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National Monument**

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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 54 United States Code, Section 100751, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Devils Postpile National Monument. 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.

36 CFR §1.5 -- VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USES OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours, public use limits, and closures are established:

Visiting Hours:

- Opening and closing of Devils Postpile National Monument (DEPO) for the season is weather and road condition dependent. Generally, the monument opens sometime in June and closes in mid to late October. After October 15, the road is subject to closure for the season in the event of significant snowfall but will close by the last Sunday in October regardless of weather conditions. Road access will remain closed until the road is plowed and cleared of hazard trees, which typically occurs in June. Projected road opening will be posted on the [nps.gov/depo](https://www.nps.gov/depo) website and in press releases. Road closures may be required during the field season to repair utility infrastructure or for other critical needs.
- The Ranger /Visitor Contact station is usually open seven days a week from 9:00am until 5:00pm during the peak field season from late June to Labor Day. Hours of operation may be variable due to staff availability and during the shoulder seasons.
- Emergency situations may necessitate the closing of the Ranger /Visitor Contact station at unusual times when staff is needed to help resolve the emergency, and/or for public health and safety.
- The comfort stations are open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the operating season unless closed for maintenance, repair and/or for public health and safety.
- Once the monument is open for the field season, the monument is open 24 hours/day, 7 days per week until October 15, unless weather or emergency conditions require closure.

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

Commercial Photography/Filming:

The following types of low-impact filming activities may occur in areas of the park open to the public without a permit and without advance notice to the NPS:

- Outdoor filming activities (outside of park areas managed as “wilderness”) involving five persons or less and equipment that will be carried at all times, except for small tripods used to hold cameras.

The organizer of any other type of filming activity must provide written notice to the Superintendent least 10 days prior to the start of the proposed activity. Based upon the information provided, the Superintendent may require the organizer to apply for and obtain a permit if necessary to:

- Maintain public health and safety;
- Protect environmental or scenic values;
- Protect natural or cultural resources;
- Allow for equitable allocation and use of facilities; or
- Avoid conflict among visitor use activities.

If the Superintendent determines that the terms and conditions of a permit could not mitigate the concerns identified above in an acceptable manner, the Superintendent may deny a filming request without issuing a permit. The Superintendent will provide the basis for denial in writing upon request.

The NPS will consider these requests and process permit applications in a timely manner. Processing times will vary depending on the complexity of the proposed activity. If the organizer provides the required 10 day advance notice to the NPS and has not received a written response from the NPS that a permit is required prior to the first day of production, the proposed filming activities may occur without a permit.

If it is determined by the NPS that a film permit application is necessary, please use NPS form 10-930 located on the park's website under Special Use Permits to apply. Again, if any of the following apply to your filming activity, a film permit application is necessary.

- Your film crew consists of more than five persons;
- All filming equipment (except small camera tripods) that cannot be carried at all times; and/or
- This is a request to film in an area managed as "wilderness."

Public Use Limits -- Pursuant to §1.5(d) to implement a public use limit, the Superintendent may establish a permit, registration, or reservations system:

Wilderness use

- Any group that *has* a size of 6 or more persons going off trail in wilderness will require a permit that includes conditions of travel in sensitive areas.¹

¹This restriction is necessary to provide conditions for travel in sensitive areas and to maintain the wilderness character.

Unmanned Aircraft

- Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Devils Postpile National Monument is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.²
- Definition: 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, quad-copters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

²This restriction is to protect the public from hazards and preserve the park's natural, aesthetic, and scenic values. The use of unmanned aircraft potentially presents unacceptable risks to visitors (collisions between unmanned aircraft and visitors, the uncontrolled fall of unmanned aircraft, contact with spinning propellers or rotors of unmanned aircraft). The use of unmanned aircraft adversely impacts visitor experience by negatively affecting scenic and natural sound opportunities, and/or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities. The use of these devices also has the potential to disrupt terrestrial and avian wildlife by interrupting migration, nesting, mating, and acquiring food and other activities.

This restriction is in accordance with NPS Management Policy 8.2 which prohibits recreational uses that conflict with the scenic values and view sheds that the park was designated to protect and the associated activities in which individuals seek solitude and tranquility with an expectation of privacy. Furthermore, approximately 85% of park lands are designated wilderness and the use in designated Wilderness Areas violates the Wilderness Act, which prohibits motorized equipment.

Additionally, the unregulated use of unmanned aircraft would potentially violate several other regulations in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including Section 2.2 Frightening Wildlife, Sect. 2.12 - Creating an Audio Disturbance, Sect. 2.17 - Delivering or Retrieving an Object by Airborne Means, Sect. 2.34 - Making Unreasonable Noise, Sect. 2.34 - Creating or Maintaining a Hazardous Condition, and Sect. 5.13 - Creating or Maintaining a Nuisance.

