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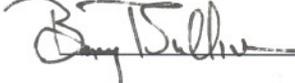
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Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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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 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service (NPS), within the boundaries of the Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area. 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.

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Jamaica Bay Unit (New York)

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

- All visitor centers within the Jamaica Bay Unit are closed for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day (December 25) and New Years Day (January 1).
- Dusk is defined as 1/2 hour after sunset. Dawn is defined as 1/2 hour before sunrise.
- All Day Use Areas with the exception of Jacob Riis Park (see below) and the North Channel Bridge are closed from dusk to dawn daily, except by permit.
- Canarsie pier is closed to motor vehicles, from 2am until 8 am. Canarsie Pier is closed to all from 2am until 5 am.
- The visiting hours for the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Trails are from sunrise to sunset.
- Park Headquarters on Floyd Bennett Field (Building 69) is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. weekdays except for Federal Holidays, unless otherwise posted.
- The Ryan Visitor Center (public areas only) on Floyd Bennett Field is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- The Fort Tilden Visitor Center (public areas only) is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- The Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center (public areas only) is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Hangar B (public areas only) is open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, unless otherwise posted.
- Jacob Riis Park is closed from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., except by permit.
- Jacob Riis Parking Lot is closed from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Frank Charles Park is closed from dusk to dawn.
- Hamilton Beach Park is closed from dusk to dawn.
- Spring Creek is closed from dusk to dawn.
- Plumb Beach is closed to visitor use from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. (winter closure,) 9:00 p.m.- 7:00 a.m. (summer closure).
- Floyd Bennett Field open dawn to dusk with the exception of permitted and Aviator Sports and Recreation concession visitation in designated areas.
- Aviator Sports and Recreation Concession is open 24 hours daily, unless otherwise posted.

Public Use Limits:

- Pets are prohibited on all beaches from March 15 through September 15.
- Barbequing and campfires in designated areas only, (see exceptions in Part 2 Section 2.13 FIRES)
- Alcohol consumption is prohibited at Riis Beach, Plumb Beach, Breezy Point Tip and Fort Tilden Beach except at the official National Park Service concessions.
This alcohol policy is consistent with all surrounding New York City Beaches as per NYC Park Regulations.
- Alcohol is prohibited at organized events larger than 500 people except by Special Use Permit.
Gatherings of less than 500 are generally considered picnics.
- Glass bottles are prohibited throughout the Jamaica Bay Unit.
- No Commercial Filming will be permitted for Riis Park or the Breezy Point Tip from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
Commercial filming negatively impacts public visitation and the resource during peak season.

- Special Events with attendance of more than 5,500 people during peak summer season at Floyd Bennett Field, July 1 through September 7, are prohibited.
- Special Events with attendance of more than 2,000 people during peak summer season at Riis Park, July 1 through September 7, are prohibited.
- No more than one permit on any given day will be issued for organized Special Events in the Jamaica Bay Unit, during peak summer season, July 1 – September 7.
- No Special Event with attendance of more than 10,000 people from September 8 through June 30 per district will be permitted.
Special Event limits reflect carrying capacity, resource protection, and health and safety issues for staff and visitors.
- Golfing in non-designated areas prohibited.
Areas designated: Riis Park Pitch and Putt
Brooklyn Golf Center

Closures:

- All wetlands and marshes are closed to visitor access.
- All unoccupied buildings are closed to visitors.
- Access to all structures not designated as a “Visitor Contact Station” or “Visitor Center” is prohibited, unless authorized by the Superintendent or their representative.
- The primary dune systems within the Jamaica Bay Unit along the ocean and bay shorelines are closed to the public except at designated crossings.
- The following roads and areas are closed to motor vehicle use:
 - All roads in the Back Fort historic area in Fort Tilden.
 - Beach 169th Street, south of the “Do Not Enter” sign.
 - Riis Park Boardwalk.
 - Shore Road in Fort Tilden, from June 15 to September 15.
 - The Riis Landing Area is closed to all public use not directly associated with the ferry operation.
 - Vehicular access to the beach at the Breezy Point Tip is prohibited from March 15th through August 31st.
- Jacob Riis Park is closed to kite flying while lifeguards are on duty, in parking areas and within 500 feet of a posted shore bird nesting area, except by special use permit.
- Grassy lawns at Riis Park are off limits to picnicking.
- Tents and all other temporary shade structure are prohibited in the Jamaica Bay Unit. Beach umbrellas are only permitted on Riis Beach.
- West Beach back dune and grassland area are closed to visitor use.
- The Maritime Forest and Pond Trails in the Back Fort of Fort Tilden is closed to bicycle riding.
- Roads leading to and areas immediately surrounding park housing are closed to visitor access, with the exception of Aviation Road pass through to permit only fishing areas.
- Floyd Bennett Field, Ranger Road, east of the Building #272 access road (Navy Pier area) is closed to visitor access.
- The main airport tarmac located behind the Ryan Visitor Center (FBF) is closed to motor vehicle traffic except by special use permit.
- The Runways 6/24, 11/19 and 12/30 are closed to motor vehicles, except by special use permit.
- Floyd Bennett Field, Sewer Treatment Plant facilities are closed to visitor access, NPS personnel only.
- All Grassland Management Areas on Floyd Bennett Field are closed to visitor access.
- All maintenance areas (Hangars 1,2,3,4 complexes and Building 98 complex, Building 258, Motor Pool, Nike Missile Site, Buildings 101 and 1091b and all 200 buildings in Fort Tilden) are closed to visitor access. See attached map for areas closed to visitor access.
- Ecology Village is closed to public except by permit only.
- Jamaica Bay Riding Academy, Gateway Golf, Gateway Marina, and Aviator Sports Concessions are closed to visitors after normal business hours.

- Canarsie Pier is closed to commuter parking.
- The following roads and areas are closed to motor vehicle use:
 - All unpaved roads within the North Shore District (North Forty, Dead Horse Bay, Raptor Point Trail, and at campgrounds).
 - Flatbush Avenue Greenway.
- Visitor parking at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge is permitted only in the Visitor Contact Station lot and at the North Channel Bridge parking lots.
- Visitors must stay on designated trails within the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, except within the garden areas and around the edge of the East Pond.
- All roads (paved and unpaved) within the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge are closed to motor vehicles except identified parking lots.
- The islands within Jamaica Bay are closed to the public beyond the mean high tide line, except scientists with research permits.
- Cross-Country Skiing is prohibited on the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Trails. The Runway System on Floyd Bennett Field, The Rockaway Gateway Greenway, North Forty and Dead Horse Bay trails are the only appropriate designated locations for Cross-Country skiing.
- Fishing is prohibited on lifeguard protected beaches when lifeguards are on duty. See Section 2.3 “Fishing.”
- The following carrying capacities have been established by the park for the following areas in regards to motor vehicle access between July 1 and September 7 on an annual basis:
 - Jacob Riis Park 4500 vehicles
 - Floyd Bennett Field 3000 vehicles
 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge 76 vehicles
 - Fort Tilden 534 vehicles
 - Canarsie Pier 327 vehicles
 - North Channel Bridge 144 vehicles
 - Riis Landing 90 vehicles

Closures have been determined according to resource protection, operational capacity and visitor safety.

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

Off Road Area:

- The ocean side of the Breezy Point Tip is the only designated off-road route in the Unit. Vehicle permit required September 1 through March 14 to access beach. Beach closed to vehicles during the remainder of the year. Permit required at Tip sand parking lot all year.

Remote Control Model Areas:

- The Remote Control Flying Field on Floyd Bennett Field is the only designated area for operating a remote control model airplane. Appropriate A.M.A. Insurance is required.
- The Remote Control Car Race Pad on Floyd Bennett Field is the only designated area for operating remote control cars. Appropriate R.O.A.R. insurance is required on race days. Special Use Permit is required for organized race events.

Wind Powered Vehicle Area:

- The southern section of the open portion of Runway 19 is the designated Wind Powered Vehicle area. Special Use Permit is required.

Picnic Areas:

- Picnicking without fire is permitted at picnic tables throughout Floyd Bennett Field, in open areas. See 1.5 (a) (1) “Closures” for closed areas. The Ecology Village Gazebo is available for special education programming only, the Floyd Bennett Community Garden area is open only to members of the community garden by agreement.
- Designated Barbeque Areas are located at Canarsie Pier and Fort Tilden, See 2.11 “Picnicking” for Designated Areas.

Bicycle Routes:

- Bicycle riding is permitted only on paved surfaces.

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Trails:

- The following activities are prohibited on trails and within garden areas within the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge at all times: specimen collecting, smoking, cycling, horseback riding, use of radios and other sound producing equipment, feeding wildlife, pets, picnicking and jogging.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

36CFR §1.5(d) Entering or remaining in the Park during hours of darkness

- Special Use Permits are required for activities during closed hours.
- Fishing Parking Permits are required from sunset to sunrise:
 - Permits are issued at the Ryan Visitor Center and Fort Tilden Visitor Center during hours of operation. Permits expire January 31 following the year of issuance. A \$50.00 "Administrative Fee" is required. The permit must be affixed to the vehicle. To apply for the permit one must be 18 years of age or older and present a valid drivers license and vehicle registration. Camping, sleeping in vehicles, tents or other shelters (including sleeping bags and bed rolls) is strictly prohibited. Fireworks, littering and unleashed pets are prohibited.

