

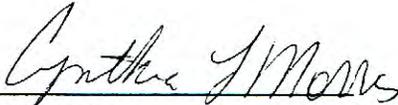
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS
TITLE 36, CHAPTER 1.7 (b)
2015 COMPENDIUM**

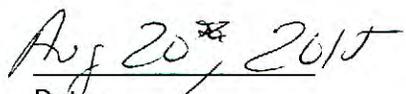
Compendium of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Other Restrictions imposed under the discretionary authority of the Superintendent; Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1.

In accordance with the provisions of 16 U.S.C. Section 3, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, and use of Bryce Canyon National Park. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1.

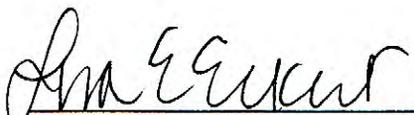
In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 1.5 (c), the following justifications are provided to identify the reasoning behind the use of the Superintendent's discretionary authority in setting forth the various closures, designations, etc. as listed in the Compendium required in Section 1.7(b).

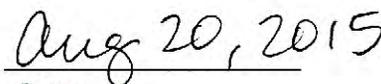
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2015 COMPENDIUM PART 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Note: Maps showing designated areas mentioned throughout this document are maintained at Bryce Canyon National Park Headquarters.

SECTION 1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

The following areas are closed or restricted as indicated below. Additional locations may be closed or restricted by the posting of appropriate signs.

- (a)(1) **Personal motor vehicles may be restricted during periods of high visitation.**
During periods of high visitation, typically holidays and weekends, parking lots and viewpoints fill quickly causing extreme congestion. This congestion impacts the Bryce Shuttle schedule and is a safety concern. Restricting personal motor vehicles at times of high visitation ensure that the shuttle schedule is followed and lessen the occurrence of motor vehicle or pedestrian accidents. This restriction does not apply to visitors with reservations at the Lodge or North and South Campgrounds.
- (a)(1) **The Maintenance area, Water Tank area, Mixing Circle area, Yovimpa Well House, and the Sewage Lagoons and roads leading thereto are closed to public use.**
Operational areas such as the Maintenance area, Water Tank area, Yovimpa Well House and Mixing Circle area contain equipment, tools, and supplies and materials which should not be available to the public for security and safety reasons.

The sewage lagoons represent a potential hazard to the general public. Both the sewage lagoons and the water tanks may be considered a potential target for homeland security concerns. Closing these areas represents a minimal impact to the public while maintaining physical security of potential unsecured installations.
- (a)(1) **All privately owned vehicles operated or parked by government or concession employees within Bryce Canyon National Park will be registered with Fee Office. All registered vehicles will display a registration decal on the driver's side lower left corner of the windshield. The decal must be visible from the exterior.**
Employees operating privately owned vehicles within the park are permitted to enter federal fee area without charge.
- (a)(1) **The NPS and concessions residential areas and inclusive roads are closed to the general public.**
The residential areas are part of the designated development zones for the park. Employees residing in quarters are entitled to the same expectations of privacy and freedom from significant noise levels as other citizens of Utah. Closing these areas to public use ensures these expectations are met.

(a)(1) Areas beyond barriers, fences, railings, and closure signs are closed to the public.
It has been determined that it is necessary to close the area beyond certain barriers, fences, and railings, and beyond signs showing areas as closed to the public. Barriers, fences, railings, and signs have been erected at various viewpoints, along certain trails, and at other locations, in the interest of public safety and resource protection. Visitor entry into these areas represents dangerous and unsafe conditions and/or can cause damage to the fragile "hoodoo" formations in the park. Each year individuals who go beyond the barriers, fences, railings and posted signs fall or become stranded. Many are injured and some must be rescued by ranger personnel. Footprints in some of these areas remain for months and some cause or contribute to permanent "social trails". Foot traffic can cause rock falls or soil slides contributing to the early deterioration of the rock formations. These consequences make this closure necessary.

(a)(1) The slope between the Plateau Rim and 7600 foot contour elevation is closed to skiing, snowboarding, sledding or sliding devices. Cross country skiing is permitted on the Under the Rim trail and Riggs Spring Loop trail.
Skiing, snowboarding, sledding and using other sliding devices pose a risk to park resources, as well as significant potential hazards to visitors. The snowpack is quite variable and often times very thin. The carving, turning nature of skiing, snowboarding and similar downhill activities can cause significant damage to geologic formation accelerating erosion of protected resources.

(a)(1) Off trail geologic features including hoodoos, arches, bridges and cliff faces are closed to walking, climbing, ascending, descending, rappelling or traversing.
The natural features the park was established to protect were created through a process of erosion over hundreds of thousands of years. Climbing on these fragile features would substantially accelerate the erosion process thereby causing failure and destruction of such features. Additionally, the fragile nature of the features would pose an increased risk of falling rocks that could seriously injure the public. At least one fatality has been recorded in Bryce Canyon since 2000 from this activity.

