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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 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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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:

Due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy portions of the park are temporarily closed as noted below. Public notice regarding re-opening can be found on Gateway National Recreation Area social media websites, the Gateway NRA homepage at www.nps.gov/gate, and via local news media.

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 by permit or as noted below.
- All navigable marine waters within the park boundary are open 24 hours.
- Visitor centers and contact stations are closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1).
- Hours of operation for parking areas and associated facilities are listed below. Dawn is ½ hour before sunrise and dusk is ½ hour after sunset.

Jamaica Bay Unit

- Plumb Beach parking lot is open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Canarsie Pier is open from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. (Closed from 2:00 a.m. to 5 a.m.) Motor Vehicle access is from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. (Vehicles prohibited 2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.)
- North Channel Bridge parking area is open from dawn to dusk.
- The visiting hours for the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Trails are from sunrise to sunset.
- The Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center (public areas only) is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Jacob Riis Park and the Riis Park Parking Lot are open from 6:00 a.m. to Midnight. **(Riis Park East Lot is currently closed for repairs)**
- Floyd Bennett Field is open dawn to dusk.
- Floyd Bennett Field Historic Aircraft Hanger B is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The Ryan Visitor Center is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m
- Concession facility hours are set by the concessioner and posted at the facility or on their website.

Sandy Hook Unit

- The Sandy Hook **Visitor Center at Spermacetti Cove is currently closed.**
- The Sandy Hook Lighthouse Keepers Quarters Visitor Center is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.
- Sandy Hook Lighthouse tours daily from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **History House is currently closed.**

Staten Island Unit

- The visitor contact station at Great Kills Park is open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends.

- Ranger Station at Miller Field is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

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

Jamaica Bay Unit:

- Special events at Floyd Bennett Field are limited to 5,500 people during peak summer season, July 1 through September 7.
- Special events at Riis Park are limited to 2,000 people during peak summer season, July 1 through September 7.
- No more than one special event will be permitted in the Jamaica Bay Unit on any given day during peak summer season, July 1 – September 7. Permits are issued on a first come, first served basis.
- Special events occurring September 8 through June 30 are limited to attendance of 10,000 people.
Special event limits reflect carrying capacity, resource protection, and health and safety issues for staff and visitors.
- The public campground has 40 tent and 20 RV sites. Each site is limited to 2 vehicles and 6 campers. Maximum stay 14 nights.
The number of campers is limited by the restroom facilities available and to protect park resources.
- Ecology Village Group Campground has 5 sites and accommodate up to 30 people each. Only 3 sites may be utilized at one time.
The number of campers is limited by the restroom facilities available and to protect park resources.
- 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.
 - 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*Allowing more vehicles into these areas than available parking space causes damage to park resources and facilities and compromises visitor safety.*
- Special Use Permits for Off Road Vehicles are limited to 750 annually.
Limits are necessary for the protection of coastal habitats.

Sandy Hook Unit

- Sandy Hook has 4200 beach parking spaces. When these spaces are full, vehicle entrance to the park is restricted to non-recreational users, residents and cooperators.
Allowing more vehicles into the park than available parking spaces causes damage to park resources and facilities and compromises public safety.
- The parking lot at the Spermacetti Cove Visitor Center is restricted to 2 hour parking. **(Visitor Center Currently Closed)**

- 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 area is restricted to 10 minute parking.
This is not a beach use lot and in order to accommodate persons seeking a refund or conducting other entrance station related matters, a parking duration limit has been set.
- The Fort Hancock parking lot adjacent to Building 58 and the Sandy Hook Lighthouse is restricted to 2 hour parking except by a Marine Academy of Science and Technology 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 public campground has 20 sites with no more than 6 persons per site and 1 overnight parking pass issued per site. Maximum Stay 14 nights.
The number of campers is limited by the restroom facilities and parking spaces available and to protect park resources.
- Capacity limits for all public structures are set by code and posted, where applicable.
Limiting the number of people in buildings is required by life safety codes

Staten Island Unit

- Special events at Miller Field or Great Kills Park are limited to 3000 participants.
Special event limits reflect carrying capacity, resource protection, and health and safety issues for staff and visitors.
- Camp Hudson public campground has 7 sites. Each site is limited to 2 vehicles and 6 campers.
The number of campers is limited by the restroom facilities available and to protect park resources.

CLOSURES

Due to damage from Hurricane Sandy some portions of trails, pathways, boardwalks, and other facilities may be closed, as posted. These areas will be re-opened as they are repaired.

General Closures

- All structures, buildings, houses, remnants, etc. are closed to the public unless specifically addressed as a public use facility. (See the Visiting Hours section for public use facilities).
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.
- 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 primary dune systems along the ocean and bay shorelines are closed to the public except at designated dune crossings.
Dunes are fragile resources and easily harmed by social trails. Dune systems protect upland areas from storm surge. Dunes are easily damaged and destabilized when vegetation is trampled
- Glass containers are prohibited except in residences, motor vehicles, cooperators facilities, concession food preparation areas or as a condition of a Special Use Permit.
Cuts from broken glass are a frequent injury in a recreational beach area. Beverages and foods sold in glass containers are also available in cans or plastic.
- Pets are prohibited on all beaches from March 15 through September 15 except; pets are permitted on bayside beaches at the Sandy Hook Unit and on Staten Island Unit beaches after Labor Day. (see also Part 2 Section 2.15 PETS)
Pets are prohibited for the protection of nesting shorebirds and to insure sanitation on the bathing beaches
- The use of charcoal, propane, or wood fired cooking grills, and campfires is prohibited except in designated areas or as a condition of a special use permit. (see exceptions in Part 2 Section 2.13 FIRES)
This policy is necessary to prevent wildland fires and minimize the risk of injury to bare feet from improper disposal of hot coals.
- Remote controlled model cars, airplanes, or hobby drones are prohibited except at the designated remote control areas on Floyd Bennett Field.
These restrictions are necessary to prevent injury to other park visitors, minimize disturbance to wildlife, and reduce impacts from noise.
- Balloons are prohibited within 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.
- Kite flying and kite boarding 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 and parking areas pose a safety hazard and can damage property.
- Flying kites with string coated with crushed glass or other abrasive material commonly known as Fighting Kites is prohibited.
Abrasive kite string can cause serious injury to park visitors and can harm or kill wildlife when lost or improperly discarded.
- Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Gateway National Recreation Area is prohibited except; at the model airplane field on Floyd Bennett Field or, as approved in writing by the superintendent. The term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

See Justification in Appendix C

- The use of tents, shelters, temporary shade structures, windscreens or tarps is prohibited except on park beaches, Riis Park picnic areas, Canarsie Pier picnic area, Frank Charles Park picnic areas, and North Channel Bridge picnic areas, during daylight hours. These structures cannot have the ability of being fully enclosed. On ocean beaches when lifeguards are on duty, no windscreens or tents are permitted in within 35 feet of the high tide line. 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.

