

COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION FOR GUIDED BIKING
OPERATING PLAN-ATTACHMENT B

General Provisions

- 1) The CUA for Biking allows the CUA holder to conduct guided road-based bicycle tours and front country hiking on boardwalk areas and trails less than ½ mile from the road.
- 2) Camping is available in designated front country campgrounds. Overnight backcountry use is not authorized under this CUA.
- 3) Bicycle tours are only permitted when the roads are open to wheeled vehicles. Biking on over-snow roads is prohibited. Commercial bicycle tours are prohibited during pre- and post-season road openings.
- 4) Guides/group leaders must carry a copy of the CUA (or keep in the vehicle), their guide card and photo id with them at all times when they are in the park. **All person/groups entering the park must come to a complete stop at park entrance stations; guides must show the attendant their guide card and pay the applicable park entrance fees for all clients (Clients may use personal park passes for entry). Clients are not exempt from paying park entrance fees when on your tour. It is the responsibility of the CUA holder to inform clients of this requirement prior to arrival at the park entrance station.**

If you are entering the park where there is no entrance station (i.e., Bechler, Gallatin areas) you must purchase the entrance passes **in advance** by calling the Visitor Services Office at (307) 344-2115.

- 5) CUA holders are limited 30 clients per day. Maximum group size is 15, excluding guide. Groups must be dispersed 60 minutes apart. Each group must have at least one guide.
- 6) The CUA holder shall obey all traffic laws including park speed limits.
- 7) The CUA holder shall be liable for any damages to any property of the United States resulting from the use authorized hereunder.
- 8) Violation of any park regulation or terms of this permit may result in issuance of a violation notice, suspension of privileges granted by this permit, or revocation of this permit.
- 9) Guides must meet clients outside of park concessioner's land assignment and NPS Visitor Centers.
- 10) The Permit holder listed on the CUA permit may take short videos or photos to advertise the permitted business in areas permitted to operate without disruption to the public. Footage may be shot with a small handheld video camera, DSLR or Go Pro and tripod.

If the CUA holder hires a filmer or photographer to capture footage for advertisement purposes, a Commercial Film Permit is required. For Commercial Film Permit inquiries, please contact the Film Office at (307) 344-2272, or (307) 344-2115.

Administrative Requirements

- 11) Section 512 of the Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, P.L. 111-24, 123 Stat. 1764-65, allows persons to possess firearms while in units of the National Park and National Wildlife Refuge Systems if they are possessed in compliance with applicable federal and state law.

The Following are specific requirements for operating in Yellowstone National Park:

- CUA holder employees may not possess firearms while on duty. The superintendent, in his or her sole discretion, may grant exceptions to this prohibition upon consideration of a written request from the CUA holder's general manager with a thorough explanation of the basis of the request.
- CUA holders are responsible for determining how they will interpret and implement State firearm possession laws in regard to their clients. The CUA and/or its legal counsel should consult the applicable state attorney general's office for access to relevant state firearms laws.
- The Concessioner must articulate to the Service how it will implement this law in regards to its operation. The policy should address the two issue points:
 1. The on-duty employees in Yellowstone Park, will be prohibited from firearm possession:
___ Yes ___ No
 2. I will ___ will not ___ allow visitors to carry firearms while participating in this service.

Staffing and Employment

- 12) At a minimum, one guide on each trip must be currently certified in Standard First Aid and CPR and carry a first aid kit. Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder certification is recommended. A written list of guides and dates of standard First Aid certification must be provided to the Concessions Management Office prior to the beginning of the operational season. Copies of First Aid cards need not be submitted.
- 13) Guides must be at least 18 years of age and trained in basic safety, resource protection, Leave No Trace principles, park rules and regulations and in the requirements of the CUA terms and conditions.
- 14) The guide for any trip, within the park, must have a basic knowledge of map reading, and must have a road map for the area of their trip.

Operational Requirements

- 13) While biking in Yellowstone, the CUA holder or guide is responsible for their clients for the guided portion of the trip.
- 14) Bicycle tours are permitted in the park only on improved public road segments, parking areas, and routes. Improved road segments are generally areas that have a paved road shoulder. The following are the only road segments approved for commercial bicycle tours. The following is a list of "permitted" roads. As road improvements are made, additional roadways may be added to this list:
- West Entrance to Madison Junction

- Madison Junction to Old Faithful
- Old Faithful to West Thumb Junction (continuing south to Grant Village)
- West Thumb Junction to Fishing Bridge Junction
- Fishing Bridge Junction to the East Entrance
- Fishing Bridge Junction to Canyon Junction
- Canyon Junction (including the North and South Rim Drives) to Norris Junction
- Norris to Madison Junction

- 15) Commercial bicycle tours are allowed on the routes outlined in "Bicycling in Yellowstone National Park". Bicycles are prohibited on all other boardwalks and on backcountry trails. The CUA holder must comply in full with the information provided in "Bicycling in Yellowstone National Park."
- 16) Cyclist must ride single file, on the right-hand side of the road; riding bicycles abreast on a public park roadway is prohibited.
- 17) "Foot travel in all thermal areas and within the Yellowstone Canyon between the Upper Falls and Inspiration Point must be confined to boardwalks or trails that are maintained for such travel and are marked by official signs." 36 CFR, Ch1, se. 7.13(i) No off-trail travel is allowed; stay on designated boardwalks and trails.
- 18) The CUA holder must ensure that all clients and guides stay at least 100 yards from bears and wolves. A distance of 25 yards is required from bison, elk and other animals. Regardless of any distance, if any wild animal changes its behavior due to your group's presence, you are too close.
- 19) The CUA holder or guide must provide all clients with orientation prior to the trip which emphasizes safety, bear habitat, Leave No Trace principles, park rules and regulations and the nature and demands of the trip.
- 20) The CUA holder is responsible for ensuring that all clients are safely equipped and properly clothed prior to the trip. Clients under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult while biking in the park.
- 21) All guides and clients are required to wear a bicycle helmet when riding that meets the standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- 22) Bicycles must exhibit a white light on the front and a red light or reflector on the rear during periods of low visibility.
- 23) The CUA holder must provide all visitor services in a manner that is consistent with and supportive of the interpretive goals and objectives of the park.

Reporting requirements

- 24) All accidents must be reported to a ranger as soon as possible by calling **(307) 344-7381** and dial "0". You can also try to call 911 if you are in the backcountry and have a sat phone.
- 25) CUA holders must provide to the Concessions Management Office a monthly report indicating the date, number of visitors guided, and road segments ridden for the preceding month of operation. Reports must be received by the 4th of the following month.

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26) CUA holders must submit the Annual Report, along with the % of gross receipts by January 31 each year.

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I have read and agree to the Guided Biking conditions. I hereby confirm that the above conditions will be reiterated to all guides associated with this business.

CUA Holder's Signature

Date

Title

Company Name

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