36CFR§2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net

- Archery Permit: Permits required all year round for use of the archery range on Floyd Bennett Field. Permits expire January 31st following the year of issuance. A \$50.00 "Administrative Fee" is required. Archery range users may use field tip arrows only. The use of crossbows, broad head or judo points arrowheads are not permitted.

36CFR §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Taking of plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals.)

- Collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.1 (a) (4), "Preservation of Natural Features" (gathering firewood).
- Collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.1 (c) (1), "Preservation of Natural Features" (fruits, berries, nuts).
- Collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.2, "Wildlife Protection" (hunting).
- Collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.3, "Fishing" (fishing). Seining.

36CFR §2.10(a)the following camping activities:

- Public Camping Permits are only valid for specific dates on Floyd Bennett Field public Campgrounds. Public camping permits may take up to 7 days to process.
- Educational Group Camping Permits at Ecology Village in Floyd Bennett Field are available to educational groups who participate in Ecology Village Education Programs.

36CFR §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, except National Park Service machinery as needed for the appropriate maintenance of the sites.
- (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.
- No amplification in the Jamaica Bay Unit, except by Special Use Permit within a 60 decibel limit.

36CFR §2.17 Aircraft & 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
- Runways at Floyd Bennett Field may be opened to aircraft for educational or interpretive purposes, (Public Law 92-592)

§2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71):

- Use of Parking Areas in following locations and at following times:
 - Off-road fishing permit required for the Breezy Point Tip beach and sandlot parking area all year round.
 - Bay 3 Lot also known as Riis Park East lot: Year Round – Parking permit is required from dusk till dawn, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, parking permit is valid only from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
 - Shore Road Fisherman’s Lot, Yacht Club Lot: Permit required dusk to dawn year round. A permit is required at all times from June 15 through September 15.
 - Adaptive Aquatics Parking: A permit is required dusk to dawn year round. From June 15 through September 15, permit is valid only from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Area closed to vehicles during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..
 - 222nd Street Fisherman’s Lot: A permit is required dusk to dawn year round
 - Floyd Bennett Field: A permit is required dusk to dawn year round, with the exception of concession visitation in designated areas.
 - Floyd Bennett Field Aviation Road Lot , A permit is required at all times
 - Floyd Bennett Field Archery Parallel Parking Area (on Ranger Road), a permit is required at all times.
 - Floyd Bennett Field Car top Boat Ramp Nose in Parking Area, Permit required at all times.

- §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 or §2.52)

- §2.38 Explosives:
 - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
 - (b) Use or possess fireworks

- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
 - See 36 CFR 1.5 (a)1 Public Use Limits

- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
 - (e) flagpole due west of the Ryan Visitor Center at Floyd Bennett Field, 50’ x 50’ space
 - (f) flagpole at Riis Park, 50’ x 50’ space
 - (g) North east side of parking lot at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, 50’ x 50’ space
 - (h) other areas in accordance with Special Use Permit

- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printer matter that is not solely commercial advertising

- §2.60(b) Livestock use

- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands

- §2.62 Memorialization:
 - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director)
 - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
- §3.3 Use of a vessel
- §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.
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
 - (a) Motion pictures and television
 - (b) Still photography
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available)
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
- §5.10(a) Operation of eating, drinking, or lodging establishments in certain park areas.
- §6.9(a) Operation of a solid waste disposal site

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- For personal use, from ocean and bay beaches below mean high water line only.
- In closed areas all wood gathering is prohibited.

(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:

- Exterior of Batteries, Bunkers, Magazines and Hangars, only.

(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail or walkway as listed in Section 1.5 of this document.

(c)(1), (c) (2) 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 use or consumption restrictions:

- Collection of edible fruits, nuts, berries and mushrooms, and bayberry berries is limited to one gallon container per person per day
- Collection of unoccupied seashells is permitted in all park areas except those that are designated closed in section 1.5

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

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

- Hunting is prohibited within the Jamaica Bay Unit
- The taking of terrapin turtles and horseshoe crab are prohibited throughout the Jamaica Bay Unit.

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

- In accordance with applicable New York State Law.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

- Fishing is prohibited at Jacob Riis Park from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- Fishing is prohibited in non-tidal Unit waters, including but not limited to: Return a Gift pond on Floyd Bennett Field, Fort Tilden Pond, and the East, West and Big John's Pond in the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.
- Fishing regulations shall be in accordance with the laws of the state within whose boundaries the park is located.
- Fishing is prohibited in closed areas see 36 CFR 1.5 "Closures."

(a) The following State fishing laws and/or regulations, as noted, apply throughout the park:

- NYS ECL Sec. 13-0343 (6) States: Hand nets not greater than forty feet in length and four feet in width may be used in the waters of Jamaica Bay including its adjacent creeks, inlets and basins for taking minnows and shrimp.
- NYS ECL Sec. 13-0309 (1) (a) states that shellfish may not be taken from uncertified waters.

Swimming beaches:

- Fishing is prohibited from swimming beaches except when lifeguards are off duty (From 8:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Public boat docks:

- Fishing is prohibited at Riis Landing, US Park Police Docks and at the Gateway Marina.

(e) Fishing in salt waters with net, spear or weapon, are authorized in the following areas only and in the following manner:

- From the beaches at Riis Park and from a boat within Jamaica Bay (spear fishing from onshore locations within Jamaica Bay is prohibited.)

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

(a)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations:

- (d) - A permit is required to carry or possess a weapon, trap or net when conducting research activities and for employees, agents, or cooperating officials while in the performance of their official duties. *NOTE: Law enforcement officers see 36 CFR 2.4(e) permit not required while in the performance of official duties.
- (d)(4) - A permit is required for employees and residents of the Jamaica Bay Unit to carry or possess weapons, traps or nets while traveling through or residing in Unit areas. NOTE: Federal, State or Local law enforcement credentials will serve as a permit for traveling through Unit areas with weapons provided carrying or possession is in accordance with Federal, New York State and local laws.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

- (10)(a) - Camping is allowed by permit only. Camping is permitted only at designated campgrounds on Floyd Bennett Field or areas specifically identified in a Special Use Permit.
- A tent is defined as a non-permanent structure with the capability of being fully enclosed.
- The use of temporary shade structures, windscreens and tarps is permitted during daylight hours only at the following locations: Riis Park beach and picnic areas, Canarsie Pier picnic area, Frank Charles Park picnic areas, and North Channel Bridge picnic areas. These structures cannot have the ability of being fully enclosed.

(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 authorized only in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- Camping only in Designated Campgrounds on Floyd Bennett Field, with valid permit.

(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Certain areas have been closed to picnicking and are listed in section 1.5(a) (1) “Closures”.

Conditions for Picnicking:

- Picnicking without fire is permitted on picnic tables located on Floyd Bennett Field
- Use of charcoal grills including gas grills and artificial coals is prohibited except by Special Use Permit.
- Designated picnic areas in Fort Tilden.
- At Canarsie Pier in designated picnic areas.
- North Channel Bridge lawn areas.
- Frank Charles Park lawn areas (excluding ball fields).

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

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

Designated Areas:

- Lighting or maintaining open fires is prohibited within park boundaries, except under the following conditions:
 - Barbecues, lanterns and stoves and open flame fires are permitted within the provided contained receptacles, in the designated campgrounds on Floyd Bennett Field.
 - The permanent park grills at the designated areas at Canarsie Pier and Fort Tilden.

Receptacles Allowed:

- Campfire rings in Floyd Bennett Campgrounds.
- Only in permanent park provided grills in the designated areas.

Established Conditions for Fires:

- When wildfire risk conditions are acceptable as per Park Fire Team determination.

(a)(2) The following restrictions are in effect for the use of stoves or lanterns:

- See 36 CFR 2.13 (a)(1)

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

- All campfire ring fires must be cold to touch, extinguished with water only.
- All charcoal must be placed in barrels marked "charcoal" and/or red in color.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property is allowed under the following conditions:

- The dumping of leaves and grass clippings for the purpose of providing raw materials for Floyd Bennett Field's public composting operation may be conducted under Special Use Permit.

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

- Disposal of human body waste is limited to provisions made for that purpose in all areas of the park.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:

- Possession of pets is prohibited at all Riis Park, Fort Tilden and Breezy Point Tip beaches from March 15 through September 15.
- Pets are prohibited at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge at all times.
- Pets must be leashed throughout the Jamaica Bay Unit at all times.

(a)(3) Pets may be left unattended and tied to an object in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- There are no designated areas for leaving pets unattended and tied to an object, except in employee housing areas.

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

- Pet excrement must be placed in provided trash receptacles

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals for purposes of transporting equipment:

- As designated in accordance with Special Use Permit

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

- There are no designated routes, trails or areas for horses or pack animals. Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails at the Jamaica Bay Riding Academy. Exception: Authorized law enforcement horses.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

(a)(2) The operation or use of aircraft under power on water within 500 feet of designated swimming beaches, boat docks, piers, or ramps is permitted in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- As designated in accordance with Special Use Permit

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

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

- The use of snowmobiles is prohibited within the Jamaica Bay Unit.

