

Catoctin Mountain Park

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Superintendent's Compendium

Of Closures, Use Restrictions, Permit Requirements, Designations, and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority of the Superintendent.

In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, as authorized by Title 16, United States Code (USC), Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the proper management, protection, government and public use of those park areas administered by Catoctin Mountain Park under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in [36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7](#).

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Public involvement improves the compendium process by giving the National Park Service (NPS) the opportunity to be responsive to the public's ideas and concerns, to involve the public in generating alternatives, and to educate the public about the compendium. This compendium is updated annually. To comment on this compendium, please contact the Superintendent at any of the above addresses.

Purpose:

Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 1, *Parks, Forest and Public Property*, has been established to provide for the proper use, management, government and protection of persons, property and natural and cultural resources under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service (NPS). 36 CFR 1.1 (b)

Regulations within 36 CFR will be utilized to fulfill the statutory purposes of units of the National Park System: to conserve scenery, natural and historic objects, and wildlife, and to provide for the enjoyment of these resources in a manner that will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. 36 CFR 1.1 (b)

Within 36 CFR a Park Superintendent has the discretionary authority to establish regulations that are more or less restrictive than a given regulation in certain instances. The Superintendent is required to compile in writing all the designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions imposed under discretionary authority. 36 CFR 1.7 (b)

Written determinations, which explain the reason behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

All designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions are addressed in Parts I – V below under the appropriate section number and heading where they are applicable. Violations of compendium restrictions will subject a person to the same penalties for violating provisions of 36 CFR.

Public Notice and Information

In addition to the compendium, all designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions will be made available to the public by at least one other method of notification. Methods include maps, signs, and publication in newspapers, handouts, and other appropriate media, (36 CFR 1.7 (a))

§1.5 CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS.

- (a) (1) **The following visiting hours, closures, and public use limits are established for all or portions of the park and/or for certain uses or activities:**

Hours of Operation

Unless otherwise designated, all park areas are closed between the hours of sunset and sunrise except for administrative areas, camps and campgrounds and vehicular traffic on park roads.

The Visitor Center is open Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday – Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. It is closed on federal holidays during the winter except for Veterans Day.

Park Headquarters is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. It is closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and all federal holidays.

Determination of Closure/Limit:

The closures are necessary for public safety and to protect the park's natural, cultural and historical resources from damage, vandalism and destruction during times when personnel may not be on duty.

Roads

The following roads are closed to vehicular traffic the last weekend in November (or first snowfall) until the third week in March or as determined by the Superintendent or his representative to be unsafe for vehicular traffic due to potential inclement weather:

Gravel section of Manahan Road north of Park Central Road to the park boundary.

Determination of Closure/Limit:

This measure mitigates poaching activity and mitigates damage to cultural resources.

The following roads are closed to vehicular traffic December 22 (or first snowfall) until the third week in March or as determined by the Superintendent to be unsafe for vehicular traffic due to potential inclement weather:

Park Central Road from Quarters 1 (west of the Visitor Center) to Camp 3 and from the intersection of Manahan Road west to Foxville Deerfield Rd.

Buses, commercial vehicles, and trucks over 14,000 lbs. GVW are prohibited westbound on Park Central Road from Quarters 1 (west of the Visitor Center) to Camp 3.

Other park roads may be periodically closed as determined by the Superintendent to be unsafe for vehicular traffic due to weather conditions or for security purposes as requested by the U. S. Secret Service.

Determination of Closure/Limit:

Roads are closed due to weather conditions, security needs, or to prevent damage to park resources.

Bicycle use is restricted to park roads or designated trails as authorized by the Superintendent.

Parking

Public parking ends at dusk except in designated camps and camping areas as a condition of permitted occupancy. Overnight parking without a permit is prohibited.

(a)(2) Public Use Limits

Entering and exiting the park by other than designated roads and trails or other designated public access points without a permit is prohibited.

Utility and pipeline facilities within the park are closed to the public except where marked as trails.

Determination of Closure/Limit:

Measure is required to limit public access, tampering and alarm responses.

Parking is allowed on the shoulders of Foxville – Deerfield Road only in designated areas.

Parking is allowed on the southbound side of Rt. 550 between Foxville – Deerfield Road and Eylers Valley Flint Road only in designated pull-offs.

Parking is allowed on the shoulders of Manahan Road.

No parking is allowed on the shoulders of Park Central Road.

Parking is allowed in established pull-offs on the shoulder of the westbound lane of MD Route 77 from the east boundary to the intersection of Park Central Road. Parking is not allowed on Rte. 77 from Park Central Road to the west park boundary except in the designated area at Hemlock Fire Road (near the Catoctin Trail crossing).

The orienteering course is closed between April 31 and November 1.

The Horse Trail is closed to horseback riding from January 31 to April 15 of each year.

Travel off established trails is prohibited in the Owens Creek wetlands.

Misty Mount dining hall and lodges, Greentop Lodge (Loop A) and Good Luck Lodge fireplaces are closed for use.

The following areas are closed to the public:

- Misty Mount Stable
- Round Meadow Pasture

Determination of Closure/Limit:

Measure is required to protect natural and cultural resources from damage.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited from all park areas administered by Catoctin Mountain Park, or as authorized by the Superintendent.

Helium filled balloons are prohibited in all park areas except building and vehicle interiors. Release of helium filled balloons is prohibited.

Washing, repair, or maintenance of vehicles (other than short-term emergency repairs) in public parking areas within Catoctin Mountain Park is prohibited.

Possession of spray paint containers outside of motor vehicles is prohibited except by park residents at their residence, authorized park employees, and contactors, or by special use permit.

Determination of Closure/Limit:

Measure is required to limit vandalism of park property.

Big Hunting Creek is restricted to fly fishing tackle.

Big Hunting Creek is catch and release fishing only.

Owens Creek has a daily limit of 2 trout, south of the park boundary from Foxville – Deerfield Road. There is a daily limit of 5 trout, in the area of the park south of the intersection of Foxville – Deerfield Road and Highway 550.

Determination of Closure/Limit:

Limit is established to protect native fish populations and assure consistency with state fishing regulations for joint enforcement.

Chestnut and Owens Creek Picnic Areas operate as first-come, first-served areas. Owens Creek is open Memorial Day to Labor Day.

