



**National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior**

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

**Hagerman Fossil Beds  
National Monument**

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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 54 United States Code § 100751, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument (HAFO). 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*.

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

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours, public use limits, and closures are established:**

Visiting Hours:

- The Monument is open every day of the year, 24 hours a day.
- The HAFO administration office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as staffing permits.
- The HAFO Visitor Center is open 7 days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The remainder of the year the HAFO Visitor Center is open 5 days per week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. as staffing permits. Visitors are encouraged to phone 208-933-4105 to confirm hours.

*These operational needs are set to balance the needs of public access, visitor safety, and protection of property.*

**Public Use Limits – Pursuant to §1.5(d) to implement a public use limit, the Superintendent may establish a permit, registration, or reservation system:**

- Leaving property unattended for any period of time requires a permit.

*Leaving unknown property unattended in the Monument area threatens public safety, the environmental and scenic values of the Monument, the natural and cultural resources of the Monument, and the orderly management of the Monument. Visitors seeking to leave property unattended within the Monument must obtain a permit from the Superintendent.*

**Closures:**

- Launching, landing or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Hagerman Fossil Beds 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, quad-copters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

*Use of unmanned aircraft within HAFO poses a disturbance to wildlife in the Monument and interferes with other Monument visitors who come to appreciate and photograph the scenic resources. The unrestricted use of unmanned aircraft is incompatible with the mission to protect Monument resources and to ensure visitor enjoyment within the Monument. Unrestricted use of unmanned aircraft could impact sensitive wildlife, result in unnecessary noise, and pose a potential danger to Monument visitors. This prohibition complies with the NPS Director’s Policy Memorandum 14-05 (Unmanned Aircraft--Interim Policy; June 19, 2014).*

- The Superintendent may temporarily close the park roadways, parking area, facilities, waters, and all or portions of the park when such actions are deemed necessary to ensure public safety, protection of resources, or the avoidance of visitor use conflicts. The posting of signs, maps, media announcements, and the use of barricades and/or gates will identify such closures.
- Gravel roads leading to Bell Mutual Irrigation Company pump stations are closed near the Snake River in two locations commencing at the locked gates:
  1. The southern fork leading to the now destroyed Bell Rapids pump station, and
  2. The northern fork located at the last turn-around before the Fossil Gulch pump station.

- Two gated access roads leading to the abandoned gravel quarry north of the Snake River View Overlook.
- The roads located at the south end of the Monument that parallel the Emigrant Trail and the Oregon Trail.
- An Area Closure of a two-acre Special Use Zone around the Fossil Gulch pump station facilities.

*These facilities and areas are administrative sites used by the National Park Service in the management of the Monument. Visitor entry of these areas would interfere with park operations and the protection of government property, and in some cases create a safety hazard for the public and park employees. Less restrictive measures would not suffice to provide safety and security of government operations and employees.*

- Operation of motorized vehicles not licensed for highway use, including all off-road motorized vehicles, on all park roads is prohibited.

*Off-road motor vehicles including ATVs and UTVs are not designed for use on paved or public roads.*

- Any area closed by the Superintendent and identified with an official sign is prohibited to public access. This includes all park maintenance compounds, outbuildings and service roads that are only used for official business.

*Areas may be temporarily closed for a variety of reasons including site restoration, protection of endangered or threatened animal and plant species, protection of fragile cultural and/or historic sites, and for visitor safety. Maintenance compounds and other work areas are restricted from public access to protect government property from theft and vandalism and to prevent safety issues related to the operation of heavy machinery and power equipment.*

**(a)(2) Designate areas for a specific use or activity, or imposed conditions or restrictions on a use or activity:**

Areas Designated for a Specific Use or Activity:

- The Natural Zone (82%) – Includes the Paleontological/Research Subzone, the Natural Environment Subzone, and the Hunting/Fishing Subzone.

The Natural Zone will be managed to conserve natural resources and ecological processes and to provide for their use and enjoyment by the public in ways that do not adversely affect these resources and processes.

- The Cultural Zone (12%) – Includes the Oregon Trail.

Preservation and interpretation of the cultural values associated with the Oregon Trail will take precedence in this zone. This may include providing trail access for visitors, consistent with cultural resources protection laws and policies.

- The Park Development Zone (2%) – Includes areas allowing development of facilities.

Areas in this zone will be managed to provide and maintain facilities serving park managers and visitors.

