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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 Subtitle I (§§ 100101 to 104907), the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Thomas Edison National Historical Park. 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 Park 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 USE OR ACTIVITIES

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

#### **Visiting Hours:**

- Laboratory Complex – Public hours are Wednesdays through Sundays throughout the year.
- Glenmont Mansion– Public tours will be given on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays but will be closed to the public from January through March 2018. This closure may be extended as determined by the Park Superintendent. Group tours will be scheduled by advanced reservation only.
- The public hours will vary seasonally and may be adjusted by the Park Superintendent as circumstances necessitate; changes in public hours will be posted.

- Meetings and special events may be scheduled during non-public hours with a permit issued by the Park Superintendent.

### **Public Use Limits:**

- The use of Segways is prohibited in the park, except when used as a mobility aid by individuals with disabilities.
- It is prohibited to consume food or drink in public areas inside the park, except for water in covered containers unless authorized by the Park Superintendent or his/her designee.
- The playing of baseball, football, Frisbee, hack-i-sac, catch or similar recreational activities is prohibited, except if authorized by the Park Superintendent or his/her designee.

### **Closures:**

- The historic driveways around the Glenmont Mansion and Garage are closed to vehicles, except if authorized by the Park Superintendent or his/her designee.
- Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Thomas Edison National Historical Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.  
*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 operation 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, quadcopters, drones,) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.)*

*The compendium closure against unmanned aircraft is necessary to maintain public health and safety in units of the National Park System and to protect park resources and values until the NPS can determine whether specific uses of unmanned aircraft on lands administered by the NPS are appropriate and will not cause unacceptable impacts on park resources and values.*

### **CCTV Policy Statement**

In accordance with National Park Service Law Enforcement Reference Manual 9 (RM-9), notice is hereby given that Thomas Edison National Historical Park uses Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) security camera monitoring.

The park's use of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) for law enforcement and security purposes will only be to visually monitor public park areas and public activities where no constitutionally protected reasonable expectation of privacy exists. Such CCTV use – which will have adequate privacy and First Amendment safeguards – will be to help ensure public safety and security; facilitate the detection, investigation, prevention, and deterrence of terrorist attack and crime; help ensure the safety of citizens and officers; help assist in the proper allocation and deployment of law enforcement and public safety resources; and help facilitate the protection of the innocent and the apprehension and prosecution of criminals. (RM-9, 26.1)

This policy does not restrict the official use of CCTV in government administrative areas, including administrative buildings, jail holding facilities (RM-9, 26.3.7), revenue collection sites, etc., where the government may record/monitor its facilities. For example, the government may perform unrestricted

video/audio recording at revenue collection points (entrance stations, visitor center counters, etc.). This policy does not restrict the use of an Audio/Visual Recording Device (AVRD) in patrol vehicles or officer-worn recording devices used by commissioned rangers. (RM-9,26.1). Operation of CCTV cameras, maintenance of recorded images and use of recorded images will be in accordance with NPS and Department policy and applicable laws and regulations. (RM-9, 26.1-26.4) No person will be targeted or monitored merely because of race, religion, gender, sex, disability, national origin, or political affiliation or views. (RM-9, 26.4.2)

Nothing in this policy statement is intended to create any rights, privileges, or benefits not otherwise recognized by law.

### **36 CFR §1.6 – PERMITS**

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

Permit information and applications are available on line or by contacting the Park Superintendent's office.

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

**(c)(1) The following may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption:**

- acorns, pinecones, leaves or seeds found on the ground throughout the Glenmont estate
- grape leaves from the grape arbors adjacent to the greenhouse at Glenmont
- Apples from the apples trees adjacent to the garage at Glenmont

**(c)(2) The superintendent may limit the size and quantity of natural products that may be gathered or possessed for this purpose:**

- Up to 1 quart of the above items may be gathered

*The gathering of these items will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.*

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

**(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:**

- with advanced permission from the Park Superintendent in accordance with the Llewellyn Park deer management program

### **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.**

### **36 CFR §2.5 – PICNICKING**

**Picnicking is allowed, except in designated areas closed in accordance with 36 CFR 1.5.**

- The Laboratory Complex and Glenmont Estate are closed to picnicking.

### **36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES**

**(a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(a)(3) Operating any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(a)(4) Operating a public address system is prohibited, except in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.**

### **36 CFR §2.15 – Pets**

**(a)(1) Possessing a pet in a public building, public transportation vehicle, or location designated as a swimming beach, or any structure or area closed to the possession of pets by the superintendent. This subparagraph shall not apply to guide dogs accompanying visually impaired persons or hearing ear dogs accompanying hearing-impaired persons.**

- Pets are not permitted in the Laboratory Complex or within any buildings at the Glenmont Estate except if authorized by the Park Superintendent or his/her designee.