Camping is prohibited except in campgrounds. Using these temporary structures at night would constitute camping. Enclosed tents have been used to conceal illegal activities. Maintaining obstruction-free corridors 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. The popular use of physical barriers on some park beaches has lead 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.

- Large areas of the ocean and bay beaches, 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.

- Golfing, including the use of wiffle balls is prohibited except; at the Riis Park Pitch and Putt and the Brooklyn Golf Center

Hitting golf balls compromises visitor safety and creates visitor use conflicts.

- Non-tidal waters are closed to fishing.

There are few areas of non-tidal waters that may contain fish and they are located in sensitive habitats used by birds and other wildlife.

- Trapping of game species is in accordance with state law, except, park lands and waters are closed to the collection of horseshoe crabs and diamondback terrapins.

Maintaining adequate populations of these species in the park is critical to support a balanced ecosystem.

- 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 ends of the protected swim areas.

Due to waves and tides fishing lines drift into the swim areas and pose a hazard to swimmers unless lines are cast at least 50 yards outside of the red flagged protected area.

- The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and New York Department of Environmental Conservation has closed and "condemned" certain waters to the harvesting or collecting of shellfish. The waters around the park are included in this closure.

Harvesting shellfish in these areas is prohibited by state law.

- Passenger buses may not idle in the park when not underway. Other NY or NJ State Idle laws apply.

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.

Unit Specific Closures

Jamaica Bay Unit

- All vegetated wetland areas are closed to visitor access.
Wetlands are fragile ecosystems and are easily damaged by people and vehicles.
- The former Rockaway Coast Guard Station is closed to visitor access, and open to authorized persons only.
The former Coast Guard station is used by the park for administrative purposes.
- The Ranger Station at Floyd Bennett Field is closed
Services provided at this facility have been relocated to the Ryan Visitor Center
- Alcohol consumption is prohibited at Riis Beach, Fort Tilden beaches, and Floyd Bennett Field Campgrounds, except at the official National Park Service concessions. (see also Part 2 Section 2.35 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES)
This alcohol policy is consistent with all surrounding New York City Beaches as per NYC Park Regulations and helps to prevent deaths due to drowning in swimming areas.
- Alcohol is prohibited at organized events larger than 500 people except by Special Use Permit. (see also Part 2 Section 2.35 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES)
Gatherings of less than 500 are generally considered picnics. Events larger than 500 people require NPS oversight and monitoring of alcohol consumption.
- Floyd Bennett Field is closed to kite flying except in the grass field north of the community gardens.
Kite flying is restricted due to the ongoing aviation activities.
- No commercial filming will be permitted for Riis Park, Fort Tilden beaches or the Breezy Point Tip from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
Commercial filming negatively impacts public visitation and the resource during peak season.
- West Beach back dune and grassland area are closed to visitor use.
This closure is necessary to protect dune and grassland habitats.
- Parking in Fort Tilden from May 15 to September 15 is prohibited except for parking associated with activities covered under a special use permit, lease, or agreement.
Parking in Fort Tilden is limited. General parking is available in the Riis Park Parking Lot.
- The following roads and areas are closed to motorized 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.

- These roads are closed to protect park resources, to limit conflicts with pedestrians, and because they do not meet highway standards.*
- Roads leading to, and areas immediately surrounding park housing, are closed to visitor access, with the exception of Aviation Road for pass through to permit only fishing areas.
These closures improve safety and security in employee housing areas. There are no visitor use facilities in these areas.
 - Floyd Bennett Field, Ranger Road, east of the Building #272 access road (Navy Pier area) is closed to visitor access.
Deteriorated seawalls create safety hazards in this area.
 - The main airport tarmac located behind the Ryan Visitor Center (FBF) is closed to motor vehicle traffic except by special use permit.
This area is kept clear of vehicles to maintain the historic scene.
 - All unpaved roads within the North Shore District are closed to motor vehicle traffic. (North Forty, Dead Horse Bay, Raptor Point Trail, and at campgrounds).
Motor vehicle use would disturb other park users and create a safety hazard.
 - Flatbush Avenue Greenway is closed to motor vehicle traffic.
Motor vehicle use would disturb other park users and create a safety hazard.
 - All roads (paved and unpaved) within the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge are closed to motor vehicles except parking lots.
Motor vehicle use on these roads would disturb other park users and create a safety hazard.
 - The Runways 6/24, 11/19 and 12/30 are closed to motor vehicles, except by special use permit.
There are no traffic control devices on these large expansive paved runways which create a safety hazard for vehicles. Traffic on these runways will disturb other park users.
 - All Grassland Management Areas on Floyd Bennett Field are closed to visitor access.
All Grassland Management Areas are signed for natural resource preservation.
 - Ecology Village Campgrounds are closed to the public except by permit.
Sites are provided under a permit reservation system.
 - Canarsie Pier is closed to commuter parking. Parking is for persons using the park only. Using the lot for carpooling or to park and use mass transit is not permitted.
Use by commuters would limit access for park users.
 - 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.
Trails are provided to minimize damage to vegetation and natural habitats.
 - The trails within the Jamaica bay Wildlife Refuge are closed to Picnicking.
Picnicking along the wildlife viewing trails can interrupt the natural behavior of wildlife and can encourage feeding of wildlife by visitors. Food scraps left behind can be harmful to wildlife. Picnicking is permitted in designated areas within the Refuge.
 - The islands within Jamaica Bay are closed to the public beyond the mean high tide line, except by permit.
Closure is to protect fragile wetland habitat.
 - Cross-Country Skiing, smoking, jogging, and pets are prohibited on the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Trails.
The primary use of the wildlife refuge trails is for nature study. Cross country skiing, pets, and jogging can startle wildlife and diminish wildlife viewing

opportunities. Smoking can cause visitor use conflicts and creates a wildland fire risk.

- Hunting is prohibited in all areas of the Jamaica Bay Unit
Most of the Jamaica Bay Unit is managed as a wildlife refuge for the protection of wildlife. Hunting and discharging a firearm in New York City is prohibited.

