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**Mt. Rainier National
Park**

Tahoma Woods,
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**Superintendent's
Compendium**
Of Designations, Closures,
Permit Requirements and Other
Restrictions Imposed Under
Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of those portions of Mount Rainier National Park under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, and Parts 1-7.

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

36 CFR 1.5(a)(1) Visiting Hours:

- Visiting hours for certain facilities and roads have been established for Mount Rainier National Park. All current designations are posted on the park's website.

36 CFR 1.5(a)(1) Public Use Limits:

- Public Use Limits have been established for camping, climbing and hiking in non-developed areas. These special regulations are found in Title 36 CFR 7.5
- Drivers of commercial passenger carrying diesel-fueled motor vehicles are prohibited from idling their engines in the parking areas of developed areas. The noise and fumes caused by these engines severely impacts the natural experience sought by many visitors.

36 CFR 1.5(a)(1) Closures:

- Seasonal road closures are established and identified on the park's website.
- Park roads and buildings are subject to temporary closure at any time for visitor safety.

- Park roads are closed to all use, including hiking, skiing, and bicycling during snow plowing operations and when signed "closed to all use" for visitor and equipment operators safety.
- Rappelling, bungee jumping, or other similar activities are not permitted from any man-made structures for visitor safety and to avoid conflict with other user groups.
- The following waters are closed to fishing to protect the domestic water supply.
 - 1.) Ghost Lake to protect White River water supply
 - 2.) Edith Creek basin above the Paradise water supply
(See 36 CFR 7.5 for other closures)
- The following waters are closed to boating to protect fragile resources in and adjacent to the lakes.
 - 1.) Reflection Lake
 - 2.) Tipsoo Lake

See 36 CFR §3.21 – for SWIMMING AND BATHING closures

36 CFR 1.5(a)(1) The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

- Roads gated and closed to motor vehicles for the winter, by the snow, become backcountry use areas for management purposes.
- Also reference CFR 2.19 winter activities

36 CFR 1.5(a)(2) Special Use:

The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:

➤ Snowplay Area

- Snowplay is defined as sledding or sliding on any device such as an inner-tube, saucer, or plastic/fiberglass toboggan.
- Snowplay is allowed only in the designated constructed snowplay area at Paradise.
- Skiing and snowboarding are not allowed in the designated snowplay run and designated walkways.
- Snowplay may be terminated at any time for visitor safety or for the protection of natural resources.
- Camping: (ie) winter camping at Paradise
Refer to 36 CFR 2.10 of this compendium for specific winter camping area designations

36 CFR 1.5 (b) Butter Creek Research Natural Area

- The Butter Creek Research Natural Area is closed to public use except by a scientific research permit. Also reference map in Park's GMP.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

36CFR1.6 (f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net.
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
- §2.10(a) Camping in developed areas.
- §2.12(a)(2) Operating a chain saw.
- 2.12(a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas.
- §2.12 (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.
- §2.17(a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means.
 - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft, see Office Order A-70
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services.
- §2.38 (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents or explosive materials.
 - (b) Use or possess fireworks by residents in designated areas in the Tahoma Woods residential area.
- §2.50 (a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, or similar event.
- §2.51(a) Permitted public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views. See the listing of areas in section 2.52(a), below
- §2.52(a) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising. Also reference Office Order 80-8 and maps.
 - As designated by the Superintendent, only the following locations are available within Mount Rainier National Park for public assemblies and sale or distribution of printed matter:
 1. Sunshine Point:
20' X 20' area southwest of the parking area near the picnic pavilion
 2. Longmire:

20' X 20' area directly in front of the Old Longmire Gas Station (L620)

3. Cougar Rock: The Campground Amphitheater
4. Paradise: 20' X 20' area northeast of the Jackson Visitor Center
5. Ohanapecosh:
20' X 20' area at the north end of the Ohanapecosh Visitor Center parking lot and the Ohana Campground Amphitheater
6. White River:
20' X 20' area at the west end of the parking lot just after the Entrance Station and the White River Campground Amphitheater
7. Sunrise:
20' X 20' area at the northwest end of the parking lot
8. Carbon River :
20' X 20' area at the northwest end of the parking lot just before the Ranger Station

- Maps and further details are available on the Park's web site.
 - To ensure protection of park resources, participants, and visitors, no objects may extend beyond or above the designated area.
 - These locations are available by permit for public assemblies and meetings when not being used by the NPS.
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- §2.62(b) Memorialization - (Scattering ashes from human cremation)
Also see compendium page 13 for conditions and locations.
 - §4.11(a) Exceeding established vehicle load, weight and size limits
 - §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)
 - §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
 - §5.5(a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
 - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.
 - §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads.
 - §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
 - §5.10(a) Operation of eating, drinking, or lodging establishments

on private lands.

