

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF CHANGES
SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED COMPENDIUM
2014
SITKA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK**

Sitka National Historical Park is seeking public comment on the park's proposed 2014 Superintendent's Compendium. The attached proposed compendium is a written compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions adopted under the Superintendent's discretionary authority. After review and consideration of the need for annual updates, no changes are proposed.

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National Park Service (NPS) regulations applicable to the protection and equitable public use of units of the National Park System grant specified authorities to a park superintendent to allow or restrict certain activities. NPS regulations are found in Titles 36 and 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and created under authority and responsibility granted the Secretary of Interior in Titles 16 and 18 of the United States Code. The following compendium comprises a listing of NPS regulations where the Superintendent has exercised discretionary authority to make designations or impose public use restrictions or conditions in park areas. The applicability and scope of the compendium is articulated in 36 CFR Sections 1.2 and 13.2, and 43 CFR Section 36.1.

A complete and accurate picture of regulations governing use and protection of the unit can only be gained by viewing this compendium in context with the full body of applicable regulations found in Titles 36 and 43 CFR. *Please contact Sitka National Historical Park, Sitka, Alaska at (907) 747-6281 for questions relating to information provided in this compendium.*

TITLE 36 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.5 Closures and public use limits

The Park is a “day use area.” Park grounds are open the following hours:

Summer months (May 15 to September 30)

6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Winter months (October 1 to May 14)

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Violating a schedule of visiting hours is prohibited.

The upper Visitor Center bus parking lot is reserved for tour buses and oversized vehicles between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. from May 15 to September 30. Small buses are allowed in the Visitor Center lower parking lot only to drop off and pick up passengers with disabilities.

Both upper and lower Visitor Center parking lots are closed to all use after park grounds are closed. No overnight parking is allowed within park boundaries.

Pedestrian through-traffic is allowed on the section of trail between Sawmill Creek Road, over the Indian River footbridge and to or from the upper Visitor Center parking lot after park grounds are closed - provided that pedestrians do not loiter. All other portions of the trail system and grounds are closed before and after grounds hours.

Eating, drinking and smoking are prohibited inside park facilities, including the Visitor Center, Sitka Cultural Center and the Russian Bishop's House.

See specific sections in this document for additional information regarding closures, visiting hours and public use limits.

(a)(2) Designated areas for specific use or activity or conditions

See specific sections in this document for additional information regarding designated areas and conditions for engaging in certain activities.

1.6(f) Compilation of activities requiring a permit

- Scientific research, 1.5
- Collecting research specimens, 2.5
- Operating a power saw in developed areas, 2.12(a)(2)
- Operating a portable motor or engine in undeveloped areas, 2.12(a)(3)
- Operating a public address system, 2.12(a)(4)
- Air delivery, 2.17(a)(3)
- Noncommercial soliciting, 2.37
- Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents, or explosive materials, 2.38(a)
- Using or possessing fireworks and firecrackers, 2.38(b)
- Special events, 2.50(a)
- Demonstrations involving 26 or more persons, 2.51
- Sale and distribution of printed matter for First Amendment purposes by groups of 26 or more persons, 2.52
- Grazing, 2.60(a)(1), (2)
- Residing on federal lands, 2.61(a)
- Installing a monument or other commemorative installation, 2.62(a)
- Towing a person using a parasail, hangglider, or other airborne device, 3.12(b)
- Removing sunken, grounded, or disabled vessels, 3.14(a)
- Operating a submersible, 3.19
- Commercial notices or advertisements, 5.1
- Commercial operations, 5.3
- Commercial photography or filming, 5.5
- Construction or repair of any building, structure, facility, road, trail, or airstrip on federal lands, 5.7
- Salvaging, removing, possessing aircraft, 43 CFR 36.11 (f)(3)(ii)
- Helicopter landings, 43 CFR 36.11(f)(4)
- Off-road vehicle (ORV) use, 43 CFR 36.11(g)(2)
- Temporary access across federal land for survey, geophysical or exploratory work, 43 CFR 36.12(c)

PART 2. RESOURCE PROTECTION, PUBLIC USE AND RECREATION

2.1(c)(1)-(3) Designated fruits, nuts, berries, and unoccupied seashells to harvest by hand for personal use and collection restrictions

All edible fruits, berries and/or nuts may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption in reasonable amounts not to exceed two quarts per person per day.

