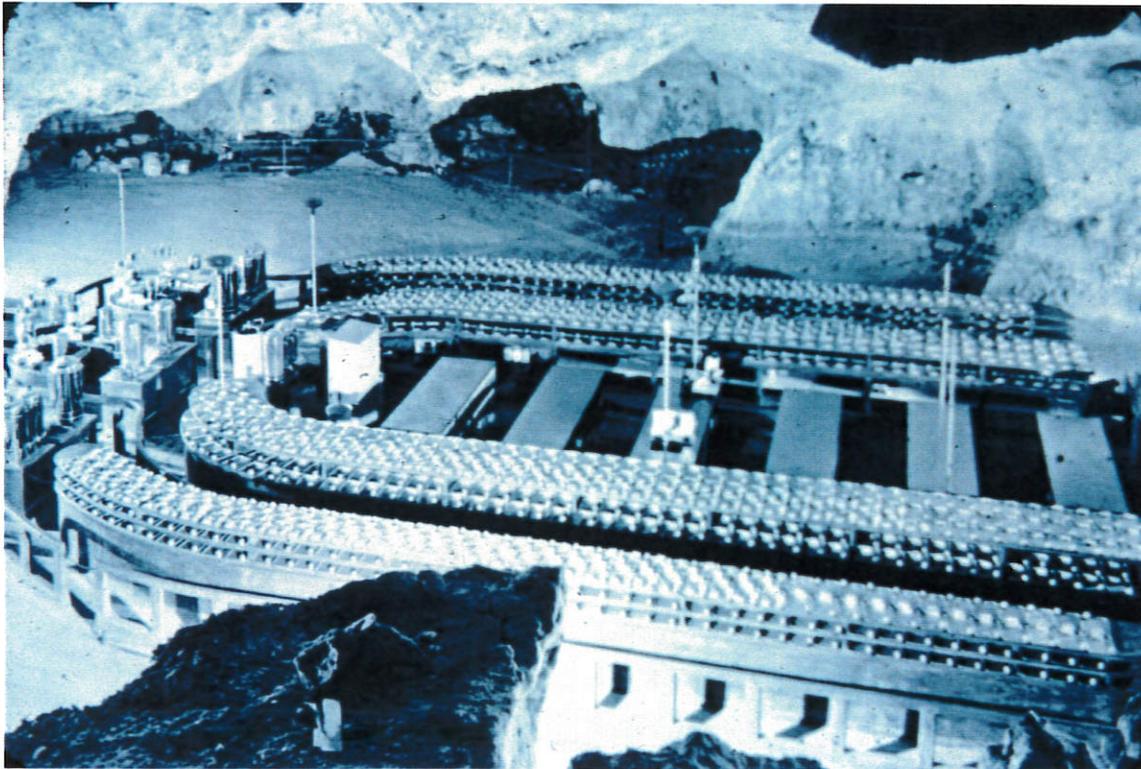




2016 Superintendent's Compendium

Of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Other Restrictions Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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 Carlsbad Caverns National Park 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.



Approved:

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Douglas Neighbor, Superintendent

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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 the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for the indicated areas and activities:

Visiting Hours:

Summer Hours: Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day

Visitor Center	8:00 am—7:00 pm
Big Room Route Entry	8:30 am—5:00 pm
Natural Entrance Route Entry	8:30 am—3:30 pm
Main Corridor Hike Out to Natural Entrance	8:30 am—3:30 pm

Off-Season Hours: Tuesday after Labor Day until Memorial Day weekend

Visitor Center	8:00 am—5:00 pm
Big Room Route Entry	8:30 am—3:30 pm
Natural Entrance Route Entry	8:30 am—2:00 pm
Main Corridor Hike Out to Natural Entrance	8:30 am—2:30 pm

Walnut Canyon Desert Drive (Loop Road)	8:00 am—6:30 pm summer 8:00 am—4:30 pm off-season
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Rattlesnake Springs Picnic Area	Open ½ hour before sunrise Closes ½ hour after sunset
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Guided Tour Public Use Limits (excluding tour guides):

- King’s Palace Tour: 55 persons maximum
- Left Hand Tunnel: 15 persons maximum
- Slaughter Canyon Cave: 20 persons maximum
- Lower Cave: 12 persons maximum
- Hall of the White Giant, Spider Cave: 8 persons maximum
- Recreational Permit Cave: As specified in permit.
- Tours are not available for private groups, unless pre-approved by the Superintendent for scientific purposes.

