Baucus applauds park fee waivers

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Washington (AP) Sen. Max Baucus applauds the National Park Service for waiving entrance fees, on three weekends this summer, at the 147 national parks and monuments that charge them.

The waivers are part of an effort to stimulate vacations during the nation's economic turmoil.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar says fees at the 147 national parks and monuments will be waived on June 20-21, July 18-19 and Aug. 15-16.

Baucus says there's nothing better than spending a weekend in Glacier or Yellowstone national parks. The Montana Democrat is co-sponsoring a bill that would cap park entrance fees at current rates, unless Congress approves higher rates.

The Park Service will lose about half a million dollars a day by not collecting entrance fees.

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