



**National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior**

Superintendent's Compendium
of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

**Fort Donelson
National Battlefield
and National Cemetery**

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AUTHORITY

Under the authority of 54 USC (United States Code), Section 100751, and Title 36 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, this Compendium of Superintendent's Orders is established for Fort Donelson National Battlefield and National Cemetery. Regulations listed in this compendium are requirements in addition to those listed in Parts 1-7 of Title 36 CFR unless otherwise noted. The specific authority for this regulatory procedure is found in Section 1.5, through 1.7 of Title 36.

In addition to these regulations, the following are also provided:

Section 1.6(f) states that a list of those activities, which require a permit, must be maintained. That list appears in this document under 1.6.

As required by 1.7(b), these regulations, permit requirements, and written determinations shall be updated annually and made available to the public upon request.

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(a)}

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

All designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions are addressed in Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, and 25 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 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)}

Title 36 CFR and the Superintendent's compendium are available for review at the Park Headquarters, Ranger Station, and Visitor Center or through contact with a park ranger. Additional information or permit applications may be requested by writing or calling:

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Superintendent's Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Restrictions

For the purposes of this document, Fort Donelson National Battlefield is divided into the Fort Donelson Unit in Tennessee, and the Fort Heiman Unit in Kentucky. If a section applies to an individual unit it will be identified. Otherwise the regulation applies to both units.

36 CFR PART 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1.5 – CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

(a) (1) The following areas are closed to the public:

Lake Barkley Maintenance Area

Resource monitoring plots and survey sites

Areas designated as Eagle Nesting Areas or other protected resources or habitat Structures, sheds, outbuildings etc. without the permission of the Superintendent or designee

Due to the inherent damage, destruction, and disturbance caused to plants, historic structures, features, and wildlife from visitor traffic through these areas, it is necessary to close them in order to protect the resources.

Gravel road, known as Old Eddyville road, is closed to public vehicle access.

This road is gated at one end and the gate is frequently locked. Road is used by maintenance staff to access park.

Gravel road, known as Bone Yard Road, is closed to public vehicle access.

This is a short gravel road that leads to a maintenance storage area. Materials and equipment are kept at this location.

The Fort Heiman Unit of Fort Donelson National Battlefield is open to public but there are limited Federal facilities and no visitor services are provided. Travel off of the current county roads is prohibited except by those individuals who retain in-holdings within the National Park Service boundary. This provision only applies to their individual properties.

(a)(2)

The park buildings, public use facilities and grounds of Fort Donelson National Battlefield will be open to visitors during the following dates and times:

1. **Fort Donelson Visitor Center** – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Extended Visitor Center hours may be coordinated with the Cooperating Association (Eastern National) and the building will be posted as such during this time.
2. **Dover Hotel** – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Access to the ground at the Dover Hotel are Sunrise to Sunset, as determined by the official times listed in the Tennessee Hunting and Fishing Guides, Old Farmer's Almanac, etc.
3. **Fort Donelson National Cemetery** – National Cemetery Drive will be open 8:00 a.m. and will not close prior to 5:00 p.m. Otherwise, gate closure schedule will be consistent with the rest of the park. The cemetery grounds will remain open for pedestrian traffic from Sunrise to Sunset, as determined by the official

times listed in the Tennessee Hunting and Fishing Guides, Old Farmer's Almanac, etc.

4. **Fort Donelson Administration Building** (National Cemetery Lodge) – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays or other dates designated by the Superintendent.
5. **Main Fort Donelson Tour Road** – Open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Memorial Day through Labor Day Weekend) 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Spring Daylight Saving Time change to Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day to Fall Standard Time change) and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (during Standard Time). The park grounds will remain open for pedestrian traffic from Sunrise to Sunset, as determined by the official times listed in the Tennessee Hunting and Fishing Guides, Old Farmer's Almanac, etc., and to those groups holding valid camping permits, special use permits, or volunteer event agreements. During closure periods, campers may occupy only the area designated in their permit, and are not to travel by foot, vehicle, horse, or other method beyond permit designation. This includes all interpretive living history programs, which are limited also to shelter and restroom facilities.
6. **Graves Battery Road**-- 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Memorial Day through Labor Day Weekend) 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Spring Daylight Saving Time change to Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day to Fall Standard Time change) 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (during Standard Time). The road and trails remain open for pedestrian traffic from Sunrise to Sunset, as determined by the official times listed in the Tennessee Hunting and Fishing Guides, Old Farmer's Almanac, etc.
7. **Other park roads and areas** within the park boundary are open from Sunrise to Sunset, as determined by the official times listed in the Tennessee Hunting and Fishing Guides, Old Farmer's Almanac, etc. This does not apply to the Cedar Street/French's Battery park road which is normally open 24 hours, seven days per week. The Superintendent retains the authority to close this road at his or her discretion.
8. **Fort Donelson Picnic Area Restrooms** are open from sunrise to sunset.
9. **All buildings** will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.
10. **Parking at the Buckner's Final Defense** tour stop will be limited to 30 minutes to allow all those following the park tour route an opportunity to safely park and visit the interpretive markers.

