



Special Park Conditions

Activity: Guided Llama Packing Services

A. Authorized Services

1. The commercial activity authorized by this permit is llama packing services.
2. Llamas will only be allowed on trails approved for llama/stock use, during months that these trails are open to commercial horse travel. This season is generally from Mid-May 15 to Mid-October.

B. Tour Leader and Guide Certifications

1. Packing guides are required to:
 - a. Be familiar with the park, know and obey park regulations and area closures, and assure compliance with regulations and area closures from participants.
 - b. Understand the hazards involved and prepare participants for conditions and situations which may be encountered.
 - c. Be currently certified in standard first aid and CPR and carry a basic first aid kit.
 - d. Assure that all members of the group are properly clothed and equipped for the trip.
 - e. Guides shall educate the group on Leave No Trace principles and practices.
 - f. All guides are required to take the Online Awareness course on Leave No Trace. It is free. [Leave No Trace: Take Action to Protect the Outdoors - Overview \(Int.org\)](https://www.nps.gov/learn/leave-no-trace/leave-no-trace-take-action-to-protect-the-outdoors-overview-int.org)
2. A written list of leaders, with description of basic qualifications, must be provided to the park prior to beginning operations. Copies of all certifications must be on file at the base of operations and may be requested by the Superintendent at any time.

C. Conduct of Trip

1. The maximum group size in the backcountry for a day trip is 16 people which includes guides and participants and 16 llamas. Wilderness campsites (overnight trips) have smaller limits; group size in individual sites is 7 persons and 8 llamas, in group sites 12 persons and 16 llamas.
2. Guides will utilize and promote Leave No Trace skills and ethics and communicate these and other appropriate educational topics to clients.
3. All groups must honor the rights of others and always conduct themselves in a professional manner.
4. A Rocky Mountain National Park Ranger will be permitted to accompany the tour at least once per season to evaluate the program.
5. Llamas may not be left unattended at any time. Hitchracks must be used whenever possible during rest stops or breaks.
6. The guide is responsible for adhering to Leave No Trace practices at all times while in the park.

D. Feed

1. All llamas must be fed certified weed-free feed for 48 hours in advance of and for the duration of the trip within Rocky Mountain National Park. Grazing is not allowed. Adequate amounts of weed-free feed will be carried for all stock.
2. Hay is not allowed for backcountry trips. It must be certified weed-free feed.

E. Overnight Use

1. All pack trips must follow park Wilderness rules. A Wilderness permit must be reserved by the client through the Backcountry Campsite Reservation System on www.recreation.gov or at the Wilderness Office, and physical permit must be picked from the Wilderness Office prior to the trip's commencement. All campsites have established length-of-stay and party size limits. For more information on Wilderness rules and regulations, contact the Wilderness Office at (970) 586-1242.

F. General Provisions for All Permits

1. **Guide Passes and Entrance Fees for Clients**

- a. Guide Passes are to be used solely by the Permittee and designated employees to conduct official business under a Commercial Use Authorization/Special Use Permit or Concessions Contract and are not for personal use. **Guides must carry this pass at all times while in the park.**
 - b. Guide Passes must be kept with guides at all times in the park, to be presented as requested to park staff to confirm appropriate use and entry to the park. Permittee is responsible for ensuring that its guides comply with this requirement. ID is required.
 - c. Guides are required to present the guide card at the entrance stations along with their driver's license when entering the park to show that they are on official business. The guides are required to inform the entrance station staff on clients entering for the trips for example which vehicle, number of clients, etc.
 - d. Clients of the Permittee are not admitted free entrance to the park. The clients' options are:
 - i. Buy an entrance pass – pay when they enter with the Permittee
 - ii. Have a Current Entrance Receipt
 - iii. Have a Current Pass (Rocky Mountain National Park Annual Pass, Interagency Annual Pass, Senior, or Access Pass) (pass is valid & in the name of the client)
2. CUA Permit Holders and their clients are not authorized to use the fast pass lane for any commercial activities in the park. All CUA Permit Holders (i.e. guides) and clients must enter via a staffed entrance kiosk. Use of the fast pass lane by a CUA Permit Holder may result in revocation of their CUA permit.
 3. Frontcountry camping is available on a first-come, first-serve basis at Longs Peak Campground and by advanced reservation at Moraine Park, Glacier Basin, Aspenglen, and Timber Creek Campgrounds. Normal camping fees and regulations, including length of stay, will apply to the Permittee and its participants.
 4. Prior to initiating each trip, guides are encouraged to contact Park Headquarters (970) 586-1206 for information on current conditions.
 5. Proof of adequate general liability and automobile insurance coverage must be provided to the park prior to operating under this permit.
 - a. Commercial General Comprehensive Liability coverage is required in the amount of \$500,000 per person per accident.
 - b. Commercial Vehicle Insurance coverage is required for all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles used by the Permittee who transport clients.
 - c. Minimum limits for Commercial Vehicle Insurance are 15 or fewer passengers, \$1,500,000 and 16 or more passengers, \$5,000,000. Rocky Mountain National Park must be listed as additional insurer.
 6. All incidents involving overdue parties or accidents involving property damage or personal injury must be reported to park dispatch at (970) 586-1203 within 24 hours of incident and to the Commercial Services Office.
 7. All advertisements/brochures which make reference to Rocky Mountain National Park must be approved by the Superintendent prior to publication, distribution, or broadcasting. All such publications must include a statement that the operator is authorized by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, to conduct services in Rocky Mountain National Park.
 8. Prior to engaging in any commercial filming or still photography using model(s) (posed or on camera talent), set(s), or prop(s) that are not a part of the location's natural or cultural resources or administrative facilities consultation with the Commercial Services Office is required. This activity may be subject to a separate permit.
 9. Violation of park regulations or the terms of this permit may result in the suspension of privileges granted by this permit and could lead to appropriate fines or citations, as well as non-renewal.