(a)(2) Access

The following areas are closed to the public:

- Camp 3
- All areas signed or posted as “Closed,” “Area Closed,” “Restricted Access,” or “Authorized Vehicles/Personnel Only.”

All press/media personnel who wish to operate in the park must check in at the Visitor Center and present their press credentials. Media are strongly urged to review the Media Advisory at www.nps.gov/cato to avoid delays.

The use of any camera, television, still photography, motion picture, and/or video graphic device and associated communication support apparatus may not occur above 1700 foot

elevation or in the area bounded by the Bessie Darling home site to the north, Blue Ridge Summit Vista and Hog Rock Parking Area to the east, Park Central Road to the south and Chestnut Picnic Area and Poplar Grove I Youth Camping area to the west.

Determination of Closure/Limit:

Measure is required to provide security to closed park areas.

(a)(2) Pets

Pets, except for guide dogs or service animals, are prohibited in the following areas:

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Park Headquarters | Camp 4: Round Meadow |
| Visitor Center | Adirondack Backcountry Shelters |
| Camp 1: Misty Mount | Poplar Grove Youth Camping Area |
| Camp 2: Greentop | |

(a)(2) Public Use Limits

Segways are allowed in Catoclin Mtn Park as private conveyances designed to provide reasonable accommodation to mobility impaired persons.

Segways are authorized in the following areas:

- Any road, sidewalk, or trail located in a designated developed area or front country zone
- Any trail designed as multi accessible use e.g., hiker-biker trails or trails with an ADA/ABA compliant surface
- Any administrative building interior.
- Any ADA/ABA accessible historic buildings

All Segways used in this manner shall be marked with a symbol identifying it as a conveyance for the disabled.

(a)(2) Any Segway operated between sunset and sunrise and during periods of low visibility shall exhibit on the operator or the Segway a white light or reflector

- visible to the front for a distance of 500 feet and a red light or reflector
- visible to the rear for a distance of 200 feet.

Segways are prohibited in:

- Areas with species of management concern (Threatened & Endangered, etc.)
- Backcountry areas

Segways shall be operated at a speed no greater than 3 mph inside buildings.

Determination of Closure:

Closures and limits for Segways are required to protect natural and cultural resources, limit resource damage to trails, diminish potential for user conflicts, and minimize evacuation complexity for search and rescue operations.

Organized sports are prohibited in the following areas:

Owens Creek floodplains and wetlands.

Determination of Closure:

Limits are required to protect natural resources, and limit resource damage to trails.

§1.6 PERMITS

NOTE: The term "permit" covers a variety of permitting instruments and documents as required by law, regulation, or policy to manage activities within Catoclin Mountain Park. The following definition(s) apply within areas administered by Catoclin Mountain Park:

An administrative processing fee of \$100 is required for most permits and due at the time that application is made.

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

Permits are required for the following areas or activities:

Adirondack Backcountry Shelters (Free)
Camp 1 Misty Mount
Camp 2 Greentop
Camp 4 Round Meadow
Owens Creek Campground
Poplar Grove Youth Camping Area
Rock Climbing at Wolf Rock (Free)

- Any vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceed designated weight, height, or width limits on park roads
- Business or commercial operations occurring in the park including those originating outside the park
- Commercial filming or photography which includes props, models, or the staging of equipment
- Commercial advertising
- Camping
- Weddings
- Horseback riding groups larger than 10 horses with riders
- First Amendment activities including demonstrations, speeches, distribution of printed matter, or collecting signatures for petitions
- Scattering of ashes
- Utility crossings
- Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, paths, etc. within park lands

- Staging of equipment
- Use of park land for access to an adjoining site
- Sale or distribution of printed matter
- Special events or public assemblies including festivals, concerts, picnics, wedding which originate outside the park

To obtain permit applications or further information, please contact the Superintendent at 301-663-9330 during business hours or visiting our website at www.nps.gov/cato. Please send appendices with permit applications.

Permits for scientific research and collecting may be obtained through the following process:

1. Apply online at www.science.nature.nps.gov/research
2. Contact the Natural Resources Management Office at 301-416-0536.

§2.1 PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (a)(4) Dead and downed wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park. Fires must be contained within park supplied fire grills or receptacles.
- (c)(1) The gathering in amounts of less than one gallon of mushrooms or berries for personal consumption per person / per day is permitted.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Amount
<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>	Blackberries	½ gallon/person/day
<i>Rubus strigosus</i>	Red Raspberries	“
<i>Rubus phoenicolasius</i>	Wineberries	“
<i>Rubus spp.</i>	Dewberries	“
<i>Rubus occidentalis</i>	Black Raspberries	“
<i>Vaccinium sp.</i>	Blueberries	½ gallon/person/day
<i>Any Edible Species</i>	Mushrooms	½ gallon/person/day

All other plant and animal species are closed to harvesting.

Determination of Closure/Limit: Limit is required to assure that gathering does not adversely affect the reproductive potential of the plant species or any other park resource.

§2.2 WILDLIFE PROTECTION

- (b)(1) Hunting is not permitted in the park.

- (b)(3) Trapping is not permitted in the park.
- (d) Lawfully taken wildlife may be transported through the park on Foxville – Deerfield Road. Wildlife must be properly tagged according to the laws of the State of Maryland. All other roads are closed to the transportation of wildlife unless approved in writing by the Superintendent.
- (e) Wildlife may not be viewed with artificial light or attracted with artificial calling devices except in research studies authorized by the Superintendent.

§2.5 RESEARCH SPECIMEN COLLECTION

- (b) Please see §1.6 (a).

§2.10 CAMPING

- (a) Owens Creek Campground is open to tent and RV camping between May 2 and November 20.

In addition to the above limits, the following conditions also apply to all campgrounds:

- Minors must be supervised. A responsible leader, 21 years or older, must be present for every 10 children under 18 years of age.
- The minimum age of any camper is 18 years of age, unless accompanied by an adult or unless a legal guardian provides a letter or permission. The letter must state the name of the minor that has permission to camp, dates allowed to camp, contact name and number of legal guardian.
- Amplified music is prohibited.

Adirondack shelters are available for backcountry camping.

A free permit is required and may be obtained at the Visitor Center.

