



## Special Use Permits (Horse riding)

A Special Use Permit is required for non-commercial horse riding within the park. Commercial horse tours are not authorized. Permits for horse riding are good through the calendar year. Please follow the guidelines presented below in order to ensure that your permit is processed in timely fashion.

### Timeline:

Due to varying workloads, the permit application and application fee must be received no less than two weeks prior to the desired date of your first ride.

Once an application is approved, a permit will be written and the permittee will have to review and sign it confirming their intent to adhere to all permit conditions. Once the permittee has signed the permit, the Park Superintendent will authorize the permit with his/her signature.

### Application:

The submission of a Special Use Permit application starts the process. The application form can be found online at: <http://www.nps.gov/sajh/planyourvisit/permits.htm> or may be requested from the Chief Ranger's office.

Please fill out the application completely; incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications should be addressed to the attention of the Chief Ranger and delivered as follows:

In Person: Park Headquarters (650 Mullis Street, Suite 100), Friday Harbor. Headquarters is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mail: P.O. Box 429, Friday Harbor, WA 98250

FEDEX/UPS: 650 Mullis Street, Suite 100, Friday Harbor, WA 98250

### Fees and Charges:

**Application Fee:** At this time, there is no application fee for horse riding permits.

**Administrative Charges:** Permits that require more than two hours of administrative time for review, site visits, meetings, or permit processing will be charged at the rate of \$50 per hour. This is rare for horse riding permits.

**Monitoring Charges:** Permits will be monitored when there is concern of impact to other visitors, cultural sites, natural resources, or endangered species habitat. This charge is based on actual time spent (including travel time) and is charged at the rate of \$50 per hour (in quarter hour increments). This, too, is rare for horse riding permits.

If monitoring is necessary, the permittee will be charged up front for this. Any credit due the permittee for time charged but not worked will be refunded after the permitted activity is completed.

Group Size and Locations:

Groups will be limited to 4 horses. See the attached map for the approved riding trail.

Terms and conditions that will be part of your permit:

- Only one person of each horse party must obtain a valid Horse Use Permit before beginning horse use activity at American Camp. This person will be the Permittee.
- Permits are issued for one calendar year only. Permittee may obtain a new permit each year.
- Permittee will conduct the permitted activity only in the designated area at South Beach.
- Permittee is accountable to ensure that all party members follow the terms and conditions of the permit. Failure to adhere to permit conditions will result in the suspension of the permit for the remainder of the calendar year.
- Permittee is limited to four horses. Larger groups will require specific written permission from the Chief Ranger prior to that group's outing.
- Permittee must be within sight of the entire party at all times.
- Permittee must carry a hard copy of this permit while utilizing horses in the park.
- Permittee will only walk horses while in the park. "Trotting" and "galloping" speeds are not permitted.
- Permittee will load, unload, and park horse trailers at the large paved parking area at the end of Pickett's Lane (South Beach).
- Permittee will remove horse manure from parking area prior to departure.
- Permittee will surrender permit to a Protection Ranger if he/she or anyone in their party violates any of the terms and conditions of the permit.
- Failure to adhere to permit conditions is a violation of 36 Code of Federal Regulations 1.6(g) which can be punishable by citation (\$50 + processing fee) or the violator can be cited to Federal Court in Bellingham (possible maximum fine of \$5,000 or six months in jail).
- 50 Code of Federal Regulations 216 (Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act) requires that you and your horses do not approach within 300 feet of marine mammals. Violation of this regulation is punishable by fine of up to \$10,000.

