



# Hot Springs National Park

## GUIDELINES FOR NON-COMPETITIVE WALKS/RUNS AT HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK

Hot Springs National Park is open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. There are approximately 2.2 miles of park walkways available for non-competitive walks/runs. The event must consist of less than 50 participants and conclude by 10 am.

- Whittington Park Pathway– 1.2 miles
- Bathhouse Row and Grand Promenade – 1 mile

Walks/Runs that will include the use of roadways or trails on Hot Springs Mountain and/or West Mountain do not apply under these guidelines. These events will require a special use permit and monitoring fees.

To receive authorization for an organized non-competitive walk/run on Bathhouse Row, the Grand Promenade, and/or Whittington Park, a request must be made in writing to the Superintendent at least 10 business days prior to the event. The request will include the following:

1. Name and brief background of sponsoring organization/group;
2. Date and start/finish times;
3. Anticipated number of participants (50 or less);
4. Contact person's name, address, and telephone number;
5. Any additional pertinent details, e.g., need for checkpoint or refreshment area (location to be authorized by the Superintendent).

All items needed for the event must be carried onto the grounds (unauthorized vehicles are prohibited on park property). Refreshments, if served, are limited to water, soft drinks, or juices, and must be consumed in the area where they are distributed. Glass containers are not permitted. Refuse containers and pick up must be arranged by the permittee. Permittee agrees to leave the area in the same condition as found with all trash and equipment removed immediately at the conclusion of the activity. An underground sprinkler system precludes the use of stakes. If a map of the walk/run will not suffice, small cone-shaped, freestanding markers, **ONLY**, may be used to mark the course. Cones must be removed immediately following the end of the event. Nothing may be affixed, in any way, to park property, including trash receptacles, light poles, and trees. Portable restrooms are prohibited. The permittee shall pay the United States for damages directly resulting from this use.

Monetary transactions of any kind are prohibited from taking place in the park.

The permittee must agree to save and hold harmless the United States of America, its agents and employees, from any and all claims, damages, suits of law or equity of whatever kind of nature

for damages to or loss of property or injury or death to persons resulting directly or indirectly from or attributable to the permittee or its employees in connection with the authorized activity.

Going forward with this event constitutes acceptance by the sponsoring organization/group of the conditions described herein. Authorization may be cancelled at the discretion of the Superintendent without notice if damage to resources, facilities, or visitors are threatened.

For additional information, contact the Park Permits Office at 501-623-2824.