



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
National Capital Region
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Washington, D.C. 20242

IN REPLY REFER TO:

February 17, 2016

Dear Applicant:

The National Park Service National Mall and Memorial Parks will be utilizing a lottery system to allocate softball permits for the 2016 season. The goal is to establish the fairest method of selection and provide for the maximum participation of field usage. The National Park Service will start accepting applications for softball permits on **February 18, 2016**.

This season, May 1 through August 31, the fields permitted for use will be # 1-7 on the Washington Monument grounds, with the exception of ball field # 6. Due to a future turf restoration project ball field # 6 will be offline for the 2016 season. In addition to the Washington Monument ground fields, ball field # 11 is being entered into the lottery. Ball field #11 is located at Henry Bacon Drive and Constitution Avenue, NW, this field has a backstop. Ball field # 11 is not available for use on Thursdays.

Ball field # 3 and ball field # 1 are now located in the center grass panel. Ball field # 3 is impacted by a long term permitted activity. The Washington Monument Center Turf panel recently underwent turf restoration as a result ball field # 3 and # 1 will be required to rotate between north and south corners of the turf panel respectively.

The lottery will occur on **March 30, 2016**. The lottery entry processing cost of **\$10.00** must accompany your application, and a complete application package **must be received by 4:00 pm on March 25, 2016**.

If selected a lottery winner you are required to pay the application processing cost of **\$90.00** prior to issuance of your permit. The **\$10.00** lottery entry processing cost will be credited toward your permit application processing cost.

Please be aware the lottery entry processing cost will not be waived, and does not guarantee a space for your group. **Only one application per team will be accepted.**

Applicants may check <http://www.nps.gov/mall/planyourvisit/permits.htm>, for the results of the lottery beginning Friday, April 8, 2016.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Permits Management office at (202) 245-4715.

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