Poplar Grove is available for youth group camping. A permit is required and may be obtained online or at the Visitor Center.

Camping is prohibited in any other area unless specifically designated and permitted by the Superintendent.

- (b)(9) Additional camping regulations established by the Superintendent for the following areas can be found at:

Owens Creek Campground	Appendix 1
Adirondack Shelters	Appendix 2
Poplar Grove	Appendix 3

§2.13 FIRES

- (a)(1)** Fires are not permitted in Wolf Rock, Hog Rock, Thurmont Vista, or other parking areas along Park Central Road. Fires are only allowed in areas with existing fire rings or grills. Visitors may bring grills and fuel in designated picnic and camping areas only.
- (b)** Upon abandonment, all fires must be completely extinguished with no visible sign of heat or burning material remaining.
- (c)** During periods of high fire danger, the Superintendent may close all or a portion of the park to the lighting or maintaining of any fire.

§2.15 PETS

- (a)(1)** Pets, except service animals, are prohibited in public buildings and areas as identified in **§1.5(a) (2)**
- (a)(3)** Pets may not be tied to any object or otherwise left unattended.
- (a)(5)** All pet and animal excrement disposal shall be the responsibility of the owner.
- (d)** Two pets per housing unit may be kept by park residents. Pets are not allowed in shared housing.

§2.16 HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS

- (a)** The following are designated as pack animals:
 - Horses, burros, mules, llamas.

The use of pack animals outside of trails, routes, or areas designated for their use is prohibited.

- (g)** It is prohibited to tie or picket stock within 100 feet of any natural water source.

Please see the trail closure at **§1.5(a) (2)** and the permit requirement at **§1.6(a)**.

The site bulletin on horseback riding (See [Appendix 4](#)) itemizes additional requirements established by the Superintendent.

§2.17 AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY

- (a)** The airspace above Catoctin Mountain Park is closed to all aircraft except pre-authorized military or emergency flights. All pertinent regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration are adopted as part of these regulations.

§2.19 WINTER ACTIVITIES

- (a) Skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, tubing, and sledding are allowed on Manahan Road, north of Park Central Road to the park's north boundary and on Park Central Road, east of Camp 3 and north of Quarters 1, whenever closures are in effect. See also §1.5(a) (2).

§2.20 SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES

The following policy is established for Catoclin Mountain Park:

Protective equipment including, but not limited to, the following are required: helmet, elbow and knee pads, wrist guards.

No ramp or structure of any kind is permitted.

Skating (roller and inline) and skateboarding are approved in Camp Round Meadow at the Tennis Court area as prescribed on the attached map. (**Appendix 5**)

Skating (roller and inline) and skateboarding are approved in Camp Greentop at the paved court as prescribed on the attached map. (**Appendix 6**)

Skating (roller and inline) and skateboarding are approved for permanent residents in park housing and their guests in the immediate driveway of the housing unit.

Skating shall be allowed between the hours of 8:00 am and 7:00 pm April through September and 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from October through March.

No races, competitive endeavors, or product demonstrations are allowed.

The use of these devices is strictly prohibited inside any building.

§2.21 SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in any park building, bus stop, amphitheatre, play area or aquatic facility or within 20 feet of any entrance.

Smoking is prohibited in all government vehicles.

§2.22 PROPERTY

- (a)(1)(2) Geocaching is prohibited.

Determination of Closure/Limit: Measure is used to limit damage to park resources and provide for officer safety.

§2.35 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- (a)(3) No alcoholic beverages are allowed in Camps 1 (Misty Mount), 2 (Greentop), or 4 (Round Meadow) or Poplar Grove Youth Tenting Area(s) unless specifically approved by the Superintendent.

§2.50 SPECIAL EVENTS

- (d) The following are prohibited as applicable to special events or group activities:
- Affixing signs to existing buildings, poles, or plants
 - Marking of government land with chalk, flour, ink or paint

§2.51 PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES AND MEETINGS

- (a) Permits are required for all public assemblies and special events. Please complete the attached permit application:

NPS Form 10-930 Application for a Special Use/Public Gathering Permit.
([Appendix 7](#))

The fully completed application will be approved or denied within 4 business days of receipt. Reasons for denial will be in writing.

If approved the following permit will be issued:

NPS Form 10-114 Special Use /Public Gathering Permit. ([Appendix 8](#))

- (e) Available locations for permitted activities are attached to the permit application. Any and all locations may not be available due to: (1) area closures in effect and/or (2) previously permitted activities.

§2.52 SALE/DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

- (c) Sale/distribution of “printed matter“(textual printed material such as books, pamphlets, magazines, or leaflets that is not solely commercial advertising) is allowed pursuant to a permit.
- (d) No signs may be affixed to any building, sign, pole, or plant. Marking park land with chalk, flour, ink or paint is prohibited.

§2.62 MEMORIALIZATION

- (b) The scattering of ashes requires a permit issued by the Superintendent to determine appropriate time, date and location. Please see **§1.6 (a)**.

§4.11 LOAD, WEIGHT, AND SIZE LIMITS

- (a) Maximum load limit on Foxville – Deerfield, Park Central, or Manahan roads is 14,000 pounds GVW.

Maximum length for towed trailers in Owens Creek Campground is 22 feet.

Maximum length for mobile homes transiting or residing in the park shall not exceed 80 feet in length, 14 feet in width, or 13 feet, 6 inches in height.

Mobile home dealers shall notify the Superintendent 48 hours in advance of delivery. A permit is required for this activity.

§4.21 SPEED LIMITS

- (b) The speed limit on Park Central and Foxville – Deerfield Road is 30 mph unless otherwise posted.

The speed limit on Manahan Road is 25 mph unless otherwise posted.

§4.30 BICYCLES

- (a) The use of a bicycle is prohibited except on park roads, in parking areas, and on routes designated for bicycle use as identified in **§1.5(a)(1)**.

Bicycles are permitted on the seasonally closed portions of Park Central Road and Manahan Roads. Riders should be aware that these closed sections are not maintained during the period of closure and ice, downed limbs and trees, and other hazards, may be present.

§4.31 HITCHHIKING

- (c) Hitchhiking is prohibited.

