



## Superintendent's Compendium

Of Closures, Use Restrictions, Permit Requirements, Designations, and Other Restrictions Imposed Under Discretionary Authority of the Superintendent.

In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, as authorized by Title 16, United States Code (USC), Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of those park areas administered by Catoctin Mountain Park under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in [36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7](#).

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**Purpose:**

Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 1, *Parks, Forest and Public Property*, has been established to provide for the proper use, management, government and protection of persons, property and natural and cultural resources under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service (NPS). 36 CFR §1.1 (b)

Regulations within 36 CFR will be utilized to fulfill the statutory purposes of units of the National Park System: to conserve scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife, and to provide for the enjoyment of these resources in a manner that will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. 36 CFR §1.1 (b)

Within 36 CFR a Park Superintendent has the discretionary authority to establish regulations that are more or less restrictive than a given regulation in certain instances. The Superintendent is required to compile in writing all the designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions imposed under discretionary authority. 36 CFR §1.7 (b)

Written determinations, which explain the reason behind the Superintendents use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

All designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions are addressed in Parts I – V below under the appropriate section number and heading where they are applicable. Violations of compendium restrictions will subject a person to the same penalties for violating provisions of 36 CFR.

Public involvement improves the compendium process by giving the National Park Service (NPS) the opportunity to be responsive to the public's ideas and concerns, to involve the public in generating alternatives, and to educate the public about the compendium. This compendium is updated annually. To comment on this compendium, please contact the Superintendent at any of the above addresses.

**Public Notice and Information**

In addition to the compendium, all designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions will be made available to the public by at least one other method of notification. Methods include maps, signs, and publication in newspapers, handouts, and other appropriate media, (36 CFR §1.7 (a))

## **§1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS.**

- (a) (1) **The following visiting hours, closures, and public use limits are established for all or portions of the park and/or for certain uses or activities:**

### **Hours of Operation**

Unless otherwise designated, all park areas are closed between the hours of sunset and sunrise except for administrative areas, camps and campgrounds and vehicular traffic on park roads.

The Visitor Center is open Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am-4:30 pm, Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm and Saturday-Sunday 8:30-5:00. It is closed on federal holidays during the winter except for Veterans Day and on Wednesdays from December until April..

Park Headquarters is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 am-4:30 pm. It is closed on Saturdays and Sundays and all federal holidays.

### ***Determination of Closure/Limit:***

*The closures are necessary for public safety and to protect the park's natural, cultural and historical resources from damage, vandalism and destruction during times when personnel may not be on duty.*

### **Roads**

The following roads are closed to vehicular traffic the last weekend in November (or first snowfall) until the third week in March or as determined by the Superintendent or his representative to be unsafe for vehicular traffic due to potential inclement weather:

Gravel section of Manahan Road north of Park Central Road to the park boundary.

### ***Determination of Closure/Limit:***

*This measure mitigates poaching activity and damage to cultural resources.*

The following roads are closed to vehicular traffic December 22 (or first snowfall) until the third week in March or as determined by the Superintendent to be unsafe for vehicular traffic due to potential inclement weather:

Park Central Road from Quarters 1 (west of the Visitor Center) to Camp 3 and from the intersection of Manahan Road west to Foxville Deerfield Rd.

Buses, commercial vehicles, and trucks over 14,000 lbs. GVW are prohibited westbound on Park Central Road from Quarters 1 (west of the Visitor Center) to Camp 3.

## **§1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS.**

### **Roads**

Other park roads may be periodically closed as determined by the Superintendent to be unsafe for vehicular traffic due to weather conditions or for security purposes as requested by the U. S. Secret Service.

Closures requested by the United States Secret Service shall be of a partial and temporary nature to provide security to the President of the United States and/or other protectees of the United States Secret Service.

Closures, when requested by the United States Secret Service, will generally be as follows:

The central portion of Catoctin Mountain Park bounded approximately by MD Route 550 on the north, Park Central Road on the east, Manahan Road on the west, and MD Route 77 on the south.

