



## Superintendent's Compendium

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### What is the Superintendent's Compendium?

Each National Park Service (NPS) site is, in part, managed subject to the regulations established in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The CFR contains regulatory provisions which protect the natural and cultural values, as well as public safety and visitor experience on a national level.

The Superintendent's Compendium acts as a supplement to the CFR, and is specific to each NPS site. Each Superintendent is granted the authority within the CFR to amend, modify, relax or make more stringent specific regulations within the CFR for their NPS site. For example, Crater Lake National Park's Compendium includes sections about aquatic resources and closures particular to Crater Lake National Park in order to best protect the park's resources and keep visitors safe.

The regulatory needs of Crater Lake National Park change with recreational trends and increased resource knowledge. Because of this, the Superintendent's Compendium is reviewed regularly with changes, explanations, and clarifications made as needed.

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### What changes have been made?

The goal of the Superintendent's Compendium is to provide for public safety, ensure a positive visitor experience, and to protect park resources. With this in mind, the Compendium addresses particular enforcement needs, standardizes inconsistent regulations, and clarifies existing regulations. What follows are the most notable revisions the Superintendent has made to the Crater Lake National Park Compendium in 2013. Please consult the complete document for all regulations specific to Crater Lake National Park.

#### **36 CFR §1.5 – PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES:**

The Llao Rock Research Natural Area (RNA) is closed to public entry whenever the area is covered by less than one continuous foot of snow. The Llao Rock RNA is located along the northwest caldera rim and encompasses 435 acres. The closure shall be in effect whenever signs are present designating the closure and when so posted on the park website. This area has recently become a popular hiking destination. Prior to the last decade, Llao Rock received minimal recreational use. The Llao Rock RNA was designated in 1994 to protect rare plant species and preserve whitebark pine (*Pinus albicaulis*) communities, subalpine pumice and ash fields, and an alpine community mosaic. The increased visitor use has led to damage to sensitive resources which the RNA was designated to preserve and protect. The seasonal closure will ensure that these fragile resources are given the appropriate level of protection and further damage is limited. It will also allow for restoration of areas currently impacted by hiking activity.

The Superintendent has issued an emergency closure of Crater Lake to all SCUBA diving, snorkeling, and any swimming that includes the use of wet suits, masks, fins, towable devices or other than standard swim suits. The park will be soliciting for public comments over the next several months on a proposed permanent closure of Crater Lake to such activities in order to protect against the introduction of non-native or invasive aquatic species that could seriously alter the lake ecosystem. Crater Lake is considered to contain what may be the purest, clearest water found anywhere in the world. In order to best protect this fragile and unique resource, the lake has been closed to activities which could introduce non-native or invasive aquatic species that could threaten the integrity of this resource. Non-native or invasive aquatic species have wreaked havoc on other aquatic systems. The lake already contains non-native fish and crayfish introduced during the early years of the park before there was sound science to warn against such actions. Park personnel have worked for decades to overcome the impacts of these early introductions. In order to protect the lake for the wonder and admiration of current and future visitors it is necessary to strictly limit activities such as these that could threaten its continued purity.

Firewood restrictions have been placed into effect requiring that no person shall transport, by any means, untreated firewood into the Park, for sale or use within the Park, from any location outside of the Pacific Northwest. The park adopts Oregon state law as applicable in the park. See [ORS 570.720](#) for further information on state firewood regulations. "Pacific Northwest" means the states of Oregon, Washington,

and Idaho. “Untreated Firewood” means any firewood that has not been heat treated to a minimum wood core temperature of 60°C (140°F) for at least 60 minutes or equivalent treatment as approved by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). Air drying of firewood is insufficient and is not approved by ODA. Post treatment firewood must be stored in a manner to minimize re-infestation. Firewood purchased for use in the park or sold within the park must be labeled as “Approved Pacific Northwest Firewood” for all firewood from sources wholly within the Pacific Northwest or “Approved Pest Free” for all treated firewood meeting the ODA treatment standard whether harvested from the Pacific Northwest or elsewhere. For further information on firewood restrictions, preventing the spread of invasive forest pests, and the “Buy It Where You Burn It” Campaign go to the “[Oregon Invasive Species Council](#)” website or the National “[Don’t Move Firewood](#)” website. This restriction is established to protect Crater Lake National Park from the introduction of invasive species, including non-native wood-boring insects and plant diseases, transported on firewood from outside the Pacific Northwest.

