

CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT

2023 Operating Plan for Commercial Guided Motorcycle Tours

1. **Pass Through Only:** Authorized Use - Continuation of one-way regional (southwestern Utah and northern Arizona) leader accompanied motorcycle tours through designated portions of Cedar Breaks National Monument. Said motorcycle tours within Cedar Breaks National Monument are contingent upon conformance with, and subject to, all conditions included herein. No motorcycle activities or business limited to and/or focused upon Cedar Breaks National Monument are authorized by this permit.

Authorized Area of Use –Utah State Routes 143 and 148 and the Main Park Road in Cedar Breaks National Monument.

2. **Roadways Only:** In accordance with 36 CFR 4.10, motorcycle use within Cedar Breaks National Monument is prohibited except on established paved roads and parking areas.
3. **Closures and Public Use Limits:** The following areas are closed or restricted as indicated below. Additional locations may be closed or restricted by the posting of appropriate signs.

Point Supreme Overlook Closed and Under Construction for the 2023 season

Work will continue through the 2023 season. This overlook will be closed and completely blocked from visitor access once construction of the park's new visitor contact station begins. All CUA holders will need to utilize the remaining viewpoints. South Rim Trail does not have enough parking for large groups, few parking spots for visitors only to access the South Rim Trail. Visitor services that were formerly at The Point Supreme Overlook location will be moved to the North View Overlook.

Additional closed areas: the park administrative offices area, employee housing areas, maintenance areas, behind locked gates, within 500 feet of water tanks, areas behind fences, service roads, and other areas closed to the general public.

Parking and stopping along park roads is prohibited except at designated parking areas or pull-offs. All vehicles must be kept on established roadways, and there shall be no interference with pedestrians or other traffic in the park.

4. **Speed Limits:** The speed limits posted on the roadways must be obeyed at all times.

Passing motor vehicles is prohibited throughout the park.

5. **Accidents:** All accidents involving property damage, injuries, and/or medical problems should be reported to the park immediately at the Point Supreme Information Center or by calling (435) 772-3322. All such information must also be relayed by the permittee to the CUA program manager within 24 hours via email to zion_commercialservices@nps.gov.
6. **Tour Leaders:** An employee of the permittee designated as a tour leader shall ride at the rear of the group to assist with motorcycle adjustments and other touring concerns. Tour leaders shall brief the participants of each ride on safety concerns relevant to each day's ride on the morning of that riding day. Tour leaders shall be well acquainted with park regulations and support compliance with said regulations.
7. **Support Vehicle:** A support vehicle shall accompany each tour and be accessible to the needs of the motorcycle riders.

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8. **First-Aid Supplies:** Adequately sized first-aid kits shall be carried by both the motorcycle riding tour leader at the rear of the tour group and in the support vehicle.
9. **Safety Notice:** Permittee shall make available to all participants of tours a general safety notice addressing all aspects of motorcycle safety. Information contained in this notice shall include, but not be limited to, motorcycle safety and resource protection. Leaders should remind participants that they are at over 10,000 feet elevation and participants may tire easily. Participants should be advised to drink lots of water, eat snacks, and wear hats. Wearing sunscreen is an absolute must as high elevation ultraviolet rays can cause sunburn in minutes. The best way to prevent sunburn is to minimize sun exposure. The safety notice shall advise motorcyclists that information on the park, including safety information, is available at the information center during normal working hours. Additional information that could be included is location of comfort stations and other information deemed necessary and appropriate by the permittee. The National Park Service reserves the right to review safety information. A copy of the notice shall be provided to the superintendent prior to the start of the operating season.

Each tour associated with the permit shall carry and maintain a kit for emergency medical care. The kit shall be of sufficient size for the number of persons in the group and the nature of the activity.

10. **Safety Equipment:** The permittee shall make helmets available to each of its riders free of cost.
11. **Spacing of Motorcycle Riders:** The permittee shall regulate participant riders on its motorcycle tours so that the entire group is broken into groups of no more than four riders per group, each group spaced apart by approximately one-half mile. When stopping for any reason, participants will pull completely off the roadway and will not bunch up or block traffic in any other way.
12. **Entrance Fees:** **Each time permittees enter the park, they must identify themselves, show a copy of the CUA, and state that they are accompanying clients. This will enable the Cedar Breaks personnel to verify that you are on the approved list for commercial activities.** The entrance fees per person are \$10.00 each (subject to change). Guides and drivers are exempt from paying entrance fees when facilitating a commercial activity and may not use personal passes to admit clients. **Individuals or groups who have previously paid the entrance fee must show proof of prior payment.** Individuals who previously entered on a commercial bus shall be required to pay the per person entrance fee. Passengers may use annual or lifetime federal recreational land passes according to the parameters of the pass. No fee will be collected from an empty vehicle entering the Park for the purpose of picking up passengers.
13. **Trip Itineraries:** The permittee shall provide the superintendent with all year trip itineraries and required information prior to the start of the tour season. (See Trip Itinerary, Attachment C.) A brochure with marked or highlighted tour dates is acceptable.
14. **Monitoring:** The superintendent shall have the right to monitor permittee's activity for compliance with all aspects of this permit. Tour leaders shall carry a copy of the approved CUA and present it to any park official upon request. **Monitoring costs will be charged for groups exceeding thirty participants.** These costs start when the permittee arrives in the area to perform the permitted use and ends when the permitted use is over and the permittee leaves the area. This includes all costs for personnel and material, as well as all follow-up needed in returning the area to its original condition. Monitoring costs would vary depending on park staff involved. A Park Ranger would cost approximately \$50.00 per hour for a minimum of three hours monitoring.

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15. **Soil Erosion:** The permittee shall take adequate measures, as directed and approved by the superintendent, to restrict and prevent soil erosion on the lands covered hereby and shall so utilize such lands as not to contribute to erosion on adjoining lands.
16. **Driver & Guide Responsibilities:** It is the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that all employees are informed of, understand, and abide by the conditions of the permit.

Any permit condition violations can result in punitive action (fine, revocation of permit and or arrest) against both the representative (guide), and the permittee.

17. **Resource Protection Message:**

- Collecting or removing from the park any natural or cultural resource, or damaging or defacing any natural or cultural resource is prohibited.
- All food scraps (fruit peels, nut shells, etc.) are considered trash and must be disposed of properly. It is a violation to feed the wildlife, including squirrels.
- Take only pictures - leave no evidence of your visit.
- Vehicles must not idle their engines when parked. Idling vehicles create unacceptable amounts of noise and air pollution within Cedar Breaks National Monument.

18. **Soundscape Management:** Cedar Breaks National Monument encourages quiet and courteous riding through education and discourages use of modified exhausts that increase noise levels. Commercial motorcycle tours are not authorized to have modified exhausts or any other modification that increases the noise level over factory specifications. Motorcyclists are not authorized to amplify sounds from integrated (or other) radio/music systems. Existing noise ordinances state that noise levels may not exceed 60 decibels measured at 50 feet (36 CFR §2.12).

19. **Company Liability:** Permittees are responsible for the conduct of their group. Incidence of graffiti, feeding of wildlife, or littering will result in revocation of permit.

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