



**National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior**

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

**Brown v. Board  
of Education  
National Historic Site**

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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 provisions apply to all lands administered by the National Park service, within the boundaries of Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Public Law 105-356 [112 STAT. 3268], Section 2(b) states, in part, "Only those lands [at Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site] under the direct jurisdiction of the Secretary shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of law generally applicable to units of the National Park System including the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1, 2-4) and the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461-467)." Accordingly, the provisions of this compendium do not apply to property within the historic site that is owned by entities other than the federal government.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

### **36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

#### Visiting Hours:

The visitor center is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The visitor parking lot is closed to the public after dark.

The playgrounds of the former Monroe Elementary School are not available for any public use except by permit from the Superintendent.

First Amendment assembly Area-A Special Use Permit may be obtained from the Superintendent's Office for the purposes of public assembly. The designated assembly area is the northeast corner of the playing field near the historic baseball backstop; specifically, a 50 foot long by 30 foot deep area adjacent to 15<sup>th</sup> Street beginning at the northeast corner of the playing field. (See Section 2.51 below and page 5)

### **36 CFR §1.6 - PERMITS**

The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

- §2.50(a) Special 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
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)
- §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.

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

Pedestrian traffic is limited to paved walkways.

Climbing on parks signs, exhibits, or statuary is prohibited.

**36 CFR §2.10 –CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE**

Camping in the park or parking lot is prohibited.

**36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DEVICES**

Audio devices such as, but not limited to, a radio, tape deck, musical instrument, television set, bullhorn, or public address system that impairs the experience of other visitors or otherwise adversely affects the park's mission is prohibited.

**36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

Pets are not permitted within the visitor center. This restriction does not apply to guide dogs for the visually or hearing impaired. Pets, with the same exception, are prohibited on park grounds during special events. All pets must be leashed or otherwise restrained in accordance with 36 CFR 2.15(a)(2).

Pets otherwise not physically confined in a crate or cage on park grounds must be restrained on a leash not to exceed six feet in length.

Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object is prohibited.

Individuals in possession of pets must have on their person a bag or devise for the containerization and removal of pet excrement. Individuals shall immediately containerize and dispose of excrement deposited by their pet in a trash receptacle or remove it from the historic site.

- The proper disposal of pet excrement protects public health and safety, helps control the spread of disease, and avoids degradation of the visitor experience from the sight and smell of fecal material. Ensuring that a pet is leashed and not left unattended also protects the safety of visitors and helps avoid scenarios when unwanted overtures by a loose pet would diminish another visitor's experience.

Animals running-at-large and not claimed by the owner within a reasonable period of time will be turned over to Topeka City animal control officers.

**36 CFR§2.16-HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS**

Horses, mules, and donkeys are prohibited on park grounds but may be temporarily located in the visitor parking lot during loading/unloading for use of the adjacent Topeka City trail. Horses may also be temporarily located in the parking lot, if attended at all times, while riders are visiting the park or adjacent Topeka City park.

**36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES**

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices is prohibited.

### **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

Smoking is prohibited inside all federally owned buildings within the historic site and within twenty-five (25) feet of its exterior.

- Smoking is prohibited to ensure a healthy workplace for employees and visitors. Further, smoke and gases from cigarettes, cigars, and pipes adversely affect museum exhibits and artifacts.

### **36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

The use, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on federally owned lands within the historic site except under the conditions of a special use permit issued by the office of the superintendent. The superintendent may impose restriction or conditions as required to assure public safety and guard against inappropriate levels of consumption.

- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited to decrease the potential of an intoxicated person adversely affecting a visitor's experience, and to discourage the use of the grounds of the historic site as a place to congregate for the purposes of imbibing.

### **36 CFR §2.38– EXPLOSIVES**

Using or possessing fireworks and firecrackers or any explosive devices is prohibited.

### **36 CFR §2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS**

Special events such as public spectator attractions and ceremonies will be allowed under a special use permit issued by the park Superintendent or his/her designated representative so long as the event contributes to visitor understanding and significance of the park and does not:

- Cause injury or damage to park resources; or
- Impair the atmosphere of peace and tranquility or is contrary to the purposes the park; or
- Unreasonably interfere with park operations; or
- Substantially impair the operation of public use facilities or services of National Park Service contractors; or
- Present a danger to public health and safety; or
- Conflict with other existing uses.

Application for special use permit must be made in writing to the Superintendent at 72 hours before the event.

### **36 CFR §2.51 – PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS**

Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades, and other expressions of views are allowed by special use permit in the designated assembly area (reference Section 1.5).

The First Amendment assembly area designated in Section 1.5 is available only if the activity does not:

- Cause injury or damage to park resources; or
- Impair the atmosphere of peace and tranquility or is contrary to the purposes the park; or
- Unreasonably interfere with park operations; or
- Substantially impair the operation of public use facilities or services of National Park Service contractors; or
- Present a danger to public health and safety; or
- Conflict with other existing uses.

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Map for Designated Area for Public Assembly**

