



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
National Capital Region
1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20242

IN REPLY REFER TO:

PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 21-1475

Date: November 29, 2021

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): Robby Diesu/Womens March

Dates(s): Wednesday, December 1, 2021

To: Thursday, December 2, 2021

Time: Starting: 6:00 am

Ending: 6:00 am

Location(s):

Columbus Plaza

Purpose: Free Speech Demonstration in support of access to abortion

Anticipated Number or Participants: 800

Person(s) in Charge: Robby Diesu

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (b) (6)

On-Site Contact: Chris Litchfield

Mobile Number: (b) (6)

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

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Activity overview:

Women’s March Inc. will conduct a free speech demonstration in support of access to abortion. Participants will gather at Columbus Plaza for a pre-rally and training session before marching to the Supreme Court, where the Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health Organization hearing is taking place. The estimated number of participants is 800.

General Timeline:

6:00 am	Porta-Potties and hand sanitizer stations arrive at Columbus Circle
08:00 am – 1:00 pm	Load in at Columbus Circle (Sound, Stage, Bike Rack, Internet) Control Video laid in, tent load in by
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Site operational/ Volunteers Arrive
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Public gathers/Screens live broadcasting
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm	Welcome Training Starts
2:15 pm	March starts South on Delaware Ave NW (Entering Capitol Grounds, Permit requested, staying on the sidewalk)
2:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Load out starts at Columbus Circle

December 2

6:00 am Portable restroom loadout

Columbus Plaza

8’ x 12’ Stage
20’ x 4’ Press riser
Sound system with speakers, microphones, and associated cables
15500 w Generator
Bike rack (810 ft)
2- 8’ x 14’ Pluto screens
15- Radios
100- Green Marshall vests
4- Portable restrooms
Banners
Hand warmers (500)
Scarves (1500)

March route

March starts South on Delaware Ave NW
East on Constitution Ave NW
South on 1st St NE
March split occurs at the NW corner of the court. Flags 1 and 2 continue across first street to the East Capitol, with flag 1 stopping at East Capitol and Second St NE and flag 2 stopping at the corner of East Capitol and 1st St NE. Flags 3 and 4 continue along with Maryland

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Additional General Site-Specific Conditions

- A. **Additional Permits**: The Permittee is responsible for obtaining the necessary permissions and/or permits from the Metropolitan Police Department (202-671-6522), or other federal, state, or local agencies or departments for the use of public lands other than those under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.
- B. **Permittee will at all times provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to National Park Service and the United States Park Police personnel throughout all activities associated with the first amendment activity. Columbus Plaza onsite contact: Chris M. Litchfield - (b) (6) [REDACTED] Overall lead: (b) (6) [REDACTED].**
- C. Due to the exceptional time constraints, and multiple locations associated with this permit, and the complexity of multiple vendors bringing materials and equipment to parkland, special attention is assigned to the requirement that the permittee will at all times provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to National Park Service and United States Park Police personnel during the setup activities and the load out of the event.
- D. All requests, correspondence, and meetings with the National Park Service about this permit shall be scheduled by the permittee only. All contractors, subcontractors, or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee who in turn will contact the National Park Service representative. **The permittee must inform the NPS if the number of participants increase or something substantial changes**
- E. Individuals over the age of two years are required to wear masks when a physical distance of 6 feet or more is not possible unless actively eating or drinking in all park areas (indoor or outdoor) administered by the National Park Service. Masks are required in all outdoor areas, when others are present, and where physical distancing (staying at least six feet apart) cannot be reasonably be maintained such as areas adjacent visitor centers, interior, and exterior of memorials, monuments, trails, sidewalks, walkways, parking lots, playgrounds, picnic areas, restrooms, bookstores. 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. Novelty/non-protective masks, masks with ventilation valves, or face shields do not meet the Center for Disease Controls recommendations. The permittee is required to inform all participants at the event of this requirement and ensure compliance.
- F. Permittee is required to submit a COVID-19 Safety Plan detailing the implementation of COVID-19 prevention measures to protect themselves, event participants, and other park users. The COVID-19 Safety Plan must include wearing of masks, six-foot social distancing, disinfection and/or one-person use of all equipment, use of hand sanitizer and/or handwashing, and/or other measures as needed. It is recommended the permittee consult the CDC guidance on public gatherings to develop a mitigation plan.
- G. *NOTE: Due to the possibility of movements, and security permitted activity may be temporarily moved and/or suspended.
- H. If Permittee or its agents/representatives/contractors/subcontractors cause any injury or damage to park system resources, they may be liable for costs and damages by the System Unit Resource Protection Act, 54 USC §§ 100721-100725.
- I. Permittee will be responsible for any injury to, loss of, or damage to federally owned or controlled lands, waters, or resources (natural or cultural resources or facilities) resulting from Permittee's activities under this permit.
- J. Refueling of the generator(s) is not permitted as part of this permitted activity. Absolutely no refueling.