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

(a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, innertubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:

- Skiing, snowshoeing and other winter activities are permitted in all park areas not designated as closed in 36 CFR 1.5 “Closures”

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed only in the following areas:

- Paved surfaces within the Jamaica Bay Unit that are not listed as closed in CFR 1.5 “Closures”
- Wind Powered Vehicles may be operated under Special Use Permit on Runway 19 on Floyd Bennett Field.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

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

- Smoking is prohibited in all park buildings and facilities. Smoking is also prohibited in the following locations at the Wildlife Refuge: West Pond Trail, East and West Garden Areas and East Pond perimeter.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:

- Disabled or unattended vehicles which remain in park areas during hours of darkness without a permit must be reported to the Park Rangers or U. S. Park Police.

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public 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:

- Riis Park, except at the official National Park Service concessions, or by Special Use Permit.
- Alcohol is prohibited at organized events larger than 500 people except by Special Use Permit, throughout the Jamaica Bay Unit.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

(b) Fireworks and firecrackers may be possessed and/or used in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- Use, possession, storage or transportation of explosive, blasting agents or explosive materials is prohibited, except by permit.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains.

36 CFR §3.3 – VESSEL PERMITS

Permits are required for the use of a vessel in the following areas:

- (a) - Permits are not required for the use and operation of private vessels.

3.6 - Prohibited Operations

- (a) – The use of personal water craft is prohibited (I believe we are back to no PWC at all).
- (b) - There are no designated locations to launch or recover vessels by trailer within the Jamaica Bay Unit.

36 CFR §3.6 – BOATING OPERATIONS

(d)(1) Vessels may not create a wake or exceed 5 mph in the following areas:

- Within 500 feet of the Gateway Marina, Riis Landing and the United States Park Police dock.

(h) The following areas/sites are designated for the launching or recovery of vessels using a trailer:

- There are no designated locations to launch or recover vessels by trailer within the Jamaica Bay Unit, except under contract with the Gateway Marina Concession.

(i) The following areas/sites are designated for the launching or recovery of vessels propelled by machinery:

- There are no designated locations to launch or recover vessels propelled by machinery. Launching or recovering vessels propelled by machinery is prohibited (including jet skis).
*NOTE: vessels not propelled by machinery (i.e., windsurfing boards, kayaks, etc.) may be hand carried from the designated car-top boat launch at Floyd Bennett Field car top boat ramp, (Pete this is an opinion to expand cartop boating areas to include Mill and Plumb and allow windsurfers to get the permit Mill Basin outlet, and Plumb Beach. Stopping on park roads to unload or launch vessels is prohibited.
- The marsh creeks in Big Egg Marsh and Joco Marsh are closed to motorized vessels.
- Boating on non-tidal waters is prohibited.

36 CFR §3.20 – WATER SKIING

(a) The towing of persons by vessels is allowed in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:

- There are no designated waters for water skiing within the Jamaica Bay Unit.

36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:

- All waters within Jamaica Bay, bayside of Breezy Point Tip, and Fort Tilden Beach are closed to swimming.
- The only designated swimming beach in the Unit is Jacob Riis Park during periods of summer operation when and where surf guards are on duty and at the Silver Gull and Breezy Point Surf Club where surf guards are on duty. The remainder of the ocean beaches at Fort Tilden, West Beach and the Breezy Point Tip are unguarded.

(a)(2) The following restrictions apply to all swimming and bathing activities:

- Swimming from vessels to ocean side beaches or swimming from ocean side beaches to vessels is prohibited.

(b) The use of floatation devices, glass containers, kites, or incompatible sporting activities is not permitted on the following swimming beaches, as noted:

- Glass containers throughout the Jamaica Bay Unit.
- Use of floatation devices on all protected beaches.
- Incompatible sporting activities (fishing, Frisbee, ball playing, etc.) on lifeguard protected beaches Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.
- Flying kites on lifeguard protected beaches and shorebird nesting areas Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day while guards are on duty. (10:00am - 6:00pm.)

36 CFR §3.23 – SCUBA AND SNORKELING

(a) SCUBA diving and snorkeling is permitted in the following swimming, docking, and mooring areas under the terms and conditions noted:

- There are no designated Scuba and snorkeling areas within the Jamaica Bay Unit.

36 CFR §3.24 – PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

- PWCs are prohibited within the Jamaica Bay Unit except in navigable channels.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park roads open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):

- Unless otherwise stated by regulations in 36 CFR Part 4, traffic and the use of vehicles within the Jamaica Bay Unit of Gateway NRA are governed by the New York State Motor Vehicle Law and the New York City Traffic Regulations.

(b) Routes and areas for off-road vehicle use are provided for in section 7. and in section 1.5(a)(2).

- The only designated off-road route within the unit is at the western tip of Breezy Point. Driving off designated roads or areas in other parts of the unit is prohibited except by NPS employees operating government owned vehicles, by Federal, State and local cooperating agencies, and by service and utility vehicles, when it is necessary for the protection, maintenance and operation of park resources and facilities and is authorized by the Superintendent. Designated park roads and areas for the use of vehicles are defined in Appendix A.

(c)(1) Track-laying motor vehicles, or other motor vehicles equipped with a similar traction device may be operated on the following routes under the terms and conditions noted:

- There is no track laying motor vehicle routes designated within the Jamaica Bay Unit of Gateway NRA. Operating track laying equipment is prohibited except under the conditions outlined above in 4.10(b).

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:

- Load, weight and size restrictions shall be in accordance with New York State and New York City Motor Vehicle Laws. A permit is required to operate vehicles which exceed the designated load, weight and size restrictions.

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

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

- Floyd Bennett Field: 25 mph in all areas
- Fort Tilden:
 - a. 15 mph along Shore Road
 - b. 15 mph along Heinzelman Road, Haan Road, and Hero Road
- Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
 - a. 15 mph in parking lot
- Canarsie Pier: 15 mph in all areas
- Jacob Riis Park: 15 mph in parking lots and service roads
- Hamilton Beach: 15 mph along road
- Sand Road and BP Tip Beach Off Road Areas: 10 MPH

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) Park roads and parking areas that are closed to bicycle use are listed in section 1.5 of this document.

- Non-motorized bicycle use is permitted on paved park roads and parking areas, as well as designated greenway paths.

(d)(3) Riding a bicycle abreast of another rider is allowed on the following routes:

- Bicycles must keep right but may be ridden abreast of another bicycle when not creating a hazard and/or traffic is not impeded and a solid centerline is not crossed.

Sandy Hook Unit (New Jersey)

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

- The Park, including all Day Use Areas, is open from 05:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily from April 1 to October 31 and open from 05:00 AM to 08:00 PM from November 1 to March 31, except:
 - a) By permit.
 - b) When the concession facility is in operation, Area D Parking Lot and facilities (and access to this area) are open from sunrise until the concessionaire closes but no later than midnight.
- The Beach Center Concession facilities are open (except as noted above and when closed due to inclement weather) from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from the Saturday of the Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. Additional openings are at the discretion of the concessionaire.
- Fisherman with a valid Fishing Parking Permit (see permits) may utilize the park during the hours of night closure.
- Park Headquarters (Building 58) is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays except Federal Holidays unless posted otherwise.
- The Sandy Hook Visitor Center (public areas only) is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily except Christmas, and from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day.
- The Fort Hancock Museum (public areas only) is open Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. June 1 to October 31.
- The History House (public areas only) is open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekends January 1 to June 30, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily July 1 to August 31, and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekends September 1 to December 31 except Christmas and New Year's Day (if applicable).
- The Sandy Hook Lighthouse and Keeper's Quarters (public areas only) is open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekends January 1 to March 31, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekends April 1 to October 31, 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekends November 1 to December 19, 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekends December 19 to December 31. Additionally, the adjacent barn is open with self-guided interpretative media whenever the park is open.
- Battery Potter (public areas only) is open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekends from May 1 to October 31.
- Battery Gunnison (public areas only) is open from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekends from June 1 to August 31.
- The Nike Radar Site (public areas only) is open intermittently (depending upon volunteer availability) from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. from April 1 to October 31.
- Sandy Hook Bird Observatory is operated by the New Jersey Audubon Society (public areas only) who set their hours of operation.
- Other facilities such as the New Jersey Marine Science Consortium are leased structures whose tenants establish public areas and their own hours of operation.

NOTE - Because of special activities or situations that may occur at any time it may be necessary to make changes to what is shown in this section on short notice. In all cases the public will be given as much notice of these changes as possible and hours of operation will be advertised in the park's quarterly calendar of events.

Public Use Limits:

- All parking lots associated with a Beach Center (Areas B, C, D, E, G, I, J & K) are fee areas from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. Public Use Limits are controlled by the availability of marked/formal parking spaces.
- Sandy Hook has a finite number of parking spaces. When these spaces are full, vehicle entrance to the park is restricted to non-recreational users, residents and cooperators.
- All parking lots not associated with a Beach Center are non-fee areas (except weekend use of Tent City lot).
- The parking lot at the Sandy Hook Visitor Center is restricted to 2 hour parking.
This is not a beach use lot and in order to accommodate non-beach use visitors and their vehicles, a parking duration limit has been set.
- The entrance station parking is restricted to 15 minutes parking.
This is not a beach use lot and in order to accommodate persons seeking a refund or conducting other entrance station related matters and their vehicles, a parking duration limit has been set.
- The Fort Hancock parking lot adjacent to Park Headquarters (Building 58) and the Sandy Hook Lighthouse is restricted to 2 hour parking except by a M.A.S.T. issued permit.
This is not a beach use lot and in order to accommodate non-beach use visitors and their vehicles, a parking duration limit has been set.
- The Multi-Use Path has a center dividing line. Users must keep right per the pavement postings.
Heavy use, combined with pedestrian and wheeled users and blind curves makes for a potentially hazardous path. To avoid head-on collisions users must keep to the right of the centerline.
- The organized youth group campground has 3 sites (a 4th is taken offline as a rehab site) with space to accommodate 30 users at each site.
- Capacity limits for all public structures are set by code and posted, when applicable.