- The Special Use Zone (3%) – Includes areas allowing NPS administration to be secondary to another agency.

This zone will primarily include existing utility corridors and pump-related facilities such as the pump access road, pumps, and pipeline. Consistent with legislation and property rights, these facilities can be operated and maintained to accomplish their purpose.

- The Paleontological/Research Subzone (57%), public access is limited to the following:
  1. Designated parking areas and trails,
  2. Areas stated in an approved permit, and/or
  3. Accompaniment by NPS staff.

This is approximately 70% of the designated Natural Zone. Although the basic management strategy of the Natural Zone will apply, manipulative research and resource management activities consistent with the Monument's purpose can occur in this subzone even though such activities otherwise would not be compatible in natural zone areas. This subzone will include most of the Monument. Visitor use in this subzone will occur under restrictions such as permits or supervision to ensure that such use will be compatible with research activities, resource protection, protection of scientific values, and other management objectives.

- The Hunting/Fishing Subzone – Is designated by Public Law 101-512 as that area within 50 feet of the high water mark of the Snake River, hunting may occur during and in accordance with Idaho State Wildlife regulated seasons and methods.

This designation will permit hunting and fishing and the maintenance of structures necessary for those activities, as legislatively required. Hunting and fishing normally are seasonal activities, when no hunting or fishing is occurring, the subzone will be managed the same as the Paleontological Research subzone adjoining it.

*National Park Service Management Policies require that general management plans prescribe a system of management zoning for park lands and waters to designate where various strategies for management and use will best fulfill management objectives and achieve the purpose of the park. Management zones, which are prescriptive, are used as a framework for specific planning and management decisions on the use and development of the Monument. They are derived from an evaluation of the Monument purpose and significance, management goals, desired future conditions, and the nature of the Monument's resources and uses.*

### Conditions and Restrictions on Specific Uses or Activities:

- E-bikes – The term “e-bike” means a two- or three-wheeled cycle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts (1 h.p.).
  - E-bikes are allowed in Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument where traditional bicycles are allowed. E-bikes are prohibited where traditional bicycles are prohibited. Except where use of motor vehicles by the public is allowed, using the electric motor to move an e-bike without pedaling is prohibited.
  - 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, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22, 4.23, and 4.20(h)(2)-(5).
  - Except as specified in this Compendium, the use of an e-bike within Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument is governed by State law, which is adopted and made a part of this Compendium. Any violation of State law adopted by this paragraph is prohibited.
  
- Swimming or wading:
  - Use of soap, detergent or other cleaning products while swimming or wading is prohibited in waters within Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument.

*Restricting use of soaps is necessary to prevent impacts to the Monument's natural resources.*

- Passenger Carrying Busses:
  - Engines must be shut down when not underway.

*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 Monument.*

- Hiking and Pedestrian Use:
  - Hiking and pedestrian use is restricted to the Monument's trails and walkway system.
  - Leaving a trail or walkway to shortcut between portions of the same trail or walkway, or to shortcut between portions of the same trail or walkway is prohibited.

*Restricting hikers and pedestrians to the Monument's trails and walkways helps protect the fragile habitat and natural resources of the Monument.*

## **36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

Activities requiring a permit are listed above under Public Use Limits and throughout this document under the specific 36 CFR Section that authorizes or requires the issuance of a permit.

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

**(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail(s) or walkway(s) listed in 36 CFR §1.5 of this document.**

*All trails and open roads within the Paleontological/Research Subzone (57%), except any overlap in the Hunting/Fishing Subzone during State established seasons.*

## **36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

**(b) Hunting and trapping**

- Hunting is permitted within the Hunting/Fishing Subzone. It is designated by Public Law 101-512 as the area within 50 feet of the high water mark of the Snake River.
- Hunting may occur during and in accordance with Idaho State Wildlife regulated seasons and methods.

**(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the Monument is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:**

- Lawfully taken wildlife transported through the monument shall be completely covered or otherwise kept out of view, and must be properly tagged in accordance with Idaho state law.
- Persons transporting legally taken game must possess a valid Idaho state hunting license.
- Transporting wildlife by any other means or on any other road, trails, or National Park Service lands is prohibited without specific permit from the superintendent.

**(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:**

- All of Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument is closed to use of visible and infrared lights to view wildlife.

