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Hopewell Furnace
National Historic Site

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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, within the boundaries of Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site. 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.

PARK SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS

Historic Complex is the area of the park south of the Valley Forge Road at the Visitor Center, north of the Boarding House gate, west of Route 345 and east of the Hopewell Furnace NHS/French Creek State Park boundary beginning at a line established by the School House Ruins and the Collier's Hut.

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

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

Visiting Hours:

- Mark Bird Lane and the Visitor Center area parking lots are closed to public vehicular use between 5:00 pm and 9:00 am daily, except during those times when a permitted or park sponsored event is occurring.
- The Visitor Center is closed to public access from 5:00 pm to 9:00 am daily except during those times when a permitted or park sponsored event is occurring.
- The Historic Complex is closed to visitation from 5:00 pm to 9:00 am daily except during those times when a permitted or park sponsored event is occurring.
- The park is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday (observed date), President's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

Closures:

- The following roads are closed to all public motor vehicular (except Segway) use:

Reading-Valley Forge Road
 Warwick-Birdsboro Road

All Maintenance access roads

The Superintendent has determined that the use of motor vehicles on the Reading-Valley Forge Road and the Birdsboro-Warwick Road would be inappropriate based on the historic nature of those areas of the park. Motor Vehicles would also pose a safety hazard to pedestrian traffic on those dirt and gravel roadways.

The use of motor vehicles on Maintenance access roads, also dirt and gravel roadways, would pose a safety hazard to both the public and to employees due to the unpaved surface of the road and the nature of operations (i.e. use of heavy equipment and the movement of various loads).

- The Historic Complex and all park buildings are closed to Segway use.

The Superintendent has determined that the use of Segways in the Historic Complex and in park buildings is inappropriate due to the rough and uneven surfaces, which would create a control hazard and pose a safety risk to Segway operators and the general public. Park buildings are also closed to this use because of narrow historic doorways and limited space in the buildings.

- The Historic Complex is closed to horse drawn vehicles except those used in interpretive programs.

The Superintendent has determined that the use of horse drawn vehicles by the general public could cause a safety hazard to other visitors in the Historic Complex.

- Park Maintenance buildings and associated fenced areas are closed to public access at all times.

The Superintendent has determined that the areas associated with Maintenance operations will be closed to the public at all times for the safety of the public and the security of the operation.

- The barnyard and pasture areas are closed to public access at all times.

The Superintendent has determined that the barnyard and pasture area of the park will be closed to the public at all times for reasons of public safety, due to the fact that park farm animals have the potential, as do any animals, to act in an unpredictable manner and the ability, due to their size, to injure members of the visiting public.

- Engaging in recreational activities that interfere with or detract from the use and appreciation of historic resources in the Historic Complex area, Visitor Center area and other areas used for interpretive activities are prohibited. These activities include, but are not limited to, kite flying, ball playing, frisbee throwing and skating.

The Superintendent has determined that certain recreational activities such as described above would be inappropriate in certain areas of the park due to the historic nature and setting of those areas.

- The operation of motorized toys, including model airplanes, cars or other types is prohibited.

The Superintendent has determined that the operation of certain mechanisms such as those described above is inappropriate in the park due the historic setting and the concern for the safety of park resources and the visiting public.

- The launching of model rockets is prohibited.

and also to reduce the potential for fire in the historic areas and surrounding fields and woodlands.

- Food and Drink are prohibited in all public buildings within the historic complex except during authorized events.

The Superintendent has determined that food and drink will be prohibited in all public buildings within the Historic Complex in order to protect historic buildings and artifacts from damage caused by spills as well as damage caused by increased insect activity as a result of increased food sources created by crumbs and spills.

- The feeding of park farm animals is prohibited except under the supervision of park staff.

The Superintendent has determined that the feeding of park farm animals is inappropriate due to a concern for the health and safety of the animals and the safety of the visiting public.

- All buildings used as government residences and their immediate grounds are closed to use by the general public. Specifically, those buildings are Nathan Care House, John Church House, Lloyd House and Tenant House 3.

The Superintendent has determined that the areas described above are closed to the general public as these buildings are rented from the government for personal use as residences and the occupants therefore have a reasonable expectation of privacy in those structures and the immediate grounds.

- The Historic Complex is closed to all bicycle use.