Sandy Hook Unit

- Motor vehicles are permitted on designated 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 for the fishing beach at Area F and the motorcycle parking at Area G.
Roadside parking damages road shoulders and creates safety hazards for pedestrians.
- Roadside stopping is prohibited except along the paved pull-out on the west side of Hartshorne Drive opposite Camp Site Road. (the access to Horseshoe Cove).
Stopping at the pull out is allowed for safe loading and unloading. Stopping along roadways creates traffic safety hazards.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited on the Multi-Use Path (except motorized wheelchairs).
The Multi-Use path was designed for non-motorized recreational use only.
- Parking at all three National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration parking lots is restricted to authorized users of those facilities.
There are no visitor use facilities in these areas.
- Parking in the Area D designated employee parking spaces is restricted to authorized vehicles only.
Spaces are designated for emergency responder employees who need to be close to their vehicles.
- Access into any Beach Center's loading dock/storage area is restricted to authorized personnel and vehicles.
These areas are restricted as there may be equipment or operations that could be hazardous to park visitors. There are no visitor use facilities in these areas.
- 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 bridge over the tidal creek to the Holly Forest and Observation Deck is closed.**
The boardwalk, bridge, and observation deck were heavily damaged by Hurricane Sandy and it is unsafe to cross the creek at this location.
- 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.
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.
- Photographing defense installations or vessels is prohibited.
18 U.S.C. § 795 makes it unlawful to photograph or sketch defense installations, vessels, etc. Due to the heightened security as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, areas across from the Earle Naval Weapons Station, the US Coast Guard Station, and the shipping channel at the north end of the park are under greater scrutiny and visitors taking photographs of naval vessels or homeland security facilities may be investigated.
 - The interior of all park structures and the entire roof deck of the Area D concession facility (currently called the "Sea Gulls' Nest") are closed to smoking.
Smoking is prohibited in federal buildings and reduces conflicts among park users.
 - 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.
 - 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.
It is not possible to determine from the water which beach areas are closed to protect nesting shorebirds.
 - Launching of any vessels (as defined in 36 CFR 1.4 to include small boats, inflatable boats, kayaks, etc) is prohibited on ocean side when lifeguards are on duty.
Launching vessels on the lifeguard protected beaches creates a safety hazard for the swimmers and distracts lifeguards.
 - Docking, tying to, or operating a vessel within 100 feet of the ferry dock at Fort Hancock is prohibited, except in emergencies.
The ferry dock is for the exclusive use of passenger ferries and is subject to the homeland security requirements for the transportation sector.
 - Parking lots, roadways, and campgrounds are closed to the possession of open containers of 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.
 - Hunting within the 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.
Restrictions on hunting are to insure compliance with state hunting regulations, for visitor safety, and for the protection of wildlife.

Staten Island Unit

- Operating vessels within 150 feet of all marshes is prohibited including the peat flat at Great Kills Park.
Boat wakes can damage fragile wetland features
- Parking at the Crookes Point Natural Area is prohibited, except by special use permit.
The permit system limits the number of users necessary to protect the ecology of the area.
- All marshes and Hoffman and Swinburne Islands are closed to the public, except by special use permit.
The marshes are fragile wetland habitats and the islands contain bird nesting sites. Remnant structures on the islands are in disrepair and present a safety hazard
- 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.
*Pets and ball playing are disturbing to other beach users.
Pet waste creates a risk to public health.*
- 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.
Permits are needed to regulate the use of the boat ramp
- Weed Road in Fort Wadsworth is closed to all motorized vehicular traffic not on official business.
Vehicles use creates a safety hazard with pedestrians.
- 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 parking damages road shoulders and creates a hazard for pedestrians
- Roadside stopping is prohibited except at the Miller Field picnic area and along the Fort Wadsworth Overlook.
Stopping along park roadways creates a traffic safety hazard.
- Areas of Great Kills Park southeast of Hylan Boulevard and north of Great Kills Harbor to a line approximately 1000 feet south of Wetland Road are fenced, signed and identified on area maps as closed to visitation.
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.

- Landing or beaching vessels on unit beaches is prohibited except in emergencies or by permit.
Landing or beaching can create a safety hazard for the boat occupants and visitors on the shoreline. Nesting shorebirds and other wildlife may be disturbed
- The shoreline under the Verrazano Bridge and adjacent to Battery Weed and the Torpedo Pier is closed to fishing.
Safety hazards exist along the shoreline and there are security concerns under the bridge
- Hunting is prohibited in all areas of the Staten Island Unit
Hunting and discharging a firearm in New York City is prohibited.

NOTES:

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

AREA DESIGNATIONS

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

Bicycle Routes:

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

Boat Launching Sites:

- Boats on trailers may be launched and recovered at the following locations. Permits and/or Fees may apply:
 - Great Kills Park Boat Ramp
- Boats and vessels may be launched and recovered by hand at the following locations. Permits and/or fees may apply:
 - Jamaica Bay Plumb Beach
 - Floyd Bennett Field Mill Basin inlet
 - Floyd Bennett Field Seaplane ramp
 - Riis Landing
 - Rockaway Point Cove
 - Canarsie Pier
 - Jamaica Bay North Channel
 - Ocean beaches when or where no lifeguards are present.
 - Sandy Hook Bayside Area B, C and Horseshoe Cove
 - Great Kills Park Boat Ramp

NOTE: Vehicles may not stop on or along roadways or drive off roadways to aid in launching vessels. Vessels must be carried from designated parking areas or pull-outs.

Camping:

- Public campground at Sandy Hook.
- Ecology Village Educational Group Campground Floyd Bennett Field
- Public Campground Floyd Bennett Field
- Public Campground at Fort Wadsworth
- Refer to §2.10 for detailed camping area designations. Permits and/or Fees may apply:

Docking Areas:

- Great Kills Marina, Great Kills Park, Staten Island Unit
- Gateway Marina in the Jamaica Bay Unit

NOTE: Cost and requirements for docking are set by the concessionaire and approved by the NPS.

First Amendment Areas (see also Part 2 Section 2.51)

- Flagpole due west of the Ryan Visitor Center at Floyd Bennett Field, 50' x 50' space
- Flagpole at Riis Park, 50' x 50' space
- North east side of parking lot at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, 50' x 50' space
- Field east of Fort Hancock Bldg. #102
- Sandy Hook Guardian Park
- Sandy Hook Parking Lot L
- Grass field south of Tompkins Street in Fort Wadsworth
- Grass area on the south side of Buffalo Street past the first parking lot in Great Kills Park
- Miller Field Memorial Circle
- Other areas considered in accordance with Special Use Permit.

