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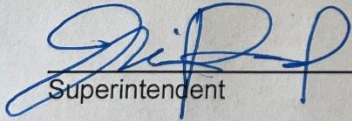
Weir Farm  
National Historical  
Park

Weir Farm NHP  
735 Nod Hill Road  
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Superintendent's Compendium  
Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements and Other Restrictions  
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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## INTRODUCTION

In accordance with applicable law and policy, and pursuant to the delegated authorities provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I ("36 CFR"), the following compendium actions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service (NPS) within the boundaries of Weir Farm National Historical Park (WEFA). This document is the written compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions imposed under the discretionary authority of the Superintendent, as required by 36 CFR 1.7(b). Violating any provision in this Compendium may result in criminal penalties under 36 CFR 1.3.

The compendium actions in this document apply in addition to all other laws that apply to lands and waters administered by the NPS within the boundaries of Weir Farm National Historical Park. These include:

- Regulations in 36 CFR and other CFR titles such as Title 43, which contain regulations that apply on public lands administered by the Department of the Interior.<sup>1</sup>
- Statutes codified in U.S. Code, in particular provisions in Titles 16 and 54.

This Compendium is organized by the sections in 36 CFR that give the Superintendent discretionary authority to take compendium actions. Written determinations, explaining the reasoning for compendium actions, appear in this document in italicized print.

Please contact the park at [wefa\\_management@nps.gov](mailto:wefa_management@nps.gov) if you have any questions or comments about the Superintendent's Compendium for Weir Farm National Historical Park.

## DEFINITIONS

NPS regulations in 36 CFR 1.4 define terms used throughout 36 CFR. Other sections within 36 CFR define terms specific to those sections. To the extent that any terms defined in the CFR are used in this Compendium, those definitions apply. In addition to the terms defined in the CFR, the following terms used in this Compendium are defined as follows:

Day Use Area: Any area consisting of or adjacent to paved parking lots, buildings, or toilet facilities that are open to the general public, including gardens, meadows, and fields.

Uncrewed Aircraft: A device used for flight in the air without direct human input from being onboard the aircraft. Uncrewed Aircraft are considered aircraft regardless of size or weight, and incorporates associated operational components including flight controller, flight software, communication radios, cameras, and sensors. Uncrewed aircraft comprises all types of single-rotor, multi-rotor, fixed wing, and vertical take-off and landing aircraft that meet this definition and are used for any purpose, from recreation to commerce.

Walkway: Sidewalks, paths, trails, or hard-surfaced areas that are closed to the use of bicycles, e-bicycles, and similar motorized vehicles.

Off-Season: Refers to the period during which designated park facilities, including visitor centers, restrooms, and indoor public spaces, are closed to general public entry due to seasonal operational limitations.

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<sup>1</sup> To access a current version of 36 CFR, please visit, [www.ecfr.gov](http://www.ecfr.gov), and select, "Title 36", followed by "Chapter 1".

## 36 CFR §1.5 –CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS.

### 36 CFR §1.5(a)(1) – Visiting hours, public use limits and closures.

#### Visiting Hours

- Outdoor Sites: Day use areas, parking lots, and walkways are open from sunrise to sunset, 7 days a week, unless otherwise noted.
- Indoor and Facility Sites: WEFA manages indoor and public facilities that are open seasonally for public entry during the times specified below. Current visiting dates and hours are also posted on the park's webpage ([www.nps.gov/wefa](http://www.nps.gov/wefa)).<sup>2</sup>

- Burlingham Visitor Center

May 1-May 31

Sunday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Monday-Friday: Closed

Saturday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Memorial Day, May 25: Closed

June 1-October 31

Sunday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Monday and Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday-Saturday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Labor Day, September 7: Closed

Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day, October 12: Closed

November 1-April 30 (Off-Season)

Sunday-Saturday: Closed

- Weir House, Weir Barn, Weir Studio, and Young Studio

May 1-May 31

Saturday-Sunday: Open

June 1-October 31

Wednesday-Sunday: Open

Hours for self-guided viewing, open studio tours, and guided tours vary. Dates and times are available on the park's webpage ([www.nps.gov/wefa](http://www.nps.gov/wefa)) or contact [wefa\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:wefa_interpretation@nps.gov).

