

## Special Park Conditions

The following conditions apply to all Commercial Use Authorizations issued by Bryce Canyon National Park

### 1) Authorized Uses

- a. Commercial Use Authorizations (CUA) are issued for the following activities at Bryce Canyon National Park:
  - i. **Bicycle Tours:** This commercial service allows groups of bicyclists accompanied by a leader to ride through designated portions of Bryce Canyon National Park
  - ii. **Hiking/Walking Frontcountry:** This commercial service is defined as natural or cultural resource information provided by a designated leader to a specified group of people while exploring the park by foot
  - iii. **Motorcycle/Scooter Tours:** This commercial service allows groups of motorcycles accompanied by a leader to ride through designated portions of Bryce Canyon National Park
  - iv. **Photography Instruction:** These workshops are allowed to give technical and artistic instructions on composition of photographs and paintings related to the unique resources protected in Bryce Canyon National Park
  - v. **Transport (non-tour) - road, air, water based:** Commercial shuttle service is authorized for the point-to-point transportation and drop-off of passengers in Bryce Canyon National Park at designated parking areas, pullouts, and developed areas

### 2) Unauthorized Use

- a. CUA permitted groups may not travel off designated trails and/or viewpoint walkways.
- b. CUA tour groups are sharing visitor facilities with the general public, and as such, group activities may not negatively impact other visitors' experiences.
  - i. Negative impacts include: excessive noise, setting up equipment (tables, chairs, signage, etc.) that impact visitor use patterns (trails, paths, parking lots, etc.).
- c. This CUA does not convey any priority use of trails. CUA holders should advise clients to stay on trails, walk single file, and allow the public to pass.
- d. Vehicle engines must not be left idling when parked, as this creates noise and air pollution within Bryce Canyon National Park.

### 3) Public Use Limits:

- a. The following areas are closed or restricted as indicated below. Additional locations may be closed or restricted by the posting of appropriate signs or email notification to CUA holders:
  - i. Areas beyond barriers, fences, railings, and closure signs are closed to the public.
  - ii. Off-trail geologic features including hoodoos, arches, bridges, and cliff faces are closed to walking, climbing, ascending, descending, rappelling, or traversing.
  - iii. Official park areas, service roads, and access roads are closed to the general public, including CUA holders.
- b. Parking and stopping along park roads is prohibited except within designated parking areas and pull-offs, or within marked spaces.
- c. During Shuttle Operating Hours (April- October), vehicles, or vehicle combinations, with an overall length greater than 23 feet, including vehicles operating under a Commercial

Use Authorization (CUA) with a seating capacity of 25 or less, are prohibited from parking at the following locations:

- i. Visitor Center
  - ii. Sunrise Point/General Store/Outdoor Theater parking
  - iii. Gravel parking lot near Sunrise Point turnoff
  - iv. Parking areas adjacent to the Sunrise and Sunset Motel Units
  - v. Historic Service Station
  - vi. Sunset Point
  - vii. Inspiration Point
  - viii. Bryce Point
  - ix. Bryce Canyon Lodge
  - x. Paria Viewpoint
- d. Oversized vehicles must be left in the overflow parking lot at the entrance to North Campground, or outside the park at the Bryce Canyon Shuttle Station in Bryce Canyon City. CUA groups are welcome to use the Bryce Canyon Shuttle in lieu of using their oversized vehicles. Boarding the shuttle from outside the park requires presentation of an entrance payment receipt or America the Beautiful interagency pass(es).
  - e. Large-capacity vehicles (20+ passengers) are exempt from the oversize vehicle restrictions and must use parking spaces signed "Permit Parking Only." Free parking permits will be issued at entrance fee stations to vehicles meeting this requirement. Park permits will be marked with date of use and will not be transferrable. All traffic control devices (signs and markings) are enforceable.

#### **4) Picnicking**

- a. Group picnicking is permitted in the following areas within Bryce Canyon National Park:
  - i. North Campground Group Picnic Area
  - ii. Adjacent to Sunset Point comfort station
  - iii. Picnic areas located along scenic drive to Rainbow Point
- b. The holder must remove of all trash associated with the holder's visit to the park and is prohibited from depositing trash generated outside of the park into park trash containers. Using the park's dump stations is prohibited.

#### **5) Speed Limits:**

- a. The speed limits for the following areas are established as prescribed below:
  - i. Main Park Road: 20 – 45 miles per hour (depending on exact location), or as posted by signs.
  - ii. The vicinity of the Entrance Stations, Lodge Loop Road, and Fairyland Road: 20 – 25 miles per hour (depending on exact location), or as posted by signs.
  - iii. Road to Bryce Point: 35 miles per hour, or as posted by signs.
  - iv. Campground areas: 10 miles per hour, or as posted by signs.
- b. Posted speed limits must be obeyed at all times while in Bryce Canyon National Park.