Park Central Road will be closed to between Camps Misty Mount and Greentop entrances. Reservations for those camps and Poplar Grove and Camp Round Meadow will be honored. Manahan Road north of Park Central Road will be closed to vehicles. Poplar Grove may be accessed on foot from the Round Meadow Parking Area.

Hikers may access trails to Thurmont Vista, Wolf Rock and Chimney Rock as well as the Falls Nature Trail from the Visitor Center trailhead. The Catoctin Trail will remain open. Trails to Blue Ridge Summit Overlook and Hog Rock are closed.

Picnickers may use Chestnut Picnic Area.

A map illustrating the closure will be attached to all press releases and public notices issued for each incident

### ***Determination of Closure/Limit:***

*Roads are closed due to weather conditions, security needs, or to prevent damage to park resources.*

*The temporary and partial closure is not of a nature, magnitude, or duration that will result in a long term "significant alteration in public use pattern." Further the closure will not adversely affect the park's natural, aesthetic, scenic or cultural value nor require significant modification to the resource management objectives; nor is it of a highly controversial nature. Accordingly, pursuant to 36 CFR § 1.5(b), publication in the Federal Register is unwarranted.*

## **§1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS.**

### **Roads**

*Pursuant to 36 CFR § 1.7 notice of temporary and partial closures of Catoctin Mountain Park shall be through handouts, maps, signs, and postings in the affected park*

Bicycle use is restricted to park roads or designated trails as authorized by the Superintendent.

### **Parking**

Public parking ends at dusk except in designated camps and camping areas as a condition of permitted occupancy. Overnight parking without a permit is prohibited.

### **(a)(2) Public Use Limits**

Entering and exiting the park by other than designated roads and trails or other designated public access points without a permit is prohibited.

Utility and pipeline facilities within the park are closed to the public except where marked as trails.

#### ***Determination of Closure/Limit:***

*Measure is required to limit public access, tampering and alarm responses.*

Parking is allowed on the shoulders of Foxville Deerfield Road only in designated areas.

Parking is allowed on the southbound side of Rt. 550 between Foxville Deerfield Rd. and Eylers Valley Flint Road only in established pull-offs.

Parking is allowed on the shoulders of Manahan Road.

No parking is allowed on the shoulders of Park Central Road.

Parking is allowed in established pull-offs on the shoulder of the westbound lane of MD Route 77 from the east boundary to the intersection of Park Central Road. Parking is not allowed on Rte. 77 from Park Central Road to the west park boundary except in the designated area at Hemlock Fire Road (near the Catoctin Trail crossing).

The orienteering course is closed between April 31 and November 1.

## **§1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS.**

### **(a)(2) Public Use Limits**

The Horse Trail is closed to horseback riding from January 31 to April 15 of each year.

Misty Mount dining hall and lodges, Greentop Lodge (Loop A) and Good Luck Lodge fireplaces are closed for use.

The following areas are closed to the public:

- Misty Mount Stable
- Round Meadow Pasture

#### ***Determination of Closure/Limit:***

*Measure is required to protect resources from damage.*

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited from all park areas administered by Catoctin Mountain Park, unless authorized by a permit issued by the Superintendent.

Helium filled balloons are prohibited in all park areas except building and vehicle interiors. Release of helium filled balloons is prohibited.

Washing, repair, or maintenance of vehicles (other than short-term emergency repairs) in public parking areas within Catoctin Mountain Park is prohibited.

Possession of spray paint containers outside of motor vehicles is prohibited except by park residents at their residence, authorized park employees, and contactors, or by special use permit.

#### ***Determination of Closure/Limit:***

*Measure is required to limit vandalism of park property.*

Big Hunting Creek is restricted to fly fishing tackle only with catch and release fishing only.

Owens Creek has a daily limit of 2 trout, to the west of the north park entrance on Foxville-Deerfield Road. There is a daily limit of 5 trout, in the area of the park south of the intersection of Foxville-Deerfield Road and Highway 550.

