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Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS
Eleanor Roosevelt NHS
Vanderbilt Mansion NHS

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 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of The Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

36 CFR §1.5 – Visiting Hours, Public Use Limits, and Closures

Visiting Hours

Those buildings whose visitation is controlled by the National Park Service and which have not been designated as closed to the public are open for visitation. Hours are adjusted seasonally for some facilities. Due to staffing shortages, special activities, severe weather, mechanical failure, or maintenance purposes, buildings may be closed to the public.

All NPS buildings are closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

The grounds and trails at all sites are open daily from Sunrise to Sunset.

Eleanor Roosevelt NHS

- The Eleanor Roosevelt Stone Cottage and Factory (Val-Kill) are open May-October from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. November-April 1:00PM to 5:00PM, Thursday through Monday, by guided tour only.

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- Bellefield (park headquarters) is open from 9:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday through Friday.
- The Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center is open daily April-October from 8:45AM to 6:30PM. November-March from 8:45AM to 5:30PM.
- The Hyde Park Drive-In is a leased operation and contact information may be obtained by calling (845) 229-4738. Generally, it is open May-September 7:00PM-12:00AM.
- Springwood (Home of FDR) is open daily 9:00AM to 5:00PM by guided tour only.
- Top Cottage is open May-October from 11:10AM to 3:10PM by guided tour only.

Vanderbilt Mansion NHS

- Vanderbilt Mansion is open daily 9:00AM to 5:00PM by guided tour only.
- The Visitor Center (Pavilion) is open daily 9:00AM to 5:00PM.
- The Tool House is occupied by park partner, F.W. Vanderbilt Garden Association. It is generally open May-October from 12:00-4:00, Saturday and Sunday.

Building Public Use Limits

Eleanor Roosevelt NHS

- The Eleanor Roosevelt Center is operated by park partner, ERVK, and closed to visitation. Persons having business within are permitted to enter.
- The Factory (Val-kill) is open to the public by guided tour only. Visitors will be instructed as to which portions of the building they may enter. All other areas are closed to the public. Tours are limited to 15 persons.
- The Stone Cottage is self-guided and open to the public. Rangers will be present to answer and assist visitors. Portions of the building may have restricted access. Tours are limited to 15-20 persons.
- All other buildings are closed to visitation; Persons having business within are permitted to enter.

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- The Carriage House (TIC) is open to the public at no charge. The loft, basement, closets, and offices are closed to the public.
- The Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center is owned and managed by the National Archives and Records Administration and is open to the public at no charge. The building's owners establish closures.
- The Hyde Park Drive-In is leased operation. Access to buildings is subject to operational hours set by the Drive–In Operator.
- Springwood is open to the public by guided tour only. Visitors will be instructed as to which portions of the building they may enter. All other areas are closed to the public. Tours are limited to 50 persons.
- The Stables are open to the public at no charge. The loft area is closed to the public.
- Top Cottage is open to the public by guided tour only. Visitors will be instructed as to which portions of the building they may enter. All other areas are closed to the public. Tours are limited to 20 persons and begin at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor Center.
- All other buildings are closed to visitation; Persons having business within are permitted to enter.

Vanderbilt Mansion NHS

- The Pavilion's 1st floor exhibits, bookstore, and restrooms are open to the public at no charge. All other areas are closed to the public.
- The Tool House is occupied by park partner, F.W. Vanderbilt Garden Association, and is open to the public at no charge on weekends from May-October. The basement, 2nd floor, and kitchen are closed to the public.
- The Vanderbilt Mansion is open to the public by guided tour only. Visitors will be instructed as to which portions of the building they may enter. All other areas are closed to the public. Tours are limited to 50 persons.
- All other buildings are closed to visitation; Persons having business within are permitted to enter.

NOTES:

- Visitors are prohibited from entering historic buildings carrying any item larger than11"X15" including infant carriers.

Justification: *Public safety and national security concerns for the protection and welfare of the visiting public and preservation of the resource.*

- Flash photography is not permitted inside the FDR Home, Vanderbilt Mansion, Stone Cottage, Factory and Top Cottage.

Justification*: Flash is detrimental to the historic fabric.*

All grounds and trails within the established boundaries of Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS are open to the public daily from sunrise to sunset with the following conditions or restrictions:

Closures

- Crum Elbow Point is closed

Justification: *Bridge is unsafe and needs significant repairs.*

- Eleanor Roosevelt NHS is closed to the public whenever the gates are closed.
- Roosevelt Farm Lane parking is closed to the public whenever the gates are closed.
- Top Cottage is closed to the public whenever the gates are closed.
- Vanderbilt Mansion NHS is closed to the public whenever the gates are closed.