The Superintendent has determined that the use of bicycles is inappropriate in the Historic Complex area of the park due to the historic setting and concern for the safety of the visiting public.

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:

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
 - 1.5 (f) Entering or remaining in the park between 5:00 pm and 9:00 am.
- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
 - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
 - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
 - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §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
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives:
 - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
 - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views.

The designated area for public assemblies is the grass field to the north of the Upper Visitor Center parking lot, south of the Maintenance Compound. See attached map in Appendix A.
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising

The designated area for sale or distribution of printed matter is the grass field to the north of the Upper Visitor Center parking lot, south of the Maintenance Compound. See attached map in Appendix B.
- §2.60(a)(3) Livestock Use and Agriculture

Livestock use and agricultural activities may be conducted in areas designated on the map in Appendix C as Agricultural Fields 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16. Use of these areas will be regulated through a permit issued by the Superintendent.
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands

- §2.62 Memorialization:
 - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director)
 - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
- §3.3 Use of a vessel
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
 - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
 - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.
- §5.6 Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads.
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.

Applications for permits for the above-listed activities can be obtained at the park Visitor Center during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

(a)(4) All areas of the park are closed to the gathering of wood.

(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:

- Black walnut gathering is limited to one-half bushel per person per day. Raspberry, blackberry and wineberry gathering is limited to one gallon per person per day total (all berries combined).
- Park employees and registered park volunteers may gather a limited amount of apples in order that they may become familiar with the varieties and quality of the apples.
- All other apple gathering must be by first checking in at the Visitor Center. Gathered apples will be paid for at a rate established that season. A receipt will be available at the Visitor Center desk for all apples purchased.

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 above – listed natural products at the indicated quantity will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproduction potential of 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:

- Wildlife that has been wounded outside of the park boundary (in accordance with state hunting regulations) and subsequently travels into the park, may be followed inside the boundaries of the park and killed only if an NPS Ranger has been notified and authorizes the activity. Such authorization is required for each individual occurrence of this type of incident. This authorization does not extend to the possession or use of a weapon (as defined in 36 CFR 1.4) inside the park.

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

- Viewing of wildlife by means of an artificial light (spot lighting) is not permitted anywhere in Hopewell Furnace NHS.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

Fishing is permitted subject to 36 CFR 7.40 and the laws and regulations of the state.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

The Superintendent may issue a permit to carry or possess a weapon, trap or net under the following circumstances:

- When necessary to support research activities conducted in accordance with section 2.5.
- To carry firearms for persons in charge of pack trains or saddle horses for emergency use.
- For employees, agents or cooperating officials in the performance of their official duties.
- To provide access to otherwise inaccessible lands or waters contiguous to a park area when other means of access are otherwise impracticable or impossible.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

- The park is closed to all public camping.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

There are no designated areas closed to picnicking.

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:

- Fires are allowed in the picnic area adjacent to the upper parking lot provided that they are self-contained and in charcoal grills or UL approved propane or gasoline stoves/grills.

Receptacles Allowed:

- All fires must be in self-contained charcoal grills or UL approved propane or gasoline stoves/grills.

Established Conditions for Fires:

- Charcoal from charcoal grills must be disposed of in designated receptacles.
- Open fires and ground fires are not permitted except in conjunction with living history demonstrations and activities.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

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

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

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

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

- Possession of pets is prohibited in all public use buildings within the park. This prohibition does not apply to guide dogs accompanying visually impaired persons or hearing ear dogs accompanying hearing impaired persons.

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

- Pets may be tied to the “Hooch Post” outside of the main entrance to the Visitor Center only while the pet’s owners are inside the building or in the immediate area.

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

- Pet excrement shall be removed from picnic areas, exhibit areas, trails, trace roads and other areas with heavy public use.

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

- Park residents may keep pets in accordance with the park Pet Policy.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

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

- Horses or other saddle and pack animals may be ridden on public road shoulders, agricultural fields that are not in production, fields not in use for agriculture, mowed paths through meadows or on trails designated for horse use. No new trails may be established, nor may horses be ridden or led in places closed to horseback riding.
- Horse drawn carriages, wagons and sleighs may be used on Mark Bird Lane, all state and county roads within the park boundary. They may not be driven on fields or trails. When using park roads, horse drawn vehicles must bear markings and safety equipment in accordance with state law.

