

Activity Specific Stipulations

Guided Day Hiking – Frontcountry

1. Guided Day Hiking is authorized on the following trails:
 - Multi-Purpose Trail
 - Jonesville Trail
 - Roadside Trail
 - Rock Creek Trail
 - Triple Lakes Trail
 - McKinley Station Trail
2. CUA holders are authorized to conduct one hike per day, per trail.
3. Guided Day Hiking may include the following activities: naturalist walks, incidental photography, and bird watching.

Guided Day Hiking – Kantishna and Wonder Lake

1. Guided Day Hiking is authorized in the following areas and locations:
 - a) Kantishna Area:
 - From the Old Park boundary at Mile 88 to the Kantishna Airstrip within the Kantishna Backcountry Day Use Area and Backcountry Units 41, 42, 43.
 - Access Routes exist in the Kantishna Area on private land. See Alaska Region Conditions, Number 11.
 - b) Wonder Lake Area:
 - McKinley Bar Trail: Guides must accompany guests. The CUA holder is allowed a maximum of six (6) hikes per week on this trail. The CUA holder may establish their own schedule and is encouraged to coordinate their schedule with the other Kantishna guided hiking commercial operators. A total of two (2) vehicles per CUA holder are allowed in the trailhead parking pull-out. Groups may go down to the bus stop in the campground area to turn around and use the restroom facilities. Vehicles are not permitted to drive through or park in the campground.
 - Blueberry Hill: Guides must accompany guests. Guiding is only allowed on the knoll to the southeast of the inlet on the north end of Wonder Lake. The groups shall follow the route designated by the NPS. A total of two (2) vehicles per CUA holder are allowed at the Mile 87.5 parking area.
 - Reflection Pond: Guides must accompany guests. Guides must follow the trail and are not allowed beyond the pond. One (1) vehicle per CUA holder is allowed in Reflection Pond parking area.
 - Wonder Lake Campground evening program: CUA holders are authorized to attend the Wonder Lake campground program. Guides must accompany guests to the program. Parking locations will be determined each spring.
 - In the Wonder Lake Area, not more than one (1) commercially guided group is allowed on any particular trail at one time with the exception of the Wonder Lake Campground evening program. The CUA holder is encouraged to coordinate their schedule with other Kantishna and Wonder Lake Area guided interpretive hiking providers.

2. Guided Day Hiking may include the following incidental activities: naturalist walks, incidental photography, and bird watching. Guided fishing and bicycling are not permitted under this CUA.

3. Driving:
 - Vehicle transportation to and from Kantishna on the Denali Park Road is not authorized as part of this CUA. CUA holders must have an existing road permit to access an inholding.
 - CUA holders are authorized limited vehicle access to locations defined in the Wonder Lake Area from Kantishna with a private vehicle for guiding purposes only.
 - Drop off and pick up for unguided visitors east of the Old Park boundary at Mile 88 is prohibited, except as outlined in Condition Number 4.
 - Parking and staging a vehicle at the Kantishna Airstrip is prohibited.

4. Use of Mile 87.5 Parking Area for unguided guests:

- Use of the Mile 87.5 Parking Area is allowed as a location for the drop off and pick up of unguided visitors.
- A total of two (2) vehicles may be parked at Mile 87.5 Parking Area, including vehicles associated with guided hikes on Blueberry Hill.
- Parking and/or disembarking of passengers at the north end of Wonder Lake is not permitted. Exceptions will be made for transporting physically disabled individuals to the north end of Wonder Lake. Should an individual be physically unable to walk from the gravel pit, stopping at the pull-out on the east side of the culvert will be allowed to off-load the passenger. The vehicle is to be immediately removed to the Mile 87.5 Parking Area.

5. The CUA holder will be provided with a key to the Quigley Cabin in order to conduct guided interpretive activities to this location. Guides must accompany guests inside the cabin. The CUA holder may establish their own schedule but is encouraged to avoid the cabin between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm daily from June 8 through Road Lottery, due to heavy NPS use. CUA holders are also encouraged to coordinate their schedule with the other Kantishna guided hiking commercial operators. Guides must complete a cultural resource orientation with NPS staff prior to use.