The roadways within the park boundaries are open to the public except as listed below for authorized vehicles:

Eleanor Roosevelt NHS

- The access road leading to Eleanor Roosevelt Conference Center is closed to vehicular traffic.
- The historic core area in front of the Stone Cottage and Factory is closed to vehicular traffic.

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- The access road leading to Springwood is closed to vehicular traffic.
- The access road (unpaved) leading to the Curatorial Building is closed to vehicular traffic.
- The driveway at Top Cottage is closed to vehicular traffic.

Justification: *these roadways are closed to the public for safety and security reasons.*

- The Roosevelt Farm Lane parking areas (Rt 9 and Rt 9G) are closed to oversized vehicles (over 24 feet) such as Buses, RV'S and Limos

Justification: *Oversized vehicles cannot safely navigate the roadway or parking lot due to limited turning radius.*

Vanderbilt Mansion NHS

- Bard Rock Road and parking lot is closed to vehicular traffic on weekends, holidays, and whenever the gate is closed. Bard Rock is open to vehicles on Tuesday and Thursday June-September.

Justification: *Road conditions are not suited for heavy visitation that occurs on weekends and holidays. Safety concerns may further warrant closures for severe weather, special events, maintenance, or personnel shortages.*

- Oversized vehicles (over 24 feet) such as Buses, RV'S and Limos are prohibited on Bard Rock Road.

Justification: *Oversized vehicles cannot safely navigate the roadway or parking lot due to limited turning radius.*

- Lower Gatehouse Way is closed to vehicular traffic.

Justification: *For the safety of pedestrians.*

- The access road leading to the Italian Gardens is closed to vehicular traffic.

Justification: *Due to underground resources, limited turning radius and pedestrian safety.*

- Vanderbilt Park Rd. directly in front of Vanderbilt Mansion is closed to vehicular traffic.

Justification: *To provide for pedestrian and resource safety, and minimize interference with interpretive operations.*

Boating

- The use of vessels in all park waters is prohibited.

Justification: To provide for the safety of visitors and park resources.

Climbing Trees

- Climbing in or on trees is prohibited.

Justification: *Climbing stresses and damages park trees which are an essential part of the cultural landscape.*

Engine Idling

- Drivers of commercial passenger-carrying diesel-fueled motor vehicles are prohibited from idling engines in parking lots of developed areas for periods longer than five minutes.

Justification: *The noise and fumes caused by these engines severely impacts the natural experiences sought by many visitors.*

Geocaching

- Activities such as geocaching that involve hiding and/or hunting physical containers are prohibited with the exception of containers placed by park personnel for educational purposes.

Justification: *Allows for the management of potential adverse environmental impacts.*

Off-road Recreational Vehicles

- The operation of off-road recreational vehicles or All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) is prohibited.

Justification: *Activity detracts from the historic setting of the park and poses a significant risk to visitor safety and park resources which cannot be sustained without causing unacceptable impacts.*

- Off-road recreational and utility vehicles may be allowed for administrative purposes, such as fire control, search and rescue, law enforcement, resource management activities, or power line maintenance.

Justification: *To provide for the safety and security of visitors, staff and park resources.*

Parking Limits

- Parking at Bard Rock is limited to 60 minutes.
- Parking at Vanderbilt Overlook is limited to 15 minutes.

Justification: *These parking areas quickly exceed capacity during heavy visitation periods.*

Recreational Activities, Other

Recreational activities are prohibited in the following areas: from the Visitor Center south to the Italian Gardens including the circular lawn in front of the Vanderbilt Mansion; within 200 feet of the core historic areas including FDR's Home and Gravesite, Val-Kill and Top Cottage. Recreational activities include, but are not limited to: playing catch, throwing Frisbees, kite flying, and sunbathing. Also see section **36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING**

- Badminton and volleyball nets, or any object anchored with stakes is prohibited.
- Climbing in or on trees is prohibited.
- Organized sports are prohibited.

Justification: *Recreational activities in close proximity to buildings detract from the historic setting of the park and pose a risk to visitor safety and damage to natural resources.*

Remote-Controlled Devices

- All areas of the park are closed to remote-controlled devices including but not limited to airplanes, helicopters, drones, cars, and similar objects.