#### **6) Resource Protection Message:**

- a. All CUA holders are required to communicate a resource protection message to clients receiving interpretive services.
- b. Group leaders should be aware of local weather forecasts, trail and/or road conditions. This information can be obtained by stopping at the Visitor Center.

- c. Collecting or removing from the park any natural or cultural resource or damaging or defacing any natural or cultural resource is prohibited.
- d. Stay on trails/walkways to protect delicate vegetation and soils.
- e. In developed areas, the disposal of human waste anywhere other than in designated locations or fixtures provided for that purpose is prohibited. In non-developed areas, the disposal of human waste within 100 feet of a water source, a campsite, or within sight of a trail is prohibited (36 CFR 2.14). The preferred option for human waste disposal is a waste containment system (such as a "Restop 2," "WAG Bag," etc.) If a containment/removal system is unavailable, a 4-to-8-inch-deep "cat hole" can be used. Toilet paper must be carried out.
- f. All food scraps (fruit peels, nut shells, etc.) are considered trash and must be disposed of properly. It is a violation to feed ANY wildlife.
- g. Smoking is highly discouraged. Cigarette butts must be packed out and properly disposed of. Trip leaders/guides should check fire conditions for current restrictions.

**7) Accidents/Injuries:**

- a. In the event of an emergency, call 911 or NPS Dispatch 800-582-4351.
- b. The CUA holder must report any of the incidents listed below as soon as possible, and no later than 24 hours after the occurrence, to the Commercial Services Office at [brca\\_cua@nps.gov](mailto:brca_cua@nps.gov):
  - i. Any accident resulting in personal injury, death, property damage, or a motor vehicle accident.
  - ii. Employee or visitor injuries requiring evacuation or more than minor first aid treatment.
  - iii. All incidents adversely affecting the area's resources.
- c. Reports should include date, time, location, and nature of the incident. Do not provide personal identifiable information in the medical/injury report.
- d. All motor vehicle accidents resulting in injury, personal/government property damage, or injury to park wildlife or resources must be reported to park law enforcement immediately by dialing 911. Commercial operators must remain on the scene until the arrival of law enforcement officers.
- e. A summary of all post-incident reports is due annually.

**8) Employee/Agent Responsibility:**

- a. The holder shall ensure that all company employees and vehicle operators entering the park are informed of the conditions of this authorization.
- b. The holder may be cited for any authorization violations committed by their employee and/or agent.
- c. **A copy of the entire Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) must be present and accessible at all times while conducting business in the park. A printed or digital copy may be used.**

**9) Tour Leaders:**

- a. Each group must have one person identified as the trip leader who is an employee of the CUA holder.
- b. **Trip leaders must remain in contact with and know the location of their group at all times.** If the party is divided into more than one group, each group will have a designated trip leader.

- c. Trip leaders must provide information to clients including the safety briefing approved with their application, as well as any other relevant information printed within official park materials or found posted at the Visitor Center. All guides must be certified in Basic First Aid and CPR, as well as fully acquainted with park rules and regulations.
- d. **Every Trip Leader must have a copy of their CUA with them at all times while in the park.**

**10) Behavior and Conduct:**

- a. The holder and its agents are required to exercise courtesy and consideration in their relations with the public and with NPS employees, volunteers, or other park agents. The holder will review and correct the conduct of any of its employees whose actions or activities are considered by the Service to be inconsistent with the safety, experience, enjoyment, and protection of visitors and public lands.
- b. **If there is a conflict with a park ranger:**
  - i. Follow the directions of the ranger (if safe to do so).
  - ii. Report incident to the Commercial Services Office at [brca\\_cua@nps.gov](mailto:brca_cua@nps.gov). Include any documentation relating to the incident if applicable.

**11) Entrance Fees:**

- a. Bryce Canyon National Park is a Federal Fee Area. All visitors who use the park recreationally must pay an entrance fee, regardless of how and where they enter the park. CUA Tour Leaders are required to pay entrance fees for their clients. If your CUA tour group plans to enter the park via a route that circumvents the entrance fee stations, the CUA Tour Leader/Guide must travel to the entrance fee station to pay for their group.
- b. CUA Tour Leaders must have their entrance receipts with them at all times, as park rangers periodically perform fee audits/compliance checks. All CUA tours will be charged on a per-person basis. The entrance fee is \$20 per client (no charge for paid guides and/or drivers, and anyone under 16 years of age). If any of your clients have an America the Beautiful™ interagency pass (annual/senior/military/access/volunteer) with valid ID, entrance fees will be waived for the pass-holder and up to 3 additional adults – PROVIDED THEY ARE IN THE SAME VEHICLE. Passes must be in the client's names, not in the CUA holder's name.
- c. All CUA Tour Leaders must stop at the entrance fee station and identify their company and show their CUA. They will be required to pay for their CUA clients at that time. CUA tours are not allowed to go through the shuttle/emergency lane.

**12) Program Itineraries:**

- a. Prior to the CUA holder's beginning operation, a detailed program itinerary specifying times/dates and proposed locations of groups activities within the park shall be provided to the CUA coordinator.