Public Use Limits:

Minimum Age Limitations

- All Cave Areas: Persons under the age of 16 are prohibited from entering any cave except when accompanied by, and under the direct supervision of, a responsible adult 18 years of age or older.
- King’s Palace Tour: Minimum age – 4 years.
- Left Hand Tunnel: Minimum age – 6 years.
- Slaughter Canyon Cave: Minimum age – 8 years.
- Lower Cave, Hall of the White Giant, Spider Cave: Minimum age – 12 years.
- Designated recreational caves: Caves requiring vertical access – 16 years, horizontal access – 12 years.

Clothing in Public Areas

- Shirts and footwear are required in public areas including all caves and buildings.

Groups with Educational Fee Waivers

- Designated Lunch Area: The designated lunch area for groups with educational fee waivers is the picnic area located at the southeast corner of the east visitor center parking lot.

Firearms and Dangerous Weapons

- All Buildings, facilities and caves are considered Federal facilities and are closed to the possession of firearms and dangerous weapons in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 930 Possession of firearms and dangerous weapons in Federal facilities.

Cavern Public Use Limitations:

- *Safety and Resource Protection Orientation:* All visitors are required to attend a safety and resource protection orientation upon their initial entry into tour caves.
- *White Nose Syndrome Prevention:* Possession and/or use of any footwear, clothing, equipment, or any other items that have been present in any cave or mine that has been identified as a potential source for White Nose Syndrome in bats is prohibited in any cave within Carlsbad Caverns National Park. In adherence to the park's White Nose Syndrome mitigation plan, all persons entering caves are required to be screened for WNS and if necessary to undergo approved cleaning procedures on footwear and equipment before entering any cave.
- *Supervision of Children:* An adult 18 years of age or older shall be responsible for, and in direct supervision of, persons under the age of 16.

Mobility Assistance Devices in Caves

- *Strollers:* Strollers, baby carriages, and similar devices are prohibited in all caves except as necessary for children with mobility issues, they are allowed within the wheelchair-designated portions of the Big Room of Carlsbad Cavern.
- *Segways:* Segways and similar large mobility devices are prohibited in all caves. Cave conditions pose an unacceptable hazard to the safety of the operators of such devices; due to narrow trails, cave ceiling variations, and steep inclines.
- *Wheelchairs/ Rollator Walkers (Four-wheeled walkers with resting seat):* Wheelchairs and similar devices are prohibited in all caves except that wheelchairs and walkers are allowed within the wheelchair-designated portions of the Big Room of Carlsbad Cavern.
- *Walking Sticks:* The possession and/or use of a walking stick within the cavern is prohibited, except for those individuals with limited mobility. Visitors with walking sticks must only use them on the paved trail and are required to have a rubber or soft tip.

Bat Flight/Bat Watch

- *Cameras/Electronic Devices:* The use (described as powered on) of any electronic device in the Bat Flight Amphitheater including the patio to the restrooms, bridge, orientation shade and associated trails during bat flight/watch programs or during any portion of a bat flight is prohibited. The use of cameras, video cameras, cell phones, pagers, MP3 players, iPods, iPads, e-readers and any other electronic

devices not mentioned herein during bat flight programs is prohibited. These items should be completely powered off and put away.

Closure/Determination Justification: Scientific observations indicate that the use of cameras and/ or camera strobes in or around an ascending bat flight from a cave are detrimental. Further scientifically valid studies to confirm these observations would be detrimental to the bat population and are not compatible with NPS research guidelines.

Food Consumption in Caves

- The possession or consumption of food (including gum or candy) or drink (except plain, unflavored water) is prohibited in any cave except in the Underground Rest Area in Carlsbad Cavern or as authorized in cave survey or restoration permits. Diabetics and persons with other medical conditions requiring them to consume food and drink while they're in the cave are permitted on a limited basis. Infants under 12 months may nurse or consume formula.

Closure Determination/Justification: Food use has the potential for cave contamination, increased litter, and increased animal attraction into cave areas not usually frequented by wildlife. Cave survey and restoration projects may involve extensive travel and/or multiple day expeditions and food use will be permitted for the health and safety of cave workers in specific permitted instances.

Backpacks in Caves

Backpacks: are not permitted on off trail tours including:

- Left Hand Tunnel
- Lower Cave
- Hall of the White Giant
- Spider Cave; Backpacks will be allowed for the hike to and from Spider Cave, Visitors can leave their backpacks on "S" hooks on the ladder.
- Slaughter Canyon Cave; Backpacks will be allowed for the hike to and from Slaughter Canyon Cave, visitors can leave their backpacks at the entrance within the locked gate.

