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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 Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park. 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.

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:
The parks hours are from 7:00 am -7:00 pm daily unless otherwise posted.

Determination: It is necessary to establish hours that the public may enter an area in order to protect the natural and cultural resources from damage, theft, vandalism and inappropriate group activities. It is also necessary for visitor safety

Public Use Limits:
Picnics, weddings and/or gathering of more than 25 persons (maximum of 50 people in any park area) require a permit.

Determination: This is necessary to prevent visitor use conflicts, and for protection of the natural and cultural resource from vandalism, theft and inappropriate use.

Overnight parking is prohibited

Determination: Since overnight use and camping is prohibited in the park, and both areas are closed by gates, there is no reason for a vehicle to remain in the park overnight.

Closures:

-Keone'ele Cove is closed to picnicking, nudity, beach chairs, mats, towels, beach umbrellas, coolers, smoking, beach access and pets.

Determination: This is necessary to protect sensitive cultural integrity and natural resources from damage and vandalism. This closure also protects the Endangered Green Sea Turtles and the Endangered Hawaiian Monk Seal from human disturbances while they are resting or foraging. This closure will also protect the integrity and these activities detract from the cultural values and history of the park and the area.

-Pu'uhonua is closed to commercial filming, nudity, beach chairs, towels, mats, beach umbrellas, coolers, picnicking, pets, weddings, smoking and recreational activity, such as, Frisbee throwing, football tossing.

Determination: This is necessary to protect sensitive cultural resources from damage and vandalism. This closure will also protect the integrity and these activities detract from the cultural values and history of the park and the area.

-The Amphitheater is closed to picnicking, pets and smoking.

Determination: These activities detract from the cultural values and history of the surrounding area.

-The Royal Grounds are closed to smoking, nudity, beach chairs, mats, towels, beach umbrellas, coolers, picnicking, weddings, wedding photography, and pets.

Determination: This closure will protect the cultural integrity, values and history of the park and the area.

-Trails and unpaved roads may be closed at any time to enhance public safety and resource protection.

Determination: This is necessary to protect sensitive cultural resources from damage and vandalism. Archeological sites and features in the park are comprised of dry-stack stone work, loose stone work, pits, soft-lava trails, or loose midden material that may be difficult for the untrained eye to see and which are easily disturbed or damaged by off-trail pedestrian use.

-Bicycles are prohibited on the 1871 Trail, to include pushing and carrying them.

Determination: Bicycle use on park trails is prohibited by 36 CFR. Prohibiting bicycles from being on park trails ensures compliance with the regulation. Bicycles leaned against trees or left unattended interfere with the public's access to and enjoyment of the area. Bicycle racks are available at the Visitor Center.

-Entering Hale o Keawe is prohibited unless approved by Superintendent.

Determination: This is necessary to protect sensitive cultural resources from damage and vandalism. These areas are considered sacred and those activities are traditionally and culturally unacceptable.

-All caves, burial sites and lava tubes are closed to the public.

Determination: This is necessary to protect sensitive cultural and natural resources from damage and vandalism, theft and inappropriate use.

-Service Road from the picnic area to the Royal Grounds is closed to public vehicular traffic.

Determination: This road is unsuitable for public vehicle travel as it poses a threat to visitor safety and resource protection.

-Items left in the park for 24 hours will be considered abandoned.

(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:

Weddings
Wedding ceremonies, parties of 50 or less persons are allowed south of the Great Wall to the end of the picnic parking lot and makai (within the picnic area only), with a permit. Wedding photography is **not** allowed in the Royal Grounds.

Determination: This is necessary to limit visitor use conflicts, for visitor safety and the protection of the natural and cultural resource from vandalism, theft and inappropriate use.

Picnics/barbecue
-Allowed in designated picnic area only.
-Groups between 25-50 persons require a permit.
-Recreational activities such as, but not limited to, football, Frisbee, horseshoes, washers (Portuguese horseshoes), volleyball, kite flying, etc...are prohibited.
-No bonfires or open fires allowed.

Determination: This is necessary for visitor safety and the protection of the natural and cultural resource from vandalism, theft and inappropriate use.

Camping 2.10
Camping is prohibited.