(a)(2) All privately owned vehicles operated by government or concession employees within Bryce Canyon National Park will be parked in areas designated for employee parking. The parking of employee vehicles in visitor or guest parking areas is prohibited, except that employees may park in the main lodge parking area between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. A map of designated areas is attached.
Traffic and parking congestion, especially during the busy summer months when the lodge is in full operation, produces a negative visitor experience when parking is not available for basic services. By parking employee vehicles in employee parking only, the negative impacts can be greatly reduced.

- (a)(2) **The sanitary dump station is closed to commercial buses.**
Use of the sanitary dump station by commercial buses is incompatible with the disposal equipment available and creates sewage spills.
- (a)(2) **The following areas are closed to picnicking: North Campground, Sunset Campground, and Visitor Center Building and parking area.**
The campgrounds are reserved on a 24 hour permit at cost. Picnicking in the campgrounds without purchasing a campsite bypasses federal fee regulations. Food inside the visitor center building would attract rodents and other pests that are inconsistent with providing a clean and safe atmosphere to the public. Due to the congestion of people and traffic in the visitor center parking area, it would be dangerous to have a picnic in that area without established tables or a specific location for such activities.
- (a)(2) **The Bryce Point Road east of the Inspiration Point Intersection, including the Paria View Road, is closed to vehicles over 25 feet in length, with the exception of buses.**
Due to the nature of the parking areas, there is inadequate room to turn around a motor vehicle that is longer than 25 feet in total length. Allowing longer vehicles in those parking areas would lead to an increased number of motor vehicle collisions.
- (a)(2) **Sunset, Sunrise and Inspiration view point parking lots will be closed to oversize Recreational Vehicles (RV) longer than 25 feet in length; during peak hours of the day when the Bryce Canyon Shuttle is operating. This regulation does not apply to Commercial Use Authorized operators or Motor coach tour buses.**
Due to the nature of the parking areas, there is inadequate room due to overcrowding and conflicts related to limited RV/bus parking. When posted, vehicles that are longer than 25 feet in total length will be directed to park at their overnight accommodations (if registered guests at the campgrounds or Lodge within the park) or at overflow parking near the entrance of North Campground or Bryce Canyon Shuttle staging at Bryce Canyon City. Allowing longer vehicles in those parking areas would lead to an increased number of motor vehicle collisions.
- (a)(2) **Parking and stopping along park roads is prohibited except at established parking areas or pull-offs.**
Stopping, standing, or parking outside of established parking areas would lead to resource damage along the road shoulder. Many areas are muddy along the roadside and vehicles become stuck, requiring a tow truck followed by resource rehabilitation. Additionally, when not in an established parking area or pull off, vehicles tend to remain partially in the roadway thereby causing a traffic obstruction.

- (a)(2) Commercial and non-commercial buses are required to turn off their engines when parked.**
The idling of diesel buses at viewpoints and other parking areas contributes to noise pollution that is inconsistent with the soundscape in the National Park.
- (a)(2) Low speed vehicles operated by the concessions are limited to the areas of paved roadway and sidewalks at the Bryce Canyon Lodge, Concession Housing area, Mixing Circle Area, and General Store, including the roads leading thereto. All vehicles and operators will comply with State law for low speed vehicles (41-6a-1508).**
The use of low speed vehicles is the most efficient manner to conduct business and comply with carbon footprint restrictions within the National Park. Operation on these sidewalks and roads produces little impact to visitor traffic as these are low speed limit areas. Operation outside of these areas is prohibited due to the faster nature of traffic that could lead to increased motor vehicle collisions.
- (f) Attaching or suspending any item from trees which may cause tree or limb damage, or create a safety hazard, is prohibited, as is attaching any item to trees or vegetation with nails, wire or chains. These items include, but are not limited to; hammocks, clotheslines, slacklines, candles or lanterns.**
Certain items and methods of attachment cause damage to park resources or detract from scenic values and are not consistent with the purpose for which the campgrounds and picnic areas were developed.

TITLE 36 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.5 Closures and public use limits

(a)(1) Visiting hours, public use limits, closures

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 Bryce Canyon National Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

***Unmanned Aircraft defined:** 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, quad copters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

Written Determination

Unmanned Aircraft:

This pro-active prohibition is necessary to maintain public health and safety of park staff and visitors, to protect environmental and scenic values, protect natural and cultural resources and to avoid conflict among visitor use and staff activities.

Section 1.5 of National Park Service Management Policies (2006) provides that a new form of park use may be allowed within a park only after a determination has been made in the professional judgment of the Superintendent that it will not result in unacceptable impacts on park resources and values. The use of unmanned aircraft is new to Bryce Canyon National Park. This new use has the potential to cause unacceptable impacts such as harming visitors, interfering with emergency operations, causing excessive noise, impacting view sheds and disturbing wildlife.

