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

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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 and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

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.

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I. 36 CFR §1.5(a)(1) - VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

The violation of a closure, restriction or condition designated under §1.5(a) is cited under §1.5(f).

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain activity:

Visiting Hours

All units of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park are open for visitation during daylight hours, with the following exceptions:

1. Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center is open from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, daily.
2. Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center is open from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, daily.

   Park Visitor Centers may be open extended hours during the period of Memorial Day through Labor Day if personnel are available. Visitor centers are closed on December 25, Christmas.

3. Cravens House (located on Lookout Mountain, Tennessee) is open seasonally based on personnel availability.
4. Point Park gate is open from 8:30 am to sunset, daily.
5. Sanders Road Picnic Area is closed December 01 through March 15 (based on weather conditions)
6. US Highway 27 Picnic Area is closed December 01 through March 15 (based on weather conditions)
7. Wilder Brigade Monument is closed December 01 through March 15 (based on weather conditions)
8. Signal Mountain restrooms are closed December 01 through March 15 (based on weather conditions)
9. Gated Roadways Closed at sunset

Closures

1. Public Roadways:

   Roadways reserved for the management of park resources are closed to motorized vehicle use, by the public, unless authorized in a special use permit. The following roads are designated for management use only:

   A. **Chickamauga Battlefield**

   - Dalton Ford-Thedford Ford Road
   - Dyer Service Road
   - Mullis-Vittetoe Road
   - Mullis Road
   - Snodgrass Savannah Road
   - Snodgrass Road (unpaved section)
   - Vittetoe Road
   - Snodgrass Service Road

   B. **Lookout Mountain Battlefield**

   - Upper truck Trail
   - Lower Truck Trail
   - Guild Trail

2. Moccasin Bend Archeological District's shall not be accessed from the Tennessee River nor shall the Tennessee River be accessed from Moccasin Bend Archeological District.

   Justification: Safety issues and sensitivity to ground disturbance and erosion caused by gaining access to the river bank along the Tennessee River's shoreline.

3. All units of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park are closed to public use activities one half hour after official sunset to 6:00 am unless authorized by issuance of a special use permit, see 36 CFR 1.6 Activities Requiring a Permit. Motor vehicle traffic is permitted on open roads one half hour after official sunset to 6:00 am for through travel only, stopping or parking is prohibited.

   Justification: Protection of park resources would be diminished with unrestricted "after hours" use. Closure of identified sites and restriction placed on motor vehicle use does not interfere with normal or legitimate visitation to park resources.

4. Maintenance facility areas of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park are closed to the general public. Grounds immediately surrounding park housing are also closed to public use.

   Justification: Maintenance areas provide storage for government owned equipment, supplies and materials. To insure protection to facilities and stored materials these areas are closed to non business related public access. To insure residential privacy and protection of personal property, housing areas are closed to public use.

5. First Amendment:

   The First Amendment demonstration sites of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park are designated as follows:

   A. The Chickamauga Battlefield site for larger groups is located at the Wilder Brigade Monument and adjoining field. For other demonstrations the site is located along the east side of the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center lower parking lot in the grassy area near Lafayette Road. No activity is permitted within 50 feet of the Lafayette Road.

   B. The Lookout Mountain site is located in the grassy area between the Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center and the access drive leading into the visitor parking area.

   Justification: In order to provide safe and adequate space for first amendment demonstrations and to prevent these activities from interfering with visitors access to the National Military Park's historic and cultural resources the following designated sites are identified.

   Maps attached to this document further identify the specific sites.

(a)(2) The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

Alexander's Bridge

The bridge crossing over the West Chickamauga Creek, known as Alexander's Bridge, connecting the Park's Alexander Bridge Road to the Catoosa County roadways is closed to all vehicular traffic, bicyclists and pedestrians.

With bridge inspections completed by the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, it was determined for the safety of the general public to close the bridge to vehicular traffic due to the bridge's structural unsound condition.

Bicycles

Bicycles are permitted on all paved roads located within Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. Cyclists may also use the following gravel roads. In Chickamauga Battlefield; Dalton Ford Road, Thedford Ford Road, Vittetoe Road, Mullis-Vittetoe Road, and roads located in the South Post area. On Lookout Mountain; the Upper Truck Trail and Lower Truck Trail are available for bicycle use.

No trails, pedestrian walkways, or areas other than as described are available for bicycle use in Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

Justification: In order to enhance cycling safety and prevent conflicts between a variety of visitor uses bicycling is prohibited in all areas other than as described.

Boating
Watercraft may not be landed or launched along the Tennessee River shoreline of Moccasin Bend National Archeological District.

Justification: The Tennessee River shoreline is a rich depository of archeological resources. Its uncontrolled use as a landing or launch site by water craft would impose irreparable harm to the resource. Prohibiting this activity offers protection to the resource.

Caving
The Twenty Seven Spider Cave located on Lookout Mountain is closed to caving. Based on the temporary public use closure, dated 10/25/2010, all caves are closed to recreation and exploration activities in cooperation with the USFWS Cave Advisory dated March 26, 2009 .