2.13(a)(1) Fires: designated areas and conditions

Fires are allowed only in elevated fire grills installed by the National Park Service. All trash (tin foil, burnt food, glass and cans, etc.) must be removed from the fire site after use.

2.15(a)(3) Conditions for leaving pets unattended and tied to an object

Pets may be left unattended on park grounds for a brief period of time, not to exceed fifteen minutes. Unattended pets must be restrained. Pets may be briefly leashed to a sign post or porch post, provided they do not disturb other park visitors, restrict access or obstruct roads or walkways. Unattended pets may remain in personal vehicles in a park parking lot a maximum of four hours, provided the vehicle has adequate ventilation and the pet does not make an unreasonable amount of noise.

2.15(a)(5) Pet excrement disposal conditions

Pet owners must properly dispose of pet excrement deposited in the park. All excrement must be removed from park trails and grounds. Owners may dispose of excrement in covered waste cans provided throughout the park.

This requirement is intended to keep commonly visited areas sanitary.

2.18(c) Snowmobiles: designated areas for use

No areas designated for snowmachine use.
Superseded by 43 CFR 36.11(c).

2.21 Smoking

All park offices and visitor facilities are closed to smoking.
Smoking is prohibited within 100 feet of the park fuel storage facility.

These restrictions are intended to protect public safety from fire or explosion around fuel storage and dispensing facilities.

2.35(a)(3)(i) Alcoholic beverages: areas designated as closed to consumption

The consumption of an alcoholic beverage and/or the possession of an open bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage in the park is prohibited.

Consumption of an alcoholic beverage and/or the possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage is inappropriate considering other uses of the location and the purposes for which the park is maintained and established.

2.51 First Amendment Demonstrations

Sitka National Historical Park has designated a location at the top of the serpentine walkway and next to the upper parking lot as an area for First Amendment demonstrations, distribution, or selling of printed matter. Groups of 25 people or smaller are not required to obtain a permit for these First Amendment activities but are required to remain within the designated demonstration area.

2.52 Designated areas for sale and distribution of printed matter for First Amendment purposes

Sitka National Historical Park has designated a location at the top of the serpentine walkway and next to the upper parking lot as an area for First Amendment demonstrations, distribution, or selling of printed matter. Printed matter is limited to message-bearing textual printed material such as books, pamphlets, magazines, and leaflets, provided that it is not solely commercial advertising.

Groups of 25 people or smaller are not required to obtain a permit for these First Amendment activities but are required to remain within the designated demonstration area.

2.62(b) Memorialization: designation of areas for scattering ashes

All areas are open to scattering of ashes without a permit from the Superintendent.

PART 3. BOATING AND WATER USE ACTIVITIES

3.14(a) Conditions for removing sunken, grounded, or disabled vessels

A permit is required from the Superintendent before sunken, grounded, or disabled vessels may be removed from waters within NPS administered areas except when the operator is able to remove or repair the vessel on site safely and without potential for damage to resources.

This requirement allows the Superintendent to establish terms and conditions for salvage operations as necessary to protect resources and provide for public safety.

3.16 Swimming and wading: areas designated as closed

No areas designated as closed to swimming. All areas of the park are closed to bathing.

PART 4. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

4.31 Hitchhiking: designated areas

All areas are open to hitchhiking.

43 CFR, PART 36 TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITY SYSTEMS (Access Regulations)

36.11(f)(3)(ii) Established procedure for salvaging and removing downed aircraft

A permit is required from the Superintendent before downed aircraft may be salvaged and removed from the park; violation of the terms and conditions of the permit is prohibited.