Bryce Canyon National Park protects and conserves resources integral to a landscape of unusual scenic beauty exemplified by highly colored and fantastically eroded geological features, including rock fins and spires, and the use of unmanned aircraft within the park not only presents a threat to these scenic wonders, but also creates a public nuisance and danger. Bryce Canyon National Park has 20,810 acres of recommended

wilderness in which the use of unmanned aircraft is incompatible per Section 6.4.3.3 of National Park Service Management Policies 2006 which prohibits visitor use of motorized equipment in eligible, study, proposed, recommended, and designated wilderness.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) does make a distinction between "model aircraft" and Unmanned Aerial System (UAS). "Model aircraft" must meet all three of the following criteria:

- 1. Under 55 pounds.*
- 2. Flown under 400' above ground level (AGL) within line of sight of the operator.*
- 3. Further than 5 miles from an airport for hobby or recreation purposes only.*

According to the FAA, if one or all of these criteria are not met, then the aircraft is classified as a UAS. The Bryce Canyon National Park (BRCA) Visitor Center is approximately 3.6 miles from Bryce Canyon Airport. Given this proximity, most of the developed area at BRCA also falls within the 5 mile radius of Bryce Canyon Airport. Any "model aircraft" being flown within the 5 mile radius of the airport, including the developed area of BRCA, do not meet criteria number 3 above and would be classified by the FAA as a UAS.

The NPS definition does not distinguish between UAS and model aircraft, making all of the above illegal to launch/land from within BRCA. Understanding the FAA definition and regulations becomes important when UAS are launched/landed outside of BRCA but fly into BRCA airspace. The use of a UAS is regulated by the FAA. Given the proximity of the BRCA developed area to the airport, both model aircraft as well as UAS' being flown into BRCA airspace from outside the park boundary warrant further investigation and follow-up to determine the legality of such activity. The FAA should be notified in these cases as the regulatory agency.

Conditions and Exceptions:

1. This closure determination and notice does not apply to:
 - (a) Administrative use of unmanned aircraft as approved in writing by the ADVRP for such purposes as scientific study, search and rescue operations, fire operations and law enforcement. Administrative use includes the use of unmanned aircraft by (i) NPS personnel as operators or crew; (ii) cooperators such as government agencies and universities that conduct unmanned aircraft operations for the NPS pursuant to a written agreement; and (iii) other entities, including commercial entities, conducting unmanned aircraft operations for the NPS, provided such entities are in compliance with all applicable FAA and Department of the Interior requirements.
 - (b) Activities conducted under Scientific Research and Collecting Permit that specifically authorizes launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft and are approved in

writing by the ADVRP in consultation with the Associate Director for Natural Resource Stewardship and Science.

- (c) Activities conducted under a special use permit that specifically authorizes launching, landing or operating an unmanned aircraft and is approved in writing by the ADVRP.

SECTION 1.6 PERMITS

- (a) In accordance with 36 CFR 1.7(b), the following activities require special use Permits or listed in approved scope of work:

- Audio devices
- Operating a Power Saw in developed areas (Residents of government quarters may operate power saws in the immediate vicinity of their quarters.)
- Operating any type of motor in non-developed areas.
- Operation of a public address system
- Business operations
- Commercial Filming (still, video, movie)
- Commercial Guiding
- Camping (overnight use of Backcountry and Group campsites)
- Collecting (research specimens)
- Display of Commercial notices or advertisements
- Explosives
- Using, possessing, storing, transporting explosives, blasting agents or explosive materials. Transportation of these materials on highway 12 will be under the conditions established by the State of Utah.
- Livestock use and Agriculture
- Memorialization
- Noncommercial Soliciting
- Public Assemblies and Meetings
- Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter
- Scattering of Human ashes from cremation
- Special Events
- Weddings
- All restricted visitor activities

- (h) The Superintendent may suspend services or remove disorderly persons or groups or permit violators from the park area.

These permits are those required by 36 CFR Parts 1 through 7. Permits required by other agencies are listed for informational purposes only.

SECTION 2.2 WILDLIFE PROTECTION

- (d) **Wildlife legally taken and transported in accordance with State law may be transported through the Park on Utah Highway 12.**
Highway 12 is a thoroughfare for local residents. It would be unreasonable to expect hunters to transport legally taken wildlife around the park.
- (e) **All areas within the Park boundary are closed to the viewing of wildlife with an artificial light.**
The viewing of wildlife at night by spotlight is inconsistent with state hunting law and is prohibited at Bryce Canyon National Park.

SECTION 2.10 CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

- (a) **Camping is permitted only in designated areas and requires a permit. Camping in areas other than designated sites is prohibited.**

Designated Front country campsites: North Campground
Sunset Campground

Designated Backcountry campsites: Right Fork Yellow Creek
Yellow Creek
Yellow Creek Group Site
Sheep Creek
Right Fork Swamp Canyon
Swamp Canyon
Natural Bridge
Iron Spring
Corral Hollow
Yovimpa Pass
Riggs Springs
Riggs Springs Group Site

NORTH and SUNSET CAMPGROUNDS:

- Campsite registration must be completed within one hour of campsite occupancy. Transferring of campsites for profit is not permitted.**
Failure to immediately register for a campsite leads to failure to pay.
- Campers can register for their campsite(s) only. The practice of saving unpaid for campsites for other party members is prohibited. Checkout time is 11:30am**
Campsites must be paid for within one hour of registration. 'Saving' a campsite without paying violates that regulation. If a site is paid for, it may remain unoccupied for 24 hours before being considered abandoned.

