

SUPERINTENDENT'S ORDERS

JEAN LAFITTE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AND PRESERVE

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ACADIAN SITES

1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

- (a) (1) **PARKING MOTOR VEHICLES IN DESIGNATED PARKING LOTS OUTSIDE OF POSTED OPERATING HOURS:** Parking a motor vehicle in designated parking lot outside of posted operating hours is prohibited.

DISCUSSION: Prohibiting motor vehicles from being parked beyond posted gate closure hours provides a reasonable amount of protection to park facilities and resources. This also provides for the safety and well being of the visiting public and their property.

2.15 PETS

- (a) (1) **PETS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF THE ACADIAN CULTURAL SITES:**

1. In any structure, building, facility, or any special event or program open to the public in Lafayette;
2. In any structure, building, facility, or any special event or program open to the public in Thibodaux;
3. In any structure, building, facility, or any special event or program open to the public in Eunice;

Pets are allowed on the grounds at Lafayette and Thibodaux, providing they are kept under physical restraint at all times.

EXCEPTION: In accordance with 36 CFR 2.15 (a) (1), these closures shall not apply to assist dogs accompanying visually, hearing, or mobility impaired persons.

NOTE: It is strictly forbidden to abandon or release any pet or other animal into any of the Acadian Cultural sites without the expressed written consent of the park Superintendent.

DISCUSSION: To avoid conflict with other park visitors and wildlife, pets are prohibited from all buildings and special programs

2.35

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- (a) (3) (i) **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** The consumption of alcoholic beverages, or the possession of an open receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage, is prohibited in all public and administrative facilities and parking lots of the Acadian Cultural Centers.

DISCUSSION: The consumption of alcoholic beverages is restricted for reasons of public safety and enjoyment of the visiting public. Use of the parking lot as a place to gather and consume alcoholic beverages also contributes to vandalism and litter.

2.51

PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS

2.52

SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

- (e) **PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES AND SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER MAY OCCUR IN DESIGNATED AREAS:** A permit, issued by the Superintendent, is required for public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, and for the sale or distribution of printed materials. The Superintendent may waive this requirement for park-sponsored activities. Designated areas for such assemblies and the dissemination of printed materials will be determined by the Superintendent. The location of each activity will be based on the nature of the proposed event, the duration, the estimated number of persons expected to attend, and any other information required to complete the permit application form.

A permit application may be denied if the activity unduly interferes with the visitor's enjoyment of the site or does not allow for multiple use of the area, or if the event presents a clear and present danger to the public health or safety, or if the printed materials are solely commercial advertising.

A map showing approved areas for these activities will be made available to permit applicants.

DISCUSSION: Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, and the dissemination of printed materials are provided for in the United States Constitution and are authorized at the Acadian Cultural Centers provided a permit has been issued by the Park Superintendent.

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JEAN LAFITTE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AND PRESERVE

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Under the provisions of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Part 1, 1.7(b), the following Superintendent's Orders have been established for Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Barataria Preserve:

BARATARIA PRESERVE

1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

(a) (1) **FOOD AND BEVERAGES ON TRAILS:** Carrying food on trails is prohibited. Beverages will be allowed.

DISCUSSION: Food is prohibited on all trails to reduce the excessive amount of litter that accumulates along the trails and reduce the temptation to feed wildlife. Beverages are allowed as long as they are in non-disposable containers or containers that are carried out.

LEAVING TRAIL OR WALKWAY: Leaving the hard surface of any maintained trail is prohibited. (See section 2.1 (b)). Visitors are required to stay on NPS designated trails with the following exceptions: NPS permit, and designated hunting areas.

DISCUSSION: Restricting visitors to boardwalks and hardened surfaces protects park visitors from hazardous terrain, trailside vegetation and embankments, archeological sites, and cultural artifacts. This restriction will further prevent volunteer trails in heavily visited areas. Park visitors who desire to access areas off a main trail should first obtain permission from the Superintendent.

CAMPING: Overnight camping in the Barataria Preserve is prohibited, unless authorized by the Superintendent under Special Use Permit to a group performing volunteer work. This includes parking lots, recreational-use areas, and the backcountry.

DISCUSSION: The Barataria Preserve does not have adequate facilities to support camping. Camping in the marsh imposes damage to fragile vegetation.