- Restroom Facilities

May 1-October 31

Sunday-Saturday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Memorial Day, May 25: Closed

Labor Day, September 7: Closed

Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day, October 12: Closed

- Administration Offices

Jan 1-December 31

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Saturday-Sunday: Closed

Administration offices are closed on all federal holidays.

*Visiting hours are based upon a determination that such hours are necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, the protection of natural and cultural resources, and the implementation of management*

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<sup>2</sup> Dates and hours are subject to change based on weather, staffing, funding levels, and unforeseen circumstances.

*responsibilities, within adequate staffing and funding levels.*

### Public Use Limits

- No more than 500 people may be within Weir Farm National Historical Park at any time, except at the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee.
- Tours of the Weir House, Weir Studio and Young Studio are limited to groups of 15 or fewer at a time. Group tours of 8 people or more require reservation. Registration and tours are free.

### Maximum Occupancy by Location

- Burlingham Barn – 50 people
- Burlingham House Visitor Center – 25 people
- Weir House – 25 people
- Weir Studio – 15 people
- Young Studio – 15 people
- Artist-in-Residence Studio – 25 people
- Caretakers House – 15 people
- Weir Barn – 50 people
- Garden terrace and field behind the Visitor Center – 200 people
- Designated First Amendment Areas adjacent to the Visitor Parking Lot – 200 people

*The historic building interiors have small room sizes and narrow hallways. Allowing people over the maximum occupancy for indoor facilities and outdoor sites would threaten public safety, natural and cultural resources, and the orderly management of the site, including day use areas.*

### Parking Capacity

- The Visitor Parking Lot accommodates approximately 25 cars, including two accessible spaces. Once full, the lot will be closed.
- There is no park-related parking on Nod Hill Road or Pelham Lane.
- Groups arriving in three or more vehicles must contact the park in advance to make arrangements. Please contact [wefa\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:wefa_interpretation@nps.gov) to make such arrangements.
- School buses and large vans are permitted for scheduled group visits and require reservations. To make reservations, please contact [wefa\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:wefa_interpretation@nps.gov).
- Small shuttles (28 passengers or fewer) may be permitted with Superintendent approval and require reservations.
- Recreational Vehicles (RVs), RVs with cars in tow, campers, vehicles with trailers, tour buses, and coach buses are prohibited. Such vehicles cannot be accommodated on park grounds or in parking areas. Visitors traveling in these vehicles should contact [wefa\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:wefa_interpretation@nps.gov) prior to visiting the park to discuss alternative options. Large and over-sized vehicles should not enter the Visitor Parking Lot.

*The Visitor Parking Lot was not designed to accommodate large and oversized vehicles, and the park is located in a residential area with narrow, winding roads that cannot safely support large vehicles.*

*Per the Park's General Management Plan, park management will identify suitable locations for overflow parking and negotiate agreements with landowners for parking cars, tour buses, and recreational vehicles.*

### Closures

- The following areas within park boundaries are closed to all public use:
  - Construction areas
  - Caretaker's Residence
  - Artist-in-Residence Studio and east deck (with exception of Open Studio Program dates)
  - Staff office areas in the Burlingham House, Weir House, and Maintenance Facility
  - Weir House basement, second floor, and attic
  - Burlingham House kitchen and basement

- Collections/museum storage areas and buildings

*Construction areas present hazards such as heavy equipment, uneven surfaces, and restricted access that could result in injury.*

*Residential and staff office areas are closed to maintain privacy and security for employees and residents/volunteers.*

*The Artist-in-Residence Studio and east deck are restricted except during scheduled Open Studio Program dates to protect the integrity of the program and prevent unauthorized access to artist workspaces. The Maintenance Facility, Weir House upper floors, Burlingham House restricted areas, and collections storage facilities contain fragile historic materials and structural elements that are not suitable for public access. Allowing entry could result in resource damage, theft, or injury.*

- The park is closed to the following activities:

- Weddings or similar social events.

*This restriction is necessary to preserve the historic character and natural resources of the site, maintain visitor safety, and ensure that public spaces remain available for their intended purpose of interpretation, education, and recreation. Large social gatherings often require infrastructure, amplified sound, and other accommodations that can damage sensitive landscapes, disrupt wildlife, and interfere with the visitor experience.*

- Except for competitive recreation events, including but not limited to running and cycling, for which a permit has been issued, delineating a play field for playing organized sports including baseball, football, soccer or similar recreational activity is prohibited.