Justification: *Activity detracts from the historic setting of the park and poses a risk to visitor safety.*

Segways

- The use of Segways and similar devices in lieu of manual or motorized wheelchairs is allowed by persons with disabilities who would otherwise only have the option of using a manual or powered wheelchair.

Justification*: Segways are not appropriate for use by non-handicapped vehicles in an historic setting mixed with pedestrians. The NPS ensures that those with disabilities have the highest level of accessibility that is reasonable to our programs, facilities, and services in conformance with applicable regulations and standards.*

- Segways may not be operated at speeds greater than 2-3 mph, the equivalent of a walking pedestrian

Justification: *The safe operation of Segways and similar devices is dependent on their integration into the normal flow of pedestrian traffic.*

36 CFR §1.6 PERMITS

Engaging in the following activities without first obtaining the required permit is prohibited:

- Carrying or possession of a weapon, trap, or net unless necessary to support §2.5 activities, **36 CFR §2.4(d)(1)**
- Collecting research specimens (plants, fish, wildlife, rocks, or minerals), **36 CFR §2.5(a)**
- Operating an unauthorized 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, **36 CFR §2.12(a)(4)**
- Aircraft and Air Delivery
    - Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter, or other airborne means, **36 CFR §2.17(a)(3)**
    - Removal of downed aircraft, **36 CFR §2.12(c)(1)**
    - Unmanned aircraft may be used for administrative purposes such as fire, rescue and scientific study in addition to commercial operators. All permits must be approved by the Associate Director for Visitor and Resource Protection.
- Noncommercial soliciting, **36 CFR §2.37**
- Explosives
    - Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents, or explosive materials, **36 CFR §2.38(a)**
    - Using or possessing fireworks **36 CFR §2.38(b)**
- Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events, **36 CFR §2.50(a)**
- Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades, and other public expressions for groups greater than 25 people, **36 CFR §2.51(a)**
- Sale or distribution of printed matter for groups greater than 25 people, **36 CFR §2.52(a)**
- Memorialization - Scattering of human ashes or remains, leaving markers, tributes or memorials **36 CFR §2.62(b)**
- Engaging in or soliciting any business (requires a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the U.S.), **36 CFR §5.3**
- Commercial Filming and Photography **
    - Filming of motion pictures or television, **36 CFR §5.5(a)**
    - Still photography using models, sets, or props, **36 CFR §5.5(b)**
- Construction of buildings, or other structures, boats, docks, road, trails, paths, etc. **36 CFR §5.7**

** Commercial filming is defined as digital or film recording of a visual image or sound recording by a person, business, or other entity for a market audience, such as for a documentary, television, or feature film, advertisement, or similar project. Under Public Law 106-206, all commercial filming requires a permit and is

subject to location fees and cost recovery charges. Generally, commercial photography and filming permits are not required for:

- A visitor using a camera and/or recording device for their own personal use and within normal visitation areas and hours; or
- A commercial photographer not using a prop, model, or set, and staying within normal visitation areas and hours; or
- Press coverage of breaking news. This never requires a permit, but is subject to the imposition of restrictions and conditions necessary to protect park resources and public health and safety.

Applications for permits may be found on the parks website at www.nps.gov//hofr. Please note the side bar column "permits".

General Regulations

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

- All areas of the park are closed to wood gathering **36 CFR § 2.1 (a)(4)**

***Justification*:** Standing dead, down, and live wood provides habitat for cavity-nesting species and insects

- Only one quart or less of fruits, nuts, berries, or mushrooms may be gathered for personal consumption while in the park. **36 CFR § 2.1 (c)(1), 36 CFR § 2.1 (c)(2)(i)**

Justification: *Unrestricted collection could adversely impact plant propagation and/or wildlife food sources.*

36 CFR §2.2 – WILDLIFE PROTECTION

- Hunting is not permitted on any park property **36 CFR § 2.2 (b)(2)**
- Trapping is not permitted on any park property **36 CFR § 2.2 (b)(3)**

Justification: *Park lands are open and managed for recreation and wildlife. Hunting and trapping pose a risk to public safety and are counter to park wildlife management goals.*

- Wildlife legally wounded outside the park in accordance with State hunting regulations may only be followed inside park boundaries, dispatched and removed from the park with an NPS Law Enforcement Ranger or Resource Management Specialist present. **36 CFR § 2.2 (d)**