Closures:

- Motor vehicles are permitted on authorized paved or gravel roads/lots only.
Soft sand, vegetation and wildlife are easily impacted by vehicles and roadside parking creates an unsafe condition.
- Roadside parking is prohibited except along the south side of Fishing Beach (Area F) access and the motorcycle parking at Area G.
- Roadside stopping is prohibited except along the paved pull-out on the west side of Hartshorne Road at Area H (the access to Horseshoe Cove).
Stopping is allowed for safe loading and unloading.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited on the Multi-Use Path (except motorized wheelchairs).
The Multi-Use path was designed for non-motorized recreational use only.
- All structures, buildings, houses, remnants, etc. are closed to the public unless specifically addressed as a public use facility. See Visiting Hours.
Non-public use structures and remnants may be unsafe.
- Unless identified otherwise, Historic Gun Batteries and other Military Fortifications are closed to the public.
These historic structures are in various conditions of repair, some are very hazardous.
- Parking at all three National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration parking lots is restricted to authorized users of those facilities.
- Parking in the Area D designated employee parking spaces is restricted to authorized vehicles only.
- Access into any Beach Center's loading dock/storage area is restricted to authorized personnel and vehicles.
- All areas posted with authorized access only type signs; i.e. service roads, maintenance compounds and historic ruins are closed to public use, travel and motor vehicles.
Work areas and historic ruins contain hazardous conditions, equipment and operations.

- The Holly Forest, west of Hartshorne Drive, north of the observation boardwalk and south of Horseshoe Cove is closed to the public, except by reservation or guided tour.
The Holly Forest is a unique preserve and special care must be taken to ensure its protection.
- The primary dune systems along the entire ocean shoreline are closed to the public except at designated dune crossings.
Dunes are fragile resources and easily harmed by social trails.
- The extensive beach grass dune area adjacent to the U.S. Coast Guard boundary at the northern tip of Sandy Hook is closed to the public.
The dune environment is fragile. Random visitor access will damage vegetation and disturb wildlife.
- The freshwater marshes south east of Guardian Park and north and south of the Nike Missile Launch Site (except the access to the public bird observation blind at Nike Pond) are closed to the public.
Freshwater marshes provide important habitat for wildlife and conditions for a diversity of plant species. Entering these marshes will disturb wildlife and can damage this important habitat.
- The low salt water bayside marshes (delineated by the high tide line) of Spermaceti Cove, Skeleton Hill Island and Horseshoe Cove (north of the boardwalk) on are closed to the public. The closed areas include; beaches, dunes, marshes and water areas.
These saltwater marshes provide; important feeding and resting habitat for bird species migrating along the Atlantic flyway, important breeding habitats for fish, crabs, turtles and other marine species, a natural way to filter tidal waters, and serve as a buffer to the uplands. Entry into the marshes will disturb wildlife and damage this important resource.
- Due to the heightened security as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, areas across from the Earle Naval Weapons Station and the shipping channel at the north end of the park are under greater scrutiny and visitors taking photographs of naval vessels may be investigated.
18 U.S.C. § 795 makes it unlawful to photograph or sketch defense installations, vessels, etc.
- Kite flying and kiteboarding are prohibited: within 650 feet of posted shorebird nesting areas, in parking areas and on all lifeguard protected beaches while guards are on duty.
Kite flying and kite boarding will disturb nesting shorebirds and can cause nests to fail. Due to the large number of visitors, kites on the bathing beaches pose a safety hazard.
- The use and/or possession of glass containers is prohibited except in motor vehicles, park residences and/or in areas authorized as a condition of a special use permit approved by the Superintendent.
Littered glass creates a significant injury risk to (barefooted) pedestrians.
- The use of charcoal, propane, or wood fired cooking grills is prohibited except at the Guardian Park Picnic Area and/or in areas authorized as a condition of a special use permit approved by the Superintendent.
(Dumping ash, except in the containers provided, is considered littering.) The disposal of hot coals represents a hazard to the resource and visitors.
- The interior of all structures and the entire roof deck of the Area D concession facility (currently called the "Sea Gulls' Nest") are closed to smoking.
- The use of tents, shelters, (privacy barriers, shade providers, wind screens, boundary or fence) etc. is prohibited except on the vegetation free beaches during daylight hours. At Area G (Gunnison Beach), when lifeguards are on duty, no windscreens or tents are permitted in front of posts that are placed approximately 35 feet from the high tide line.
This helps in visitor movement along the waterline, aids the lifeguards in seeing and responding to events along the shoreline, and provides a viewing area of the ocean in front. No individual physical barrier or combination of such may exceed twenty-five (25) feet in uninterrupted length. An obstruction-free corridor measuring at least fifteen (15) feet must

be maintained between the barriers specified above to ensure free access. The construction of windscreens or sun shelters from driftwood is prohibited.

The popular use of physical barriers on Sandy Hook beaches has led to the construction of large, unnecessary obstacles along populated shoreline areas. These barriers, when combined, connected or placed close together, significantly impede and often prevent public and emergency service movement to the water's edge. The visitor's easy access and the park's ability to provide emergency service are critical factors ensuring public safety and enjoyment of the resource. This determination will serve to limit the maximum length of continuous physical barriers and require minimum width access gaps between them. These limitations are intended to facilitate free and easy public access and safer conditions for visitors on the beach.

- White Road, between South Gunnison Beach and Atlantic Drive is closed to all access. *In addition to this road being closed to unauthorized vehicular traffic, foot traffic and bicycles are prohibited. This road is the primary emergency access road to Gunnison Beach and it has sections that are very narrow through steep dunes on soft sand. Pedestrians hinder emergency response as there are limited areas for them to leave the road causing the responding vehicles to stop and potentially bog down in the soft sand.*
- Large areas of the ocean beach, as designated by signs and string lines, are closed to the public during certain times of the year for the preservation of nesting shorebirds. *Threatened and endangered shorebirds are very susceptible to disturbance. Entry into the closed sections of beach will disturb the shorebirds and can cause nest failures.*
- The entire ocean beach area, east of the primary dune system is closed to pets between March 15 and Labor Day to protect nesting shore birds. *Piping plover chicks that feed in the intertidal zone are unable to fly and can easily be killed by predators or wave over wash if separated from the adults.*
- Intertidal Zones may be closed for the protection of feeding piping plovers chicks between March 15 and Labor Day. *Piping Plovers are a Federal threatened and State endangered listed species.*
- Landing or beaching vessels as defined in 36 CFR 1.4 on ocean beaches between March 15 and Labor Day is prohibited, otherwise is permitted. *It is not possible to determine from the water which beach areas are closed to protect nesting shorebirds.*
- Mylar and helium filled balloons are prohibited within public areas of the park. *Discarded or released balloons pose health risks to threatened and endangered species especially marine turtles. They may also disturb nesting activities of threatened and endangered birds.*
- Parking lots, roadways and the organized youth group campground are closed to the possession of open alcohol. *The use to excess of alcohol in these areas has traditionally been unmanageable given staffing levels and frequently resulted in more serious infractions.*
- Operation of vessels is prohibited within waters of Spermaceti Cove. *The sheltered waters of the cove provide important resting and feeding habitat for birds migrating on the Atlantic flyway. Watercraft, including kite boards, windsurfers, and kayaks will cause the birds to move to less suitable habitat.*
- Trapping, except as permitted under a Scientific Research and Collecting Permit (36 CFR §2.5(b)), is prohibited. *The National Park Service has not determined appropriate populations for game species and given the limited habitat available, has not designated any areas for trapping.*
- ~~The use of handheld seines or thrown nets, except as a part of educational catch and release activities or under a Scientific Research and Collecting Permit (36 CFR §2.5(b)), is prohibited. *The mass taking of bait and/or juvenile species via the use of handheld seines or thrown nets is counter National Park Service preservation policies. Maintaining sanctuaries for*~~

~~juvenile species is critical to maintaining a healthy marine estuary system. While fishing for NJ State recognized game species is an authorized recreational activity in the park's enabling legislation (Title 16 USC §460cc), bait and non-game species are protected.~~

- Digging for or capturing bait for commercial or personal use is prohibited. This includes species such as: blood worms, sand worms, fiddler crabs, clams, etc.
- Fishing is prohibited on lifeguard protected beaches when lifeguards are on duty. This includes fifty yards up the beach from the red lifeguard flags marking the protected swim areas. Due to waves and tides fishing lines drift into the swim areas and pose a hazard to swimmers unless lines cast at least fifty feet outside the red flagged protected area.
- The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has closed and “condemned” certain waters to the harvesting or collecting of shellfish (except by NJ DEP permit). The waters around the park are included in this closure.
- Passenger Carrying Buses engines must be shut off when not underway.
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.

NOTES:

- Because of special activities that may occur at any time or as a result of various construction projects or for the protection of threatened species, it may be necessary to make changes to what is shown in this section on short notice. In all cases the public will be given as much notice of these changes as possible.
- During hazardous conditions or emergency situations some areas may be closed on short notice. These closings will be denoted by closed gates, posted employees, signs, traffic cones and/or “Do Not Enter” type flagging.