Horseback Riding

- Horseback riding is permitted at the concession operated Jamaica Bay Riding Academy located in the Jamaica Bay Unit at 7000 Shore Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

Off Road Area:

- The ocean side of the Breezy Point Tip is the only designated off-road route in the park. A vehicle permit is required September 1 through March 14 to access the beach, and all year to at the sand parking lot. The beach is closed to vehicles during the remainder of the year.
- A limit of 750 Special Use Permits for Off Road Vehicles will be issued annually.
- Off Road Vehicle Permits are issued only for the purpose of providing access for fishing.

Picnic Areas:

- Picnicking is not permitted at the Ecology Village Gazebo and the Floyd Bennett Community Garden. The Floyd Bennett Community Garden is open only to members of the community garden by agreement.
- Designated barbeque and picnic areas are located at Canarsie Pier, Fort Tilden, Riis Park, Miller Field, and at the Guardian Park picnic area in Fort Hancock.

Remote Control Unmanned Aircraft Areas:

- The Remote Control Flying Field on Floyd Bennett Field is the only designated area for operating a remote control model aircraft.

Roller Skating, Inline Skates and Similar Devices:

- Are permitted on Multi-Use Pathways, Greenways, and on the roadways in Fort Hancock.

Swimming Beaches/Areas:

- Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily in summer at the following locations:
 - Oceanside at Areas C, D, E, G & North Beach at Sandy Hook
 - Riis Park Bays 1 – 14 in the Jamaica Bay Unit
 - Great Kills Park in the Staten Island Unit.
- Anywhere NPS lifeguards are on duty, that area is a designated swimming beach.

NOTE: A specific portion of the beach at Area "G" (South Gunnison) on Sandy Hook 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 park wide (36 CFR §7.29(c)) and nudity, outside the traditional use area, may be considered Disorderly Conduct (36 CFR §2.34(a)(2)).

Wind Powered Vehicle Area:

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

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

Camping:

- Campgrounds are available for tent camping only except at designated RV sites. No trailers, recreational vehicles (RV's), tent trailers or motor homes are permitted at tent sites.
- A permit must be obtained in advance of any camping activity. This permit must be presented during camping check-in procedures (36 CFR Section 2.10 (b)(8)) and to access the park after normal operating hours.
- Camping at the public campsite on Floyd Bennett Field, Sandy Hook and Fort Wadsworth are through a reservation system only. (www.recreation.gov)
- Firewood from outside the park boundary may not be brought into the park or burned even at the organized youth group campground.

Swimming Beaches/Areas:

- Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at designated swimming beaches.
- Swimming is prohibited outside marked swim zones.
- Flotation devices of any kind are prohibited at Area I (North Beach) and Area G (Gunnison Beach) on Sandy Hook. Flotation where permitted at Sandy Hook Areas C, D, and E and at Jacob Riis Park is limited to Boogie boards and canvas covered surf mats. No flotation of any other kind is allowed in the water.
Life preservers, arm swimmies, tubes, etc are not suitable to be used in the surf and can, in surf conditions, 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 devices are allowed outside the marked swim zones on Lifeguarded beaches.

- Distance visitors may swim from shore is at the discretion of lifeguards based on existing conditions.
- 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 on Sandy Hook 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 inside the marked swim zones while lifeguards are on duty is prohibited.
- Swimming either to or from boats is prohibited.
- Excessive horseplay in the water is prohibited.
- Scuba diving and snorkeling are prohibited in guarded areas.
- Skim boards are permitted in less densely populated areas but may be restricted if visitor density dictates that it is not safe.

Remote Control Unmanned Aircraft Areas:

- Appropriate A.M.A. Insurance is required.
- Unmanned aircraft must be flown in accordance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circular 91-57 and section 336 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2012.
- The unmanned aircraft must be flown for recreational or hobby use only (non-commercial) and remain within sight of the operator at all times.

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:

36 CFR § 1.5(d) The following activities related to public use limits:

- Entering or remaining in the park between park closure and 5:00am.
 - Residents and cooperators are issued non-transferable access permits.
 - Persons stationed at the US Coast Guard Base at Sandy Hook and their guests, as well as those attending Marine Academy of Science and Technology High School evening activities are permitted access with proper identification.
 - Special Use Permittees require an additional authorization for access during closed hours.
 - Fishing parking permits are required for access to fish during closed hours.
 - Fishing parking 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.
 - Fire permits are issued on Sandy Hook only, from October 15 through April 14. Fire permits are to be used only in conjunction with afterhours 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.

- 36CFR§2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net
- Using traps for furbearing game species requires a permit. All trapping must occur in accordance with state law.
 - Permits are required 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 point arrowheads are not permitted.

- 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.

- 36CFR §2.10(a) Camping:
- 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.
 - Organized Youth Group Camping is permitted at the public campground at Sandy Hook. Reservations can be made through the www.recreation.gov website.

- 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 §2.13(a)(1) Lighting or Maintaining a Fire:
-Fire permits may be issued in conjunction with a Special Use Permit.
 - In the Sandy Hook Unit, fire permits may be issued in conjunction with afterhours fishing. Fire permits are issued only from October 15 through April 14. Fire permits are issued on a daily basis and are valid from sunset to sunrise. Additional conditions are listed on permit.

- 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).

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

36 CFR §2.23(b) Fees - The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71) require a Permit.

Daily Site Use Fees

- In the Sandy Hook Unit the use of parking areas B, C, D, E, G, I, J and K. Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. (7:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.).
- In the Jamaica Bay Unit the use of Riis Park parking areas Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day, (7:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m.)
- All Public Camping

Special Recreation Permit Fees

- Fishing access parking
- Off road vehicle access at Breezy Point Tip
- Access to park for fishing after established hours of operation
- Access to park for other recreation after established hours of operation
- Archery area parking access
- Youth and school group camping
- Group picnic areas
- Public gardening
- Vehicle access to Floyd Bennett Field runways
- Boat trailer parking at Great Kills Park
- Crooke's Point Nature Study Area parking
- Athletic Fields

NOTE: Other activities such as special events, ceremonies, filming and photography, and use of park buildings have special use permit fees and may have additional costs associated with cost recovery for park supplied services.

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.
 (b)(1) Groups of less than 25 persons do not require a permit.

36 CFR §2.52(a) Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter
 (b)(1) Groups of less than 25 persons do not require a 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 §3.3 Operating a vessel in park waters designated as closed.