(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- Horse trailers may only be parked in the Upper Visitor Center parking lot.
- Riding or hitching horses, saddle or pack animals in such a way so as to destroy, injure, deface or disturb any historic structure, ruins, remains or earthwork is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

There are no areas designated for operating or using aircraft in the park.

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

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

(c) All snowmobile use is prohibited in the park.

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

There are no designated winter activity areas within the park.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

Skating, skateboards, roller skis, inline skates and other similar devices are prohibited except that park residents may use them in the non-public areas immediately adjacent to their quarters.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

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

- Smoking is prohibited in the Historic Complex and all park buildings except that park residents may smoke in their government owned residence in accordance with the park's housing management plan.

The Superintendent has determined that smoking will be prohibited in the park as described above in order to protect park resources and reduce the risk of fire in the Historic Complex of the park.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

Property may not be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours unless specific permission has been granted by the Superintendent.

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:

- The Historic Complex, Visitor Center and Bethesda Church are closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages, except during authorized events.

The Superintendent has determined that the use of alcoholic beverages in the Historic Village and Bethesda Church areas of the park would be inappropriate in these historic settings. There is potential for serious accidents directly related to the consumption of alcohol in these areas due to a multitude of uneven walking surfaces, historic stairs and walkways and low headroom areas.

It was further recognized that social gatherings within the area of the Visitor Center and its associated parking lots for the purpose of consuming alcohol is inappropriate and a serious safety concern for the safe and efficient flow of traffic in the area.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

- (b) The possession and/or use of fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited in all park areas.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

- (b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains. The request for the permit will stipulate time, place, number of participants, use of park facilities

and any other special considerations requested. Scattering must be done so that the ashes are not recognizable as the remains of a human.

36 CFR §3.6 – BOATING OPERATIONS

There are no areas in Hopewell Furnace NHS for boating or water use activities.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below.

- Mark Bird Lane
- Clement Brooke Lane
- Bethesda Road
- Harrison-Lloyd Road (Green Lane)
- Hopewell Road
- PA Route 345
- Park Road
- Shed Road

(b) There are no designated off-road routes or areas within Hopewell Furnace NHS. Driving off designated roads and areas 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.

(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 are no track laying motor vehicle routes designated within Hopewell Furnace NHS.

36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS

(a) Load, weight and size restrictions shall be accordance with Pennsylvania State Law, 67 PA Code 179. A permit is required to operate vehicles which exceed the designated load, weight and size restrictions.

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

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

- The speed limit for Mark Bird Lane is 25 mph.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) There are no paved park roads or parking areas closed to bicycle use.

(d)(3) Riding a bicycle abreast of another rider is prohibited except on roadways not open to public motorized vehicle use.

36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking is not permitted in the park.

CCTV Use Policy

The National Park Service's use of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) for law enforcement and security purposes will only be to visually monitor public park areas and public activities where no constitutionally protected reasonable expectation of privacy exists. Such CCTV use – which will have adequate privacy and First Amendment safeguards – will be to help ensure public safety and security; facilitate the detection, investigation, prevention and deterrence of terrorist attack and crime; help ensure the safety of citizens and officers; help assist in the proper allocation and deployment of law enforcement and public safety resources; help facilitate the protection of the innocent and the apprehension and prosecution of criminals.

This policy does not restrict the official use of CCTV in government administrative areas including administrative buildings, jail holding facilities, revenue collection sites, etc, where the government may record/monitor its facilities. For example, the government may perform unrestricted video/audio recording at revenue collection points (entrance stations, visitor center counters, etc). This policy does not restrict the use of Mobile Audio/Video Recording Equipment (MVAR) in patrol vehicles driven by commissioned rangers; that use is addressed in other policy documents. *RM-9, Chapter 26, Section 1.*

This information included as required by RM-9, Chapter 26, Section 3.6

COMPENDIUM APPENDIX A
36 CFR 2.51

Designated Location for Public Assemblies



Designated area is outlined by polygon.

COMPENDIUM APPENDIX B
36 CFR 2.52

Designated Location for the Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter



Designated area is outlined by polygon.

**COMPENDIUM APPENDIX C
36 CFR 2.60**

Designated Locations for Livestock Use and Agricultural Activities

Livestock use and agricultural activities may be conducted in areas designated on the map in Appendix C as Agricultural Fields 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16.