**13) Safety Briefing:**

- a. Each CUA applicant is required to submit a **copy of a safety briefing or information delivered to guests** with information specific to Bryce Canyon National Park, including but not limited to Leave No Trace, high elevation complications, lightning safety, and importance of hydration/salty snacks.

**14) Monitoring:**

- a. The Superintendent shall have the right to monitor CUA holder's in-park operations for compliance with all aspects of this CUA. Tour leaders shall carry a copy of the approved Commercial Use Authorization and present it to any park official upon request

**15) Operation Requirements:**

- a. It is strongly suggested to form groups of 15 or less hikers with adequate distance between groups to prevent a trail obstruction or interference with public use.
- b. Technical and artistic instruction (if applicable) must be pertinent to the scenic, natural, and cultural resources of the park.
- c. Changes to any park features (natural or man-made) are strictly prohibited.
- d. The CUA holder will comply with applicable public health and sanitation standards and codes.
- e. This CUA does not authorize the CUA holder to advertise, solicit business, collect any fees, or sell goods or services on lands owned and controlled by the United States.
- f. The CUA holder and all participants authorized herein must comply with all the conditions of the CUA including all exhibits or amendments or written directions of the park Superintendent (or designee).
- g. The area authorized for use under this CUA must be left in the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, with all refuse properly disposed of or otherwise as required by the Superintendent. The CUA holder shall be liable for any damages to any Government property resulting from these activities. The CUA holder shall pay the United States of America for any damages resulting from this use which would not reasonably be inherent in the use which the CUA holder is authorized.
- h. The CUA holder may not reserve or attempt to exclude park visitors from any area of the park.

**16) Wildlife:**

- a. DO NOT feed or approach wildlife- this disrupts natural processes the NPS is trying to preserve. Respect the space needed by all wildlife species. Use binoculars and view animals from a distance that does not result in avoidance or flight behavior. Intentionally approaching mammalian wildlife is limited to a distance no closer than 100 feet.
- b. Parking and stopping along park roads to view wildlife is prohibited except within designated parking areas and pull-offs, or within marked spaces.

**17) Superintendent's Compendium:**

- a. In addition to these Park Specific Conditions, all Superintendent's Compendium regulations apply. See online at [www.nps.gov/brca/learn/management/superintendents-compendium.htm](http://www.nps.gov/brca/learn/management/superintendents-compendium.htm).

**18) Bicycle Tour CUA Conditions**

- a. Directly from the Superintendent's Compendium:
  - i. The use of bicycles or E-bikes is prohibited except on park roads, the Shared-use Path and parking areas with paved surfaces. The Shared use Path is a paved multi-use visitor path in Bryce Canyon National Park. The path is approximately 6.2 miles long and is open to several uses, including running, walking, roller or

- in-line skating, non-motorized scooters and cross-country skiing and bicycling, including E-bikes. Leashed pets are also allowed on the Shared Use Path.
  - ii. Groups of cyclists using park roads must break into groups of 6 riders or less with groups separated by one quarter mile. Cyclists must ride single file on all park roadways.
  - iii. CUA bicyclists are required to enter the park via the Shared Use Path (which connects Bryce Canyon City to Bryce Canyon National Park) for safety reasons.
- b. E-bikes:
- i. The use of bicycles and e-bikes is prohibited except on park roads, the Shared-use Path, and parking areas with paved surfaces.
  - ii. A person operating an e-bike is subject to the following sections of 36 CFR part 4 that apply to the use of traditional bicycles: sections 4.12, 4.13, 4.21, 4.22, 4.23 and 4.30(i).
  - iii. Class of e-bikes allowed:
    - 1. Class I: bicycles equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
    - 2. Class II: bicycles equipped with an electric motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that are not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour. Most Class II e-bikes offer electrically assisted pedaling alongside throttles.
    - 3. Class III: electric bicycles equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches 28 mph.
  - iv. Except where use of motor vehicles by the public is allowed, using the electric motor to move an e-bike without pedaling is prohibited.

**19) Annual Report and Management Fees:**

- a. Annual Reports for the previous operating year must be submitted no later than January 31. If your Annual Report for the previous operating year is not submitted, your CUA issued for the current operating year will be suspended until the Annual Report is submitted.
- b. Market Price Management Fees (if applicable) must be paid no later than January 31. If your payment of the Management Fee for the previous operating year is not paid, your CUA issued for the current operating year will be suspended until the Management Fee is paid.
- c. You will not be able to conduct business in Bryce Canyon National Park until the Annual Report is submitted and all applicable fees are paid.

**20) Closures/Cancellations:**

- a. In the event of park closures or temporary delays, this authorization does not grant the holder or clients any special privileges for entry into the park. The Service reserves the right to:
  - i. Limit the operation of authorization holders in specific areas or during specific time periods.
  - ii. Schedule use of or close any trail, road, or other areas of attraction.