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**Thomas Stone  
National Historic Site**

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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 Thomas Stone National Historic Site. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1 and 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.

**36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USES OR ACTIVITIES**

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours, public use limits, and closures are established:**

Visiting Hours:

- The Historic Mansion, Visitor Center, entrance road, and parking lot are open to the public between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day. These areas are generally closed on Mondays and Tuesdays but check park website for most up-to-date schedule.
- Pedestrian access is permitted daily ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset unless otherwise posted.

The visiting hours were determined to be in the best interests of the park and are necessary for the proper management of the park.

Closures:

- The maintenance access road is closed to public vehicular traffic. This closure is based on the determination that the maintenance road can pose a safety hazard if opened to public use because it is only one lane and has sharp turns with limited site distance.
- The park is closed to the following activities:
  - Fishing is prohibited in the park. This closure is based on the determination that fishing in the farm pond could pose a threat to the landscape's integrity through soil and slope erosion and damage to and/or loss of important vegetation.
  - Camping is prohibited in the park year round except to service organizations as provided in a special use permit. This closure is based on the determination that the park is not equipped to deal with camping.
  - Swimming, wading, bathing, snorkeling, and underwater diving are prohibited in the park. This closure is based on the determination that the farm pond does not provide appropriate resources for these activities. Swimming could pose a threat to the landscape's integrity through soil and slope erosion and damage to vegetation. See also 36 CFR §§ 3.16 & 3.18.

**(a)(2) The following areas are designated for a specific use or activity and/or the following conditions or restrictions are imposed on a specific use or activity:**

Motor Vehicles:

- A motor vehicle engine cannot operate for more than 5 consecutive minutes when the vehicle is not in motion except as follows:
  - When the vehicle is forced to remain motionless because of traffic or mechanical difficulties over which the operator has no control
  - When it is necessary to operate heating and cooling or auxiliary equipment installed on the vehicle.
  - To bring the vehicle to the manufacturer's recommended operating temperature; or
  - When it is necessary to accomplish the intended use of the vehicle

This condition is based on Maryland Transportation Code §§ 22-402(c)(3) and a determination that the idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes and noise to the park environment and diminishes enjoyment by visitors. Ranger on duty may designate an area appropriate for idling under these conditions.

Picnicking:

- Picnicking is prohibited in all public areas that impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- Picnic tables are available on a first come/first serve basis.
- See also 36 CFR § 2.11.

This condition is designed to promote smooth and safe vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

**(a)(3) The following restrictions, limits, closures, designations, conditions, or visiting hour restrictions imposed under §§(a)(1) or (2) have been terminated:**

- N/A

**36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

Activities requiring a permit are listed above under Public Use Limits and throughout this document under the specific 36 CFR Section that authorizes or requires the issuance of a permit.

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

- Under 36 CFR § 2.1(a)(1), possessing, destroying, injuring, defacing, removing, digging, or disturbing natural, cultural, or archeological resources is prohibited.
- Under 36 CFR § 2.1(a)(7), possessing or using a metal detector is prohibited.

**36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

- Under 36 CFR § 2.2(e), viewing of wildlife by means of artificial light is prohibited.

**36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING**

**(a) Fishing shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State within whose exterior boundaries the park area or portion thereof is located.**

**36 CFR §2.5 – RESEARCH SPECIMENS**

**(a) Taking plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals is prohibited except in accordance with other regulations of Chapter I of 36 CFR or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a specimen collection permit.**

### **36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE**

**(a) Camping is allowed in the following designated sites or areas and is subject to the following established conditions:**

- Camping is prohibited in the park year round except to service organization as provided in a special use permit. See also 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

### **36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING**

- Picnicking is prohibited in all public areas that impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic. See also 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.
- Picnic tables are available on a first come first serve basis.
- See also 36 CFR § 2.11.

### **36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES**

**(a)(2) Operating a power saw in the park is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(a)(3) Operating any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in the park is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(a)(4) Operating a public address system is prohibited, except in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.**

### **36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES**

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

- Fires are permitted only in grills provided for special events
- Fires must be monitored at all times
- During periods of high fire danger, the Superintendent may close all or a portion of the park to the lighting and maintaining of fires

**(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:**

- Fires must be extinguished with water and ashes left in place
- Ashes cannot be dumped in trash receptacles or on the ground.

### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(1) Possessing pets in public buildings, public transportation vehicles, swimming beaches, and the following areas is prohibited:**

- All park buildings
- Cemetery
- These restrictions do not apply to guide dogs accompanying visually impaired persons or hearing ear dogs accompanying hearing-impaired persons.

Under 36 CFR § 2.15(2), pets must be restrained in crates, cages or on leashes at all times.

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

- Pet owners must pick up and dispose of pet excrement.

### **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 designated for their use:**

- Access to the Visitor Center and Mansion House is permitted via the entrance road, service road, and the trail from the Hoghole Run utility corridor via the Tenant House (see map at the Visitor Center).

### **36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR DEVICES**

**Using roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles or similar devices is prohibited.**

### **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

**(a) The following portions of the park, buildings, structures and/or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:**

- Smoking is prohibited in all buildings, structures and/or facilities.

These designations are in accordance with federal regulation and are based on a determination that smoking is prohibited to protect park resources, reduce the risk of fire, or prevent conflicts among visitor use activities.

### **36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY**

**(a)(2) Leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours is prohibited, except under the following conditions:**

- Property may not be left unattended longer than 24 hours unless specific permission is given by the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

**(a)(3)(i) The following areas and 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:**

- The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the park in adherence to Maryland Code § 19-202, except by the issuance of a special use permit.

The park is closed to alcohol consumption because such activity is inappropriate considering the other uses of the park and the purpose for which the park was established and is maintained. The park was established and is maintained to preserve and protect the resources of the park which commemorate Thomas Stone, historic landscapes and agrarian lifestyles. As such, alcohol is prohibited to protect the park's historic significance and the visitor experience.

### **36 CFR §2.37 – NONCOMMERCIAL SOLICITING**

**Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions or a permit that has been issued under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52.**

### **36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES**

**(a) Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents or explosive materials is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(b) Using, or possessing fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

### **36 CFR §2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS**

(a) Sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events are allowed, provided there is a meaningful association between the park area and the events, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area, and a permit therefor has been issued by the superintendent.

### **36 CFR §2.51 -- DEMONSTRATIONS**

(b) Demonstrations of 25 people or less are allowed within the park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2). Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.

(c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for demonstrations:

- An area in the mown field across from the park visitor center has been set aside for this purpose. A map is available at the park showing this location

### **36 CFR §2.52 -- SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

(b) The sale or distribution of printed matter by 25 people or less is allowed within the park areas designated as available under §2.51(c)(2) (see above). The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit.

### **36 CFR §2.60 – LIVESTOCK USE AND AGRICULTURE**

(a) Livestock are generally prohibited in any park area. They are only permitted in park areas pursuant to the exceptions provided for in §2.60(a) and only pursuant to the terms and conditions of a license, permit, or lease.

### **36 CFR §2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LANDS**

(a) Residing in park areas, other than on privately owned lands, is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit lease or contract.

### **36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION**

(a) The installation of a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area without the authorization of the Director is prohibited.

(b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

### **36 CFR §3.16 – SWIMMING AND WADING**

Swimming or wading is prohibited in the park pursuant to closures listed in 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

### **36 CFR §3.18 – SCUBA AND SNORKELING**

(a) Snorkeling and underwater diving is prohibited in the park pursuant to closures listed in 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

### **36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

**(a), (b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:**

- The speed limit is set at 15 miles per hour on park roads.

### **36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES**

**(a) The use of a bicycle is prohibited except on park roads, in parking areas, and on the route to the Historic Mansion.**

### **36 CFR §5.1 – ADVERTISEMENTS**

**Commercial notices or advertisements shall not be displayed, posted, or distributed on federally owned or controlled lands within a park area unless prior written permission has been given by the Superintendent.**

### **36 CFR §5.3 – BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

**Engaging in or soliciting any business in park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States, except as such may be specifically authorized under special regulations applicable to a park area, is prohibited.**

### **36 CFR §5.5 – COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

**(a) Before any motion picture may be filmed or any television production or sound track may be made by any person other than bona fide newsreel or news television personnel, written permission must first be obtained from the Superintendent.**

**(b) Taking photographs of any vehicle or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising without a written permit from the Superintendent is prohibited.**

### **36 CFR §5.6 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

**(b) & (c) Using commercial vehicles on government roads within park areas when such use is in no way connected with the operation of the park is generally prohibited, and requires permission or a permit from the Superintendent.**

### **36 CFR §5.7 – CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR OTHER FACILITIES**

**Such activities are prohibited, except in accordance with the provisions of a valid permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States.**