



## Code of Federal Regulations

### Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 1.7(b)

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#### **Compendium of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements, and other Restriction imposed under the discretionary authority of the Superintendent**

In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of the portions of Fort Pulaski National Monument under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1.

**FORT PULASKI NATIONAL MONUMENT  
COMPENDIUM OF REGULATIONS  
TITLE 36, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

Under the provisions of 16 U.S.C, section 3, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, the following superintendent's Orders (compendium) are established for Fort Pulaski National Monument. Unless otherwise noted, these orders apply in addition to the provisions contained in Parts 1-7 of Title 36 CFR.

**Part 1.5 Closure and public use limits**

- (a)(1) Hours of visitation within the Fort and Visitor Center are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

Cockspur Island is closed by gate after operating hours to all unauthorized vehicular access.

The west end of Cockspur Island from the gate at the end of the park road, immediately west of the Coast Guard Station Tybee to the western park boundary, is closed to all vehicular traffic at all times, except by permit.

During periods of severe weather conditions, all or portions of the monument may be closed to the public in the interest of public safety. The ranking Site Supervisor on duty is delegated the authority by the Superintendent to determine the need to close areas of the monument for this purpose.

- (a)(2) Picnicking is prohibited within the historic dike system.

Cockspur Island is closed to swimming and diving.

Alcoholic beverage consumption is prohibited within the historic dike system of Fort Pulaski National Monument. Possession of open alcoholic beverage containers is prohibited within the historic dike system.

Fishing and boating in the historic Fort Pulaski moat and feeder canal are prohibited.

Athletic and recreational activities such as ball playing, kite flying, golfing, horseshoes, and Frisbee are prohibited within the historic dike system.

The use of horses and pack animals is not permitted within the monument.

Eating and drinking are prohibited in the Visitor Center lobby and Museum storage area.

The firing of model rockets and the flying of powered model aircraft are prohibited throughout the monument.

Fort Pulaski National Monument is closed for visitation on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day each year.

Climbing on Fort walls or the use of ropes or swings on trees within the monument is prohibited.

- (a)(3)(d) Reservations and a fee waiver permit are required for educational groups that conform to use Limits and conditions.

## **Part 1.6 Permits**

(a)(f) The following permits are required:

- Transportation of firearms (Part 2.4(d)(4))
- Research specimen collecting (Part 2.5(a))
- Group Camping (Part 2.10(a))
- Noncommercial soliciting (Part 2.37)
- Weddings (Part 2.50(a))
- Special events (Part 2.50(a))
- Public assemblies, meetings (Part 2.51(a))
- Sale or distribution of printed material (Part 2.52(a))
- Memorialization (Part 2.62)
- Commercial filming/photography

## **Part 2.1 Preservation of natural, cultural, and archeological resources**

(a)(4) Down and dead wood, including driftwood, may be collected in personal use quantities for fuel in picnic area barbecue grills and grills and the designated group camping area.

(c)(1) The following natural products may be gathered for personal, non-commercial use or consumption in the designated quantities listed below:

blackberries	2 quarts per person per day
driftwood	1 armful per person per day
fiddler crabs	1 quart per person per day for sport fishing bait
figs	1-½ gal per person per day
pecans	2 quarts per person per day
pine cones	1 bushel per person per day
pine straw	1 pick-up load or 5 garbage bags quarterly
seashells	unoccupied individual specimens for collection purposes; bulk collection of oyster shells is prohibited.
sharks teeth	surface collecting outside the historic dike

## **Part 2.2 Wildlife protection**

(e) All of Cockspar Island is closed to the viewing of wildlife with an artificial light.

## **Part 2.3 Fishing**

(d)(8) Fishing from the bridge spanning the South Channel of the Savannah River is permitted after daily operating hours and when the entrance gate is completely closed.

## **Part 2.10 Camping and food storage**

(b)(10) Group camping is permitted at designated primitive sites on the west end of Cockspar Island. Camping permits are issued by the Park Superintendent and are restricted to youth groups of an educational and/or public service nature.

## **Part 2.13 Fires**

(a)(1) Fires are permitted in government provided grills and in privately owned grills in good working order within the picnic area. Campfires are permitted in conjunction with authorization group camping activities in designated sites. Fires may, however, be prohibited due to high fire danger as determined by the Superintendent.

### **Part 2.15 Pets**

- (a)(5) Pet owners are responsible for the removal and disposal of pet excrement from any paved surface within the park and any surface within the historic dike system and picnic area.

Pets may be kept by residents of government furnished quarters as long as they are kept in the immediate environs of the residence and do not create a nuisance.

### **Part 2.16 Horses and pack animals**

- (B) The use of horses and pack animals is not permitted within the monument.

