

Group Use Area Information/Conditions Page

The Group Use Area at White Sands National Monument is available for day use from 10:00 a.m. (or earlier if available) to closing time daily. The Group Use Area may be reserved tentatively one month to six months in advance for day use or camping. The following fees apply to occupation of the Group Use Area:

Reservation: **\$25.00 non-refundable reservation fee**
PAID AT THE TIME OF RESERVATION

Entrance: **\$3.00 per person 16 years or older**
Free for persons 15 years or younger, holders of the ATB Senior Pass, ATB Annual Pass, ATB Access Pass, ATB Volunteer Pass, or White Sands National Monument Pass

Camping: **\$3.00 per person 16 years or older per each night of camping**
\$1.50 per person 15 years and younger per each night of camping

Additional Fees: If you are occupying the Group Use Area for day use only and wish to extend your stay beyond normal park hours, there will be a **\$50.00 per hour fee** to recover costs. This service must be requested at the same time the reservation is made.

Due to policy changes White Sands no longer offers any type of one time payment options for large group's coming into the monument. Group Use Users will be expected to pay individually as they enter the Monument for both entrance and camping fees (if applicable). Users that refuse to pay will be denied entrance into White Sands. Groups are asked to discuss this situation/and plan for this change prior to their arrival at White Sands National Monument.

Reservation Fee Information: *The \$25.00 Reservation Fee must be collected before your dates can be reserved. This fee must be paid in cash, travelers check, money order, or cashiers check at the time the application is returned. (PERSONAL OR BUSINESS CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED).* The reservation fee must be made payable to National Park Service. *This completed paperwork, and reservation fee should be mailed back to the Special Use Permit Coordinator address above.*

Missile Testing: The Monument and the missile range coordinate to minimize any impact to the Monument schedule, but occasionally we must close during a testing period to ensure the safety of the public. *We recommend that you call the Monument two weeks prior to, as well as, the day before your event to ensure that no missile tests have been scheduled.* Missile testing is scheduled anywhere from one month to one day in advance and is subject to change, cancellation, or extension at any time. *Group use reservations may be canceled with little to no warning so please have a backup plan available for your group.*

Applicants Name/Name of Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home/Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

Fax #: _____ Email Address: _____

Description of Proposed Activity: _____

Event Date: _____

Event Will Begin At: _____ Event Will End At: _____

Number of Participants: _____ Number of Vehicles: _____

Will you be bringing any support equipment? (if yes, what type) _____

Include the name of the individual who will be in charge of this event on site? (name & address)

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I have read the above information and understand that it is my duty to inform every member of my group about the information contained on the pages above. I also understand that I am responsible for the actions of myself and those members in my group while inside White Sands National Monument. I will not hold White Sands responsible for any problems that occur.

Signature

Date

White Sands National Monument Special Park Use Coordinator

575-479-6124 ext. 222

phone

575-479-4333

fax

Addresses:

**Mailing: White Sands National Monument
ATTN: Special Park Uses
PO Box 1086
Holloman AFB, NM 88330-1086**

**Physical: White Sands NM
ATTN: Special Park Uses
19955 Highway 70 West
Alamogordo, NM 88310**

Group Use Area General Conditions

SIGN AND RETURN

Recreational Vehicles

* Absolutely no a recreational vehicle (RV), camper trailer, pop up tent/trailer, or a fifth wheel trailers will be allowed inside the GUA during any overnight time period. These vehicles will be available for day use in the GUA but must exit the monument before the park closes at night. Exception: federally disabled parties.

Fires

* Absolutely no ground fires are allowed in the monument. No burning of any vegetative matter that comes from the monument. Dead and down material is also protected under this regulation. Fires can be started inside the provided BBQ grills as well as inside fire pans (fire pans have to be pre-approved by a Law Enforcement Ranger that are at least six inches off the ground. All left over fire material must be completely cooled and emptied into the trashcans. Any dumpage of charcoal or ash onto the ground or fires started by *hot embers dumped into the trashcan* will result in criminal charges.

Tent Placement

* Tents must be placed on either the hard pack road surface or the area between the dunes away from any vegetation. Absolutely no tents can be placed on top of any dunes.

Litter

* **DO NOT LITTER!** DO NOT throw cigarette butts on the ground. DO NOT spit chewing tobacco on the ground. Place all cigarette butts in the cans provided. If there are no cans available, put it in a pocket. Chewing tobacco should be disposed of in a cup. All trash and litter must be securely placed inside a NPS trashcan or trash dumpster.

Quiet Hours

* All GUA campers must respect the quiet hours of 10:00PM-6:00AM daily. During these hours all generators/musical devices/radios/amplifiers/etc must be turned off and all loud noises must stop.

Pets

* Pets must be on a leash or otherwise physically restrained at all times.

Monument Regulations

- * All natural and cultural resources are protected by law. **DO NOT COLLECT OR GATHER ANYTHING!**
- * No illegal drugs
- * No alcohol during (February-May of each year)
- * NO metal detectors, fireworks, hunting
- * All Monument rules, regulations, as well as 36 CFR regulations apply.

Check Out Time

* All GUA campers must vacate the area by 10:00 a.m. the following day. The GUA is commonly booked with more than one event for the same day so prompt exiting of the GUA is appreciated

Vehicle Operations

- * All vehicles must remain on the established roadway (blacktop and sand road inclusive) or hard packed parking surface. Vehicles are not permitted on the sand dunes. No vehicle travel off the established roadway will be permitted. Vehicles include but are not limited to cars, trucks, motor homes, motorcycles, bicycles.
- * Passengers in vehicles must be transported in a safe manner.
- * Passengers are allowed to ride in the back of trucks but they **MUST** be sitting on the bed of the truck. Passengers are not allowed to ride on the side rails, wheel wells, or the tailgate. Tailgate of the truck must be up.
- * Seatbelts must be worn. It is the law.
- * All children under the age of eleven years must be properly secured in a child passenger restraint device or by a safety belt

- * Stop at all stop signs in the park.
- * Obey all speed limits; they are strictly enforced. Violators will be cited.
- * Campers cannot take their vehicles out of the GUA after the Monument is closed (expect in emergencies when they need to return to the front of the park to seek help).
- * Violators will be cited for unsafe vehicle operation for violations of the above rules and/or any other vehicle laws.

Hiking

- * Do not hike alone.
- * Absolutely no hiking is allowed from sunset until sunrise. Hiking after dark is extremely dangerous on the sand dunes and hikers can easily become separated from their group and lost. All campers are required to stay inside the GUA from the time the park closes until the sun rises on the following day

Permittee Signature: _____ **Date:** _____