

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Gateway Arch National Park 11 North Fourth Street St. Louis, Missouri 63102-1882

GUIDELINES FOR WALK/RUNS

Gateway Arch National Park (Gateway Arch grounds) is open from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. <u>There are</u> <u>approximately 1.7 miles of park perimeter sidewalks available for non-competitive walks/runs</u>. The park is bounded by Luther Ely Smith Square on the west, Poplar Street on the south, Washington Avenue on the north and Leonor K. Sullivan Boulevard on the east. <u>Please note that the sidewalk</u> <u>area adjacent the Old Cathedral narrows considerably (2-3') and safety is an issue for large group walks/runs</u>. Please coordinate with the Old Cathedral should your activity cross the sidewalk near <u>the Old Cathedral</u>.

Requests to have an organized non-competitive walk/run around the perimeter of the Gateway Arch grounds must be made in writing to the Superintendent via the attached special use permit application <u>at least 45 days prior to your event</u>. Once received and reviewed, a logistics meeting will be scheduled to discuss your event.

Checkpoint/refreshments/vendors/portable restrooms are best staged in either in the *North Gateway* located between 1st and 2nd Streets at Washington Avenue (all equipment and any stage setup are located on Washington Avenue only); or the *Riverfront/Riverfront stage* located on the east side of Leonor K. Sullivan Boulevard, directly across the street from the bottom of the Gateway Arch Grand Staircase. To reserve the Riverfront please contact the Special Events Office for the City of St. Louis at (314) 314-589-6640.

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. <u>Glass containers are not permitted on park grounds</u>. Waste management 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; therefore, small cone-shaped, freestanding markers, **ONLY**, may be used to mark the course. Cones must be removed immediately following the end of the walk/run. Nothing may be affixed, in any way, to park property, including trash receptacles, light poles, and trees. Portable restrooms are prohibited on park grounds. <u>Money transactions of any kind are prohibited from taking place in the park.</u>

The permittee agrees 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. The permittee shall pay the United States for damages directly resulting from this use. Going forward with this event constitutes acceptance by the sponsoring organization/group of the conditions described herein. For additional information, contact Park Permits Coordinator Victoria Dugan at (314) 655-1611.