Use of this small 3-space parking lot is often filled with persons using the "rope swing area," located on adjacent Corps of Engineers property. Excessive, long-term use of these limited spaces for this non-park activity

create traffic problems on the main tour road and prevents park visitors from visiting the tour stop.

The following activities, but not limited to the following, are prohibited at Fort Donelson National Battlefield where use and activity may detract from the historic setting of the park:

Kite flying is prohibited in all areas of Fort Donelson National Battlefield.

Any and all types of recreational games and activities (i.e., football, baseball, Frisbees, etc.), except those authorized by Special Use Permit through the Superintendent or designee.

Due to the significant historical events which took place on the battlefield, it has been determined that recreational activities are inconsistent with the purpose for which the park was established and is to be managed.

Horseback riding – except authorized by the Superintendent or designee to provide park hosted living history demonstrations involving mounted or horse drawn vehicle military maneuvers and tactics.

Operation of Unmanned Aircraft is prohibited – Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Fort Donelson National Battlefield is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

Definition – The term “unmanned aircraft” means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g. model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

In order to protect the commemorative values of the historic landscape and insure recreational activities do not interfere with the interpretation of the historic resource, such activities must be managed. Limiting un-manned aircraft activity advances the primary preservation values found within the park’s enabling legislation.

The battlefield is closed to all picnicking except in permitted areas:

Due to the historic nature of the battlefield and in accordance with NPS Management Policies, it has been determined that picnicking activities in additional areas would be inconsistent with the purpose for which these areas were established and are to be managed.

Picnicking is permitted in the following areas:

Established Picnic Area near Cumberland River at Fort Donelson
The Pavilion Area next to the Fort Donelson Visitor Center.

The National Cemetery, as fully contained by the stone wall, is closed to pets unless accompanied by an individual requiring assistance as determined by applicable laws and policies. (ADA)

Launching or operating vessels upon or within the water areas of Fort Donelson National Battlefield is prohibited.

All access to water areas occurs on lands within jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or Tennessee Valley Authority.

Swimming, tubing, bathing, diving and wading within the waters of Fort Donelson National Battlefield is prohibited.

All access to water areas occurs on lands within jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or Tennessee Valley Authority.

Segway use is only allowed where motorized wheelchair use is allowed, when operated by persons with disabilities (handicapped persons with substantial mobility impairments as defined in 43 CFR Part 17, Subpart E).

The closures are necessary for public safety and to protect the park's cultural, historical, and natural resources from damage, vandalism, and destruction during times when there are no personnel on duty.

Food and beverages are prohibited in the Visitor Center lobby, theatre, and museum.

The Visitor Center contains historic artifacts and paintings and it has been determined that damage from spilled food and beverages pose an unacceptable risk to the resources and visitor satisfaction with the facility.

Pets are prohibited within federal buildings unless accompanying persons with disabilities (as defined in 43 CFR Part 17, Subpart E).

Since the Dover Hotel may be used as temporary housing for volunteers, employees, or researchers and in order to protect employees who may have allergies or related medical conditions triggered by exposure to pets and to protect furnishings it has been determined necessary to close this area to pets.

When the COVID-19 Community Level is LOW or MEDIUM in the county or all the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), individuals are not required to wear masks.

When the COVID-19 Community Level is HIGH in the county or all the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the CDC, all individuals over the age of two must wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, in all common areas and shared workspaces in buildings owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the National Park Service, including, but not limited to, park visitor centers, administrative offices, lodges, gift shops and restaurants.

When the COVID-19 Community Level is HIGH in one or more, but not all, of the counties where the park is located based on data provided by the CDC, the superintendent will determine whether individuals are required to wear masks. The requirement, if any, will apply to all facilities within the park.

Masks must cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face. Masks not designed to be protective, masks with ventilation valves, and face shields do not meet the requirement.