Justification: *The requirement to notify a Law Enforcement Ranger or Resource Management Specialist protects public safety and avoids unwarranted public accusation that an illegal hunt may have occurred in the park.*

- Viewing of wildlife with an artificial light is prohibited throughout the entire park. **36 CFR § 2.2 (e)**

Justification: *Wildlife viewing with an artificial light may disrupt natural wildlife activities and condition wildlife to human presence. This regulation also provides increased protection of wildlife from poaching activity.*

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

- Non-conflicting New York state fishing laws and regulations apply throughout the park **36 CFR § 2.3 (a)**

- Fishing with live or dead minnows or other bait fish, amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or fish roe is prohibited. Other types of bait may be used in accordance with state law. **36 CFR § 2.3 (d)(2)**

Justification: *Introduction of non-native species is detrimental to the ecosystem.*

- Commercial fishing is prohibited in all areas of the park **36 CFR § 2.3 (d)(4)**

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

- Individuals are authorized to possess, carry, and transport concealed, loaded, and operable firearms within NPS areas in accordance with applicable state and federal law. Possession of firearms is prohibited in Federally-owned or leased buildings. The law regarding discharge of firearms remains unchanged. **36 CFR §2.4(h)**

Justification: *This wording reflects implementation of 512, P.L. 111-24, Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, 123 Stat. 1764-65 § 512 effective February 22, 2010*

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING

- All areas of Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS are closed to camping, **36 CFR § 2.10(a)**

Justification: *Camping activities are not appropriate within the National Historic Sites.*

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

- The following areas are closed to picnicking:
  - Within 200 feet of the FDR Home and Gravesite.
  - The Pavilion (VAMA Visitor Center) south to the Italian Gardens including the circular lawn in front of the Vanderbilt Mansion.

Justification*: Picnicking in close proximity to buildings detracts from the historic setting of the park.*

- Groups of 25 people or more require a permit to picnic on park grounds

Justification: *Large groups require more oversight to avoid adverse impacts to park resources and operations.*

36 CFR §2.13 – FIRES

- Portable gas grills are permitted in picnic areas with tables, and outside park housing units. The use of charcoal or other open flame is prohibited. **36 CFR § 2.13(a)(1)**
- Fires are prohibited in all areas of the park during Red Flag Warnings **36 CFR § 2.13(c)**
- Lighting and maintaining any type of fire, including but not limited to cigarettes, candles, lanterns, grills, and stoves, is prohibited within any park building unless authorized by the Superintendent. **36 CFR § 2.13(a)(1)**

Justification*: The use of fire is regulated to protect structures, natural resources, and the public.*

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

- Persons having custody of any animal(s) will immediately remove and dispose of excrement voided by an animal(s) under their control. Excrement will be properly disposed of in outdoor trash containers or removed from park property. ***36 CFR § 2.15(a)(5)***

Justification*: Proper disposal of pet waste eliminates a water quality, health and aesthetic problem.*

- Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions: **36 CFR § 2.15 (e)**
  - No more than two pets per residence are permitted when occupied by a single person or family.
  - No pets are permitted in *shared* park housing.

Justification: *To minimize resource damage and adverse health effects to employees.*

36 CFR §2.16 - HORSE AND PACK ANIMALS

- The use of horses or pack animals is prohibited. **36 CFR § 2.16(g)**

Justification*: Restriction is intended to protect natural resources and reduce possible visitor use conflicts.*

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

- Snowmobiles are prohibited. **36 CFR § 2.18(c)**

Justification: *Activity detracts from the historic setting of the park and poses a significant risk to visitor safety.*

36 CFR §2.19 - WINTER ACTIVITIES

- Skiing, ice skating, sledding, inner tubing, tobogganing, and similar winter sports are prohibited with the exception of cross country skiing and snowshoeing. **36 CFR § 2.19(c)**

Justification: *Restriction is intended to protect the health and safety of visitors.*

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES

- Use of roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, roller skis, or similar devices is prohibited. **36 CFR § 2.20**

Justification: *Restrictions are intended to protect the health and safety of visitors.*

36 CFR §2.21 - SMOKING

- Smoking is prohibited within the Rose Garden (FDR Gravesite). **36 CFR § 2.21(a)**
- Smoking is prohibited in all park buildings, all government vehicles, within 25 feet of a public building entrance, and within 50 feet of fuel storage faciiities. **36 CFR § 2.21(a)**