- The following limits apply to each campsite: Ten persons (no more than six adults – 16 years or older), three tents and two vehicles, or four motorcycles, or one RV/trailer with one tow vehicle (This does not apply to the group campsite).

More than six adults would overload the capacity of the campsites and could cause resource damage.

- Gatherings in individual campsites which exceed 12 persons are prohibited.

Gatherings of more than 12 persons lead to excessive noise, and overload the capacity of the campsite.

- Moving or altering campsite facilities, i.e. picnic tables, fire grates, etc. is prohibited.

Each site has limited equipment. Moving equipment to different sites would impact the ability of the park to provide basic camping equipment to the public.

- Operation of generators is permitted from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Operation of generators is prohibited in "C" and "D" loops of North Campground and "B" and "C" loops of Sunset Campground. Idling of vehicles to produce power outside these hours is prohibited.

Generators and idling vehicles present an unreasonable noise complaint outside of established hours and within loops designated for no RV's.

- Tents must be erected within twenty feet of a site's campfire grate.

Proximity to the fire grates helps to prevent excessive resource damage.

- The use of outdoor, non-contained portable showers is prohibited. Washing of dishes is allowed only in the service sink adjoining the restrooms.

Use of showers invites the distribution of soap, shampoo, and conditioner onto the ground allowing for the contamination of groundwater. Additionally it may produce nudity that is inconsistent with a family campground. Shower facilities are provided at the General Store.

- Sunset Campground "A" loop and North Campground "A" and "B" loops are restricted to vehicles 20 feet in length and larger. When all other designated campsites have filled, the remaining sites may be occupied by tents or smaller camping units and will be permitted to stay the remainder of their visit in that site.

Tent sites are generally not large enough to permit the parking of an RV. These larger spaces are reserved for larger vehicles on a first-come first-served basis.

- North Campground "D" loop and Sunset Campground "B" and "C" loops are restricted to vehicles under 20 feet in length.

Road and campsite sizes cannot accommodate larger vehicles.

- During the winter months when other loops are closed, open loops will not have size restrictions.

Cleaning and heating one restroom during winter months is all that is required to accommodate the limited visitor traffic.

-Group camping is permitted only at Sunset Campground in the group campsite. Limits for the group site are 30 persons and 8 vehicles. The group site is available through advance reservations. Vacancies may be filled on a first-come first-served basis.

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPSITES

- Camping is restricted to designated sites, and use is limited to the date(s) as listed on an individual's or group's valid "Backcountry Use Permit."

- Backcountry camping is restricted to areas within 50 yards of backcountry campsite signs.

- A six-person limit applies to each campsite, with the exception of the group sites, for which there is a 15-person limit.

Restriction to designated sites within proximity of the sign with size restrictions prevents excessive resource damage.

- (a) Camping within all areas of the park is limited to a total of 30 days per calendar year. Camping is limited to a total of 14 days from Memorial Day through Labor Day.**

Bryce Canyon experiences a significant influx of visitors from April through October. Without restrictions, NPS sites would experience inappropriate long term residents.

- (d) Food that is not being transported, consumed or prepared for consumption must be kept sealed in a vehicle, bear canister or a camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material, or suspended at least 10 feet above ground and 4 feet horizontally from a tree or other object.**

Presence of bear, skunk and other wildlife require prudent storage of food. This requirement protects both wildlife and personal property.

SECTION 2.13 FIRES

- (a)(1) Lighting or maintaining a fire is prohibited in all areas except:**

- Designated campgrounds and picnic areas in government provided grills or fireplaces or personally provided grills. Campfires are restricted to established campfire grates, or personally provided grills.

Fires outside of established grates or personally provided grills could present a fire danger, and could fire scar the resources of the campsite.

- Designated backcountry campsites in conjunction with authorized overnight camping utilizing camp stoves only. No open fires are permitted in the backcountry. Campfires are restricted to established campfire grates, or personally provided grills.

Fires outside of established grates or personally provided grills could present a fire danger, and could fire scar the resources of the campsite.

- (c) **When conditions of high wildfire dangers are reached within the park (e.g. staffing class IV and higher as determined by prescriptions in the Fire Management Plan and the associated Step-Up-Plan for wildfire suppression), fires and smoking may be restricted or prohibited. While the public will be notified when such restrictions exist, this may occur without prior public notice.**

The BRCA ecosystem can experience extreme fire dangers and require aggressive fire management. These regulations help control human-caused fires. Fluctuating conditions can create rapid changes in fire danger. These rapid fluctuations may preclude advance notice to the public of fire prohibition.

SECTION 2.15 PETS

- (a)(1) **No pets will be permitted in public buildings within the park.**

Pets allowed in public buildings would create a sanitation problem, a safety hazard and general visitor inconvenience.

- (a)(1) **Pets are prohibited on all areas of the park that are not paved except in campsites where they may be off the pavement within 30 feet of a paved road. Pets are allowed on paved surfaces at viewpoints and allowed on the rim trail between Sunrise and Sunset Points only. At no point are pets allowed below the canyon rim.**

Permitting pets outside of paved areas could lead to the increase in predator scent within the park, that could detract from the general visitor experience by deterring wildlife to gather for viewing in visitor areas.