- 36 CFR §4.11 Exceeding vehicle load, weight, length and width limitations as established by State 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 of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or professional models for the purpose of commercial advertising.
- 36 CFR §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).
- 36 CFR §5.7 Construction of Buildings and Other Facilities.

Permits can be obtained from the following locations:
 Sandy Hook Unit Headquarters Office, 26 Hudson Rd., Fort Hancock.
 Sandy Hook Entrance Station
 Ryan Visitor Center, Floyd Bennett Field, Jamaica Bay Unit
 Staten Island Unit Office, Miller Field
 Great Kills Park Ranger Station
 Business Permits Building 210 Fort Wadsworth

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:

- From ocean and bay beaches below the toe of the dunes.
- Down and dead wood may be gathered within the campsites.
Restrictions are necessary to protect park resources

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

- Walking in or on gun batteries is limited to the areas designated by walkways or signs or when attending a ranger led tour.
Restrictions are necessary to protect park resources and for the safety of park visitors

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

- Within the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- At all coastal dune crossings
Restrictions are necessary to protect park resources

(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 beach plum fruits, berries, mushrooms, and bayberry berries is limited to one quart container per person per day.
- Seashell collecting is limited to a one gallon container per person per day.
- Collection is limited to areas normally open to the public.

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 preceding 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.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

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

- In New York, notify USPP Dispatch at 718-338-3988.
- In New Jersey, notify NPS Dispatch at 732-872-5900.
Procedures are necessary to avoid confusion with wildlife that may have been taken illegally within the park

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

- There are no closed areas.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

(a) The following State fishing laws and/or regulations, as noted, do not apply in the listed areas:

- No listed areas, State law applies.
- Fishing is prohibited in non-tidal waters.
- Fishing is prohibited in closed areas see 36 CFR 1.5 "Closures."

(d)(2) Possession or use of live or dead minnows or other bait fish, amphibian, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is permitted in the following fresh water areas:

- No designated areas. Fishing is prohibited in non-tidal waters.

(d)(4) In accordance with federal statutory law, commercial fishing is authorized in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- No designated areas. Commercial fishing is not authorized in Gateway NRA.

(d)(8) Fishing from motor road bridges, from or within 200 feet of a public raft or float designated for water sports, or within the limits of locations designated as swimming beaches, surfing areas, or public boat docks is prohibited, except in the following areas:

- No designated areas.

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

- No designated areas. Fishing with net, spear, or weapon is in accordance with state law.

Fishing restrictions are necessary for the protection of park resources, to avoid visitor use conflicts, visitor safety, and to insure compliance with state laws.

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:

- When carried by vessel to designated hunting areas in accordance with § 2.2
- When fishing in accordance with § 2.3
- By permit when conducting research activities
- By employees, agents, or cooperating officials while in the performance of their official duties
- By permit when trapping furbearing game species in accordance with state law
- Trapping horseshoe crabs and diamondback terrapins is prohibited
Restrictions are necessary for the protection of park resources and to insure compliance with state and federal law.

18 U.S.C. § 930 prohibits the possession of firearms in "federal facilities," which are defined as "buildings or parts thereof owned or leased by the federal government, where federal employees are regularly present for the purpose of performing their official duties." These places are marked with signs at public entrances.

Park visitors who can legally possess and carry firearms under federal, state, and local law are allowed to carry them in the Park. The role of the responsible gun owner is to know and obey the federal, state, and local laws appropriate to the Park they are visiting.

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:

- Floyd Bennett Field Public Campgrounds. (Tents and limited RV spaces, no hook-ups provided)
- Educational Group Campground at Ecology Village in Floyd Bennett Field.
 - Educational Group Camping Permits at Ecology Village in Floyd Bennett Field are available to educational groups who participate in Ecology Village Education Programs.
- Public Campground at Sandy Hook (Tents only)
 - Camp parking will be in a designated area and no more than 1 overnight parking pass will be issued per reservation.
 - Youth Groups are permitted to use the public campground.
Reservations through www.recreation.gov
- Vessels may use the open waters in Horseshoe Cove and west of Fort Hancock without a permit for overnight anchoring.

- A permit must be obtained in advance of any camping activity. This permit must be presented during camping check-in procedures (36 CFR Section 2.10 (b)(8)) and to access the park after normal operating hours.
- Campsites are limited to 6 persons per site and one vehicle pass per site.
- Firewood from outside the park boundary may not be brought into the park or burned at park campgrounds.

(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:

- No authorized areas

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

- Food may not be left unattended in campgrounds.
Camping restrictions are necessary for the protection of park resources, visitor safety, and to avoid visitor use conflicts.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Areas Closed to Picnicking (see also Part 1 Section 1.5(a)(2) of this document):

- Trails within the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- The Ecology Village Gazebo at Floyd Bennett Field
- The Floyd Bennett Community Garden

Conditions for Picnicking:

- Group picnicking in designated areas is by special use permit only.
- Barbeque grills associated with picnicking may only be used in designated areas.

Picnicking restrictions are in effect to protect park resources and avoid conflicts among users

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:

- Park grills at the designated areas at Canarsie Pier, Riis Park and Fort Tilden, Miller Field and Fort Hancock.
- Personal grills at Guardian Park in Fort Hancock.
- Campgrounds
- Residence areas using park grills
- Other areas and conditions as listed specifically in a special use permit

Receptacles Allowed:

- In Guardian Park fires must be contained in a grill
- Permanent, existing grills
- Fire rings in campgrounds
- Any fire containing receptacle identified by special use permit.

Established Conditions for Fires:

- 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.

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

- Lanterns may be used in conjunction with permitted night fishing, at campgrounds or when otherwise approved via a permit.

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

Fire restrictions are necessary to prevent uncontrolled wild fires, protect park resources and for public safety.

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:

- Only as incidental to established park uses, or
- Under Special Use Permit for the dumping of leaves and grass clippings at Floyd Bennett Field's public composting operation

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

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

- Riis Park, Fort Tilden, Breezy Point Tip and Sandy Hook ocean side beaches from March 15 through September 15.
- The Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Great Kills Park swimming beach from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.
- All public buildings are closed to pets.

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

- Visitors may tie up a pet momentarily to enter a park building or concession to obtain a permit or purchase supplies. The pet shall not be left in a location or manner where it could pose a threat to anyone and the pet shall not create a noise disturbance.

