



## Permit to Scatter Ashes

### Scattering of Ashes Within Crater Lake National Park

“The service... shall promote and regulate the use of... national parks... [its] purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” (16 U.S.C. 1)

Crater Lake National Park can be a peaceful and serene place. Many people become attached to the scenic views and dramatic sites and repeatedly visit over their lifetime. It is natural to want to honor that attachment therefore we ask that you read the following and use the permit process.

### Application Process

We consider each request for scattering ashes within the park on a case-by-case basis. For the park to issue a permit, it must be demonstrated that there was a meaningful and long-term relationship, significant to the park’s mission and/or history, between the deceased and the park. Please provide a description of the relationship between the deceased and Crater Lake National Park and how you believe it meets these criteria.

Complete the application for Special Use Permit and submit it to the Crater Lake National Park Permit Office at least four weeks before the planned date for scattering ashes. Your request will be evaluated based on the information in your application. Applicants should attach maps, diagrams, and other information that might assist park staff in evaluating the application.

A completed application must be submitted with

a check or money order in the amount of \$50 made payable to the National Park Service to cover non-refundable application costs.

Allow plenty of time between application for a permit and the date on which you wish to scatter the ashes. A minimum of four (4) weeks is generally suggested. Application for a permit does not insure approval of a request. All requests will be carefully considered. If found to be legal and appropriate, the superintendent may grant the request through issuance of a permit.

Mail the completed application and \$50 application fee to:  
Crater Lake National Park  
Attn: Special Park Uses Coordinator  
PO Box 7  
Crater Lake, OR 97604

For more information, call (541)594-3052.

### Conditions and Restrictions

If a permit is issued for the scattering of remains, it is subject to the following conditions:

- The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized
- The scattering of ashes by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed facility, body of water or snow surface
- The scattering of ashes must be done out of public view
- The scattering of ashes from the air is prohibited
- The scattering of ashes is not allowed within the caldera or in/on Crater Lake

A Special Use Permit does not allow the permittee to restrict park visitors from any location; therefore, sites which attract a large number of visitors should be avoided. Normal visitor use patterns will not be interrupted and are only allowed as specified in the approved permit.

Activities that may damage, significantly impact, or alter park resources are prohibited. The following are also prohibited: 1) altering, damaging or removing vegetation, 2) vehicle use off established roads and parking areas, 3) use of fragile vegetation areas, 4) writing on or discoloring any natural feature or structure. No container, urn or memorial markers of any kind may be left within the boundaries of Crater Lake

National Park.

The Special Use Permit must be in your possession at the time of the event and area rangers may request to review it.

Standard park entrance fees are applicable to the permittee, his/her employees and clients, event participants, and bystanders. The fee must be paid at the entrance station as participants enter the park. The entrance fee is \$10 per vehicle, \$5 per motorcycle, bicycle, or pedestrian.