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Andersonville
National Historic Site

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Superintendent's Compendium
 Of Designations, Closures, Permit
 Requirements and Other Restrictions
 Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, 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 those portions of Andersonville National Historic Site 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, Parts 1-7.

I. CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

- Park grounds, including Andersonville National Cemetery, are open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the park visitor center (National Prisoner of War Museum) is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the exceptions of three federal holiday closures per year: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Years Day. Subject to the availability of staff and/or volunteers, Andersonville National Cemetery may be open for visitation from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Years Day when the rest of the park is otherwise closed. Park operating hours are subject to change dependent upon seasonal visitor demands and special programs.

Public Use Limits:

- To protect and preserve the natural and cultural resources of Andersonville National Historic Site, the historic site uses controlled access. All visitors and service representatives are required to enter through the gate signed "Andersonville National Historic Site," located at the north end of the site along Georgia Highway 49, 1.5 miles north of the town of Andersonville. All traffic associated with funeral processions is required to enter through the cemetery gate, located .5 miles south of the main entrance. If no burial services are scheduled, the cemetery gate is to remain closed.

Determination: The park's General Management Plan calls for visitors to use only those roads and entrances designated as visitor improved access use roads and to prevent public safety hazards created by traffic on Highway 49 and slow traffic associated with funerals entering the National Cemetery.

- Walking upon, ascending, descending or traversing all original earthworks, rifle pits, wells, walls, and monuments is prohibited.
- Climbing on monuments, cannon, grave markers or other historic structures is prohibited. Splashing in, bathing, or drinking the water at Providence Spring or the courtyard fountain is prohibited.

Determination: The park's enabling legislation, General Management Plan, and Resource Management Plan calls for the preservation of all cultural resources within the boundaries of the historic site. These activities are particularly detrimental to the long-term preservation of these resources.

Closures:

- **Roads:** Unimproved roads and service roads are open for contractual services and park administrative, protection and law enforcement purposes only. Visitors are advised to keep their motorized vehicles and/or bicycles on the improved park access roads. Roads restricted for maintenance and park vehicles only are so designated with "Do Not Enter" or Service Road signs.

Determination: The park's General Management Plan calls for visitors to use only those roads and entrances designated as visitor improved access use roads. Some park roads are closed by sign or gate to public motor vehicle and bicycle to prevent public safety hazards created by heavy mobile equipment used in park operations.

- **Unmanned Aircraft:** Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Andersonville National Historic Site is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

Definition: The term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

Determination: The commemorative atmosphere of the park grounds, where 13,000 U. S. soldiers died and remain buried is an identified fundamental resource and value of Andersonville National Historic Site. In addition, federal regulations prohibit recreational activities and restrict some first amendment activities in the national cemetery, in order to maintain the solemn and dignified nature of the cemetery. This compendium closure is a necessary, interim measure until the NPS considers how to address this new use on a long-term basis; allowing the use of unmanned aircraft before the park has properly evaluated whether this use is appropriate could result in unacceptable impacts to park resources, park values, and visitor safety.

(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:

- The structure known as the “Rostrum” located at the east side of the National Cemetery is designated as a committal shelter to be used for all cemetery services. No graveside services are permitted.

Determination: For the purpose of the long-term protection of the Andersonville National Cemetery cultural landscape, better service to the family and funeral homes, a safer and more efficient operation of cemetery services, and in keeping with accepted operations at other national cemeteries, the Rostrum is thereby designated as a “committal shelter.” All compliance requirements have been met and granted by State Historic Preservation Office. Exceptions to this rule include small parties (family only) that require no gravesite set-up for cremations and at the discretion of the cemetery administrator.

- In compliance with regulations published at 36 CFR 12.4, conducting a special event or demonstration in the National Cemetery, whether spontaneous or organized, is prohibited except for official commemorative events conducted for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and other dates designated by the superintendent as having special historic and commemorative significance to a particular national cemetery. Committal services are excluded from this restriction.
- The following activities are prohibited in the Andersonville National Cemetery:
 - Soliciting funds
 - Distributing printed matter, and
 - Engaging in partisan political activity
- Specific park locations are designated for public assemblies, gatherings, meetings, demonstrations and other public expressions of views. These areas (see map) include the grassy field immediately west of the picnic area and the eastern section of the lawn in front of the National Prisoner of War Museum.