## **36 CFR §2.3 - FISHING**

**(a) Fishing shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State within whose exterior boundaries the park area or portion thereof is located.**

- Fishing is permitted within the Hunting/Fishing Subzone which is within 50 feet of the high water mark of the Snake River.

### **36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS**

**In accordance with §2.4(a)(1-2), weapons, traps, or nets may be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations where the taking of wildlife is authorized by law in accordance with §2.2, or the taking of fish is authorized by law in accordance with §2.3:**

- Weapons and their discharge are permitted only in the Hunting/Fishing Subzone, during seasons established by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Trapping is prohibited on the Monument.

### **36 CFR §2.5 – RESEARCH SPECIMENS**

**(a) Taking plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals is prohibited except in accordance with other regulations of Chapter I of 36 CFR or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a specimen collection permit.**

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

**(a) Camping is allowed in the following designated sites or areas and is subject to the following established conditions:**

- Camping is prohibited within Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument except with a permit issued by the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES**

**(a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(a)(3) Operating any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(a)(4) Operating a public address system is prohibited, except in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.**

### **36 CFR §2.13 – FIRES**

**(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited within Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument.**

### **36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION AND REFUSE**

**(a)(2) Using park refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse is prohibited.**

**(a)(5) Bathing or washing food, clothing, dishes, or other property at public water outlets, fixtures, or pools is prohibited.**

**(a)(7) Disposing of fish remains on land or in waters within 200 feet of boat docks or designated swimming beaches or within developed areas is prohibited.**

**(a)(8) In developed areas, the disposal of human body waste is prohibited, except at the following designated locations or fixtures provided for that purpose:**

- Snake River Overlook restrooms.
- Oregon Trail Overlook restrooms.

**(a)(9) In non-developed areas, the disposal of human body waste within 10 feet of a water source, high water mark of a body of water, or a campsite, or within sight of a trail is prohibited.**

### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(1) Pets are prohibited from all public buildings (including outdoor restrooms), trails, and undeveloped park property. Pets are allowed on paved paths and parking areas.**

**(a)(2) Pets must be on a leash/lead not to exceed 6 feet in length.**

*The above prohibitions do not apply to service animals, such as guide dogs accompanying persons who are visually impaired and hearing dogs accompanying persons who are hearing-impaired.*

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

- Pet excrement shall be removed immediately from the park or disposed in a trash receptacle by the person(s) controlling the pet(s).

### **36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS**

**(a) The use of animals other than those designated as “pack animals” for purposes of transporting equipment is prohibited.**

**(b) The use of pack animals is permitted on the following trails, routes, or areas:**

- The Regional Trail (includes the Rim, Rim to River and River segments)

**(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:**



- Animals must have been fed certified weed free hay within the 24 hours preceding use.
- The use of horses and pack animals is prohibited except with a permit from the Superintendent.

*Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument protects the world's richest known fossil deposits from the late Pliocene time period. These fossils are often near the surface and very fragile, which makes them vulnerable to damage by horse or pack animal hooves. Less restrictive measures will not provide adequate protection of these globally-significant resources.*

### **36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY**

**(a)(3) Delivering or retrieving a person or object by parachute, helicopter, or other airborne means is prohibited, except in emergencies involving public safety or serious property loss or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent.**

### **36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES**

**(c) The use of snowmobiles is prohibited.**

### **36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES**

**(a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, ice-skating, inner tubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:**

- All monument trails and roads are open to cross-country skiing and snowshoeing when conditions permit.

**(b) The towing of persons on skis, sleds, or other sliding devices by motor vehicle or snowmobile is prohibited.**

### **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:**

- All federal buildings within Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument are designated as non-smoking areas, inclusive of GSA contracted facilities.

### **36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY**

**(a)(2) Leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours is prohibited, except in the following locations or under the following conditions:**

- A geocache site left for over 24 hours is prohibited within Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument except with a permit issued by the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

**(a)(3)(i) The following areas and 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 consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited within all visitor centers and government buildings, unless specifically allowed as part of a special event, with approval from the Regional Director.

*Park buildings are places of business and use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages is deemed inappropriate. These restrictions are necessary to protect visitors, park resources, to avoid visitor use conflicts and ensure safe and orderly operation of visitor use facilities.*

### **36 CFR §2.37 – NONCOMMERCIAL SOLICITING**

Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions or a permit that has been issued under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52.

