



Permit to Scatter Ashes

Application Process

Complete the Application for Special Use Permit and submit it to the Mount Rainier National Park Permit Office at least 10 business days before the planned date for scattering ashes.

Your request will be evaluated based on the information in your application. Applicants should attach maps, diagrams, and other information that might assist park staff in evaluating the application.

Mail the completed application and \$25.00 application fee to:

Permit Coordinator
Mount Rainier National Park
55210 238th Avenue East
Ashford, WA 98304

For more information, call (360) 569-2211,
x 6004.

Permit Fees

A completed application must be submitted with a check or money order in the designed amount of \$25.00 made payable to the National Park Service (NPS) to cover non-refundable application costs. NPS requires that a Tax Identification Number (TIN) or Social Security Number (SSN) be entered on checks \$25 or

more, in accordance with the [Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996](#). Company checks must have TIN recorded. All costs of evaluating the request will be billed to the applicant, whether a permit is issued or not. Vehicles entering the park must pay the general entrance fee of \$15.00, valid for 7 days.

Restrictions & Conditions

A Special Use Permit does not allow the permittee to restrict park visitors from any location; therefore, sites which attract a large number of visitors should be avoided. Normal visitor use patterns will not be interrupted and are only allowed as specified in the approved permit. Permit activities may not occur simultaneously with other permitted activities or unduly conflict with scheduled public activities.

Permit activities may be restricted based on weather or seasonal conditions (fire danger, standing water after rain, nesting season, etc.). Additional closures, use limits and/or restricted activities are listed in the Superintendent's Compendium.

Activities that may damage, significantly impact, or alter park resources are prohibited. The following are also prohibited:

- 1) altering, damaging or removing vegetation
- 2) vehicle use off established roads and parking areas
- 3) use of insecticides, herbicides and pesticides,
- 4) loud noises (60 dB or higher) between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- 5) use of fragile vegetation areas
- 6) flying aircraft below FAA recommended minimum altitude (usually 2,000 feet) or landing of aircraft

7) writing on or discoloring any natural feature or structure.

Restrictions and conditions enumerated in the permit generally include the following:

- Cremated remains must be pulverized and scattered.
- Scattering must result in complete dispersal of ashes so that no obvious piles remain in any one place.
- Cremated remains cannot be deposited within 100 yards of a flowing stream, river, or body of water, or within a developed area with the following exception: Cremated remains are not allowed within 1/2 mile of Tipsoo Lake and Reflection Lakes.
- No container, urn, or memorial markers of any kind may be left within the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park.
- The park's purpose is to protect the resources of the area. Therefore, individuals or groups must remain on paved areas and trails at all times to prevent damage to the fragile sub-alpine meadows.
- Pets are not allowed on trails and must be under physical restraint, leashes six feet or less, in permissible areas.
- The Permit must be in your possession at the time of the event and area rangers may request to review it.