Determination: This area is designated as day use only. This condition is established to protect the resource and maintain the integrity of the area, as well as staffing limitations after hours. There are many other nearby public lands which offer camping opportunities.

Bicycles and Motor Bikes
Bicycles and motorized bikes (scooters, mopeds) are not allowed on park trails, service roads or beaches or at the Visitor Center even if they are being pushed and not ridden. Bicycles must be parked at a designated bicycle rack at the Visitor Center.

Determination: Bicycle use on park trails is prohibited by 36 CFR. Prohibiting bicycles from park trails ensures compliance with the regulation. Bicycles leaned against trees or left unattended interfere with the public's access to and enjoyment of the area. Bicycle racks are available only at the Visitor Center.

Hiking 2.1(b) Hiking or other pedestrian use is restricted to the designated and maintained trails listed below. Off-trail pedestrian use is prohibited except that pedestrian use of the park shoreline is permitted.

-1871 Trail
-Picnic Area Access road
-Within the Royal Grounds
-Trail system within the Pu'uhonua.
-Coastal Trail.

Determination: Archeological sites and features in the park are comprised of dry-stack (no mortar) stone work, loose stone work, pits, soft-lava trails, or loose midden material that may be difficult for the untrained eye to see and which are easily disturbed or damaged by off-trail pedestrian use. Due to the arid environment many native plants within the Park are small and have thin, shallow root material that is easily damaged and/or dislodged when tread upon.

Swimming Beaches/Areas:
-Swimming in tidal pools along the coast fronting the picnic area is allowed.
-Cliff jumping is prohibited.
-Launching and landing of kayaks, rubber rafts or other motorized or non-motorized vessels are prohibited.

Determination: These conditions are established to protect the safety of swimmers and kayakers and are the minimum restrictions necessary to achieve such protection. Ocean currents, waves, and the shoreline access are difficult to traverse. Entering and exiting the ocean is a safety and resource concern.

-Keone'ele Cove is closed to all motorized and non-motorized vessels.

Determination: Keone'ele Cove is an archeological site and used by threatened green sea turtles for resting, basking and foraging. Vessels including kayaks and rafts disturb green sea turtles' use of the area. Due to the small size of the cove, vessels interfere with the traditional Native Hawaiian cultural values for which the park was established

Segway Use
Segways and gas or electric motorized scooters, as defined under Section 1.4 are motor vehicles. The park imposes a restriction on the use of Segways and motorized scooters in all areas within the park including park roads, trails, and sidewalks. **However,** any park visitor with a documented disability is permitted to use Segways and electric motor scooters in the park, including all appropriate structures, facilities, park roads, sidewalks, trails, and other surfaces when such devices are used for the sole purpose of mobility assistance. Finally, use of a mobility assistive device, as outlined above, must also adhere to the following:

-A person shall operate any mobility assistive device in a safe and responsible manner; maximum speed is not to exceed 8 M.P.H. ("Segway sidewalk/Intermediate" key), so as not to endanger one's self or others.

-A person riding a mobility assistive device upon a sidewalk, while crossing a roadway in a crosswalk or any other surface shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances, except that the mobility assistive device operator must always yield to pedestrians.

Determination: This provides for the use of mobility assistive devices within the park for persons with disabilities and the protection of park resources and visitors from recreational activities inconsistent with prudent park management.

The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

Digging /Ground Disturbance
Digging and/or disturbance of sand and soil is not allowed within park boundaries.

Determination: Cultural and historic deposits are known to exist throughout the park. Digging or ground disturbance is prohibited to protect cultural and archeological features. Archeological sites and features in the park are comprised of dry-stack (no mortar) stone work, loose stone work, pits, soft-lava trails, or loose midden material that may be difficult for the untrained eye to see; therefore, these features may be inadvertently damaged by digging or ground disturbance.

Hammocks are not allowed in the park

Determination: Because shade trees are an attractive place to gather and hammocks take up a large space, to minimize visitor conflicts and afford adequate access to shade for all park visitors, hammocks may not be suspended from trees. Cords and straps used to suspend hammocks cause damage to trees.

Kites or any motorized flying plane or toy may not be flown in the park.