Fanny packs (and specialized "cave packs"): may be utilized in place of backpacks on Cave Tours at the discretion of the Trip Leader.

Closure Determination/Justification: Off trail tours have narrow passageways in which backpacks can cause damage to fragile speleothems.

Tri-pods, Bi-pods and Mono-pods

- Use of these devices is not allowed on any guided tours.

Closure Determination/Justification: To maintain traffic flow pattern and prevention of resource damage and congestion

Closures

Area Closures: The following areas are closed to the public except when access is authorized by the superintendent:

- Upper Painted Grotto

- Lower Painted Grotto

Closure Determination/Justification: The Upper and Lower Painted Grotto archeological sites are especially sensitive. Any use beyond that which is authorized by the superintendent holds a strong potential for damage, even inadvertent damage. In authorizing visitation to these sites, the superintendent will consider the requesting party's/escort's knowledge of appropriate behavior around archeological sites and the purpose for the visit.

- All rock art and other archeological sites except those specially open to the public are closed to visitation. Permits may be issued at the discretion of the superintendent (or the cultural resources specialist). Guidelines for research at rock art and other archeological sites are that the researcher has approval from the superintendent and an acceptable research plan. Approval to visit or conduct research at sites will be determined on a case-by-case and a need-to-know basis.

Closure Determination/Justification: cultural resources such as rock art and other archeological sites are non-renewable and irreplaceable. Congress has passed numerous laws to protect these invaluable resources and the park is the steward of these resources. In order to protect these resources the park has set these guidelines of closure.

- Nature Trail, One hour before bat flight or bat flight programs until ½ hour before sunrise

Closure Determination/Justification: Public use of the Nature Trail has the strong potential to disturb the bat flight and to create an unnecessary public distraction from the events of the flight due to the close proximity of the trail to the typical flight pattern. The trail remains open for use for the majority of the day and an early evening closure will not create an undue impact on visitors' ability to use the trail.

- Maintenance yard and employee residence area, excluding invited guests

Closure Determination/Justification: Public entry to the maintenance yard increases the risk of injury to both the public and employees. The need for privacy and security in the employees' residences is not compatible with public use in this area.

Vehicle Use Restrictions

The following roads are closed to vehicles in excess of 9 feet wide or 25 feet in total length (combined length including towed vehicles or trailers):

- Walnut Canyon Desert Drive (aka Loop Road)
- All backcountry roads
- Rattlesnake Springs past the picnic area

Closure Determination/ Justification: Roads at Carlsbad Caverns National Park are not engineered to handle traffic from the vehicles specified in this closure. The use of these vehicles will likely result in damage to park resources, to personal property, and pose a risk for personal injury.

- Lagoon Road closed to all but authorized personnel.
- The park is closed to the operation of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs) or Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs).
- Parking in the Bat Flight Amphitheater parking lot is restricted to 9 handicapped standard parking stalls only. Unloading of busses and other vehicle passengers is permitted in the Bat Flight Amphitheater parking lot.
- Other vehicle-use restrictions may be imposed due to hazardous weather conditions or due to high fire danger.

Radar/Laser Detectors and Jammers

- All park areas are closed to operation of motor vehicles equipped with any device or mechanism, passive or active, to detect or purposefully interfere with or diminish the measurement capabilities of any radar, laser, or other device or mechanism employed by law-enforcement personnel to measure the speed of motor vehicles.

Closure Determination/Justification: Posted speed limits have been set with regard to the welfare of park wildlife, visitors, and employees. The use of devices that impede the accurate measurement of vehicle speeds by law enforcement officers is contrary to the maintenance of public health and safety within the park.

Wedding Ceremonies

- Wedding ceremonies are prohibited in all caves.

Technical Climbing

- Climbing on rock faces is not permitted within view of the park entrance road. The use of bolts, pitons, and other climbing hardware that damages or scars the rock surface in above-ground areas is prohibited. The use of climbing hardware in caves will be in accordance with the permit issued for the trip.

Passenger-Carrying Buses

- Buses must shut down their engines when not underway.
- School busses may park adjacent to the picnic area at the southeast corner of the east visitor center parking lot to facilitate school group lunch breaks.

Restrictions on UAV/Model Aircraft Use

- 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.

Closure Determination/Justification: Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

36 CFR §1.6 – Activities that Require a Permit

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

§1.5(d) – The following activity related to public use limits

Recreational Permit Cave

- Use permits may be issued at the discretion of the cave resources specialist or the superintendent per the guidelines established in the Carlsbad Caverns National Park Cave and Karst Management Plan. The conditions for recreational permit cave use stated in the Cave and Karst Management Plan are adopted as a part of this document.