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

- All solid pet excrement must be collected and deposited in a waste receptacle
- Provisions as established by the New York State Public Health Law § 1310.

(b) The use of dogs in support of hunting must be in accordance with Federal and State laws and the following conditions:

- No special conditions have been established.

(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 when outdoors.

Pet restrictions are necessary to minimize conflicts among other park users and to protect park wildlife.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

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

- No animals are designated; use of pack animals is prohibited.

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

- Use of horses is prohibited except as provided by concession at the Jamaica Bay Riding Academy.
- Use of pack animals is prohibited.

Horseback riding is limited to minimize erosion and damage to vegetation in the park.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

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

- There are no aircraft zones designated in Gateway NRA.

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

- In compliance with state, local and federal law under supervision of qualified specialists.
- Conditions regarding the removal of downed aircraft will be reviewed and established by the Superintendent on a case by case basis.

NOTE: Helicopter and aircraft landings associated with the official business of the federal government must be coordinated through the US Park Police or Law Enforcement Ranger division. When possible, landings for law enforcement, emergencies, or rescue missions within the Staten Island Unit should be confined to the softball field at Fort Wadsworth, the southeast parking lot at Miller Field, and the main parking lot at Great Kills Park.

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

(c) Snowmobiles may be operated only on routes designated in section 7.

- There are no designated snowmobile routes within Gateway NRA.

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:

- There are no roads or parking areas that may be used for winter activities. Skiing, snowshoeing and other winter activities are permitted in all park areas not designated as closed in 36 CFR 1.5 "Closures".

Roads and parking areas are utilized by motor vehicle traffic year round

(b) The towing of persons on skis, sled or other similar device by motor vehicle or snowmobile is allowed in the following areas and/or routes:

- There are no authorized routes.

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:

- Riis Boardwalk
 - Floyd Bennett Field runways closed to motor vehicles
 - Multi-use Pathways and Greenways
 - Fort Hancock roadways excluding Hartshorne Drive
 - Wind Powered Vehicles may be operated under a Special Use Permit on Runway 19 at Floyd Bennett Field
- Limitations are necessary for visitor safety along roadways and to avoid conflicts with other park users*

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:

- The Wildlife Refuge West Pond Trail, East and West Garden Areas and East Pond perimeter.
- 25' from any building entrance or flammable storage area.
- All buildings administered by the NPS. This includes the deck area of the concession at Sandy Hook Area D.

Smoking restrictions are necessary to prevent accidental fires, avoid conflicts with other park users and to comply with local, state, and federal laws.

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 vehicles or vessels may be temporarily left in parking lots, anchored, docked or in some other safe area after notification of the US Park Police or National Park Law Enforcement Rangers; the owner is responsible for prompt removal.
- Vessels under agreement with marina concessionaire at Great Kills Park and Gateway marina.
- Geocache items smaller than 1 cubic foot.
- By permit.

Restrictions are necessary to minimize abandoned property within the park

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR § 71.9, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

Entrance Fee Areas:

There are no Entrance Fees

Daily Site Use Fee Areas:

- The use of Sandy Hook beach parking areas B, C, D, E, G, I, J and K. Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, fees will be charged and collected from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 PM daily.
 - \$15.00 daily per vehicle under 20' in length
 - \$30.00 daily per vehicle over 20' in length
 - \$75.00 annual pass per vehicle under 20' in length
 - \$150.00 annual pass per vehicle over 20' in length
 - Golden Access/Access Pass (people with disabilities) and Golden Age Passport/Senior Pass (ages 62 or older) holders receive a 50% discount on vehicle beach parking fees.
- The use of Riis Park parking area Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day, fees will be charged and collected from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 PM daily.
 - \$10.00 daily per vehicle under 20' in length
 - \$20.00 daily per vehicle over 20' in length
 - \$65.00 annual pass per vehicle under 20' in length
 - \$130.00 annual pass per vehicle over 20' in length
 - Golden Access/Access Pass (people with disabilities) and Golden Age Passport/Senior Pass (ages 62 or older) holders receive a 50% discount on vehicle beach parking fees.
- Public Campgrounds \$20.00 per site per night. 14 day maximum stay.

Special Recreation Permit Fees:

Jamaica Bay Unit

- Parking at Breezy Point Tip beach and sandlot requires an off-road fishing permit year round. \$50 per calendar year
- The Bay 3 Lot also known as the Riis Park East lot requires a parking permit from dusk till dawn, Memorial Day through Labor Day. A parking permit is valid only from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. \$50 per calendar year
- Parking at the Shore Road Fisherman's Lot and the Yacht Club Lot requires a permit for parking from dusk to dawn year round. A permit is required at all times from June 15 through September 15. \$50 per calendar year
- Parking at the Adaptive Aquatics Parking Lot requires a permit from 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. The area is closed to vehicles during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$50 per calendar year
- 222nd Street Fisherman's Lot: A permit is required dusk to dawn September 16 – March 14, and at all times from March 15 through September 15. \$50 per calendar year
- Floyd Bennett Field: A permit is required dusk to dawn year round, except to visit concessions in designated areas. \$50 per calendar year
- Floyd Bennett Field Aviation Road Lot: A permit is required at all times, year round. \$50 per calendar year

- Floyd Bennett Field Archery Parallel Parking Area (on Ranger Road): A permit is required at all times, year round. \$50 per calendar year
- Use of boat launch sites including; Mill Basin, Riis Landing, and Rockaway point Yacht Club. \$50 per calendar year
- Community Gardening Areas \$50 per calendar year
- Youth and School Group Camping - \$50.00 per group, per reservation, per site.

Sandy Hook Unit

- A Fishing Parking Permit is required to fish from closing (8:00pm) until opening (5:00am) in the Sandy Hook Unit. \$50.00 per calendar year

Staten Island Unit

- Use of the Great Kills Park public boat launch facility is by special use permit only. \$50 per year
- A Fishing Parking Permit is required to fish at any time of day, year-round in the Staten Island Unit. \$50.00 per calendar year.
- Crooke's Point Nature Study Area parking. \$50.00 per calendar year.
- Public Gardening Areas. \$50 per calendar year
- Group Picnic Areas. \$50.00 per group, per reservation, per site.
- Athletic Fields. \$50.00 per group, per field.

NOTE: Other activities such as special events, ceremonies, filming and photography, and use of park buildings have special use permit fees and may have additional costs associated with cost recovery for park supplied services.

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 and Fort Tilden beaches, except at the official National Park Service concessions authorized to provide alcohol 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.
- All roadways, parking areas, Multi-Use Pathways, and campgrounds except as authorized by a Special Use Permit granted by the Superintendent.

