



Use of Segways in Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

The use of segways and similar devices are permitted for persons with disabilities in all **outdoor areas of the park** that are currently accessible to visitors utilizing motorized wheelchairs. This policy does not apply to the town of Harpers Ferry.

A handicap placard, issued by states for motor vehicles, is required.

Segways are permitted in outdoor areas only and may be parked near any ADA accessible entrance when entering a building.

For safety purposes, Segways or similar devices are required to travel at a walking pace in all areas of the park.

Justification:

Segways fall under the definition of a motor vehicle as defined in 36 CFR 1.4. As such, they would normally not be allowed on park sidewalks or other pedestrian areas. However, they are now used by persons who fall under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Therefore, it is clear that the use of Segways by persons with disabilities should and will be permitted. In order to enforce regulations fairly and without bias, a handicap placard is required to show proof of disability.

Harpers Ferry NHP's most visited area is the Lower town, which contains numerous historic buildings. These buildings contain small doorways and rooms and are generally crowded. As a result, Segways are to be used outside only. Wheelchairs are available at the Information Center to allow for access inside buildings.

A map showing accessible routes through Lower Town is available on the park website and at the Visitor Center and Lower Town Information Center.