*Creating play fields for activities such as baseball, soccer, or football requires marking and repeated use that damages turf, compacts soil, and disrupts sensitive landscapes. Restricting these uses ensures resource protection, minimizes operational impacts, and preserves the historic and interpretive setting for all visitors.*

**36 CFR §1.5(a)(2) – Designate areas, conditions or restrictions on a use or activity or impose conditions or restrictions on a use or activity.**

Conditions or Restrictions on a Use or Activity

- Artists and painters may set up and use their materials within designated day-use areas, subject to the following restrictions:

- Historic and sensitive structures such as stone walls, porches, and the Weir House/Burlingham House porches are prohibited for artistic setups.

*Historic and culturally significant structures—such as stone walls, porches, and the Weir House and Burlingham House porches—are off-limits to prevent physical damage and maintain historical authenticity.*

- Parking lots, roadways, walkways, and restroom entryways are off-limits to prevent interference with visitor access and staff vehicle movement.

*Prohibiting art setups in parking lots, roadways, walkways, and restroom forecourts reduces visitor and vehicle conflicts, supports operations, and maintains clear walkways essential for safe visitor circulation.*

- Cleaning or discarding of brushes, paints, pastels, or any art-related material onsite is strictly prohibited.

*The prohibition on cleaning or discarding art materials onsite protects soil, water, and biological integrity by preventing potential chemical contamination or resource degradation.*

- Applying art materials (e.g., paints, pastels) to park resources—even if decorative—is banned to prevent resource damage and misuse of park surfaces.

*Applying paints, pastels, or other media directly to park resources is prohibited to avoid irreversible surface alteration of both natural and cultural assets.*

- Installation art is prohibited unless explicitly authorized by the Superintendent.

*Installation art is not permitted unless specifically authorized through permit or designation, ensuring that any substantial alterations undergo review for their potential impact on Weir Farm's historic landscape, values, and visitor experience.*

- Launching, landing, or operating an uncrewed or remotely piloted aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Weir Farm National Historical Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the Superintendent.

*This restriction is necessary to prevent unacceptable impacts to park resources and values from the use of uncrewed aircraft. Potential impacts include harming visitors, interfering with rescue operations, causing excessive noise, impacting viewsheds, and disturbing wildlife. This restriction is required by NPS Reference Manual #60: Aviation Management, Chapter 12 – Uncrewed Aircraft Systems.*

- Filming, still photography, and audio recording activity may require a permit, consistent with 54 U.S.C. 100905.
  - Filming, still photography, and audio recording activity that occurs in closed areas, requires exclusive use of a site or area, or involves a set or staging equipment other than handheld equipment (such as a tripod, monopod, and handheld lighting equipment) requires a permit, unless the activity is affiliated with an activity or event that has been allowed under a written authorization, such as a special use permit.
  - Filming, still photography, and audio recording that involves more than eight individuals requires a permit, unless the NPS has specifically notified an individual or group that a permit is not required, or if the activity is affiliated with an activity or event that has been allowed under a written authorization, such as a special use permit.
  - If a permit is required for the reasons stated above, or if the NPS otherwise determines and then notifies an individual or group that a permit is required for a filming, still photography, or audio recording activity, then engaging in that activity without a permit is prohibited. Violating a term or condition of a permit issued by the NPS for a filming, still photography, or audio recording activity is prohibited, and may result in the suspension or revocation of the permit, in addition to any penalties that may apply under 36 CFR 1.3.

*Federal law at 54 U.S.C. 100905 states that permits and fees are not required for filming, still photography, or audio recording in park areas if certain requirements are met. These requirements address various topics, including, but not limited to, group size, location, equipment, potential impacts to resources and visitors, and the likelihood that the NPS will incur related administrative costs. If any of these requirements are not met, the law allows the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the NPS, to require a permit for the subject activity. Permit requirements are imposed by the superintendent under discretionary authority provided by 36 CFR 1.5(a)(2), which allows the superintendent to impose conditions or restrictions on a use or activity, consistent with applicable legislation, to implement management responsibilities. The general regulations for permits in 36 CFR 1.6 do not apply to permits issued for filming, still photography, and audio recording, which instead are governed by the statutory provisions in 54 U.S.C. 100905. The imposition of permit requirements, on a case-by-case basis, for filming, still photography, or audio recording does not require rulemaking under 36 CFR 1.5(b). Requiring a permit with reasonable terms and conditions in accordance with statutory requirements at 54 U.S.C. 100905*