Closures:

Devils Postpile Campground

- A temporary closure of the Devils Postpile Campground will be in effect for the 2020-2022 operating seasons.

The temporary closure of the 20-site DEPO campground is needed as the NPS plans and implements the replacement of the wastewater system and comfort stations. Percolation tests will be conducted in 2020 to identify areas where a new leach field can be located and installed in 2021. In 2022, new comfort stations will be constructed and connected to the new wastewater system.

This continued closure will not impede day users and will increase access for day-use visitors along the riverfront with pleasant picnic areas and improved access for fishing. There are six additional campgrounds located on the Inyo National Forest adjacent to the monument within the Red Meadow Valley.

In addition, extensive parking congestion occurs in the monument after Labor Day when the mandatory shuttle operations cease and, at times, visitors are turned away due to lack of parking. Often, the current parking capacity of 65 spaces cannot accommodate fall shoulder season visitors, when, on average, 300-500 cars arrive daily. By using the campsites for overflow parking, many more vehicles can park and fewer vehicles will be turned away.

Devils Postpile formation:

- The fallen columns, the cliff face, and the tops of the columns along the cliff face are closed to all entry and recreational use including walking, hiking, scrambling and climbing on rocks.³

³The columnar basalt formation known as the Devils Postpile is geologically significant. Every effort is made to protect the formation from potential damage and to allow park visitors to view the formation undisturbed by other humans and to increase the probability of a safe experience. The formation is subject to dramatic seismic and cumulative erosion events when columns may topple posing a significant risk to the visiting public climbing on or near the formation.

Road Closures

- The dirt road signed "Employees Only" accessing the employee housing area/maintenance yard is closed to public use.

- **Monument Access Road:** Except for administrative activities, the monument access road is closed to public motor vehicle traffic whenever public access to the USFS Inyo National Forest Minaret Vista to Reds Meadow Road is not open, or when the NPS gate on the accessroad is closed.⁴

⁴There is no access via motorized vehicles for the public when the USFS Reds Meadow road is not open to the public. At times the Devils Postpile Road may need to be closed to public access for public safety during emergency situations, overcrowding in the Devils Postpile National Monument parking lot, road repairs, utility repairs, maintenance projects, and when snow/icy conditions make for hazardous driving.

Note: The only road access to the monument is on the Inyo National Forest Minaret Vista to Reds Meadow road. A paved NPS access road off the Inyo National Forest road provides access to the developed area of visitor facilities and monument administrative areas.

Facilities and Buildings

- Government buildings, facilities, storage containers, structures, research and monitoring stations, and their signed access roads are closed to the public.⁵

⁵These facilities are closed to public entry to ensure employee and visitor safety, protection of water and utility systems, and security to park equipment.

Boating and Water Use Activities

- All free flowing rivers, creeks, and streams within Devils Postpile National Monument are closed to the use of any type of vessel designed to carry passengers upon the water including air mattresses or inner tubes.⁶

⁶This restriction is necessary to preserve the natural character of the river, creeks, and stream for public enjoyment. Another factor in this restriction is the safety hazard presented to rafters or floaters

by naturally fallen trees and waterfalls. Removal of the tree hazards would be contrary to park resource management policy.

In 1991, an eligibility study conducted by the United States Forest Service (USFS) found that river segments within the monument to be eligible for wild and scenic river status. The 2015 General Management Plan recommended designation of the stretch of river within the monument due its Outstanding and Remarkable Values identified as geology, biodiversity, recreation, and scenery. Management must preserve these values.

Fixed Tension Ropes (Slacklining)

- Slacklining is prohibited.⁷

⁷The recreational activities engaged in through installation and use of these lines are in conflict with the scenic purposes for which Devils Postpile NM was established.

Jumping or diving

- Jumping or diving from any bridge within the monument is prohibited.⁸

⁸This activity can result in severe injuries to persons who jump from bridges into shallow water. Also, people jumping from bridges can cause increased water turbidity and shock waves, both of which have a detrimental effect on fish and other components of aquatic ecosystems.

Soaps and other detergents

- The use of any soap, detergent, or shampoo (biodegradable or otherwise) is prohibited in all waters of the monument.⁹

⁹This restriction is necessary to provide for the highest water quality standards and ecosystem health. Introduction of man-made products may alter water quality and adversely affect micro or macro organisms.

Wildlife

- The use of artificial lights, audio or mechanical device to attract wildlife is prohibited except for administrative activities and/or permitted activities. This is considered a violation of 36 CFR § 2.2(a)(2).¹⁰

¹⁰This closure is necessary to prevent harassment and poaching of wildlife within the boundaries of the monument. Artificial lighting, audio or mechanical devices used to attract wildlife may induce stress and disrupt mating/nesting activities of wildlife.