After-Hours Tours of Carlsbad Cavern

- Big Room After-Hours Tours: Subject to the terms and conditions of a special use permit.
- Technical climbing.

§2.4(d) – Carrying or possessing a weapon, trap, or net

- (1) A permit may be issued when necessary to support approved/permitted research activities:
 - (2) To carry firearms for persons in charge of pack trains and saddle horses for emergency use.
 - (4) To provide access to otherwise inaccessible lands or waters contiguous to a park area when other means of access are otherwise impossible.
- no weapons, traps or nets will be allowed into the guided tour caves unless authority is granted by the superintendent.

§2.4(e) – Authorized Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers may carry firearms in the performance of their official duties

§2.10(a) – *Backcountry Camping Permits*

- Permits for backcountry camping may be issued at the discretion of park staff. Permits may only be issued to persons 18 years of age or older.

36 CFR §2.1 – Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the following is prohibited:

- (1) Possessing, destroying, injuring, defacing, removing, digging, or disturbing from its natural state:
 - (iv) A mineral resource or cave formation or the parts thereof.
 - (3) Tossing, throwing or rolling rocks or other items inside caves or caverns, into valleys, canyons, or caverns, down hillsides or mountainsides, or into thermal features.
- (b) Hiking or pedestrian use is restricted to the trail tread, walkway, or designated pathways and routes in all developed caves. Leaving a trail or walkway to shortcut between portions of the same trail or walkway, or to shortcut to an adjacent trail or walkway in violation of designated restrictions is prohibited.

- (c) The superintendent may designate:
- (1) The collection of prickly pear cactus fruits and fruits from the historic Rattlesnake Springs orchard trees will be allowed with the following restrictions:
 - (2) (i) Fruits may be collected from cactus within 100 feet of the Walnut Canyon Road and the Scenic Loop Drive and from orchard trees at Rattlesnake Springs.
(ii) No more than one gallon of fruits may be collected per person, per day.

36 CFR §2.2 – Wildlife Protection

- (d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:
- Wildlife legally taken on lands outside the park may be transported through Carlsbad Caverns National Park if the game is properly tagged as required by state law, if it is transported out of view of park visitors, and when the only practical means of egress is taking a road that crosses through Carlsbad Caverns National Park.
- (e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:
- All lands within Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

36 CFR §2.3 - Fishing

- (a) **The following areas are closed to fishing:**
- *Rattlesnake Springs:* pond, flumes, and other open water.
 - *Other:* All springs, seeps, and other natural pools and water sources.

36 CFR §2.10 – Camping

- (a) Backcountry camping is allowed only west of Rattlesnake Canyon trailhead off the Desert Scenic Drive (Loop Road) and south of the Guadalupe Ridge Trail to the park boundary for approximately two miles after which camping is allowed both north and south of the trail. (see appendix C)
- Campsites must be located at least 100 feet off established trails, 300 feet from any water source or cave entrance and ½ mile or 2,600 feet from any road or parking lot.
 - Backcountry camping groups are limited to ten (10) persons. Larger groups must hike and camp at least ¼ mile apart in separate areas.
 - The permit holder must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
 - The maximum stay is seven (7) consecutive nights.
 - Vehicle or RV camping is prohibited. Camping is not allowed in any other area, including along any roads, at any parking lot or at any trailhead.
 - The superintendent may authorize camping in special circumstances at the visitor center area when determined there is no impact to cultural or natural resources.

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 or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:
- Charcoal fires are allowed in grills at the Rattlesnake Springs Picnic Area.

- The use of camp stoves (liquid or gas fuel) is permitted in picnic areas and in backcountry camp sites.
 - The use of portable grills (charcoal or gas) is permitted at Rattlesnake Springs Picnic Area and the picnic area located at the southeast corner of the east visitor center parking lot.
- (c) High fire danger closures will be in effect as noted:

A prolonged forecast of very high to extreme fire danger, decreased fire suppression staffing levels, national or local preparedness levels 4 or 5, a high local call volume, implementation of fire restrictions on adjoining federal lands, and/or other factors leading to a high risk of unwanted fire spread will prompt the following standard fire restrictions:

- Smoking permitted only inside vehicles or on paved parking areas where smoking is otherwise permitted.
- No open flame.
- No cook stoves.
- No use of grills in picnic areas.
- No flame-emitting device

Closure Determination/Justification: These protective measures will help to reduce the potential of unwanted fire spread in the park and onto surrounding public and private lands.