§5.5 COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Commercial filming or photography involving props, models, or staged equipment other than bona fide news gathering organizations requires a permit. For permit information, please contact the Superintendent at 301.663.9330. Please see [Appendix 10](#) Application for Photography/Filming Permit Form 10-931 and [Appendix 11](#) Application for Photography/Filming Permit Form 10-932.

- (a) No filming is allowed east of Chestnut Picnic Area to Hog Rock Parking Area. See **§1.5(a)(2)**.

§5.6 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

- (b) Commercial vehicles will be allowed to travel on Foxville – D Deerfield Road when use is necessary for access to private lands adjacent to the park or when other access is not available. Manahan Road, south of Park Central Road, and Park Central Road, east of Manahan Road to Camp 3, are open to vehicles servicing Camp 3.

Park Central Road, from Foxville – Deerfield Road to Manahan Road, and from Camp 3 to the Visitor Center is closed to commercial vehicles.

Buses are prohibited on Park Central Road west of Thurmont Vista parking area.

Buses must not idle more than 3 minutes when not underway.

Determination of Closure/Limit: Necessary to mitigate air pollution and unnecessary exhaust fumes that impact visitor experience and public health.

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Owens Creek Campground Rules and Regulations

- Length of Stay**
1. \$20.00 per night per site, \$10.00 with Golden Age/Access Passport or Senior/Access Pass
 2. 7- Day limit; 14 days in a calendar year, CHECKOUT TIME: 4:00pm.
- Fires**
1. Fires are permitted only in fireplaces. Open ground fires are prohibited.
 2. Do not pile rocks around fireplaces.
 3. FIREWOOD: Collect any DEAD wood on the ground near the campground. Wood may not be removed from the park.
- Limitations at the site**
1. Sites may not be reserved or held for other parties.
 2. Parking is one vehicle per site, overflow parking is by the bulletin board.
 3. Only 5 persons or the immediate family are allowed on one site.
 4. Tables may not be removed.
 5. Sites may not be changed without the permission of a Ranger.
 6. Keep all vehicles (including trailers) on the blacktop pavement.
- Tent**
1. Tent size is restricted to any combination of tents less than 9'x12' or with a total floor space of 108 square feet per site. Tents must be completely on tent pads, when available.
 2. Trenching around tents is not permitted.
- Trailer**
1. MAXIMUM TRAILER LENGTH: 22 FEET. (No length restriction on motor homes.) Trailers may not be moved unless attached to a vehicle.
 2. No hook- ups are provided. Dump stations are available at Cunningham Falls State Park for a fee.
- Sanitation**
1. Deposit all refuse in dumpsters.
 2. Do not wash dishes or clothes in restrooms or at the water faucets.
 3. Drainage water must be contained. Dump all wash water in the restroom disposal sink.
- Safety**
1. Skates, skateboards, and horseshoes are prohibited.
 2. Weapons, fireworks, or similar devices are prohibited.
 3. Bikes are permitted on paved roads only and are not allowed on trails.
- Natural Features**
1. Please preserve all natural features. Collecting plants, animals, rocks, etc., is prohibited by law.
 2. Use paved areas when traveling between campsites; shortcutting damages vegetation and causes erosion.
- Pets**
1. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet or be physically confined.
 2. Pets may not be left unattended.
- Quiet Hours**
1. Quiet hours are 10:00pm- 6:00am and will be enforced. During this period sound levels should not exceed the boundaries of the respective campsites.
- Emergency Phone**
1. 877- 677- 6677, Law enforcement emergencies, 24 hours.
 2. 911, Fire and medical emergencies, 24 hours.

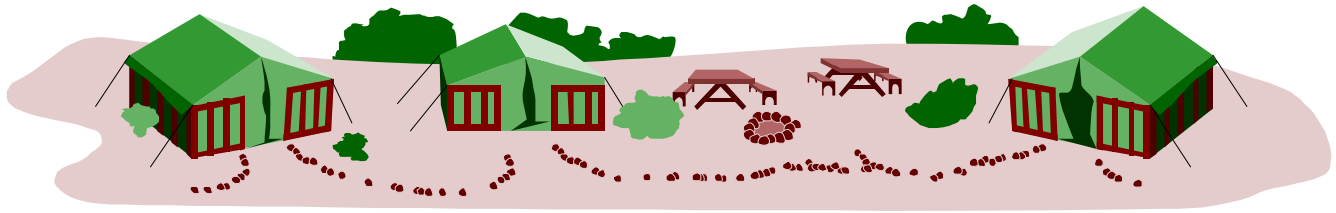


Adirondack Shelter Rules

1. All users must register at the Visitor Center and have a permit in possession before going to the Adirondack Shelter. Shelters are available on a first come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not accepted.
2. Minimum age for permittees is 18.
3. Park vehicle only at designated area(s). Please lock your vehicle.
4. Only 5 persons or the immediate family are allowed per shelter. No tents are allowed.
5. Horses, bicycles or other vehicles may not be taken to the shelter.
6. Firearms, fireworks, or similar devices are prohibited.
7. **Carry in all drinking water.**
8. Collect only dead wood on the ground for firewood.
9. Please preserve all natural features. Rock, animal, or plant collecting is prohibited.
10. Fires are allowed only in provided fireplace rings.
11. Do not use stoves or heaters in the shelter.
12. Do not wash dishes or clothes in natural water sources. Dispose of waste water 500 feet from the shelter site to avoid attracting insects or animals.
13. Carry out all refuse. Buried trash is soon unearthed by animals. Do not dump trash in latrine.
14. Quiet hours are 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.
15. Length of stay is limited to 7 calendar days or 14 days total during a calendar year.



Poplar Grove Youth Group Tenting Area



Site Description

Poplar Grove is open by reservation, to adult supervised organized youth groups whose members are under age 18. The site is open year- round except March 1 through April 15.

Each site has picnic tables, grills and a fire circle. Groups provide all personal convenience items, including toilet paper.

There are 3 sites within Poplar Grove. Each site accommodates up to 25 persons. Groups share pit toilets, water and a pavilion.

Reservation Procedures

Reservations can be made by calling the National Park Service reservation system at 877- 444- 6777, or through the internet at: www.recreation.gov

Poplar Grove fees are \$30 per night per site. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first- served basis but cannot be confirmed until payment is received.

Credit card payment will be accepted by internet or phone and instructions will be given for mail payments. You will receive written confirmation of your payment and reservation.