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- K. The permittee shall ensure that all facilities and structures placed on park property adhere to all applicable codes, standards, and regulations including but not limited to BOCA, OSHA, USPHS, and ADA, covering requirements including but not limited to safe handling of all chemicals, proper disposal techniques and grounding of generators. The permittee will submit to the NPS structural evaluation and design specification for all structures, e.g. arks, tents, stages, cable trusses, audio, and video towers, etc. for NPS review and approval.
- L. Permittee's authorized use of temporary structures, i.e. cable trusses, stages, audio and/or video towers, and tents, whose dimensions are (500) square feet or more, shall provide Life Safety Code certification statements confirming the safety of all temporary structures. In the event that the manufacture's certifications are not available, the permittee will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for NPS review and approval. Smaller structures cannot be attached or within 5ft of another to create a larger structure.
- M. All activities according to this permit shall comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d ed seg.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seg.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination of grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
- N. Permittee, contractors, and agents, are required to meet OSHA guidelines regarding employee/subcontractor work schedules. No employee/subcontractor is to work no more than 10 hours within 24 hours. Any work required beyond the 10-hour limitation will need to be requested to the NPS in advance for review and approval by the Superintendent, National Mall, and Memorial Parks.
- M. Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96 (g) (xii) the alteration, adaptation, damage or injuring, and/or removal of park resources or facilities are prohibited. No holes may be dug and no item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, or other park property.**
- N. The Permittee is responsible for providing all necessary equipment/objects to conduct this activity. All equipment must be removed from the park immediately following the conclusion of the event. Items left in the park will be considered abandoned property and will not be the responsibility of the National Park Service.
- O. No interference with the pedestrian traffic and no blocking of entrances, sidewalks, or driveways are allowed. No impediment to or disruption of vehicular traffic is permitted. No interference with business operations is permitted. All areas are to remain open to the general public at all times. **A four to six-foot clearance walkways must be maintained at all times for ADA compliance. The permittee cannot block the crosswalks.**
- P. **Sales/Solicitation:** Special attention is drawn to item #4, the last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland. No merchandise may be sold or offered for sale except for message-bearing books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons, and bumper stickers. Sales areas can be no larger than 6' wide by 15' long by 6' high, and can have only one table 2 ½ ' by 8', or 4' by 4'. See attached regulations. **The sale of Tee Shirts, CDs, cassette tapes, and other similar materials is prohibited. There are no sales or donation collections associated with this demonstration.**
- Q. Special attention is drawn to the last sentence, item #7, on the last page of this document, concerning sound amplification. **All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.**

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- R. The permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions and to protect park visitors and property. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc. necessary for employee and public safety, shall be provided and adequately maintained. Such devices require the concurrence of the NPS Chief, Division of Permits Management, or designated representative.
- S. **All requests, correspondence, and meetings with the National Park Service about this permit shall be scheduled by the permittee only. All contractors, subcontractors, or consultants must channel their requests through the recognized representatives of the permittee, who in turn will contact the National Park Service.**
- T. **To prevent damage to brick, stonework, or other surfaces, protective material such as small plywood squares or rubber pads must be in place under all equipment, including speaker stands, lighting stands, generators, tables, and tents.**
- U. **To prevent damage to the plaza, staking into the ground is prohibited.** Instead of stakes, water-filled ballast tanks or cement blocks must be used on any park turf on hardscape surfaces, which include plazas and other areas, comprised of asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc.
- V. **Marshals:** All staff and marshals involved with the walk will be issued some form of identification. The permittee has indicated that and will help maintain order among your participants. **Marshals (100) will wear lime green vest and** should be aware of their responsibilities and location(s) where they will be stationed and have received from demonstration organizers adequate training and instructions. Marshals should be aware of the time and location of the assembly and any march routes, the location of any first aid stations, water, and toilets, be knowledgeable of the NPS permit conditions, be able to communicate with law enforcement, as well as what to do if they think they observe any problems. While volunteers do not act as police, they do help maintain order among participants, explain to non-participants that a particular area may be under permit, and be able to alert their supervisor and the United States Park Police in the event they observe a problem on Federal parkland.
- W. **Vehicle deliveries can only be made outside of designated Monday – Friday rush hours which are 6:30 am – 9:30 am and 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm.**
- X. ELECTRICAL WORK/APPLIANCES. OUTDOOR electrical cords, receptacles, connections, and or appliances shall be Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Listed and Labeled and or Factory Mutual (FM) approved for wet locations or OUTDOOR use and meet NFPA 70 National Electrical Code NEC. NCA-AHJ shall be arranged to minimize the tripping hazard and shall be permitted to be covered with non-conductive matting, provided that the matting does not constitute a greater tripping hazard than the uncovered cables. NFPA 70:525.20 (G)
- Y. **Outdoor Equipment. (A) Wet Locations.** All switches, circuit breakers, receptacles, control equipment, and metering devices located in wet locations shall be weatherproof.(NFPA70:551.78 (2017)
- Z. **OPEN-FLAME DEVICES.** Open-flame decorative devices, **candles, oil lamps, decorative torches, and gas lights** are **NOT authorized** in any tent or temporary structures.
- AA. **COMBUSTIBLE OR FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS shall NOT be stored on NPS property. NCA-AHJ**
- BB. **Site Security:** Permittee must contact Sgt. Eddie Burnett and Sgt. Z.Mashasin, to finalize all security logistics. The permittee has contracted with Shawn’s Professional Services to provide site security with unarmed security guards starting on December 1, 2021. Onsite Event Security Supervisor: Shawn Williams