6. The Kantishna area is a historic mining district and has many mining sites. The CUA holder shall make their staff aware of the dangers that exist in a mining district, including adits and abandoned explosives. If any open adits or abandoned explosives are encountered, the CUA holder must immediately notify NPS staff

7. Groups shall not enter any abandoned building, adit or other mine opening.

Guided Backcountry Day Hiking – Backside Lake

1. Use of the Area:

- a) The CUA holder may have a maximum of one hiking group in Backcountry Unit 74 at a time, and a maximum of two hiking groups in Backcountry Unit 77 at a time. See attached map.
- b) CUA holders who provide both Day Hiking and Overnight Hiking guide services in the same area **must limit** the number and **must coordinate** the movement of their groups to adhere to requirement 1.a.
- c) An overlap of groups; arriving at or departing the area while waiting for air taxi transportation is allowed.

2. Employees (guides) may not stay overnight in the area unless there is a guided group present.

3. Tarp use by employees and guests:

- a) A tarp (single sheet of fabric) may only be erected in the area to provide shelter during inclement weather.
- b) The tarp must be erected on a durable surface, which has little if any vegetation and no crypto biotic soils.
- c) The tarp must be at least 100 yards from the lake shore and in a location that is unobtrusive to visitors arriving in the area.
- d) The tarp shall only be set up when the employees are present and should only be used for activities associated with the Day Hiking CUA.
- e) The tarp shall be a color that blends into the surrounding environment.
- f) The tarp shall never be closer than 25 yards from any known bird nests.

4. Emergency food and gear storage:

- a) Bear resistant containers approved by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, can be used for short-term food and equipment storage. These are for emergency for employee(s) and clients and are not permitted to be left overnight.
- b) The containers must be stored at least 100 yards from the lake shore, in a location that is unobtrusive to visitors arriving in the area.

5. Leave No Trace:

- a) Hiking activity near Backside Lake (in the recent moraine areas with gravelly soil and pioneer vegetation) shall take place on routes designated with existing unobtrusive small rock cairns these routes should be minimized and not expanded.

- b) Hiking activity away from Backside Lake (the older alpine meadow vegetation) shall be dispersed to the greatest degree possible to prevent the formation of newly created social trails and minimize resource damage at camping areas.
- c) If the NPS detects visitor-created social trails or resource damage at camping areas away from the lake, the NPS will seek to apply measures to limit the impacts to the area.
- d) Hiking should be done on durable surfaces whenever possible.

Guided Overnight Hiking

1. Guided Overnight Hiking is authorized in the 1980 park additions and preserve.
2. Guided Overnight Hiking includes Backpacking and Basecamp Hiking.
 - a) Backpacking is defined as hiking and camping in a different location each night.
 - b) Basecamp Hiking is defined as setting up a camp in one location, day hiking from the location, and returning to the camp for overnight stay(s).
3. For 2022, Backside Lake Basecamp Hiking will be restricted to the following days:
 - 1) June 13th – June 16th
 - 2) June 27th – June 30th
 - 3) July 11th – July 14th
 - 4) July 25th – July 28th
 - 5) August 8th – August 11th
 - 6) August 22nd – August 25th
 - 7) September 5th – September 8th
4. An electric bear fence in proper working order must be placed around a basecamp. The fence must be tested twice daily.
5. All tents, tarps, and campsites in the Backside Lake area must be located at least 100 yards from and out of sight from the lake.
6. Participants are required to use Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee approved Bear Resistant Food Containers (BRFC).
7. Tents must be removed from the backcountry when not in use overnight (must not be left unattended between trips).
8. Leave No Trace:
 - a) Hiking activity near Backside Lake (in the recent moraine areas with gravelly soil and pioneer vegetation) shall take place on routes designated with existing unobtrusive small rock cairns these routes should be minimized and not expanded.
 - b) Hiking activity away from Backside Lake (the older alpine meadow vegetation) shall be dispersed to the greatest degree possible to prevent the formation of newly created social trails and minimize resource damage at camping areas.
 - c) If the NPS detects visitor-created social trails or resource damage at camping areas away from the lake, the NPS will seek to apply measures to limit the impacts to the area.
 - d) Camping and hiking should be done on durable surfaces whenever possible, if a non-durable surface is used for camping it should not be used more than twice per season.