- §6.9(a) Operation of a solid waste disposal site.
- Part 7 Special Regulations:
 - (b) Climbing & hiking on glaciers above the designated high camps
 - (c) Backcountry camping
- Part 8 Labor Standards – Employees of Concessionaire to the NPS
- Part 51 Concession Contracts
- Part 71 Recreation Fees

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

36 CFR2.1 (b) During summer, fall and spring melt-out when trails are visible or otherwise designated, hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail tread or walkway in the following areas:

- Paradise
- Sunrise
- Tipsoo Lake meadow
- Ohanapecosh Hot Springs area

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

36 CFR2.1 (c)(1) and (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:

- Salmonberries, huckleberries, thimbleberries, strawberries, and blackberries. The gathering or consumption of a limited amount of berries has been determined to not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of the plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.
- Small quantity is defined as two quarts per person per day. Two quarts is considered a reasonable amount for non-commercial uses.
- Edible fungi can be collected for personal consumption up to two quarts per person per day.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

36 CFR 2.2 (d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:

- Legally taken, properly tagged and identified wildlife may be transported through the park only on the following roads:
 1. Park Boundary to park residences for park residents only.
 2. Highway 410/123 when open to through traffic.

36 CFR 2.2 (e) All areas of the Park are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

36 CFR 2.4(d) A permit is required to possess a weapon, trap or net. The superintendent will only issue a permit to carry or possess a weapon trap or net under the following circumstances:

1. When necessary to support approved/permitted research activities.
2. To persons in charge of pack trains or saddle horses for emergency use.
3. For employees, agents or cooperating officials – for official duty.
4. To provide access to otherwise inaccessible lands or waters that are contiguous to the park when other means of access are impractical or impossible.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

36 CFR 2.10 (a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

36 CFR 2.10 (a) Campgrounds are established in the following developed areas and have a permit system as posted in the campground.

- Sunshine Point campground
- Cougar Rock campground
- Ohanapecosh campground
- White River campground
- Ipsut Creek campground
- Mowich walk-in campground.

Campers in non-developed areas are required to have a permit as required in 36 CFR 7.5(c).

36 CFR 2.10 (a) The following conditions apply to camping in developed areas:

- Camping must be done within the design capacity of each site with a maximum of 2 tents and 6 people (or immediate family) per individual campsite.

- Vehicles are limited to the designated parking sites.
- Use of group sites is restricted to groups of 12 or more. Group sizes must be within the posted group size limits.
- Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days in any developed campground within the Park and no more than 28 days total in any designed campgrounds within the calendar year.
- Quiet hours for all designated camping areas are from 9PM to 7AM.
- The operational hours for generators at the White River, Ipsut Creek, and Sunshine Point Campgrounds are limited to 8AM – 10AM, 12PM – 2PM, and 5PM – 7PM.
- Effective January 1, 2007, the following areas are closed to generator use:
 - Loop E in Cougar Rock campground
 - Loop E in Ohanapecosh campground
- Effective January 1, 2007, the operational hours for generators in all designated camping areas are limited to 8AM – 10AM, 12PM – 2PM, and 5PM – 7PM.

36 CFR 2.10(a) General Park Winter Camping (October 1 - May 14 permitted)

- When snow depth exceeds two feet (measured at the Paradise NOAA Weather Station) camping is permitted in the undeveloped areas throughout the park, from October 1 - May 14. However this is excluding the Paradise Day Use Management Zone. (see below)
- General park wide winter camping is permitted beyond 200 feet of roads and a minimum of 100 yards (a football field) from lakes, streams and other wetlands.
- Maximum party size is limited to 12 persons and a backcountry permit is required.
- Paradise Day Use Management Zone: When snow depth exceeds five feet (measured at the Paradise NOAA Weather Station) winter camping is permitted with a backcountry permit in this zone, beyond 300 feet from the buildings, roads, established winter trails and the designated snowplay runs at Paradise.

36 CFR 2.10 (d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect for the following areas:

- All park areas during identified periods of bear activity to include camping, picnicking and residential areas year round.
- Must use provided food storage poles in backcountry designated sites.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

36 CFR 2.11 Areas Closed to Picnicking:

- Concessionaire facilities except in designated areas in the following locations:
 1. Henry M. Jackson Memorial Visitor Center
- Park administrative and public use buildings:
 1. As posted to protect natural resources
 2. Residential areas (except by park residents)

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

36 CFR 2.13 (a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas: Fires are permitted only in developed area campgrounds, picnic areas, and campsites where fireplaces or grills are provided by the park.