Determination: Kites or any motorized flying plane or toy may disturb endangered species, migratory waterfowl as well as park visitors.

Balloons are prohibited in the park.

Determination: Balloons may disturb endangered species. Broken or deflated balloons will disperse in the ocean and land environment and are harmful to birds and marine mammals that may ingest them.

Tiki torches and candles are prohibited in the park.

Determination: To protect park resources (trees, grasses, thatched structures) from accidental ignition, use of tiki torches or other types of portable open flames or candles is prohibited.

Beach umbrellas, shade tents, canopies, free-standing tents are prohibited.

Determination: The use of these items detracts from the cultural landscape of the area and detracts from the traditional Native Hawaiian cultural values for which the park was established. Digging or disturbing soil to secure structures is not allowed due to the presence of cultural resources in the substrate. Moving rocks to support freestanding tents and umbrellas often disturbs cultural resources; use of rocks from cultural sites is prohibited by 36 CFR 2.1. There are numerous trees along the beach which provide shade.

Recreational game playing is not permitted in the Picnic Area.

Only traditional Hawaiian games provided by the NPS are permitted within the Royal Grounds.

Determination: The picnic area has limited space for visitors to enjoy and recreational games may disturb park visitors. Recreational game playing such as football or volleyball detracts from the traditional Hawaiian scene and interferes with the appreciation of the sacred site.

Passenger Carrying Busses:
Engines must be shut down when not underway.

Determination: The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air, creates noise and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park.

Refuse Collecting
No one may take any item from a dumpster, refuse bin, recycling bin or trash receptacle.

Determination: This is necessary to reduce competition for collecting recyclable refuse.

Public Water Use
No one may take water from a non-pay park public water dispenser for domestic or other purposes outside the park.

Determination: Water supplied to the public is for the benefit and use of park visitors.

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:

Permits and permit information may be obtained at the Park headquarters, located at Hwy 160, Honaunau, HI 96726 or by calling (808) 328-2326 x 1220. Permit information may also be obtained on the park's website at www.nps.gov/puho.

§1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:

- Weddings (all weddings require a permit)
- Parties/Gatherings – groups of more than 25 persons shall obtain a permit.
- Special events
- Public assemblies and meetings, political gatherings

§2.5(a) Research Specimen collection including but not limited to the taking of plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals).

- A research permit is required to collect plant, wildlife, rocks or minerals within the park. Permit applications may be obtained from the Resource Management Division at park headquarters.

§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).

§2.50(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.

- Public assemblies with 25 or fewer persons are **not** required to obtain a permit. Groups must assemble in the designated First Amendment area, located adjacent to the flag pole. See attached map for designated area.

- Public assemblies with more than 25 people must obtain a permit.

§2.62 Memorialization:

- (a) Erection of monuments requires approval from the Regional Director.

- (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation not allowed.

§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).

§5.4(a) Commercial transport of passengers by motor vehicles

§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 news.

- (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.

§5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

(a)(4) Dead wood on ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- Dead wood may not be collected anywhere in the park.

(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:

Park wide:

- Personal items such as towels, clothing and snorkel gear shall not be leaned against or draped over any archeological or cultural structure. Nudity is prohibited.

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- Picnicking, smoking, mats, towels, coolers, pets and the use of beach umbrellas or beach chairs are prohibited within this area.

(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail or walkway as listed in Section 1.5 of this document.

Certain areas are closed to hiking and are listed in section 1.5(a) (1) "Closures".

(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:

- Noni Fruit: Limited to gallon size bag per day. Collection is authorized along the picnic road and parking lot only.

Determination: The gathering of this fruit in this amount and within the locations will not adversely affect park resources. Extreme care must be exercised in the collection so as not to damage the host plant or surrounding vegetation. If a harmful effect on wildlife or vegetation is observed, the collection of noni fruit will be prohibited.

36 CFR §2.2 – WILDLIFE PROTECTION

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

- All park areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

(e) Fishing in salt waters with net, spear or weapon, is authorized in the following areas only and in the following manner:

- Along coastal shore and in compliance with laws and regulations of the State.
- Bow fishing is prohibited within the park boundaries.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS
(a)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations:

- While transporting weapons utilized for fishing within the park, all weapons must be in an unloaded condition until in the act of fishing in the ocean away from the vicinity of other park visitors.