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

Camping:

- Organized youth group camping (administrative fee) is regulated under a permit system – first come, first served.
- Vessels may use the open waters South of Plumb Island, Skeleton Hill Island, Horseshoe Cove and west of Fort Hancock for overnight anchoring.
- Refer to §2.10 for detailed camping area designations.

Open (ground) Fires:

- Are permitted by members of the US Coast Guard at the designated fire pit location within the Station Sandy Hook facility and adjacent to their beach pavilion.

Roller Skating, Inline Skates and Similar Devices:

- Are permitted on the Multi-Use Path and in Fort Hancock excluding Hartshorne Drive.

Boat Launching Sites:

- The unit has no designated boat launching sites. Boats that can be carried from paved parking may be launched in the bay except at low salt water marshes.
- Launching of any vessels (as defined in 36 CFR 1.4 to include small boats, inflatable boats, kayaks, wave-runners, etc) is prohibited on ocean side when lifeguards are on duty.

Docking or Mooring Areas:

- The unit has no designated docking or mooring areas. However, vessels may use the open waters in Horseshoe Cove and west of Fort Hancock for overnight anchoring. This activity is authorized only as long as the vessel is occupied.

Swimming Beaches/Areas:

- Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily in summer at five ocean beaches. Areas C, D, E, G (Gunnison) & North Beach. Lifeguards may also staff special events such as competitions and concerts. Wherever park lifeguards are on duty, that area is designated as a swimming beach.

Personal Watercraft (PWC) Use Areas:

- The unit is closed to PWC use except to provide passage through the park waters when traveling in the Shrewsbury River Channel. See §7.29 (f)

Bicycles:

- Bicycles are permitted on the Multi-Use Path and all paved or gravel areas except as noted under Closed Areas.

NOTES:

- A specific portion of the beach at Area "G" (South Gunnison) has traditionally been used by visitors as a clothing optional area. While not designating the area for this use, the Park acknowledges the popularity and history of the use and as a consequence, warns unfamiliar visitors of this activity through signs. Lewd behavior is prohibited parkwide (36 CFR §7.29(c)) and nudity, outside the traditional use area, may be considered Disorderly Conduct (36 CFR §2.34(a)(2)).

The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:Camping:

- Organized youth group camping is available for tent camping only. No trailers, recreational vehicles (RV's), or tent trailers are permitted.
- A permit must be obtained in advance of any youth camping activity. This permit must be presented during camping check-in procedures (36 CFR Section 2.10 (b)(8)). Camping applications must be written, no telephone reservations, and will be accepted up to 13 months in advance. If all three requested dates are booked, the group will have ten (10) days after written notification to select alternate dates via telephone. Groups will be limited to one (1) camping activity per calendar year in order to allow all groups equal opportunity at the present facilities. A written permit will be issued when camping reservations are assigned. This permit must be presented when groups are checked by any NPS employee. In the event a site is damaged or serious complaints are received about a particular group, the information will be forwarded to the Unit Superintendent for a determination of action to be made.
- Firewood from outside the park boundary may not be brought into the park or burned even at the organized youth group campground.
- Violation of the terms and conditions of a permit issued in accordance with this policy is prohibited and may result in the suspension or revocation of the permit for a period of time determined by the Unit Superintendent (36 CFR 2.10(c)).

Swimming Beaches/Areas:

- Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at five ocean beaches. Areas C, D, E, G (Gunnison Beach) and North Beach.
- Swimming is restricted outside guarded area at Area I (North Beach) and the north side of Area G (Gunnison Beach) - *Strong currents and multiple sandbars make these areas more dangerous.*
- Flotation of any kind is restricted from the water at Area I (North Beach) and Area G (Gunnison Beach) - *Strong currents and sandbars make these areas more dangerous.*
- Flotation is limited to Boogie boards and canvas covered surf mats at Areas C, D, and E.
- No flotation of any other kind is allowed in the water - *Life preservers, swimmies, tubes, etc are not suitable to be used in the surf and can, in surf conditions, may*

cause injury to the visitor. Special needs visitors may at the discretion of the Chief Lifeguard or designee be permitted to use USCG approved personal flotation devices.

- No flotation (defined above) is allowed outside the guarded area on any beach.
- On all beaches, swimming is restricted to about 50-75yds from the beach.
- No balls, Frisbees, or any other thrown objects are allowed in the water.
- Ball playing on the beach may be restricted to less populated areas as density of visitors permit.
- No vessels are allowed in any guarded area - Areas C, D, E, and G have buoys designating the area. Strong currents at I (North Beach) make buoys impractical.
- Launching or use of vessels (as defined in 365 CFR 1.4 to include small boats, inflatable boats, kayaks, windsurfing boards, wave-runners, etc) at designated swimming beaches and on adjacent areas is prohibited.
- Surfing is permitted outside of the guarded area while lifeguards are on duty.
- Swimming either to or from boats is prohibited.
- Excessive horseplay in the water is prohibited.
- Scuba diving and snorkeling are prohibited in guarded areas.
- Digging of deep holes on the beach is prohibited.
- Skim boards are permitted in less densely populated areas but may be restricted if visitor density dictates that it is not safe.
- Beach regulations also enforced: no wood or charcoal fires, no kites, no glass, no pets, no metal detectors, carry-out policy, and beach etiquette such as loud music, horseplay, and inappropriate behavior.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities and/or public uses for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

36 CFR §1.5(d) Relating to Public Use Limits:

- To implement a public use limit, the superintendent may establish a permit, registration, or reservation system. Permits shall be issued in accordance with the criteria and procedures of 36 CFR 1.6.

Entering or remaining in the park between park closure and sunrise:

- Residents and cooperators are issued non-transferable access permits.
- Persons stationed at the US Coast Guard Base at Sandy Hook and parents, etc. attending Marine Academy of Science and Technology High School (MAST) evening activities are permitted access with proper identification.
- Special Use Permittees require an additional authorization during closed hours.
- Fishing parking permits are required from sunset to sunrise:
 - Permits are issued to fishermen at the Ranger Station 24 hours a day and at the Visitor Center during hours of operation.
 - Fishing permits will be issued beginning on the first day of the year and expire at midnight on January 31 of the following year. The permit must be affixed to the vehicle. To apply for a yearly permit one must be 18 years of age or older and present a valid drivers license and vehicle registration. Camping, sleeping in vehicles, tents, or other shelters (including sleeping bags and bed-rolls) is strictly prohibited. Fireworks, littering, and unleashed pets are prohibited.
 - Fire permits are issued only from October 15 through April 14. Fire permits are to be used only in conjunction with after hours fishing. Fire permits are issued on a daily basis and are valid from sunset to sunrise.
 - Failure to comply with park regulations will result in immediate revocation of fishing privileges for one (1) year.
 - An "Administrative Fee" of \$50.00 is charged for each fishing permit issued. Payment must be made by personal check or money order

36 CFR §2.5(a) Collecting Specimens of plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals, except:

- collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.1 (c)(1), "Preservation of Natural Features" (fruits, berries, nuts).
- collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.2(b)(1), "Wildlife Protection" (hunting).
- collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.3, "Fishing" (fishing). Seining.

36 CFR §2.10 Organized Youth Group Camping is available to organized youth groups whose members are under the age of 21 and for volunteer groups actively participating in park activities.

36 CFR §2.12 Audio Disturbances:

(a)(2) Operating a power 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

36 CFR §2.12(a)(4) Operation of a Public Address System

36 CFR §2.13(a)(1) Lighting or maintaining a fire

- Fire permits are issued only from October 15 through April 14. Fire permits are to be used only in conjunction with after hours fishing. Fire permits are issued on a daily basis and are valid from sunset to sunrise. Additional conditions are listed on permit.
- Fire permits may also be issued in conjunction with a Special Use Permit.

36 CFR §2.17 Aircraft & 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

36 CFR §2.22(a)(2) Unattended Property.

36 CFR §2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71):

- The use of parking areas B, C, D, E, G, I, J and K. Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, (7:00 am through 5:00 pm).
- \$10.00 daily per vehicle
- \$5.00 daily per senior/disabled vehicle (senior = 62 or older)
- \$50.00 annual vehicle pass
- \$25.00 annual senior/disabled vehicle (senior = 62 or older)
- \$25.00 daily for vehicles over 20 feet in length

Additionally, while not "Recreation fees", the following Administrative fees are charged for the activities listed:

- Youth Group Camping - \$50 per group, per reservation (\$25 application fee + \$25 permit)
- Night Fishing - \$50.00 per calendar year
- Education Building (Building #102) - \$150 per day Conference Room + Kitchen - \$50 per night per room (\$200 minimum), \$750 for all 15 rooms (accommodates 50 people)
- VIP House (Building #108) - \$9.66 per room per night (Federal employee) -\$11.56 per room per night (Non-Federal – must have park affiliation)
- Special Use Permits – charges vary depending upon complexity

36 CFR §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 or §2.52)

36 CFR §2.38 Explosives:

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

(b) Use or possess fireworks

36 CFR §2.50(a) Pageants, public spectator attractions, parades, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events.

36 CFR §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other activities for public expressions of views.

- (e) - Field east of Bldg. #102
- Guardian Park
- Parking Lot L
- Other areas considered in accordance with Special Use Permit.