(a)(2) The following areas are designated for a specific use or activity and/or the following conditions or restrictions are imposed on a specific use or activity:

Areas Designated for a Specific Use or Activity:

Smoking

Smoking of cigarettes, cigars, use of E-Cigarettes and similar devices are prohibited¹¹:

- Within 25 feet of any building, except those used as a residence.
- Inside of shared housing
- Smoking while traveling on trails is prohibited. Persons who wish to smoke must stop and remain in one location until they have extinguished their smoking material.
- In other areas as posted.

Designated smoking areas will be maintained in the day use area (for public use), and in the employee housing area (for employee use) as noted in Management Directive No. 46 Smoking Policy. Prohibition includes all government owned or leased vehicles.

¹¹ Smoke from burning tobacco and vapors from e-cigarettes may contain harmful substances; Electronic cigarettes contain at least 10 chemicals known to cause cancer or birth defects, according to a report from the California Department of Public Health. Restricting the use of e-cigarettes to areas where smoking is permitted is the least restrictive method of controlling while still allowing their use.

Devils Postpile National Monument is at risk for devastating wildland fires due to fuel loads combined with hot, dry summers. A wind event in late 2011 toppled hundreds of trees, which dramatically increased the hazardous fuel load within the monument. Smoking on monument trails significantly increases the risk of human caused fires.

Conditions and Restrictions on Specific Uses or Activities:

Hiking and Pedestrian Use

- Group sizes on trails in wilderness will be limited to no more than 15.¹²
- There is a maximum of two groups (either commercial and/or special use) per day on the east side of the river with the condition that these two groups must not exceed user capacity standards identified in the indicators and standards in the Devils Postpile General Management Plan and Environmental Assessment (GMP).¹³
- There is a maximum of two groups (either commercial and/or special use) per day on the west side of the river with the condition that these two groups must not exceed user capacity standards identified in the indicators and standards in the Devils Postpile GMP.

¹² This restriction is necessary to provide conditions for travel in sensitive areas and to maintain the wilderness character.

¹³ Commercial Restrictions Summary

In the 2015 Devils Postpile General Management Plan, in the Determination of Extent Necessary (DEN) of commercial use in wilderness, the number of groups allowable was identified in Table D.2 Groups include both commercial and special use.

Per the DEN, day use calculations within the Monument are summarized in the table below. Overnight commercial use within the monument is not permitted.

COMMERCIAL RESTRICTIONS	
Trails east of the river	Trails west of the river
Stock Use: 1444 day rides to Rainbow Falls per season (plus additional day rides as authorized by the forest supervisor from a forest-wide pool of 256rides) in realization of the purpose of wilderness [from FONSI]* (for	No more than two groups per day (either commercial and/or special use)
Other (fishing, photography, etc.): No more than two groups per day* (either commercial and/or special use)	
*So long as user capacity standards are not exceeded	

Note: DEPO has a recurring CUA with Reds Meadow that includes the day rides to Rainbow Falls and transiting on the trails west of the monument. The two groups per day are for permittees in addition to the Reds Meadow CUA.

Requests for commercial and/or special uses within wilderness that are inconsistent with the 2015 DEN (GMP) may require additional and/or separate compliance and review including a Minimum Requirements Analysis.

Mandatory Shuttle Bus

A mandatory shuttle is required for access to Reds Meadow Valley and Devils Postpile National Monument from approximately mid-June to mid-September. Exceptions to the mandatory shuttle for parking at Devils Postpile is as follows:

Vehicles meeting any of the following criteria may drive into the Reds Meadow Valley; however, the standard amenity fee must be paid at the Minaret Vista Station upon entry or exit:

- Visitors with a valid Disabled Persons parking placard or plate or those who possess an Access Pass
- Hunters transporting weapons or large game
- Vehicles arriving before 7:00am, after 7:00pm, or any other time when the shuttle buses are not operating.
- Researchers with NPS research permits

- Other permittees as identified in the permit.
- From **approximately mid-June to mid-September**, day-use visitors who are not traveling in excepted vehicles as described above must ride the mandatory shuttle bus to gain access to the Devils Postpile National Monument. Visitors accessing the valley in an excepted vehicle may ride the inter-valley shuttle from their campground or park at Bus Stop #10 (Reds Meadow Resort) to board the shuttlebus to Bus Stop #6 (Devils Postpile National Monument) free of charge.¹⁴
- From **approximately mid-September until the seasonal road closure in mid-October**, shuttle buses may operate within Reds Meadow Valley between Bus Stop #10 and Bus Stop #6 to address limited parking at Devils Postpile National Monument.

¹⁴*About one hundred fifty thousand people visit the Reds Meadow Valley and Devils Postpile National Monument each summer. Only one road accesses the valley and there is limited parking available in the area. In order to accommodate the large number of visitors, a mandatory shuttle bus system has been in place since 1979. This is necessary to provide visitors with a quality experience and to limit impacts to the resource. The mandatory shuttle bus operates via a cooperative agreement with USFS and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) for exclusive commercial transportation authority on the Reds Meadow/Devils Postpile road system (Public Use Limits -- Pursuant to §1.5(d)).*

During the mandatory shuttle operations in the field season, visitors accessing the valley in an exception vehicle may ride the inter-valley shuttle from their campground or park at Bus Stop #10 to board the shuttle bus to Devils Postpile National Monument free of charge.

