



Special Use Permit: Right-of-Way (ROW)

A right-of-way (ROW) is a special park use allowing a utility to pass over, under or through NPS property. A ROW permit is a discretionary and revocable document and, unlike a deeded easement or fee simple ownership, does not convey or imply any interest in the land. A ROW permit may be issued only pursuant to specific statutory authority and generally only if there is no practicable alternate to such use of NPS lands.

ROW Application Procedure

Requests for a ROW application may be made in person at park headquarters, via telephone, email or letter. The application form may be downloaded from the park website. A completed application and the non-refundable application fee are required before an application can be processed. Park contact information is:

Special Park Use Coordinator
Buffalo National River
402 N. Walnut St., Suite 136
Harrison, AR 72601

Telephone: 870-365-2702
FAX: 870-365-2701
Website: www.nps.gov/buff/
Email: buff_information@nps.gov

Cost Recovery

The authority for the National Park Service to recover and retain costs associated with managing special park uses is found at 16 U.S.C. 3a and 31 U.S.C. 9701. Charges established for a special park use under this authority are intended to recover costs associated with managing that activity and not to generate revenue beyond actual cost. An applicant for a right-of-way shall reimburse the National Park Service for administrative and other costs incurred in processing the application including preparation of reports and statements pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), before the right-of-way will be issued per 36 CFR 14.21.

Application Cost	\$100 - Must be submitted at the time of the initial application. This is a non-refundable cost.
Administration Cost	\$100 - Payable when the permit is approved. This is a non-refundable cost.
Monitoring Cost	If the activity requires NPS supervision for resource protection or the health or safety of visitors, the cost will be estimated and payable when the ROW is approved and prior to beginning the activity. The scope and complexity of the ROW activity will determine the level and type of supervision. The cost includes employee travel time to and from the activity location.