

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

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## **A. INTRODUCTION**

### **1. Superintendent's Compendium Described**

The Superintendent's Compendium is the summary of park specific rules implemented under 36 Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR). It serves as public notice, identifies areas closed for public use, provides a list of activities requiring either a special use permit or reservation, and elaborates on public use and resource protection regulations pertaining specifically to the administration of the park. The Superintendent's Compendium does not repeat regulations found in 36 CFR and other United States Code and CFR Titles, which are enforced without further elaboration at the park level.

The regulations contained in 36 CFR, Parts 1-7, are the basic mechanism used by the National Park Service (NPS) to preserve and protect the natural and cultural resources of the park and to protect visitors and property within the park. Parts 1 through 6 are general regulations applicable to all areas of the National Park system, and Part 7 contains special regulations specific to individual parks. Each of these Parts has many sections and subsections articulating specific provisions. Within some of these Part 1-7 sections and subsections, the Superintendent is granted discretionary authority to develop local rules to be responsive to the needs of a specific park resource or activity, park plan, program, and/or special needs of the general public.

As an example, 36 CFR 1.5(a) Closures and Public Use Limits provide the Superintendent certain discretion in allowing or disallowing certain activities. The authority granted by the Section, however, requires the Superintendent to comply with the Administrative Procedures Act (5 USC Section 551), which requires public notice on

actions with major impact on visitor use patterns, park resources or those that are highly controversial in nature.

Another example is 36 CFR 1.6 Permits, which allows the Superintendent to require a permit for certain uses and activities in the park. This Section, however, requires that a list of activities needing a permit (and a fee schedule for the various types of permits) be maintained by the park.

A final example is 36 CFR 2.1 (c) (1) Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources, which provides the Superintendent the authority to designate certain fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells which may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption. This activity can occur, however, only if a written determination shows that the allowed activity does not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

This Compendium should be used in conjunction with Title 36 CFR, Parts 1-7, to more fully understand the regulations governing the use and enjoyment of all the areas of the national Park System.

A copy of Title 36, CFR, can be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office at:  
Superintendent of Documents

P.O. Box 371954

Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954

The CFR is also available on the Internet at:

<https://www.nps.gov/morr/learn/management/superintendent-compendium.htm>

## **2. Laws and Policies Allowing the Superintendent to Develop This Compendium**

The National Park Service (NPS) is granted broad statutory authority under 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1 et.seq. (Organic Act of 1916, as amended) to regulate the use of the Federal areas known as national parks, monuments, and reservations by such means and measures as conform to the fundamental purposes of the said parks... which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment for future generations" (16 U.S.C. Section 1). In addition, the NPS Organic Act allows the NPS, through the Secretary of the Interior, to "make and publish such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary or proper for the use and management of the parks, monuments, and reservations under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service" (16 U.S.C. Section 3).

In 1970, Congress amended the NPS Organic Act to clarify its intentions as to the overall mission of the NPS. Through the General Authorities Act of 1970 (54 USC Subtitle I), Congress brought all areas administered by the NPS into one National Park System and directed the NPS to manage all areas under its administration consistent with the Organic Act of 1916.

In 1978, Congress amended the General Authorities Act of 1970 and reasserted System-wide the high standard of protection defined in the original Organic Act by stating "Congress further reaffirms, declares, and directs that the promotion and regulation of the various areas of the National Park System, as defined by Section 1 of this Title, shall be consistent with and founded in the purpose established by Section I of this Title, to the common benefit of all people of the United States."

54 USC Subtitle I defines the National Park System as "... any area of land and water administered by the Secretary, acting through the Director, for park, monument, historic, parkway, recreational, or other purposes."

In addition to the above statutory authority, the Superintendent is guided by established NPS policy as found in the NPS Management Policies (2006). The Superintendent is also guided by more specific policies promulgated by the Director, National Park Service, in the form of Director's Orders. As stated in the Management Policies, the primary responsibility of the NPS is to protect and preserve our national natural and cultural resources while providing for the enjoyment of these resources by visitor and other users, as long as use does not impair specific park resources or overall visitor experience. The appropriateness of any particular visitor use or recreational experience is resource-based and will vary from park to park; therefore, a use or activity that is appropriate in one park area may not be appropriate in another. The Superintendent is directed to analyze overall park use and determine if any particular use is appropriate. Where conflict arises between use and resource protection, where the Superintendent has a reasonable basis to believe a resource is or would become impaired, then that Superintendent is obliged to place limitations on public use.