Regardless of the COVID-19 Community Level, individuals may wear masks if they choose to do so. Where a state, local, tribal, or territorial government where the park is located imposes more protective mask-wearing requirements than those indicated by the COVID-19 Community Level, individuals must follow those more protective requirements within the park. More protective state, local, tribal, or territorial mask-wearing requirements are hereby adopted as federal requirements in all units of the National Park System located within that state, locality, area subject to a federally recognized Indian tribe's regulatory jurisdiction, or territory, regardless of a particular park's jurisdictional status.

Additionally, all individuals must wear masks in or on public transportation conveyances and transportation hubs/facilities, to the extent required by current orders or directives issued by the CDC, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), or other federal agencies with jurisdiction over those conveyances or areas. As of March 4, 2022, CDC and TSA orders or directives require all individuals regardless of vaccination status to wear masks in indoor areas of all forms of public transportation

conveyances, including busses, trains, and boats/ferries, and in the indoor premises of transportation hubs/facilities. Individuals are not required to wear masks while outdoors on conveyances or while outdoors on the premises of transportation hubs/facilities.

The number of visitors in the following indoor locations may not exceed the maximum occupancy identified for each location.

<i>Indoor Location</i>	<i>Maximum Occupancy</i>
Fort Donelson NB Visitor Center	6
Historic Dover Hotel (Surrender House)	4
National Cemetery Carriage House	4

Entering or remaining in any of the indoor locations identified in the table above after being asked not to enter or to leave the location because the maximum occupancy has been reached is prohibited.

(a)(3) The Superintendent reserves the right to temporarily close or change hours for any and all areas of the park without notice.

(c) The following types of filming activities may occur in areas open to the public without a permit and without advance notice to the NPS:

- Outdoor filming activities [outside of areas managed as wilderness] involving five persons or less and equipment that will be carried at all times, except for small tripods used to hold cameras.

The organizer of any other type of filming activity must provide written notice to the Superintendent at least 10 days prior to the start of the proposed activity. Based upon the information provided, the Superintendent may require the organizer to apply for and obtain a permit if necessary to:

- maintain public health and safety;

- protect environmental or scenic values;
- protect natural or cultural resources;
- allow for equitable allocation and use of facilities; or
- avoid conflict among visitor use activities.

If the Superintendent determines that the terms and conditions of a permit could not mitigate the concerns identified above in an acceptable manner, the Superintendent may deny a filming request without issuing a permit. The Superintendent will provide the basis for denial in writing upon request.

The NPS will consider requests and process permit applications in a timely manner. Processing times will vary depending on the complexity of the proposed activity. If the organizer provides the required 10 day advance notice to the NPS and has not received a written response from the NPS that a permit is required prior to the first day of production, the proposed filming activities may occur without a permit.

The following are prohibited:

- (1) Engaging in a filming activity without providing advance notice to the Superintendent when required.
- (2) Engaging in a filming activity without a permit if [the activity takes place in areas managed as wilderness or if] the Superintendent has notified the organizer in writing that a permit is required.
- (3) Violating a term and condition of a permit issued under this action.

Violating a term or condition of a permit issued under this action may also result in the suspension and revocation of the permit by the Superintendent.

SECTION 1.6 – PERMITS

Under the authority of 36 CFR 1.6(a) and to meet the requirements of 36 CFR 1.6(f), the following activities *require* a permit issued by the Superintendent or his/her designated representative. Permits are issued by the Superintendent or his/her designated representative and may be subject to special requirements. Engaging in these activities without a permit {36 CFR 1.6(g)(1)}, or violating the terms and conditions of a permit {36 CFR 1.6(g)(2)} is prohibited.

36 CFR 2.4(e) The superintendent may issue a permit to carry or possess a weapon that is not otherwise authorized, a trap, or net under the circumstances in 2.4(e)

36 CFR 2.5 (a)-(e) Taking plants, fish, wildlife, rocks, or minerals for research specimens

36 CFR 2.10 (a) A permit is needed for camping

36 CFR 2.12(a)(2) Operate a Power Saw in a developed area

36 CFR 2.12(a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in a non-developed area

36 CFR 2.12(a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special even for which a permit has been issued in pursuant to section 2.50 or 2.51

36 CFR 2.17(a)-(c) operating, use and retrieval of aircraft or air delivery

36 CFR 2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods are services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under section 2.50, 2.51 or 2.52)

36 CFR 2.38(a)-(b) Use, possess or transport explosives or fireworks

36 CFR 2.50(a) Sports event, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies and similar events

36 CFR 2.51(b) Public assemblies and meetings as defined in 36 CFR 2.51.

36 CFR 2.52(b) Sale or distribution of printed matter as defined in 36 CFR 2.52.

36 CFR 2.60(a) Graze Livestock or Agricultural uses

36 CFR 2.61(a) Residing on Park Lands

36 CFR 2.61(a) The installation of a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area requires a permit from the Director of the National Park Service.