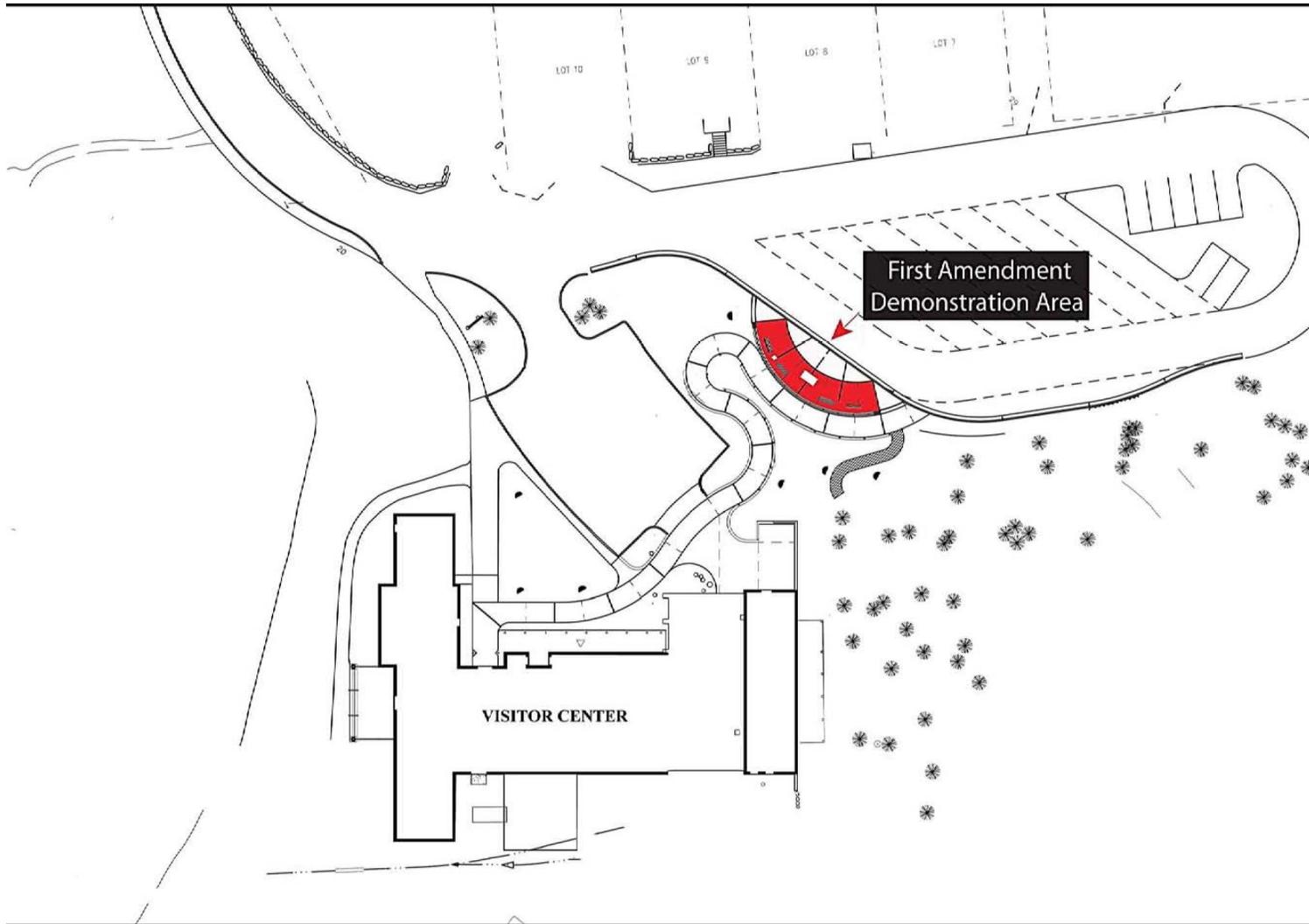
This requirement allows the Superintendent to establish terms and conditions for salvage operations as necessary to protect resources, provide for public safety, and minimize impacts on visitors.

/s/ Mary Miller
Superintendent

1/15/2014
Date


Concurrence by Regional Director

1/15/14
Date



SITKA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK VISITOR CENTER