When making a reservation, please be prepared to provide:

- Preferred arrival and departure dates.
- Name, address and phone number of the group leader.
- Name of the group.
- Total number of campers anticipated.

You will be charged a fee for cancellations made more than 14 days before the scheduled arrival. **NO REFUNDS** will be made after this time unless the National Park Service cannot provide the site.

Check-in

Groups must check- in at the Visitor Center between 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm. An 8:00 pm check- in can be provided on Friday and Saturday 4/15 through 12/1.

Groups **must** check- in before proceeding to the site. Groups **must** check- out no later than 12:00 noon on the day of their departure.

Poplar Grove Youth Tenting Area Rules

1. Poplar Grove is a primitive camping site available to organized youth groups whose members are **under 18 years of age**. Adult supervision must be provided at all times.
2. Each site accommodates a maximum of 25 people. Reservations are required: the fee of \$30 per night per site must accompany the reservation.
3. Groups must **check-in** at the Visitor Center before proceeding to Poplar Grove. Check-in is provided between 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm. Groups can arrange an 8:00 pm check-in on Friday or Saturday between April 15 and December 1. Groups must **check-out** no later than 12:00 noon on the day of departure.
4. One car per site may be parked at Poplar Grove. Additional cars will remain at Camp Round Meadow. Manahan Road will be closed from mid- November until mid-March. **All vehicles** will be parked at Camp Round Meadow when the road is closed. Groups should be prepared to pack gear into the camp.
5. Groups may occupy only assigned tent sites. Tents are to be set up between the edge of the woods and the orange markers in the woods. Trenching around tents is prohibited. Off road vehicles, camping trailers and motor homes are not permitted.
6. Fires are permitted in grills and fire circles only. Wood that is dead and down may be collected for firewood.
7. Please respect park resources. Rock, animal or plant collecting is prohibited. Do not deface or destroy buildings, trees or shrubs. Firearms and fireworks are not permitted in the park. Pets and alcoholic beverages are specifically excluded from Poplar Grove.
8. Group members may not enter restricted areas. This includes the cabin camps and Camp 3.
9. Quiet hours are from 10:00 pm until 6:00 am.
10. The area must be left in a clean and orderly condition. All trash must be removed and deposited in dumpsters provided at Camp Round Meadow.

If in doubt -- Ask a
Ranger!

Emergency Number:
1 (301) 714-2235

Please advise the
dispatcher that you
are calling about
Poplar Grove Youth
Tenting Area in
Catoclin Mountain
Park.



Special Considerations

All groups must submit a complete roster, which will be used by rangers to locate campers in an emergency. Boy Scouts must submit a Council Tour Permit at check-in.

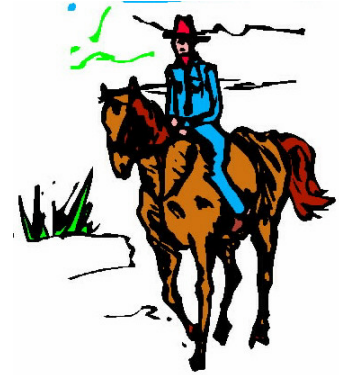
One car per site may be parked at Poplar Grove. All others will remain at Camp Round Meadow, 1 mile away. The nearest phone is located at Camp Round Meadow.

No vehicles are permitted at the site from mid November through March 1. Access is by foot from Camp Round Meadow. Groups should be prepared to pack supplies in and trash out during this time.

Trash receptacles are located in Camp Round Meadow. Groups must provide bags and transport trash to the receptacles.



Horse Trail



Approximately 6 miles of trail are maintained in the park for public horseback riding. The trail is open for day use only, from April 15 through January 31. It is closed in the winter for visitor safety and to help preserve the trail surface.

This trail challenges the abilities of all riders, novice to competitive trail rider. Riders are surrounded by the beauty of the eastern hardwood forest and will experience creek crossings, rugged mountain terrain, and glimpses of wildlife while on the trail.

Accessing and Using the Horse Trail

Access to the trail starts at the horse trailer parking area directly across from the entrance to Camp Greentop. (See map and directions on reverse.) The parking area will hold up to 5 truck and trailer units parked around the outside of the circle. The trail is marked at several points with wood posts bearing a horseshoe brand. The 36" wide trail has a surface tread ranging from soft soil to course stone.

It is strongly recommended that all horses be shod prior to riding the trail. To ensure the health and safety of all horses using the trail, we recommend that all visiting riders have a copy of their animal's current negative Coggins test with them when entering the park.

Organized groups interested in using the public horse trail for group events need to obtain a special event permit.