- (a)(5) **All visitors will be responsible for disposing of pet excrement in the following areas: all parking areas, Rim Trail, viewpoints, picnic and campgrounds and the areas around the Camper Store, Lodge, High Plateaus Institute and Visitor Center. Excrement must be disposed of by placing it in adjacent woods or bushes at least 35 feet from any of these developed areas, or by placing excrement in a closed disposable bag in a garbage container.**

Since there are many areas where visitors are allowed to take their leashed pets, the owner is responsible for ensuring that pet excrement does not pose a sanitation problem or inconvenience for other visitors or park management.

- (d) **Pets running at-large will be impounded and the owner will be charged a reasonable fee for transportation, feed, kennel or boarding. Animals not claimed within 72 hours of the time that the owner was notified, or those where the owners cannot be identified, may be placed in the pound, adopted, or destroyed.**

The park does not have the facilities or manpower to provide boarding for pets and, as provided by 36 CFR, will dispose of pets as noted in the Compendium. Every effort will be made to notify owners of pets which can be identified through tags, etc.

- (e) **Employees with pets will comply with the park housing policy section regarding pets. All park housing policy regulations are hereby adopted.**
Employees residing in government quarters are entitled to maintain their private lives similar to other citizens, providing their actions do not prevent the preservation or protection of park resources.

SECTION 2.16 HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS

- (b) **The use of horses and pack animals is permitted only in the following areas: On the established trail from the Mixing circle to Sunrise Point, from Sunrise Point down the horse trail to the Peek-a-Boo Loop trail, on the established Tropic trail from the Park boundary to the Peek-a-boo Loop trail, on the Peek-a-Boo loop trail, and**
- (b) **On established historic cattle drive routes in Henderson, Tropic, and Sheep Creek Canyons during the spring and fall to move cattle across park lands. The use of stock is to be limited to day use only and to move cattle (Section 2.60).**
- (b) **Owners and/or riders of private horses or pack animals in the park must comply with the terms and conditions of the Private Horse and Pack Animal Letter available on the park's web page (attached).**
- (g) **Private horses and pack animals shall only be fed non-grain feed pellets or hay and must be certified as weed free. In order to be allowed access to the park private horses and pack animal feed must consume only feed that is certified as weed free for at least 48 hours prior to entering the park. All feeding of stock in the park is to be done at the Mixing Circle.**
- (g) **The following are prohibited:**
-Riding or tying horses or pack animals in any developed areas such as the Visitor Center, High Plateaus Institute, campgrounds or picnic areas.
-Tying horses or pack animals in a manner that damages trees or vegetation.
Historic use of horses along specific BRCA trails has occurred for many years with minimal resource impact. Restriction to these areas assures compatibility between horse use and hikers. Restrictions will assure visitor safety and resource protection and prevent the spread of exotic plants.

SECTION 2.20 SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, and other coasting vehicles by park residents or their guests will be allowed in the park residential area, including the concession housing area.

Employees residing in government and concessions quarters are entitled to maintain their private lives similar to other residents of Utah; therefore, they and their families should be allowed to participate in these activities where it does not conflict with the purposes and resources of the park. Since the quarters areas are away from general visitor use areas, these activities are approved for these areas.

SECTION 2.21 SMOKING

- (a) Smoking is prohibited in all public buildings and at least 25 feet from a building opening. Smoking is prohibited within fifty (50) feet of automotive refueling pumps.**

State law prohibits smoking in all buildings. DO-50 prohibits smoking within 25 feet of an entrance to a building.

SECTION 2.22 PROPERTY

- (a)(2) Visitors with a valid backcountry permit may leave their vehicles unattended at the following locations for longer than 24 hours:**

- **Rainbow Point/Yovimpa Point parking area**
- **Ponderosa Parking area**
- **Whiteman Bench Picnic Area**
- **Sheep Creek and Swamp Canyon Parking Area**
- **Bryce Point Parking Area**

Other personal property left unattended or personal property left at other locations for more than 24 hours without written permission of the Superintendent is prohibited and may be impounded.

Backcountry trips require extended overnight hikes away from various locations. Support of this use requires relaxation of the restriction, thus allowing property to be left unattended for longer than 24 hours.

SECTION 2.35 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- (a)(3) Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited within the Visitor Center, the Visitor Center parking area, within Headquarters, and the employee parking area, without prior approval by the Superintendent.**

The presence of alcoholic beverages in a visitor setting is inconsistent with a family atmosphere. Since picnicking is not permitted at these areas, these restrictions on the consumption of alcohol are not unreasonable.

SECTION 2.38 EXPLOSIVES

- (b) The use and/or possession of fireworks or pyrotechnics of any kind are prohibited.**

To ensure visitor safety and reduce fire danger, the use or possession of pyrotechnics of any kind is prohibited.

SECTION 2.50 SPECIAL EVENTS

Permits for public assemblies and for distribution of printed matter will be issued pursuant to standards established in Director's Order / Reference Manual 53 (Special Park Use Guidelines).