### **Part 2.20 Skating, skateboards, and similar devices**

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices is prohibited except in designated areas. The area designated for the legal use of these devices is defined as the paved park road from the intersection of U.S. Highway 80 to the intersection with and along the road to the west end of Cockspur Island, and including the access road to the Savannah Bar Pilots facility and the old boat ramp turnout. The use of such vehicles on park roads must conform to any applicable state law. The above devices are not allowed on trails, the Visitor Center parking area, or inside the Fort.

### **Part 2.21(a) Smoking**

- (a) Smoking is prohibited inside all portions of the Visitor Center, the historic cottage, fort-furnished rooms, fort offices, the Museum Storage Facility (Bally building), the Maintenance Area office, and all vehicles.

### **Part 2.35 Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances**

- (a)(3)(i) The area within the historic dike system is closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages and to the possession of open receptacles containing alcoholic beverages.

### **Part 2.51 Public Assemblies, meetings**

- (e) The designated area for the exercise of these First Amendment rights is the grassy portion of the Visitor Center parking area, bounded by the paved road and stone curbing. Permits are required for these activities (see Part 1.6, above) and will be issued on a first come, first served basis subject to further conditions included in Parts 2.51 and 2.52.

### **Part 2.52 Sale or distribution of printed matter**

- (e) The designated area for the exercise of these First Amendment rights is the grassy portion of the Visitor Center parking area, bounded by the paved road and stone curbing. Permits are required for these activities (see Part 1.6, above) and will be issued on a first come, first served basis subject to further conditions included in Parts 2.51 and 2.52.

### **Part 2.62 Memorialization**

- (b) The scattering of human ashes is prohibited within the historic dike system. Scattering of human ashes in other areas of the monument requires a permit issued by the Superintendent (see Part 1.6, above)

### **Part 3.20 Boating**

- (a) Water skiing is permitted in Oyster Creek.

### **Part 4.21 Vehicle speed limits**

- (b) Speed limits on Cockspur Island are established as follows:

30 miles per hour between U.S.Highway 80 at the park entrance and the intersection of the roads to the Coast Guard Station and the Fort.

20 miles per hour on all other roadways.

## JUSTIFICATION

The following are determinations and justifications for closure and public use limits at Fort Pulaski National Monument under Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1.5. Determinations and justifications are also provided for other parts of 36 CFR, which allow for the discretion of the Park Superintendent.

### **Part 1.5 Closure and Public Use**

Hours of operation: Cockspur Island is closed by gate to unauthorized vehicular traffic during non-operational hours to protect park natural resources and irreplaceable cultural resources from vandalism and theft. Authorized users include Coast Guard personnel, Savannah Bar Pilots, Department of Natural Resources, park employees on official business, residents of park quarters, and others as determined by the Superintendent.

Closure of the west end of Cockspur Island: Cockspur Island is closed to vehicular traffic at the gate at the end of the park road immediately west of Coast Guard Station Tybee in order to provide adequate security for the materials stored in two concrete bunkers in this area. Additionally, this closure is necessary inasmuch as numerous violations of established hours of operations limits have occurred here in the past.

Picnicking restriction: Picnicking is prohibited within the historic dike system in order to preserve the setting and provide visitors the opportunity to better appreciate the significance of this area for its intended purpose without undue encroachment.

Swimming restrictions: Swimming access from Cockspur Island is prohibited. The North and South Channels of the Savannah River surround the island. The shore is rocky or excessively muddy and lacks suitable safe areas for water access. The river is swift with unpredictable currents and supports heavy shipping and boating traffic. Swimming in the historic moat is prohibited in order to preserve the integrity of the historic scene.

Alcohol restrictions: The consumption of alcoholic beverages and the possession of open receptacles containing alcoholic beverages within the historic dike system are prohibited in order to preserve the historic setting, and provide visitors an opportunity to better appreciate the significance of the area for its intended purpose without undue encroachment.

Fishing and boating restrictions: Fishing and boating are prohibited in the Fort moat and feeder canal in order to preserve the integrity of the historic scene.

Activity restrictions: Athletic and recreational activities such as ball playing, kite flying, golfing, horseshoes, and Frisbee are prohibited within the historic dike system in order to preserve the setting and provide visitors an opportunity to better appreciate the significance of this area for its intended purpose without undue encroachment. Most athletic and recreational activities are permitted and encouraged in other areas of the monument.

Horse restrictions: The use of horses and pack animals is prohibited within the park because of the fragile nature of the sandy trails and the inherent incompatibility of pedestrians and horses in such a confined area.

Eating and drinking restrictions: Eating and drinking are prohibited in the visitor center lobby and museum storage facility because such activities are incompatible with a museum environment and accidents could damage irreplaceable cultural resources. The restrictions conform to Special Directive 80-1.

Model rocket and powered model aircraft restrictions: Due to the heavy concentration of visitors, both within and without the historic dike system, and the potential for fire ignition, these activities are considered a safety hazard. Within the dike system, these activities are incompatible with historic values.

### **Part 1.6 Permits**

Permits for the stated activities are required under Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1-7.