36 CFR §2.52(a) Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter

- (e) - Field east of Bldg. #102
- Guardian Park
- Parking Lot L
- Other areas considered in accordance with Special Use Permit.

36 CFR §2.61 Residing on Federal Lands.

36 CFR §2.62 Memorialization:

- (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from the Regional Director or designation by Congress)
- (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation

36 CFR §4.11(b,c) Vehicles Which Exceed Load, Weight, Length and Width Limitations as Defined in NJ State Motor Vehicle Law (NJSA 39:3-84 to 39:3-84.5)

36 CFR §5.1 Commercial notices or advertisements.

36 CFR §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).

36 CFR §5.5 Commercial Photography

- (a) Motion pictures and Television.
- (b) Still photography (with model(s) props, etc.).

36 CFR §5.7 Construction of Buildings and Other Facilities

Special Use Permits can be obtained from the Unit Superintendent's Office.

Information on procedures and/or directions can be obtained at **732-872-5945 or at:**

<http://www.nps.gov/gate/planyourvisit/sandy-hook-unit-permits.htm>

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

(a)(4) Driftwood may be gathered for personal use from ocean and bay beaches only, except in closed areas. Removal of tree branches, plants, beach sand and other natural products not identified below is prohibited.

(c)(1) Fruits, nuts, berries, or unoccupied seashells designated for personal use or consumption include:

1. All edible fruits, nuts, or berries
2. Bayberry berries
3. All unoccupied seashells

Determination: Based on information from individuals knowledgeable in the field of park resources and review of state and federal law, the Superintendent has determined that the gathering, use or consumption of the proceeding natural products at the indicated quantity will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproduction potential of a plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

(c)(2)(i) Collection of edible fruits, nuts, berries, and bayberry berries is limited to one (1) gallon container per person per day.

Determination: Based on information from individuals knowledgeable in the field of park resources and review of state and federal law, the Superintendent has determined that the gathering, use or consumption of the proceeding natural products at the indicated quantity will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproduction potential of a plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

(c)(2)(ii) Collection of designated natural products is permitted in all park areas except those designated as closed in 36 CFR § 1.5.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(b)(2) Waterfowl hunting is permitted from designated waters within Sandy Hook Bay in accordance with all federal laws and New Jersey State hunting regulations (Firearms are not permitted on park lands without a park issued permit).

- Hunting within the boundary of Gateway NRA, Sandy Hook Unit is limited to waterfowl and permitted on the bayside waters only. Hunting within the coves is prohibited.
- Hunting and firearms must remain 450 feet from any point of land.
- Access to the authorized hunting zones is by boat only. There is no overland access through the park for the purpose of hunting. Possession of firearms is prohibited in the park except in boats or floating blinds within the designated hunting zone.
- Only floating blinds and/or boats are permitted. Hunting from land and/or permanent blinds is prohibited.
- Launching or recovering vessels within the unit for the purpose of hunting is prohibited.
- Hunting wildlife other than in-season waterfowl is prohibited.

(e) Viewing of wildlife with an artificial light shall be in accordance with applicable state law.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

(e) Fishing in salt waters via angling with hand line or rod and line, is authorized in the following areas only and in the following manner:

- Fishing is permitted Unit-wide except on lifeguard protected beaches when lifeguards are on duty.
- Fishing during closed hours is via permit only.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

(a)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations:

- Weapons are prohibited except when carried by vessel to designated hunting areas or are authorized by permit or regulation.
- Terrestrial traps are prohibited except when authorized under a contract or permit or NPS approved Integrated Pest Management Plan.

(f) The carrying or possessing of a weapon, trap, or net in violation of applicable Federal or State law is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

- The organized youth group campground at Horseshoe Cove
- Vessels may use the open waters in Horseshoe Cove and west of Fort Hancock without a permit for overnight anchoring.
- Other areas designated in a special use permit

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

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

Designated Areas:

- Guardian Park picnic grills
- Fire pits in the organized youth group campground (registered users only)
- Other areas as listed specifically in a special use permit
- Park residence areas using picnic grills
- Lanterns may be used in conjunction with permitted night fishing, in the organized youth group campground or when approved via a permit.

Receptacles Allowed:

- In Guardian Park fires must be contained in a grill.

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

- Ash from fires must be deposited in the receptacles provided or removed from the park.

Special Condition:

- Firewood from outside the park boundary may not be brought into the park or burned even at the organized youth group campground or under the auspices of a fire permit.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets (except service animals):

- The entire ocean beach area, east of the primary dune system is closed to pets between March 15 and Labor Day to protect nesting shore birds except for service animals, which include any guide dog, signal dog or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including but not limited to guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing, mobility assistance dogs and seizure alert dogs. Also excluded, as provided in §2.15(f), this prohibition does not apply to dogs used by authorized federal, state and local law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(b) No areas designated - The use of horses or pack animals is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

(c) No areas designated - The use of snowmobiles is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, or similar devices are allowed only in the following areas:

- The Multi-use Path
- Fort Hancock excluding Hartshorne Drive

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

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

- Following federal government policy, the interior of all structures (except residences) are closed to smoking. This includes the deck area of the concession at Area D.

Determination: Smoking is prohibited to protect park resources, reduce the risk of fire, and/or prevent conflicts among visitor use activities.

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:

- The use of parking areas B, C, D, E, G, I, J and K. Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, (7:00 am through 5:00 pm).
- \$10.00 daily per vehicle
- \$5.00 daily per senior/disabled vehicle (senior =62 or older)
- \$50.00 annual vehicle pass
- \$25.00 annual senior/disabled vehicle (senior =62 or older)
- \$25.00 daily for vehicles over 20 feet in length

Additionally, while not "Recreation fees", the following Administrative fees are charged for the activities listed:

- Youth Group Camping - \$50 per group, per reservation (\$25 application fee + \$25 permit)
- Night Fishing - \$50.00 per calendar year
- Education Building (Building #102) - \$150 per day for the use of Conference room - \$25 per night per room
- VIP House (Building #108) - \$9.66 per room per night (Federal employee) -\$11.56 per room per night (Non-Federal – must have park affiliation)
- Special Use Permits – varies depending upon complexity

36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public 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:

- All roadways, parking areas, Multi-Use Path and the organized youth group campground except as authorized by a Special Use Permit granted by the Superintendent.

Determination: The consumption of alcohol is an inappropriate activity considering the other uses of the locations identified above and the purpose for which it is maintained or established; and that incidents of aberrant behavior related to the consumption of alcoholic beverages have been of such magnitude that the diligent application of authorities in this section and §1.5 (Closures and Public Use Limits), and §2.34 (Disorderly Conduct), over a reasonable time period, had not alleviated the problem. [36 CFR §2.35(a)(3)(1)(A)&(B)].

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains.

36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

(b) The following restrictions apply to all swimming and bathing activities on lifeguarded beaches when the lifeguards are on duty:

- See §1.5 (a)(2) above

36 CFR §3.23 – SCUBA AND SNORKELING

(a) SCUBA diving and snorkeling is permitted in the following swimming, docking, and mooring areas under the terms and conditions noted:

- None

36 CFR §3.24 – PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

- The unit is closed to PWC use except to provide passage through the park waters when traveling in the Shrewsbury River Channel.

36 CFR §4.13 – OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC

(a) The following areas are established for the parking on park roads:

- Mercer Road East Side
- Pennington Street North & South Side
- Road between Bldg's 64 & The Fort Hancock Museum South Side

The following areas are established for stopping on park roads:

- Marine Academy of Science and Technology High School (MAST) service roads

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:**

- Hartshorne Drive
 - a. 35 mph Northbound from Rt. 36 to the Ranger Station
 - b. 25 mph Northbound through Ranger Station zone
 - c. 35 mph Northbound from Ranger Station to South Maintenance
 - d. 45 mph Northbound from South Maintenance to Atlantic Drive
 - e. 35 mph Northbound from Atlantic Drive to Guardian Park
 - f. 25 mph Northbound from Guardian Park to U.S. Coast Guard Gate
 - g. 25 mph Southbound from USCG Gate to Guardian Park
 - h. 35 mph Southbound from Guardian Park to Atlantic Drive
 - i. 45 mph Southbound from Atlantic Drive to Ranger Station
 - j. 35 mph Southbound from Ranger Station to Rt. 36
- Atlantic Drive
 - a. 35 mph Northbound except on curves as posted by signs
 - b. 35 mph Southbound except on curves as posted by signs
- Magruder Road 25 mph
- Gunnison Road 25 mph
- MAST Way and MAST service roads 15 mph
- Hudson Drive 25 mph
- Hudson Road 25 mph
- Pennington Street 15 mph
- Lawson Lane 15 mph
- Kessler Road 15 mph
- Kearney Road 25 mph
- McNair Road 15 mph
- Mercer Road 15 mph
- Canfield Road 25 mph
- North Bragg Drive 15 mph
- South Bragg Drive 25 mph
- Randolph Drive (Water Plant Rd) 15 mph
- All parking areas & access roads 15 mph
- Fee Plaza 15 mph

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

The following additional routes, in developed areas or special use zones, have been designated for bicycle use:

- The Multi-use path is open to non-motorized bicycles.

36 CFR §4.30(d)(3) Areas where riding abreast is permitted:

- Bicycles must keep right but may be ridden abreast of another bicycle when not creating a hazard and/or traffic is not impeded and a solid centerline is not crossed.