### **3. Consistency of This Compendium with Applicable Federal Law and Requirements**

The Superintendent's Compendium is not considered a significant rule requiring review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866. In addition, this Compendium will not have a significant economic effect on a number of small entities nor impose a significant cost on any local, state, or tribal government or private organization, and therefore does not fall under the requirements of either the Regulatory Flexibility Act or the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The actions and requirements described in this Compendium are found to be categorically excluded from further compliance with the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in Department of the Interior (DOI) Guidelines 516 DM 6 and as such, an Environmental Assessment will not be prepared.

### **4. Development of the Requirements of the Superintendent's Compendium**

As outlined above, the NPS has broad authority and responsibility to determine what types of uses and activities are appropriate in any particular National Park System area.

The requirements of the Superintendent's Compendium are developed through an analysis and determination process. The decision criteria used during this process are:

- Is there use or activity consistent with the NPS Organic Act and NPS policy?
- Is the use or activity consistent and compatible with the park's enabling legislation, management objectives, and corresponding management plans?
- Will the use or activity damage the park's protected natural and cultural resources and other protected values?
- Will the use or activity disturb or be in conflict with wildlife, vegetation, and environmental protection actions and values?
- Will the use or activity conflict with or be incompatible with traditional park uses and activities?
- Will the use or activity compromise employee or public safety?

## **5. Applicability of the Compendium**

The rules contained in this Compendium apply to all persons entering, using, visiting or otherwise present on federally owned lands, including submerged lands, and waters administered by the NPS within the legislative boundaries of the park. This includes all waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, including all navigable waters.

## **6. Enforcement of Compendium Requirements**

NPS Law Enforcement Park Rangers enforce the requirements of the United States Code, 36 CFR, and this Superintendent's Compendium.

## **7. Penalties for Not Adhering to the Compendium Requirements**

A person who violates any provision of the regulations found in 36 CFR, Parts 1-7, or provisions of this Compendium, is subject to a fine as provided by law (18 U.S.C. 3571) up to \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months (18 U.S.C. 3559), or both, and shall be adjudged to pay all court costs associated with any court proceedings. You may receive a list of fines associated with any particular provision by contacting the Chief Ranger at the park address found below.

## **8. Comments on the Compendium**

The Compendium is reviewed annually and revised as necessary. The park welcomes comments about its program and activities at any time.

## **9. Effective Date of the Superintendent's Compendium**

The Superintendent's Compendium is effective on the approval date listed on the first page of this document and remains in effect until revised for a period up to one year.

## 10. Additional Information

Some of the terms used in this Compendium may have specific meaning defined in 36 CFR 1.4 Definitions.

## 11. Availability

Copies of the Compendium are available at:

**Morristown National Historical Park**  
**30 Washington Place**  
**Morristown, New Jersey 07960**

It may also be found  
at <https://www.nps.gov/morr/learn/management/lawsandpolicies.htm>.

## B. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENDIUM

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 Morristown National Historical Park. 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

**36 CFR 1.5(a)(1) The following visiting hours, public use limits, and closures are established:**

#### **Visiting Hours**

- Washington's Headquarters Museum: Thursday-Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Museum's Research room is open by appointment only: call 973-539-2016 x204 for more information.
- Walks and Trails: Sunrise to Sunset
- Parking Lots: Sunrise to Sunset
- Museum/Ford Mansion: September - June, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Wednesday - Sunday, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. July and August: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm daily.

- Fort Nonsense: Sunrise to Sunset
- Jockey Hollow: Sunrise to Sunset
  - Trails: Sunrise to Sunset
  - Parking Lots: Sunrise to Sunset
  - Tour Road/Restrooms: Sunrise to Sunset
  - Visitor Center and Wick House: September - June: 10:00 am-4:00 pm, Wednesday - Sunday, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. July and August: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm daily.
  - New Jersey Brigade/Cross Estate Area: Sunrise to Sunset

*Determination: The above visiting hours are based upon a determination that such hours are necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, the protection of natural and cultural resources, and the implementation of management responsibilities.*