*is not highly controversial, will not result in a significant alteration in the public use pattern of the System unit, will not adversely affect the System unit's natural, aesthetic, scenic or cultural values, or require a long-term or significant modification in the resource management objectives of the System unit, because the permit requirement is limited in time and scope to the specific activities authorized by the permit, which contain terms and conditions that protect the values, resources, and visitors of the System unit, and implements federal law.*

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

### **36 CFR §1.6(f) – Activities that require a permit.**

The following activities are prohibited without a permit. Criteria for approving or denying permits are established by applicable law (statutes and regulations) and policy. Permitted activities are subject to applicable terms and conditions.

- Launching or landing uncrewed aircraft. 36 CFR 1.5.
- Some filming, still photography, and audio recording (depends upon the facts and circumstances; contact the park for more information). 36 CFR 1.5(a)(2) and 54 U.S.C. 100905.
- Specimen collection for research purposes. 36 CFR 2.5.
- Gathering of plants or plant parts by Federally recognized Indian tribes. 36 CFR 2.6.
- Operating a power saw in developed areas and a motor or engine in undeveloped areas. 36 CFR 2.12.
- Operating a public address system. 36 CFR 2.12.
- Utilizing horses or pack animals. 36 CFR 2.16.
- Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means. 36 CFR 2.17.
- Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services. 36 CFR 2.37.
- Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives; using or possessing fireworks or firecrackers. 36 CFR 2.38.
- Conducting a special event. 36 CFR 2.50.
- Conducting a demonstration by groups of more than 25 people. 36 CFR 2.51.
- Selling or distributing printed matter and other message-bearing items by groups of more than 25 people. 36 CFR 2.52.
- Running-at-large, herding, driving across, allowing on, pasturing or grazing of livestock, or using the park for agriculture. 36 CFR 2.60.
- Residing on federal lands. 36 CFR 2.61.
- Scattering of human ashes from cremation. 36 CFR 2.62.
- Towing a person using a parasail, hang-glider, or other airborne device. 36 CFR 3.12.
- Operating a submersible. 36 CFR 3.19.
- Displaying, posting, or distributing commercial notices or advertisements. 36 CFR 5.1
- Engaging in or soliciting any business. 36 CFR 5.3.
- Using commercial vehicles on NPS-administered roads. 35 CFR 5.6.
- Constructing or attempting to construct any building, structure, road, trail, path, or utility. 36 CFR 5.7.
- Rights-of-way. 36 CFR part 14.
- Examining ruins, excavating archeological sites, and gathering of objects of antiquity. 43 CFR part 3.
- Excavating or removing archeological resources. 43 CFR part 7.
- Collecting paleontological resources. 43 CFR part 49.

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

### **36 CFR §2.1(b) – Hiking.**

- Visitors to Weir Farm National Historical Park must remain on walkways and within day use areas.

*Ecosystems in Weir Farm National Historical Park are sensitive and unique and are easily impacted by visitor use. Trampling in undesignated areas could have significant adverse impacts to natural and cultural resources.*

## **36 CFR §2.2 – WILDLIFE PROTECTION.**

### **36 CFR §2.2(e) – Viewing wildlife with artificial light.**

- Viewing wildlife with the use of an artificial light is prohibited in park boundaries without a permit.

*Artificial illumination can disrupt natural patterns such as feeding, migration, and reproduction, causing stress or displacement of species. It also creates conditions that may facilitate illegal activities such as poaching and can lead to unsafe encounters between wildlife and visitors. Restricting this activity ensures compliance with sound resource management principles and aligns with the park's mission to preserve natural conditions and provide a safe, undisturbed visitor experience. Permits allow for controlled exceptions, such as research or management activities, where impacts are evaluated and mitigated.*

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

#### **36 CFR §2.10(a) – Permits, designated sites or areas, and conditions for camping.**

- Camping within park boundaries is prohibited.

