



**United States Department of the Interior  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
RICHMOND NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK  
MAGGIE L. WALKER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE  
3215 E. BROAD STREET  
RICHMOND, VA 23223-7517**



In Reply Refer to:

W22 (RICH/MAWA-VRP)  
Closure Order # 20-001  
April 8, 2020

Closures, restrictions and public use limits:

Closure Order – Portion of a Park Area: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR 1.5 the following park areas and facilities are closed, effective immediately, until further notice:

- Maggie L. Walker NHS Visitor Center and Historic House
- Chimborazo Visitor Center, Richmond National Battlefield Park
- Cold Harbor Visitor Center, Richmond National Battlefield Park
- Tredegar Visitor Center, Richmond National Battlefield Park
- Administrative Offices and facilities, Richmond NBP and Maggie L. Walker NHS
- Fort Harrison Visitor Center (currently closed for the season)

Authority: 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1)

Restrictions and Public Use Limits: Under the authority provided to the Superintendent in 36 CFR 1.5, the following activities are restricted at Richmond National Battlefield Park and Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site effective immediately, until further notice:

- Public gatherings of more than 10 people;
- Violating social distancing guidelines required by local, state, or federal authorities, e.g., maintaining 6' distance between individuals;
- Violating quarantine or isolation requirements required by local, state, or federal authorities.

Authority: 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1)-(2)

Notice: This administrative order applies to all individuals subject to the regulatory authority of the National Park Service (NPS) within the boundaries of Richmond National Battlefield Park and Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, including park visitors, government employees, concession employees, park residents and stakeholders, except as follows: personnel deemed essential per local, state, or federal guidelines.

Finding: The NPS issues this administrative order for the purposes of maintaining public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. This order is consistent with the following public health directives:

- Commonwealth of Virginia, Executive Order 53 – Temporary Restrictions On Restaurants, Recreational, Entertainment, Gatherings, Non-Essential Retail Businesses, and Closure of K-12 Schools Due To Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19): [https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorviriniagov/executive-actions/EO-53-Temporary-Restrictions-Due-To-Novel-Coronavirus-\(COVID-19\).pdf](https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorviriniagov/executive-actions/EO-53-Temporary-Restrictions-Due-To-Novel-Coronavirus-(COVID-19).pdf)
- Commonwealth of Virginia, Executive Order 55 – Temporary Stay at Home Order due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): [https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorviriniagov/executive-actions/EO-55-Temporary-Stay-at-Home-Order-Due-to-Novel-Coronavirus-\(COVID-19\).pdf](https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorviriniagov/executive-actions/EO-55-Temporary-Stay-at-Home-Order-Due-to-Novel-Coronavirus-(COVID-19).pdf)
- Center for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines on Social Distancing, Quarantine and Isolation: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>
- The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America: [https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20\\_coronavirus-guidance\\_8.5x11\\_315PM.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf)

These directives require the NPS to take the actions identified above because:

- Allowing individuals to mingle and gather within park visitor centers, offices or facilities increases the risk of introduction, transmission and community spread of COVID-19 per CDC guidelines for social distancing.
- Outdoor gatherings of more than 10 individuals increases the risk of introduction, transmission and community spread of COVID-19 per CDC guidelines for social distancing.
- Richmond National Battlefield Park and Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site visitor centers, museums and facilities are considered non-essential businesses, and required to close per Commonwealth of Virginia Executive Order 53.
- National Park Service staff (except for personnel providing essential services, e.g., law enforcement, public health and sanitation) are required to stay at home per Commonwealth of Virginia Executive Order 55.

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. The effectiveness of this order will be assessed on an ongoing basis and will be modified or removed when conditions warrant.

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent

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Date