## **Closures**

- Entering or remaining in the park outside of posted hours (Sunrise to Sunset) is prohibited.
- Severe weather conditions or other operational constraints may require delayed opening or non-opening of park roads or visitor use buildings.
- The following park areas are closed to the public:
  - Wick farm barn and corral in Jockey Hollow
  - Yards immediately adjacent to permanent housing
  - The Jockey Hollow maintenance area
  - All areas signed or posted as "Closed", "area closed", "Restricted Access", "Staff Only", "Employee Only", or "Authorized Vehicles/Personnel Only"
- The following park buildings or portions of park buildings are closed to the public (except as specifically authorized and/or escorted by park staff):
  - All buildings within the park are closed to public use except for regularly scheduled and conducted activities, reservations, or as allowed by a permit.
  - All areas signed or posted as "Closed", "area closed", "Restricted Access", "Staff Only", "Employee Only", or "Authorized Vehicles/Personnel Only"

*Determination: The Superintendent has determined that these closures are necessary for the safety of park visitors, the protection of natural and cultural resources, maintaining historical view sheds, and to maintain residents' privacy.*

**Recreational sledding, inner tubing, ice skating, and tobogganing are prohibited within the park.**

*Determination: The Superintendent has determined that the above-described activities conflict with the historical scene within the park.*

**The following park areas are closed to picnicking:**

- The open field adjacent to the Soldier Huts (west of the Tour Road and north of the Sugarloaf Road exit).
- The area immediately adjacent to the Wick House.
- On the Ford Mansion lawn.

*Determination: The Superintendent has determined that the above-described activities conflict with the historical scene at the locations specified.*

**36 CFR 1.5 (a)(2) Designate areas for a specific use or activity or impose conditions or restrictions on a use or activity.**

- Filming, still photography, and audio recording activity may require a permit, consistent with 54 U.S.C. 100905.
  - Filming, still photography, and audio recording activity that occurs in closed areas, requires exclusive use of a site or area, or involves a set or staging equipment other than handheld equipment (such as a tripod, monopod, and handheld lighting equipment) requires a permit, unless the activity is affiliated with an activity or event that has been allowed under a written authorization, such as a special use permit.
  - Filming, still photography, and audio recording that involves more than eight individuals requires a permit, unless the NPS has specifically notified an individual or group that a permit is not required, or if the activity is affiliated with an activity or event that has been allowed under a written authorization, such as a special use permit.
  - If a permit is required for the reasons stated above, or if the NPS otherwise determines and then notifies an individual or group that a permit is required for a filming, still photography, or audio recording activity, then engaging in that activity without a permit is prohibited. Violating a term or condition of a permit issued by the NPS for a filming, still photography, or audio recording activity is prohibited, and may result in the suspension or revocation of the permit, in addition to any penalties that may apply under 36 CFR 1.3.

*Federal law at 54 U.S.C. 100905 states that permits and fees are not required for filming, still photography, or audio recording in park areas if certain requirements are met. These requirements address various topics, including, but not limited to, group size, location, equipment, potential impacts to resources and visitors, and the likelihood that the NPS will incur related administrative costs. If any of these requirements are not met, the law allows the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the NPS, to require a permit for the subject activity. Permit requirements are imposed by the superintendent under discretionary authority provided by 36 CFR 1.5(a)(2), which allows the*



*superintendent to impose conditions or restrictions on a use or activity, consistent with applicable legislation, to implement management responsibilities. The general regulations for permits in 36 CFR 1.6 do not apply to permits issued for filming, still photography, and audio recording, which instead are governed by the statutory provisions in 54 U.S.C. 100905. The imposition of permit requirements, on a case-by-case basis, for filming, still photography, or audio recording does not require rulemaking under 36 CFR 1.5(b). Requiring a permit with reasonable terms and conditions in accordance with statutory requirements at 54 U.S.C. 100905 is not highly controversial, will not result in a significant alteration in the public use pattern of the System unit, will not adversely affect the System unit's natural, aesthetic, scenic or cultural values, or require a long-term or significant modification in the resource management objectives of the System unit, because the permit requirement is limited in time and scope to the specific activities authorized by the permit, which contain terms and conditions that protect the values, resources, and visitors of the System unit, and implements federal law*

- Launching, landing, or operating an uncrewed or remotely piloted aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Morristown National Historical Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

*Determination: This restriction is necessary to prevent unacceptable impacts to park resources and values from the use of uncrewed aircraft. Potential impacts include harming visitors, interfering with rescue operations, causing excessive noise, impacting viewsheds, and disturbing wildlife. This restriction is required by NPS Reference Manual #60: Aviation Management, Chapter 12 – Uncrewed Aircraft Systems.*

## **Public Use Limits**

- Tours of the historic Ford Mansion are limited to groups of 20 people or less.

