

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR HIKING/BACKPACKING

1. The CUA holder must comply in full with the park's camping regulations (including food storage requirements). Information may be found at <http://www.nps.gov/shen/planyourvisit/camping.htm>
2. The permit holder shall be responsible to see that all members of the group are safely equipped, including ensuring that all participants have a map of the area and understand how to read the map, and are properly clothed prior to the trip.
3. Backcountry/Day Hike Group size – Group sizes for hiking will be limited to no more than 20 people including guides.
4. Backcountry Camping Group Size – Maximum group size for camping in the backcountry is 10 people including guides, in accordance with Backcountry Camping Permit regulations.
5. Guide Equipment – A group sized first aid kit will be carried by each group. The guide will carry a small shovel, toilet paper and plastic baggies for appropriate disposal of human waste. Guides will also be prepared for emergency situations where they may need to revise their original trip plan to accommodate clients who may be struggling to complete their intended hike. For Day Hike Guides, - some recommended additional items include flashlight, extra food and water, and emergency overnight equipment.
6. Food – All food scraps (fruit peels, nut shells, etc.) are considered trash and must be carried out. It is a violation to feed the wildlife. For Overnight/Backcountry hikes, food, trash, and scented items must be stored in one of the ways listed below so that wildlife cannot get it.
 - Bears, mice, skunks, raccoons, chipmunks, and a host of other wildlife will want access to your food. Protect yourself, your food, and the park's wildlife by storing these items properly. Practice the Leave No Trace Principle of "Respect Wildlife"
 - Hang food in a tree at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet out from a tree trunk.
 - Hang food at a food storage pole provided at backcountry huts. image
 - Store food within a park-approved, bear-resistant food storage canister.

Company Name _____

Permit Holder's Signature _____ Date _____