36 CFR §2.14 – Sanitation and Refuse

- (b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established for the following:
- Caves: All solid and liquid waste must be carried out of caves. Waste containers may not be left along the trail/route to be picked up later. Other sanitation and refuse disposal conditions may be specified in cave use permits.
 - Surface areas: (such as in backcountry camping) Solid human waste should be placed in a shallow hole away from water sources and trails. Toilet paper must be packed out.
 - Spitting in the cavern or cave pools is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.15 – Pets

(a) The following are prohibited:

(1) Areas Closed to Pets:

All surface and cave areas including the Natural Entrance trail within Carlsbad Caverns National Park are closed to pets with the exception of the following:

- On and within 30 feet of paved pullouts and paved parking areas on the surface.
- Along the non-paved Walnut Canyon Desert Drive (Loop Road).
- The NPS employee housing area.
- Permian Drive and Reef Top Circle.
- All paved nature trails.
- Bat Draw road and parking area.
- Rattlesnake Springs picnic area and roadways.

Service dogs as defined by the ADA are not pets and are allowed on all paved trails of the cavern, they are not allowed on the off trail cave tours due to the close proximity of the safety caution tape on trails that are marking deep drop-offs and protecting park resources. Service dogs must be leashed or under owners control. Service dogs are allowed any place pets are allowed and must meet all the other requirements in §2.15. Contact the park at 575-785-2232 for more information.

(3) Unattended Pets in Parking Areas

- Pets shall not be left unattended in vehicles when the ambient air temperature forecasted high is greater than 70 degrees Fahrenheit. These unattended pets will be removed from the vehicles at the discretion of law enforcement or, if animal is showing signs of distress. The animals will be impounded at the owner's expense.
- Stock should not be left in trailers when forecasted high is greater than 70 degrees Fahrenheit, or lower than 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Closure/Determination Justification: On warm days temperatures in closed motor vehicles can rise quickly to levels dangerous to the life and health of animals. These unattended animals can cause public nuisance and alarm when noticed by concerned passersby.

(5) Pet Excrement Disposal

- All solid waste must be picked up and disposed of immediately in outdoor trash receptacles.
- A waste collection station is located at the back of the west parking lot near the kennel.

36 CFR §2.16 – Horses and Pack Animals

(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals:

- Horses
- Burros
- Mules
- Llamas
- Alpacas

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is permitted on the following trails, routes or areas:

- Guadalupe Ridge Trail

(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- Horse and pack animal handlers must provide their own feed and water for their animals.
- Animals may not be tied to native vegetation or features.
- Feed carried into designated pack animal use areas must be certified as weed-free.

36 CFR §2.17 – Aircraft and Air Delivery

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is allowed, subject to a written authorization from the superintendent. The superintendent

will establish, on a case-by-case basis, the following terms and conditions for aircraft removal:

- Timeframe for removal.
- Times and means of access to the site.
- Manner or method of removal.

36 CFR §2.21 – Smoking

- (a) The superintendent may designate a portion of a park area, or all or a portion of a building, structure or facility as closed to smoking when necessary to protect park resources, reduce the risk of fire, or prevent conflicts among visitor use activities. Smoking in an area or location so designated is prohibited.

Closed to smoking:

- All Government-owned buildings and structures, including all restrooms, except permanent employees' residences with the consent of the residents.
- Smoking within 25 feet of all entrances and exits to government buildings or caves.
- Within 50 feet of gasoline pumps and flammable substance storage areas.
- Bat Flight Amphitheater seating, adjacent patio area, and Natural Entrance trail (surface)
- Other areas as posted and as designated during high fire danger.
- All Electronic cigarettes are prohibited as if they are tobacco products to comply with the December 2010; US Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ruling in *Sottera, Inc., v. Food and Drug Administration*.

- (b) Smoking is prohibited within all caves and caverns

Closure Determination/ Justification: This prohibition will help protect the park structures and ensures that visitors and employees are not involuntarily exposed to harmful cigarette smoke while at work or entering and leaving government buildings.

36 CFR §2.22 – Property

- (a)(2) The following describes areas where property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours, and the conditions under which property may be left:
- Vehicles may be left unattended for more than 24 hours at established trailheads, including Yucca, Slaughter, Guadalupe Ridge, and Rattlesnake Canyons and the west parking lot when the driver is on a backcountry camping trip, with the required permit, and intends to return to the vehicle immediately after the trip.

