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## Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Thank you for your interest in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area at this time. We are sorry for your loss, and would like to help provide you with a peaceful moment in the park.

Scattering of ashes is allowed as long as the attached regulations are adhered to. For groups of 25 or less, you do not need a permit and there is no cost. Larger groups should contact the phone number below for more information.

We request that you bring this letter and the attached restrictions with you while you are in the park.

Sincerely,

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Phone: 415-561-4300 Fax: 415-561-4305  
<http://www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/specialparkuses.htm>

## CONDITIONS for Scattering of Human Cremains

This letter and listed regulations are in lieu of a permit.

**Failure to abide by all conditions, park regulations and applicable laws may result in citation by National Park Service officers and/or revocation of this activity.**

The installation of monuments, memorials, tablets, structures or other commemorative installations is prohibited.

**In addition to specific site conditions, the following general terms and conditions apply to all permit applications, as per 36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION, and clarified under GGNRA's Superintendent's Compendium:**

- A permit for groups of 26 or more, for disposition shall be issued under this section only upon the signed acknowledgement by the person making application that resource protection laws apply to the disposition and that the permit gives no right of unrestricted access to park lands or that remains should remain undisturbed for perpetuity. Groups of 25 or less must adhere to these conditions but do not require a permit.
- All applicable California State laws for disposition of cremated remains apply.
- Remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
- The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 10 yards from any trail, road, developed facility, or 25 yards from any interior body of water. Scattering shall be distributed in general areas so as not to create a memorial or resource damage.
- The scattering of remains from the air is to be performed at a minimum altitude of 2000 feet above the ground.
- No scattering of remains from the air is to be performed over developed areas, facilities, or bodies of water.
- The scattering of remains is prohibited from any bridge, pier, in lake, lagoon or stream, and along beaches.
- *(When choosing a location remember that ash scattering is not authorized in steep or otherwise unsafe terrain.)*

**PARKING:** All vehicles must be parked legally. Please tell your participants that any illegal parking – including red zones, blocking doorways, parking on the grass, parking in a business' lot, etc – is subject to citation and towing. Vehicle travel off pavement not permitted, NO EXCEPTIONS. Access for other park visitors must not be impeded.

1. The requestor is prohibited from giving false information; to do so will be considered a breach of conditions and be grounds for revocation: [36 CFR 2.32(a)(3)].
2. The requestor shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the Superintendent or designee, and shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, county and municipal laws, ordinances, regulations, codes, and the terms and conditions of this permit. Failure to do so may result in the immediate suspension of the permitted activity.
3. If any provision herein shall be found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall not be affected and the other provisions shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.
4. The requestor is responsible for making all necessary contacts and arrangements with other Federal, State, and local agencies to secure required inspections, permits, licenses, etc.
5. Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions may result in the suspension or revocation of this activity. Requestor will reimburse NPS for cleanup or repair of damages required to be made by NPS staff or contractor in conjunction with this activity.
6. This activity may be revoked at the discretion of the Superintendent upon 24 hours notice, or

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without notice if damage to resources or facilities occurs or is threatened, notwithstanding any other term or condition to the contrary.

7. Permission for this activity is made upon the express condition that the United States, its agents and employees shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury, injuries, or death to any person or persons or property of any kind whatsoever, whether to the person or property of the requesting individual, its agents or employees, or third parties, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said premises or any part thereof during the term of this permit or occasioned by any occupancy or use of said premises or any activity carried on by the requestor in connection herewith, and the requestor hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the United States, its agents, and employees from all liabilities, charges, expenses and costs on account of or by reason of any such injuries, deaths, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of the same.
8. Per 41 U.S. C. 22, "No Member of Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of any contract or agreement made, entered into, or accepted by or on behalf of the United States, or to any benefit to arise thereupon."
9. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as binding the Service to expend in any one fiscal year any sum in excess of appropriations made by Congress or administratively allocated for the purpose of this permit for the fiscal year, or to involve the Service in any contract or other obligation for the further expenditure of money in excess of such appropriations or allocations.
10. This permission may not be transferred or assigned without the prior written consent of the Superintendent.
11. The individuals and group will comply with applicable public health and sanitation standards and codes.
12. Anyone carrying a firearm in the park is subject to both state and federal laws. If someone in your group will have a firearm with them, we encourage you to let the permit office know in advance so that we can reduce interruptions.

Additional regulations apply to all activities on Federal park lands.  
Please contact the National Park Service if you have any questions.