

CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT

2024 Operating Plan for Commercially Guided Bicycle Tours

1. Authorized Use Defined:

Pass Through Only: Continuation of one-way regional (southwestern Utah and northern Arizona) leader accompanied bicycle tours (non-motorized human pedaled vehicles) through designated portions of Cedar Breaks National Monument. Said bicycle tours within Cedar Breaks National Monument are contingent upon conformance with, and subject to, all conditions included herein. No bicycle activities or business limited to and/or focused upon Cedar Breaks National Monument are authorized by this permit.

Group size of bicycle tours is limited to 30 people, including group leaders and support staff.

Authorized Times of Operations: Bicycle tours may operate in daylight hours only (between morning civil twilight and evening civil twilight).

Spacing of Bicycle Riders: The permittee shall regulate participant riders on its bicycle tours so that the entire group is broken into groups of no more than 6 riders or less per group, each group spaced apart by 1/4 mile. When stopping to converse, take pictures or make repairs, participants will pull completely off the roadway and will not bunch up or block traffic in any way. Note that the roadways within Cedar Breaks are very narrow with minimal shoulders and poor sight distances. For their safety all riders are instructed to only use established pull outs and parking areas whenever possible. **ALL BICYCLISTS MUST RIDE SINGLE FILE ON PARK ROADS.**

Electric Bicycles (e-bikes): The use of certain e-bikes in the national parks has been approved for the general public by the National Park Service (NPS) through Director’s Order 3376. It should be noted that Sec. 6 of Secretarial Order #3376 Effect of the Order states; “To the extent there is any inconsistency between the provisions of this Order and any Federal laws or regulations, the laws or regulations will control.” It should also be noted that Cedar Breaks National Monument will ensure CUA program compliance with 54 USC 101925 Commercial Use Authorizations. A person operating an e-bike is subject to the following sections of 36 CFR part 4 that apply to the use of traditional bicycles: sections 4.12, 4.13, 4.21, 4.22, 4.23 and 4.30(h)(2)-(5). Except as specified in the Superintendents Compendium, the use of an e-bike within Cedar Breaks National Monument is governed by State Law, which is adopted and made a part of the Superintendents Compendium. Any act in violation of State law adopted by this paragraph is prohibited.

As such, Cedar Breaks National Monument will temporarily authorize Commercially Guided Bicycle Tours to use Class 1 e-bikes for the 2024 operating season in order to evaluate their use commercially, which is not addressed by DO 3376.

Class of e-bikes allowed: Class 1 e-bikes are electric bicycles equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour. No throttle device may be present.

2. Authorized Use Areas Defined:

Roadways Only: In accordance with 36 CFR 4.30, bicycle use within Cedar Breaks National Monument is prohibited except on established paved roads and parking areas.

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Authorized Area of Use –Utah State Routes 143 and 148 and the Main Park Road in Cedar Breaks National Monument.

Bicyclists must stay on hardened paved, surfaces or previously disturbed surfaces along the road corridor. Hiking and/or the use of park trails is not authorized by this permit.

- Closures and Public Use Limits:** The following areas are closed or restricted as indicated below. Additional locations (i.e. restoration areas, construction zones) may be closed or restricted by the posting of appropriate signs.

Point Supreme Overlook Closed and Under Construction for the 2024 season

Work will continue through the 2024 season. This overlook will be closed and completely blocked from visitor access once construction of the park's new visitor contact station begins. All CUA holders will need to utilize the remaining viewpoints. South Rim Trail does not have enough parking for large groups, few parking spots for visitors only to access the South Rim Trail. Visitor services that were formerly at The Point Supreme Overlook location will be moved to the North View Overlook.

Bicycles and E-bikes are prohibited on all trails in Cedar Breaks National Monument.

Parking and stopping along park roads is prohibited (including Sunset View) except for the following parking areas: North View Overlook Parking Area, Alpine Pond Trail Head Parking Area, Chessman Ridge Parking Area, Campground Picnic Area, and Point Supreme Information Center Parking Area.

Commercial Activities are prohibited in the following areas: the park administrative offices area, employee housing areas, maintenance areas, behind locked gates, within 500 feet of water tanks, areas behind fences, service roads, and other areas closed to the general public.

- Speed Limits:** The speed limits within the monument must be obeyed at all times.

Passing motor vehicles is prohibited throughout the park.