### **36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

The following includes changes or additions to previously established regulations concerning the transport of wildlife legally taken by hunters outside of the park:

- The transport of wildlife legally taken outside the park must be by the most direct route through the park to the person’s destination and no such game may remain in the park overnight unless it is possessed by a park resident at their assigned park residence.
- Park residents may transport wildlife legally taken outside the park from the any park entrance directly to their residence.
- Lawfully taken wildlife transported through the park shall be completely covered or otherwise kept out of view, and must be properly tagged in accordance with state law.
- Persons transporting legally taken game must possess a valid state hunting license.
- Park law enforcement staff is authorized to check any wildlife so transported for adherence to these conditions and state regulations that apply.
- Wildlife wounded outside the park during a legal hunt, which subsequently comes into the park, may only be pursued and retrieved from the park by the hunter who wounded the animal after receiving permission from the Superintendent or designee and only if accompanied by a park law enforcement ranger. Contact Park Dispatch at (541) 594-3060 for assistance.

### **36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING**

The use of any organic bait, to include worms/night crawlers, is not permitted within the park. Only nonorganic, artificial lures may be used in accordance with state law.

### **36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS AND NETS**

In accordance with Section 512 of Public Law 111-24, persons possessing firearms within Crater Lake National Park must comply with the firearms laws of the State of Oregon and any applicable Federal Law. Within the park, the following buildings are designated as “federal facilities” and shall be signed to indicate that firearms are prohibited inside these buildings in accordance with [18 USC 930](#):

- Steel Visitor’s Center
- Sager Building (Park Headquarters)
- Canfield Building
- Natural Resources/Fire Management Building (aka Rat Hall)
- Park Maintenance Building
- Science and Learning Center
- Annie Creek and North Entrance Stations
- Kaiser Studio
- Sinnott Memorial
- Rim Village Community House
- 1928 Building
- Rim Café and Gift Shop
- Annie Creek Restaurant and Gift Shop
- Mazama Camper Store including public laundry and shower facility.
- Crater Lake Lodge
- Mazama Dormitories
- Rim Dormitory
- Any other building so identified by a sign on the entrance notifying that firearms are not allowed inside in accordance with 18 USC 930.

Federal facilities are buildings or parts thereof owned or leased by the Federal Government, where Federal employees are regularly present for the purpose of performing official duties. 18 USC 930 is Federal law that supersedes Section 512 of Public Law 111-24 and prohibits the possession of a firearm or other dangerous weapon in a Federal facility unless specifically authorized. All concession facilities within the park are owned by the National Park Service and various park employees routinely perform work functions within those facilities.

### **36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE**

Several modifications have been made to camping regulations. These include:

- Campsite fees, where charged, must be paid within one-half hour of arrival.
- The number of campers per site in Lost Creek Campground is limited to 8 persons.
- The number of campers per site in Mazama Campground is limited to 6 persons.
- The number of vehicles per site in Mazama Campground and Lost Creek Campground is limited to 2 vehicles.
- In sites where tent pads are provided, tents may be erected only on tent pads; otherwise tents must be placed within 25 ft. of the site's picnic table and/or fire pit.
- Quiet hours in Lost Creek Campground are between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- Quiet hours in Mazama Campground are between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- Generator use is prohibited at all times in Lost Creek Campground and is allowed between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. in Mazama Campground.