- **Special events shall conform to the guidelines established for Public Assemblies and Distribution of Printed Matter (see below) except:**

- **Request for special events must be received four weeks in advance. Large events which impact monument staff will be limited to one per month and must be received six months in advance.**

The amount of time needed to process each permit can range from a few days to a few months depending on park priorities. Please be as detailed as possible on the permit application to speed the process along. Some events will require logistical planning meetings before the permit can be approved. In these cases, our office will contact the applicant to set up the meeting(s).

- **Weddings are permitted at Sunset Point (see attached map) and other areas as deemed acceptable by the Chief Ranger's Office.**

- **Filming permits may exceed two hours in duration and may range in location with prior approval from the superintendent.**

SECTION 2.51 PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS.

Permits for public assemblies and for distribution of printed matter will be issued pursuant to standards established in Director's Order / Reference Manual 53 (Special Park Use Guidelines).

- **The permit holder is responsible for cleaning the public assembly event area upon the completion of the event.**

Congested parking areas, limited overlooks, and narrow trails with dangerous exposures require that special events, public assemblies, meetings, and sale or distribution of printed matter occur at the visitor center parking area that offers the appropriate facilities for permit.

SECTION 2.60 LIVESTOCK USE AGRICULTURE

- (b) Cattle may be moved across park lands with prior notification to the Chief Ranger. The use of stock is to be limited to day use only and to move the cattle.

SECTION 2.62 MEMORIALIZATION

- (b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is subject to the following:
- A special use permit is required, and a copy of a Certificate of Cremated Human Remains is included with the application.
 - Piracy Point is the only designated scattering site. There will be no scattering of human ashes in the main amphitheater.
 - The scattering of human ashes by air is prohibited.
 - No teeth, bone fragments, nor remnants recognizable as human remains may be scattered.
 - No more than 30 participants may attend the ceremony.
 - Prerecorded music or audio amplifying devices are prohibited.
 - Ceremonies shall not interfere with normal visitor traffic.
 - No monuments may be erected, and no items other than human ashes may be left behind.

The scattering of human remains is inconsistent with the high levels of visitation within the amphitheater area. The consistency of human remains in ash form is so light that a gentle upslope breeze will carry the ashes back up over the edge and would impact other visitors. The removal of teeth, bone, and other recognizable human remains will prevent future concerns with NAGPRA or future archeological studies. Designating a single location will aid in future tracking of possible grave sites.

SECTION 4.10 TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND DESIGNATED ROUTES

- (a)(1) The following routes are designated for motor vehicles use: Hwy 63 and Hwy 12. *Driving non-governmental vehicles into and out of the park on other roads would allow visitors to circumvent the federal fee areas. Additionally, driving off road would create resource damage.*
- (a)(1) The use on park roads of any and all off highway vehicles (OHVs), all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) and other motorized conveyances manufactured for recreational non-highway, off road, or all terrain travel which includes all those vehicles (defined as Type I and Type II OHVs by the State of Utah 41-22-2) is prohibited within Bryce Canyon National Park. Hereafter defined as OHVs. This provision applies to any and all OHV's notwithstanding state licensing and registration requirements in place and regulations passed in Utah State Bill 181.

OHVs pose a significant risk to park resources and values which cannot be appropriately mitigated, and which cannot be sustained without causing unacceptable impacts. The use of such vehicles is, therefore, not consistent with the protection of the park.

OHVs are designed, produced and marketed for the purpose of off-road travel, and they are uniquely capable of easily leaving paved and dirt road surfaces and travelling cross-country. No reasonable level of law enforcement presence would be sufficient to prevent OHV use off-road. Their capability to readily do so, the resource damage caused by off-road travel, and the lack of effective mitigation measures make their use unlawful in Bryce Canyon National Park.

Restoration of resources is difficult once damage has occurred. Prohibiting the use of OHVs is the most effective measure available in preventing resource damage resulting from off-road use.

OHVs, ATVs, and similar vehicles have long been prohibited within national parks and monuments by assimilation of state law. Maintaining that prohibition by application of 36 CFR 1.5 would not constitute an alteration of a public use pattern of the parks or monuments. Maintaining the current prohibition would not adversely affect park or monument resources. It would not be controversial, since it would not be a change and because the public clearly accepts the current restriction. On the other hand, terminating the prohibition would be controversial, would constitute an alteration of a public use pattern, and would adversely affect park resources.

In accordance with the provisions of 36 CFR 1.5, and the requirements of the National Park Service Management Policies (2006) Section 1.5, the protection of environmental and scenic values, the protection of natural and cultural resources, and for the implementation of management responsibilities, it is necessary to continue the current prohibition against OHVs as defined above (Utah State Code 41-22-2).

Motorcycles (Utah State Code 41-22-2(11)) and tricycles designed, equipped, and licensed for highway use are not included in these definitions.

OHVs being utilized for the express purpose of performing a job that could not be performed with other methods shall be allowed under circumstances approved in writing by the Superintendent. This includes, but is not limited to their use in preserving life or limb, and maintenance related tasks that would be difficult or impossible to perform without the aid of an OHV.

