



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

**City of Rocks
National Reserve**

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**Superintendent's Compendium
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 regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of those portions of City of Rocks 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.

I. 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 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 use or activity:

Visiting Hours: The Reserve visitor center is open 7 days a week from April 7, 2014 through October 18, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. October 21, 2014 through April 11, 2014, the Reserve visitor center is open Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Offices are closed on federal holidays November through February.

Public Use Limits: The Reserve is open year round 24 hours a day. Some roads may be closed and vehicle access restricted due to heavy snow. In order to protect resources at popular areas, camping in the designated backcountry is regulated and requires a permit. It can be obtained at the Almo Visitor Center at no charge.

Closures: During Raptor nesting periods, rocks where nests are located will be closed to climbing if climbing would cause the birds to abandon their nests.

Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of City of Rocks National Reserve is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent. " 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.

(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:

Camping: Please refer to §2.10 of this compendium for specific camping area designations.” Camping is restricted to developed and designated campsites or in the designated backcountry.

Rock Climbing: Rock Climbing (which involves gear, anchors, ropes or hardware) is permitted throughout the Reserve with the following exceptions: Interior private property, research natural area, Twin Sisters, rocks with emigrant signatures, and rocks of the California Trail corridor (including Camp Rock, Chicken Rock, Monkey-face Rock, Keiser’s Helmet, Treasure Rock, Devil’s Bedstead, and Register Rock). New climbing routes in permitted areas involving fixed anchors require a permit from the Superintendent.

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:

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
 - Camping in backcountry

- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)

- §2.10(a) The following camping activities:
 - Backcountry camping permits may be obtained from the City of Rocks Headquarters located in Almo, ID at no charge.
 - Each of the numbered and designated campsites is limited to eight people per site with no more than two vehicles at a campsite. Three group camping areas (Bread Loaves, Twin Sisters, and Juniper) are limited from 12 to 35 people in each site.

- §2.12(a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
 - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas

- §2.16(g) Campers are not permitted to keep horses in any campsites other than Juniper Group Camp. Horses produce odor, flies and noise that interfere with the experience of other campers.

- §2.17(a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
 - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft

- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services

- §2.38(a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
 - (b) Use or possess fireworks

- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
 - All public lands within the boundary of the Reserve are open to expressions of views without a permit, provided the group is no larger than 8 people in a single designated campsite, 35 people in a group campsite, or 25 people in any other area. Groups larger than 25 people may assemble, gather, demonstrate, etc. with a permit in most other areas of the Reserve and may be approved by the superintendent if no adverse effects to natural or cultural resources would result.
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed material that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
 - Livestock grazing is permitted in designated allotments only by authorized permittees according to the Reserve's grazing management plan. Incidental grazing or livestock use that occurs during trailing of cattle through the Reserve, or by horses, mules, etc. being ridden along trails is allowed without a permit.
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62(b) Memorialization - (Scattering ashes from human cremation)
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)
- §5.5(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.
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available)
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, path, structure, etc.
- Part 51 Concession Contracts – State of Idaho Permit
- Part 71 Recreation Fees – State of Idaho Parks and Recreation Fees

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- Indian Grove backcountry area.

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:

- Pine Nuts
- Elder berries, choke cherries

Ethnic groups historically collected these items prior to the reserve status; therefore it is permitted to collect pine nuts, elderberries, and chokecherries for personal use only. Personal use does not include commercial collecting and resale, or for another's use. Quantity is defined by what one person can reasonably consume during the season that the nuts and berries are available.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

In accordance with §2.4(a)(1-2) weapons, traps, or nets may be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations where the taking of wildlife is authorized by law in accordance with §2.2:

- During legal hunting season with a valid state hunting license and permit (tag) for the area (Unit 55).

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

- Camping is permitted only at designated (numbered or lettered) sites after payment of appropriate fees.
- Camping in back country is by permit only.

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:

Designated Areas: Campfires are allowed only in the numbered or lettered campsites that have metal fire rings located in them.

Receptacles Allowed: Metal fire rings permanently located at campsite.

(c) High fire danger closures will be in effect as noted:

- When posted at the visitor center and on bulletin boards.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a) Pets may be kept by park residents (campers, hikers, climbers, day users, etc.) under the following conditions:

- Pursuant to the reserve's pet policy that states that pets must be on leashes not to exceed 6 feet, and where pets are not left unattended.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

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

- Horses, burrows, mules, or llamas

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

- North Fork Circle Creek Trail
- California Trail
- Tea Kettle Trail
- Boxtop Trail

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is allowed, subject to written authorizations from the superintendent, under the following terms and conditions:

- In an established time frame at specific times by designated routes of access.

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

(a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, innertubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:

- All Reserve roads open to this use when the snow is of sufficient depth to prevent vehicle travel, and the vehicle gates have been closed for the season

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking:

- Public restrooms
- Visitor Center
- Administrative buildings

36 CFR §2.60 – LIVESTOCK USE AND AGRICULTURE

(a) Absent a permit, the running-at-large, herding, driving across, allowing on, pasturing or grazing of livestock of any kind in a park area for agricultural purposes is prohibited. Additionally, a permit can only be issued in the following circumstances:

(a)(1) As specifically authorized by Federal statutory law; or

(a)(2) As required under a reservation of use of rights arising from acquisition of a tract of land; or

(a)(3) As designated, when conducted as a necessary and integral part of a recreational activity or required in order to maintain a historic scene.

- Trailing of livestock is permitted along county roads within the Reserve. The incidental trailing of cattle along the California Trail in route to other permitted public lands or to local private lands is permitted.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(a) Authorization from the Director of the National Park Service is required to install a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area.

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains in the following areas, and/or according to the following terms and conditions:

- The scattering of human ashes from cremation is allowed pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit as outlined below:
 - The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
 - The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed facility, or body of water.
 - The scattering of remains from the air is to be performed at a minimum altitude of 2000 feet above the ground.
 - No scattering of remains from the air is to be performed over developed areas, facilities, or bodies of water.

36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

(a)(1) The following areas are closed to bathing:

- No bathing at the water pumps/water facilities.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated in the following publication:

- City of Rocks National Reserve Unigrd Brochure

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

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

- Stripe Rock Loop
- Tea Kettle Trail
- Trails to campsites 59-60
- Smoky Mountain Connector
- California Trail (Smoky Mountain Trail Head to Tracy Ruins)
- Skyline Connector

The following routes are closed to bicycle use:

- All other trails not listed in (a) above.