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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Muir Woods National Monument  
Mill Valley, California 94941



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Dear Tour Operator:

## **FEE INCREASE**

We wish to inform you that the entrance fee at Muir Woods National Monument will increase to \$7 per adult on January 1, 2012. Children age 15 and under will continue to be free.

The additional \$2 is a state park entrance fee and marks the increased partnership between the national and state parks to keep local parks open, tackle joint projects in the Redwood Creek Watershed and coordinate efforts for greater efficiency. Visitors enjoy and appreciate Mt. Tamalpais State Park as they travel to Muir Woods.

The \$5 (yellow) tour tickets will be sold through December 31, 2011, or while supplies last. After that date, the \$5 (yellow) tour tickets will no longer be available for purchase but will be honored for park admission indefinitely. The new \$7 (color TBA) tour tickets will be available for purchase starting on January 1, 2012.

## **PARK NEWS**

Have you been to Muir Beach recently? Phase 3 of that restoration project soon wraps up and this season brought in the new pedestrian bridge, water now flows through the historic channel and there is plenty of floodplain to allow for natural processes, wetlands and the start of a new trail system. WOW!

Trail work is happening throughout the watershed. Soon we'll have a new boardwalk to Pinchot Tree (due to open in January), the rails have been replaced and realigned to better protect the trees in Cathedral Grove, the Bootjack Trail is getting a major overhaul (due to open in January), the state park is working on the upper Dipsea (to open by end of year) and this winter the Hillside Trail will close again for another round of renovations (the views down into the forest and across the canopy are stunning). Soon we will have our beautiful news signs describing the value of the natural soundscape and the significance of our quiet zone, Cathedral Grove...thank you for encouraging visitors to walk quietly in Muir Woods. Check our website ([www.nps.gov/muwo](http://www.nps.gov/muwo)) for updated trail conditions.

The draft General Management Plan for GGNRA and Muir Woods is out for public review and comments will be received through Nov. 7. This is a very important planning tool to guide work and set a significant direction for decades to come. We have the summary available for you to look at...pick up your copy at the Visitor Center or review at [www.parkplanning.nps.gov/goga](http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/goga). Thank you for taking time to offer your comments, suggestions, input.

What a nice time of year to take John Muir's thoughts with us on a walk, here's a paraphrase of his sentiments we often use, "Walk the woods and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves."

Sincerely,

Mia Monroe  
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