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2024 Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) Program Guided Bicycle Tours

Category Defined:

Guided Bicycle Tours are human pedaled and pedal assist vehicle tours for up to ten total participants on approved routes and roads within Grand Teton National Park (GRTE) and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway (JODR). Tour groups consist of guides/tour leaders, participants, and may include one support vehicle. Tours provide single day trips in GRTE and JODR that may or may not span multiple days. Bicyclists are required to follow all applicable traffic regulations and safety guidelines. Guides provide messages that encourage visitors to preserve and protect park resources in conjunction with the management objectives of Grand Teton National Park and the mission of the National Park Service.

Specific Statement of Appropriate Use:

Bicycling is an appropriate self-powered form of transportation that provides outdoor recreation while showcasing the scenery and cultural resources compatible with the enjoyment and inspiration of the park. This is a recreational activity that connects visitors to the natural and cultural resources and the scenery of the Teton Range and Jackson Hole Valley.

Management Objectives:

Guided Bicycle Tours adhere to the management objectives of GRTE and JODR. Bicycles are currently approved for use on park pathways, approved roadways, and in approved parking areas. Working with other organizations to extend the benefits of resource conservation and outdoor recreation is part of the NPS mission.

Operating Plan

Conditions of Use:

- Bicycles shall be defined as human pedaled, non-motorized vehicles and two- or three-wheeled vehicles with fully operational pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts (1 h.p.).
- Group sizes will include no more than 10 visitors with at least one guide (two guides max with a total group size limit of 12). This limit does not include a support vehicle. One support vehicle per group is permitted but must not obstruct traffic.
- Groups from the same operator must be spaced at least 30 minutes apart from the end of one group to the beginning of another. Group members must remain within sight of one-another.
- Bicyclist must ride single file (at all times) and as close to the right edge of the road as possible.
- Riders must not operate bicycles in a negligent manner.
- Bicyclists and support vehicles must follow all applicable traffic regulations.
- Operators must conduct a basic safety briefing before tours begin.
- The name and employing company of all CUA representatives and employees, must be identifiable through the use of uniforms, name tags and logos while conducting tours. Commercially owned, leased and rented vehicles must be identifiable on the outside of the vehicle with a company name.



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- Commercial groups will be required to have some type of visible company specific identification mechanism for all visitors participating on bicycle tours. Specific examples include identifiable company information or logos on safety vests or bicycles.
- The portions of these tours that involve bicycling will not be conducted at night. Commercial bicycling operations are prohibited from ½-hour after sunset to ½-hour before sunrise. When operating during periods of low visibility; each bicycle must utilize a white light on the front, a red light or reflector on the rear, and front and rear wheel reflectors.
- All parking and staging operations must be conducted on paved surfaces along approved routes (Reference the Authorized Commercial Biking Route Map for exact locations). Staging is discouraged at trailheads and is prohibited in the following areas:
 - South Jenny Lake Area (Use the Teton Glacier Turnout as an alternative).
 - String Lake Area (Use the Cathedral Group Turnout as an alternative).
 - Taggart Lake Trailhead (Use the Windy Point Turnout as an alternative).

The following unpaved pullouts are approved. The use of these pullouts is limited to one vehicle per company at a time and three total vehicles from any company at a time:

- Pfeiffer Turnout - Large gravel pullout on the north side of the Antelope Flats Road between the Mormon Row historical site and the junction of the Kelly Road (Please note that staging at the Mormon Row historical site parking area is not approved).
 - East Boundary Road Parking - Large dirt pullout at the north end of the Kelly Road near the turnout to private homes.
 - Gravel parking area directly northwest of Ditch Creek.
 - Ditch Creek Turnout - Large pullout on the north side of the Ditch Creek Road, approximately ¼ mile west of the entrance to the Teton Science School Kelly Campus.
 - Large pullout northeast of the entrance to east Gros Ventre Road.
 - South Mormon Row Parking Area – Parking area near a gate on the southeast side of the Mormon Row Road.
- During incidental stops, bicycles must be placed out of the path of travel and not more than 5 feet from a paved surface.
 - Walks of ½ mile or less are authorized on official trails originating from official trailheads and designated turnouts and parking lots. Walking to Hidden Falls is not permitted.
 - Reference the Authorized Commercial Biking Route Map for exact route locations: Approved routes will be roads (in Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Parkway) open to the public with a designated speed limit of 45mph or less (except the Signal Mountain Road, the RKO/River Road north of the Bar BC Ranch, Sage Brush Drive, Pacific Creek Road to Two Ocean Lake, Pacific Creek Road to the park boundary, the Grassy Lake Road, and the Moose Wilson Road.) The only approved area for commercial bicycle tours to cross HWY 89/191 is through the Moose Tunnel at Moose Junction. Commercial bicycle traffic traveling south from Moose Junction must use the multi-use pathway to bypass 55mph areas. Use of the multi-use pathway between Moose Junction and Jenny Lake is encouraged but not required. Seasonal use of certain sections of the Teton Park Road and the bike path for bicycles will be identified by the superintendent. Commercial bicycle tours may not operate on unplowed roads or in unplowed turnouts/parking areas when snow is present. During the Elk Reduction Program, caution and the wearing of orange reflective vests are recommended for bicycle tours conducted in the Kelly/Antelope Flats area. Operators should also be aware of and must abide by all public closures.



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- When traveling through unauthorized areas of the park's road system, commercial bicycle tours will need to transport guests and equipment in support vehicles.
- All participants of commercial bicycle tours must wear helmets.
- Vehicles shall not be left idling in parking areas or park across multiple parking spaces. Loading zones must not be occupied longer than necessary to load and unload passengers.
- Erecting tents, canopies, or tables along the roadway or in overlooks/turnouts for the purpose of providing rest stations or refreshments is prohibited. Operators must follow all NPS food storage regulations.
- Winter Travel: When Road conditions are deemed No Unnecessary Travel inside Grand Teton National Park, secondary roads will be closed to CUA vehicular travel to allow for clearing and maintenance of the roads. CUA holders must contact guides operating tours inside the park to inform them of the change in road status in a timely manner.
- CUA holders are prohibited from conducting activities in or from entering areas that could be considered residential in nature to include administrative areas, service areas, employee housing areas, lodging/cabin areas, in campgrounds and along campground entrance road. In park pickups are allowed at concessions lodging areas with prior written permission by concessions operations.
- All Commercial Activity on the Laurence S. Rockefeller Preserve is prohibited.
- The name and employing company of all CUA representatives and employees must be identifiable through the use of uniforms and name tags.
- All tours must provide accurate and unbiased information, safety messaging, and bear food storage education.
- All business transactions must take place outside of Grand Teton National Park (GRTE) or the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway (JODR)
- All representatives and employees of CUA holders must conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.