*The park does not have any designated campgrounds or areas for overnight stays. Allowing camping in undesignated areas would pose risks to natural and cultural resources, create safety concerns, and negatively impact the visitor experience.*

### **36 CFR §2.11 – PICKNICKING.**

Picnicking may be conducted in day use areas under the following conditions:

- Picnicking is restricted to open and mowed lawns, park benches, and the stone table in front of the Weir House.
- Leaving property, including picnic items, unattended for any period of time is prohibited.
- Picnicking must follow a “pack in, pack out” requirement. All picnickers must remove all garbage and recyclables.
- Open flames and barbeque grill cooking are strictly prohibited.
- Set-up of tables and chairs for group picnics of eight (8) or more people is prohibited. Use of personal lawn chairs and small portable tables is permitted for small groups (up to seven people) provided they do not create holes in the ground.
- Visitors planning to picnic in groups arriving in three (3) or more vehicles must make a reservation.

*Picnicking within the park is subject to specific conditions to protect park resources, ensure visitor safety, and maintain the quality of the visitor experience. The park's historic landscape and limited infrastructure cannot support unrestricted picnicking or large gatherings without risk of resource damage, soil compaction, and interference with other visitors' enjoyment.*

*Restricting picnicking to open and mowed lawns, park benches, and the stone table in front of the Weir House minimizes impacts on sensitive vegetation and cultural resources. Prohibiting unattended property without a permit prevents security concerns and wildlife attraction. The “pack in, pack out” requirement ensures proper waste management and protects the park's natural and cultural setting.*

*Open flames and barbeque grills are prohibited to reduce fire risk and protect historic structures. Limiting group size and prohibiting large table setups prevents damage to turf and soil, while allowing small portable furniture for groups of seven or fewer balances visitor convenience with resource protection. Requiring reservations for groups arriving in three or more vehicles helps manage parking capacity and visitor flow.*

### **36 CFR §2.13 – FIRE.**

#### **36 CFR §2.13(a)(1) – Lighting or maintaining a fire.**

- Lighting or maintaining a fire is prohibited in Weir Farm National Historical Park.

*This action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, and the implementation of management responsibilities.*

### **36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION AND REFUSE.**

### **36 CFR §2.14(b) – Conditions for human body waste disposal.**

- Disposal of human body waste is prohibited within park boundaries except in designated facilities. Public restrooms and/or portable toilets are the only authorized locations for human body waste disposal.

*Improper disposal of human waste can contaminate soil and water, create health hazards for visitors and wildlife, and negatively impact the historic landscape. Providing designated facilities such as public restrooms and portable toilets ensures that waste is managed in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.*

### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS.**

#### **36 CFR §2.15(a)(5) – Pet excrement disposal.**

- Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:
  - Pet owners must pick up and dispose of pet waste in one of three designated pet waste receptacles located at the Weir Pond trailhead, the Visitor Parking Lot, and/or behind the Burlingham Barn public restroom facility. Alternatively, visitors may pack out and dispose of it outside park boundaries.
  - Pet waste shall not be disposed of in park restrooms or in public trash cans that are not specifically marked for pet waste disposal.

*Improper disposal of pet waste can introduce harmful bacteria and pathogens into the soil and water, negatively impacting wildlife and visitor safety. The dispersed pet waste receptacles provide clear, sanitary options for disposal. Prohibiting disposal in park restrooms or unmarked trash cans prevents plumbing issues, contamination, and operational challenges. The option to pack out waste as an alternative ensures flexibility while maintaining resource protection standards.*

### **36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS.**

#### **36 CFR §2.16(g) – Conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals.**

- The use of horses and pack animals within park boundaries is prohibited without a permit and – if a permit is issued – only in the areas designated by that permit.

*The park does not have designated trails, facilities, or infrastructure to safely accommodate equestrian use except on a case-by-case basis pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit. Allowing horses or pack animals without proper authorization would pose risks to visitor safety, damage sensitive cultural landscapes, and negatively impact natural resources. Riding or walking horses on park property could lead to soil compaction, erosion, and harm to historic features, which conflicts with the park's mission to preserve its cultural and natural integrity. Limiting such use to permitted activities ensures that any exceptions are carefully reviewed and managed to prevent resource damage and maintain a safe visitor experience.*

### **36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES.**

#### **36 CFR §2.19(a) – Winter activities in designated areas.**

- Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are permitted on walkways and within designated day-use areas. Downhill skiing, ice skating, sledding, inner tubing, tobogganing, and similar winter sports are prohibited within park boundaries.

