

Great Sand Dunes

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Important Camping Regulations for Medano Pass Primitive Road in Great Sand Dunes National Preserve

This area is protected for all to enjoy in its natural state for this and future generations. Following is a list of the most frequently used regulations. A full list of regulations is available at the Visitor Center.

CFR Section

2.1 Wood Gathering Only dead and down wood 4" or less in diameter may be gathered in the preserve for campfire use in the preserve.

2.1 Historic Structures Please leave historic structures undisturbed.

2.4 Weapons Except when actively engaged in legal hunting activity, all weapons must be rendered temporarily inoperable or packed, cased, or stored in a manner that will prevent their ready use.

2.10 Camping and Food Storage Camping is permitted in designated, marked sites only along the Medano Pass Primitive Road. Food not being transported, consumed, or prepared for consumption, lawfully taken fish or wildlife, garbage, and equipment used to cook food or store food must be kept sealed in a vehicle, or in a camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material, or suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet horizontally from a post, tree trunk, or other object, or be in a bear resistant container. Most sites now have bear-proof boxes; please store all items that have any smell or fragrance in these boxes.

2.13 Fires Wood and charcoal fires are permitted only in established fire pits in numbered, designated campsites. There is only one fire pit per campsite.

2.14 Sanitation and Refuse All refuse, trash, and garbage (including toilet paper, bottles, cans, orange peels, and egg shells) must be removed. Do not bury these or any other items. All human waste must be buried in 6 inches of soil more than 100 feet from a campsite or water source. Contaminating or polluting a water source with dish or bath water, or any other substance is prohibited. **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!**

2.15 Pets Pets must be crated, caged, restrained on a leash not to exceed 6 feet in length, or otherwise physically confined at all times.

4.10 Travel on Park Roads and Designated Routes Vehicles must be street legal and display a state license plate. Vehicles must stay on established roadways and parking areas. Off road travel is prohibited. Intentionally damaging the road surface by spinning tires, widening mud holes, driving over embankments, or other means is prohibited.