Group Camping at Savage River Campground

1. Campground Requirements:
 - a) Group size limit is 20 people per site, inclusive of CUA holder and employees.
 - b) Vehicle limit is two (2) per campsite.
 - c) Group Camping is authorized in Sites A, B, and 34.
 - d) Camping is limited to 14 total nights annually, with no more than seven (7) consecutive nights.

- e) The Savage Campground picnic shelter is open to all campers. CUA holders may use the picnic shelter but must keep in mind it is a shared resource with all campers and sheltered space is not determined on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - f) No parking is allowed at the picnic shelter. The CUA holder may temporarily park to pick up and drop off supplies.
2. Group campsite reservations are available by reservation beginning December 1 for the following year. Reservations must be made over the telephone by calling the reservation center at 800-622-7275.
 3. Driving:
 - a) Groups are authorized to drive to and from the Savage River Campground in support of their stay in the campground.
 - b) Driving beyond the Savage River Campground is prohibited.
 - c) Driving beyond the Denali Visitor Center outside of the dates of a reservation at the campground is prohibited.
 4. Savage Alpine Trail:
 - a) Holders of a CUA for Group Camping at Savage Campground are authorized to hike as a commercial group on the Savage Alpine Trail, which is located between the Savage Campground and the Savage River at Mile 15 on the Denali Park Road.
 - b) The group size limit for this activity is 12, inclusive of CUA holders and employees (guides). As the group camping size limit is 20, the CUA holder must divide up accordingly their clientele who wish to hike on the Savage Alpine Trail as a commercial group with an employee (guide) into smaller groups that comply with the limit of 12.
 - c) CUA holders and employees are prohibited from driving a vehicle beyond the Savage Campground for any purpose, including in support of hiking on the Savage Alpine Trail. CUA holders and employees are encouraged to utilize the free Savage River Shuttle Bus for transportation to and/or from the trailhead at Mile 15.

Guided Winter Activities

1. Guided Activities are defined as non-technical day trips by hiking, skiing or snowshoeing from September 24th to May 10th or as snow conditions allow. The CUA holder may call the Park Information number at (907) 683-9532 (Daily 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) to inquire about the status of the trails.
2. Guided Activities are authorized in the **NON-GLACIATED** areas within the 1980 park additions, preserve, and the following trails:
 - Multi-Purpose Trail
 - Jonesville Trail
 - Roadside Trail
 - MSLC Connection Trail
 - Rock Creek Trail
 - McKinley Station Trail
 - Triple Lakes Trail
 - Taiga Loop Trail
 - Mountain Vista Trail
 - Savage Cabin Trail
3. CUA holders are authorized four groups per day and each group must be dispersed a minimum of fifteen minutes apart and may not congregate at a destination.
4. Overnight use is not authorized.
5. There is no guarantee of the condition of these trails as weather changes unexpectedly. Groups should expect to have to break their own trails when they arrive.