*Weir Farm National Historical Park does not have designated areas or infrastructure to safely support downhill skiing, ice skating, sledding, inner tubing, tobogganing, or similar winter sports. These activities present significant risks of injury and could damage sensitive cultural landscapes and vegetation. Allowing cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on walkways and within designated day-use areas provides a low-impact recreational opportunity that aligns with the park's mission and resource protection goals. Limiting winter activities to these uses ensures safe visitor experiences while maintaining the integrity of historic and natural resources.*

## **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING.**

### **36 CFR §2.21(a) – Designated smoking areas.**

- Smoking and the use of electronic nicotine delivery devices are prohibited in all government-owned or government-leased buildings and vehicles.
- Smoking and the use of electronic nicotine delivery devices is only permitted in the Visitor Parking Lot and Employee Parking Lot.

*Prohibiting smoking and electronic nicotine devices inside buildings and vehicles aligns with federal health and safety standards and prevents exposure to secondhand smoke. Limiting smoking to designated outdoor areas—reduces fire hazards, protects historic structures and landscapes from smoke damage and litter, and protects visitors from exposure to secondhand smoke.*

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

### **36 CFR §2.35(a)(3) – Closures to alcohol.**

- Day use areas, walkways, and/or public facilities within the park are generally closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or 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. However, limited exceptions may be granted by the Superintendent for cultural, artistic, or celebratory events when appropriate management measures are in place and overall park safety and resource protection are maintained.

*Ensures prohibition of open consumption of alcohol in public spaces to maintain safety and the visitor experience, while providing consideration for events that advance the park's interpretive, educational, and community engagement objectives. Allowing limited alcohol use at activities that fosters cultural appreciation and visitor connection to park resources, enhances the overall visitor experience without undermining public safety or resource protection. These exceptions are contingent upon appropriate controls—such as permission of the Superintendent, supervision, and compliance with state and federal regulations.*

## **36 CFR §2.51 – DEMONSTRATIONS AND DESIGNATED AVAILABLE PARK AREAS.**

### **36 CFR §2.51(c)(2) – Designated location.**

- A permit is required for any demonstration with 25 or more participants or involves structures; a permit is not required if the demonstration is held in a designated location, has fewer than 25 participants, and does not involve structures.

The following designated locations are available for public assemblies:

- Grassy area adjacent to the Visitor Parking Lot on the east side of Nod Hill Road – Area 1 (100-person capacity)
- Grassy area adjacent to the Visitor Parking Lot on the east side of Nod Hill Road – Area 2 (100-person capacity)
- Reference the map in appendix that identifies the two designated demonstration areas, both adjacent to the Visitor Parking Lot.

*The designated location is in a prominent location near the visitor center that will allow individuals and groups to conduct demonstrations in a manner that will allow for effective communication of speech and other protected activities. At the same time, the designated location leaves ample space for visitors to enter and leave the visitor center safely and for the NPS to conduct administrative activities such as interpretive events.*

## **36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES.**

### **36 CFR §4.30(i) – Electric bicycles.**

- Class 1 and Class 2 electric bicycles are allowed in the following locations where traditional bicycles also are allowed:
  - Public roads, including Pelham Lane and Nod Hill Road, and the Visitor Parking Lot.

*Allowing electric bicycles on roads and parking areas will not create new, adverse impacts to resources or visitors because those locations are already used by motor vehicles and traditional bicycles. Electric bicycles provide a recreational opportunity for visitors who want to ride a bicycle but might not otherwise because of physical fitness, age, or convenience, especially at high altitudes and on terrain with changing elevations. Class 3 electric bicycles, which allow the motor to assist pedaling up to 28 mph, would create unacceptable risks to visitor safety on roads and parking areas in the park due to potential conflicts with heavier and faster motor vehicles, and with other electric bicycles and traditional bicycles, which travel at slower speeds. Accidents that occur at higher speeds increase the risk of serious injury or death.*

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**Designated Demonstration Area #1**

- Northern Section of the grassy area adjacent to the visitor parking lot on the east side of Nod Hill Road.

**Designated Demonstration Area #2**

- Southern Section of the grassy area adjacent to the visitor parking lot on the east side of Nod Hill Road.

