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National Historical Park

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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 San Juan Island 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:

1. The Park is open to the public from sunrise to sunset. Thus, the Park is closed from sunset to sunrise except for authorized personnel and for public use along Cattle Point Road.
Determination: Because the Park does not have established campgrounds or the resources to manage overnight use, and seeks consistent regulations at both units, the Park is only open for day use activities from sunrise to sunset. Additionally, the Park owns a portion of Cattle Point Road, also known as the American Camp Bypass Road, and exempts public use on or along that road from this closure.

Public Use Limits:

2. Groups of 20 or more people are required to obtain a special use permit. There is a maximum limit of 50 people per group unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent. See www.nps.gov/sajh/planyourvisit/permits.htm for specific forms and permit terms.
Determination: Groups are managed to minimize visitor conflicts and resource damage. Group events are limited by parking, facility capacity, and the nature of the location. Generally, only one group permit will be issued per area per day (i.e. South Beach, 4th of July Picnic Area, and the English Camp Parade Grounds).
3. Visitors that engage in horse or stock use are required to obtain a special use permit. See www.nps.gov/sajh/planyourvisit/permits.htm for specific forms and permit terms.
Determination: Stock use or horseback riding can damage sensitive Park resources, conflict with other park uses, and jeopardize the safety of the non-riding public. A permit allows the Superintendent to orient stock users to Park resources, to riding areas, and to specify horse use protocols to minimize conflicts and maximize safety.

Closures:

4. Guss Island is closed in its entirety to public use.
Determination: Guss Island is a sacred site.
5. The lower parking area at 4th of July Beach picnic area is closed to vehicle use when the gate is closed, which occurs from approximately November 1 through May 15.
Determination: During winter and spring, wet conditions make the grassy parking area surface vulnerable to resource and vehicle damage.
6. The tidelands at English Camp bound by the dinghy dock to the north, Guss Island to the west, and the Park boundary to the south are closed to shellfish harvesting, boat anchoring, and any other activity that disturbs the tidelands or submerged land.
Determination: Closure protects submerged cultural resources, reduces conflicts, and preserves the historic scene.
7. Overnight docking is prohibited at the English Camp dinghy dock.
Determination: Closure conforms to established Park hours, lack of overnight camping resources, and protects the tidelands.
8. The use of a bicycle is prohibited except on or along (1) paved roads, (2) the decommissioned road connecting the American Camp Visitor Center parking area to the Redoubt parking area; or (3) in the Mitchell Hill area of English.
Determination: Closure prevents resource damage and avoids conflicts with the pedestrian public that frequently use the trails and service roads.
9. The land along the bluffs and overlooking South Beach that lies within the posted "closed" signs and the split rail fences that run perpendicular to Cattle Point Road are closed to public access. Specifically, the closure starts along Cattle Point Road approximately 1.3 miles east of the Pickett's lane intersection and extends to approximately 1.5 miles.
Determination: Closure protects the eroding soil supporting the Cattle Point Road.
10. Use of a radio-controlled aircraft is prohibited in the Park.
Determination: Restriction protects the historic scene, protects eagle and other wildlife habitat, and prevents airspace conflicts with low level aircraft landing in Friday Harbor.

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

1. Driftwood may be collected only at South Beach and only as fuel for campfires constructed within a designated fire ring at South Beach.
Determination: Winter storms deposit large quantities of driftwood onto South Beach. Historical collection and burning has not negatively impacted the resource or the historic scene.
2. Pursuant to 36 CFR §5.7, construction of a structure is prohibited, and the Superintendent defines structure to include "driftwood forts" or similar structures.
Determination: Unauthorized structures, especially "driftwood forts," are hazardous, subject visitors to an unnecessary risk of injury, adversely affect the aesthetic value of the cultural and natural landscape, and detract from the experience of subsequent visitors.
3. Vessels docking at the English Camp dinghy dock must be less than 20 feet in length.
Determination: Limited docking space and the lightweight dingy dock construction does not accommodate larger boats. The dock is situated in shallow tidal waters where a larger vessel would become beached and recovery activities could damage submerged cultural resources.

4. Sport activities that use objects that are tossed, kicked, or hit like bocce ball, soccer, baseball, croquet, Frisbee, or badminton, are prohibited in the following locations:
 - English Camp
 - Within 50 feet of a structure, or
 - On the parade grounds and south of the seasonal creek that bisects the historic area.
 - American Camp
 - Within 50 feet of a structure,
 - Within the parade grounds, or
 - Within the maintained Redoubt area

Determination: Restrictions protect Park resources, reduce user conflicts, and preserve the historic scene.