#### ***Determination of Closure/Limit:***

*Limit is established to protect native fish populations and assure consistency with state fishing regulations for joint enforcement.*

Chestnut and Owens Creek Picnic Areas operate as first-come, first-served areas. Owens Creek is open Memorial Day to Labor Day.

**(a)(2) Access**

The following areas are closed to the public:

- Camp 3
- All areas signed or posted as “Closed,” “Area Closed”, “Restricted Access,” or “Authorized Vehicles/Personnel Only.”

All press/media personnel who wish to operate in the park must check in at the Visitor Center and present their press credentials. Media are strongly urged to review the Media Advisory at [www.nps.gov/cato](http://www.nps.gov/cato) to avoid delays.

The use of any camera, television, still photography, motion picture, and/or video graphic device and associated communication support apparatus may not occur above 1700’ elevation or in the area bounded by the Bessie Darling home site to the north, Blue Ridge Summit Vista and Hog Rock Parking Area to the east, Park Central Road to the south and Chestnut Picnic Area and Poplar Grove I Camping area to the west. See §1.5(a) (2).

***Determination of Closure/Limit:***

*Measure is required to provide security to closed park areas in accordance with park security guidelines.*

**(a)(2) Pets**

Pets, except for guide dogs or service animals, are prohibited in the following areas:

- |                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Park Headquarters | Camp Round Meadow               |
| Visitor Center    | Adirondack Backcountry Shelters |
| Camp Misty Mount  | Poplar Grove Youth Camping Area |
| Camp Greentop     |                                 |

**(a)(2) Public Use Limits**

Segways are allowed in Catoctin Mtn Park as private conveyances designed to provide reasonable accommodation to mobility impaired persons.

**Segways are authorized in the following areas:**

- Any road, sidewalk, or trail located in a designated developed area or front country zone
- Any trail designed as multi accessible use e.g., hiker-biker trails or trails with an ADA/ABA compliant surface
- Any administrative building interior.
- Any ADA/ABA accessible historic buildings

**(a)(2) Public Use Limits**

All Segways used in this manner shall be marked with a symbol identifying it as a conveyance for the disabled.

Any Segway operated between sunset and sunrise and during periods of low visibility shall exhibit on the operator or the Segway a white light or reflector

- visible to the front for a distance of 500 feet and a red light or reflector
- visible to the rear for a distance of 200 feet.

**Segways are prohibited in:**

- Areas with species of management concern (Threatened & Endangered, etc.)
- Backcountry areas

Segways must not compromise the safety of occupants, bystanders or buildings. Segways must be operated at a speed no greater than 3 mph inside buildings.

***Determination of Closure:***

*Closures and limits for Segways are required to protect natural and cultural resources, limit resource damage to trails, diminish potential for user conflicts, and minimize evacuation complexity for search and rescue operations.*

Organized sports are prohibited in the following areas:

Owens Creek floodplains and wetlands.

***Determination of Closure:***

*Limits are required to protect natural resources, and limit resource damage to trails.*

**§1.6 PERMITS**

**NOTE:** The term "permit" covers a variety of permitting instruments and documents as required by law, regulation, or policy to manage activities within Catoclin Mountain Park. The following definition(s) apply within areas administered by Catoclin Mountain Park:

An administrative processing fee of \$100 is required for most permits and due at the time that application is made.

## **§1.6 PERMITS**

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

Permits are required for the following areas or activities:

Adirondack Backcountry Shelters (Free)  
Camp 1        Misty Mount  
Camp 2        Greentop  
Camp 4        Round Meadow  
Owens Creek Campground  
Poplar Grove Youth Camping Area  
Rock Climbing at Wolf Rock (Free)

- Business or commercial operations occurring in the park including those originating outside the park.
- Camping
- Commercial filming or photography which includes props, models, or the staging of equipment.
- Commercial advertising
- Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, paths, etc. within park lands.
- First Amendment demonstrations.
- Horseback riding groups with more than 10 horses and riders.
- Organized sports or sporting events
- Scattering of ashes
- Staging of equipment
- Use of park land for access to an adjoining site.
- Utility crossings
- Any vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceed designated weight, height, or width limits on park roads
- Weddings

## §1.6 PERMITS

To obtain permit applications or further information, please contact the Superintendent at 301-663-9330 during business hours or visiting our website at [www.nps.gov/cato](http://www.nps.gov/cato). Please send appendices with permit applications.

