

COMPENDIUM

HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK

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Date

Under discretionary authority delegated to the Superintendent by sections 1.5 and 1.6 of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, the following limitations and designations on public use are in effect at Hot Springs National Park. These orders apply in addition to other provisions contained in parts 1 through 7 of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, and other applicable statutes and regulations. This issuance presents changes to Section 1.5 of the compendium issued in April 1990.

sec. 1.5 Closure and Public Use Limits:

(a)(1) The Visitor Center and park offices are closed to public visitation during non-business hours.

(a)(1) The following areas are closed to the public from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.:

- Arlington Lawn
- Grand Promenade
- Bathhouse Row Porches
- Hot Springs Mountain
- North Mountain
- West Mountain Summit

sec. 1.6 Activities Requiring Permits:

(f) Conduct of the following activities under provisions of sec. 1.6 requires a permit:

- (1) Hunting or trapping wildlife for scientific research;
- (2) Camping at the Gulpha Gorge Campground;
- (3) Group exclusive use of the campground amphitheater fire ring;
- (4) Conducting special events as provided in sec. 2.50;
- (5) Conducting public assemblies and meetings as provided in sec. 2.51;
- (6) Sale or distribution of printed matter as provided in sec. 2.52.

- (7) Displaying or posting commercial notices as provided in sec. 5.1;
- (8) Engaging in or soliciting any business, as provided in sec. 5.3;
- (9) Commercial filming or photography, as provided in sec. 5.5;
- (10) Operation of commercial, passenger-carrying vehicles, as provided in sec. 7.18.

sec. 2.1 Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and Archeological Resources:

- (a)(4) Dead wood laying on the ground and unattached to live trees may be used for fuel at Gulpha Gorge campground and at designated picnic sites, only in fire grills provided.
- (b) All hiking activity will be restricted to designated trails and walkway systems; "shortcutting" is prohibited.
- (c) Because quantities are abundant beyond requirements for species reproduction and wildlife needs, collecting the following fruits and nuts for personal consumption only is permitted: plums, blackberries, hickory nuts, persimmons, grapes, muscadines, blueberries, and juneberries.

sec. 2.2 Wildlife Protection:

- (a) The hunting or trapping of wildlife within Hot Springs National Park is prohibited unless done in accordance with a Collecting Permit issued by the National Park Service.

sec. 2.10 Camping and Food Storage:

- (a) Camping or staying overnight is permitted only in designated sites in Gulpha Gorge Campground. Camping stays are limited to 14 days each calendar year.

sec. 2.11 Picnicking:

The picnic area at Gulpha Gorge will be closed to all activity between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. daily to coincide with quiet hours in the adjacent campground. Picnicking activity within Gulpha Gorge campsites is prohibited unless registered for that specific campsite and the camping fee is paid. Picnicking throughout the park is permitted unless posted to prevent that activity.

sec. 2.13 Fires:

- (a) Fires are permitted within the Gulpha Gorge Campground and at designated picnic sites only within fire grills provided, or at the group fire ring at the campground amphitheater. Self-contained portable stoves or grills may be used when off the ground and away from overhanging vegetation. Ground fires are prohibited throughout the park.

sec. 2.14 Sanitation:

- (a)(5) Bathing or washing food, clothing, dishes, or other property in the thermal water pools at the Arlington Lawn Cascade, is prohibited.

sec. 2.15 Pets:

- (a)(1) Pets are not permitted within the Visitor Center or Administrative buildings. This restriction does not apply to service animals. All pets must be leashed or otherwise restrained in accord with sec. 2.15(A)(2).

sec. 2.16 Horses and Pack Animals:

- (b) Horses may not be kept or tied in the Gulpha Gorge campground or picnic area.
- (b) Horseback riding is prohibited within the Bathhouse Row Historic Area, the Grand Promenade and the Arlington Lawn.
- (b) Horseback riding is permitted on designated trails within the park.
- (c) Horseback riding is prohibited on the paved portion of the roadways within the park, except to cross the roadway.

sec. 2.20 Skating, skateboards, and similar devices:

The use or riding of skateboards or similar devices on walkways within the Bathhouse Row Historic District is prohibited.

sec. 2.21 Smoking Policy:

- (a) In accordance with DM Chapter 11, smoking is not permitted within NPS office space unless the area is posted as a "smoking area." Smoking is not permitted in the Hot Springs National Park Visitor Center.

sec. 2.22 Property:

- (a) Personal property may be left unattended within the Gulpha Gorge campground for more than 24 hours only by permission of the Superintendent, and if the fee has been paid for the period the site will be unattended.

sec. 2.23 Recreation Fees:

- (a) Areas where recreation fees are established in accord with part 71 of Title 36 CFR are:
Gulpha Gorge Campground.

sec. 2.35 Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances:

- (a)(3) To prevent contamination of bathing waters, and for reasons of safety, the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages within the bathing area of an operating bathhouse is prohibited.

sec. 2.50 Special Events:

- (a) Sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events are allowed providing there is a special event permit issued by the Superintendent.

sec. 2.51 Public Assemblies, Meetings:

- (a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades, and other expressions of views are allowed providing a permit has been issued by the Superintendent meeting the requirements contained in sec. 2.51 of this Title. Locations authorized for these events are: the Arlington Lawn; Hot Springs Mountain picnic area; Hot Springs Mountain pagoda; Gulpha Gorge campground amphitheater; Whittington Park; the sidewalk in front of the park Administrative/ Headquarters building..

sec. 2.52 Sale and Distribution of Printed Matter:

- (a) The sale or distribution of printed matter is allowed within the park provided that a permit has been issued by the Superintendent, and the printed matter is not solely commercial advertising. Locations authorized for this activity are: Bathhouse Row (excluding entryways to the buildings); the Grand Promenade; the Arlington Lawn.

sec. 2.62 Memorialization:

- (b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation will be permissible throughout the park with the exception of Hot Springs Mountain and all designated picnic, camping areas and other developed areas, i.e., Bathhouse Row, the Grand Promenade, parking lots, overlooks, etc. These areas are restricted due to the heavy use and the activity at the Hot Springs Mountain Tower.

sec. 4.30 Bicycles:

- (a) The use of a bicycle is prohibited except on park roads or in parking areas. The riding of a bicycle within the Bathhouse Row Historic District is prohibited.

sec. 5.3 Business Operations:

Engaging in or soliciting any business except in accordance with provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the U. S. is prohibited.

sec. 7.18 Hot Springs National Park

- (a) Establishes permit requirements and fee schedules for commercial, passenger-carrying vehicle operations.
- (b) Restricts uses of the spring waters and prohibits their sale.