36 CFR 2.13 (b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:

- Must be completely cold to the touch

36 CFR 2.13 (c) High fire danger closures will be in effect as noted:

- As posted during periods of extreme fire danger. Mt. Rainier National Park adopts burning closures of adjacent Forest Service areas.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(a) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of solid human body waste have been established for the following:

- No human waste deposited less than 200 feet from surface water. Waste must be deposited in at least a 6 inch deep hole and buried. Pack toilet paper and refuse out as trash.
- Hikers and climbers on the Upper Mountain and winter group campers at Paradise are required to remove and properly dispose of their own solid human waste and associated waste products.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

36 CFR 2.15 (a)(1) Pets are permitted only in picnic areas, campgrounds, and parking lots and along roads currently open to vehicles. They are prohibited in non-developed areas and on all trails except the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

36 CFR 2.15 (a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

- Pet owners must remove and properly dispose of all solid pet excrement

36 CFR 2.15(e) Pets may be kept by park employees under the following conditions:

- Pets are permitted in the Tahoma Woods, Nisqually and Ohanapecosh housing areas as provided for in Office Order 94-2 and the Housing Management Plan.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

36CFR 2.16(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals:

- Horses, mules, burros, and llamas.

36 CFR 2.16(b) The use of horses or pack animals is permitted on the following trails, routes or areas:

- Pacific Crest trail (PCT)
- Laughingwater Creek trail from HWY 123 to the PCT near Carlton Pass.

36 CFR 2.16(c) Camping with pack animals is restricted to the following campsites:

- Three Lakes camp

36 CFR 2.16 (b) Party size:

- No more than 5 head of stock on the Laughingwater Creek Trail per party
- Pacific Crest Trail: Parties are restricted to a total of 12 people and stock combination

36 CFR 2.16 (g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- The superintendent may temporarily close any trail to stock use because of current trail conditions.
- No grazing is allowed and only feed pellets are authorized.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

36 CFR 2.17(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is allowed, subject to written authorizations from the Superintendent, under the following terms and conditions:

- In accordance with the Park Wilderness Management and Aviation Plans.

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

(c) Snowmobiles may be operated only on the following routes, designated pursuant to special regulations:

- See 36 CFR 7.5

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, scooters, or similar devices are allowed in the following areas:

- Employee residential areas that is not open to the public, by residents and their guests.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

36 CFR 2.21(a) All government owned buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking. Also reference the Office Order.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) The following describes areas where property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours, and the conditions under which property may be left:

- Visitors on permitted backcountry or climbing trips are allowed to leave vehicles unattended for the duration of their trip, unless otherwise prohibited.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

- Entrance Fee Areas: Entrance fees have been established for Mt. Rainier National Park and are posted on the park's website.
- Wilderness and Climbing permits/fees are not transferable.

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to 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:

- Indoor areas: Public Use Buildings, except in food service areas, to avoid visitor conflicts.
- Outdoor Areas: Paradise Snowplay Area for visitor safety.

36 CFR §2.37 – NONCOMMERCIAL SOLICITING

The solicitation or demand for gifts, money, goods or services requires a permit under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52, and is subject to the terms and conditions specified therein.

36 CFR §2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LAND

Absent a permit, lease or contract, residing in park areas on other than private land, is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

36 CFR 2.62(a) The scattering of ashes from cremated human remains requires a permit and the following terms and conditions will apply:

- The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
- The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed area or flowing stream, river or body of water. With the following exception: Cremated remains are not allowed within ½ mile of Tipsoo Lake and Reflection Lakes.
- The scattering of remains from the air is to be performed at a minimum altitude of 2000 feet above the ground.
- No scattering of remains from the air is to be performed over developed areas, facilities, or bodies of water.
- Scattering on ground must result in complete dispersal of ashes so that no obvious piles remain in any one place.

36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming, bathing, and wading:

- Tipsoo Lake
- Reflection Lakes
- Frozen Lake
- Ghost Lake
- Shadow Lake
- Edith Creek basin above the Paradise water supply.
- Klickitat Creek above the White River water supply.
- Laughingwater Creek above the Ohanapecosh water supply.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

36 CFR 4.10 (a) Park roads open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated in the following publication:

- The Mount Rainier National Park Official Map and guide, except for seasonal closures identified on the park's website.

36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS

36 CFR 4.11 (a) The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:

- The weight limit for the bridge over the Nisqually River at Longmire is 20,000 lbs (10 tons).

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

36 CFR 4.21 (b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- Maximum speed limits are as posted

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

36 CFR 4.30(a) Bicycle use is permitted on park roads and parking areas.

The following routes are closed to bicycle use:

- Park roads that are temporarily closed to all traffic and vehicles when signed “Closed to all use.”

END