Determination: The consumption of alcohol is an inappropriate activity in a youth group and educational campground setting. Consuming alcohol on roadways and along multi-use pathways contributes to the risk of collisions between pedestrians, bicycles and motor vehicles. Consuming alcoholic beverages in swimming areas significantly contributes to the risk of drowning. Incidents of aberrant behavior related to the consumption of alcoholic beverages at large gatherings 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 §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

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

- There are no designated areas or conditions for the possession or use of fireworks within the park.
- Fireworks displays or shows require a Special Use Permit
Restrictions are necessary to comply with state and federal law, for the safety of park visitors, and to minimize impacts to park resources.

36 CFR §2.51 -- DEMONSTRATIONS

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

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

- Flagpole west of the Ryan Visitor Center at Floyd Bennett Field, 50' x 50' space
- Flagpole at Riis Park, 50' x 50' space
- North east side of parking lot at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, 50' x 50 'space
- Field east of Fort Hancock Bldg. #102
- Sandy Hook Guardian Park
- Sandy Hook Parking Lot L
- Grass field south of Tompkins Street in Fort Wadsworth
- Grass area, south side of Buffalo Street past the first parking lot in Great Kills Park
- Miller Field Memorial Circle
- Other areas considered in accordance with Special Use Permit.

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

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

(c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for sale or distribution of printed matter:

- Flagpole west of the Ryan Visitor Center at Floyd Bennett Field, 50' x 50' space
- Flagpole at Riis Park, 50' x 50' space
- North east side of parking lot at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, 50' x 50 'space
- Field east of Fort Hancock Bldg. #102
- Sandy Hook Guardian Park
- Sandy Hook Parking Lot L
- Grass field south of Tompkins Street in Fort Wadsworth
- Grass area, south side of Buffalo Street past the first parking lot in Great Kills Park
- Miller Field Memorial Circle
- Other areas considered in accordance with Special Use Permit.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains, or in the following designated areas without a permit, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- A permit is required for the scattering of human remains in all areas of the park.
- The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
- Scattering of human remains must be in accordance with other federal and state laws.
- Terms and conditions established in the permit.
Permits are necessary to minimize visitor use conflicts and to insure compliance with State and Federal law.

36 CFR §3.3 – VESSEL PERMITS

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

- All park waters designated as closed
Limited exceptions to enter closed areas by boat may be made under certain conditions such as research or education.

36 CFR §3.7 – PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD)

(b) Designated times, locations, and activities that PFD's are required:

- During NPS led interpretive tours or programs.
- As required by state law
PFD use insures visitor safety during park led programs or when operating watercraft.

36 CFR §3.8 – VESSEL OPERATIONS

(a)(2) The following sites are designated for the launching and recovery of vessels

Boats on trailers may be launched and recovered at the following locations. Permits and/or Fees may apply:

- Great Kills Park Boat Ramp (permit required)

Boats and vessels may be launched and recovered by hand at the following locations. Permits and/or fees may apply:

- Jamaica Bay Plumb Beach
- Floyd Bennett Field Mill Basin inlet (permit required)
- Floyd Bennett Field Seaplane ramp
- Riis Landing (permit required)
- Rockaway Point Yacht Club (permit required)
- Canarsie Pier
- Jamaica Bay North Channel
- Sandy Hook ocean beaches when or where no lifeguards are present.
- Sandy Hook Bayside Area C and Horseshoe Cove

*Note: Vehicles may not stop on or along roadways or drive off roadways to aid in launching vessels. Vessels must be carried from designated parking areas or pull-outs.

36 CFR §3.9 – PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

- Use of personal watercraft is prohibited.

36 CFR §3.12 – TOWING PERSONS FOR WATER SKIING OR SIMILAR ACTIVITIES

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

- There are no designated areas for water skiing or similar activities.
Waters within the park are too congested or too shallow to safely permit water skiing

36 CFR §3.16 – SWIMMING AND WADING

The following areas are closed to swimming and wading:

- All waters outside of the flags marking the swim zones on lifeguard protected beaches that are within view of on-duty lifeguards.

The following restrictions apply to all swimming and wading:

- Swimming from vessels to ocean side beaches or swimming from ocean side beaches to vessels is prohibited within view of on-duty lifeguards.
- Swimming from vessels to beaches that are closed for the protection of shorebirds, other park resources, or for public safety is prohibited.
Visitors swimming outside protected areas or from vessels draws lifeguard attention away from the protected areas.

36 CFR §3.17 – SWIMMING BEACH REGULATIONS

(a) Designated swimming areas

Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily in summer at the following locations: Areas C, D, E, G (Gunnison) & North Beach at Sandy Hook, Riis Park Bays 1 – 14 in the Jamaica Bay Unit, and Great Kills Park in the Staten Island Unit. 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.

(c) The following activities or items are not permitted on swimming beaches:

- Glass containers
- Fishing when lifeguards are on duty
- Use of flotation devices at Great Kills Park, and Sandy Hook North Beach and Gunnison Beach when lifeguards are on duty. (Soft boogie Boards or canvas covered inflatable rafts are permitted at Riis Park and Sandy Hook beaches C, D, and E. Rigid flotation devices are prohibited.)
- Incompatible sporting activities such as Frisbee and ball playing may be limited by on duty lifeguards if the activity is creating a hazard to other visitors.
- Flying kites on lifeguard protected beaches Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day while guards are on duty. (10:00am - 6:00pm.)* Note: Kites must remain 650 feet from designated shorebird protection areas at all times
Restrictions are necessary insure safety and minimize visitor use conflicts

36 CFR §3.18 – SCUBA AND SNORKELING

(a) SCUBA diving and snorkeling is subject to the following restrictions:

- SCUBA and snorkeling is subject the provisions of NY and NJ state laws.

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):

- See Attached Document

(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 park is at the western tip of Breezy Point. Driving off designated roads or areas in other parts of the park 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.

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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)(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 route designated in Gateway NRA. Operating track laying equipment is prohibited.

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 the State of New Jersey, 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.
Limits are necessary to comply with State and Federal laws and to protect park facilities.

