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Kakadu Park Pass from 1 April 2010

From 1 April 2010, visitors will contribute to the running of Kakadu National Park by purchasing a park pass.

The park pass will cost \$25 and is valid for 14 days.

Children under 16 and Territorians will not require a park pass.

Park passes will contribute directly to the running costs of the park and will help us maintain the fantastic natural environment and tourism services such as roads, boardwalks, visitor centres and free ranger walks and talks.

Visitors will initially be able to buy their passes at the following agents:

- Tourism Top End, Darwin
- Bowali Visitor Centre, Park Headquarters
- Goymarr (Mary River Roadhouse).

It is best to purchase a park pass before entering the park. Park staff may ask to see the pass, so visitors should carry it at all times. Visitors without a valid pass may be fined.

We will be operating a paper-based system over the next 12 months. We will phase in electronic ticketing so that visitors can buy their pass on line.

We were planning to provide an online option from the outset, however because of the technical complexities of the e-ticketing interface, we are unable to guarantee perfect operation by 1 April and so we have delayed implementation until the system is ready for users.

Tour operators

As a condition of their permit, tour operators will need to ensure that all of their customers (with the exception of children and Territorians) have a valid park pass prior to entering the park.

Tour operators can order their passes from the Parks Australia Darwin Office on (08) 8920 1300. They may pick up the passes in person or request that they be mailed to them.

A five per cent discount will be offered to all tour operators purchasing more than 100 passes through the Darwin office. This will be payable by rebate on a quarterly basis.

Tour operators will be able to pay by credit card, direct deposit, and in some cases via invoice.

Alternatively tour operators may purchase smaller numbers of passes from the agents listed above.

Park passes will be available from 22 March 2010. Orders will be taken in the Darwin office from 15 March 2010.

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