36 CFR §2.23 – Recreation Fees

(a) Recreation fees, are established for the following use/entrance fee areas:

<u>Use/Entrance Fee Areas:</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child*</u>	<u>Senior/Access Pass</u>	<u>National Parks Pass</u>
• General Entrance	\$10.00	Free (< age 15)	Free	Free
• King's Palace	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 8.00
• Left Hand Tunnel	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 7.00
• Slaughter Canyon Cave	\$15.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50	\$15.00
• Lower Cave	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
• Hall of the White Giant	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
• Spider Cave	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
• Ogle Cave	\$15.00	N/A	\$ 7.50	\$15.00

*Child entry on guided tours is subject to the age limits specified under 36 CFR 1.5 in this document. **Holder of National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass, Senior Pass (formerly Golden Age Passport), and Access Pass (formerly Golden Access Passport) plus three individuals are entitled to free general entrance. Only the holders of a Senior Pass or Access Pass receive one-half off the fee for guided trips.

Note: A general entrance permit is required in addition to designated fees for guided and off-trail entry in Carlsbad Cavern.

(c) The collection of recreation fees may be suspended during the following periods:

- Days as directed by the NPS Washington, DC office and as allowed per DO/RM-22.

36 CFR §2.35 – Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- All public buildings.
- All parking lots.
- Bat Flight Amphitheater and associated patio areas.
- All caves.
- All paved surface trails.

Closure Determination/Justification: The consumption of alcoholic beverages in the specified locations is contrary to the purpose for which they were established and maintained and is contrary to the interest of public safety for the visiting and traveling public.

36 CFR §2.51 – Public Assemblies, Meetings

- (e) Public assemblies and meetings are limited to areas designated in Appendix A or other areas designated by written permit.

36 CFR §2.62 – Memorialization

- (b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit, or in designated areas according to conditions which may be established by the superintendent.
- The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
 - The scattering of remains by persons on the ground must be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed facility, or cave.
 - The scattering of remains from the air must be performed at a minimum altitude of 2,000 feet above the ground.
 - No scattering of remains from the air may be performed over developed areas, facilities, or caves subject to regular or permitted public access.
 - No scattering of remains may occur in any cave.

§ 3.16 Swimming and Bathing

- (a) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:
- Rattlesnake Springs pond, flumes, and other open water.
 - All springs, seeps, and other natural pools and water sources.
 - Cave pools.

36 CFR §4.10 – Travel on Park Roads and Routes

- (a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated in the National Geographic/Trails Illustrated map, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, 2007 revision as follows:
- Roads indicated as a “Select Paved Road” or “Improved Road.”
 - The “Four-Wheel Drive Road” that branches off Eddy County Road 418 at the south park boundary leading to the Yucca Canyon Trailhead.
 - The Guadalupe Ridge Road between its junction with the Walnut Canyon Desert Drive (Loop Road) and the Lechuguilla Cave Trail parking area as authorized or permitted.
 - Walnut Canyon Desert Drive (Loop Road) The 9 ½ mile dirt road is one –way traffic, however the first 3 miles are designated two way traffic for authorized vehicles only.

36 CFR §4.21 – Speed Limits

- (b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:
- 40 mph day/30 mph night for Walnut Canyon Road (park entrance road) from MP 0 to MP 6.0 unless otherwise posted.
 - 35 mph for Walnut Canyon Road from MP 6.0 to MP 6.6.
 - 25 mph for Walnut Canyon Road from MP 6.6 to MP 6.8.

- 15 mph for Rattlesnake Springs Road, and other unimproved or dirt roads unless otherwise posted.
- 15 mph for Walnut Canyon Desert Drive (Loop Road).
- 15 mph, 10 mph, or 5 mph for congested and/or parking areas, as posted.

Determination/Justification: The speed limits for the roads/road sections indicated have been set lower than the standards established in 36 CFR §4.21 due to the high potential for injury to animals and people along the main park road and within parking areas, especially at night. The design of Walnut Canyon Road makes higher speeds unsafe.

36 CFR §4.30 – Bicycles

(a) Bicycle use is permitted on park roads, parking areas, and on the following designated routes:

- Park roads open for travel by motor vehicle.
- Roads indicated as an “improved road.”
- The “Four-Wheel Drive Road” that branches off Eddy County Road 418 at the south park boundary and leading to the Yucca Canyon Trailhead.

The following route is closed to bicycle use:

- All trails, including Guadalupe Ridge Road/Trail.

Determination/Justification: Bicycle use on these routes is consistent with the protection of the park area’s natural, scenic and aesthetic values, safety considerations and management objectives and will not disturb wildlife or park resources.

