



**National Park Service**  
**U.S. Department of the Interior**

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

Approved:  
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Dean K. Alexander, Superintendent

**Hopewell Culture**  
**National Historical**  
**Park:**

**Mound City Group**  
**Hopewell Mound Group**  
**Seip Earthworks**  
**Hopeton Earthworks**  
**High Bank Works**

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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 provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Hopewell Culture National Historical Park. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

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

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

**(a)(1) 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:**

**Visiting Hours:**

Visitor use of the park is limited to daylight hours, defined as one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. Visitation in other than daylight hours is incompatible with the educational and scientific purposes for which the park was established. The superintendent makes exceptions for evening programs, approved Special Use Permits or approval on an individual basis. Emergency closures will be posted and/or announced through the media.

*Visiting hours: The Park was established to "permanently preserve and protect" an "object of great historic and scientific interest" and to interpret the prehistoric Hopewell culture to the public. There are no overnight camping facilities in the park, and except for scheduled evening interpretive programs there is no valid scientific or educational reason to allow visitor use of the park after dark. In addition, there are no park employees on site after dark. This would leave the site vulnerable to looting or vandalism if it remained open to the public. Visiting is therefore limited to daylight hours.*

**Closures:**

The Hopeton Earthworks, located on the east bank of the Scioto River north of Chillicothe, is closed to public access except by special permit. This area is a sensitive archeological site with no interpretive services or visitor facilities available on-site. The primary use of this unit is for archeological research. The superintendent may grant access for educational or scientific reasons.

The High Bank Works, located adjacent to State Route 35 South of Chillicothe, is closed to public access except by special permit. This area is a sensitive archeological site with no interpretive services or visitor facilities available on-site. The primary use of this unit is for archeological research. The Superintendent may grant access for educational or scientific reasons.

*The Hopeton Earthworks is a significant archeological site with no interpretive or other visitor use facilities. The earthworks have been eroded through farming and related activities making them almost unrecognizable to the average person. Park lands at Hopeton are mostly fields and provide no legal recreational activities. In addition, an active gravel mining operation exists in the middle of park property, and presents a major safety hazard to visitors because of the heavy truck traffic and fall hazards. For these reasons the Hopeton site will be closed to the general public for the foreseeable future.*

*The High Bank Works is a significant archeological site with no interpretive or other visitor use facilities. The earthworks have been eroded through farming and related activities making them almost unrecognizable to the average person. Park lands at High Bank are mostly fields and provide no legal recreational activities. For these reasons the High Bank Works site will be closed to the general public for the foreseeable future.*

**(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:**

Recreational activities such as kite flying, frisbee throwing, ball playing, etc. are restricted to the mowed turf area between State Route 104 and the visitor center at Mound City Group. Activities are further restricted, at the discretion of the superintendent, to those that are low impact and do not result in damage to turf or other resources, or cause undue interference with other visitors to the park.

*Restrictions on Specified Uses: Hopewell Mound Group, Mound City Group, Seip Earthworks, Hopeton Earthworks and High Bank Works were ceremonial and burial areas for prehistoric cultures of the region. Respect for the prehistoric builders of the sites and appropriate interpretation and protection of the surviving features requires decorum from visitors. There is no valid educational reason to allow sport-like recreational activities in these areas.*

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

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

- §2.2(e) Viewing wildlife with artificial light
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals).
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
  - (a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas
  - (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 Aircraft & Air Delivery:
  - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
  - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives:
  - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents

- (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printer matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Memorialization:
  - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from the Director)
  - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
- §4.11(a) Vehicles exceeding load, weight and size limits (see section III, §4.10)
- §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 Commercial Photography/Filming:
  - (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 (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available).
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.

*Activities that require a permit: The listed activities may be appropriate in very limited situations, or may be compatible with the purposes of the park for specific educational or commemorative events. Some situations may make the park the appropriate space for the exercise of Constitutionally protected rights. Therefore, the listed activities may be permitted with the approval of the Park Superintendent.*

### **III. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

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

**(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:**

The public is prohibited from walking and climbing on mounds and earthworks because of the possibility of damage from erosion. Areas between the mounds and earthworks are open to foot travel.

*Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources: Walking on mounds and earthworks causes erosion, and there is no valid interpretive or educational reason for walking on the mounds.*

*Native Americans have expressed concerns that walking on the mounds is disrespectful to those that were buried in the mounds. Earthworks and mounds are therefore closed to foot travel.*

**(c)(1), (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:**

Blackberry	One cup per visit for personal use or consumption only.
Raspberry	One cup per visit for personal use or consumption only.
Mulberry	One cup per visit for personal use or consumption only.
Walnuts	One pint per visit for personal use or consumption only.
Buckeyes (Yellow, Ohio)	One pint per visit for personal use only.
Morel Mushrooms	No more than 12 mushrooms per visit for personal use or consumption.

*Gathering of Natural Resources: Generally, collection and removal of natural resources from any unit of the National Park System is prohibited. The resources listed have been collected for many years, and there has been no observable harm to other natural resources or the abundance of listed plants.*

### **36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING**

#### Conditions for Picnicking:

Picnicking is permitted only in designated picnic areas. These areas are identified by the presence of picnic tables and or trash cans.