Parking

- The Devils Postpile National Monument parking area is limited to 65 vehicles during special events, or when an event outside of the monument may spill over and create significant impacts on Devils Postpile National Monument ¹⁵
- Leaving vehicles overnight at the Devils Postpile National Monument parking areas is prohibited. Exceptions to overnight parking prohibition can be requested and a permit left in the windshield of the vehicle.

¹⁵*Due to traffic congestion, pedestrian and vehicle safety, soundscapes, and resource damage during special events, a limit of 65 vehicles in the day use parking area of the monument is established.*

Sixty-five is the number of parking spaces available within Devils Postpile National Monument when the parking lot is full with a combination of cars, pickups, recreational

vehicles, and motorcycles. At times, rangers have been needed to manage the congested parking area, and have used this number as citing the number of parking spaces available.

When the mandatory shuttle bus is not operating, there are times when the demand for vehicle parking exceeds the space available in the parking lot causing congestion. This often results in vehicles parking along roadside slopes in accessible parking spaces, in the campground, in undesignated parking areas, and on vegetation. Congestion also intensifies noise and may result in decibel levels that exceed the legal limit (65). Congested parking areas may also impact emergency vehicles' ability to respond.

¹⁶ Overnight parking is prohibited due to the limited capacity of the parking lots. Less than a half mile from the Devils Postpile parking area is the Overnight Hiker Parking area. A trail connects this parking area to the day use and administrative area of the monument.

Passenger carrying buses

- Operators must have their engines turned off while idle. Idling is discouraged and must not exceed 5 minutes. The mandatory Reds Meadow Valley shuttle buses are exempt as they are in continuous operation.¹⁷

¹⁷ The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park. The maximum allowable idling time of five minutes is consistent with CA state regulations. Due to the nature of the mandatory visitor service provided by the shuttle buses, they are excluded from the requirement.

- All Commercial tour buses are required to obtain a commercial use authorization from the park.^{17.1}
^{17.1} Conditions for commercial tour buses on the Reds Meadow Road are under the jurisdiction and management of the USFS and may have different conditions than those on the Devils Postpile Road.

Pets

- **Pets on a leash are allowed** only on the primary trails identified in the Devils Postpile National Monument Unigrid map, and in the day use area and campground. Pets are restricted to on-trail use, must not disturb people or wildlife, and must be leashed at all times and under the control of the owner. Pets are prohibited from the Soda Springs geologic site, any trail accessing the Soda Springs site, and the entire Soda Springs Meadow east and west of the river.¹⁸
- Individuals leaving pets unattended or in violation of California Penal Code 597.7(a) are

subject to immediate impoundment of their property/pet. If pets are left in vehicles, they must be cared for in such a way as to provide proper ventilation and cooling; and, not to obstruct, harm, or frighten visitors.

¹⁸Soda Springs, the associated flora/fauna, and the entire meadow system are sensitive and are identified as important ecological and geologic features of the Monument and pets can impact vegetation and wildlife.

Dogs and pets are allowed on adjacent USFS lands; on the trails identified in the NPS Devils Postpile Unigrid map. Leashing of pets is necessary to prevent harassment to wildlife and/or to ensure that other visitors do not have a negative experience resulting from the pet.

36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

Activities requiring a permit are listed above under **Public Use Limits** and throughout this document under the specific 36 CFR Section that authorizes or requires the issuance of a permit.

Section 1.6(f) – Activities requiring a permit

§2.2(e) Use of artificial lights to attract wildlife

§2.4(d) Carrying or possessing a weapon, trap, or net

§2.5(a) Specimen collection (taking of plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)

§2.10(a) Overnight camping

§2.12 Audio Disturbances

(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

(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.

§2.15(e) Possession of pets by park residents

§2.17 Aircraft and Air Delivery

(a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means.

(c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft.

§2.23(b) Entry to the park and use of campgrounds

§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, and §2.52).

§2.38 Explosives

(a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents

(b) Use or possess fireworks or fire crackers

§2.50(a) Conducting a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, or similar events.

§2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions or views in groups exceeding 25 people.

§2.52(a) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising (printed material that is solely commercial advertising is prohibited) in groups exceeding 25 people.

§2.60(b) Livestock use (except day use).

§2.61(b) Residing on federal lands.

§2.62 Memorialization:

(a) Erection of monuments

(b) Scattering human ashes from human cremation

§4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits.

§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).

§5.4(a) Commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles

§5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads.

§5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.