Justification: *It is NPS policy that public use and administrative facilities be smoke-free. The restrictions are intended to protect park resources, reduce the risk of fire, and prevent conflicts among visitor use activities.*

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

- Leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours is prohibited unless the property is part of an activity under a special park use permit (e.g. storage of equipment in a staging area during a construction project) **36 CFR § 2.22(a)(2)**

36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- The following areas are closed to alcohol consumption, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit: ***36 CFR § 2.35 (a)(3)(i)***
  - Within 200 feet of the FDR Home and Gravesite.
  - The Pavilion (VAMA Visitor Center) south to the Italian Gardens including the circular lawn in front of the Vanderbilt Mansion.

Justification: *Areas where the public engages in business with the government or is participating in educational opportunities are not appropriate for alcohol consumption.*

36 CFR §2.51 – PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES

Public assemblies for groups greater than 25 people are prohibited without a permit. Designated areas for all public assemblies are:

- **Eleanor Roosevelt N.H.S**
  - Field south of the main entrance. See map "ELRO 1st Amendment Area"
- **Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt N.H.S.**
  - Lawn south of the main entrance. See map "HOFR 1st Amendment Areas"
  - South side of the visitor center parking lot. See map "HOFR 1st Amendment Areas"
  - Field to the left of the Top Cottage entrance. See map "ELRO 1st Amendment Areas"
- **Vanderbilt Mansion N.H.S**
  - Area between the Vanderbilt Park Rd. and the Visitor Center Parking lot, south. See map "VAMA 1st Amendment Area"

Written applications for permits must be received by the Superintendent ten days prior to the date desired for the event. The activity must not conflict with any scheduled NPS function or program. Visitors will not be subjected to undue noise or physical contact. Visitors shall not be impeded in their progress to any portions of the park including public buildings, visitor centers, parking areas, etc.

Justification: *The permit process allows NPS to protect park resources and guarantees groups a priority for a space when multiple groups or individual demonstrators want to use a designated first amendment area in a park.*

36 CFR §2.52 – SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

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

Justification: *The permit process allows NPS to protect park resources and guarantees groups a priority for a space when multiple groups or individual demonstrators want to use a designated first amendment area in a park.*

36 CFR §3.8 – BOATING ACTIVITIES

Bard Rock is a designated site on the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail. It is open as a day use landing site by kayakers and canoeists who begin their boating trips elsewhere. It is not a launch site for car top or trailered boats.

36 CFR §3.16 – SWIMMING

- Swimming and wading in park waters is prohibited.

Justification: *Restriction is intended to protect the health and safety of visitors.*

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND DESIGNATED ROUTES

- *Off-road motor vehicle use is prohibited* **36 CFR §4.21(a)**

Justification: *To ensure the safety of park visitors and to protect cultural landscapes*

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

- Oversized vehicles (over 24 feet) and vehicles with trailers are prohibited on Bard Rock Rd.
- Vehicles exceeding 5 tons are prohibited on Bard Rock Rd.
- Vehicles exceeding 5 tons are prohibited on Maritije Kill Bridge (Roosevelt Farm Lane)
- Vehicles exceeding 10 tons are prohibited on Fall Kill Bridge, located at Eleanor Roosevelt N.H.S
- Vehicles exceeding 15 tons and/or exceed 24 feet are prohibited on the Rustic Bridge (Cobblestone Bridge), located on Coach House Way.
- Vehicles exceeding 20 tons are prohibited on the White Bridge, located on Vanderbilt Park Rd.

Justification: *Weight limits are established by the Federal Highway Administration and size restrictions are due to the limited turning radius on these roads*

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

- The speed limit on all park roadways is 15mph **36 CFR §4.21(b)**

Justification: *Park speed limits have been determined to be reasonable, safe and consistent with the purposes for which the park area was established.*

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

- Bicycle use is permitted on the Roosevelt Farm Lane section of the Hyde Park Trail between Albany Post Rd. and Violet Ave. (1.6 mi), March-October only **36 CFR §4.30(a)**
- Bicycle use is prohibited on all foot trails unless specifically authorized by the posting of NPS-installed trail markers.
- Bicycle use in the historic core area of the FDR home and the Eleanor Roosevelt site is prohibited.

Justification: *To avoid adverse environmental impact and honoring the historical significance of the sites.*