For Backcountry camping, the following additions to current regulations have been made:

- The maximum group size for backcountry camping is 8 persons. Larger groups must split up into smaller groups within these limits and must camp and eat at least 1/2 mile apart. Larger groups may request an exception to these limits from the Superintendent under the terms of a Special Use Permit. For permit information, please contact the park at (541) 594-3052 3052 or visit the park website at: <http://www.nps.gov/crla/planyourvisit/permits.htm>
- Backcountry camping is prohibited in the following areas:
  - Between Rim Drive and the caldera rim during the summer season and within 100 ft. of the caldera rim during the winter season.
  - Within 100 feet from any other flowing stream, spring, lake or other natural body of open water.
  - Within 500 feet from any obvious cultural or archeological site.
  - Within designated research natural areas.

### **36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES**

The following are additions to previously established restrictions on fires within the park:

- Fires are prohibited:
  - Within 100 feet of any other spring, flowing stream, river or body of water.
  - Within designated research natural areas.
- Fires must be fully contained within established fire grills, grates or rings. No bonfires (large fires that spill outside the fire receptacle, use stacks of highly flammable material such as cardboard boxes or wood pallets or have excessive flame heights that could easily become uncontrolled) are allowed.
- Fires will be constantly monitored while burning and will be completely extinguished after use.
- Self-contained gas and charcoal grills/stoves are allowed. Charcoal must be fully extinguished with water and removed from the park or disposed of in a garbage receptacle when cold.
- In the backcountry, fires may only be constructed upon and in areas of bare soil with a diameter of at least 6 ft. or in a shallow snow pit clear of vegetation for a diameter of at least 6 ft. in order to prevent escape and damage to resources. Clearing of vegetation is prohibited. Metal fire pans or fire blankets may also be used for additional protection. Fires must not exceed three feet in diameter. Upon departure all fires must be rendered completely out and cold by dowsing with water and all ashes must be widely scattered. Construction of permanent stone fire rings is prohibited.

### **36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION AND REFUSE**

In backcountry and other undeveloped areas the disposal of human body waste shall be prohibited within 100 feet of any water source or developed trail. Human waste and toilet paper must be buried in a hole 6 inches deep in mineral soil. Human body waste, other than used diapers or toilet paper, is prohibited from

being placed within park trash cans or dumpsters and must be disposed of in park restroom facilities or the RV dump station at Mazama Campground.

### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

The following additions and changes to existing regulations have been made in regards to possession of pets within the park:

- Pets are also prohibited from entering Crater Lake, all streams, and any body of water within the park.
- Pets on a leash of not more than 6 ft. in length **are** allowed on the following trails and in the following areas, under the specified conditions:
  - Lady of the Woods Trail near the Steel Visitor Center.
  - Godfrey Glen Trail on Munson Valley Road.
  - Grayback Road from Vidae Falls Picnic Area to Lost Creek Campground.
  - Leashed pets are also allowed on the Pacific Crest Trail.
  - Hikers on these trails with pets must abide by the following conditions:
    - Hikers may only be in possession of one leashed pet per person.
    - Hikers with pets on these trails must yield by stepping off the side of the trail and controlling their pet at their side whenever meeting other hikers without pets
    - Hikers with pets on the PCT must also step off the side of the trail controlling their pet at their side whenever meeting stock users.
    - PCT hikers with pets must keep their pets leashed at all times when in the park including when camping.
    - Hikers with pets on these trails must clean up solid pet excrement and dispose of it in trash receptacles. PCT hikers may either remove solid excrement from the park or bury it at least 6 inches deep as with human feces at least 100 feet from any water source, developed trail, or designated backcountry campsite.

