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1. Allow a Group Permit: I'm a member of a Sisters Hiking Group of 8 seniors that hikes throughout the year. We need a Group Permit so that we can plan hikes otherwise we don't know who is permitted to hike or not. Also, if a hiking member has paid their fee and no one else can get a permit then the permitted person is not going to hike alone and he/she has wasted their money.

2. Seniors: No fee. Or, get a discounted life-long Senior Pass as we have for parking and National Park entry.

3. Reduce Permit Length of Time: Permits should only be in effect from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursdays through Sundays. Our group hikes mid-week when fewer hikers are out. We occasionally meet other hikers on the trail but it has never seemed crowded. After school opens and tourist season subsides, there is even fewer hikers so there's no reason to extend the permit season to the end of September.

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