



Group Use Area Permit Application & General Information

The Group Use Area (GUA) at White Sands National Monument is available for day use from 10:00 a.m. (or earlier if available) to closing time daily. The Group Use Area may be reserved tentatively one month to six months in advance for day use or for camping. The following fees apply to occupation of the Group Use Area:

Reservation: **\$25 non-refundable reservation fee**
PAID AT THE TIME OF RESERVATION

Entrance: **\$3 per person 16 years and older**
Free for persons 15 years or younger, holders of the ATB Senior Pass, ATB Annual Pass, ATB Access Pass, ATB Volunteer Pass, or White Sands Monument Pass.

Camping: **\$3 per person 16 years and older per each night of camping**
\$1.50 per person 15 years and younger per each night of camping

Additional Fees: If you are occupying the Group Use Area for day use only and wish to extend your stay beyond normal park hours, there will be a \$50 per hour fee to recover costs. This service must be requested at the same time the reservation is made.

Due to policy changes, White Sands no longer offers any type of one time payment options for large groups coming into the monument. GUA users will be expected to pay individually as they enter the Monument for both entrance and camping fees (if applicable). Users that refuse to pay will be denied entrance into White Sands. Groups are asked to discuss this situation and plan for this change prior to their arrival at White Sands National Monument.

Reservation Fee Information: *The \$25.00 Reservation Fee must be collected before your dates can be reserved. This fee must be paid in cash, travelers check, money order, or cashiers check at the time the application is returned. PERSONAL OR BUSINESS CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.*

The reservation fee must be made payable to "National Park Service". This completed paperwork and reservation fee should be mailed back to the Special Use Permit Coordinator at the address below.

Missile Testing: The Monument and the missile range coordinate to minimize any impact to the Monument schedule, but occasionally we must close during a testing period to ensure the safety of the public. Missile testing is scheduled anywhere from one month to one day in advance and is subject to change, cancellation, or extension at any time.

We recommend that you call the Monument two weeks prior to as well as the day before your event to ensure that no missile tests have been scheduled. Group use reservations may be canceled with little to no warning so please have a backup plan available for your group.

Contact Name:
Name of Organization:
Mailing address:
City/State/Zip:
Home/Work Phone:
Fax:
Description of Proposed Activity:

Event Date:
Time Event Will Start:
Number of Participants:
Will you be bringing any equipment? If yes, what type?

Who will be in charge of the event while on site (include names and addresses)?

Mobile:
Email:

Time Event Will End:
Number of Vehicles:

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have read the above information and understand that it is my duty to inform every member of my group about the information contained on the pages above. I also understand that I am responsible for the actions of myself and those members in my group while inside White Sands National Monument. I will not hold White Sands National Monument responsible for any problems that occur.

Please Print Your Name

Signature

Date

White Sands National Monument
Special Park Use Coordinator
Phone: (575) 479-6124 ext. 206
Fax: (575) 479-4333

Mailing Address:

White Sands National Monument
ATTN: Special Park Uses
P.O. Box 1086
Holloman AFB, NM 88330-1086

Physical Address:

White Sands National Monument
ATTN: Special Park Uses
19955 Highway 70 West
Alamogordo, NM 88310



Group Use Area General Conditions

SIGN AND RETURN

Recreational Vehicles

Recreational vehicles (RVs), camper trailers, pop-up tents and trailers, and fifth-wheel trailers are allowed strictly for day use only but must exit the monument before the park closes.

Fires

Absolutely no ground fires are allowed in the monument. No burning of any vegetation matter that comes from the monument is allowed. Dead and down material is also protected under this regulation.

Fires can be started inside the barbecue grills as well as inside fire pans. Fire pans must be pre-approved by a Law Enforcement Ranger and must be at least six inches off the ground. All leftover fire material must be completely cooled before being emptied into trash cans.

Any dumping of charcoal or ash onto the ground or any fires started by hot embers dumped into the trash can and will result in criminal charges.

Tent Placement

Tents must be placed on either the hard-packed road surface or the area between the dunes away from any vegetation. Absolutely no tents can be placed on top of a dune.

Litter

DO NOT LITTER! All cigarette butts should be placed in the cans provided. DO NOT throw them on the ground. If no cans are available, put them in a pocket. Chewing tobacco is to be disposed of in a cup. DO NOT spit chewing tobacco on the ground. All trash and litter must be securely placed inside a trash can or trash dumpster.

Quiet Hours

All GUA campers must respect the quiet hours of 10:00 pm to 6:00 am daily. During these hours, all generators, musical devices, radios, amplifiers, etc. must be turned off and all loud noises must stop.

Pets

Pet must be on a leash or otherwise physically restrained at all times. Clean up after your pet.

Monument Regulations

- * All natural and cultural resources are protected by federal law. DO NOT COLLECT OR GATHER.
- * No illegal drugs.
- * No alcohol during the months of February through May.
- * Absolutely no metal detectors, fireworks or hunting.
- * All monument rules and policies and 36 CFR regulations apply.

Check Out Time

All GUA campers must vacate the area by 10:00 am the following day. The GUA is commonly booked with more than one event for the same day so prompt exiting of the GUA is appreciated.

Vehicle Operations

* All vehicles must remain on the established roadway—blacktop and sand road inclusive—or hard-packed parking surface. Vehicles are not permitted on the sand dunes. No vehicle travel off the established roadway will be permitted. Vehicles include but are not limited to: cars, trucks, motor homes, motorcycles, and bicycles.

* Passengers in vehicles must be transported in a safe manner. Passengers are not allowed to ride in the back of trucks, on the side rails, wheel wells, or the tailgate.

* Seat belts must be worn. It is federal law.

* All children under the age of eleven years must be properly secured in a child passenger restraint device or a safety belt.

* Stop at all stop signs in the park.

* Obey all speed limits; they are strictly enforced. Violators will be cited.

* Campers cannot take their vehicles out of the GUA after the monument is closed. The only exception is in the case of an emergency when returning to the front of the park to seek help.

* Violators will be cited for unsafe vehicle operations for violations of the above rules and/or any other vehicle laws.

Hiking

Hiking is permitted during daylight hours only. Do not hike alone.

Absolutely no hiking is allowed from sunset until sunrise. Hiking after dark is extremely dangerous on the sand dunes and hikers can easily become separated from their group and get lost. All campers are required to stay inside the GUA from the time the park closes until the sun rises on the following day.

By signing below, I hereby certify that I have read and understand the above conditions and that I and my group agree to comply with the policies outlined therein.

Signature

Date