MOORING WATERCRAFT: Mooring or grounding any watercraft or vessel over 25 feet in length in any navigable waterway in the Barataria Preserve is prohibited.

DISCUSSION: Large watercraft were routinely moored and run aground along navigable waterways in the past. This kind of activity led to considerable destruction of trees and greatly increased erosion, including the erosion of archeological sites. The restriction is necessary to protect natural and cultural resources.

ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT FACILITIES: The general public is prohibited from entering “employee only” sections of government facilities. This would include the maintenance compound and parking area, Visitor Center and Education Center staff offices.

DISCUSSION: This is to ensure the protection of park resources and facilities, to allow park employees to work without interruption and to safeguard their belongings.

PARKING MOTOR VEHICLES IN DESIGNATED PARKING LOTS BEYOND POSTED GATE CLOSURE HOURS: Parking a motor vehicle in designated parking lots beyond the posted gate closure hours is prohibited. The following parking lots have gate closure hours posted: Bayou Coquille, Visitor Center, Pecan Grove and Education Center areas.

DISCUSSION: Prohibiting motor vehicles from being parked in areas beyond posted gate closure hours provides a reasonable amount of protection to park facilities and resources. This restriction also provides for the safety and well being of the visiting public and their property.

FISHING ALONG THE BAYOU COQUILLE AND MARSH OVERLOOK TRAIL IS PROHIBITED: Fishing along the Bayou Coquille and Marsh Overlook trail is prohibited. This includes the bank area, trail, boardwalk and bridges.

DISCUSSION: Fishing along the Bayou Coquille and Marsh Overlook trail is prohibited to prevent conflicts with park visitors walking the trail or canoeing the Bayou Coquille and Kenta Canal waterway.

OPERATING A MOTOR BOAT IN AREAS DESIGNATED "CLOSED" TO MOTOR BOATS:

The following areas have been designated "closed" to the operation of motorboats (this includes the use of electric trolling motors and airboats): Bayou des Familles, Bayou Coquille, Twin Canals, Kenta Canal, Parallel Canal, or in that portion of Tarpaper Canal between its junction with Kenta Canal and a point approximately 5,500 feet northwestward from that junction, as posted. Operating any motorboat to leave a canal and enter the swamp or marsh, including any trenasse or pond, is prohibited.

DISCUSSION: Waterways designated "closed" to motorboat operation will prevent bank erosion; disturbance to anglers; provide for the safety of park visitors in canoes and pirogues, and to enhance the visitor experience by providing an area for interpretive activities free of mechanical noise. Marsh and swamp areas within Barataria are closed to the operation of motorboats to prevent damage to vegetation, wildlife habitat and archeological sites.

CRAWFISH HARVESTING: Harvesting of crawfish is permitted on roadsides only. Roadside is defined as 30 feet off of the roadway pavement not including the road shoulder if any. Crawfish harvesting season is open from March 1 to June 30. Crawfish may be harvested by the following means only: use of baited lift type mesh nets or use of baited wire traps, not to exceed ten (10) per person, with this person continually tending to the nets/traps.

DISCUSSION: Crawfishing is restricted to roadside areas only. This will prevent wildlife and vegetative habitat destruction in the marsh, and discourage foot traffic in areas that are not designated as visitor use trails. Non-commercial crawfishing is a traditional use conducted along roadsides in the Delta Region.

FISHING: Fishing or engaging in related activities (i.e. crabbing, frogging, crawfishing) from any trail, bridge, or canoe dock is prohibited. Accessing fishing areas by way of any trail is prohibited. **(See also fishing prohibition Bayou Coquille and Marsh Overlook trails)**

EXCEPTION: Twin Canals Trail is maintained to allow access to fishing areas.

DISCUSSION: Travel along park trails to access fishing areas, fishing from bridges and canoe docks presents significant safety concerns, fosters the accumulation of litter and degradation of park resources.

PICNICKING: Picnicking is prohibited along all designated trails and trail turnouts. Open fires are limited to designated grates (Pecan Grove picnic area only) and self-contained gas/propane stoves only.

DISCUSSION: Restricting picnicking along all designated trails will prevent excessive litter accumulation along the trail, and reduce the temptation to feed wildlife. Designated picnic areas are located at Twin Canals, Jones Point, Lower Kenta Canal, Visitor Center deck, and the Pecan Grove parking area. Use of personal charcoal grills creates the problem of proper disposal of hot embers.

