

**CANAVERAL NATIONAL SEASHORE
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

SUBJECT: HORSE USE AT CANAVERAL NATIONAL SEASHORE

Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations Section 2.16 addresses regulations concerning the use of horses and pack animals. The Superintendent's Compendium provides additional information concerning this activity. The use of horses is permitted at Canaveral under the following conditions:

1. Horse use is restricted to Apollo Beach. There is no horse use at Playalinda Beach.
2. Horseback riding is permitted in the designated area with access from the Administrative boardwalk across from the Information Center. Horseback riding is prohibited within the seashore from April 15 (or when the first turtle nest is laid) through October 31, because of sea turtle nesting season.
3. There is a limit of six (6) horses per reservation per time slot. Due to limited trailer parking, there will be no waiting with horses for access to the beach. Reservations may be obtained by calling the Information Center and selecting an AM or PM time slot.
4. All horse trailers and vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas. The designated parking area is across from the Information Center near the Administrative boardwalk, but not blocking access to the road or boardwalk.
5. A permit must be obtained before using horses within the seashore. The permits will be issued upon check-in at the Information Center.
6. A valid Coggins certificate must be presented at the time the permit is issued.
7. Horse owners are responsible for maintaining sanitary conditions. Horse droppings must be removed from the parking areas, beaches and roadways by owners.
8. Horses must be led over the boardwalk by the rider, not ridden. Horses must proceed at a slow walk when passing the immediate vicinity of persons on foot. Care must be used by riders to avoid entanglement with fishing line and equipment.
9. Neither rider nor horses are permitted in the dune zone.
10. Horses are not permitted to consume vegetation. All forage must be provided by the owner.

11. Canaveral National Seashore reserves the right to cancel a permit at any time if it is necessary to protect natural or cultural resources or if the activity is deemed detrimental to health and safety.