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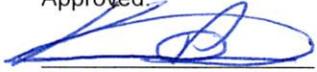
Casa Grande Ruins  
National Monument

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Superintendent's Compendium  
Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements and Other Restrictions  
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Casa Grande Ruins National Monument. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

**I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:**

Visiting Hours:

Public visiting hours are 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. daily, except Thanksgiving and Christmas days when the park is closed.

Public Use Limits:

Public use is allowed only in the following portions of the Monument.

- The immediate area of Compound A and the interpretive ramada
- The visitor center and museum building
- The entrance road and parking lot
- The picnic area and observation platform
- The paved walkways connecting the above stated areas

Closures:

The interior of the Casa Grande is closed to tours or any other public use except with permission of the Superintendent. Inspections, research, or other legitimate purpose shall only be allowed when the Superintendent has issued a permit.

*The 1918 Presidential Proclamation which established Casa Grande Ruins National Monument states that it is in the public interest that provisions are made for the "protection, preservation and care of the ruins of the ancient buildings and other objects of prehistoric interest." The physical impacts of more than 50,000 visitors per year on the fragile earthen interior of the Casa Grande would greatly accelerate the deterioration of what is one of the monument's primary archeological resources.*

**(a)(2) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):**

- The park entrance road is open to the public.
- The utility road from the visitor parking area to the administrative buildings, the maintenance compound, and the volunteer residents' compound is open for administrative use only and is closed to the public.

**(a)(3) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:**

Passenger Carrying Busses:

- Must not proceed through the parking lot beyond the area designated for pull-through parking for busses, trailers, and recreational vehicles.

*School busses carrying children in school groups that have reservations for monument programs may be excluded from this restriction. Through the reservation system monument staff is made available to manage traffic for safe unloading and boarding of school buses.*

- Engines must be shut down when busses are not underway.
- The Cotton Express local shuttle bus vehicles are exempt when in-service.

*The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park. Due to the accessibility capacity nature of the service provided by the shuttle busses, they are excluded from the requirement.*

**(a)(4) All park areas are closed to the use of unmanned aircraft:**

- Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.
- The term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

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## II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

**(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:**

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
  - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
  - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
  - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.13 Fires
- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:
  - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
  - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives:
  - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
  - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
  - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television

- (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.

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### **III. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### **36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

**(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the walkway as listed in Section 1.5 of this document.**

**(c)(1), (c)(2) All fruits, nuts, berries, plant materials or unoccupied seashells may not be gathered by hand or machine for personal use or consumption**

#### **36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE**

**(a) Camping is not allowed.**

**(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:**

- Food must be kept sealed in a vehicle or in a storage unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material. This restriction does not apply to food that is being transported, consumed, or prepared for consumption in the picnic area.

#### **36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING**

##### Conditions for Picnicking:

- Picnicking is allowed only within the established picnic area (designated on attached map).
- Picnicking in excess of three (3) hours requires a permit from superintendent.

#### **36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES**

**(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:**

##### Designated Areas:

The only fires allowed are those contained in the fire place or self-contained barbecue within the outdoor kitchen in the designated picnic area.

##### Established Conditions for Fires:

- A permit or an outdoor kitchen facility rental agreement is required to use fire within the outdoor kitchen area in the picnic area.
- Firewood must be obtained outside of the monument.
- Fires must be attended at all times.

**(a)(2) The following restrictions are in effect for the use of stoves or lanterns:**

- Self-contained propane, kerosene or gas stoves, grills, or lanterns are permitted within the picnic area only.
- Charcoal grills or stoves are not permitted.
- Stoves, grills, or lanterns must be attended at all times while in use.

**(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:**

- Fires must be completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- A small quantity of water may be obtained in personally owned container from picnic area tap to extinguish fire.
- A sufficient amount of fire suppressant material obtained outside of the monument may be applied to extinguish fire.

#### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:**

Pets may be restrained and carried; however, they may not walk or fly through the visitor center museum on or off leash.

**(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:**

- An area on the southeast corner of the picnic area is designated as a pet walking area. (See location on attached map.) Pet owners may allow pets to relieve themselves in this area so long as they pick up and contain pet excrement in plastic bags and dispose of bags in outside trash containers that are provided.
- Pet owners carry a plastic bag with them whenever the pet is with them.
- Pet owners pick up and contain pet excrement in plastic bags and dispose of bags in outside trash containers that are provided.

**(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:**

- The keeping of a pet is approved in writing by the Superintendent.
- Pets are restrained at all times while out of doors with a leash no longer than 6 feet,
- Pets are not left unattended and tied to an object outside.
- Pets do not make noise that is unreasonable considering location, time of day or night, impact on park users and other residents.
- Pets do not frighten wildlife by howling, barking or making other noise.
- Pet owners will pick up and contain pet excrement in plastic bags and dispose of bags in outside trash containers that are provided. These restrictions are established as the minimum requirements because excluding pets from the park would be an undue hardship for park residents and visitors. However, less restrictive measures would lead to resource degradation or damage to park property

**36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

**(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:**

- Smoking is allowed only in the outdoor area designated by a sign, a bench and a standing ashtray northeast of the visitor center restrooms and entrance. (See attached map for location of designated public smoking area.)
- Smoking is prohibited in all Casa Grande Ruins buildings, on all public walkways, and in all areas open to the public beyond the visitor center entrance, including Compound A and its vicinity.
- Smoking is prohibited in the maintenance compound within 20 feet of where smoking could pose a fire hazard (i.e. hazardous or flammable chemical storage).

*These designations are based on a determination that smoking is prohibited to protect park resources, reduce the risk of fire, or prevent conflicts among visitor use activities.*

**36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES**

**(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:**

**Entrance Fee Areas:**

An entrance fee is charged per person and is valid for 7 days from date of purchase. Each adult (16 years or older) will be charged \$5.00. Entrance is free for children 15 and younger.

**36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

***(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:***

The superintendent may close all or a portion of a public use area or public facility within a park area to the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or that has been opened, or whose seal is broken or the contents of which have been partially removed. Provided however, that such a closure may only be implemented following a determination made by the superintendent that:

- **(A) The consumption of an alcoholic beverage or the possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage would be inappropriate considering other uses of the location and the purpose for which it is maintained or established; or**
- **(B) Incidents of aberrant behavior related to the consumption of alcoholic beverages are of such magnitude that the diligent application of the authorities in this section and §§ 1.5 and 2.34 of this chapter, over a reasonable time period, does not alleviate the problem**

#### **36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

**(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:**

- The speed limit for the park entrance road is 35 mph.
- The speed limit for the utility road is 15 mph.