Permits for scientific research and collecting may be obtained through the following process:

1. Apply online at [www.science.nature.nps.gov/research](http://www.science.nature.nps.gov/research)
2. Contact the Natural Resources Management Office at 301-416-0536.

## §2.1 PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES.

- (a)(4) Dead and downed wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park. Fires must be contained within park supplied fire grills or receptacles.
- (b) Leaving a trail to shortcut between portions of the same trail is prohibited.
- (c)(1) The gathering in amounts of less than one-half gallon of mushrooms or berries for personal consumption per person / per day is permitted. Use of these items for any purpose other than personal consumption is prohibited.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Amount
<i>Rubus sp.</i>	Blackberries, Raspberries, Wineberries, Dewberries	½ gallon/person/day
<i>Vaccinium sp.</i>	Blueberries	½ gallon/person/day
Any Edible Species	Mushrooms	½ gallon/person/day

All other plant and animal species are closed to harvesting.

Gathering of mushrooms for commercial use is prohibited.

***Determination of Closure/Limit:*** Limit is required to assure that gathering does not adversely affect the reproductive potential of the plant species or any other park resource.

## **§2.2 WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

- (b)(1)** Hunting is not permitted in the park.
- (b)(3)** Trapping is not permitted in the park.
- (d)** Lawfully taken wildlife may be transported through the park on Foxville-Deerfield Road. Wildlife must be properly tagged according to the laws of the State of Maryland. All other roads are closed to the transportation of wildlife unless approved in writing by the Superintendent.
- (e)** Wildlife may not be viewed with artificial light or attracted with artificial calling devices except in research studies authorized by the Superintendent.

***Determination of Closure/Limit:** There is no legislative authority for hunting or trapping. Other proscribed activities are to protect wildlife from poaching activity and the effect of temporarily animals and jeopardizing their safety.*

## **§2.5 RESEARCH SPECIMEN COLLECTION**

- (b)** Please see **§1.6 (a)**.

***Determination of Closure/Limit:** The collection or possession of any plant, animal, artifact or any and all natural or cultural resource may be authorized for scientific and management research purposes. The Superintendent has determined that collection of these resources may affect reproduction of plant or animal species or other park resources. The Superintendent may issue a permit authorizing the collection of plant fish, or geological resources when the permit request is accompanied by a written research proposal and the Superintendent determines that the collecting will benefit science and /or improve the management of protection of park resources.*

## **§2.10 CAMPING**

- (a)** Owens Creek Campground is open to tent and RV camping between May 2 and November 20.

In addition to the above limits, the following conditions also apply to all campgrounds:

- Minors must be supervised. A responsible leader, 21 years or older, must be present for every 10 children under 18 years of age.

## §2.10 CAMPING

- The minimum age of any camper is 18 years of age, unless accompanied by an adult or unless a legal guardian provides a letter or permission. The letter must state the name of the minor that has permission to camp, dates allowed to camp, contact name and number of legal guardian.
- Amplified music is prohibited.

Adirondack shelters are available for backcountry camping. A free permit is required and may be obtained at the Visitor Center.

Poplar Grove is available for youth group camping. A permit is required and may be obtained online at the Visitor Center.