Determination: For the purpose of maintaining the dignity and reverence for which the historic site was established by its enabling legislation, it hereby designates only specific areas for the purpose of First Amendment Rights. Under a special use permit, the request will be reviewed and deemed as appropriate and reasonably consistent with protection and use of the park area for the purposes for which it was established.

II. Permits

36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities that are prohibited, restricted, or regulated under 36 CFR Parts §2, §5, and §12 and for which a permit or written permission from the superintendent is required:

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
 - Use of the “Rostrum” as a committal shelter is scheduled through the Cemetery Administrator and in accordance with the Cemetery Operations Plan
 - Special areas designated for “First Amendment Rights”
 - Use of administrative and maintenance roads

- §1.6 Application for permits may be obtained from the superintendent's office and shall be submitted for approval at least one month prior to the scheduled date of the event.
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
 - Spanish moss, magnolia seed pods, and/or pine straw may not be collected
 - Wood may not be collected, except in designated scout camping area (dead wood only)
 - A reasonable quantity (one gallon per family or group) of blackberries, wild plums, wild grapes (muscadines) and pecans may be gathered
- §2.10(a) The following camping activities:
 - Camping is prohibited in all park areas, except in the established primitive group area of the old CCC camp, located across the cemetery entrance
 - The designated campground is only for use by scouts and other recognized youth groups and no other individuals or groups are permitted
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
 - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.35 Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances:
 - Alcoholic beverages may be consumed only within the established picnic area in accordance with applicable age requirements under state law or in areas/buildings deemed appropriate for a special occasion as designated under a special use permit
 - All other areas including the National Prisoner of War Museum and commemorative courtyard, prison site and national cemetery are closed to the consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages in open containers or to the possession of controlled substances
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)
- §2.38(b) Explosives: Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.62 Memorialization:
 - (a) Erection/placement of commemorative plaques will be allowed only in the "Commemorative Plaque Walkway." Approval is required by the Superintendent (as delegated from the Regional Director) and will be in accordance with procedures set forth in the Standard Operating Procedure A-R24 "Guidelines for Placement of Commemorative Plaques at Andersonville National Historic Site" updated August 2, 2011.
 - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation is prohibited except for eligible veterans and dependents through a special use permit in the designated

area in the national cemetery as identified in the park's Cemetery Operations Plan.

- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
 - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
 - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising
- §12.4 Special Events and Demonstrations:
 - Designated occasions when special memorial or religious services are permitted in the National Cemetery are: Easter Sunday, Memorial Day weekend that includes the Sunday and Monday of that weekend, the first Sunday following the first Saturday of the first full weekend in October (Independent Order of Odd Fellows), Veterans Day, and the Wreaths Across America program on the second Saturday in December.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- Primitive group scout camp area, known as the old CCC Camp, located on the west side of State Highway 49 across from the cemetery entrance
- Along the eastern tree line of the prison site for living history demonstrations.

(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:

- It is prohibited to walk upon, ascend, descend or traverse any or all of the original earthworks, rifle pits, wells, walls and monuments.

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:

- A reasonable quantity (no more than one gallon per family or group) of blackberries, wild plums, wild grapes (muscadines), and pecans may be gathered

Determination: Because of the cultural tradition of preserves/canning of wild fruits and berries and agricultural tradition of gathering pecans and the limited pressure from persons collecting these items, there is currently little risk that limited personal collection will adversely affect the long-term integrity of these resources. If significant changes in visitor use patterns or measurable adverse effects to park resources are detected, these limits may be revised or the authorization to gather a particular item eliminated entirely.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

(a)(1); (a)(2)(i) Weapons:

- Military Services providing honor guard for burial services in the National Cemetery.
- Approved and trained staff and/or volunteers may carry black powder weapons in the performance of living history activities in the prison site and cemetery under the close supervision of a black powder certified NPS permanent employee.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The site listed below has been designated for primitive camping. A permit system has been established for certain camping activities and conditions for camping are in effect as noted:

- Camping is prohibited in all park areas with the limited exception of the established primitive group scout camp area, known as the old CCC Camp, located on the west side of State Highway 49 across from the cemetery entrance
- All camping in the scout camp area is by reservation through the ranger staff. Campsite overnight stay limits are 5 consecutive days
- The designated campground is only for use by scouts and other recognized youth groups and no other individuals or groups are permitted

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

- Visitors may picnic in designated picnic area only, located between the cemetery and prison site in the prison connector road

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

- Permitted only in the designated picnic area or at prison site during living history programs.
- Must be self-contained in a grilling device made for such purpose
- Ashes must be cooled and removed or placed in the trash receptacle
- During periods of high fire danger, no fires of any kind will be permitted in the picnic area or campground

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) With the exception of guide animals, pets are prohibited in the landscaped and grassy areas within the national cemetery, the National Prisoner of War Museum and within all park buildings.