Justification: The sensitive natural and cultural resources found in caves and rock shelters require controlled use of these sites. In particular the Twenty Seven Spider Cave requires special protection as its unique resources are highly susceptible to damage. Unrestricted access would result in degradation to these sites. Previous vandalism to these resources has been documented. In addition safety issues regarding use of these resources requires National Park Service monitoring.

Climbing
Technical rock climbing on Lookout Mountain is permitted on the rock faces above and below the Bluff Trail extending between the areas known as the Towers to the climb known as Blonde Ambition and at Eagles Nest. All other areas on Lookout Mountain are closed to technical rock climbing. Sport rappelling is permitted only at Eagles Nest.

Justification: The sensitive natural and cultural resources found in areas suitable for climbing requires limited site accessibility. Unrestricted access would result in degradation to these sites. In addition, safety issues regarding the use of these resources by the public require National Park Service monitoring. The Climbing Management Plan will govern use of the climbing resource and user activities

Fishing
Fishing from Moccasin Bend Archeological District's Tennessee River Bank is prohibited.

Safety issues and sensitivity to ground disturbance and erosion caused by gaining access to the river bank excludes fishing access to any of the river bank along the Tennessee River's shoreline at Moccasin Bend Archeological District.

Picnicking
All units of the National Military Park are closed to picnicking except the following sites:

Chickamauga Battlefield:
1. Reeds Bridge Road Picnic Area
2. Brotherton Road Picnic Area
3. Recreation Field
4. US Highway 27 Picnic Area

Lookout Mountain:
1. Sanders Road Picnic Area
2. Picnic tables at Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center

Signal Point:
1. Signal Point Picnic Area.

Justification: In order to preserve the historic view shed from intrusive uses picnicking will only be allowed in the designated areas. Managing this use also controls litter left behind.

Recreational Use

All units of the National Military Park are closed to the following recreational activities: kite flying, ball playing, sun bathing and other similar activities, except in the area designated as the Recreation Area located in Chickamauga Battlefield. The use of golf clubs, model airplanes, gliders, and model rockets are not permitted anywhere in the park.

Justification: In order to protect the commemorative values of the historic landscape and insure recreational visitors do not interfere with the interpretation of the historic resource recreational activities must be managed. Limiting recreational activity advances the primary preservation values found within the park's enabling legislation.

Vehicles

- Motorized carts (such as the traditional "golf" cart), personal assistive mobility devices, and other type vehicles are permitted in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, except as noted below. These vehicles are considered motor vehicles when powered by gas products and/or electricity, or other future alternative fuel sources.
- Operating a motorized cart, personal assistive mobility devices, or like vehicle not in accordance with state law, 36 CFR 4.2(b) and applicable state law is prohibited.

- The use of motorized carts is permitted to operate on the following roadways on the Chickamauga Battlefield during daylight hours only by a person(s) that have reached their sixteenth birthday.

Wilder Road	Alexander Bridge Road
Chickamauga-Vittetoe Road	Brotherton Road
Glenn Kelly Road	Viniard Alexander Road
Dyer Road	Jays Mill Road
Snodgrass Hill Road	

Crossing over Lafayette Road at the following intersections will be permitted: Alexander Bridge Road and Glenn-Kelly Road; Brotherton Road and Lafayette Road; Dyer Road and Lafayette Road. All points North and South of the above mentioned intersections on Lafayette Road will be closed to the use of motorized carts.

* Note access to Lafayette Road from Viniard Alexander Road is prohibited. Motorized carts traveling Viniard Alexander Road are required to turn around prior to reaching Lafayette Road.

All other Park Roads, including intersections, are closed to motorized carts.

This order is issued to provide guidance to operators of these devices and to increase the level of safety to those operators and the motoring public.

- Low Speed Vehicles which conform to all applicable federal and state motor vehicle safety standards, may be operated on park roads with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.

Justification: Low speed vehicles, when operated on the high-speed roads create a hazard to the operators and the occupants of all vehicles that come into conflict with them. This order is issued to enhance the safety of the motoring public.

All roads within the park boundary will remain open for use by authorized government vehicles.

GPS-Based Recreational Activities

The park is in the process of completing a new General Management Plan (GMP). Due to the sensitivity of the park resources, being a significant battle during the Civil War with archeological and paleo resources, the plan will fully evaluate all uses of GPS based recreational activities and make a decision as to which type of activity best works within the Park's legislative intent and the Park's purpose. Until the GMP is completed, the only GPS recreational activity that the park allows is "Virtual Caching" to help compliment the park's education mission.

> *Judging from information contained in web sites promoting GPS activities and from information from park staff, it is clear that these activities have the potential to cause injuries to participants or lead them into unsafe situations; and otherwise violate NPS guidelines. "Virtual caching" provides an opportunity to manage GPS activities in an education program, thereby allowing visitors to utilize another educational avenue and experience the Park in a way to assist in the learning about the Park's history and its stories.*

Segway Use Determination

The use of Segways and similar devices will be permitted to travel on park secondary roads and in the area of the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center and Point Park Visitor Center by individuals with mobility disabilities only. All Segway use will be excluded from the main park roads: Lafayette Road in Chickamauga Battlefield.