**The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:**

- **Vehicles:**
  - Washing, repair, or maintenance of vehicles belonging to visitors in public parking areas is prohibited. (Other than short-term emergency repairs)
  - Parking is limited to parking lots and designated pull-outs.
  - Parking along roadway shoulders or on grass areas are prohibited.
- **Hiking and Pedestrian Use:**
  - Hiking and pedestrian use is restricted to the park's trails and roadways.
  - Leaving a trail or roadway to shortcut between portions of the same trail or roadway, or to shortcut between portions of the same trail or roadway is prohibited.



*Determination: The above designations are based upon a determination that such conditions are necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental and cultural values, protection of natural or cultural resources and the equitable allocation and use of the park.*

## **CCTV Policy Statement**

In accordance with National Park Service Law Enforcement Reference Manual 9 (RM-9), notice is hereby given that Morristown NHP uses Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) security camera monitoring.

The park's use of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) for law enforcement and security purposes will only be to visually monitor public park areas and public activities where no constitutionally protected reasonable expectation of privacy exists. Such CCTV use — which will have adequate privacy and First Amendment safeguards — will be to help ensure public safety and security; facilitate the detection, investigation, prevention, and deterrence of terrorist attack and crime; help ensure the safety of citizens and officers; help assist in the proper allocation and deployment of law enforcement and public safety resources; and help facilitate the protection of the innocent and the apprehension and prosecution of criminals. (RM-9, 26.1)

This policy does not restrict the official use of CCTV in government administrative areas, including administrative buildings, jail holding facilities (RM-9, 26.37), revenue collection sites, etc., where the government may record/monitor its facilities. For example, the government may perform unrestricted video/audio recording at revenue collection points (entrance stations, visitor center counters, etc.). This policy does not restrict the use of an Audio/Visual Recording Device (AVRD) in patrol vehicles or officer worn recording devices used by commissioned rangers. (RM-9, 26.1).

Operation of CCTV cameras, maintenance of recorded images and use of recorded images will be in accordance with NPS and Department policy and applicable laws and regulations. (RM-9, 26.1-26.4) No person will be targeted or monitored merely because of race, religion, gender, sex, disability, national origin, or political affiliation or views. (RM-9, 26.4.2)

Nothing in this policy statement is intended to create any rights, privileges, or benefits not otherwise recognized by law.

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

Activities requiring a permit are listed throughout this document under the specific 36 CFR section that authorizes or requires the issuance of a permit. Additionally, pursuant to 36 CFR §1.6 (f) the following is a compilation of those activities and/or those public uses from which a permit from the superintendent is required.

**36 CFR 1.6(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:**

- §1.5(a)(2) and 54 U.S.C. 100905.
  - Some filming, still photography, and audio recording (depends upon the facts and circumstances, contact the park for more information).
- Use of an uncrewed aircraft: see 1.5(a)(2)
- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits
  - Use of park buildings and structures except for regularly scheduled and conducted activities
- §2.4(d) Carrying or possessing a weapon, trap, or net
- §2.5(a) Specimen collecting (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
- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:
  - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
  - (c)(l) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.17 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:
  - Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
  - Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct of 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 involving more than 25 people.
- §2.52 (b) Sale or distribution of printed matter involving more than 25 people.
- §2.60 (b) Livestock use
- §2.61 (a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Memorialization.
  - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director)
  - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
- §4.11 (a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.

Applications for permits can be obtained by contacting the Permit Manager:

**Morristown NHP**  
**c/o Permit Office**  
**30 Washington Place**  
**Morristown, NJ 7960**  
**973-539-2016 x201**  
[www.nps.gov/morr](http://www.nps.gov/morr)

### **III. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

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

(a)(4) Using or possessing wood gathered from within the park area is prohibited, except that dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- The Superintendent has not designated any areas where dead wood on the ground may be collected, therefore this is not allowed.