36 CFR § 7.47 Carlsbad Caverns National Park

(a) Cave entry.

- (1) With the exception of the regular trips into Carlsbad Caverns under the guidance or supervision of employees of the National Park Service, no person shall enter any cave or undeveloped part or passage of any cave without a permit.
- (2) Permits. The Superintendent may issue written permits for cave entry without escort only to persons engaged in scientific or educational investigations. The Superintendent shall approve issuance of a permit provided:
 - (i) That the investigation planned will have demonstrable value to the National Park Service in its management or understanding of park resources, and
 - (ii) That the permit applicant is adequately equipped and experienced so as to ensure the protection and preservation of park resources.
- (3) Solo exploration. Solo exploration or investigation is not permitted in any cave or undeveloped part or passageway of any cave within the park.

APPENDIX A

Designated Areas for Public Assemblies/Meetings and Sale/Distribution of Printed Matter

A map identifying locations approved for public assemblies/meetings and the sale/distribution of printed matter is attached.

Park Visitor Center area: The east visitor center parking lot picnic area.

Cavern area: The Bat Flight restroom patio area

APPENDIX B

Road and Trail Usage

A map identifying locations approved for biking, hiking, backcountry camping, pets is attached.

APPENDIX C

Camping Areas

A map identifying locations approved for camping including restrictions.



Designated Areas for Public Assemblies/Meetings and Sale/Distribution of Printed Material



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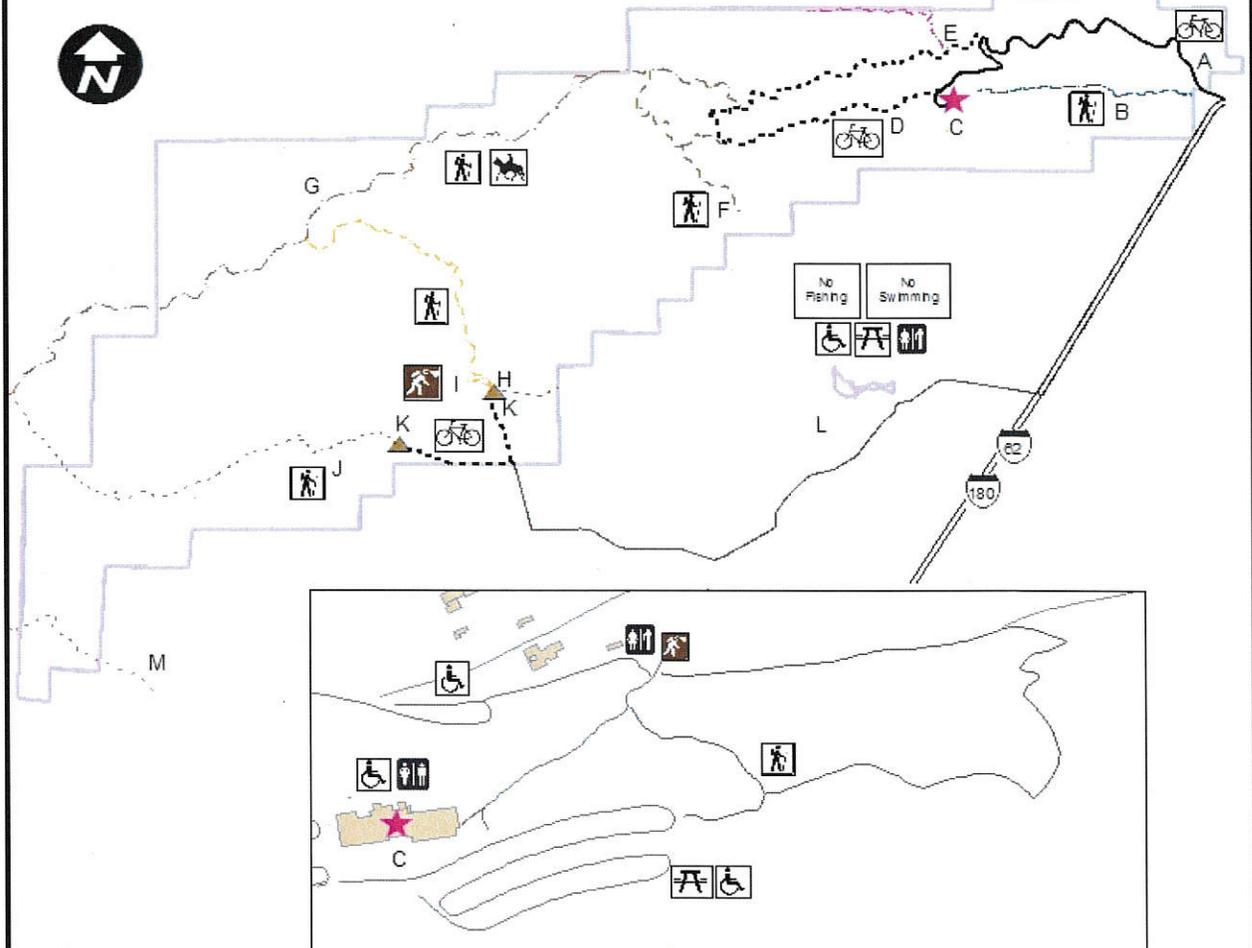
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APPENDIX A