HUNTING AND TRAPPING: Hunting and trapping is allowed in designated areas of the Barataria Preserve. Every hunter and trapper is required to possess a National Park Service Hunting and/or Trapping Permit issued by Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, in addition to a valid hunting and/or trapping license issued by the State of Louisiana. Hunting and trapping seasons in the Barataria Preserve are established by Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve and the State of Louisiana. Designated hunting areas and seasons are published prior to each hunting season. Each hunter and trapper possessing a valid park hunting or trapping permit is required to comply with permit provisions established by the park Superintendent.

DISCUSSION: Provisions for public hunting and trapping in the Barataria Preserve have been mandated through the park's enabling legislation. News releases concerning the hunting program are given wide distribution in the late summer and early fall prior to issuing hunting and trapping permits. Some portions of the Barataria Preserve have been designated closed to hunting and trapping for safety and/or preservation issues. Certain areas of the Preserve contain fragile vegetative and wildlife habitats. Additionally certain portions of the Preserve regularly see heavy visitor traffic near facilities, trails and parking areas. Closing certain areas to hunting and trapping allows for safe use of these areas by visitors, reduces conflicts between hunters and non-hunters, and allows for proper natural resource management.

(a) (2)

DESIGNATED HUNTING AND TRAPPING AREAS DEFINED:

Designated hunting and trapping areas will be shown on a map prior to each hunting season. The map will be attached to each hunting/trapping permit that is issued.

DISCUSSION: Hunting and trapping activities have been restricted to designated areas for reasons of public safety, to avoid disturbance to wildlife along interpretive trails and prevent conflicts with visitors and other park operations.

1.6

PERMITS

(a)

PARTICIPATING IN HUNTING OR TRAPPING ACTIVITIES WITHOUT

A PERMIT: In addition to applicable State licenses or permits, a permit from the Superintendent is required for hunting and trapping in the Barataria Preserve. Permits are made available, free of charge, at the Barataria Preserve Visitor Center during designated hours of operation.

DISCUSSION: Hunting and trapping are activities authorized in the Barataria Preserve by Public Law 95-625, the Act establishing Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. The Superintendent of the park, acting as the Secretary of the Interior's designated representative, is empowered under 36 CFR 1.6 (a) to regulate the permitting process.

PARTICIPATING IN COMMERCIAL FISHING ACTIVITIES WITHOUT A

PERMIT: In addition to applicable State licenses or permits, a permit from the Superintendent is required for commercial fishing activities in the waterways of the Barataria Preserve. Permits may be applied for through the Superintendent's office, during normal hours of operation. A minimal charge applies to recover the cost of processing the permit.

DISCUSSION: Commercial fishing activities are authorized in the Barataria Preserve by Public Law 95-625. The Superintendent of the park, acting as the Secretary of the Interior's designated representative, is empowered under 36 CFR 1.6 (a) to regulate the permitting process. Areas designated for commercial fishing activities, type of gear used to take species, and species taken from waterways is determined by the Superintendent.

2.1

PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(c) (1)

GATHERING NATURAL PRODUCTS FOR PERSONAL USE AND

CONSUMPTION: Reasonable quantities of the following natural products may be gathered for personal use or consumption.

Dewberries and blackberries (*Rubus* spp.), muscadine and other wild grapes (*Vitaceae*), persimmons (*Diospyros virginiana*), elderberries (*Sambucus canadensis*), mulberries (*Morus* spp.), pecans (*Carya illinoensis*), maypops (*Passiflora incarnata*), thistle (*Cirsium horridulum*), edible wild herbs and edible mushrooms.

DISCUSSION: In keeping with traditional uses of the Barataria Preserve, the Superintendent has determined that gathering reasonable quantities of natural products will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

WILDLIFE PROTECTION

- (b) (1) **WILDLIFE THAT MAY BE LEGALLY HUNTED:** The following species may be legally hunted in designated hunting areas with a valid park hunting permit and State license:

White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*), Gray Squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*), Swamp Rabbit (*Sylvilagus aquaticus*), and Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*), Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*) waterfowl (per established federal waterfowl game species; 50 CFR, Part 20).