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CC. **Fencing:** Snow fence, chain link fence, and/or bike rack shall be erected by the permittee to contain the event areas and provide necessary resource protection, security, medical chutes, security, and buffer zones. The permittee (s) is responsible for encircling, generators, light and sound towers, jumbotrons, etc. with snow fence, bike rack, or other approved barriers.

DD. **Commercial Advertising Signage:** Consistent with long-standing NPS regulations and policy, and Public Law 108-108, Title I, §145, the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising is prohibited for any special event. The recognition of special events sponsors, however, may be allowed if it has been specifically authorized by this permit. A permit may be issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events if the NPS determines that the size and form of the recognition are consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one-third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and, access to the National Mall and other parkland is not to be restricted.

The Permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 14 days before the proposed event, and if approved by the NPS, will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with NPS policy, regulations, and laws and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event.

Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

Only signs and/or banners specifically identifying and/or announcing the event or portion of the event are permitted. Commercial sponsors may be recognized on these same banners by letters and/or logos not to exceed one-third the height and width of the primary lettering identifying the event

EE. Balloons of any type and glass containers are prohibited on parkland.

FF. The Permittee is asked to collect and remove from parkland all trash and debris that has been generated as a result of this activity.

GG. The Permittee will be responsible for any injuries and/or damages to government property occurring as a result of this permitted activity.

HH. Logistical vehicles must unload and load from the street curb. **No driving or parking is allowed on the sidewalks or stone pavers in Columbus Plaza with the exception of the forklift.** All equipment must be hand-carried and/or hand cart to the event site. All vehicles must park in designated available public spaces.

II. The collection of entry/registration fees is prohibited on parkland.

JJ. **First Aid:** Permittee may rely on 911 for all medical emergencies. The permittee has indicated that a basic first aid kit will be onsite at Columbus Plaza.

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Resource Protection:

KK. Existing natural and cultural resources, and landscape features must be protected from damage or injury. Throughout the course of this permit, the permittee will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of Columbus Plaza and its' environs. In addition, the permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

LL. No wires or cables are to be attached to trees or other vegetation or flown aerially. Any wires or cables required in support of permitted activities must be run on the ground, in troughs or yellow jackets, to prevent tripping hazards.

MM. In case of an emergency please contact United States Park Police Dispatch at 202-610-7500.

NN. Extreme caution must be exercised when driving on the gravel walks. Pedestrian access must be maintained at all times, however, if for safety reasons, an area has to be temporarily closed to the public, the permittee will make their request to the NPS for approval.

Logistical Vehicle Access

OO. Logistical vehicles will be allowed to pull onto the walkways, to load and unload equipment e.g. stage, tents. Vehicles will not be allowed to drive and/or park on the grass. The permittee is required to monitor vehicle traffic on Columbus Plaza. Once vehicles are unloaded, they must be removed and parked in designated public spaces.

PP. A flag person/vehicle spotter is required for all vehicles moving on the gravel paths this includes but is not limited to trucks, forklifts, etc.

QQ. **POVs are not permitted on the Columbus Plaza under any circumstances.** Unloading and loading of vehicles transporting portable equipment, materials, and supplies must be hand-carried or carted from either street or designated area.

RR. Logistical vehicles, including carts, trucks, and vans must not exceed 5-mps, except when being driven on established public vehicular roadways. All trucks with a GVW of over 7500 pounds and equipment such as bucket trucks, platform lifts, and forklifts, must be accompanied by a walking spotter when moving or operating in an area accessible to the public. All individuals operating motor vehicles on park property must possess a valid driver's license. All vehicles operating after dusk must have fixed and/or portable illumination.

SS. Contact Park Ranger Marisa Richardson, National Mall and Memorial Parks at (202) 245-4715 with any questions concerning activity logistics.

TT. Contact Sgt. Z. Mashasin and/or Sgt. Eddie Burnett (202-359-4408) United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092 with questions concerning police logistics.

UU. If the Permittee decides to cancel or substantially modify its event, the Permittee must immediately advise the Division of Permits Management and the United States Park Police at the numbers listed above.

A complete and legible copy of this permit must be retained on-site at all times by the Permittee while operating under the authority granted.

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3. All laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons, and bumper stickers that contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one tablet per site, which may be no larger than 2 1/2 feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was before the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area, as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order, or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.

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