

Fort Pulaski

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Fort Pulaski National Monument



2016 Superintendent's Compendium





Code of Federal Regulations

Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 1.7(b)

**Compendium of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements,
and other Restrictions imposed under the discretionary authority
of the Superintendent**

In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7, authorized by Title 54 I 3d United States Code, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of the portions of Fort Pulaski National Monument under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1.

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Melissa Memory, Superintendent

Date October 1, 2015

**FORT PULASKI NATIONAL MONUMENT
COMPENDIUM OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 36, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

Under the provisions of Title 54 I 3d U.S.C, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, the following Superintendent's Orders (compendium) are established for Fort Pulaski National Monument. Unless otherwise noted, these orders apply in addition to the provisions contained in Parts 1-7 of Title 36 CFR.

Part 1.1 Definitions

The following are terms derived under 36 CFR 1.4 or 1.5, used in this document.

- Fort and demilune* means the structure of Fort Pulaski and adjacent demilune structure contained within the moat system.
- Park* means the boundaries of Fort Pulaski National Monument on Cockspur and McQueens Island.
- Bicycle* means every device propelled solely by human power upon which a person or persons may ride upon land having one, two, or more wheels, except a manual wheelchair.
- Drinking* means consumption of any liquid beverage with the exception of water.
- Motor Vehicle* means every vehicle that is self-propelled and every vehicle that is propelled by electric power but not operated on rails or upon water, except a snowmobile and a motorized wheelchair.
- Motorized Wheelchair* means a self-propelled wheeled device, designed solely for and used by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion that is both capable and suitable for use in indoor pedestrian areas.
- Park Road* means the main-traveled surface of a roadway open to motor vehicles, owned, controlled or otherwise administered by the National Park Service.
- Permit* means a written authorization to engage in uses or activities that are otherwise prohibited, restricted or regulated.
- Public Use Limit* means the number of persons; number of type of animals; amount, size and type of equipment, vessels, mechanical modes of conveyance, or food/beverage containers allowed to enter, be brought into, remain in, or be used within a designated geographic area or facility; or the length of time a designated geographic area or facility may be occupied.
- Segway* means motor vehicle as defined above.
- Superintendent* means the official in charge of the park unit (area) as the authorized representative of the National Park Service.
- Wading* means walking in or through water.
- 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 (model airplanes, quadcopters, and drones) that are used for any purpose, including recreation or commerce.

Part 1.2 Applicability and Scope

The regulations and public use limitations or restrictions contained in this document apply to all persons entering, using, visiting or otherwise within the boundaries of lands and waters, controlled, leased, and administered or subject to the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, Fort Pulaski National Monument.

The regulations and public use limitations or restrictions contained in this document shall not be construed to prohibit administrative activities conducted by the National Park Service, nor its agents, in accordance with approved management plans, or in emergency operations involving threats to life, property, or park resources.

Part 1.5 Closure and Public Use Limits

- (a)(1) Normal operating hours for the Fort Pulaski National Monument are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

Hours may vary seasonally.

Cockspur Island is closed after operating hours to all unauthorized vehicular access.

The Lighthouse Island and Cockspur Island Lighthouse are closed except by authorization by the Superintendent..

From the gate at the west end of Cockspur Island at the end of the park road, immediately west of the Coast Guard Station Tybee to the western park boundary, the park is closed to all vehicular traffic at all times, except by permit.

During periods of severe weather conditions, all or portions of the park may be closed to the public in the interest of safety. The ranking Site Supervisor on duty is delegated the authority by the Superintendent to determine the need to close areas of the park for safety purposes.

Geocaching is prohibited within the boundaries of Fort Pulaski National Monument.

Picnicking is prohibited within the walls of the Fort and demilune.

Cockspur Island is closed to swimming and diving.

Alcoholic beverage consumption and possession of open alcoholic beverage containers is prohibited within the historic dike system of Fort Pulaski National Monument during normal operating hours.

Fishing, boating, swimming, or wading in the historic Fort Pulaski moat, all feeder canals, and the entire ditch system is prohibited.

Athletic and recreational activities such as ball playing, kite flying, golfing, horseshoes, and frisbee are prohibited within the historic dike system.

The attachment of any items on any trees or other park structures is prohibited.

The use of horses and pack animals is not permitted within the park.

Eating and drinking are prohibited in the Visitor Center, Theater, and Exhibit area.

The firing of model rockets and the flying of unmanned aircraft are prohibited throughout the park.