§5.10(a) Operation of eating, drinking, or lodging establishments

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

(a)(4) Collection of any firewood within the monument is prohibited.

Under, §2.1(a) collecting natural materials from the park is generally prohibited. However, pursuant to §2.1(c), 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 possession and consumption restrictions:¹⁹

One (1) pint per person, per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption for:

- Elderberries – *Sambucus mexicana*,
- Gooseberries – *Ribes roezlii* var. *roezlii*,
- Currants- *Ribes cereum* var. *cereum*, *Ribes inerme* var. *inerme*

¹⁹*It has been determined that the minimal collection of the above berries will not negatively impact the plant or habitat.*

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(d) The following conditions and procedures for transporting lawfully taken wildlife through the park area are in place:

- The carcass must be tagged in accordance with state law; and
- Game must be kept out of sight as much as practicable; and
- Only on established roads or trails
- Carcasses can only be transported by a direct route that avoids areas of high visitation and is not allowed overnight in the park

(e) All areas of the Monument are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of artificial light without a permit. This includes the use of infrared lights/beams.²⁰

²⁰*The Superintendent has determined that this closure is necessary to prevent harassment*

and poaching of wildlife within the boundaries of the monument. Artificial lighting used to attract wildlife may induce stress and disrupt mating/nesting activities of wildlife.

36 CFR §2.5 – RESEARCH SPECIMENS

(a) Taking plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals is prohibited except in accordance with other regulations of Chapter I of 36 CFR or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a specimen collection permit.

- Qualifying researchers must be in compliance with the General Condition for Scientific Research and Collecting Permit as described under the National Park Service Research Permit and Reporting System.

All environmental compliance issues (e.g., categorical exclusions), and minimum requirement analysis for research conducted in the wilderness, must be resolved prior to commencement of specimen collecting

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

(a) Camping is only allowed in the following designated sites or areas and is subject to the following established conditions:

In all areas:

- Camping is restricted to designated and marked sites within the Devils Postpile Campground.
- Camping is limited to 14 days total during the calendar year.
- Picnicking by day users is not allowed in the campground.
- Campground use fees shall be paid within 30 minutes of arrival. Self-issued permits must be completed and displayed on the post of the designated campsite.
- Check out time is 12:00 noon, local time, *on the day the permit expires*. After checkout time, any unattended property remaining in a site may be impounded immediately
- Reserving or holding campsites for others in campgrounds operating under a first come first-served basis is prohibited.
- Campsite occupancy shall not exceed 6 persons (or one immediate family group).
- Many sites only provide adequate space for one vehicle. If there is a need for

parking an additional vehicle, contact the Ranger/Visitor Contact Station for permission to park overnight in the day use parking lot.

- Generator hours coincide with quiet hours (10pm-6am)
- Only a limited number of sites can accommodate large vehicles, these spaces are available on a first come basis.
- No party shall leave their paid campsite unattended for more than 24 hours without the permission of the Superintendent.
- Campground use is exclusively for campers.
- Wastewater must be dumped into utility sinks at restroom units.
- Arranging, assembling, and rigging of ropes and/or hanging devices in campsites is not allowed.²¹
- Insect traps are not allowed.²²

“A” Loop

- The A loop is designated for walk-ins, tents, car camping, and small to mid-size recreational vehicles to a maximum of 25 feet.²³

“B” Loop

- The B loop is currently designated as walk-ins, tents, and car camping only in vehicle length not exceeding 20 combined feet. Vehicle height is limited to a maximum of 10 feet including a camper shell over the roof of the vehicle. No generators are permitted in the B loop.²⁴

Accessible Site

- The accessible campsite can accommodate a combined length of 25 feet, and campers with disabilities will always have priority for this site. If the site is unoccupied at sundown, the site can be used if it is the only remaining site in the campground, and only for the one night. When vehicles are too large for available sites they will not be able to access the campground.

Administrative site designation

- The Superintendent may designate other campsites for administrative use.

PCT/JMT thru-hiker exception

- Thru-hikers possessing a valid permit on the PCT/JMT may utilize the developed campground whether it is open or closed free of charge for one night.

²¹*Ropes and hanging devices may damage trees and prevent safety hazards to humans and wildlife.*

²²*Insect traps may kill a variety of wildlife.*

²³*This is the beginning of phasing in GMP preferred alternative to re-design the campground to accommodate vehicles of an appropriate size for the site. This will improve the safety of campers and drivers of vehicles, as there are tight turns in a narrow dirt road that have resulted in vehicles jackknifing around corners and extensive backing to realign with roadway.*

²⁴*This is the first step in implementing the GMP preferred alternative decision to design the B loop as walk in sites only to improve riverbank condition, access for day users, and improve quality of the camping experience. Overhead campers may not have adequate clearance for tree branches, and has resulted in damage to trees, so the height is limited to 10 combined feet.*

(b)(3) Camping within 25 feet of a fire hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is prohibited, except in the following areas and under the following conditions:

- Camping within 100 feet of a flowing river is authorized only in established sites within the Devils Postpile Campground.