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2008 Superintendent's Compendium Interim Rule Governing Use of Segways by Persons with Disabilities in the Unit

Motorized vehicles are permitted only on park roads, in parking areas and on routes and areas designated for off-road motor vehicle use per 36 CFR Section 4.10(a). 36 CFR Section 1.4 excludes "motorized wheelchairs" from the definition of "motorized vehicle," and separately defines "motorized wheelchair" as: "a self-propelled wheeled device, designed solely for and used by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion that is both capable of and suitable for use in indoor pedestrian areas." Section 1.2(e) states that "the regulations in this chapter are intended to treat a mobility-impaired person using a manual or motorized wheelchair as a pedestrian, and are not intended to restrict the activities of such a person beyond the degree that the activities of a pedestrian are restricted by the same regulations." Segways are two-wheeled, gyroscopically stabilized, battery-powered personal transportation devices (by CFR definition; motor vehicles) that can be used by persons with or without mobility impairment. Allowing the use of Segways and similar devices by individuals with mobility disabilities is compelled by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Department of the Interior's (DOI) regulations at 43 CFR Part 17, Subpart E, notwithstanding the NPS regulations discussed above. However, the federal regulations have not kept pace with technology therefore requiring this interim determination.

Interim Determination:

Segways and similar devices may be utilized by individuals with mobility disabilities in the following areas of the Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area:

- Roadways
- Parking lots
- Sidewalks and/or pedestrian plazas
- Boardwalks
- Visitor use buildings including but not limited to restrooms, visitor centers, etc.
- The Multi-Use Path

Segway users must yield to pedestrians, bicycles and other users of devices not classified as motor vehicles. Helmets must be worn during operation. Mobility disabilities are determined by affirmative statements by the user however fraudulent statements made by the user may result in legal action by this agency.

(The State of New Jersey does not consider Segways as motor vehicles (N.J.S.A. 39:4-14.10) and does not require registration, valid driver's license or insurance for use on highways, sidewalks or bike paths however some municipalities have prohibited or regulated their use.)

s// Richard E. Wells

Richard E. Wells, Superintendent

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Staten Island Unit (New York)

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

- Normal hours for Great Kills Park, Miller Field, and Fort Wadsworth are from sunrise to sunset except by special use permit.

Public Use Limits:

There are presently no identified public use limits within the Staten Island Unit.

Closures:

- Operating vessels within 150 feet of all marshes is prohibited including the peat flat at Great Kills Park.
- Parking at the Crookes Point Natural Area is prohibited, except by special use permit.
- All marshes and Hoffman and Swinburne Islands are closed to the public, except by special use permit.
- The primary dune systems along the entire shoreline are closed to the public except at designated crossings.
- Pets and ball playing are prohibited at the public swimming beach at Great Kills Park, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, except by special use permit.
- Parking for boat launching and retrieval activities within the Great Kills Park public boat launch facility, is by special use permit only, requiring a vehicle and trailer attached. Boat launch is not for commercial use. Vehicles may not park more than 24 hours.
- Weed Road in Fort Wadsworth is closed to all motorized vehicular traffic not on official business
- Golfing activity (including the use of whiffle balls) is prohibited throughout the unit.
- The Fort Wadsworth Picnic Area at Seabee Park is closed to public use.
The Site Management Plan/Environmental Assessment that currently guides management decisions at Fort Wadsworth was approved in September of 1995. Prior to approval, the Plan went through extension public involvement and review. It features programs, services and management actions designed to facilitate interpretation of the fort's important cultural history, particularly the coastal defense story.
- *The Fort Wadsworth picnic area or Seabee Park was constructed prior to the transfer of much of the fort to the National Park Service. The picnic area is now made available on a "by permit" basis to National Park Service staff, and to the staff of the U. S. Coast Guard and the U. S. Army Reserve Center that work or reside at Fort Wadsworth. Only one permit is issued per day.*
- Motor vehicles are permitted on paved or gravel roads/lots only. *Soft sand, vegetation and wildlife are easily impacted by vehicles and roadside parking creates an unsafe condition.*
- Roadside parking is prohibited except along Harbor Road in Great Kills Park, along New York Avenue at the Chapel in Fort Wadsworth (during services only), along the south side of Mont Sec Avenue in Fort Wadsworth and along Battery Road at Building 301 and 305 in Fort Wadsworth.
- Roadside stopping is prohibited except at the Miller Field picnic area and along the Fort Wadsworth Overlook .
- All structures, building, houses, remnants, etc. are closed to the public unless specifically addressed as a public use facility. See Visiting Hours.
- Unless identified otherwise, Historic Gun Batteries and other Military Fortifications are closed to the public.
These historic structures are in various conditions, some very hazardous.
- All areas posted with authorized access only type signs; i.e. service roads, maintenance compounds and historic ruins are closed to public use, travel and motor vehicles.
Work areas and historic ruins contain hazardous conditions, equipment and operations
- The use and/or possession of glass containers is prohibited in all public use areas, except in motor vehicles.

- Areas of Great Kills Park southwest of Buffalo Street, southeast of Hylan Blouvard and north of Great Kills Harbor are fenced, signed and identified on area maps as closed to visitation.
Determination: Radium contaminated soil has been identified in areas of Great Kills Park that were landfill sites. These areas will remain closed until a full survey is complete and (if necessary) a full remediation program has been executed.
- The use of charcoal or wood fired cooking grills is prohibited except at the Miller Field Picnic area and the Ft Wadsworth Picnic Area (Dumping ash, except in the containers provided, is considered littering.)
- The use of open-sided shelters, (privacy barriers, shade providers, wind screens, boundary or fence) etc. is prohibited except on the ocean beaches during daylight hours
- Landing or beaching vessels on unit beaches is prohibited except in emergencies or by permit.
- Non-motorized boats that can be carried to the beach from paved parking sites may be launched and retrieved at Great Kills Park.
- Operating a vessel within 500 feet of a swimming beach or 100 feet of a diver's mark, downed water skier, swimmer or fisherman is prohibited.
- Trapping, except as permitted under a Scientific Research and Collecting Permit (36 CFR §2.5(b)), is prohibited.
- Digging for or capturing bait for commercial or personal use is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to species such as: blood worms, sand worms, fiddler crabs, horseshoe crabs, etc.
- Horseshoe crabs are classified as wildlife. That taking of Horseshoe crabs is prohibited, except as permitted under a Scientific Research and Collecting Permit (36 CFR §2.5(b)).
- Fishing is prohibited on lifeguard protected beaches when lifeguards are on duty.
- The New York Department of Environmental Conservation has closed and "condemned" certain waters to the harvesting or collecting of shellfish (except by permit). The waters around the park are included in this closure.
- The use of personal water craft (PWC's) is prohibited within the waters of the Unit.

NOTES:

Because of special activities that may occur at any time or as a result of various construction projects or for the protection of threatened species, it may be necessary to make changes to what is shown in this section on short notice. In all cases the public will be given as much notice of these changes as possible.

During hazardous conditions or emergency situations some areas may be closed on short notice. These closings will be denoted by closed gates, posted employees, signs, traffic cones &/or "Do Not Enter" type flagging.

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

Boat Launching Sites:

The unit has a boat launching site at Great Kills Park. Launching of a boat is for recreational use only. Parking in area adjacent to the boat launch is by permit only. An overflow trailer parking lot open to the public is available on Bulkhead Road during daylight hours.

Docking or Mooring Areas:

The unit has no designated mooring sites. A concession operated docking facility is located at Great Kills Park. Costs and requirements for docking are set by the concessionaire and approved by the NPS.

Swimming Beaches/Areas:

Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily during the summer at one area in Great Kills Park. Whenever park lifeguards are on duty that area is designated a swimming beach.

Hiking Areas:

The following designated trails are for hiking and other pedestrian use only: Blue, White, Orange, Yellow Trails at Great Kills Park and the Swamp White Oak trail at Miller Field

The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

Motorized Watercraft Launching, Landing or Beaching vessels in the harbor or bay beach area is prohibited except during emergencies. Cost recovery options to mitigate resource damage are not necessarily waived by the Unit in the case of an emergency.

II 36 CFR §1.6 – Activities that Require A Special Use Permit

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

36 CFR §1.5(d) Entering or remaining in the park between park closure and sunrise.

Residents are issued non-transferable access permits.

Special Use Permittees require an additional authorization during closed hours.

Parking passes for fishing passes are required from sunset to sunrise at designated locations and at all times at Crookes Point.

Parking passes are issued to fishermen at Miller Field and Great Kills Park during posted hours of operation.

Parking passes for fishing passes will be issued beginning on the first day of February and expire at midnight on the last day of January. The pass must be affixed to the vehicle. To apply for a yearly pass you must be 18 years of age or older

and present a valid drivers license and vehicle registration. Camping, sleeping in vehicles, tents, or other shelters (including sleeping bags and bed-rolls) is strictly prohibited. Fireworks, littering, and unleashed pets are prohibited.

Failure to comply with park regulations will result in immediate revocation of fishing privileges for one (1) year.

An "Administrative Fee" of \$50.00 is charged for each parking pass for fishing issued. Payment must be made by personal check or money order

36 CFR §2.4(a)(2)(iii) & (d)(3) To carry or possess a weapon.

36 CFR §2.5(b) Collecting Specimens of plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals, except:

collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.1 (c)(1), "Preservation of Natural Features" (fruits, berries, nuts).

collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.3, "Fishing" (fishing).