### **36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS**

The following regulations concerning use of horses and pack animals in the park contain changes or additions:

- Grazing, free-ranging, the use or transport of hay, straw or seed-type feeds is prohibited within the park.
- Stock users must carry sufficient pellet feed for their stock to use while in the park. All such feed must be certified weed-free.
- Stock users should feed their animals certified weed-free feed for several days prior to coming to the park to reduce the risk of introducing seeds of non-native plants into the park.
- Maximum group size is 8 persons and 12 head of stock. Larger groups may request an exception to these limits from the Superintendent under the terms of a Special Use Permit. For permit information, please contact the park at (541) 594-3052 3052 or visit the park website at: <http://www.nps.gov/crla/planyourvisit/permits.htm>
- Stock manure piles must be raked, spread or otherwise dispersed before leaving an area. Manure piles shall be removed from Trailheads and parking areas.
- Horse trailers may not be cleaned out within the park.

### **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

The following is an addition to the regulations concerning smoking within the park:

- Persons who wish to smoke while hiking or riding stock in the backcountry must stop and remain in one location until they have extinguished their smoking material. All smoking material must be packed out and disposed of in an appropriate trash receptacle. This is to reduce the fire danger from embers or ashes inadvertently dropped while walking or while riding an animal. These have the potential to start a fire that may go unnoticed in its initial stages. Requiring persons to remain in one location minimizes this risk.

### **36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES**

- Fees are required for entrance into Crater Lake National Park via the Annie Springs Entrance Station or North Entrance Station. When entrance stations are unattended entrance fees shall be

paid utilizing the self-pay stations (iron rangers) following the instructions posted at the station. The pay envelope stub will serve as the entrance receipt and pass.

**36 CFR §2.51 – DEMONSTRATIONS and 36 CFR §2.52 - SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

Groups consisting of 25 or less persons who wish to hold a public demonstration or sell or distribute printed matter in accordance with First Amendment rights who meet all the conditions listed in 36 CFR §2.51 and §2.52 are no longer required to have a permit. These activities are still restricted to the sites designated by the Superintendent and listed in the compendium.

**36 CFR §3.17 – REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO SWIMMING AND BEACHES**

The Superintendent has formally designated the following areas as swimming areas or swimming beaches:

- Swimming is allowed within 100 yards of Cleetwood Cove and within 100 yards of Wizard Island, provided that swimmers remain at least 50 feet away from any boat, boat dock or buoy.

The following are prohibited within designated swimming areas or swimming beaches:

- The use of any other swimming accessories other than standard swim suits or clothing is prohibited. Such accessories include: wetsuits, masks, fins, towable devices, inflatable tubes/mattresses or other swim accessories. SCUBA diving and snorkeling are not permitted in Crater Lake. In order to best protect this fragile and unique resource, the lake has been closed to the use of such equipment that could introduce non-native or invasive aquatic species that could threaten the integrity of this resource. Non-native or invasive aquatic species have wreaked havoc on other aquatic systems.

**36 CFR § 4.31 HITCHHIKING**

The superintendent has determined that hitchhiking will be allowed in the park so long as those individuals seeking a ride follow the restrictions below and do not obstruct traffic or harass other park visitors. Hitchhiking is allowed to provide a means for hikers to return to their vehicles or to/from trailheads. Hitchhiking is permitted except:

- Within two tenths of a mile (0.2mi) of an Entrance Station.
- Within 200 feet of a concession business or park service office building or visitor center.
- In a residential area where signs exist establishing the area as a residential area only and discouraging public traffic.
- While holding or having a sign which is larger than 1' by 2' in size
- The hitchhiker must stay off of the paved surface of the roadway, not obstruct traffic, and use trailheads, parking areas or turnouts.
- Where vehicles may not safely pull off of the main traffic lane into a pullout or safely onto the shoulder to allow for the passengers to be received safely.
- During the hours of darkness.
- While under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating drugs.
- When hitch hiking behavior is deemed unsafe or a nuisance by Park Staff.

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**How can I learn more?**

For more information on the Superintendent's Compendium and other rules and regulations pertaining to the management of Crater Lake National Park, as well as to obtain a copy of the current Compendium, please visit:

- Any park visitor center
- On the web: <http://www.nps.gov/crla/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm>
- Or write to: Superintendent  
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