*Picnicking: All units of the park contain sensitive archeological features. Appropriate scientific and educational activities of these features would be adversely impacted by allowing picnicking throughout the grounds. The park provides picnic tables and other facilities at designated areas to limit impacts from erosion, burying animals, insects, and interference with educational activities.*

### **36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES**

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited in the park except that the superintendent may permit the use of fires for educational or interpretive purposes.

*Fires: Fire is a potential hazard to park resources and facilities and to neighboring properties. The park closes at dark and has no facilities for over night visitors. Therefore, there is no resource management, visitor service, or educational need for fires light or maintained by visitors.*

### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:**

Pets are not allowed in buildings or structures except guide dogs accompanying visually impaired persons or hearing ear dogs, accompanying hearing-impaired persons and physically disabled persons with animals that assist them.

*Animals within buildings: To prevent conflicts with other visitors and staff, animals are not allowed in park buildings. Service animals are excepted from rule.*

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

Pet excrement is to be removed from trails, walkways, lawns and other developed areas by the person responsible for the pet.

*Pet excrement: Pet owners are responsible for their animals, including cleaning up after their animals. The developed units of the park are commemorative spaces which should be treated with respect and decorum.*

### **36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS**

**(b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:**

The use of horses or pack animals is only allowed on the Tri-County Trail that runs through Hopewell Mound Group. All other areas horses or pack-animals are prohibited.

*Horses and pack animals: Horses and other live stock cause erosion of slopes and earthworks. Only the Adena Trail is hardened to prevent erosion. To protect the prehistoric earthworks which are the primary resource of the park and to protect the public's investment in park trails, horses and pack animals are limited to the Adena Trail. The potential introduction of invasive plants is a second concern.*

### **36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES**

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

The Tri-County Trail that runs through Hopewell Mound Group is the only trail that is open for the use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices.

*Skating, skateboards and similar devices: Hopewell Mound Group, Mound City Group, and Seip Earthworks were ceremonial and burial areas for prehistoric cultures of the region. Hopeton Earthworks and High Bank Works were large ceremonial areas. Respect for the prehistoric builders of the sites and appropriate interpretation and protection of the surviving features requires decorum from visitors. There is no valid educational reason to allow sport-like recreational activities in these areas. The Adena Trail at Hopewell Mound Group is exempted from this restriction since it is appropriately designed for these uses.*

### **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

**(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:**

Smoking is not allowed in park buildings. Smoking on trails and other outside areas of the park may be prohibited during periods of high fire danger.

*Government-wide regulations prohibit smoking in Federal buildings. The building must be specified by the Superintendent of each site. This item specifies that all park buildings are covered by these rules.*

### **36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES**

**(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, 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:**

Hopewell Culture National Historical Park has an Entrance Fee system that collects fees only at Mound City Group. Fees are not collected at Hopewell Mound Group, Seip Earthworks, Hopeton Earthworks and High Bank Works.

**Recreational Fee Schedule:**

Daily Pass (Individual person)	\$ 3.00
Daily Pass (Vehicle)	\$ 5.00
Golden Age Passport	\$10.00
Golden Access Passport	Free
National Park Service Pass	\$50.00

\*Those age 16 and under are free.

Entry for the Daily Pass for vehicle and individual are good for seven days with receipt.

**Commercial Tour Category:**

A \$100.00 fee is charged for commercial tour vehicles. A commercial tour vehicle is a vehicle or company that is charging passengers a fee for transportation.

*The National Park Service has evaluated the purpose, use, and facilities at Hopewell Culture National Historical Park and determined that collection of recreation fees at the Mound City Group unit of the park is appropriate. Fees vary by Park and are set by visitation, facilities and comparable fees of nearby areas. This entry lists the fee schedule and valid period of the pass. This information is not listed in any other regulatory document and is therefore needed for the enforcement of the entry fee.*

**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:**

Alcoholic beverages are permitted only in designated picnic areas. Consumption of alcoholic beverages in other areas of the park is prohibited as it is inappropriate to the educational and interpretive activities that occur in these areas.

*Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances: Hopewell Mound Group, Mound City Group, and Seip Earthworks were ceremonial and burial areas for prehistoric cultures of the region. Hopeton Earthworks and High Bank Works were large ceremonial areas. Respect for the prehistoric builders of the sites and appropriate interpretation and protection of the surviving features requires decorum from visitors. There is no valid educational or visitor service purpose for the consumption of alcoholic beverages outside of the designated picnic areas.*

**36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

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

The legal speed limit on all park roads shall be 15 miles per hour.

*The park-wide speed limit on park-maintained roads is 15 miles per hour. This section of the Code of Federal Regulations provides for two speed limits. The specified limit for parking areas, camp*

*grounds, and other congested areas is 15 mph. The speed limit for all other park roads is 45 mph. This entry designates all park-maintained roads as parking lots, driveways, service roads, or other congested roads. This entry does not apply to State, county, or township-maintained roads.*