36 CFR 2.62(b) Scattering human ashes from cremation

36 CFR 4.11(a)-(b) Operating a vehicle exceeding load, weight or size

36 CFR 5.3 Engaging in or soliciting in any business in park areas

36 CFR 5.5(a)(b) Commercial Photography activities as described in 43 CFR 5A

36 CFR 5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available)

36 CFR 5.7 Constructing or attempting to construct a building, or other structure,

boat dock, road, trail, path, or other way, telephone line, telegraph line, power line, or any other private or public utility, upon, across, over, through, or under any park areas

36 CFR 12.6(b) Disinterment of Remains from the National Cemetery requires a permit

SECTION 1.7 PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the authority of 36 CFR 1.7: This Superintendent's Compendium serves as the compilation in writing of all the designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions imposed under discretionary authority which is required under 36 CFR 1.7(b).

36 CFR PART 2 – RESOURCE PROTECTION, PUBLIC USE, AND RECREATION

SECTION 2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a) Except otherwise provided the following is prohibited:

(4) Unauthorized collection of wood other than that provided for use in designated camping areas is prohibited.

The park may provide firewood for use in designated camping areas and Living History programs, but groups should be prepared to provide their own wood if none is available.

(5) The Dover Hotel (Surrender House) may be entered and traversed by the public only at such times when the structure is open to the public. No person shall smoke, eat, drink, or chew gum within the historic structure. No pets are allowed inside this building except service animals. The handling of any museum object and/or artifact is prohibited, unless that object or artifact is signed for handling. The upstairs area including the second floor balcony is closed to the public.

(b) The superintendent may restrict hiking or pedestrian use to a designated trail or walkway system pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5 and 1.7. Leaving a trail or walkway to shortcut between portions of the same trail or walkway, or to shortcut to an adjacent trail or walkway in violation of designated restrictions is prohibited.

On park roads, whether one-way or two-way, joggers and walkers will walk in a safe manner along the left side of the road, either in single file or two abreast.

- (c)
 - (1) The following designated fruits, berries, and nuts may be gathered for personal use or consumption:
 - A. Native fruits and berries: all species (not listed as nationally or state threatened or endangered species)
 - B. Mushrooms: all edible mushrooms (not listed as nationally or state threatened or endangered species)
 - (2) The superintendent may:
 - (i) Items listed in (c)(1) may be gathered in quantities not greater than (1) one gallon per person per week.

SECTION 2.2 – WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(e) All lands and waters within the Fort Donelson National Battlefield boundary, owned in fee by the NPS, are closed to the viewing of wildlife with an artificial light.

The only exception to this is that artificial lights may be used during the night while engaged in legally permitted activities or as approved in advance by the Superintendent or his/her designated representative.

SECTION 2.3 – FISHING

Although most shoreline areas of the Fort Donelson Unit fall under the authority of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and of the Tennessee Valley Authority at the Fort Heiman Unit, fishing is permitted in the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers, by boat and from the park shoreline, in accordance with the laws and regulations of the states of Tennessee and Kentucky. Anglers must possess appropriate fishing license or possess physical documentation of exemption from license requirements.

SECTION 2.10 – CAMPING AND STORAGE

2.10 (a):

- A. Overnight Camping will be restricted for educational purposes at locations approved by the Superintendent or their designee:
 - 1. Overnight camping is permitted only in the designated Indian Creek Education Area by a valid Special Use Permit. The permittee must have the Permit in his/her possession while camping in the battlefield. The permit must be properly filled out, signed and validated for payment.
 - 2. Camping time limitations: No persons, parties, or organizations shall be permitted to camp longer than three consecutive days at any one visit.
 - 3. Maximum group size permitted at the designated organized youth group campground is 20 persons.

4. The following camping conditions are established by the Superintendent:
 - a. Camp within 50 feet of the picnic tables and trash containers.
 - b. All trash must be carried out.
 - c. Camping must be at least 100 feet from Indian Creek
 - d. Wood fires are permitted in the fire rings only.
 5. A permit allows occupancy of the campsite until noon of the day the group is scheduled to leave.
- B. Camping in conjunction with Living History events will be at the Superintendent's discretion.

