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National Historic Site

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Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements and Other Restrictions Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

Approved:
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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 Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site. 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 visitor center and exhibit buildings are open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, including holidays, from the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to October 31. From November 1 through Memorial Day weekend, only the grounds remain open to the public. Park grounds are open daily, year-round, from dawn until dusk.
- The visitor parking lot and all park grounds are closed to the public after dark.

Public Use Limits:

- Aspet, the historic home of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, is available by guided tour only. Guided tours are limited to twelve people.

Space in the historic home is limited and contains original furnishings and museum collections. Visitor numbers are limited in order to preserve and protect the structure and its contents.

Closures:

- The park superintendent may, due to severe weather or other safety concerns, close park facilities.

Visitor and staff safety are paramount. In the event of any unsafe conditions that may jeopardize the safety of people, park facilities may be closed if it is determined that specific course of action will mitigate the unsafe condition(s).

- The park is closed to recreational and sporting activities that potentially detract from the historic setting of the park, result in conflict among visitor use activities, or threaten natural or cultural resources.

The primary mission of the park is to interpret the life and cultural achievements of an American artist, which is accomplished in a museum setting. Activities that are incompatible with the operation of a museum are not permitted.

- The park is closed to swimming and bathing.

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- Bicycles are not permitted on the lawns, gardens, meadows, pedestrian walkways and the nature trails of the park.

Maintenance of the manicured cultural landscape of the park is crucial for interpreting the historic scene and fulfilling the park mission. Bicycling in these areas is incompatible with preservation maintenance, as well as visitors/pedestrians.

- The use of Segway scooters or similar devices are permitted but must adhere to the following conditions:
  - No person under 16 years of age may operate Segways or similar devices without adult supervision.
  - Use of Segways and similar devices is limited to individuals with a bona fide handicapped access need.
  - Due to accessibility and safety issues, Segways or similar devices are not permitted in any buildings or within the Little Studio pergola or the New Gallery atrium.

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

First Amendment Assembly Area:

- The designated area for demonstrations is the lawn to the south of "Aspet" and west of the brick path from the entrance of the house to Saint Gaudens Road. Groups of more than 25 people may demonstrate in this area when the superintendent has issued a permit. Demonstrations involving 25 persons or fewer may generally be held without a permit within designated park areas. Applications for permits should be submitted to the Superintendent's Office.

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

Passenger Carrying Busses:

- Engines must be shut down when not underway.

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

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – PERMITS

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities and/or public uses for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

- §1.5(d) Relating to Public Use Limits:
  - To implement a public use limit, the superintendent may establish a permit, registration, or reservation system. Permits shall be issued in accordance with the criteria and procedures of 36 CFR 1.6.

- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)

- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
  - (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

- §2.50(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 involving more than 25 persons

- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printer matter that is not solely commercial advertising by more than 25 persons

- §2.62 Memorialization:
  - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director)
  - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation

- §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).

- §5.5 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
  - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.

Permits may be obtained by contacting the park directly:

Chief of Visitor Services
Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site
139 Saint-Gaudens Road
Cornish, New Hampshire 03745
603-675-2175, x107

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

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

- Climbing on parks signs, exhibits, or statuary is 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:

- Artificial lighting for viewing of wildlife is prohibited park-wide.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Conditions for Picnicking:

- Picnicking on the grounds is allowed provided that it does not interfere with tours and other visitor uses of the site.

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:

- Fires are prohibited at Saint-Gaudens National Historic site, unless approved by the superintendent.

Established Conditions for Fires:

- For special demonstration purposes or special events

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

"Pet" means dogs, cats, or any animal that has been domesticated. [36 CFR §1.4]

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

- Pets are not permitted within the visitor center or in any exhibit buildings. This restriction does not apply to guide dogs for the visually or hearing impaired.
- All pets must be leashed or otherwise restrained in accordance with 36 CFR 2.15(a)(2).
- Pets otherwise not physically confined in a crate or cage on park grounds must be restrained on a leash not to exceed six feet in length.
- Leaving a pet unattended, except in the owner's vehicle, is prohibited.
- Animals running-at-large and not claimed by the owner within a reasonable period of time will be turned over to Cornish, NH, animal control officers.

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

- Individuals in possession of pets must have on their person a bag or devise for the containerization and removal of pet excrement. Individuals shall immediately containerize and dispose of excrement deposited by their pet in a trash receptacle or remove it from the historic site. The proper disposal of pet excrement protects public health and safety, helps control the spread of disease, and avoids degradation of the visitor experience from the sight and smell of fecal material.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

- Permanent employees living in park housing may possess not more than 2 pets as defined by 36 CFR §1.4. Seasonal employees are not permitted to possess pets when occupying park housing

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is prohibited outside of the following trails, routes or areas:

Horses and pack animals may be ridden within existing rights of way through NPS property to access adjacent, privately-owned parcels of land.

(g) The following conditions have been established for the use of horses or pack animals:

- Horses and pack anumals are only allowed within park areas with a permit issued by the Superintendent, except when ridden within existing rights of way through NPS property to access adjacent, privately owned parcels of land. See §1.6 of this document.
- These animals must be attended at all times.
- Horses and other animals are prohibited on park nature trails and on all areas of the historic core of the park.

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

- The use of snowmobiles is prohibited throughout the park.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

- The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices is prohibited in the park.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

- Smoking is prohibited inside all federally owned buildings within the historic site and within twenty-five (25) feet of its exterior.

Smoking is prohibited to ensure a healthy workplace for employees and visitors. Further, smoke and gases from cigarettes, cigars, and pipes adversely affect museum exhibits and artifacts and poses an increased risk of fire.

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:

- As part of an educational quest or treasure hunt, a small cache of items in a single container and pertaining directly to that specific educational activity may be left at the site for longer than 24 hours, provided that both the activity and location are approved in advance by the Superintendent. There must be no ground disturbance or resource damage associated with the placement of the cache.

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: Admission to the site is $5 per person for those age16 and older. Those age 15 and under are admitted free. The entrance fee pass is good for 7 days. A $1 per person, age 16 and over, interpretive fee is charged for groups with reservations receiving special ranger-led programs.

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 receptacle containing 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:

- Alcoholic beverages may be consumed only within the established picnic area in accordance with applicable age requirements under state law, or in areas/buildings deemed appropriate for a special occasion as designated under a special use permit issued by the Superintendent. The established picnic areas where alcohol may be consumed include:
  - The picnic area adjacent to the main parking lot
  - The picnic area adjacent to the Visitor Center
  - The picnic area in the lower meadow

  The superintendent may impose restriction or conditions on the consumption of Alcoholic beverages, as required to assure public safety and guard against inappropriate levels of consumption. Alcoholic beverages may be prohibited or restricted, to decrease the potential of an intoxicated person adversely affecting a visitor's experience, and to discourage the use of the grounds of the historic site as a place to congregate for the purposes of imbibing.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

(b) Fireworks and firecrackers may be possessed and/or used in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- Using or possessing fireworks and firecrackers or any explosive devices is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.51 – DEMONSTRATIONS

(c) The following locations are designed as available for demonstrations:

- The lawn to the south of "Aspet" and west of the brick path from the entrance of the house to Saint-Gaudens Road.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

- Operating a motor vehicle is prohibited except on park roads and in parking areas. There are no routes or areas designated for off-road motor vehicle use.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

- Bicycles are permitted in the parking lots and on the paved and gravel roadways within the park. Grassy areas, gardens, meadows, pedestrian walkways and the nature trails are closed to bicycles.