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Allegan County Parks Announces Fee Changes for 2010

(ALLEGAN, Mich) – The Allegan County Parks Commission would like to announce the following changes to park user fees for 2010:

Equestrian Trail Fees – Beginning January 1, 2010 the daily equestrian trail fee will increase from \$2/horse/day to \$5/horse/day. This change corresponds to the opening of the Allegan County Equestrian Trail System, which consists of over 50 miles of horseback riding trails throughout Allegan County. All daily trail fee costs are covered with the purchase of a \$25 Allegan County Parks season pass.

Overnight Camping Fees – Beginning January 1, 2010 overnight camping at Silver Creek Park, Ely Lake Park and Pine Point Park will increase from \$10/night to \$12/night for those camping without horses. For those camping with horses there will be an additional \$3/horse/night charge. This additional \$3/horse/night charge is covered with the purchase of a \$25 Allegan County Parks season pass.

Daily Boat Launch Fees – The cost of the daily boat launch fee will remain at \$5/launch for 2010. However, beginning April 1, 2010, the new boat launch facility at New Richmond Bridge Park will be added to the list of county-managed launch facilities that are included in this fee structure. Users of the boat launch facilities at Dumont Lake and Gun Lake county parks are also required to pay this daily launch fee. All daily boat launch fees, with the exception of commercial vendors, are covered with the purchase of a \$25 Allegan County Parks season pass.

Daily Vehicle Entrance Fees – Beginning in 2010 there will no longer be a daily vehicle entrance fee for Gun Lake or Littlejohn Lake county parks. However, there will still be a daily vehicle entrance fee at Dumont Lake and West Side county parks. This fee is \$5/vehicle/day and is in effect on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays beginning the Saturday of Memorial Weekend and running through Labor Day. This daily vehicle entrance fee is covered with the purchase of a \$25 Allegan County Parks season pass.

For more information about user fees, season passes, the Allegan County Equestrian Trail System, camping and all Allegan County Park facilities please visit our Web site at www.allegancounty.org/parks. You may also contact Allegan County Parks by phone at (269) 686-9088 or by e-mail at parks@allegancounty.org.

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