6. CUA holder or guide shall remain with their clients for the duration of the trip.
7. The CUA holder or guide shall provide all clients with an orientation prior to the trip which emphasizes safe practices while skiing and snowshoeing in winter conditions.
8. Guides must carry sanitary solid human waste containment bags, ensure their use, and proper disposal if traveling in areas without established restroom facilities.
9. Driving access to Headquarters and Mountain Vista Rest Area:
 - a) Groups are authorized to drive to and from Headquarters Area (milepost 3.1) and Mountain Vista Rest Area (milepost 12.5) to access trails.
 - b) Driving beyond Mountain Vista Rest Area is prohibited.
 - c) Mountain Vista Rest Area operating season for guided activities will be determined by NPS on an annual basis, contingent on weather and road conditions. Generally, the season will begin in mid-February and continue through May 10th.
 - d) Although weather and driving conditions may allow for the road to be opened to the public beyond the Mountain Vista Rest Area during the winter season of mid-February through May 10, CUA holders are prohibited from travelling beyond this point.
 - e) The NPS will maintain the Park Road to keep it open during this time period; however, short-term closures may occur due to weather events and/or road conditions. The CUA holder is encouraged to call the Park Information number at (907) 683-9532 for current weather and road information.
 - f) While on the Park Road beyond the park headquarters and kennels complex (milepost 3.1), passengers may disembark the vehicle while parked in plowed roadside pullouts. When out of the vehicle/bus in roadside pullouts no guided activities are permitted.
 - g) Each vehicle must be equipped with a means of two-way emergency communication, such as a satellite phone or 2-way satellite messaging communication device. Cell phone service past milepost 3 is not dependable.
 - h) CUA holders are encouraged to minimize idling when stationary for extended periods of time in rest areas, along roadsides, and in parking lots. CUA holders are strongly encouraged to consider alternative means of providing interior heat in their vehicles, such as air-heaters which utilize engine-off technology for their operation. Parking is provided at the Denali Visitor Center parking lot for extended idling. No vehicle plug-ins are available at Mountain Vista Rest Area.
10. Tour vehicles are permitted to stop at and visit the Historic Headquarters Area. Be aware that during the winter and late spring, the park dogs are often away from the kennels on extended backcountry operations. The kennels are open from 1 - 4 p.m.; daily September 18th - October 31st; weekends (Saturday & Sunday) only November 1st - March 31st; and daily April 1st - May 14th. If the gate is closed at the kennels, access to the area is strictly prohibited. The CUA holder may call the Park Information number at (907) 683-9532 (Daily 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) to inquire about the status of the kennels.
11. CUA holders and all clients must receive a Kennels Safety briefing from a ranger at the kennels before visiting with the dogs (plan for 10 minutes). If the kennels gate is closed or barriers are in place do not proceed into the kennels.

Air Taxi & Incidental Hunt Transport

1. To be considered an Air Taxi, the majority of passengers on the flight must either be dropped off or picked up from a day trip or overnight stay and passengers do not remain with the airplane while on the ground.
2. An Air Taxi CUA holder may also provide incidental hunt transport for park visitors. Incidental hunt transport is defined as the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by the hunters as an incidental portion of their business. The word "incidental" means transportation provided to a big game hunter by an Air Taxi operator who does not:
 - a) Charge more than the usual tariff or charter rate for the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, and/or the big game animals harvested by the hunters; or
 - b) Advertise transportation services or big game hunting services to the public. The word "advertise" means soliciting big game hunters to be customers of an Air Taxi operator for the purpose of providing transportation service to, from, or in the field through the use of print or electronic media, including advertising at trade shows or the use of hunt broker services or other promotional services.

3. Air Taxi landings may occur throughout the park additions and preserve except on glaciers and lakes on glaciers.
4. Flight operations are authorized only for fixed wing aircraft. Helicopter use is prohibited.
5. All airplanes must be currently licensed, , maintained, and operated in conformance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements.
6. All pilots must have Title 14, Part 135 certification.
7. The CUA holder must carry a spill kit onboard each aircraft that includes absorbent pads, a shovel and doubled plastic bags to remove and transport contaminated material.
8. When transporting hazardous materials such as stove fuel or bear spray, the CUA holder must use an USDOT approved container and packaging, and follow the hazmat guidelines for safe handling, transportation, and storage.
9. The CUA holder must remove all trash and garbage generated by their activities within the park.
10. The CUA holder must notify the Alaska Regional Communication Center at (907)683-2276 of any hazardous material discharge as soon as possible without impeding cleanup.
11. Loading or unloading passengers or cargo from aircraft must be done only when engine(s) are completely shut down. "Hot loading" or "hot unloading" of passengers or cargo is prohibited.
12. Kantishna Airstrip Specific Stipulations:
 - a) The annual landing limit on the Kantishna Airstrip is six (6) for those landings conducted to transport park visitors traveling to or from Kantishna for recreational purposes.
 - b) Landings for the purposes of pickup or delivery of Kantishna land owners, their immediate family members, employees, contractors or guests are unlimited.