DISCUSSION: The above listed species have traditionally been hunted by means that do not cause unacceptable damage to park resources. The permit system is necessary for public safety data.

- (b) (3) **WILDLIFE THAT MAY BE LEGALLY TRAPPED:** The following species may be legally trapped in designated trapping areas with a valid park trapping permit and State trapping permit.

Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*), Common Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethica*), Northern Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), North American Mink (*Mustela vison*), Nearctic River Otter (*Lutra canadensis*), Swamp Rabbit (*Sylvilagus aquaticus*), Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*)

DISCUSSION: The above listed species have traditionally been trapped in the Delta Region and have populations that can sustain a regulated harvest. The permit system is necessary to regulate the harvest and assist in gathering scientific data.

- (d) **VIEWING WILDLIFE WITH ARTIFICIAL LIGHT:** Viewing wildlife with artificial light is prohibited in all areas of the Barataria Preserve.

EXCEPTION: When engaged in official park sanctioned activities.

DISCUSSION: Park sanctioned activities would be Resource Education led events such as Moonlight Canoe trips or guided hikes, or permitted scientific studies.

2.3

FISHING

- (a) **PROTECTED SPECIES:** All reptile and amphibian species are Protected (frogs, turtles, snakes). Individuals with valid State of Louisiana fresh water fishing license may only take shell fish (crabs, shrimp, crawfish) and fish games species as identified by State of Louisiana recreational fishing regulations.

DISCUSSION: Though allowed by the State of Louisiana to take into possession with a valid state fishing license, taking of frogs, turtles and snakes is inconsistent with the mission of the National Park Service and the protection of the natural resources found within Barataria Preserve.

- (d) (4) **COMMERCIAL FISHING:** Refers to the taking of members of the class Pisces for use in a business venture. Attempting to take invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, mammals or any other non-fish organism for commercial use is prohibited.

DISCUSSION: The taking of species from the class Pisces listed in the Louisiana Fishing Regulation Guidebook have traditionally been fished commercially in the Delta Region and have populations which can sustain a regulated harvest. The permit system is necessary to regulate the harvest and assist in gathering scientific data.

- (d) (5) **JUG LINE FISHING:** Refers to fishing with an unattended, baited line attached to a float and is permitted in the Barataria Preserve, providing the angler clearly marks the float with their name, phone number, and date last set. Jug lines are the responsibility of the angler, must be checked at least once in a 24 hour period and removed when no longer tended., Attaching lines to anything except a float is prohibited.

DISCUSSION: This is a traditional fishing method in the area and is permitted for that reason. Jug lines are often abandoned and create litter, foul motorboat propellers, and negatively impact non-targeted species. Unmarked and old dated jug lines are prohibited and will be collected and disposed of by authorized park personnel.

- (d) (6) **CRABBING** Refers to the taking of crabs by means of trap or net. Crabbing is permitted in the Barataria Preserve, providing the angler clearly marks the float with their name, phone number, and date last set. Traps are the responsibility of the angler, must be checked at least twice a week, and removed when no longer tended.

2.13

FIRES

- (a) (1) **LIGHTING FIRES:** Lighting or maintaining a fire is prohibited in all areas of the Barataria Preserve.

EXCEPTION: Fires may be lit in cooking grills in designated picnic areas.

DISCUSSION: Fires are restricted to cooking grills in designated picnic areas to prevent damage to park resources and facilities.

2.15

PETS

(a) (1)

PETS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF THE BARATARIA PRESERVE:

4. On any designated trail established and maintained by the National Park Service;
5. In any structure, building, facility, or any special event or program open to the public;
6. In all areas designated for hunting and trapping during times established for these activities.
7. Unattended in a parked vehicle.

Unleashed pets are not allowed anywhere within the Barataria Preserve of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve.

EXCEPTION: In accordance with 36 CFR 2.15 (a) (1), these closures shall not apply to assist dogs accompanying visually, hearing, or mobility impaired persons.

NOTE: It is strictly forbidden to abandon or release any pet or other animal into the Barataria Preserve without expressed written consent of the park Superintendent.

DISCUSSION: To avoid conflict with other park visitors and wildlife, pets are prohibited on developed trails, in buildings, and special programs.