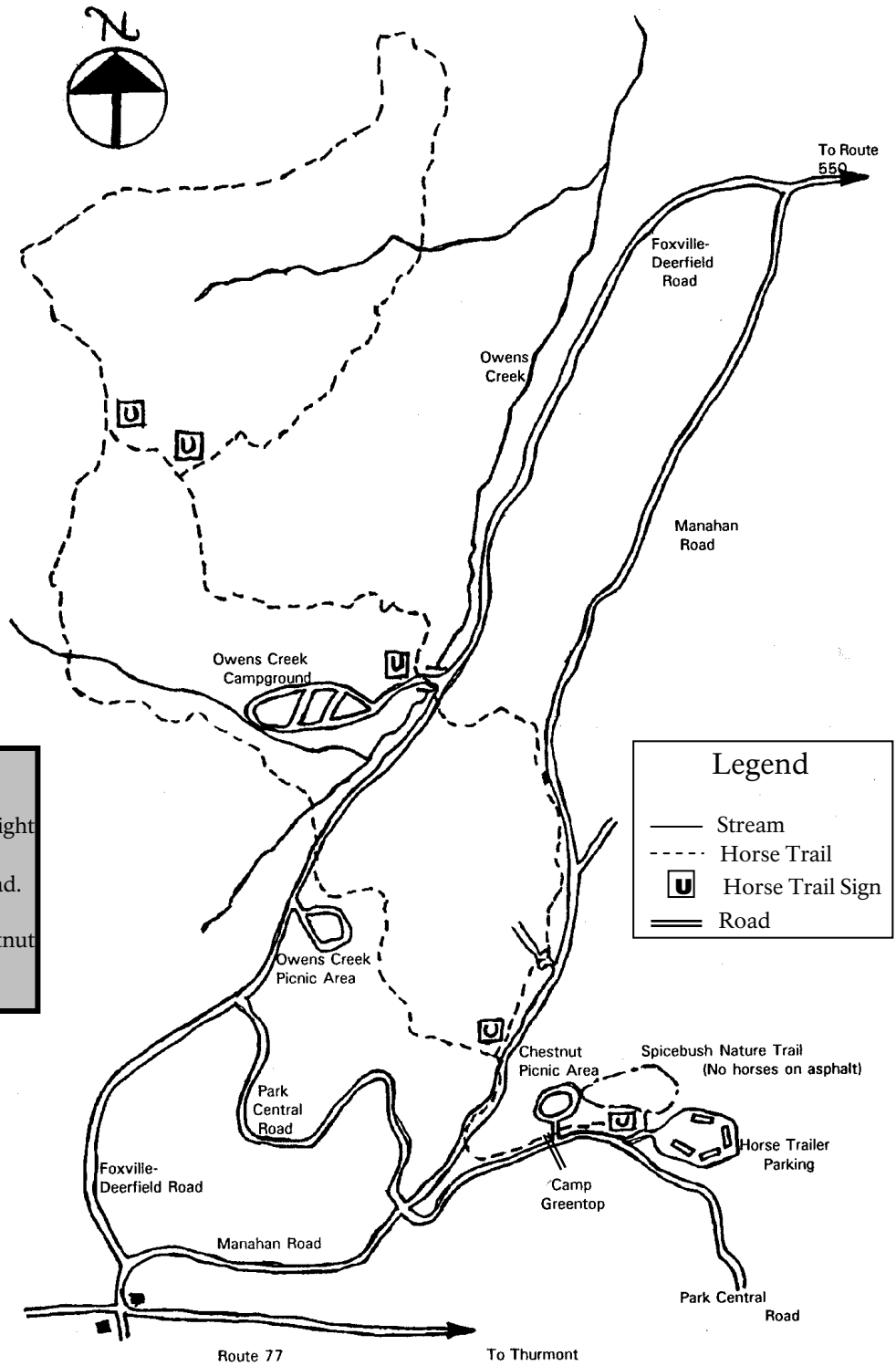
Group Permit Requests:

Park Superintendent
Catoctin Mountain Park
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Trail Regulations

1. Horse trail open daylight hours from April 15 through January 31.
2. Public riding is not permitted on any trails in the park other than the designated public horse trail. Cross country travel, the cutting of switchbacks, and use of other public areas is prohibited.
3. Riding horses on park roads is prohibited, except where necessary to cross directly to or from the designated horse trail.
4. Stock must not be tied to trees except in an emergency. Grazing in the park is prohibited.
5. The trail is to be enjoyed at a walk or trot. Galloping is not permitted.
6. Proceed in a slow walk when passing in the immediate vicinity of persons on foot. Portions of the horse trail are joined by the Catoctin Trail and, near Owens Creek Campground, by the Deerfield Nature Trail. These are both hiking trails. Please be willing to yield the right-of-way to hikers.
7. Organized groups need to apply to the park for a special event permit. No more than 15 horses may be together on the trail in one group.
8. Halter and lead rope must be carried, or be on the horse, at all times.
9. The collection of plants, rocks, wildlife, etc., is prohibited. All trash must be packed out of the park. Please help us to preserve and protect park resources.

Horse Trail Map



Directions to Trailer Parking

From Thurmont take Route 77 west and turn right on Foxville-Deerfield Road. Bear right onto Manahan Road turn right onto Park Central Road.

Horse Trailer Parking is just past the Chestnut Picnic Area, on left, opposite Camp Greentop.

Legend	
	Stream
	Horse Trail
	Horse Trail Sign
	Road

Volunteer Opportunities

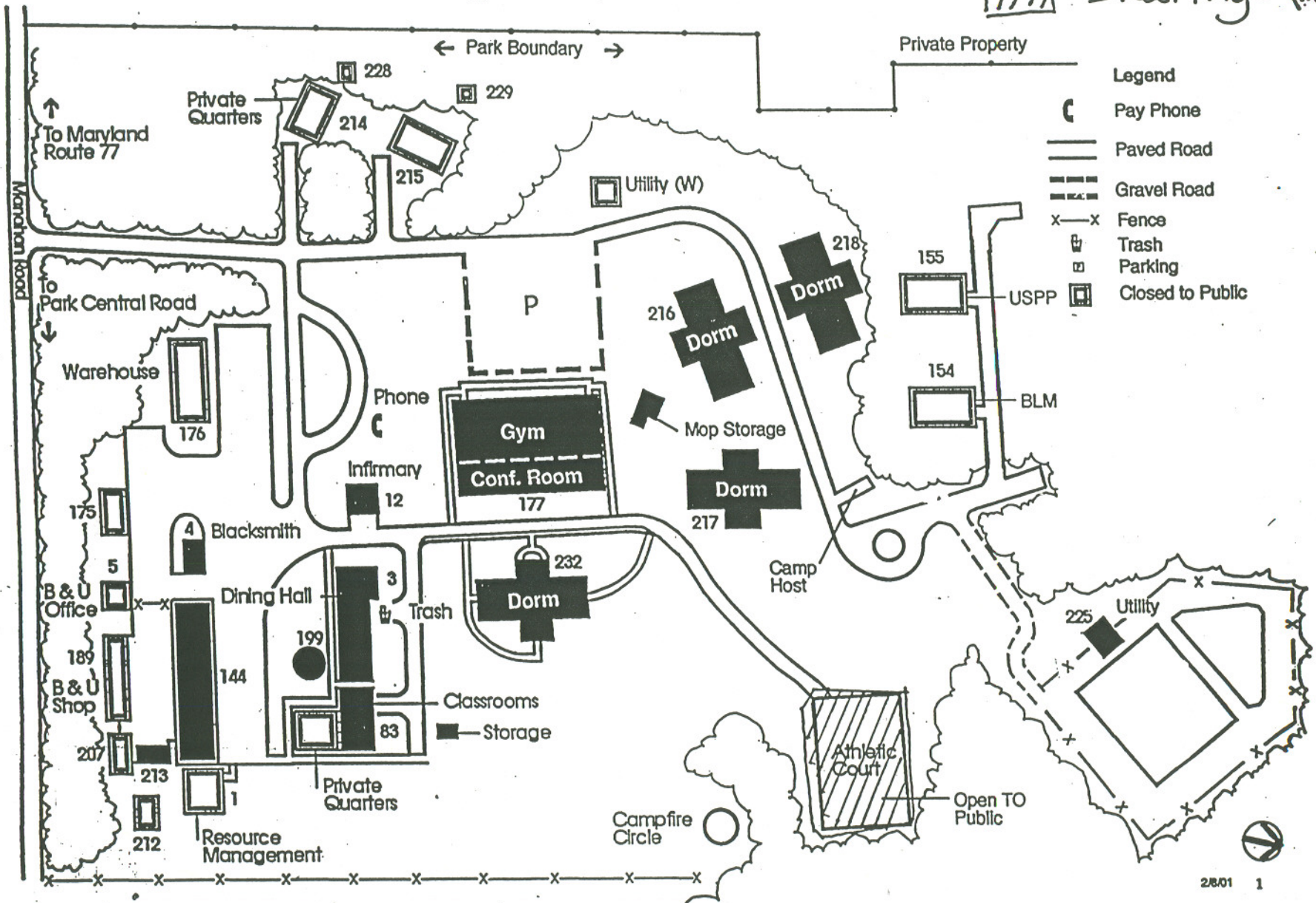
Catoctin Mountain Park offers several opportunities for visitors to volunteer their time and energy to help keep Catoctin a very special place. Volunteers help maintain park trails, and help us to preserve and protect the park through a variety of volunteer work projects.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the park, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at the Visitor Center or call (301) 663-9388.