(a)(b) The use of Segways by mobility impaired individuals only will be limited to the following areas:

- Campgrounds, parking areas, and access sidewalks to public access buildings.
- Access trails from Sunset Campground to Sunset Point and from North Campground to the Visitor Center, including crossing park roads.
- Fairyland Point, Sunset Point, Lower Inspiration Point, Paria Point, and every viewpoint south of the Rainbow Gate.
- The rim trail between Sunset Point and Sunrise Point Parking area, taking the lower trail that does not go uphill to Sunrise Point. Access trails from the Lodge to the Rim Trail between Sunset and Sunrise Points.

Trails below the rim are steep natural surfaces with frequent trail debris. Trail materials are loose and susceptible to slipping.

SECTION 4.21 SPEED LIMITS

(b) The speed limit is 30 mph on park roads except in the following areas:

Park residential areas:	15 mph as posted by signs.
Entrance Station Plaza:	10 mph as posted by signs
Park Boundary to Mile .75:	40 mph as posted by signs
Mile .75, to Entrance Station:	20 mph as posted by sign
Entrance Station to Rainbow Gate:	30 mph as posted by signs
Bryce Point Road	35 mph as posted by signs
Rainbow Gate to Mile 10.5:	45 mph as posted by signs
Lodge Loop Road:	25 mph as posted by signs.
Fairyland Road:	25 mph as posted by signs.
Mixing Circle Road:	25 mph / 10 mph as posted by signs.
Utah Highway 12:	50 mph as posted by signs.
Campground areas:	10 mph as posted by signs.

Speed limits have been determined in consultation with the Federal Highways Administration, Utah Department of Transportation, and the Utah Highway Patrol.

SECTION 4.30 BICYCLES

- (a) **The use of bicycles is prohibited except on park roads and parking areas with paved surfaces.**

The use of bicycles on park trails would cause undue resource damage and accelerate the erosion process within the park especially due to the nature of the sharp turns and narrow tires. Additionally, due to the congestion of foot traffic on trails, it would cause an unsafe situation between low speed pedestrian traffic and moderate to high speed bicycle traffic.

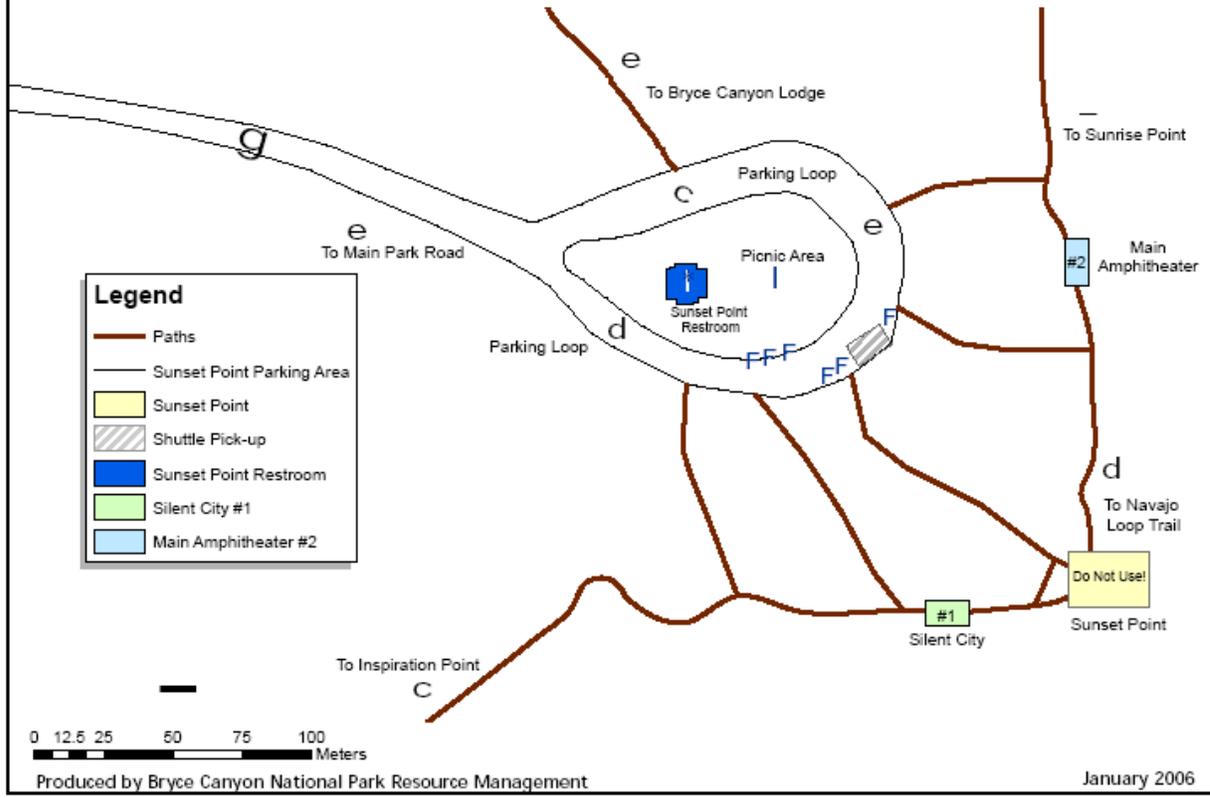
Section 7 Special Regulations - Multi-Use Visitor Path