2.35

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

(a) (3) (i)

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: The consumption of alcoholic beverages, or the possession of an open receptacle containing an alcoholic beverages, on all land areas within Barataria Preserve is only permitted in designated picnic areas (Pecan Grove, Lower Kenta, Twin Canals, Jones Point). Alcohol consumption from a boat is permitted to the extent that the operator does not pose a safety risk for boat operation and/or is not legally impaired. Public consumption of alcoholic beverage is EXCLUDED in and around the Twin Canals trail and banks.

DISCUSSION: Past criminal incidents has found less restrictive measures will not suffice because of the potential threat to natural resources, public safety and damage to Park facilities.

2.51

PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS

2.52

SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

(e)

PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES AND SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER MAY OCCUR IN DESIGNATED AREAS: A permit, issued by the Superintendent, is required for public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, and for the sale or distribution of printed

materials. The Superintendent may waive this requirement for Preserve-sponsored activities. Designated areas for such assemblies and the dissemination of printed materials will be determined by the Superintendent. The location of each activity will be based on the nature of the proposed event, the duration, the estimated number of persons expected to attend, and any other information required to complete the permit application form.

A permit application may be denied if the activity does not allow for multiple use of the area, unduly interfere with the visitor's enjoyment of the site or if the event presents a clear and present danger to the public health or safety, or if the printed materials are solely commercial advertising.

A map showing approved areas for these activities will be made available to permit applicants.

DISCUSSION: Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations and the dissemination of printed materials are provided for in the United States Constitution and are authorized in the Barataria Preserve provided a permit has been issued by the Park Superintendent.

2.62

MEMORIALIZATION

(b) **MEMORIALIZATION OF HUMAN REMAINS:** A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains in the following areas, and/or according to the following terms and conditions:

1. Pecan Grove/Big Woods (25 yards away from of any trail)
2. Marsh Overlook Platform/Kenta Canal spoilbank (25 yards away from overlook platform)
3. The scattering of human ashes from cremation is permitted only in the two areas and only in such a quantity so as to not interfere with visitor use and proper sanitation.

DISCUSSION: Memorialization in the specified locations and conditions only, is necessary for the protection of natural resources, the implementation of management responsibilities and to avoid a conflict among visitor use activities.

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CHALMETTE BATTLEFIELD AND NATIONAL CEMETERY

1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

(a) (1) PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES: It is prohibited to engage in the following activities within the boundaries of the Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery:

Ball playing, kite flying, skateboarding, roller-skating or rollerblading, throwing objects through the air, golfing, model airplane flying, model car racing, sunbathing, racing, washing, waxing, repairing vehicles, or teaching others to drive.

DISCUSSION: To protect the historic integrity of the battlefield and cemetery, and provide for an accurate, historical experience for park visitors, the Superintendent has deemed the above recreational activities inappropriate.

PARKING MOTOR VEHICLES IN UN-DESIGNATED PARKING

SPACES: Parking any motor vehicle in an area not designated for parking is prohibited. This includes parking on grassy areas along the Chalmette Entrance Road, Historic Tour Road and Cemetery unless permitted by the superintendent during a special event.

DISCUSSION: Prohibiting vehicles from being parked in areas other than designated parking spaces provides protection for park visitors and their vehicles. Prohibiting parking on grassy areas protects the historic integrity of the area, and allows National Park Service personnel to safely maintain the historic grounds and facilities.

PARKING MOTOR VEHICLES IN DESIGNATED PARKING LOTS

OUTSIDE OF POSTED OPERATING HOURS: Parking a motor vehicle in designated parking lot outside of posted operating hours is prohibited.

DISCUSSION: Prohibiting motor vehicles from being parked beyond posted gate closure hours provides a reasonable amount of protection to park facilities and resources. This also provides for the safety and well being of the visiting public and their property.

CAMPING: Overnight camping in Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery is prohibited. This includes parking lots, recreational-use areas, and all woods and open ground.

DISCUSSION: The Chalmette Battlefield does not have adequate facilities to support camping. This prohibition does not apply to Park sponsored living history events associated with living history re-enactment's and demonstrations or special volunteer projects.

OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON RIVER ROAD: Operating a motor vehicle on the river road (also referred to as "Shell Road") is prohibited. This area includes the service road between the cemetery and the tour road, and the road leading to the wooded swamp.