(a)(5) Walking on, climbing, entering, ascending, descending, or traversing an archeological or cultural resource, monument, or statue is prohibited, except in the following areas and/or under the following conditions.

- No conditions/areas designated.

*Under, §2.1(a)(ii) collecting natural materials from the park is generally prohibited. However, pursuant to §2.1 (c), the following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or possession and consumption restrictions:*

- Wine Berries, 1 (DRY) quart per person, per day.

*Determination: The Superintendent has determined that the limited use of these renewable resources will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproduction of any plant species or other park resources. The authorizations of this consumptive use recognize an existing condition but is meant to prohibit any large-scale collection of natural products for private gain through sale, storing, preserving of other purpose not closely related to the park experience.*

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

(b) Hunting and trapping is prohibited.

(d) Transporting lawfully taken wildlife through the park is prohibited except on Tempe Wick Road or under the following conditions and procedures:

- Carcass must be tagged in accordance with state and federal law.
- Game must be kept out of sight as much as practical.
- No other route/road is available to the final destination.
- Deer legally taken outside of the park, but ran into a park area, may be removed by park law enforcement staff and returned to the hunter provided that:
  - park law enforcement staff are notified in advance and accompany the hunter while present on parkland
  - There is clear indisputable evidence indicating that the deer was originally taken outside of the park.

*Determination: The regulation allows for the legal transportation of wildlife so long as it is harvested or collected in accordance with New Jersey State hunting regulations.*

(e)(i). Use of artificial light to view wildlife is prohibited except in research studies authorized by the Superintendent.

*Determination: The Park is closed to the public at sunset. Except for authorized researched activities, viewing wildlife with artificial light is a technique associated with hunting and is commonly referred to as "spotlighting". The use of artificial light to view wildlife negatively impacts the animals in their natural environment.*

### **36 CFR §2.3 - FISHING**

Fishing is allowed in waters within the boundary of Morristown National Historical Park in accordance with State of New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife regulations. Indian Brook and the Passaic River are designated by the State of New Jersey as "Wild Trout Streams" and state fishing regulations are more stringent at those locations.

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

Pursuant to 18 USC §930, firearms are prohibited in federal facilities. Federal facilities are marked with signs at public entrances.

Pursuant to 16 US §1a-7b, park visitors may carry firearms in the park if they are otherwise in compliance with federal, state, and local laws.

(e) Traps and nets are prohibited except under a permit issued by the Superintendent.

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

Taking plants, fish, wildlife, rocks, or minerals is prohibited except in accordance with 36 CFR chapter I or the terms and conditions of a specimen collection permit pursuant to §2.5(a)

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

Camping is defined as erecting a tent or shelter of natural or synthetic material, preparing a sleeping bag or other material for use, parking a motor vehicle, motorhome or trailer, or mooring a vessel for the apparent purpose of overnight occupancy.

(a) Camping is prohibited in Morristown National Historical Park.

(d) No food storage conditions designated.

## **36 CFR §2.11 - PICNICKING**

Certain areas have been closed to picnicking and are listed in section 1.5(a)(1) "Closures".

## **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) Lighting or maintaining a fire is prohibited, except in designated areas or receptacles and under conditions that may be established by the superintendent.

A fire may be ignited and maintained only by using fuel sources designed and commonly used for warmth or the preparation of food, such as charcoal briquettes or natural firewood. Lighting or maintaining a fire with other materials including, but not limited to, flammable liquids, garbage, fireworks, plastics, aerosol canisters, batteries, or other manufactured or synthetic materials, is prohibited.

- The Wick House fire pit conducted by Park employees or properly training volunteers, for interpretive purposes only.