Round Meadow Skating Area



APPENDIX 5



APPROVED *[Signature]*
DATE 3/1/01



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SITE MAP
Camp Round Meadow
CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN PARK
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

**National Park Service
Catoctin Mountain Park
6602 Foxville Road
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Application for Special Use Permit**

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Applicant Name:	Organization Name:
Social Security #:	Tax ID #
Street/Address:	Street/Address:
City/State/Zip Code:	City/State/Zip Code:
Telephone #:	Telephone #:
Cell phone #:	Cell phone #:
Fax #:	Fax#:
Description of Proposed Activity (attach diagram):	

Requested Location: _____
Date (s): _____

Event set up will begin	Event will begin	Event will end	Removal will be done:

Maximum Number of Participants _____ (Please provide best estimate)

Maximum Number of Vehicles _____ (attach parking plan)

Support Equipment (list all equipment) _____

Support Personnel (contractors, etc. including addresses and telephones) _____

Individual in charge of event on site (include address, telephone and cell phone numbers): _____

Is this an exercise of First Amendment Rights?	Y	N
Are you familiar with/ have you visited the requested area?	Y	N
Do you plan to advertise or issue a press release?	Y	N
Will you distribute printed material?	Y	N
Is there any reason to believe there will be attempts to disrupt, protest or prevent your event?(if yes explain on separate sheet)	Y	N

The applicant by his or her signature certifies that all the information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given.

Signature _____ Date _____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

Special Use Permit

Name of Use: _____

Date Reviewed:
Date Reviewed:
Date Permit Expires:

Permit # NCR-CATO-
Region Park Type No. #

Long Term _____

Short Term _____

Name of Area: Catoctin Mountain Park

Name of Permittee Address Phone

is hereby authorized during the period from (Time XXXX day XX Month XXXX 20XX), through (Time XXXX day XX Month XXXX 20XX), to use the following described land or facilities in the above named area:

For the purpose(s) of:

Authorizing legislation or other authority (RE - DO-53):

NEPA Compliance: CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED _____ EA/FONSI _____ EIS _____ OTHER APPROVED PLANS

PERFORMANCE BOND: Required _____ Not Required _____ Amount \$ _____

LIABILITY INSURANCE: Required _____ Not Required _____ Amount \$ _____

ISSUANCE of this permit is subject to the conditions on the reverse hereof and appended pages and when appropriate to the payment to the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, National Park Service of the sum of \$ _____

The undersigned hereby accepts this permit subject to the terms, covenants, obligations, and reservations, expressed or implied herein.

PERMITTEE _____
Signature Date

Authorizing Official _____
Date Superintendent

Additional Authorizing Official _____
(if Required) Signature Title Date

CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT

- 1. The permittee shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the Superintendent, and shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the area.**
- 2. Damages – The permittee shall pay the United States for any damage resulting from this use which would not reasonably be inherent in the use which the permittee is authorized to make of the land described in this permit.**
- 3. Benefit – No Member of Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this permit or to any benefit that may arise therefrom: but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this grant if made with a corporation for its general benefit.**
- 4. Assignment – This permit may not be transferred or assigned without the consent of the Superintendent, in writing. Any agent, contractor, or subcontractor shall be identified in writing to the permittee.**
- 5. Revocation – This permit may be terminated upon breach of any of the conditions herein or at the discretion of the Superintendent. This permit may be revoked for cause at the discretion of the Superintendent upon 24 hours notice, or without notice if damage to park resources or national security is imminent, notwithstanding any other term or condition of the permit to the contrary.**
- 6. The permittee is prohibited from giving false information; to do so will be considered a breach of conditions and be grounds for revocation [Re: 36 CFR 2.32(a) (4)].**
- 7. Permittee will comply with applicable public health and sanitation standards and codes.**