SECTION 2.11 – PICNICKING

Picnicking is permitted in the following areas:

Established Picnic Area near Cumberland River at Fort Donelson
The Pavilion Area next to the Fort Donelson Visitor Center.

SECTION 2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES

All devices or voice activation will be at the lowest audible level possible when in the National Cemetery.

SECTION 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1):

Lighting and/or maintaining a fire is permitted only under the following conditions:
At the designated organized education group campground in government metal fire rings or privately owned fire grills. At the Cumberland River picnic area in privately owned fire grills.
Campfires for living history programs will be made on the surface of the ground.

Fires are prohibited except for the following activities and locations authorized by the Superintendent:

For cooking on grills in the designated picnic areas
For cooking and heating at Living History events.
For cooking and heating at designated education group camping area.
For Prescribed Burns under an approved fire plan.

(b) Fires will be completely extinguished before leaving the site.

(c) During periods of high or extreme fire danger or strong winds all fires will be prohibited. This designation will be made by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

SECTION 2.14 – SANITATION AND REFUSE

(a) The following are prohibited:

Collecting and removing aluminum cans or other refuse from refuse receptacles for commercial use.

SECTION 2.15 – PETS

The following are prohibited:

(a)

(1) Within the national cemetery unless accompanied by an individual requiring assistance as determined by applicable laws and policies. (ADA)

(5) Failing to remove pet excrement by owner/handler in all park areas.

SECTION 2.16 – HORSES

(b): Horses and pack animals (burros, mules, llamas, or other hoofed mammals) are prohibited unless authorized by permit from Superintendent for Living History programs or special needs.

Horse-drawn vehicles are limited to the paved roads. Riders are responsible for cleaning up after their animals.

SECTION 2.17 – AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY

(a) (1) Hang gliders, glider kits, Ultralite, hot air balloons, fixed wing gliders or any like aircraft is prohibited from use except in emergency.

FAA regulations can be found in 14 CFR Chapter 1.

SECTION 2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

All winter activities such as, but not limited to, skiing, sledding, tobogganing are prohibited unless designated by the Superintendent or designee.

SECTION 2.21 – SMOKING

- (a): The following areas are closed to smoking and vaping:
- I. All flammable liquid storage areas.
 - II. Within 50 feet of fueling station of L.P. gas storage areas.
 - III. All government owned buildings.
 - IV. All government vehicles.
 - V. Within proximity to Living History black powder demonstrations.

SECTION 2.22 – RECREATIONAL FEES

- (a) Recreational events sponsored by an organization outside of the Federal Government will be required to obtain a special use permit and a fee may be required of that group. All such permits and fees will be considered on a case by case basis. Refer to 36 CFR Section 1.6 and 71.9.

SECTION 2.35 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- (a)(3)(i): All buildings, facilities, and grounds within the park boundary are closed to the possession, use, or consumption of alcoholic beverages.

SECTION 2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

- (b) Using or possessing fireworks, sparklers, firecrackers, or alike, or other explosives or incendiaries is prohibited, unless by permit from the Superintendent or designee.

SECTION 2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS

- (a): ceremonies and similar events are allowed by a permit issued by the Superintendent or his/her designated representative. The permit must be in the possession of the highest-level organizer or leader of the special event that is on site within the federally owned lands of the battlefield.

Any and all special events sponsored by an organization will be required to obtain a permit from the Superintendent or designee, and a fee or bond may be required of the

group. There will be a meaningful association between the park area and the event(s), and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area. The amount of the fee will be determined at the time of permit issuance. All permits and fees will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

(b) The permit must be applied for at least 30 calendar days in advance of the event.

SECTION 2.51 – PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS

(a): Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades, and other public expressions of views are allowed by a permit issued by the Superintendent or his/her designated representative. The permit must be in the possession of the highest-level organizer or leader of the public assembly or meeting that is on site within the battlefield. The areas/locations where these types of activities can occur are described on a map available at the Office of the Superintendent and are accordingly identified as:

Education Pavilion Area adjacent to Visitor Center

(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations and alike will be authorized providing a permit has been obtained from the Superintendent prior to the event requested.

The permit must be applied for at least 72 hours in advance.

SECTION 2.52 – SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER.

(a): The sale or distribution of printed matter, that is not solely commercial advertising, is allowed by a permit issued by the Superintendent or his/her designated representative. The permit must be in the possession of anyone selling or distributing printed matter within the battlefield. The areas/location where these types of activities can occur are described on a map available at the Office of the Superintendent and are accordingly identified as:

Education Pavilion Area adjacent to Visitor Center

SECTION 2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(a) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except when authorized by the Superintendent or designee and special permit issued.