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

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

Jamaica Bay Unit

- Floyd Bennett Field 25 mph
- Fort Tilden Shore Road 15 mph
- Fort Tilden Heinzelman Road 15 mph
- Fort Tilden Haan Road 15 mph
- Fort Tilden Hero Road 15 mph
- Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge 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 ORV Areas 10 mph

Sandy Hook Unit

- Hartshorne Drive
 - 35 mph Northbound from Rt. 36 to the Ranger Station
 - 25 mph Northbound through Ranger Station zone
 - 35 mph Northbound from Ranger Station to South Maintenance
 - 45 mph Northbound from South Maintenance to Atlantic Drive
 - 35 mph Northbound from Atlantic Drive to Guardian Park
 - 25 mph Northbound from Guardian Park to U.S. Coast Guard Gate
 - 25 mph Southbound from USCG Gate to Guardian Park
 - 35 mph Southbound from Guardian Park to Atlantic Drive
 - 45 mph Southbound from Atlantic Drive to Ranger Station
 - 35 mph Southbound from Ranger Station to Rt. 36
- Atlantic Drive
 - 35 mph Northbound except on curves as posted by signs
 - 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

Staten Island Unit

- New York Avenue, Fort Wadsworth 25 mph
- New Mexico Court, Fort Wadsworth 15 mph
- Mont Sec Avenue, Fort Wadsworth 15 mph
- Buffalo Street, Great Kills Park 25 mph
- Crookes Point access roads 15 mph
- Harbor Road, Great Kills Park 15 mph
- Miller Field 15 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.

- No closures. All park roads and parking areas are open to bicycle use.

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

- Non-motorized bicycle use is permitted on paved park roads, parking areas, greenway paths and Multi-use pathways.

Determination: Multi-use pathways and greenways were designed in developed areas to provide alternative transportation methods and recreational opportunities. These routes underwent public review and were designed in consideration of the parks natural and scenic values and the safety of park visitors. Use of bicycles on these pathways will not disturb wildlife or harm park resources.

(b) Bicycle use is allowed in undeveloped areas as provided for in section 7.

- There are no section 7 special regulations for bicycle use at Gateway NRA.

(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.

36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the conditions noted:

- Hitchhiking is prohibited

36 CFR §7 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

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- (ii) Jack;
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- (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.

[41 FR 19220, May 11, 1976, as amended at 44 FR 44157, July 27, 1979; 52 FR 10686, Apr. 2, 1987]

APPENDIX A:

Park Roads Open to Public Use and Travel

Jamaica Bay Unit

- Floyd Bennett Field Floyd Bennett Drive
- Floyd Bennett Field Aviation Road
- Floyd Bennett Field Ranger Road (to archery range)
- Floyd Bennett Field Enterprise Avenue
- Floyd Bennett Field Runway 15-33
- Floyd Bennett Field Runway Old 6-24
- Fort Tilden Shore Road
- Fort Tilden Heinzelman Road
- Fort Tilden Haan Road
- Fort Tilden Hero Road
- Fort Tilden Davis Road
- Fort Tilden Murray Road
- Fort Tilden Barret Road
- Fort Tilden Steele Road
- Fort Tilden Worchester Road
- Riis Landing (ferry access only)
- Jacob Riis Park Parking areas
- Rockaway Point Yacht Club Access Road
- Sand Road and BP Tip Beach ORV Areas
- Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Canarsie Pier
- Hamilton Beach Lockwood Court

Sandy Hook Unit

- Hartshorne Drive
- Atlantic Drive
- Magruder Road

- Gunnison Road
- MAST Way and MAST service roads
- Hudson Drive
- Hudson Road
- Pennington Street
- Lawson Lane
- Kessler Road
- Kearney Road
- McNair Road
- Mercer Road
- Canfield Road
- North Bragg Drive
- South Bragg Drive
- Randolph Drive (Water Plant Rd)
- Fee Plaza

Staten Island Unit

- New York Avenue, Fort Wadsworth
- New Mexico Court, Fort Wadsworth
- Tompkins Avenue, Fort Wadsworth
- Mont Sec Avenue, Fort Wadsworth
- Marshall Road, Fort Wadsworth
- Hudson Road, Fort Wadsworth (to parking area only)
- Battery Road, Fort Wadsworth
- Buffalo Street, Great Kills Park
- Crookes Point access road, Great Kills park
- Bulkhead Road, Great Kills Park
- Harbor Road, Great Kills Park
- Shore Road, Miller Field
- Sanchez Drive, Miller Field

APPENDIX B:

Maps of Designated First Amendment Areas

APPENDIX C:

Determination regarding the use of unmanned aircraft within Gateway National Recreation Area

The superintendent has determined launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Gateway National Recreation Area is prohibited except; for fixed wing aircraft at the model airplane field on Floyd Bennett Field under the permit held by the Pennsylvania Avenue Radio Controlled Society or, as approved in writing by the superintendent.

The closure is necessary to maintain public health and safety within the park and to protect park resources and values until the NPS can determine whether specific uses of unmanned aircraft on lands and waters administered by the NPS are appropriate and will not cause unacceptable impacts.

Gateway National Recreation Area contains sensitive natural areas which support a variety of wildlife including threatened and endangered species and nesting shorebirds. This wildlife can be easily disturbed by unmanned aircraft flying in close proximity. This disturbance can limit their ability to gather food and protect nesting areas from predators. Visitors attending large events or recreational activities in the park that draw large crowds can be injured by a downed aircraft and their experience at the park can be lessened by the sound or intrusion of these aircraft during their visit. Other immediate concerns regarding the use of unmanned aircraft include interference with commercial flight operations at nearby JFK Airport and possible intrusions into cooperators areas such as the Armed Forces Reserve Center and the NYPD.

The model airplane field on Floyd Bennett Field has been a longstanding area for the use of unmanned model aircraft. The continued use of this area for recreational flying of fixed wing model aircraft is appropriate as the site is a former airfield and the activities take place on a portion of large open runway exclusive of other visitor activities. Flying model unmanned aircraft in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circular 91-57 and section 336 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2012 further reduces possible impacts on visitors, wildlife, and neighboring airports.

Less restrictive measures are not sufficient to insure visitor safety, wildlife protection, and disturbance of park cooperators and the neighboring airport at this time. National Park Service Management Policies 2006 provides that a new form of park use may be allowed within a park only after a determination has been made in the professional judgment of the superintendent that it will not result in unacceptable impacts on park resources and values. The closure is a necessary, interim measure until the NPS considers how to address this new use on a long-term basis. Allowing the use of unmanned aircraft before the park has properly evaluated where and how this use may be appropriate could result in unacceptable impacts to park resources, park values, and visitor safety. When proposed park uses and the protection of park resources and values come into conflict, the protection of resources and values must be predominant.