illinois: No admission charge.

Indiana: 20 cents per person admission fee (children under 12 free); 35 cents per automotive vehicle admission fee.

New York: 50 cents per vehicle entrance fee or parking charge. Up to \$5 for buses.

Oregon: None reported.

Pennsylvania: None reported.

For all outdoor recreation purposes, the States spent \$186.6 million in 1960. Thus, user charges in that year accounted for less than 10