### **36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES**

**(a) Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents or explosive materials is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(b) Using, or possessing fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

### **36 CFR §2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS**

**(a) Sports events, pageants, regattas, public sector attractions, entertainment, ceremonies, and similar events are allowed, provided there is a meaningful association between the park area and the events, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area, and an permit therefore has been issued by the Superintendent.**

### **36 CFR §2.51 – DEMONSTRATIONS**

**(b) Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2) when the Superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.**

**(c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for demonstrations:**

- Snake River Overlook: limited to the paved area between the gazebo and the parking lot.

- Oregon Trail Overlook: limited to the sidewalk between the gazebo and the disabled parking area.

You can email us to obtain a digital copy of these areas, or write to: Superintendent's Office at: Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, P.O. Box 570, Hagerman, ID 83332.

For permit information, please contact the Monument at **208-933-4105** or visit the park's permit page.

### **36 CFR §2.52 – SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

**(b) The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within park areas designated as available under §2.51(c)(2) (see above) when the Superintendent has issued a permit.**

### **36 CFR §2.60 – LIVESTOCK USE AND AGRICULTURE**

**(a) Livestock are generally prohibited in any park area. They are only permitted in park areas pursuant to the exceptions provided for in §2.60(a) and only pursuant to the terms and conditions of a license, permit, or lease.**

### **36 CFR §2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LANDS**

**(a) Residing in park areas, other than on privately owned lands, is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit, lease or contract.**

### **36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION**

**(a) The installation of a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area without the authorization of the Director is prohibited.**

**(b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

### **36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

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

- 15 miles per hour on dirt roads within the Monument.
- Adhere to posted limits on county roads.

### **36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES**

**(a) Bicycle use is permitted on park roads, parking areas, and on the following designated routes:**

- Pump Station Road
- County roads, adhering to applicable state and county laws.

**The following routes are closed to bicycle use:**

- Emigrant Trail
- Oregon Trail Overlook.
- Regional Trail (all sections)

### **36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING**

**Hitchhiking or soliciting transportation is prohibited.**

### **36 CFR §5.1 – ADVERTISEMENT**

**Commercial notices or advertisements shall not be displayed, posted, or distributed on federally owned or controlled lands within a park area unless prior written permission has been given by the Superintendent.**

### **36 CFR §5.3 – BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

**Engaging in or soliciting any business in park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States is prohibited.**

### **36 CFR §5.5 – COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

**(a) Before any motion picture may be filmed or any television production or sound track made by any person other than bona fide newsreel or news television personnel, written permission must first be obtained from the Superintendent.**

**(b) Taking photographs of any vehicle or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising without a written permit from the Superintendent is prohibited.**

### **36 CFR §5.6 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

**(b) & (c) Using commercial vehicles on government roads within park areas when such use is in no way connected with the operation of the park is generally prohibited, and requires permission or a permit from the Superintendent.**

### **36 CFR §5.7 – CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR OTHER FACILITIES**

**Such activities are prohibited, except in accordance with the provisions of a valid permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States.**

**36 CFR §§6.4, 6.5, 6.8, 6.9 – WASTE DISPOSAL SITES**

**A person proposing to operate a solid waste disposal site must submit a request for a permit to the proper Superintendent for review by the Regional Director.**

**Permit Information:**

Special regulations, restrictions and fees may apply when applying for a special use permit. Information regarding permits is available at park headquarters during normal business or calling **208-933-4105**

Written requests can be mailed to the following address:

Superintendent  
Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument  
P.O. Box 570  
Hagerman, ID 83332

Permits may be denied/terminated based on 36 CFR 1.6 (a), (d), (e), (g)(1), (g)(2), and/or (h). Federal law and agency policy require that certain activities that fall outside the scope of normal visitation be managed through the issuance of a permit. Permits may only be issued if the activity is in keeping with the purpose of the park and will not cause damage to the resources or conflict with other park users.

## Snake River Overlook Demonstration Area

Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within park areas designated when the Superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.

The map below shows the Snake River Overlook. It is located just off of Bell Rapids Road. The red arrow points to the blackened block, which indicates the location of the “First Amendment” area in the paved section between the gazebo and the parking lot.



## Oregon Trail Overlook Demonstration Area

Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within park areas designated when the Superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.

The map below shows the Oregon Trail Overlook. It is located just off of Bell Rapids Road. The red arrow points to the blackened block, which indicates the location of the “First Amendment” area on the sidewalk between the gazebo and disabled parking.