Fort Pulaski National Monument is closed for visitation on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Climbing on the fort walls, demilune mounds, or trees or within the park is prohibited.

Segways and motorized scooters, as defined under 36 C.F.R. § 1.4, are motor vehicles. Segways and motorized scooters are permitted on all paved areas designed for motor vehicles within the park including all paved roads and parking lots. Any park visitor with a disability is permitted to use Segways and motorized scooters throughout the park, including all structures, facilities, park roads, sidewalks, trails and other surfaces when such devices are used for the sole purpose of mobility assistance. Finally, use of any mobility assistive device, as outlined above, must also adhere to the following:

- a) No person under 16 years of age may operate a Segway.
- b) A person shall operate any mobility assistive device in a safe and responsible manner. Maximum speed will not exceed more than 8 M.P.H. ("Segway Sidewalk / Intermediate" key), so as not to endanger one's self or any other park visitor.
- c) A person riding any mobility assistive device upon and along a sidewalk, while crossing a roadway in a crosswalk, entering or exiting from an elevator, or on any other surface shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances, except that the mobility assistive device operator must always yield to pedestrians (park visitors).

- (a)(3)(d) Reservations and fee waiver permits are required for educational groups that conform to use limits and conditions.

Part 1.6 Permits

- (a)(f) The following activities require advance permits:

- Research specimen collecting, Part 2.5(a)
- Camping, Part 2.10(a)
- Noncommercial soliciting, Part 2.37
- Special events, Part 2.50(a)
- Public assemblies, meetings of more than 25 persons, Part 2.51(a)
- Sale or distribution of printed material, Part 2.52(a)
- Memorialization, Part 2.62
- Commercial filming/photography
- Weddings
- Military exercises

Part 2.1 Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and Archeological Resources

- (a)(4) Down and dead wood, including driftwood, may be collected in personal use quantities for fuel in picnic area barbecue grills, in personal grills, and in the designated youth group camping area.

- (c)(1) The following natural products may be gathered for personal, non-commercial use or consumption in the designated quantities listed below:

blackberries	2 quarts per person per day
driftwood	1 armful per person per day
fiddler crabs	1 quart per person per day for sport fishing bait
figs	1-½ gal per person per day
pecans	2 quarts per person per day
pine cones	1 bushel per person per day
pine straw	1 pick-up load or 5 garbage bags quarterly

Part 2.2 Wildlife Protection

- (e) All of Cockspar Island is closed to the viewing of wildlife with an artificial light. Feeding or approaching wildlife is prohibited. Hunting is prohibited within the boundaries of the park except for hunting of waterfowl on the Savannah River with a valid Georgia Hunting License within season and limits.

Part 2.3 Fishing

- (d)(8) Fishing is permitted inside the park for those with a valid Georgia Fishing License. Oyster harvesting in Oyster Creek and crabbing must conform to Georgia Department of Natural Resources guidelines and limits. No crab traps are allowed unattended within the park.

Fishing from the bridge spanning the South Channel of the Savannah River is permitted after daily operating hours and when the entrance gate is completely closed. Cleaning fish is not allowed on the bridge. Fishing in the historic Fort Pulaski moat, all feeder canals, and the entire ditch system is prohibited.

Part 2.10 Camping and Food Storage

- (b)(10) Group camping is permitted at designated primitive sites on the west end of Cockspar Island. Camping permits are issued by the Park Superintendent for groups involved in service projects or educational programs.

Part 2.13 Fires

- (a)(1) Fires are permitted in government provided grills and in privately owned grills in good working order within the picnic area. Campfires are permitted in conjunction with authorized camping activities in designated sites. Fires may, however, be prohibited due to high fire danger as determined by the Superintendent.

Part 2.15 Pets

- (a)(5) Pet owners are responsible for the removal and disposal of pet excrement within the park.

Pets must be kept on a leash (6 ft. maximum length) at all times.

With the exception of assistance animals, pets are not allowed in the Visitor Center.

Pets may be kept by residents of the campground as long as they are kept in the immediate environs of the residence, kept on a leash when outside, pet excrement is removed and properly disposed, and do not create a nuisance.

Part 2.16 Horses and Pack Animals

- (B) The use of horses and pack animals is not permitted within the park.

Part 2.20 Skating, Skateboards, and Similar Devices

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices is prohibited in the entire park.

Part 2.21(a) Smoking

- (a) Smoking is prohibited inside and within 25 feet of all buildings, including the fort and demilune, and all vehicles.

