



Special Use Permit—Appendix G

Sporting Events—Bicycling

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) The following provisions apply to SUPs for Bicycle Sporting Events:

- (1) Events are generally limited to 300 participants. The NPS reserves the right to reduce the size of the event at its discretion.
- (2) NPS Monitor required on scene during event, and during set-up and breakdown. Monitor will provide safety briefing prior to event starting. SUP holder will arrange for all participants to be present. SUP holder responsible for paying for Monitor's time spent at the event. Monitor scheduled on an event by event basis.
- (3) Support vehicles will not pace group and will use pullouts that are paved or otherwise impacted.
- (4) Riders/runners will not bunch up in groups blocking the roadway. Bicycle riders must ride single file. All riders should wear appropriate safety gear including helmets and appropriate light or reflective device on their person or on the bicycle. Riders must travel single-file when oncoming traffic is in roadway. The NPS may choose to reduce the number of permitted entrants or to cancel any future events in their entirety for failure to comply with this regulation.
- (5) Bicycles will meet California State requirements for travel at night.
- (6) Racers must always have official bib/jersey number visible.
- (7) Lead, follow, and support vehicles will have corresponding racer number and a sign mounted on it stating "Caution - Bicycle Riders on Road", or equivalent, with contrasting background to warn visitors of the event. When lead vehicle/van reaches end destinations, it must be parked wherever safely possible to alert oncoming traffic about approaching bicycle riders still en route to destination.
- (8) CalTrans and CHP-approved SIGNAGE will be required to warn traffic to use caution and advise them of riders on roadway. Where route passes major road junctions (Badwater Road/Hwy 190, Castle Road/Hwy 190, etc.), traffic entering bike route from secondary roads must be advised of heavy bicycle traffic through a temporary or stationary sign. Any temporary stationary sign wording and installation must be approved in advance by NPS Permit Coordinator or their designee.
- (9) SUP holder will have portable toilets and trash receptacles available for participants and all trash will be removed daily.
- (10) All events will have at least one medical division with their own ambulance and licensed paramedic or higher in order to provide medical support along the event route. For groups of any size, SUP holder will be responsible to provide for initial transport and care at the standard first aid level. All emergency evacuation costs of participants will be borne by SUP holder or participant.
- (11) All event organizers, medical crews, and support crews will have some form of radio and phone communication between them. NPS monitors must be able to contact SUP holder and medical crew.

- (12) An area will be designated by the NPS monitor for the caterer or aid stations. Catering truck, tables and chairs will be set up in a safe location, such as the far corner of a parking lot. Aid stations will not set up on roadway.
 - (13) Event activities are NOT permitted in Wilderness areas.
 - (14) SUP holder responsible for the actions of entire crew and participants, including journalists and photographers covering the event. SUP holder responsible for making sure participants follow park rules and regulations, including Leave No Trace principles.
 - (15) Event will not interfere with traffic (vehicle or foot traffic) for more than 5 minutes at a time. Monitor (CHP officers, if on a paved highway) will coordinate intermittent traffic control (ITC) when needed.
 - (16) Any event along State Highway 190 requires a state CalTrans permit and 2 CHP officers for traffic control if so determined by CHP. No activities will be allowed, which requires traffic control and/or along Hwy 190, if not arranged in advance with CHP and CalTrans: California Dept. of Transportation; Attn: Permit Dept.500; South Main Street; Bishop, CA 93514; 760/872-0674
 - (17) Off-road travel is prohibited. Keep all bicycles, automobiles and trailers on established roadways and shoulders. Maximum speed limit for all dirt roads is 25MPH.
 - (18) All natural and cultural features are protected by law and must not be disturbed or molested. Non-native or exotic species of plants or animals will not be introduced to the park by any proposed activities.
 - (19) Event coordinators will notify the Death Valley National Park permits office of all proposed events and any proposed changes to event itineraries. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of a Special Use Permit as well as other associated permits.
 - (20) Event coordinators are required to ensure that participants pay their park entry fees at the individual rate (currently \$10.00 per person, valid for 7 consecutive days). Holders of a Special Use Permit will be held responsible for assuring that entry fees are paid by all participants.
 - (21) SUP does not imply exclusive use of any area in the Park. All campgrounds and other park facilities are available for use on a first-come, first-served basis.
- (B) The area(s) authorized for use under this permit must be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the conduct of the activity.
- (C) The NPS reserves the right to charge the SUP operator for the cost of any search and rescue efforts or for the evacuation of sick or injured members of the SUP operator's group.
- (D) The SUP operator is responsible for notifying the Park of any accident that results in an injury requiring the care of a physician.
- (E) Special Use Permits issued by Death Valley National Park are only valid for planned and approved activities within Death Valley National Park and are not transferable to other National Park Service units.

II. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The following requirements must be met in order for authorization of the Bicycle Sporting Event SUP's to be issued from Death Valley National Park (hereinafter "Park").

	Requirement	Checklist
(1)	<p>The Applicant must present the Park with an outline of the client orientation. At a minimum, the orientation will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Death Valley National Park mission. (b) LNT practices to be followed while conducting activities within the Park. (c) Overview of safety hazards associated with the visit to the park's backcountry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Outline Attached (a) <input type="checkbox"/> Mission (b) <input type="checkbox"/> LNT (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Safety
(2)	<p>Applicant must present the Park with a <i>Standard Operating Plan</i>. All Operating Plans will be reviewed by NPS for approval. The Operations Plan will be reviewed for compatibility with the guidelines for commercial services, interpretation, and resource protection at the Park, SUP's will not be issued and trips must not begin until the Operating Plan has been approved.</p> <p>The Operating Plan, at a minimum, should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Explanation of services to be provided. (b) Dates that services will be provided. (c) Average and maximum size of group(s) for each type of activity planned. (d) Qualifications roster of event organizers. (e) Outline of environmental education information that will be provided to your clients. (f) Safety and/or sanitation precautions/procedures that apply to your service. (g) Resource protection measures including Leave No Trace. (h) Explanation of the procedures to be taken in case of accidents or other emergencies. (i) Identify why it is important that these activities occur within Death Valley National Park and not on public lands elsewhere. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Plan is attached and includes: (a) <input type="checkbox"/> Service Explanations (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Service Dates (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Group Size by Type (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifications (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Environment Outline (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Procedures (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Procedures (i) <input type="checkbox"/> Relevance to Park
(3)	<p>Medical/ambulance division and trash/toilet facility contractors have been arranged for the event; include name, address and phone number of the contractors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor Contact Information
(4)	<p>Copy of the rate schedule for services that the entity proposes to offer through the SUP.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rate Schedule Attached
(5)	<p>Current Certificate of General Liability Insurance, Land Transportation Liability Insurance, (if applicable) and Workers' Compensation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of General Liability (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Land Transport Liability (if applicable) (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Workers Compensation Insurance

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(6)	Application processing fee: \$210.00 made payable to the National Park Service as a check or money order in US funds.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$210 check or money order
(7)	Visitor's Acknowledgement of Risks Form - If the Applicant uses an acknowledgement of risk form, the language must follow the NPS format and it must be approved by the Park. The NPS format for this type of document is included as Exhibit 1. Waivers of liability may not be used.	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Risk Form