



## 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:

Dues to varying workloads, the permit application 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.

For 2011, there is no application fee for permits for horse riding.

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: For 2011, no application fee will be charged.

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, known as the permittee, before horse use at American Camp.
- Permits are issued free of charge and expire on December 31st.
- Permits are issued by the chief ranger's office located at the park headquarters, 650 Mullis Street, Suite 100, Friday Harbor, WA 98250.
- THE PERMITTEE will only allow horse use in the designated areas of American Camp, shown on the attached map; Visitor center access road, Redoubt Road, Pickett's Lane and the beach east of Pickett's Lane up to the extreme high tide line or large driftwood piles.
- THE PERMITTEE is accountable to ensure that the party follows the terms and conditions of the permit.
- THE PERMITTEE is limited to four horses; larger groups require written permission from the chief ranger however a date, time and number of riders must be specified.
- THE PERMITTEE must be within eye sight of their entire party at all times.
- THE PERMITTEE must carry permit while using horses within the park.
- THE PERMITTEE will only walk horses in the park.

- THE PERMITTEE will load, unload and park horse trailers at the main paved parking area at the end of Pickett's Lane as space permits unless riding into the park on The visitor center access road, Redoubt Road and Pickett's Lane.
- THE PERMITTEE will remove horse manure from parking area prior to departure.
- THE PERMITTEE will surrender horse permit to a Law Enforcement Ranger if they or any member of their party violates any of the above terms or conditions of this permit AND will be in violation of 36 Code of Federal Regulations 1.6(g) Violating Terms or Conditions of Permit. The permittee can either receive a citation for \$50 + processing fee or be cited to Federal Court in Bellingham where the maximum fine is \$5,000 and or six months in jail. The Superintendent will notify the permittee in writing of their suspension for the remainder of the calendar year.
- Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act, 50 CFR 216 (<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/laws/mmpa/>)– It is a violation of this law to harass, touch, move or kill any marine mammal punishable up to \$10,000 per violation. Federal guidelines require that you and your pets do not approach marine mammals within 300 feet.
- Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.5 - Closures and public use limits.(a) Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the superintendent may:(2) Designate areas for a specific use or activity, or impose conditions or restrictions on a use or activity.
- Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.1 - Preservation of natural, cultural and archeological resources. (a) The following is prohibited: (1) Possessing, destroying, injuring, defacing, removing, digging, or disturbing from its natural state: Living or dead wildlife or fish, or the parts or products thereof, such as antlers or nests. Plants or the parts or products thereof. Nonfossilized and fossilized paleontological specimens, cultural or archeological resources, or the parts thereof. (5) Walking on, climbing, entering, ascending, descending, or traversing an archeological or cultural resource, monument, or statue. (6) Possessing, destroying, injuring, defacing, removing, digging, or disturbing cultural or archeological resources.
- Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.2 - Wildlife protection. (a) The following are prohibited:(2) The feeding, touching, teasing, frightening or intentional disturbing of wildlife nesting, breeding or other activities.

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



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