Part 2.35 Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances

- (a)(3)(i) The area within the historic dike system is closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages and the possession of open receptacles containing alcoholic beverages during normal business hours.

Part 2.51 Public Assemblies, Meetings

- (e) The designated area for the exercise of these First Amendment rights is the grassy portion of the Visitor Center parking area, bounded by the paved road and stone curbing. Permits are required for these activities with 25 or more persons (see Part 1.6, above) and will be issued on a first come, first served basis subject to further conditions included in Parts 2.51 and 2.52.

Part 2.52 Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter

- (e) The designated area for the exercise of these First Amendment rights is the grassy portion of the Visitor Center parking area, bounded by the paved road and stone curbing. Permits are required for these activities (see Part 1.6, above) and will be issued on a first come, first served basis subject to further conditions included in Parts 2.51 and 2.52. No sale of printed matter is allowed within the First Amendment area.

Part 2.62 Memorialization

- (b) The scattering of human ashes is prohibited within the historic dike system. Scattering of human ashes in other areas of the monument requires a permit issued by the Superintendent (see Part 1.6, above).

Part 4.21 Vehicle speed limits

- (b) The speed limit on Cockspur Island is 20 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.

JUSTIFICATION

The following are determinations and justifications for closure and public use limits at Fort Pulaski National Monument under Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1.5. Determinations and justifications are also provided for other parts of 36 CFR, which allow for the discretion of the Park Superintendent.

Part 1.5 Closure and Public Use

Hours of Operation: Cockspur Island is closed to unauthorized vehicular traffic during non-operational hours to protect park natural and cultural resources. Authorized users include National Park Service employees, Coast Guard personnel, Savannah Bar Pilots, Department of Natural Resources, park employees on official business, residents of the park campground, and others as determined by the Superintendent.

Closure of the Lighthouse Island and the Cockspur Island Lighthouse. Lighthouse Island is closed as it is an active ecological restoration area. The Cockspur Island Lighthouse is closed as it presents a health and safety risk to park visitors and a potential to do harm to the resource through vandalism.

Closure of the West End of Cockspur Island: Cockspur Island is closed to vehicular traffic at the gate at the end of the park road immediately west of Coast Guard Station Tybee.

Picnicking Restriction: Picnicking is prohibited within the Fort and demilune in order to preserve the setting and provide visitors the opportunity to better appreciate the significance of this area for its intended purpose without undue encroachment.

Swimming and Wading Restrictions: Swimming access from Cockspur Island is prohibited. The North and South Channels of the Savannah River surround the island. The shore is rocky or excessively muddy and lacks suitable safe areas for water access. The river is swift with unpredictable currents and supports heavy shipping and boating traffic. Swimming and wading in the historic moat is prohibited in order to preserve the integrity of the historic scene. Swimming and wading is also prohibited in the feeder canals and the entire ditch system of the park.

Alcohol Restrictions: The consumption of alcoholic beverages and the possession of open receptacles containing alcoholic beverages within the historic dike system are prohibited in order to preserve the historic setting, and provide visitors an opportunity to better appreciate the significance of the area for its intended purpose without undue encroachment.

Fishing and Boating Restrictions: Fishing and boating are prohibited in the fort moat, feeder canals, and the entire ditch system of the park in order to preserve the integrity of the historic scene and for safety.

Activity Restrictions: Athletic and recreational activities such as ball playing, kite flying, golfing, horseshoes, and frisbee are prohibited within the historic dike system in order to preserve the setting and provide visitors an opportunity to better appreciate the significance of this area for its intended purpose without undue encroachment. Most athletic and recreational activities are permitted and encouraged in other areas of the monument.

Horse Restrictions: The use of horses and pack animals is prohibited within the park because of the fragile nature of the sandy trails and the inherent incompatibility of pedestrians and horses in such a confined area, and to prevent the spread of exotic flora.

Eating and Drinking Restrictions: Eating and drinking are prohibited in the visitor center, theater and exhibit area because such activities are incompatible with a museum environment and accidents could damage irreplaceable cultural resources. The restrictions conform to Special Directive 80-1.

Model Rocket and Powered Unmanned Aircraft Restrictions: Due to the heavy concentration of visitors both within and without the historic dike system and the potential for fire ignition, these activities are considered a safety hazard and are therefore prohibited within the park. Within the dike system, these activities are incompatible with historic values.