(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect as designated below:

For the purpose of the following food storage restrictions, “food items” shall be defined as food (human, pet and stock), coolers and ice chests garbage (empty cans and bottles, food wrappers, etc.), recyclables, first aid kits, cleaning solutions, drinks (canned or bottled), toiletries (soaps, toothpaste, cosmetics, scented tissues, etc.), insect repellents, tobacco products, and any other related scent items. Such items shall be stored or disposed of consistent with these regulations.

Dirty non-disposable tableware and cookware must be washed or stored as a food item.

- Food items must be stored in bear resistant food-storage lockers where provided.
- Where food-storage lockers are not provided, the following conditions apply:
 - In residences and lodging facilities without bear-resistant food-storage lockers: All food items must be stored inside and not be visible from the exterior of the building.
 - In all other developed areas: In a properly closed bear resistant portable food container that is allowed for use in the monument by the NPS.
 - In vehicles: Food items must be stored inside a vehicle trunk or, if the vehicle has no trunk, must be placed as low in the vehicle as possible, and covered from sight with the vehicle doors and windows closed.
 - In hard-sided and hard-topped structures: Food items may be stored in such vehicles that contain built-in refrigerators, provided it is covered from sight with the vehicle doors and windows closed. Shades must be drawn when the vehicle is not occupied.
 - In canvas sided structures must store food in food lockers, refrigerators fitted with latches that are properly latched, or other animal resistant container.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Conditions for Picnicking:

- Conditions for the storage of food, as noted in section 2.10(d), are in effect for all picnic areas.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited, except in the following areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas:

- Devils Postpile Campground for campers only.
- Park residential area

Receptacles Allowed:

- Fires can only be maintained in the provided fire rings within the Devils Postpile Campground when the campground is open.

(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:

- All fires must be completely extinguished with no burning material remaining. If portablebarbecue grill is used, all ashes/coals must be thoroughly extinguished and cooled and then removed from the park or placed in a trash receptacle

(c) During periods of high fire danger, the following areas of the park are closed to the lighting or maintaining of a fire.

- Devils Postpile Campground and Park Residential area

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION AND REFUSE

(b)Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have beenestablished as follows:

- Toilet paper and all other garbage must be packed out.
- In non-developed areas, solid human waste must be buried 6-inches deep in the soil,greater than 100 feet from any body of water or campsite, and out of site of a trail.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(3) Pets must not be left tied and unattended in any public areas.

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

- Pet feces in campgrounds, campsites, residential areas, trails, and around public buildingsmust be properly disposed of in trash containers by the person responsible for the pet.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS

(a)The use of animals other than those designated as “pack animals” for purposes of transporting equipment is prohibited. The following animals are designated as pack animalsfor purposes of transporting equipment:

- Horses, Mules, Burros, and Llamas

(b)The use of horses or pack animals is prohibited outside of the following trails, routes or areas designated for their use:

- John Muir Trail
- Pacific Crest Trail
- Kings Creek Trail
- Rainbow Falls hiking trail, up to its junction with the stock trail which leads to the hitchingposts near Rainbow Falls, and downstream of the hitching post, taking the trail to Lower Rainbow Falls (see attached map: “Stock Use Restrictions”).

(g)Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- In the event of injury or fatality of pack animal(s), NPS personnel will be contacted as soon as possible to work with the owner/caretaker of the animal to manage the scene for public safety and humane treatment of the animal. All remains must be removed from the monument.
- The only horse crossing of the upper Middle Fork of the San Joaquin River within Devils Postpile National Monument is at the Stock Bridge indicated on the map in the DEPO brochure, near the middle of the eastern monument boundary.
- There are no river crossings allowed in open water.
- Grazing is not allowed anywhere in the monument.
- Stock users are specifically prohibited from going off trail, establishing new trails and from the short cutting of trails and switchbacks.
- Stock parties must travel in single file whenever possible. All permittees and users must prevent the import of non-native plants by animals and thoroughly inspecting and cleaning shoes, clothing, equipment, and vehicles for dirt, mud, and plant parts prior to entering the monument.
- Areas that serve as introduction points for invasive or nonnative plants (such as staging areas, hitching posts, or nearby sites), will be regularly inspected within the Monument and treated as necessary.

- All permittees must ensure that accumulated horse manure in the monument, will be cleaned up by the permit holder. Cleanup must occur at a minimum weekly on the Rainbow Fall's stock trail and hitching post area and transported in a manner to not disperse seeds. Other methods of properly disposing of horse manure such as a diaper bag would be considered as an alternative.
- All users must ensure that baled or loose hay, and compressed hay cubes which have little tonnage processing, will not be transported through the monument and at Rainbow Falls.
- Recommend that all permittees and stock users use feed is certified as weed-free, and permittees are encouraged to purge their animals prior for three days with pellets, rolled grains, fermented hay, and/or certified weed free forage prior to entering the monument.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent.