DISCUSSION: Prohibiting park visitors from operating a motor vehicle on these roads allows for safe travel of employees from the following agencies: National Park Service, Mississippi River Levee Board, St. Bernard Sewage Plant, and St. Bernard Port Authority.

PUBLIC USE OF THE BATTURE: Public use of any kind on the batture is prohibited. The batture is defined as the alluvial land between the river at low water stage and the levee.

DISCUSSION: The area referred to as the batture is closed to all public activity to ensure the safety and protection of park visitors.

PICNICKING: Picnicking in a non-designated picnic area is prohibited.

DISCUSSION: Picnicking is restricted to a designated area to maintain the historic integrity of the battlefield and cemetery.

1.6

PERMITS

(a)

HISTORIC ACTIVITIES AND LIVING HISTORY DEMONSTRATIONS

REQUIRING A PERMIT: Engaging in the following activities is allowed in designated areas, pursuant to obtaining a valid permit issued by the Park Superintendent:

Possessing, carrying or using a black powder historic weapon.

Possessing, using, storing, or transporting black powder for the purpose of living history demonstrations.

Camping as part of a living history demonstration.

Lighting or maintaining a campfire as part of a living history demonstration.

Utilizing horses or pack animals as part of a living history demonstration.

2.1 **PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

- (c) (1) **GATHERING NATURAL PRODUCTS FOR PERSONAL USE AND CONSUMPTION:** Reasonable quantities of the following natural products may be gathered for personal use or consumption.

Pecans (*Carya illinoensis*) and Pomegranate (*Punica granatum*)

DISCUSSION: The Superintendent has determined that gathering reasonable quantities of pecans and pomegranates will not adversely affect park resources.

2.15 **PETS**

- (a) (1) **PETS ARE PROHIBITED WITHIN THE CHALMETTE NATIONAL CEMETERY:**

EXCEPTION: In accordance with 36 CFR 2.15 (a) (1), these closures shall not apply to assist dogs accompanying visually, hearing, or mobility impaired persons.

***NOTE:* It is strictly forbidden to abandon or release any pet or other animal in the Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery.**

DISCUSSION: To provide a safe and healthy site, to protect the cemetery headstones and monuments, and to avoid conflict with other park visitors, pets are prohibited within the Chalmette National Cemetery.

2.35 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

- (a) (3) (i) **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** The consumption of alcoholic beverages, or the possession of an open receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage, is prohibited in all areas of the Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery.

DISCUSSION: The consumption or possession of an alcoholic beverage is prohibited for reasons of public safety, and is inappropriate in a historical area.

2.51 **PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS**

2.52 **SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

- (e) **PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES AND SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER MAY OCCUR IN DESIGNATED AREAS:** A permit, issued by the Superintendent, is required for public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, and for the sale or distribution of printed materials. The Superintendent may waive this requirement for park-sponsored activities. Designated areas for such assemblies and the dissemination of printed materials will be determined by the Superintendent. The location of each activity will be based on the nature of the proposed event, the duration, the estimated number of persons expected to attend, and any other information required to complete the permit application form.

A permit application may be denied if the activity does not allow for multiple use of the area, unduly interferes with the visitor's enjoyment of the site or if the event presents a clear and present danger to the public health or safety, or if the printed materials are solely commercial advertising.

A map showing approved areas for these activities will be made available to permit applicants.

DISCUSSION: Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, and the dissemination of printed materials are provided for in the United States Constitution and are authorized in the Chalmette Battlefield and National Cemetery provided a permit has been issued by the Park Superintendent.

2.62

MEMORIALIZATION

- (c) **MEMORIALIZATION OF HUMAN REMAINS:** The scattering of ashes from cremated human remains in the in the National Battlefield or National Military Cemetery is prohibited.

DISCUSSION: These two areas have been designated as a National Battlefield and a National Military Cemetery to commemorate and honor those who fought and died on the Battlefield, and those who served this country here and overseas (respectively). It is a memorial to them, and so the memorialization of others is determined not to be an appropriate activity.

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Under the provisions of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Part 1, 1.7(b), the following Superintendent's Orders have been established for Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, French Quarter Visitor Center/Park Headquarters:

FRENCH QUARTER VISITOR CENTER/ HEADQUARTERS

1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

- (a) (1) **PERSON(S) AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CARRIAGEWAY, COURTYARD, OR FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF POSTED OPERATING HOURS:** Person(s) or personal property in the carriageway, courtyard, or facilities outside of posted operating hours is prohibited.