- Accidents/Injuries/Illness:** All accidents involving property damage, injuries, and/or medical problems should be reported to the park immediately at the Point Supreme Information Center or by calling (435) 772-3322. All such information must also be relayed by the permittee to the CUA program manager within 24 hours via email to zion_commercialservices@nps.gov.
- Tour Leaders:** An employee of the permittee designated as a tour leader shall ride at the rear of the group to assist with bike adjustments and other touring concerns. That individual shall be certified in CPR and first-aid care. Tour leaders shall brief the participants of each ride on safety concerns relevant to each day's ride on the morning of that riding day. Tour leaders shall be well acquainted with park regulations and support compliance with said regulations.
- Support Vehicle:** A support vehicle shall accompany each tour and be accessible to the needs of the bicycle riders. Parking and stopping along park roads is prohibited (including Sunset View) except for the following parking areas: North View Overlook Parking Area, Alpine Pond Trail Head Parking Area, Chessman Ridge Parking Area, Point Supreme Campground Picnic Area, and Point Supreme Information Center Parking Area.

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Vehicles must not idle their engines when parked. Idling vehicles create unacceptable amounts of noise and air pollution within Cedar Breaks National Monument.

8. **First-Aid Supplies:** Adequately sized first-aid kits shall be carried by both the bicycle riding tour leader at the rear of the tour group and in the support vehicle.
9. **Safety Notice:** Permittee shall make available to all participants of tours a general safety notice addressing all aspects of bicycle safety. Information contained in this notice shall include, but not be limited to, bicycle safety and resource protection. Leaders should remind participants that they are at over 10,000 feet elevation and participants may tire easily. Participants should be advised to drink lots of water, eat snacks, and wear hats. Wearing sunscreen is an absolute must as high elevation ultraviolet rays can cause sunburn in minutes. The best way to prevent sunburn is to minimize sun exposure. The safety notice shall advise bicyclists that information on the park, including safety information, is available at the information center during normal working hours. Additional information that could be included is location of comfort stations and other information deemed necessary and appropriate by the permittee. The National Park Service reserves the right to review safety information. A copy of the notice shall be provided to the superintendent prior to the start of the operating season.

Each tour associated with the permit shall carry and maintain a kit for emergency medical care. The kit shall be of sufficient size for the number of persons in the group and the nature of the activity.

10. **Commercial Interpretive Services:** Permittees may provide interpretive or instructional services on the trails with proper permitting. Leading interpretive talks or walks without proper permitting is a violation of your permit and may result in revocation of permit privileges.
11. **Safety Requirements:** The permittee shall make helmets available to each of its riders free of cost.
12. **Yielding for Trailing Motor Vehicles:** Should more than three motor vehicles be following a bicycle rider or group of riders; the individual rider or group shall safely pull to the side and allow the motor vehicles to pass.
13. **Entrance Fees:** Each time permittees enter the park, they must identify themselves, show a copy of the CUA, and state that they are accompanying clients. This process enables the Cedar Breaks personnel to verify that you are on the approved list for commercial activities. The entrance fees per person are \$10.00 each (subject to change). Guides and drivers are exempt from paying entrance fees when facilitating a commercial activity and may not use personal passes to admit clients. **Individuals or groups who have previously paid the entrance fee must show proof of prior payment.** Individuals who previously entered on a commercial bus shall be required to pay the per person entrance fee. Passengers may use annual or lifetime federal recreational land passes according to the parameters of the pass. No fee will be collected from an empty vehicle entering the Park for the purpose of picking up passengers.
14. **Trip Itineraries:** The permittee shall provide the superintendent with the full calendar year's trip itineraries and required information prior to the start of the tour season. (See Trip Itinerary, Attachment C.) A company brochure with marked or highlighted tour dates is acceptable.
15. **Monitoring:** The superintendent shall have the right to monitor permittee's activity for compliance with all

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aspects of this permit. Drivers and Guides shall carry a copy of the approved CUA and present it to any park official upon request. Monitoring of permitted activities may occur at the parks discretion. Monitoring costs would vary depending on park staff involved. A Park Ranger would cost approximately \$50.00 per hour for a minimum of three hours monitoring.

16. **Soil Erosion:** The permittee shall take adequate measures, as directed and approved by the superintendent, to restrict and prevent soil erosion on the lands covered hereby and shall so utilize such lands as not to contribute to erosion on adjoining lands.
17. **No Right of Renewal:** No right of renewal attaches hereto. Upon expiration of this permit, the viability of this service inside the park shall be reviewed and the superintendent shall determine if authorization of this service shall continue under Commercial Use Authorization. If a determination is made to continue the service under this type of authorization, permittee may then apply for a new permit.
18. **Driver & Guide Responsibilities:** It is the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that all employees are informed of, understand, and abide by the conditions of the permit.
Any permit condition violations can result in punitive action (fine, revocation of permit and or arrest) against both the representative (guide), and the permittee.

The individual designated as the leader shall be certified in CPR and First Aid.

19. **Resource Protection Message:**
 - Collecting or removing from the park any natural or cultural resource, or damaging or defacing any natural or cultural resource is prohibited.
 - All food scraps (fruit peels, nut shells, etc.) are considered trash and must be disposed of properly. It is a violation to feed the wildlife, including squirrels.
 - Take only pictures - leave no evidence of your visit.

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