*This action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, and the implementation of management responsibilities. Materials other than approved combustibles – especially fire accelerants and substances prone to wind transport or*

*explosion – create serious risks when used to light or maintain fires. These combustibles can ignite or spread wildfires that directly threaten people and valuable resources and assets. The burning of manufactured or synthetic materials can contribute to air pollution, contaminate soil and water, and be toxic to humans and the environment. Less restrictive measures, such as an education campaign, would not be commensurate with the substantial risks associated with those activities and could lead to adverse outcomes that might be prevented by establishing an enforceable condition.*

### **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)(7) Disposing of fish remains on land or in waters within 200 feet of boat docks or 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:

- Jockey Hollow Visitor Center
- New York Brigade Comfort Station
- Washington's Headquarters Museum

### **36 CFR §2.15 - PETS**

"Pet" means dogs, cats, or any animal that has been domesticated. [36 CFR §1.4]

(a)(1) Possessing pets in public buildings, public transportation vehicles, swimming beaches, and the following structures and/or areas is prohibited:

- Wick Farm Barn & Corral
- Within Park Headquarters/Museum
- Within the Ford Mansion
- Within the Wick House

*NOTE: This subparagraph does not apply to service animals.*

(a)(3) Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object is prohibited.

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

- All pet excrement must be removed no matter the location (road, paths, trail, open field, or around buildings) and disposed of in established refuse containers.

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



- In accordance with the park's approved Housing Management Plan.

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

(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals for purposes of transporting equipment: Horses, mules, burros, llamas, and goats.

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is prohibited except for the following trails, routes or areas designated for their use:

- White Blaze Trail (Grand Loop)
- Blue Blaze Trail (NY Brigade)
- Mt Kemble Loop Trail
- Old Army Camp Road
- Mendham Road Trail
- South portion of Aqueduct loop trail (Green Blaze)
- Trail spurs to access parking area

(d) Free-trailing or loose-herding of horses or pack animals on trails is prohibited.

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

- Manure deposited by horses at parking areas where they are unloaded/loaded into trailers must be removed by the owner.
- Groups of riders using six or more horses must obtain a Special Use Permit at least 48 hours prior to arrival at the park.
- Halter and lead rope must be carried or be on the horse or pack animal at all times.

*Determination: Consistent with public health, protection of environmental values and natural resources and avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the Superintendent has determined that some regulation of horse and pack animal use is necessary.*

### **36 CFR §2.17 - AIRCRAFT 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 §2.19 - WINTER ACTIVITIES**

(a) Skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, sledding, inner tubing, tobogganing, and similar winter sports are prohibited on park roads and in parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic.

*Pursuant to 1.5(f) - closures - Ice skating, sledding, tobogganing, and inner tubing are prohibited park-wide.*

### **36 CFR §2.20 - SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, and SIMILAR DEVICES**

Using roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles or similar devices is prohibited throughout the park.

### **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:

- Any park building, housing, government vehicle, or within 20 feet of any building entrance.

*Smoking, including all tobacco products, electronic smoking devices (such as electronic cigarettes), handheld vaporizers and items covered by the Controlled Substances Act, Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 (to include for medical use) is prohibited in all other areas and buildings to protect park resources and reduce the risk of fire.*

*Per-Policy Memorandum 15-03: Effective immediately, use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS) will be treated as tobacco smoking. All provisions of Director's Order #50D—including in particular sections 4.1.1 and 4.1.2—will apply to ENDS use. ENDS use will not be permitted within any Government-owned or -leased vehicle, including heavy equipment, watercraft or aircraft.*

### **36 CFR §2.22 - PROPERTY**

(a) Leaving property unattended for periods longer than 24 hours is prohibited, except with the permission of the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR §2.23 - RECREATION FEES**

(a) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or 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
  - There are no entrance fees for Morristown NHP

- Special Recreation Permit Fee (Such as but not limited to. group activities. recreation events. and the use of motorized recreation vehicles):
  - Special Use Permit Application Fee- \$75

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

Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods, or services is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of 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, and in accordance with applicable State Law.

### **36 CFR §2.50 - SPECIAL EVENTS**

(a) Sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, 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 a permit therefor has been issued by the superintendent.

### **36 CFR §2.51 DEMONSTRATIONS AND DESIGNATED AVAILABLE PARK AREAS**

(b) Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(1) when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.

*NOTE: Demonstrations involving 25 persons or fewer may be held without a permit in designated park areas, provided that the requirements in 9.51 (b) are met. The 25 person maximum for the small group permit exception may be reduced pursuant to §2.51(b)(3)*

#### (c)(2) Designated Locations:

The following locations are designated as available for demonstration. A permit is not required for a demonstration in the designated locations if it involves 25 persons or fewer and does not involve structures. Designated areas are shown in the attached appendix.