Road and Trail Usage



- A-Walnut Canyon Road
- B-Old Guano Trail
- C-Visitor Center
- D-Walnut Canyon Desert Drive (Loop Road)
- E-Juniper Ridge Trail
- F-Rattlesnake Canyon Trail
- G-Guadalupe Ridge Trail
- H-Slaughter Canyon Cave Trail Head
- I-Slaughter Canyon Cave Entrance
- J-Yucca Canyon Trail
- K-Trailheads-No Bikes Beyond This Point, Hiking Only
- L-Rattlesnake Springs Picnic Area

- Handicap Access
- Restroom
- Picnic Area
- Hiking
- Bicycling
- Cave
- Horseback Riding
- No Fishing
- No Swimming
- Trailhead

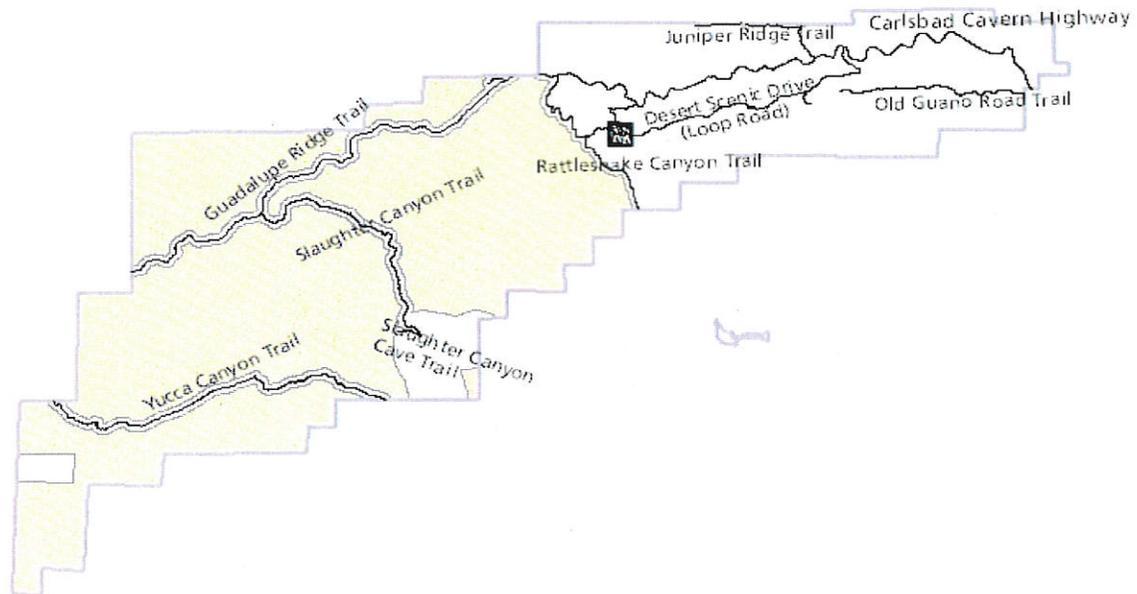
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APPENDIX B



Camping Area Superintendent's Compendium



Location Restrictions:

--Backcountry camping is allowed only West of Rattlesnake Canyon trail head off the Desert Scenic Drive (Loop Road) and South of the Guadalupe Ridge Trail to the park boundary for approximately two miles after which camping is allowed both North and South of the Trail.

--Campsites must be located at least 100 feet off established trails, 300 feet from any water source or cave entrance and 1/2 mile or 2,600 feet from any road or parking lot.

--No camping on or within 100 feet of archaeological sites or rock shelters with rock art.

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Legend

-  Rattlesnake Canyon Trail Head
-  Roads and Trails
-  Potential Camping Area
-  Park Boundary

APPENDIX C