(a)(5) Pet owners are required to immediately remove and properly dispose of fecal matter deposited by pets in an appropriate refuse container.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking:

- Smoking is prohibited in all public and government use buildings, the National Prisoner of War Museum and Commemorative Courtyard, and hazardous material storage areas

Determination: Smoking is prohibited in all government buildings and vehicles to comply with government-wide health and safety policies. Smoking is prohibited where posted and during high fire danger in order to protect park resources and reduce the risk of fire.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(1) Abandoning of Property is prohibited:

- Property, particularly vehicles, left within the park after closing hours and after a National Park Service official has reasonably attempted to locate the owner, will be determined to be abandoned
- Following this determination, a vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense and the owner will be held responsible for reclaiming their property
- If prior arrangements are made, temporary and emergency repairs must be completed within twenty-four (24) hours
- Other property will be recorded under lost and found procedures and disposed in accordance with title 41 CFR
- Park employees are allowed to leave vehicles in the park while they are in a travel status for official government travel

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(1) The use and possession of alcoholic beverages within park areas is allowed in accordance with the provisions of this section:

- Alcoholic beverages may be consumed only within the established picnic area in accordance with applicable age requirements under state law or in areas/buildings deemed appropriate for a special occasion as designated under a special use permit

(b)(2) Possession of control substances is prohibited, unless the possessor obtained such substance directly, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle and bicycles are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document:

- All improved access roads shown on the Andersonville National Historic Site official Map and Guide.
- The Cemetery Entrance Gate is to be used as a service entrance and opened only during periods in which burial services are scheduled.

Determination: The Cemetery Gate is located immediately adjacent a dangerous curve on highway 49. The present entrance gate was designed to replace this as a primary entry point for most visitor use. Restricting this gate to funeral related traffic is a logical precaution.

36 CFR §4.13 – OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC

The following are prohibited:

(a) Stopping or parking a vehicle upon a park road, except as authorized by the superintendent, or in the event of an accident or other condition beyond the control of the operator.

- The parking area immediately adjacent the Cemetery Office is reserved for the use of staging vehicles of funeral parties during a two hour period (one hour before and one hour after) each scheduled burial service. Visitors parking in this area during this time will be informed of the scheduled burial service and asked to move their vehicles to the parking areas located at the north and south ends of the national cemetery.

Determination: Ensuring the honorable burial of eligible veterans and their families is among the highest priorities of park staff and operations. Maintaining this parking area at the ready for funeral processions is critical to the ensuring a smooth arrival and transition to the committal shelter.

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit is fifteen (15) miles per hour on all park roads

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) Bicycle use is permitted on all improved access roads as shown on the Andersonville National Historic Site official Map and Guide.

36 CFR §12.10 – Floral and Commemorative Tributes

The placement on a grave of fresh cut or artificial flowers in or on a metal or other non-breakable rod or container designated by the superintendent is allowed at times designated by the superintendent.

- Cut flowers may be placed on the graves at any time during the year. A temporary non-breakable flower container will be used and are available in marked containers in two locations in the cemetery.
- Permanent below ground containers will not be used.
- The park staff will remove floral items when they become faded or unsightly. All other items will be removed at the discretion of cemetery staff.
- Potted plants and holiday wreaths are permitted only ten (10) days before and after the Easter and Memorial Day holidays.
- Christmas wreaths or grave blankets are permitted during the Christmas season only from December 1 to January 31.
- Artificial flowers and wreaths may be placed only during the time period October 10 to April 15.

36 CFR §12.17 – Vaults

An underground Outer Burial Receptacle (OBR), also known as a vault or grave liner, must be placed at the time of interment at no expense to the National Park Service unless both legal authority has been established and funding has been appropriated for such purpose.

- SOP/Interment: For the purpose of long-term preservation and maintenance of the Andersonville National Cemetery cultural landscape, the National Park Service requires the use of vaults or grave liners for casket burials. Next-of-kin shall obtain a sealed OBR container such as a concrete or steel vault, or a polypropylene grave liner
- NPS Director's Order #61 National Cemetery Operations: *All other services normally associated with the interment are the responsibility of the next-of-kin, including the acquisition of grave liners or vaults*