- A bow and arrow may not be used for fishing within the park.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted

All areas of the park have been closed to camping. See 1.5(a) (1) "Closures"

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Certain areas have been closed to picnicking and are listed in section 1.5(a) (1) "Closures".

Conditions for Picnicking:

- Groups of 25 -50 persons require a permit.
- Dumping of charcoal on the sand is prohibited.
- No recreational activities are allowed within the park. i.e., football, volleyball, Frisbee, Portuguese horseshoes, etc.
- No balloons, streamers, flags or digging in the sand.
- No structures, tents, umbrellas, stakes or hammocks.

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:
Picnic area only.

Receptacles Allowed:

- Designated or self-contained portable propane or charcoal grills.

Established Conditions for Fires:

- During a period of "High Fire Danger" and the County of Hawaii designated "Burn Ban", all cooking fires will be prohibited in the park.
- All ash and remnant charcoal debris must be removed from the park and not placed into the provided garbage cans because of the resultant potential for fire burning the contents of a garbage can and, potentially, starting a wild land fire.

(a)(2) The following restrictions are in effect for the use of stoves or lanterns:

- Within picnic area only
- Battery operated lanterns, flashlights and head gear allowed on coast or trails only.

(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:

- Coals should be left in grill.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles, dumpsters or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property is allowed under the following conditions:

- The dumping of any household, commercial or industrial refuse brought from private or municipal property is prohibited.

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

- Defecation and urination is prohibited along the trails and within 100 feet of water or road ways.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

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

- Visitor Center, amphitheater, Royal grounds and the Pu'uhonua.
- All government buildings
- Legitimate service animals are not pets for the purposes of this regulation.

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

- Pet waste must be immediately picked up and properly disposed of in a waste container by the person responsible for the pet. Owners may dispose of pet excrement in covered garbage cans provided throughout the park.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

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

• Authorization may be requested from the Superintendent's Office at the Park Headquarters

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed only in the following areas:

- No areas are open for the use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles or similar devices.

6 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 not allowed in any park building or government vehicle (including those leased or rented).
- Royal Grounds
- Pu'uhonua
- Amphitheatre
- 1871 Trail

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:

- Unattended property will be considered abandoned after 24 hours and impounded or disposed of.
- Geocaching is not permitted in the park.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

Entrance Fee Areas:
Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Park is a designated fee area as mandated by 36C.F.R. Section 71.3(a) and requires an entrance fee of $5 that is valid for seven (7) consecutive days.

Vehicle Permit (valid for 7 days)	$ 5.00
Individual Permit (valid for 7 days)	$ 3.00
Tri- Park Pass	$25.00
(valid at Hawai'i Volcanoes NP, Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau NHP and Hale'akalā NP)	
Annual Park Pass	$80.00
Senior Park Pass	$10.00
Access Pass	Free
Age 15 and under	Free

-Organized non-commercial groups (service organizations, scouts, church groups, and college/school clubs) and any non-commercial vehicle with a passenger capacity of 15 or more will be charged $3 for each person on board. Valid passes may be used as defined on the back of the pass. $ 3 per passenger for commercial tour companies

-An educational fee waiver may be granted to schools or *bona fide* academic institutions conducting outings for non-commercial educational purposes.

The collection of recreation fees will be suspended during the following periods:

- National Public Lands Day (One day in September each year)
- Pu'uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park Cultural Festival
- Other days as designated by government policy

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 container of 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:

- Government Buildings
- Royal Grounds
- Pu'uhonua
- Visitor Center parking lot
- Trails/Coastal trails
- Picnic area after closing hour

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains, or in the following designated areas without a permit, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- Only the cremated human remains of lineal descendants of the park's ahupua'a *(historic land division)* may be scattered within park boundaries.
- The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
- The remains to be scattered must only be scattered in the ocean.
- The scattering of remains from the air is prohibited.

