

United States
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

JAMES A. GARFIELD NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

COMPENDIUM AMENDMENT: 36 CFR 1.7(b)

Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and other Restrictions Imposed Under the Discretionary Authority of the Superintendent ... Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1.

AUTHORITY

Under the authority of 16 U.S.C. Section 3, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, this Compendium of Superintendent's Orders is established for James A. Garfield National Historic Site. Regulations listed in this compendium are a requirement in addition to those listed in Parts 1-7 of Title 36 unless otherwise noted. The specific authority for this regulatory procedure is found in Sections 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7 of Title 36.

PART 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.5 "Closures and Public Use Limits":

The entire park, James A. Garfield National Historic Site, will be closed to public visitation for one day—**Wednesday August 29, 2012**—from 7:00 am through 5:00 pm Eastern Time Zone. This closure is due to a repaving project scheduled for that week.

The park will reopen to normal public visitation at 10:00am on Thursday August 30, 2012.

This closure will apply to public use of the grounds and all facilities on the 7.82-acre park, as well access to all associated visitor services including public tours, exhibits, and the Eastern National sales outlet. This closure will also apply to delivery service providers, service companies, and other vendors.

The park will be open to access by NPS staff and the contractor's employees during the closure. Staff will access the property from adjacent private property (Faith Lutheran Church) through a gate at the rear of the NPS property using a circuitous pedestrian route through wooded and lawn areas that detours them around, and never crossing, the re-paving project work zone.

Determination

A fiscal year 2012 Federal Highways Administration/Department of Transportation project—*Project PRA-MWR PMS OH (1): Pavement Preservation of Roads and Parking Areas of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, James A. Garfield National Historical Site, Perry's Victory &*

International Peace Memorial, Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, and William Howard Taft National Historical Site—includes work of repaving the entrance drive, parking lot, and drive to the Maintenance Shop at James A. Garfield National Historical Site (the park).

The paved entrance drive is the only access for public visitors into the park. This drive must be entirely closed to vehicular use during the one day of the repaving work (a micro-surface application) to first allow the initial heavy equipment work and hot emulsion application, then to allow the necessary curing time after the repaving work is complete.

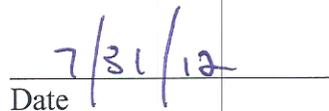
While there is an adjacent parking lot on private property (Faith Lutheran Church), public visitors would have to navigate a long distance around the project work area on non-paved surfaces. There would be no clear accessible route of travel available for visitors with handicapping conditions. Any pedestrian route from the Church lot to the park Visitor Center would create potential for conflicts between heavy machinery, hot asphalt emulsion, and other unsafe conditions.

It is necessary to temporarily close this National Historic Site to ensure the safety of the public.

Access to the park's facilities by the local fire and emergency medical response personnel and equipment will be available through the asphalt paved pedestrian "Historic Lane" that bisects the park with an access gate at Mentor Avenue. This lane was designed to provide secondary emergency egress. The surface of this "Historic Lane" however was not built for extended vehicular use and is not of adequate width to accommodate vehicular traffic in both directions; it is, therefore, not available as an alternative vehicular route into the park for visitors or staff.



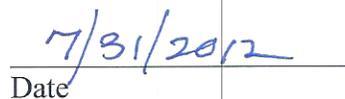
Recommended by: Chief of Interpretation



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Approved by: Superintendent



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RESCINDED:

Superintendent

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