DISCUSSION: Prohibiting persons or personal property in the above listed areas outside of posted operating hours provides a reasonable amount of protection to park facilities and resources.

DRIVING, STOPPING, OR PARKING MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE SIDEWALK/CARRIAGEWAY: Driving, stopping, or parking motor vehicles on the sidewalk/carriageway is prohibited.

DISCUSSION: Prohibiting the driving, stopping, or parking of motor vehicles on the sidewalk/carriageway provides increased safety for both park visitors and park resources/facilities.

SECURING PERSONAL PROPERTY TO PARK FACILITIES: The securing of personal property to park facilities (other than facilities designed for that purpose, i.e. bicycle racks) is prohibited.

DISCUSSION: The securing of personal property to park facilities not designed for this purpose causes damage to park facilities/resources and can pose a safety hazard to park visitors.

2.15 PETS

- (a) (1) **PETS ARE PROHIBITED IN ALL AREAS OF THE FRENCH QUARTER VISITOR CENTER/PARK HEADQUARTERS:**

EXCEPTION: In accordance with 36 CFR 2.15 (a) (1), these closures shall not apply to guide dogs accompanying visually-impaired persons or hearing dogs accompanying hearing-impaired persons.

DISCUSSION: To provide a safe and healthy site, and avoid conflict with other park visitors, pets are prohibited in the buildings and from the grounds of the French Quarter Visitor Center/Park Headquarters.

2.35

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- (a) (3) (i) **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** The consumption of alcoholic beverages, or the possession of an open receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage, is prohibited in all public and administrative areas of the French Quarter Visitor Center/Park Headquarters..

DISCUSSION: The consumption of alcoholic beverages is restricted for reasons of public safety and enjoyment of the visiting public. Use of the patio as a place to gather and consume alcoholic beverages also contributes to disorderly conduct and litter.

2.51

PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS

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SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

- (e) **PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES AND SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER MAY OCCUR IN DESIGNATED AREAS:** A permit, issued by the Superintendent, is required for public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, and for the sale or distribution of printed materials. The Superintendent may waive this requirement for park-sponsored activities. Designated areas for such assemblies and the dissemination of printed materials will be determined by the Superintendent. The location of each activity will be based on the nature of the proposed event, the duration, the estimated number of persons expected to attend, and any other information required to complete the permit application form. A permit application may be denied if the activity does not allow for multiple use of the area, unduly interferes with the visitor's enjoyment of the site or if the event presents a clear and present danger to the public health or safety, or if the printed materials are solely commercial advertising. A map showing approved areas for these activities will be made available to permit applicants.

DISCUSSION: Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, and the dissemination of printed materials are provided for in the United States Constitution and are authorized in the French Quarter Visitor Center/Park Headquarters area provided a permit has been issued by the Park Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ORDERS

JEAN LAFITTE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AND PRESERVE

Revised May 2007

Under the provisions of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Part 1, 1.7(b), the following Superintendent's Orders have been established for Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Parkwide:

PARKWIDE APPLICATION

Jean Lafitte National Historical Sites

1.5 Closures and Public Use Limits

(a) (1) Possession of or using a Paint Ball Gun, Air Rifle, BB Gun or a Blow Gun in any areas under the administration of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve is prohibited. Items included in this closure order include all firearms, compressed gas, or spring powered pistol or rifle, bow and arrow, cross bow, blowgun, spear gun, hand thrown spear, slingshot, irritant gas device, explosive device, or any and all implements used to discharge missiles, and includes all weapons and those that are prohibited under the laws of State of Louisiana in which the park is located.

Discussion: Due to the inherently dangerous situations that arise from projectiles emitted from a Paintball Gun, BB Gun, Air Rifle, or Blow Gun, all of these instruments are prohibited in areas under the authority of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. Danger to park visitors, employees, wildlife and property is a major factor in this regulation. Litter from spent paintballs, and damage to park resources and damage to property is a factor in prohibiting the above listed instruments.

Exceptions:

Firearms, Bow and Arrows, or crossbows may be possessed and used by licenses hunters during regulated hunting periods only.

2.21 Smoking: Smoking is prohibited in all buildings and structures throughout the park. Smoking is permitted outside in designated areas.