36 CFR §3.16 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:

- See 1.5 for designation.
- No soap, shampoo, or other cleaners may be used in park waters.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

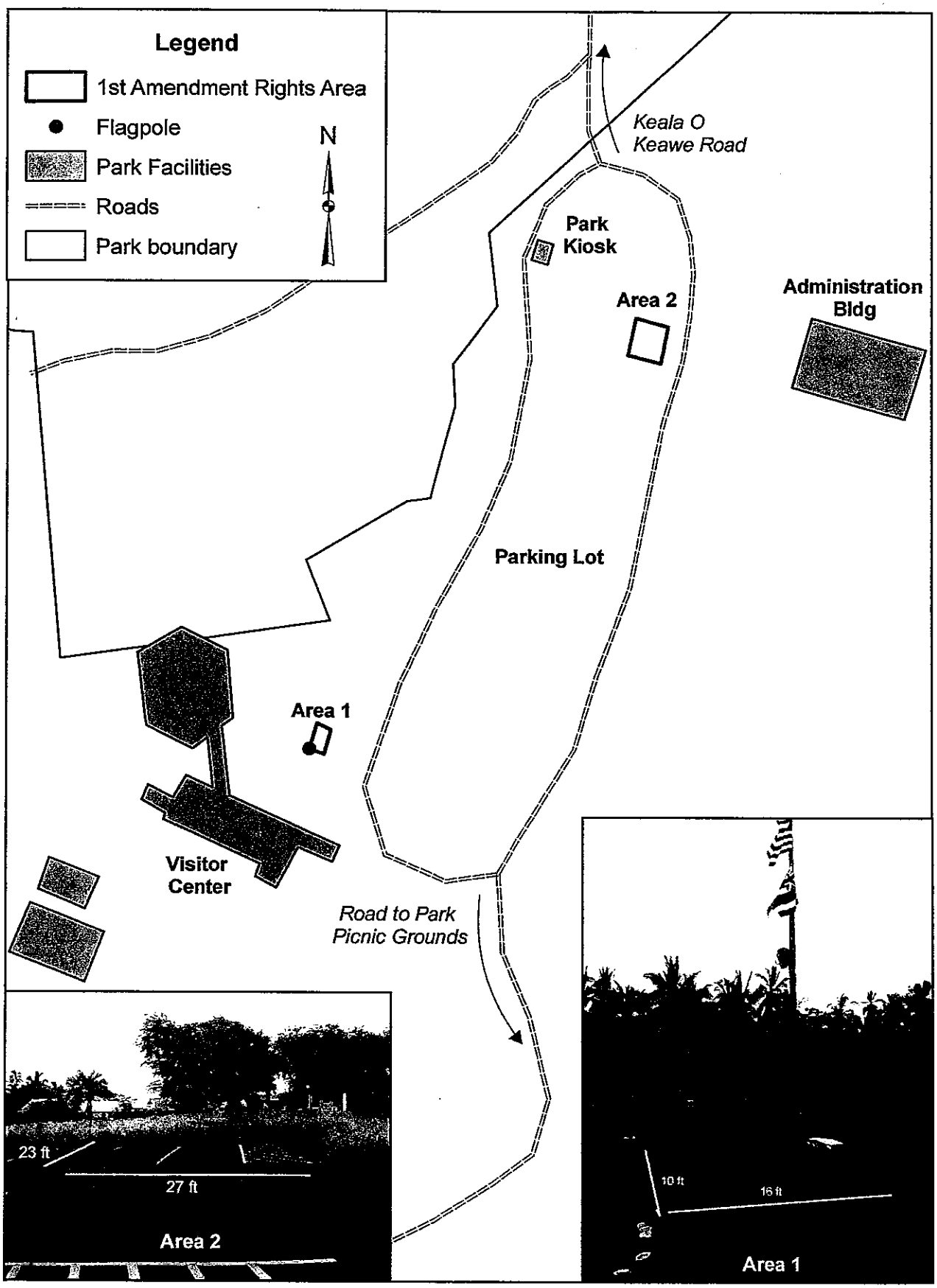
(a) Park roads open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):

- The road from the Visitor Center parking lot to the picnic area is the only road within the park open to travel via motor vehicle.
- The unpaved picnic area access road is open to travel via motor vehicle.

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

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

- Visitor Center parking lot: 5 mph
- Unpaved road to the picnic area: 10 mph



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