



## Special Park Uses FYI Sheet

*White Sands National Park is one of more than 400 national park areas in the United States and the territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. As the largest gypsum dune field in the world, it consists of 176,000 acres (275square miles) of glistening white sand dunes. The sands form an ecological island where desert plants and animals have adapted to this harsh, bright, shifting world. (Version August 2022)*

1. The park's number one priority is the **protection of the park resource**. Most permit requests can be accommodated if made with enough lead-time.
2. The ranger supervising the site has the authority to authorize most activities as allowed under the terms of the permit. The ranger may also shut down all or part of the event and/or require that any or all the participants leave park.
3. All persons associated with the event will treat **ALL visitors with courtesy and politeness**.
4. Visitors can walk anywhere in the park, and they are allowed in the areas around a set. If needed ask visitors politely to move away from the event. The event can be suspended due to visitor complaints.
5. All natural and cultural resources are protected by law. **Do not collect anything!**
6. **Prohibited: DRONES, Live plants or flowers, Smoke, Chalk, Confetti, Cascarones, Balloons, Ground Campfires, Fireworks (including sparklers), Open Flames, Pyrotechnics.**
7. All sites, sets, and staging areas must be kept **clean and safe**. Areas must be kept free of loose trash and debris. Park Rangers will shut down the event if the areas are not kept clear and clean. Do not throw cigarette butts on the ground. Do not spit chewing tobacco on the ground. Violators may be cited. The event can be shut down for major infractions.
8. **Follow all traffic laws**. 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, motorhomes, motorcycles, bicycles. Passengers in vehicles must be transported in a safe manner. Seatbelts must be worn. Drivers must adhere to all traffic signs in the park. Vehicles must stop at the stop sign at the entrance station each time upon entering the park. Drivers may be cited for unsafe vehicle operation for any violations of the above rules and/or any other vehicle laws.
9. Please do not use any **glass containers** outside of vehicles.
10. **Illicit drug** use is prohibited in the park. Violators may be cited and/or arrested.
11. Consuming **alcohol** only allowed in the picnic areas and is recreational activity so an additional entry fee may apply.
12. **Wildlife** shall not be molested, harmed, disturbed, or fed.
13. Launching, landing, or operating an **unmanned aircraft** from or on lands and waters administered by NPS within the boundaries of the Park is prohibited. The airspace over White Sands National Park is military airspace and managed by the Department of Defense. Use of any **drone or drone-like aircraft** is strictly prohibited.
14. All **noise from the event** including but not limited to music, vehicle noise, public address system, loudspeakers, speaker, amplifiers, musical instruments must not exceed 90 dB in volume.
15. **Pets of any variety** (including but not limited to dogs, cats, ferrets, birds, llama, camels, horses, monkeys, pigs, rabbits.) must be on a leash and under physical control by a person at all times. Each leash can be no longer than 6 feet. Leaving pets without a leash, unattended or in danger of harm because of human negligence is prohibited and may result in a federal citation. Pets will not be left unattended inside or outside a vehicle for any length of time.
16. If you have any **questions or concerns**, please call your park point of contact listed on the last condition of the permit. (575-479-6124 X236; X206; X216)