### **Part 2.1 (a)(4) Wood Collection**

The Superintendent has determined that collecting small quantities of dead and down wood for personal use in designated areas is not detrimental to the resources.

### **Part 2.1 (c)(1) Gathering of natural products**

These have been determined by the Superintendent to be reasonable quantities of certain items which may be gathered for personal use or consumption. The quantities are limited in order to provide an equitable availability to the public and to eliminate any adverse effects on park wildlife, the reproductive potential of plant species, or other park resources.

### **Part 2.2(e) Wildlife protection**

The closure of the island by gate during non-operational hours precludes the legitimate use of artificial light to view wildlife. It is also determined that the use of artificial light to view wildlife in such a confined area would constitute frightening or disturbing wildlife as prohibited in 36 CFR, Part 2.2(a)(2).

### **Part 2.3(a)(8) Fishing**

The bridge over the South Channel of the Savannah River is closed by gate to all but authorized vehicular users (Coast Guard, Bar Pilots, and park personnel on official business) during non-operational hours. The limited amount of traffic on the bridge after hours and the issuance of safety warnings to authorized users mitigate the safety hazards of fishing from the bridge during these times. Fishing from the bridge is prohibited during the operating hours of the park.

### **Part 2.10(1) Camping**

Camping by educational and/or public service youth groups (ages 18 and under) is a traditional activity supported by the park. Such camping is allowed in order to better interpret the park's resources to young people and to provide volunteer assistance in the completion of designated service projects within the park.

### **Part 2.13(a)(1) Fires**

Fires associated with picnicking and authorized group camping activities are permitted in designated areas that have been determined to pose no threat to park resources.

### **Part 2.15(a)(5) Pets**

Pet owners are required to remove pet excrement in the areas stated for sanitation reasons and to provide visitors with a clean and unobtrusive park environment.

### **Part 2.15(e) Pets in Government quarters**

Residents of government furnished quarters have all the rights of citizens and may keep pets as long as the pets do not interfere with the proper management of cultural and natural resources nor the activities of park visitors and other residents.

### **Part 2.16(b) Horses and pack animals**

The use of horses and pack animals is prohibited within the park because of the fragile nature of the sandy trails and the inherent incompatibility of pedestrians and horses in such a confined area.

### **Part 2.20 Skating, skateboards, and similar devices**

The use of skates, skateboards, and similar devices is prohibited near and within the fort, as it is incompatible with historic preservation values and in order to maintain a safe visitor experience. On the main park road from Highway 80 to the U.S. Coast Guard Station, these devices are permitted as an appropriate means of transportation and recreation.

### **Part 2.21(a) Smoking**

Smoking is prohibited in the Historic Cottage, Visitor Center, Fort and Maintenance offices due to the limited and confined space. Smoking in areas that house museum artifacts is considered detrimental to irreplaceable cultural resources and is prohibited under Special Directive 80-1. These areas include the Visitor Center lobby, the fort furnished rooms, the library and the museum storage facility (Bally building).

### **Part 2.35(a)(3)(i) Alcoholic beverages**

The consumption of alcoholic beverages and the possession of open receptacles containing alcoholic beverages within the historic dike system are prohibited in order to preserve the historic setting, and provide visitors an opportunity to better appreciate the significance of the area for its intended purpose without undue encroachment.

### **Part 2.51(e) Public assemblies, meetings**

The area is designated to provide equal access to groups or individuals wishing to exercise First Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution. The area provides high visibility, while not impeding visitor access or interfering with the visitor experience.

### **Part 2.52(e) Sale or distribution of printed matter**

The area is designated to provide equal access to groups or individuals wishing to exercise First Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution. The area provides high visibility, while not impeding visitor access or interfering with the visitor experience.

### **Part 2.62(b) Memorialization**

These restrictions are established in order to ensure the integrity of the historic scene and to provide visitor the opportunity to better appreciate the significance of the area for its intended purpose without undue encroachment.

### **Part 3.20(a) Boating**

Oyster Creek is the only water area under park jurisdiction that is suitable for water skiing. It is determined that this activity is compatible with other legitimate recreational pursuits in this area.

#### **Part 4.21(b) Vehicle Speed Limits**

The park road from U.S. Highway 80 to the intersection of roads to the Coast Guard Station and the Fort includes the bridge across the South Channel of the Savannah River. While this bridge adequately supports a two-lane roadway, it is relatively narrow and the road surface is uneven. A speed limit of 30 miles per hour is determined to be the maximum safe speed for this road.

The maximum safe speed for the road to the Fort and Visitor Center parking area from the intersection of the road to the Coast Guard Station is determined to be 20 miles per hour due to traffic congestion and the presence of a curve which limits visibility.

The road to the Coast Guard Station passes by (but not through) the picnic area, maintenance area, and residential area. It is determined that a 15 mile per hour speed limit is unreasonable on this road and 20 miles per hour is the maximum safe speed.