Per- Memorandum “Use of service Animals by Persons with Disabilities in the National Park System” Dated September 5, 2002: “The NPS will use the same definition of service animal currently found in DOJ Regulations (28 CFR36.104). Service animals will not be considered pets and, in general, when accompanying a person with a disability (as defined by Federal law and DOJ regulations), must be allowed wherever visitors or employees are allowed.”

Department of Justice 28 CFR 36.104 (2017): Service animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the individual's disability. Examples of work or tasks include, but are not limited to, assisting individuals who are blind or have low vision with navigation and other tasks, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to the presence of people or sounds, providing non-violent protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, assisting an individual during a seizure, alerting individuals to the presence of allergens, retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability to individuals with mobility disabilities, and helping persons with psychiatric and neurological disabilities by preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors. The crime deterrent effects of an animal's presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purposes of this definition.

*Pets are prohibited in this area to protect park resources and reduce risk to visitors and staff. This is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.*

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

**(b) The use of horses is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:**

- Along Honeysuckle Avenue, where such travel is necessary to cross to or from privately owned property in Llewellyn Park

### **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

**(a) Smoking is permitted only in the following designated areas:**

- Glenmont parking lot
- Main Street parking lots

Per-Policy Memorandum 15-03: Effective immediately, use of electronic smoking devices will be treated as tobacco smoking. All provisions of Director's Order #50D—including in particular sections 4.1.1 and 4.1.2—will apply to electronic smoking devices use. Electronic smoking devices use will not be permitted within any Government-owned or -leased vehicle, including heavy equipment, watercraft or aircraft. *Smoking (This includes all tobacco products, electronic smoking devices (such as electronic cigarettes), handheld vaporizers and items covered by the Controlled Substances Act, Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 (to include for medical use)) is prohibited in all other areas and buildings to protect park resources and reduce the risk of fire. This is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.*

**36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES**

**(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee 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:**

Entrance Fee Areas:

Recreation entrance fees are collected at the Laboratory Complex Visitor Center and allow entrance to both the Laboratory Complex and the Glenmont Estate for seven consecutive days.

The cost is \$10.00 for adults. Children under 16 years of age are free.

A \$40.00 Annual Park Pass provides unlimited visits to both the Laboratory Complex and Glenmont Estate for the card holder and three additional people for one year from date of purchase.

The America the Beautiful – Federal Recreational Lands Passes are accepted.

Expanded Amenity Fee:

An optional self-guided audio tour of the Laboratory Complex is available for \$5.00 per person. The Interagency Senior, Golden Age, Interagency Access and Golden Access will provide a 50 percent discount

**36 CFR §2.37 – NONCOMMERCIAL SOLICITING**

**Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions or a permit that has been issued under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52.**

**36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES**

**(a) Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents or explosive materials is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(b) Using, or possessing fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit or in designated areas.**

**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 therefore has been issued by the superintendent.

#### **36 CFR §2.51 -- DEMONSTRATIONS**

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

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

- Glenmont Estate parking area
- Parking area at the corner of Main Street and Edisonia Terrace
- On top of Vault 12 within the Laboratory Complex. Access to the Black Maria will be maintained.

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

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

#### **36 CFR §2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LANDS**

**(a) Residing in park areas, other than on privately owned lands, is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit lease or contract.**

#### **36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

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

- Honeysuckle Avenue – 25 mph speed limit. This is consistent with Llewellyn Park's posted speed limit.

*This speed limit is established because the speed limits set in 36 CFR § 4.21(a) was determined to be unreasonable, unsafe, and inconsistent with the purposes for which the park area was established.*

#### **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.**

#### **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.**

#### **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.**

#### **36 CFR §5.5 – COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

**(a) Before any motion picture may be filmed or any television production or sound track may be made by any person other than bona fide newsreel or news television personnel, written permission must first be obtained from the Superintendent.**

**(b) Taking photographs of any vehicle or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising without a written permit from the Superintendent is prohibited.**

#### **36 CFR §5.6 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

**(b) & (c) Using commercial vehicles on government roads within park areas when such use is in no way connected with the operation of the park is generally prohibited, and requires permission or a permit from the Superintendent.**

#### **36 CFR §5.7 – CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR OTHER FACILITIES**

**Such activities are prohibited, except in accordance with the provisions of a valid permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States.**