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### **Aztec Ruins National Monument Announces Summer Surprise!**

Aztec, NM- As of May 1, 2018 Aztec Ruins NM will no longer be charging a \$5 per person entry fee. All park visitors can enter free of charge!

In addition, the America the Beautiful—National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands passes will no longer be sold at the park. These passes, of course, can still be purchased at most federal recreation sites that collect entrance fees or with a mail-in application that is available at [www.usgs.store.gov/pass](http://www.usgs.store.gov/pass).

Park staff conducted a thorough cost benefit analysis which showed that the costs associated with running the fee program were not sufficient enough to justify keeping the program in place. This decision was supported by the regional and Washington DC offices.

Acting Superintendent Cliff Spencer views the elimination of entrance fees at Aztec Ruins NM as a positive development. “The time that employees have spent collecting fees and managing the program can now be directed to some of the core missions of the National Park Service— including resource protection and visitor services.”

What about visitors who still wish to contribute directly to the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of the park? Not a problem, Aztec Ruins NM a donation box in the visitor center. These funds come directly back to the park and have been used to support the park’s interpretive program and other projects.



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