> *It is the parks goal to provide the visitor with a safe, quality park experience. Segway use provides an opportunity for an additional demographic to enjoy an experience that is often taken for granted.*

II. 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:

- §2.1 Preservation of Natural and Cultural Resources:
  - (a)(5) Entering caves or rock shelters
  - (a)(5) Rock Climbing by groups of 10 or more individuals

- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Taking of plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals).

- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
  - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.

- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:
  - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft

- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods, or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52).

- §2.38 Explosives:
  - Use or possess fireworks.

- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events

- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views

  Weddings are allowed in the following locations with a permit:
  Chickamauga Battlefield- Old Dyer House Site on Dyer Road.
  Lookout Mountain- Southwest side of New York Peace Monument at Point Park.
  Signal Point – On the grassy area immediately above the overlook.

- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising.

- §2.62 Memorialization:
  - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from the Director).
  - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation.

- §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.

- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, paths, structures, etc.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

(a)(1)(ii) Climbing in designated areas must provide for the protection of natural and cultural resources:

- Any tree used as an anchor to attach webbing, rope, or any type of sling used for climbing activity must be first wrapped with protective padding around its entire circumference. The padding must be of sufficient thickness to prevent abrasion of the tree.
- Organized groups of 10 or more must obtain a permit as per, 36 CFR 1.6, prior to climbing.
- Any natural product collected must be gathered by hand and intended for personal use or consumption.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

- All areas within the boundaries of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

- Certain areas have been designated for picnicking and are listed in section 1.5(a)(1) "Closures".

Conditions for Picnicking

- Cooking foods by means of open flame, controlled combustion or other cooking device is not permitted.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

- Owners or persons having custody or control of any animal(s), within 500 feet of Visitor Centers and the Cravens House will immediately remove and dispose of excrement voided by an animal(s) under their control. Excrement will be properly disposed of in trash containers. This rule also applies to Point Park in its entirety.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

- Pet owners will comply with all applicable county and state regulations pertaining to pets.
- All pets will be inoculated per state & county regulations, and will wear tags identifying their owner.
- Breeding operations shall not be conducted.
- Wildlife shall not be kept in violation of state or federal law.
- The keeping of exotic animals with potential to survive within Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park should they escape is prohibited.
- The keeping of farm animals (which include but are not limited to: horses, burros, goats, or pot bellied pigs) is prohibited.
- Excessive noise or offensive conditions created by any pet are prohibited.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES

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

- The designated horse trails in Chickamauga Battlefield.
- The Lower Truck Trail on Lookout Mountain Battlefield.

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

- Using roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices, is prohibited in all areas of the park

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

- Smoking is not permitted in any building, facility, or structure within the park.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas;

- Entrance Fee Areas:

  Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park currently collects an Entrance Fee at Point Park on Lookout Mountain.

- Recreational Fee Schedule, effective January 1, 2007:

Daily Pass (Individual person)	$ 3.00
Interagency Annual Pass	$80.00
Interagency Senior Pass	$10.00
Interagency Access Pass	$ 0.00
Point Park Annual Pass	$20.00

- Special Recreation Permit Fee (Such as but not limited to, group activities, recreation events, and the use of motorized recreation vehicles): $50.00 application fee, permit fee ($ 25 minimum) plus recovery costs.

  Other activities: $50.00 application fee, permit fee ($ 25 minimum), plus recovery costs.

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:

- Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Signal Point, and Moccasin Bend Archeological District.

  Justification: The proximity of these areas to bluffs, cliffs, steep slopes and other natural hazards make them unsuitable for consumption of alcohol due to the concern for visitor safety.

- Chickamauga Battlefield, except in designated picnic areas.

  Justification: Consumption of alcohol is inappropriate in areas other than established picnic areas as such consumption would interfere with visitor's appreciation of the historic scene and resources

36 CFR §3.3 –PERMITS, BOATING AND WATER USE ACTIVITIES

Watercraft may not land or be launched along the Tennessee River shoreline of Moccasin Bend National Archeological District, as per 36 CFR 1.6.

36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

(a)(1) All waters are closed to swimming.

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- Lafayette Road from the north boundary of Chickamauga Battlefield to the Kelly Field 30 MPH
- Lafayette Road from the Kelly Field to the south boundary of Chickamauga Battlefield 35 MPH
- McFarland Gap Road 30 MPH
- Reeds Bridge Road 35 MPH
- Sanders Road 20 MPH
- All other roads within the National Military Park Boundaries 25 MPH.

36 CFR §5.6 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

All park roads are closed to use by commercial vehicles, with the following exceptions:

- Commercial vehicles less than 5 tons (GVW) are permitted on Reeds Bridge Road and McFarland Gap Road

- Motor Vehicle Towing/Recovery vehicles are permitted on park roads when necessary to access adjacent lands and as deemed necessary for responding to emergency calls.

- Commercial vehicles/carriers delivering goods and services to the National Military Park.

This compendium has been reviewed by:

Todd Roeder Date: 6-23-2011

Todd Roeder, Chief Ranger

This compendium has been approved by:

Cathleen Cook Date: 6/23/2011

Cathleen Cook, Superintendent