(NPS Form 10-930)
No. 1024-0026)
(NEW 10/00)
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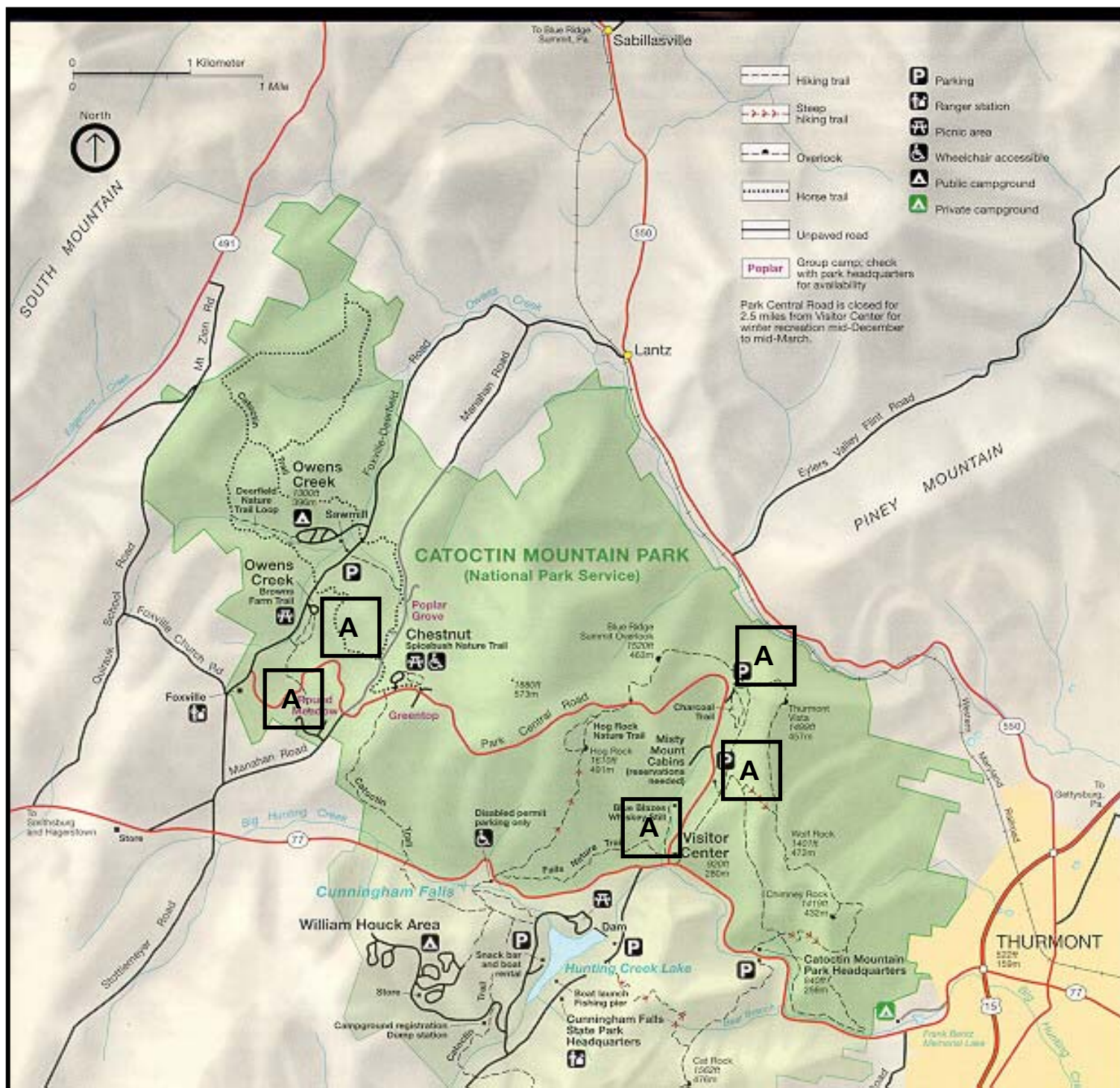
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Email:	Email:

Project name:	Producer:
Type of project:	Photographer:
Location manager:	Director:
Telephone #:	Caterer:
Cell phone #:	Telephone # - set:

Summary of Activities and Scene(s): _____

SCHEDULE BY LOCATION(S) (Includes filming, parking and base camp):

Date	Location	Start Time	End Time	Type of Activity (e.g., film, prep, or strike)	Number of Cast & Crew

Description of Equipment/Props: _____

Attach list of vehicles including type and license plate number. _____

Use of Roads and/or Trails? (Y/N): ____ Describe: _____

I hereby state that the above information given is complete and correct and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given. All estimates are reliable to the best of my knowledge and I have the full authority to represent the applicant entity and the project described above.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Company Name: _____

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Type of project:	Photographer:
Location manager:	Director:
Telephone #:	Insurance company:
Cell phone #:	

TYPE OF PROJECT:

- Stills, editorial
 Stills, advertising
 stills, other
 stock photo/video/film
 Feature Film /TV Movie
 TV Series/Pilot
 Documentary/Travelogue
 Commercial
 Music Video
 Public Service Announcement
 Infomercial
 Industrial
 Other, explain _____

Will there be sound recording Yes No

Night work : No Yes, explain

SUMMARY OF SCENE(S):

SHOOTING SCHEDULE BY LOCATION:

DATE	LOCATION	Start Time	End Time	Interior or Exterior	FILM	PREP	STRIKE	# of cast & crew
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Set dressing or other structures proposed: No Yes, explain

ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR INFORMATION NEEDED TO EVALUATE YOUR PERMIT REQUEST INCLUDING: set construction, parking, sanitary facilities, crowd control, emergency medical plan, off-road activity, trail use, or use of any building and site clean up. Include a proposed Site Plan(s).

Electrical needs, explain _____ Generator: No Yes, size _____

Lighting: None Reflectors only Yes (explain)

Road: _____ Date/time: _____ Closure requested

Running shots Driving shots Drive-bys Tow shots Drive-ups & Away Wet down road

Camera/Equipment on Road Shoulder Camera/Equipment on median Other (explain)

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION:

Number of Personnel and Vehicles:

Total Cast & Crew _____ Personal Cars _____ Large Trucks _____ Other Trucks _____ Vans

Camera Car _____ Picture Cars _____ Motor homes _____ Dressing Rooms

Other Vehicles (explain)

Base Camp location:

Catering Co. Name _____ Phone # _____

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Children: None Yes # of Children _____ Age Range _____

Animals: None Yes (explain)

Trainer Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Aircraft: No Yes (explain)

Special Effects: (identify)

Effects Technician Name: _____ Phone # _____

License # (if applicable) _____ Permit # (if applicable) _____

Stunts: (explain)

Coordinator _____ Phone # _____

Any other unusual or hazardous activities, explain

Person on location responsible for company's adherence to all terms & conditions of a Film Permit:

Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____

Person on location responsible for coordinating activities with the NPS:

Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____

Person at the company office to contact for follow up information and billing:

Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____

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