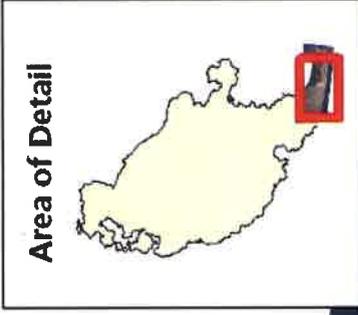
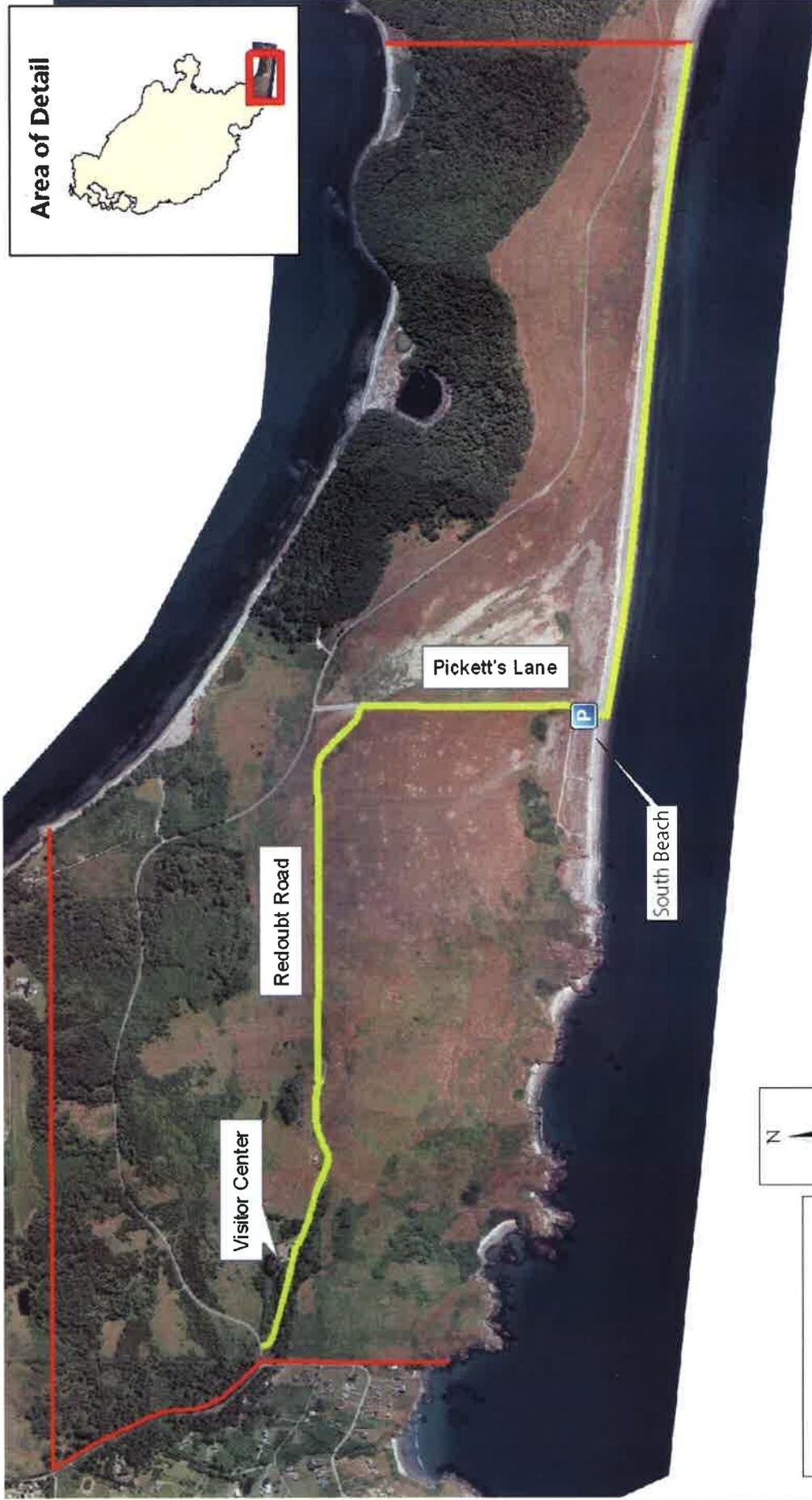
Additional Information:

Additional information about San Juan National Island Historical Park may be found on our website at <http://www.nps.gov/sajh>.

For additional information regarding permitting, contact the Chief Ranger's office at 360-378-2240 ext. 2225.



# Horse Use Trail



**Legend**

- Horse Trail
- Park Boundary