Camping is prohibited in any other area unless specifically designated and permitted by the Superintendent. 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, motor home or trailer, or mooring a vessel for the apparent purpose of overnight occupancy

- (b)(9)** Additional camping regulations established by the Superintendent for the following areas can be found at:

Owens Creek Campground	<b>Appendix 1</b>
Adirondack Shelters	<b>Appendix 2</b>
Poplar Grove	<b>Appendix 3</b>

***Determination of Closure/Limit:*** *Camping is an intensive use of park resources. All camping regulations are in effect to protect the natural and cultural resources of the park and the recreational enjoyment of the park by visitors. Limitations on camping seek to achieve this protection while providing an equitable allocation of camping opportunities to the public*

## §2.13 FIRES

- (a)(1)** Fires are not permitted in Wolf Rock, Hog Rock, Thurmont Vista, or other parking areas along Park Central Road. Fires are only allowed in areas with existing fire rings or grills. Visitors may bring grills and fuel in designated picnic and camping areas only.
- (b)** Upon abandonment, all fires must be completely extinguished with no visible sign of heat or burning material remaining.
- (c)** During periods of high fire danger, the Superintendent may close all or a portion of the park to the lighting or maintaining of any fire.

## **§2.15 PETS**

- (a)(1)** Pets, except service animals, are prohibited in public buildings and areas as identified in **§1.5(a) (2)**
- (a)(3)** Pets may not be tied to any object or otherwise left unattended.
- (a)(5)** All pet and animal excrement disposal shall be the responsibility of the owner or the person controlling the pet.
- (d)** Two pets per housing unit may be kept by park residents.
- (d)(1)** Pets are not allowed in shared housing.
- (d)(2)** Pets shall not be collected from the park
- (d)(3)** Pets shall not be venomous or otherwise dangerous to the public.

***Determination of Closure/Limit:** Consistent with public health and safety, and the protection of wildlife resources, pets must be restricted by location and activity.*

## **§2.16 HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS**

- (a)** The following are designated as pack animals:
  - Horses, burros, mules, llamas, goats.

The use of pack animals outside of trails, routes, or areas designated for their use is prohibited.

- (g)** It is prohibited to tie or picket stock within 100 feet of any natural water source.

Please see the trail closure at **§1.5(a) (2)** and the permit requirement at **§1.6(a)**.

The site bulletin on horseback riding (See **Appendix 4**) itemizes additional requirements established by the Superintendent.

The definition of pack animals shall be as determination by NPS Management Policies.

***Determination of Closure/Limit:** These regulations are required to assure that no natural or cultural resources are harmed and that alien species are not brought into the park.*

## **§2.17 AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY**

- (a) The airspace above Catoctin Mountain Park is closed to all aircraft except pre-authorized military or emergency flights. All pertinent regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration are adopted as part of these regulations.

## **§2.19 WINTER ACTIVITIES**

- (a) Skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, tubing, and sledding are allowed on Manahan Road, north of Park Central Road to the park's north boundary and on Park Central Road, east of Camp 3 and north of Quarters 1, whenever closures are in effect. See also §1.5(a) (2).

## **§2.20 SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES**

The following policy is established for Catoctin Mountain Park:

Protective equipment including, but not limited to, the following are required: helmet, elbow and knee pads, wrist guards.

No ramp or structure of any kind is permitted.

Skating (roller and inline) and skateboarding are approved in Camp Round Meadow at the Tennis Court area as prescribed on the attached map. **(Appendix 5).**

Skating (roller and inline) and skateboarding are approved in Camp Greentop at the paved court as prescribed on the attached map **(Appendix 6).**

Skating (roller and inline) and skateboarding are approved for permanent residents in park housing and their guests in the immediate driveway of the housing unit.

Skating shall be allowed between the hours of 8:00 am and 7:00 pm April through September and 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from October through March.

No races, competitive endeavors, or product demonstrations are allowed.

The use of these devices is strictly prohibited inside any building.

## **§2.21 SMOKING**

Smoking is prohibited in any park building, bus stop, amphitheatre, play area or aquatic facility or within 20 feet of any entrance.

Smoking is prohibited in all government vehicles.

## §2.22 PROPERTY

(a)(1)(2) Geocaching is prohibited.

*Determination of Closure/Limit: Measure is used to limit damage to park resources and provide for officer safety.*

## §2.35 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3) No alcoholic beverages are allowed in Camps 1 (Misty Mount), 2 (Greentop), or 4 (Round Meadow) or Poplar Grove Youth Tenting Area(s) unless specifically approved by the Superintendent.