Part 1.6 Permits

Permits for the stated activities are required under Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1-7.

Part 2.1 (a)(4) Wood Collection

The Superintendent has determined that collecting small quantities of dead and down wood for personal use in designated areas is not detrimental to the resources.

Part 2.1 (c)(1) Gathering of Natural Products

These have been determined by the Superintendent to be reasonable quantities of certain items which may be gathered for personal use or consumption. The quantities are limited in order to provide an equitable availability to the public and to eliminate any adverse effects on park wildlife, the reproductive potential of plant species, or other park resources.

Part 2.2(e) Wildlife Protection

The closure of the island during non-operational hours precludes the legitimate use of artificial light to view wildlife. It is also determined that the use of artificial light to view wildlife in such a confined area would constitute frightening or disturbing wildlife as prohibited in 36 CFR, Part 2.2(a)(2).

Part 2.3(a)(8) Fishing

The bridge over the South Channel of the Savannah River is closed by gate to all but authorized vehicular users (Coast Guard, Bar Pilots, and park personnel on official business) during non-operational hours. The limited amount of traffic on the bridge after hours and the issuance of safety warnings to authorized users mitigate the safety hazards of fishing from the bridge during these times. Fishing from the bridge is prohibited during the operating hours of the park.

Part 2.10(1) Camping

Camping of youth groups by Special Use Permits is a traditional activity supported by the park. Such camping is allowed in order to better interpret the park's resources to young people and to provide volunteer assistance in the completion of designated service projects within the park.

Part 2.13(a)(1) Fires

Fires associated with picnicking and authorized group camping activities are permitted in designated areas that have been determined to pose no threat to park resources.

Part 2.15(a)(5) Pets

Pet owners are required to remove pet excrement in the areas stated for sanitation reasons and to provide visitors with a clean and unobtrusive park environment.

Part 2.15(e) Pets in Government Quarters

Residents of government furnished quarters have all the rights of citizens and may keep pets as long as the pets do not interfere with the proper management of cultural and natural resources nor the activities of park visitors and other residents.

Part 2.16(b) Horses and Pack Animals

The use of horses and pack animals is prohibited within the park because of the fragile nature of the sandy trails and the inherent incompatibility of pedestrians and horses in such a confined area.

Part 2.20 Skating, Skateboards, and Similar Devices

The use of skates, skateboards, and similar devices is prohibited in the entire park due to the lack of road shoulders and traffic congestion.

Part 2.21(a) Smoking

Smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of National Park Service buildings pursuant to Directors Order 50D implementing Executive Order 13058 "Protecting Federal Employees and the public from Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in the Federal Workplace". Prohibition of smoking within the fort and demilune also implements management policies to protect cultural resources.

Part 2.35(a)(3)(i) Alcoholic Beverages

The consumption of alcoholic beverages and the possession of open receptacles containing alcoholic beverages within the historic dike system are prohibited in order to preserve the historic setting, and provide visitors an opportunity to better appreciate the significance of the area for its intended purpose without undue encroachment.

Part 2.51(e) Public Assemblies, Meetings

The area is designated to provide equal access to groups or individuals wishing to exercise First Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution. The area provides high visibility, while not impeding visitor access or interfering with the visitor experience.

Part 2.52(e) Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter

The area is designated to provide equal access to groups or individuals wishing to exercise First Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution. The area provides high visibility, while not impeding visitor access or interfering with the visitor experience.

Part 2.62(b) Memorialization

These restrictions are established in order to ensure the integrity of the historic scene and to provide visitor the opportunity to better appreciate the significance of the area for its intended purpose without undue encroachment.

Part 3.20(a) Boating

The boat ramp at Lazaretto Creek is the only access point to launch recreational boats within the Park.

Part 4.21(b) Vehicle Speed Limits

The park road from U.S. Highway 80 to the intersection of roads to the Coast Guard Station and the Fort includes the bridge across the South Channel of the Savannah River. While this bridge adequately supports a two-lane roadway, it is relatively narrow and the road surface is uneven. A speed limit of 20 miles per hour is determined to be the maximum safe speed for this road.

The maximum safe speed for the road to the Fort and Visitor Center parking area from the intersection of the road to the Coast Guard Station is determined to be 20 miles per hour due to traffic congestion and the presence of a curve that limits visibility.

The road to the Coast Guard Station passes by the picnic area, maintenance area, and residential area. It is determined that and 20 miles per hour is the maximum safe speed.