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Temporary Waivers for National Park Entrance Fees

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Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said entrance fees at 147 national parks and monuments, including the Grand Canyon and Yosemite, would be waived on three weekends this summer. The dates are June 20-21, July 18-19 and Aug. 15-16. Last year, national parks attracted more than 275 million visits, generating about $10.6 billion for local economies and supporting more than 213,000 jobs, he said. For the Park Service, the offer will mean a loss of an estimated half-million dollars a day.