- Jockey Hollow Visitor Center Flagpole
- New Jersey Brigade Trailhead

- New York Brigade Comfort Station Island
- Fort Nonsense Picnic Area
- Ford Mansion Flagpole

*Determination: The designated locations are in prominent locations near the visitor center that will allow individuals and groups to conduct demonstrations in a manner that will allow for effective communication of speech and other protected activities. At the same time, the designated locations leave ample space for visitors to enter and leave the visitor center safely and for the NPS to conduct administrative activities such as interpretive events.*

### **36 CFR §2.52 - SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATERIAL**

(b) The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within park areas designated as available under §2.51 (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 2.6(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:

- Jockey Hollow Road: 20 mph
- Cemetery Road: 20 mph
- Grand Parade Road: 20 mph
- Sugarloaf Road: 25 mph
- Fort Nonsense: 20 mph
- Cross Estate Access: 15 mph

## **36 CFR §4.30 - BICYCLES**

(a) The use of a bicycle is prohibited except on park roads and in parking areas.

(h)(4) Riding a bicycle abreast of another rider is prohibited.

**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 Morristown National Historical Park 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 4.30(h)(2)-(5).
- Except as specified in this Compendium, the use of an e-bike within Morristown National Historical Park 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.

## **36 CFR §4.31 - HITCHHIKING**

Hitchhiking or soliciting transportation is prohibited.

## **36 CFR §5.1 - ADVERTISEMENTS**

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, except as such may be specifically authorized under special regulations applicable to a park area, 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 issued by 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.

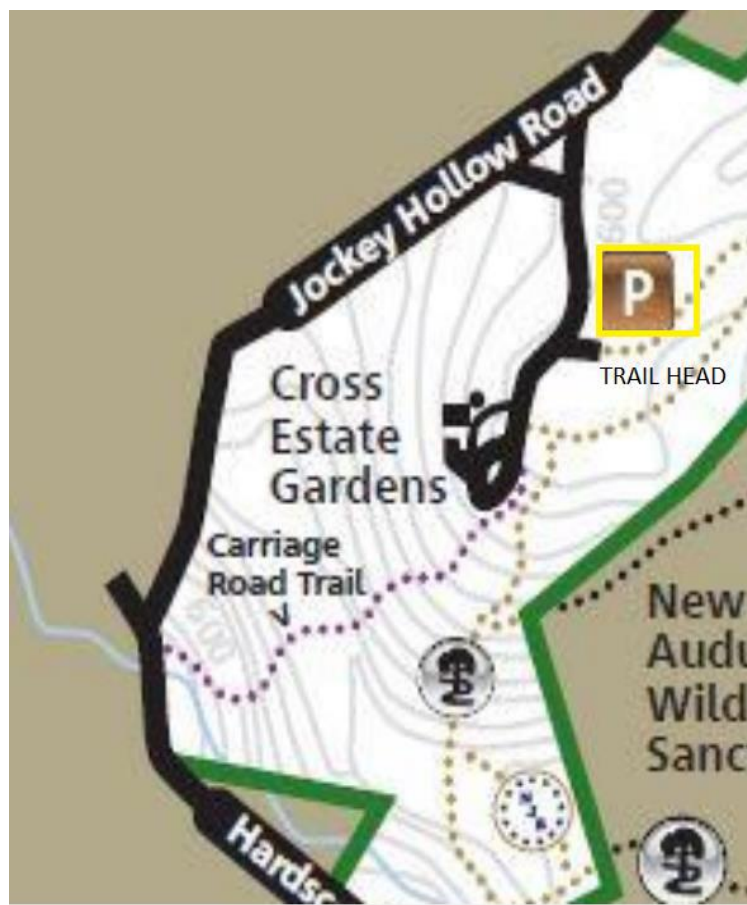


## **Appendix: Designated Demonstration Areas (36 CFR 2.51, 2.52)**

### **Designated Demonstration Areas (36 CFR 2.51, 2.52)**

- New Jersey Brigade Trailhead – The grassy area adjacent and north of the parking area for the New Jersey Brigade Trailhead.
- Jockey Hollow Visitor Center Flagpole – The cement area at the flagpole, between the parking lot and restricted access road.
- Jockey Hollow New York Brigade - Comfort Station Island – The cement area between the Comfort Station and Jockey Hollow Road.
- Fort Nonsense Picnic Area – The grassy area immediately adjacent to the picnic tables.
- Ford Mansion Flagpole – The grassy area around the flagpole stretching to the public sidewalk.