- (a) **The superintendent may authorize bicycle use on the paved, shared-use path, and not off-trail or on non-paved, soft-surface trails.**

The National Park Service is planning to construct a paved, multi-use visitor path in Bryce Canyon National Park. The path will be approximately 6.2 miles long and be open to several uses, including running, walking and bicycling. National Service regulations require promulgation of a new special regulation to designate new routes for bicycle use off park roads and outside developed areas. This rule is effective June 1, 2015.

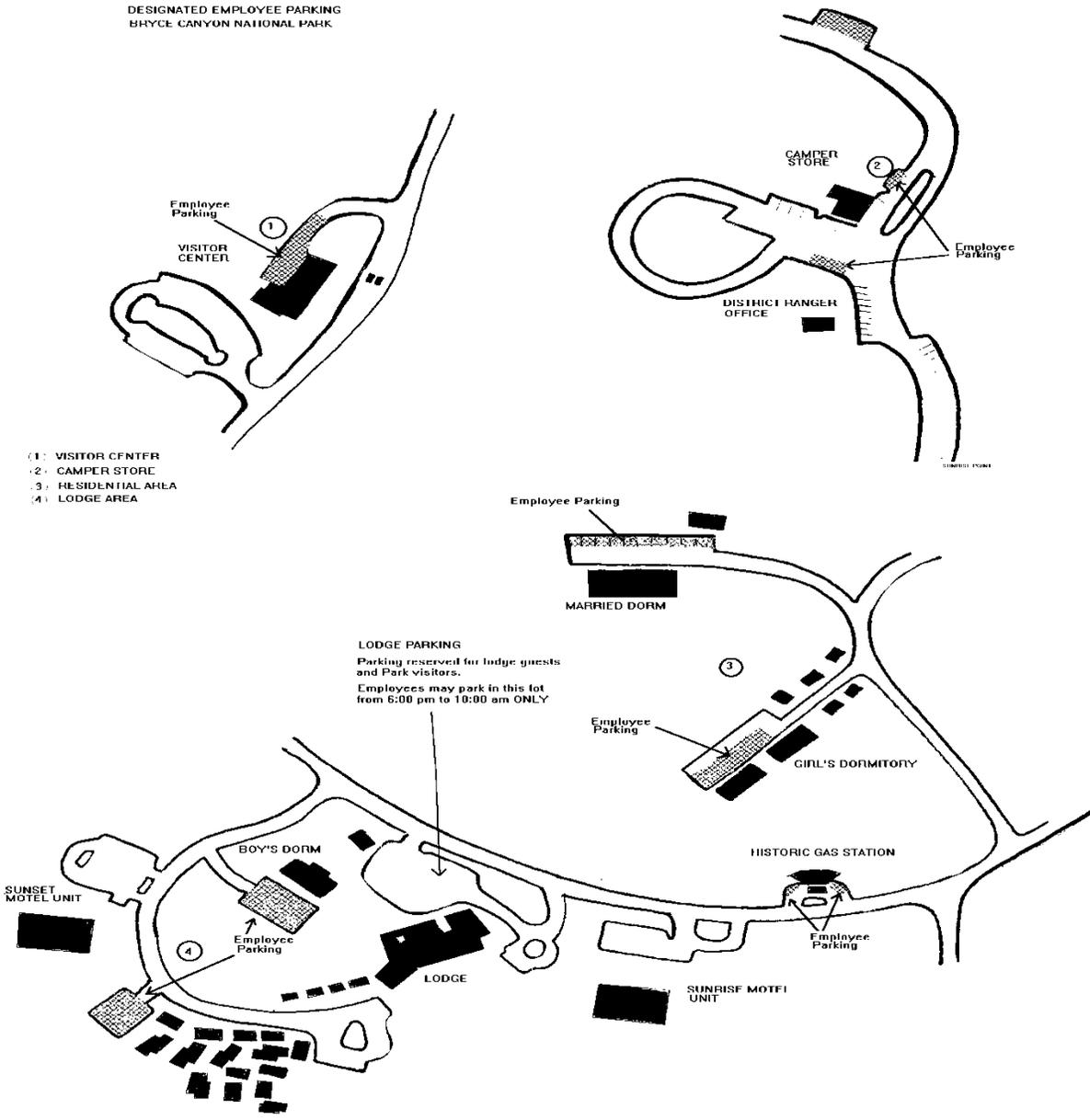


Sunset Point Special Use Permit Areas



Weddings are permitted at Silent City #1 or Main Amphitheater #2.

DESIGNATED EMPLOYEE PARKING
BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK





**DESIGNATED PUBLIC
ASSEMBLY AREA**

Public assembly area is the area on the eastern end of the sidewalk in front of the visitor center east of the extension of the disabled parking hash marks.