5. Kite flying is allowed only on South beach east of Pickett's Lane.

Determination: Restrictions protect Park resources, reduce user conflicts, and preserve the historic scene.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a special use permit from the Superintendent is required:

Permit information and applications are available at <http://www.nps.gov/sajh/planyourvisit/permits.htm> or by contacting the Chief Ranger via email at SAJH_Ranger_Activities@nps.gov, by phone at 360-378-2240 ext. 2225, or in writing to San Juan Island National Historical Park, P.O. Box 429, Friday Harbor, WA 98250.

- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a trap or net
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
 - §2.12 (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
 - §2.12 (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
 - §2.12 (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 and air delivery
 - §2.17 (a)(3) Delivery/retrieval of a person/object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
 - §2.17 (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)
- §2.38 Explosives:
 - §2.38 (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
 - §2.38 (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, or similar events

- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
 - Locations for public assemblies have been established as:
 - American Camp—the yard immediately east of the visitor contact station
 - English Camp—the picnic grounds in the main parking area
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Memorialization:
 - §2.62 (a) Erection of monuments (requires approval from Regional Director)
 - §2.62 (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- §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:
 - §5.5 (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
 - §5.5 (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertisement
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc
- Any other permits required by state, county or other federal agencies (inquire at the Superintendent's Office)

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

(c)(1), (c)(2) All natural resources shall not be disturbed or removed from the Park including driftwood and rocks except the following may be gathered per day for personal use or consumption in accordance with the noted quantity and location restrictions:

- Berries – up to one quart
Determination: Exotic blackberries are abundant and provide more fruit than the public can harvest. Berry collection does not negatively impact native plants or other Park resources. If future monitoring indicates that such gathering or consumption is likely to cause adverse effects to Park resources, then the authorization of this consumptive use will be terminated.
- Fruit from orchard trees– up to 6 pieces or up to one quart of each kind of fruit
Determination: Currently, harvesting the fruit trees does not negatively impact other Park resources, and this consumptive use is consistent with the purpose of the orchards.

- Mushrooms – up to one quart
Determination: Current Park mushroom harvesting levels are low, and until a further determination is made, mushroom gathering is allowed. Mushroom gathering does not negatively impact other Park resources. If future monitoring indicates that such gathering or consumption is likely to cause adverse effects to Park resources, then the authorization of this consumptive use will be terminated.
- Unoccupied seashells – up to one quart
Determination: Limited gathering of this resource does not adversely affect the resource. If future monitoring indicates that such gathering or consumption is likely to cause adverse effects to Park resources, then the authorization of this consumptive use will be terminated.
- Beach glass—up to one quart, collected below the extreme high tide line
Determination: Beach glass accumulates from trash washed ashore. Historic glass and ceramics are not located below the extreme high tide line. If future monitoring indicates that such gathering or consumption is likely to cause adverse effects to Park resources, then the authorization of this consumptive use will be terminated.

36 CFR §2.2 – WILDLIFE PROTECTION

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

- All areas of San Juan Island National Historical Park
Determination: Closure is consistent with established Park hours and protects the wildlife.

36 CFR §2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

- American Camp
 - South Beach Area: fires are only allowed within the designated fire rings.
 - Administrative camping areas: authorized personnel may have fires but only in fire rings.
- English Camp
 - Administrative camping areas: authorized personnel may have fires but only in fire rings.
Determination: Other than in those areas listed above, the risk of fire damaging resources or escaping from an undesignated location is too high, and those designated areas are maintained to minimize any risk of escape.

(c) The Superintendent may close all or a portion of a Park area to the lighting and maintaining of fires.

- During periods of high fire danger, or other periods that the state or Park has placed a burn ban in effect, all outdoor burning, use of woodstoves, fireplaces, or smoking, may be restricted or prohibited.
Determination: Due to the presence of highly burnable natural resources in and adjacent to the Park, limited resources to manage an uncontrolled fire during a high fire danger period, and the remote setting, restricting the lighting or maintaining of a fire is necessary to protect the Park, the visitors, and the surrounding property.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

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

- Pet feces must be disposed in a trash bin or removed from the Park by the person responsible for the pet. Leaving, bagged or unbagged, pet feces to be collected at a later time is prohibited.

Determination: Excrement must be removed to prevent health hazards to people and to lessen negative impact on wildlife from potential disease transmission.

36 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 prohibited in or within 25 feet of all Park facilities.

Determination: These restrictions are intended to reduce any possible conflict between users and the harmful effects of second hand smoke, to protect Park resources, to reduce the risk of fire, and to prevent conflicts among visitor use activities.

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:

- Alcohol from an open container may not be consumed or possessed within English Camp, which includes the Mitchell Hill area.

Determination: This restriction is intended to enable visitors who desire it to pursue quiet contemplation of the historical setting and nature and to minimize visitor conflicts.