§ 71.3 Designation.

(a) An area or closely related group of areas shall be designated as an area at which entrance fees shall be charged (hereinafter “Designated Entrance Fee Area”) if the following conditions are found to exist concurrently:

(1) The area is a unit of the National Park System administered by the Department of the Interior;

(2) The area is administered primarily for scenic, scientific, historical, cultural, or recreation purposes;

(3) The area has recreation facilities or services provided at Federal expense; and

(4) The nature of the area is such that entrance fee collection is administratively and economically practical.

(b) Any specialized site, facility, equipment or service related to outdoor recreation (hereinafter “facility”) shall be designated as a facility for which a recreation use fee shall be charged (hereinafter “Designated Recreation Use Facility”) if:

(1) For each Designated Recreation Use Facility, at least one of the following criteria is satisfied:

(i) A substantial Federal investment has been made in the facility,

(ii) The facility requires regular maintenance,

(iii) The facility is characterized by the presence of personnel, or

(iv) The facility is utilized for the personal benefit of the user for a fixed period of time; and,

(2) For each Designated Recreation Use Facility, all of the following criteria are satisfied:

(i) The facility is developed, administered, or provided by any bureau of the Department of the Interior,

(ii) The facility is provided at Federal expense, and

(iii) The nature of the facility is such that fee collection is administratively and economically practical.

(3) In no event shall any of the following, whether used singly or in any combination, be designated as facilities for which recreation use fees shall be charged: Drinking water, wayside exhibits, roads, overlook sites, visitors’ centers, scenic drives, toilet facilities, picnic tables, and boat ramps. The first sentence of this paragraph does not apply to boat launching facilities with specialized facilities or services, such as mechanical or hydraulic boat lifts or facilities. Such boat launching facilities shall be designated as facilities for which recreation use fees shall be charged, Provided, They satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (b) (1) and (2) of this section.

(4) In no event shall a campground, which satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (b) (1) and (2) of this section, be designated as a facility for which recreation use fees shall be charged unless the campground has all of the following: Tent or trailer spaces, drinking water, access road, refuse containers, toilet facilities, personal fee collection, reasonable visitor protection, and simple devices for containing a campfire where campfires are permitted. A campground may be designated for recreation use fee collection whether the above enumerated amenities are provided for individual or group use.

(c) Any specialized recreation use including, but not limited to, group activities, recreation events, or the use of motorized recreation vehicles, shall qualify as a use for which a special recreation permit fee may be charged (hereinafter “Special Recreation Permit Use”) if such use occurs in areas under the jurisdiction of any bureau of the Department of the Interior.

§ 71.4 Posting.

(a) The administering bureaus of the Department of the Interior shall provide for the posting of the following designation sign at entrances to Designated Entrance Fee Areas and at appropriate locations in areas with Designated Recreation Use Facilities in such a manner that the visiting public will be clearly notified that Federal recreation fees are charged. The designation sign shall:

(1) Be constructed of enameled steel, coated aluminum, silk screen reflective materials attached to wood or metal, or other permanent materials;

(2) Consist of the basic elements, proportion, and color as indicated below:

(i) The representation of an American Golden Eagle (colored gold) and a family group (colored midnight blue) enclosed within a circle (colored white with a midnight blue border) framed by
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a rounded triangle (colored gold with a midnight blue border).

(A) The color midnight blue shall be Pantone Matching System 282; the color gold shall be Pantone Matching System 130;

(B) The rounded triangle shall be 18 inches in vertical height at all Designated Entrance Fee Areas, except that at those areas accessible only on foot, the rounded triangle may be 9 inches vertical height;

(ii) The words ‘U.S. Fee Area’ as indicated below.