#### **New Jersey Brigade Trailhead**



## Jockey Hollow Visitor Center Flagpole



## Jockey Hollow New York Brigade – Comfort Station Island

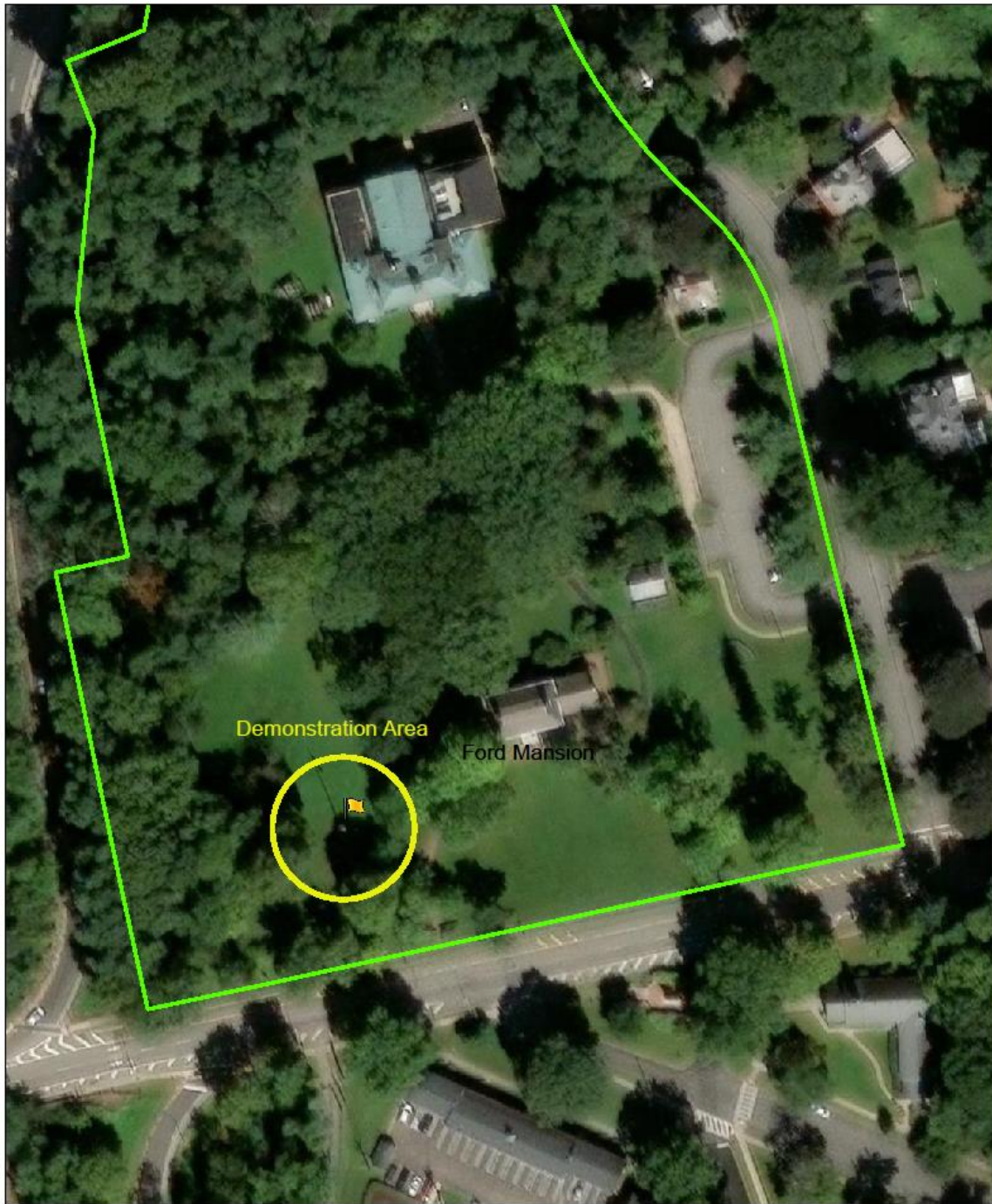


## Fort Nonsense - Picnic Area





## Ford Mansion Flagpole



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