- A permit is required for the removal of any downed aircraft.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, buildings, structures and/or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:

- All areas of the monument are closed to smoking except as noted in section 1.5(a)(2)

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees and/or permits, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following areas and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

Daily Site Use Fee Areas:

- Devils Postpile Campground = \$20.00 per night²⁵

²⁵The increase in fees to be implemented in June 2015 was approved in May 2015 from the NPS Director after public comment period in December 2014, and all required internal NPS reviews. Fees will continue to be used to improve the visitor experience and resources of the monument.

36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following areas and 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:

The following areas are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages:²⁶

- Ranger/Visitor Contact Station and amphitheater unless a temporary permit to sell and/or consume alcoholic beverages has been issued by the Superintendent.
- Amphitheaters and other sites designated for interpretive programs unless a temporary permit to sell and/or consume alcoholic beverages has been issued by the Superintendent.
- Parking lots.

²⁶The consumption of alcohol at these locations has interfered with the enjoyment of the park by others. These restrictions are necessary to maintain order and provide for visitor safety.

36 CFR §2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS

(a) Sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events are allowed, provided there is a meaningful association between the park area and the events, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area, and a permit therefor has been issued by the superintendent.

- Permits are required for any special event utilizing park areas. Permit applications must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the event or activity. Permit applications can be obtained on the Devils Postpile website ([link](#))
- Written application for a permit is requested 30 days prior to the desired event

date.

- Consideration will be given only to those activities where there is a meaningful association between the park area and the event, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area.
- The permittee must abide by all conditions and amendments to the permit.
- Special events such as walk-a-thons, training events, races, endurance runs or competitive events, commercial or otherwise, will not be permitted in wilderness areas.
- Accredited academic educational groups visiting the monument for purposes of its significance are not required. However, if the vehicle length is greater than 25 feet, NPS must be advised of arrival date and estimated time, and coordinated with to ensure safer passage on narrow road. They may submit a special use permit (SUP) request so that NPS staff are informed of their visit, and may be able to coordinate a ranger presentation. (No application fee).
- Commercial services provided for weddings (weddings require a SUP)

36 CFR §2.51 -- DEMONSTRATIONS

(b) Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2) when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.

- Small groups (fewer than 25 people) do not require a permit, but are still confined to the designated location for public assemblies. (2.51 (c)(2))
- Written applications for permits must be submitted to the Superintendent at least 30 working days prior to the date desired for the event. The activity must not conflict with any scheduled NPS function or program.

(c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for demonstrations:

- The Devils Postpile Amphitheater and its immediate surroundings. The location is shown on the attached map entitled, "*Designated First Amendment Site*"

36 CFR §2.52 -- SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

- (c) The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within park areas designated as available under §2.51(c)(2) (see above) when the superintendent has issued a permit.**

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

- (a) The installation of a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area without the authorization of the Director is prohibited.**
- (b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit, unless in the following areas and according to the following conditions:**
- The remains to be scattered must have been processed by pulverization after cremation. The scattering of human ashes by persons on the ground is to be performed out of sight of park visitors and at least 100 yards from any trail, road, walkway, parking area, developed facility, watercourse, or body of water.
 - The scattering of cremated remains from the air is prohibited.
 - Ashes must be scattered over an area large enough so that they will not accumulate in one place.
 - No marker of any kind may be left to commemorate the event.
 - No publicity is to be given to this activity.
 - The use of a commercial, for profit venture to distribute cremated remains in the park is prohibited.
 - Except for the authorization to scatter cremated human remains, nothing shall be construed as authorizing an entry or activity otherwise prohibited or restricted by law or regulation.

36 CFR PART 4 VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park road open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document. Roads are indicated on the Official Map and Guide for Devils Postpile National Monument (attached hereto).

Road Names are described as:

- Devils Postpile Road: from intersection of Reds Meadow Road extending approximately one third mile to the Devils Postpile National Monument (DEPO) Ranger/Visitor Contact Station.
- Devils Postpile Campground Road: dirt road that circles the “A” and “B” loop in the campground.
- Reds Meadow Road: extending eight miles from Minaret Vista Station to the road’s end at Reds Meadow Resort.

36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS

(a) The following load, weight, and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:

On the Devils Postpile Road and Campground Road

- Single vehicles over 25 feet long are prohibited due to road conditions. Exceptions are provided below.²⁷

Vehicles exceeding 25 feet in the Reds Meadow Valley may park at either the Pumice Flat or Reds Meadow Resort parking areas and ride the shuttle bus during the shuttle bus operating season to visit the monument.