RECOMMENDED MATERIALS
12 GAUGE ENAMELED STEEL OR .032 TREATED ALUMINUM OR WOOD FINISHED FOR EQUIVALENT LIFE

1/2 INCH WIDE

MIDNITE BLUE PMS 282

WHITE

GOLD SCOTCHLITE OR OTHER REFLECTORIZED PAINT PMS 130

MOUNTING HOLES

MIDNITE BLUE PMS 282

STYRE BOLG

(SUGGESTED)

DIMENSIONS FOR STANDARD SIGN

MIDNITE BLUE PMS 282

WHITE

GOLD SCOTCHLITE OR OTHER REFLECTORIZED PAINT PMS 130

MOUNTING HOLES

MIDNITE BLUE PMS 282

STYRE BOLG

(SUGGESTED)

DIMENSIONS FOR OPTIONAL
HALF-SIZE SIGN
FOR WALK-IN AREAS
(b) Clear notice shall be posted by any bureau issuing special recreation permits at its area headquarters having administrative jurisdiction over the area in which the use authorized by such a permit is to occur, that fees are charged for such permits. In addition, any specialized recreation use authorized by permit shall, if reasonably feasible, be posted with the designation sign described in paragraph (a) of this section at the site of use at the time of use.

(c) Proportionally sized replicas of the designation sign described in paragraph (a) of this section may be used in conjunction with other signs erected by any bureau of the Department of the Interior which direct the public to Designated Entrance Fee Areas, Designated Recreation Use Facilities, or Special Recreation Permit Uses.

(d) No entrance fee for admission to any Designated Entrance Fee Area or recreation use fee for the use of any Designated Recreation Use Facility shall be collected unless such area or facility is posted in accordance with this section. No fee for any Special Recreation Permit Use shall be collected unless clear notice that such a fee is charged is posted at the area headquarters of the bureau issuing such permit in which the use authorized by the permit is to occur.

§ 71.5 Golden Eagle Passport.

(a) The Golden Eagle Passport is an annual permit, valid on a calendar-year basis, for admission to any Designated Entrance Fee Area. The charge for the Golden Eagle Passport shall be $10. The annual Golden Eagle Passport shall be nontransferable and the unlawful use thereof shall be punishable in the manner described in §71.12 of this part.

(b) The Golden Eagle Passport shall admit the permittee and any persons accompanying him in a single, private, noncommercial vehicle. In this case, only the vehicle with the permittee shall be covered by the Passport. The persons in the second vehicle shall be subject to the single-visit entrance fee requirement.

(c) Proportionally sized replicas of the designation sign described in paragraph (a) of this section may be used in conjunction with other signs erected by any bureau of the Department of the Interior which direct the public to Designated Entrance Fee Areas, Designated Recreation Use Facilities, or Special Recreation Permit Uses.

(d) No entrance fee for admission to any Designated Entrance Fee Area or recreation use fee for the use of any Designated Recreation Use Facility shall be collected unless such area or facility is posted in accordance with this section. No fee for any Special Recreation Permit Use shall be collected unless clear notice that such a fee is charged is posted at the area headquarters of the bureau issuing such permit in which the use authorized by the permit is to occur.

§ 71.6 Golden Age Passport.

(a) Issuance of the Golden Age Passport:

(1) Golden Age Passports will be issued by appropriate Federal personnel (hereinafter “Issuing Officer”) at National Park Service headquarters, Washington, D.C., and at field offices designated by the heads of the bureaus administering Designated Entrance Fee Areas and Designated Recreation Use Facilities.

(2) The Golden Age Passport shall be for sale at all Designated Entrance Fee Areas of the National Park Service, at the National Park Service headquarters, Washington, D.C., and at the Park Service field offices.

(b) The Golden Age Passport shall authorize the use of any Designated Entrance Fee Area for which a recreation use fee is charged or any Special Recreation Permit Use for which a special recreation permit fee is charged.

(c) The annual Golden Eagle Passport does not authorize the use of any Designated Recreation Use Facility for which a recreation use fee is charged or any Special Recreation Permit Use for which a special recreation permit fee is charged.

(d) The annual Golden Eagle Passport shall be for sale at all Designated Entrance Fee Areas of the National Park Service, at the National Park Service headquarters, Washington, D.C., and at the Park Service field offices.