## §2.50 SPECIAL EVENTS

- (d) The following are prohibited as applicable to special events or group activities:
- Affixing signs to existing buildings, poles, or plants.
  - Marking of government land with chalk, flour, ink or paint is prohibited.

## §2.51 PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES AND MEETINGS

(a) Permits are required for all public assemblies and special events. Please complete the attached permit application:  
**NPS Form 10-930 Application for a Special Use/Public Gathering Permit (Appendix 7).**

The fully completed application will be approved or denied within 2 business days of receipt. Reasons for denial will be in writing.

If approved the following permit will be issued:

**NPS Form 10-114 Special Use /Public Gathering Permit. (Appendix 8).**

(e) Available locations for permitted activities are attached to the permit application. Any and all locations may not be available due to: (1) area closures in effect and/or (2) previously permitted activities.

## **§2.52 SALE/DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

- (c) Sale/distribution of “printed matter“(textual printed material such as books, pamphlets, magazines, or leaflets that is not solely commercial advertising) is allowed pursuant to a permit.
- (d) No signs may be affixed to any building, sign, pole, plant or rock.. Marking park land with chalk, flour, ink or paint is prohibited.

All temporary signs installed for special events shall be removed upon completion of the event.

*Determination of Closure/Limit: Measure is needed to assure that the visual quality of the park is maintained and damage to park resources is limited.*

## **§2.62 MEMORIALIZATION**

- (b) The scattering of ashes requires a permit issued by the Superintendent to determine appropriate time, date and location. Please see **§1.6 (a)**.

## **§4.11 LOAD, WEIGHT, AND SIZE LIMITS**

- (a) Maximum load limit on Foxville-Deerfield Road, Park Central, or Manahan Roads is 14,000 pounds GVW.

Maximum length for towed trailers in Owens Creek Campground is 22 feet.

Maximum length for mobile homes transiting or residing in the park shall not exceed 80 feet in length, 14 feet in width, or 13 feet, 6 inches in height.

Mobile home dealers shall notify the Superintendent 48 hours in advance of delivery. A permit is required for this activity.

## **§4.21 SPEED LIMITS**

- (b) The speed limit on Park Central and Foxville-Deerfield Road is 30 mph. unless otherwise posted.

The speed limit on Manahan Road is 25 mph. unless otherwise posted.

#### **§4.30 BICYCLES**

- (a) The use of a bicycle is prohibited except on park roads, in parking areas, and on routes designated for bicycle use as identified in **§1.5(a)(1)**.

Bicycles are permitted on the seasonally closed portions of Park Central Road and Manahan Roads. Riders should be aware that these closed sections are not maintained during the period of closure and ice, downed limbs and trees, and other hazards, may be present.

#### **§4.31 HITCHHIKING**

- (c) Hitchhiking is prohibited.

#### **§5.5 COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

Commercial filming or photography involving props, models, or staged equipment other than bona fide news gathering organizations requires a permit. For permit information, please contact the Superintendent at 301.663.9330. Please see Appendix 10 Application for Photography/Filming Permit Form 10-931 and Appendix 11 Application for Photography/Filming Permit Form 10-932.

- (a) No filming is allowed east of Chestnut Picnic Area to Hog Rock Parking Area or north of Park Central Road above 1700 feet elevation. See **§1.5(a)(2)**.

#### **§5.6 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

- (b) Commercial vehicles will be allowed to travel on Foxville-Deerfield Road when use is necessary for access to private lands adjacent to the park or when other access is not available. Manahan Road, south of Park Central Road, and Park Central Road, east of Manahan Road to Camp 3, are open to vehicles servicing Camp 3.

Park Central Road, from Foxville-Deerfield Road to Manahan Road, and from Camp 3 to the Visitor Center is closed to commercial vehicles.

Buses are prohibited on Park Central Road west of Thurmont Vista parking area.

Buses must not idle more than 3 minutes when not underway.

***Determination of Closure/Limit:** Necessary to mitigate air pollution and unnecessary exhaust fumes that impact visitor experience and public health.*

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