

# CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT

## 2026 Operating Plan Photography and Painting Instruction Workshops

### 1. **Operational Requirements:**

**Specific Activities Allowed/Disallowed:** Technical and artistic instruction shall be pertinent to the scenic, natural, and cultural resources of the park. All vehicles must be kept on established paved roadways, and there shall be no interference with pedestrians or other traffic in the park.

**Numbers of Student Groups:** Painting and photography workshop groups are limited to up to 12 participants and 2 staff (14 people total).

**Designated Trails:** Commercial photography and painting workshop activities are prohibited in all areas of Cedar Breaks National Monument except for the following designated trails (see below), and on paved overlooks.

1. Alpine Pond Trail
2. South Rim Trail (Spectra Point and Ramparts Overlook)
3. Campground Trail
4. Those sections of the Rattlesnake Creek Trail within Cedar Breaks National Monument
5. Sunset Trail

**Protection of Park Resources:** Alteration of any park features (to allow set-up of equipment, enhance setting, etc.) is strictly prohibited. Littering is prohibited. Participants are to leave as little evidence of their workshop use as possible and properly dispose of refuse. The permittee shall be liable for any damages to property of the United States resulting from the activities authorized hereunder.

### 2. **Closures and Public Use Limits:** The following areas are closed or restricted as indicated below. Additional locations (i.e. restoration areas, construction zones) may be closed or restricted by the posting of appropriate signs.

Commercial Activities are prohibited in the following 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.

### 3. **Speed Limits:** The speed limits posted in the park must be obeyed at all times.

**The passing of motor vehicles is prohibited throughout the park.**

### 4. **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](mailto:zion_commercialservices@nps.gov).

### 5. **Workshop Instructors:** Workshop Instructors shall be certified in CPR and first-aid care, as well as fully

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acquainted with park regulations and support compliance with said regulations.

6. **Qualifications of Instructors:** Permittee shall submit a list of instructors and their qualifications to the superintendent. Issuance of this permit is contingent upon professional qualifications of the instructors. Instructors shall be well acquainted with park regulations and support compliance with said regulations.
7. **Safety Notice:** Permittee shall make available to all participants of tours a general safety notice addressing all aspects of hiking safety. Information contained in this notice shall include, but not be limited to, hiking 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 hikers 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 workshop 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.

Workshops operating during hours of darkness shall be equipped with a minimum of one flashlight.

8. **Workshop Itineraries:** Prior to the permittee's beginning operation, a detailed trip itinerary specifying times and specific **locations** of group activities within the park shall be provided to the superintendent. Location areas are subject to approval. (See Trip Itinerary, Attachment C).
9. **Monitoring:** The superintendent shall have the right to monitor permittee's activity for compliance with all aspects of this permit. Instructors shall carry a copy of the approved CUA and present it to any park official upon request. **Monitoring costs may be charged.** 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 of monitoring.
10. **Resource Protection Message:** All permittees are required to communicate the following messages to clients receiving interpretive service:
  - Current local conditions (i.e. weather, any public safety messages, any current environmental hazards (i.e. icy trails). Group leaders may obtain this information at the monument's information center or by checking online.
  - Collecting or removing from the park any natural or cultural resource or damaging or defacing any natural or cultural resource is prohibited.

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- Stay on the trail in order to protect delicate vegetation and soils.
- 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, high water mark of a body of water, a campsite, or within sight of a trail is prohibited (36CFR 2.14). The preferred option for human waste disposal is a removal system such as a "[Restop 2](#)." If a removal system is unavailable a 4- to 8-inch deep "cat hole" can be used. Toilet paper must be carried out.
- Take only pictures - leave no evidence of your visit.
- All food scraps (fruit peels, nut shells, etc.) are considered trash and must be packed out and disposed of properly. It is a violation to feed the wildlife, including squirrels.
- Smoking on trails is highly discouraged. Smokers must use caution when smoking to prevent igniting a wildfire. Cigarette butts are trash and must be packed out for proper disposal. Trip leaders/guides should check fire conditions for current restrictions.

11. **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.

12. **Cultural Resources:** Photographic/painting workshop participants should not purposefully set up within the boundaries of known archaeological sites. Rock art sites are potentially sensitive to photographic equipment, such as flashes, and use of this equipment should be avoided in these types of sites. Contact the park archaeologist for more information about cultural resources, as necessary.

13. **Vegetation:** Photographic/painting workshop participants should be made aware of the values and sensitivities of cryptobiotic crust soils and avoid trampling on them. Participants should also respect signs or other obvious indications that an area is being revegetated or restored – staying on designated pathways or areas already impacted by human use.

14. **Wildlife:** Photographic/painting workshop participants should be made aware that approaching or enticing wildlife is illegal and dangerous. Participants should respect wildlife at a distance and avoid harassing the wildlife.

15. **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. The individual designated as the leader shall be certified in CPR and First Aid.

**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.

16. **Entrance Fees:** Each time permittees enter the park, they must identify themselves, show a copy of the CUA, and state they are accompanying clients. This process enables the Cedar Breaks personnel

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**to verify you are on the approved list for commercial activities.** The entrance fee per person is \$15.00 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.

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