Under the authority of 36 CFR 2.62(b): The scattering of human ashes from cremation is allowed throughout the federally owned lands of the battlefield in accordance with conditions of a permit issued by the Superintendent or his/her designated representative, which must be in the possession of the permittee while scattering ashes within the battlefield.

36 CFR PART 4 MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS

SECTION 4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND DESIGNATED ROUTES

(a) All vehicle traffic is limited to paved park roads.

SECTION 4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(b) The maximum speed limit on park roads is 25 mph (the exception is U.S. Highway 79, which traverse sections of the park where the posted speed limit is 45 mph).

The maximum speed limit in picnic areas, parking lots, and the lower portion of the Main Tour Road is 15 mph.

SECTION 4.30 – BICYCLES

Bicycle use is permitted on park roads and parking areas only. Direction must be consistent with traffic flow. Cyclists will ride on the right side of the roadway, consistent with state law, and in single file if more than one cyclist.

E-bikes are allowed in Fort Donelson National Battlefield where traditional bicycles are allowed.

E-bikes are prohibited where traditional bicycles are prohibited.

The requirement to stay on the righthand side of the road is necessary to prevent visitor use conflicts among cyclists, pedestrians and motor vehicles due to the width of the roads and shoulders. Riding next to another bicycle or electric bicycle is prohibited by NPS regulations at 36 CFR 4.30(h)(4) and (i)(5).

The Superintendent has designated park roads and parking areas as open to electric bicycles using the discretion given to the Superintendent under NPS regulations at 36 CFR 4.30(i). Allowing electric bicycles in these locations will create new opportunities for recreation and access within Fort Donaldson National Battlefield. It will not create any adverse impacts to the resources and

values of the National Battlefield due to the existing use of the roads and parking areas by motor vehicle and bicycles.

Due to current tour road and shoulder width it is necessary to limit group sizes to prevent visitor use conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians using the tour road.

36 CFR PART 5 – COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE OPERATIONS

SECTION 5.3 – BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Engaging in or soliciting any business within the battlefield is authorized only by a permit issued by the Superintendent or his/her designated representative. Any person engaging in or soliciting any business within the battlefield must have the permit in his/her possession while in the park.

Engaging in or soliciting business within boundaries of Fort Donelson National Battlefield is prohibited except when authorized by superintendent by special use permit.

SECTION 5.5 –COMMERCIAL FILMING, STILL PHOTOGRAPHY, AND AUDIO RECORDING.

(a) Commercial filming or still photography activities require permits as described in 36 CFR 5.5(a) and (b) and 43 CFR 5.2(b)

APPENDIX I

FORT DONELSON NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD SPECIAL USE PERMIT COST SCHEDULE

1. All applicants for a *Special Use Permit*, will be charged \$75.00 to cover the administrative costs of processing permits.
2. Additional charges may apply, if the purpose of a Special Use or Commercial Filming /Photography Permit requires the park staff to perform more than administrative action (e.g. set up equipment, overtime, traffic control, etc.). Applicants will receive a written estimate of added costs, if any, after their application is reviewed. There are other requirements and procedures associated with special park uses. These are stipulated in National Park Service Directors Order #53 and Reference Manual. These are available through the National Park Service web site or from the Chief of Administration office.

36 CFR PART 12 – NATIONAL CEMETERY REGULATIONS

Any and all activities in the National Cemetery, a unit of Fort Donelson National Battlefield, will be consistent with any National Cemetery policies and directives in 36 CFR Part 12, and DO-RM 61.

Conducting a special event or demonstration, whether spontaneous or organized, is prohibited in Fort Donelson National Cemetery except for official commemorative events conducted for:

- National Former POW Recognition Day
- Armed Forces Day
- Memorial Day
- Flag Day
- Independence Day
- National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Veterans Day

In addition, the park has designated, and may cosponsor, events to commemorate those interred at the national cemetery on the following dates:

- During anniversary of Battle of Fort Donelson (February 12-16) or adjacent weekend assigned for battle memorial observances.
- Juneteenth
- Wreaths Across America Day

36 CFR PART 71.1 -- ENTRANCE FEES

There is currently no entrance fee to visit Fort Donelson National Battlefield.

Fees are subject to change upon notice from the Department of the Interior. The visiting public will be clearly notified that Federal Entrance Fees have been changed via news releases (radio, television, etc.).