36 CFR §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

36 CFR §2.13(a)(1) Lighting or maintaining a fire

Fire permits may also be issued in conjunction with a Special Use Permit.

36 CFR §2.17 Aircraft & 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

36 CFR §2.22(a)(2) Unattended Property.

36 CFR §2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71):

Organized use of athletic/sport fields is by special use permit only. \$75/session/season

Group picnicking in designated areas is by special use permit only. School groups require a special use permit to use the Fort Wadsworth picnic area. The Fort Wadsworth picnic area is closed to public use. \$50 per permit

Special use permits are required for reservation and organized use of public buildings.

Parking for boat launching and retrieval activities within the Great Kills Park public boat launch facility is by special use permit only. \$50 per year

Parking for fishing during sunset to sunrise. \$50 per year

36 CFR §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 or §2.52)

36 CFR §2.38 Explosives:

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

(b) Use or possess fireworks

36 CFR §2.50(a) Pageants, public spectator attractions, parades, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events.

36 CFR §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other activities for public expressions of views.

36 CFR §2.52(a) Sale of Distribution of Printed Matter

36 CFR §2.61 Residing on Federal Lands.

36 CFR §2.62 Memorialization:

- (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director)
- (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation

36 CFR §4.11(b,c) Vehicles Which Exceed Load, Weight, Length and Width Limitations as Defined in NY State Motor Vehicle Law

36 CFR §5.1 Commercial notices or advertisements.

36 CFR §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).

36 CFR §5.5 Commercial Photography

- (a) Motion pictures and Television.
- (b) Still Photography.

36 CFR §5.7 Construction of Buildings and Other Facilities

III GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

(a)(4) Driftwood may be gathered for personal use from ocean and bay beaches only, except in closed areas. Removal of tree branches, plants, beach sand and other natural products not identified below is prohibited.

(c)(1) Fruits, nuts, berries, or unoccupied seashells designated for personal use or consumption include:

- 1. All edible fruits, nuts, or berries
- 2. All unoccupied seashells

(c)(2)(i) Collection of edible fruits, nuts and berries is limited to one (1) quart container per person per day.

(c)(2)(ii) Collection of designated natural products is permitted in all park areas except those designated as closed in 36 CFR § 1.5.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(e) Viewing of wildlife with an artificial light shall be in accordance with applicable state law.

(e) Fishing in salt waters via angling with hand line or rod and line, is authorized in the following areas only and in the following manner:

Fishing is permitted Unit-wide except on lifeguard protected beaches when lifeguards are on duty. Locations under the Verrazano Bridge and adjacent to Battery Weed and the Torpedo Pier are closed to fishing due to safety and security reasons.

Fishing during closed hours is via permit only.

State fishing laws apply, including the need to obtain a New York State Fishing License.

Collection of Horseshoe crabs is prohibited

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

(a)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations: Traps are prohibited except when authorized under a contract or permit or NPS approved Integrated Pest Management Plan.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Certain areas have been closed to picnicking and are listed in section 1.5(a)(1) “Closures”.

Conditions for Picnicking:

Group picnicking in designated areas is by special use permit only. School groups require a special use permit to use the Fort Wadsworth picnic area. The Fort Wadsworth picnic area is closed to public use.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

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

Designated Areas:

- Miller Field picnic area
- Ft Wadsworth picnic area

Receptacles Allowed:

Permanent, existing, grills only

(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:
 Coals and/or embers must be disposed of in available buckets at Miller Field.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:

Pets are prohibited at the Great Kills Park swimming beach from Memorial Day through Labor Day, and are permissible in other public use areas of the park only when leashed and under the physical control of the owner.

All public buildings are closed to pets

(a)(3) Pets may not be left unattended and tied to an object in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

Throughout the park boundary

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

Provisions as established by the New York State Public Health Law § 1310.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

As outlined in Lease Agreement.

All pets must be leashed or in a fenced-in enclosure at all times when outdoors

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(b) No areas designated - The use of horses (except law enforcement) or pack animals is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

(a)(1) Areas designated for operating or using aircraft are provided for in section 7.

All helicopter landings must be coordinated through the United States Park Police. Helicopter landings for law enforcement or rescue missions at Fort Wadsworth are designated to land at the softball field. Emergency landings at Miller Field and Great Kills Park require advance authorization. When possible, emergency landings at Miller Field are confined to the vicinity of the hangar complex. Emergency landings at Great Kills Park are confined to the main parking lot. Helicopter landings are prohibited in all park residential areas.

(a)(2) The operation or use of aircraft under power on water within 500 feet of designated swimming beaches, boat docks, piers, or ramps is permitted, in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

All park boundaries

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

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

(a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, inner-tubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:

The hill behind the Carriage House at Fort Wadsworth is designated for sledding, tobogganing, and inner-tubing. No other winter sports activities are authorized for this area.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, or similar devices are allowed only in the following areas:

The Multi-use Path in Great Kills Park. Speed limit is posted for use of the path by pedestrians and skaters.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

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

Following federal government policy, the interior of all structures are closed to smoking.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:

Vessels under agreement with marina concessionaire at Great Kills Park

“Bone yard” at Fort Wadsworth

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established 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:

\$75 per session per season for sports fields at Great Kills and Miller Field

\$50 for picnicking at Miller Field on weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day

Night Fishing and Parking at Crookes Point for Fishing - \$50.00 per calendar year

Special Use Permits – varies depending upon complexity

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public 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:

All roadways, parking areas and the organized youth group campground except as authorized by a Special Use Permit granted by the Superintendent.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains.

36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:
All waters at Fort Wadsworth, Miller Field and parts of Great Kills Park.

(a)(2) The following restrictions apply to all swimming and bathing activities:
Swimming and bathing are only permitted in areas with NPS surf guards on duty

(b) The use of floatation devices, glass containers, kites, or incompatible sporting activities is not permitted on the following swimming beaches, as noted:
Great Kills Park beach

36 CFR §3.23 – SCUBA AND SNORKELING

(a) SCUBA diving and snorkeling is permitted in the following swimming, docking, and mooring areas under the terms and conditions noted:
None

36 CFR §3.24 – PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

The unit is closed to PWC use

36 CFR §4.13 – OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC

(a) The following areas are established for the parking on park roads:
Harbor Road in Crooke Point, Bulkhead Road Handicapped Spot near Field Station, along New York Avenue at the Chapel in Fort Wadsworth (during services only), along the south side of Mont Sec Avenue in Fort Wadsworth, along Battery Road at Building 301 in Fort Wadsworth, in areas designated as handicapped parking sites.

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:
25 mph New York Avenue, Fort Wadsworth
15 mph New Mexico Court, Fort Wadsworth
15 mph Mont Sec Avenue, Fort Wadsworth
25 mph main road, Great Kills Park
15 mph Crookes Point access roads
15 mph Harbor Road, Great Kills Park
15 mph Miller Field

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

The following routes, in developed areas or special use zones, have been designated for bicycle use:
The multi-use path at Great Kills Park.
The Fort Wadsworth bicycle path.
All public roads.

(d)(3) Riding a bicycle abreast of another rider is allowed on the following routes:
The multi-use path at Great Kills Park. In accordance with posted speed limit

36 CFR §7 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

§ 7.29 Gateway National Recreation Area.

Operation of motor vehicles.

The operation of motor vehicles, other than authorized emergency vehicles, is prohibited outside of established public roads and parking areas, except on beaches and oversand routes designated by the Superintendent by the posting of appropriate signs and identified on maps available at the office of the Superintendent. These beaches and routes will be designated after consideration of the criteria contained in sections 3 and 4 of E.O. 11644, (37 FR 2877) and § 4.10(b) of this chapter.

(b) Off-road vehicle operation.

(1) Operation of motor vehicles, (including the various forms of vehicles used for travel oversand, such as but not limited to, “beach buggies”) on beaches or on designated oversand routes without a permit from the Superintendent is prohibited. Before a permit will be issued, each vehicle will be inspected to assure that it contains the following equipment which must be carried in the vehicle at all times while on the beaches or on the designated oversand routes:

- (i) Shovel;
- (ii) Jack;
- (iii) Tow rope or chain;
- (iv) Board or similar support;
- (v) Low pressure tire gauge.

Prior to the issuance of such permits, operators must show compliance with Federal and State regulations and applicable to licensing, registering, inspecting, and insuring of such vehicles. Such permits shall be affixed to the vehicles as instructed at the time of issuance.

(2) Driving off designated, marked oversand routes or beaches is prohibited.

(3) Vehicles shall not be parked in designated oversand routes or interfere with moving traffic.

(4) When the process of freeing a vehicle which has been stuck results in ruts or holes, the ruts or holes shall be filled by the operator of such vehicle before it is removed from that area.

(5) The operation of a motorcycle on an oversand vehicle route or beach is prohibited.

(6) The Superintendent may establish limits on the number of oversand vehicles permitted on designated oversand routes and beaches when such limitations are necessary in the interest of public safety, protection of the ecological and environmental values of the area, coordination with other visitor uses.

(c) Public lewdness. Section 245.00 of the New York Penal Code is hereby adopted and incorporated into the regulations of this part. Section 245.00 provides that:

A person is guilty of public lewdness when he intentionally exposes the private and intimate parts of his body in a lewd manner or commits any other lewd act (a) in a public place, or (b) in private premises under circumstances in which he may readily be observed from either a public place or from other private premises, and with intent that he be so observed.

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