This exclusion shall not apply to the following vehicles:

- Government vehicles
- Shuttle Buses
- Vehicles with current/valid handicap placards displayed
- Vehicles with a permit issued by the Superintendent
- Accredited Educational Groups, however, vehicles over 25 feet should contact

monument.

²⁷The Devils Postpile Road is about 1/3 of a mile long and extends from just below the junction with the Minaret/Reds Meadow road to the DEPO ranger station. Due to the narrow and winding character of the road, larger vehicles cannot easily negotiate the turns, and therefore may present a risk to other vehicles. Limiting vehicle length to 25 feet decreases the risk of motor vehicle accidents, enhances response times for emergency vehicles on the road, and reduces risks to the resources, for other vehicles and pedestrians within the developed area of the monument.

Parking within the developed area of DEPO is limited and consists of unpaved parking areas situated among numerous trees. Maneuvering and parking large vehicles in confined spaces and high pedestrian traffic presents risks to people, vehicles, and resources. Longer vehicles parked across several parking lanes creates parking lot congestion and may cause resource damage when parked on vegetation and overhanging branches, and may inhibit emergency vehicle access.

Visitors with disabilities traveling in vehicles longer than 25 feet may contact the monument to coordinate and facilitate access.

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

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

- Speed limit for motor vehicles and bicycles on the Devils Postpile National Monument access road from the monument entrance sign to the DEPO Ranger/Visitor Contact Station parking area is 5 mph in the day use, parking areas, and campground. The speed limit on the Devils Postpile Road is 10 mph or less if safety conditions warrant slower speeds.³⁰

³⁰The monument access road is approximately 1/3 mile long, has sharp curves and is very narrow in several areas and a slower speed limit decrease risks and increases response time.

36 CFR 4.30- Bicycles

a) *Park Roads.* Bicycle use is permitted on park roads, parking areas (hardened parking surfaces), and where general vehicle use is allowed by the public.

g) *Other Requirements.*

- 1) A person operating an e-bike is subject to the following sections of 36 CFR part 4 that apply to the use of traditional bicycles: sections 4.12, 4.13, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22, 4.23, and 4.30(h)(2)-(5).

- 2) Except as specified in this Compendium, the use of an e-bike within

Devils Postpile National Monument is governed by State law, which is adopted and made a part of this Compendium. Any violation of State law adopted by this paragraph is prohibited.

i) *Electric Bikes “E-Bikes”*

- E-bikes are permitted where traditional bicycles are allowed.
- E-bikes are prohibited where traditional bicycles are prohibited.

Electric Bicycle (aka E-Bike)- *a two- or three-wheeled cycle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of not more than 750 watts that meets the requirements of one of the following three classes:*

- (1) *“Class 1 electric bicycle” shall mean an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.*
- (2) *“Class 2 electric bicycle” shall mean an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.*
- (3) *“Class 3 electric bicycle” shall mean an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.*

36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking or soliciting transportation is prohibited except in the following designated areas and under the following conditions:

The designated locations for hitchhiking:

- the exit point of the bus loop area

The hitchhiker must be off the paved roadway on the shoulder, and visitor safety and traffic flow must not be adversely affected.

36 CFR §5.1 – ADVERTISEMENTS

Commercial notices or advertisements shall not be displayed, posted, or distributed on federally owned or controlled lands within a park area unless prior written permission has been given by the Superintendent.

NOTE: See §5.1 for criteria for granting permission.

36 CFR §5.3 – BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Engaging in or soliciting any business in park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States, except as such may be specifically authorized under special regulations applicable to a park area, is prohibited.

Commercial use authorizations may be issued only to authorize services that

- are determined to be an appropriate use of the park;
- will have minimal impact on park resources and values; and
- are consistent with the purpose for which the unit was established, as well as all applicable management plans and park policies and regulations.

Commercial use authorizations are required for but not limited to:

- Commercial vehicles arriving in the monument including tour buses and/or transportation services. 36 CFR §1.6
- Outfitter guides.
- Organized events.
- Non-profit institutions will be required to obtain commercial use authorization only when they generate taxable income from the authorized use, otherwise, they will request authorization through a special use permit application. 36 CFR §1.6

36 CFR §5.4 – COMMERCIAL PASSENGER-CARRYING MOTOR VEHICLES

(a) The commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicle except as authorized under a contract or permit from the Secretary or his authorized representative is prohibited in certain parks. See §5.4(a) for more information.

APPENDICES:

1) Map – Designated First Amendment Site

<https://www.nps.gov/depo/planyourvisit/upload/First-Amendment-Sites-DEPO-2011.pdf>

- 2) Devils Postpile Stock Use Map
<https://www.nps.gov/depo/planyourvisit/upload/StockUseSmall-2.pdf>
- 3) Devils Postpile National Monument Official Guide and Map
<https://www.nps.gov/depo/planyourvisit/upload/DEPOmap1.pdf>