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## INTRODUCTION

### A. What is the Superintendent's Compendium?

The FONE and FRHI Superintendent's Compendium is the summary of park specific rules implemented under the discretionary authority of the park Superintendent. It serves as public notice with an opportunity for public comment, identifies areas closed for public use, provides a list of activities requiring either a special use permit or reservation, and elaborates on those public use and resource protection regulations that pertain to the specific administration of the parks. It does not contain those regulations found in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and other United States Codes (U.S.C.) and CFR Titles which are enforced without further elaboration at the park level.

The regulations contained in 36 CFR Parts 1-7 are the basic mechanism used by the National Park Service (NPS) to preserve and protect the natural and cultural resources of the parks and to protect visitors and property within the parks. Parts 1 through 6 are general regulations applicable to all areas of the National Park System, and Part 7 contains special regulations specific to individual parks. Each of these Parts has many sections and subsections articulating specific provisions. Within some of these Part 1-7 sections and subsections, the Superintendent is granted discretionary authority to develop local rules to be responsive to the needs of a specific park resource or activity, park plan, program, and/or special needs of the general public.

As an example, 36 CFR 1.5(a) *Closures and Public Use Limits* provides the Superintendent certain discretion in allowing or disallowing certain activities. The authority granted by this Section, however, requires the Superintendent to comply with the Administrative Procedures Act (5 USC Section 551) which requires public notice on actions with major impact on visitor use patterns, park resources or those that are highly controversial in nature.

Another example is 36 CFR 1.6 *Permits*, which allows the Superintendent to require a permit for certain uses and activities in the parks. This Section, however, requires that a list of activities needing a permit (and a fee schedule for the various types of permits) be maintained by the park.

This Compendium should be used in conjunction with 36 CFR, Sections 1-7 to more fully understand the regulations governing the use and enjoyment of all the areas of the National Park System.

A copy of 36 CFR can be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office at:

Superintendent of Documents  
P.O. Box 371954  
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954

Or by calling: (202) 512-1800

The Code of Federal Regulations is also available on the internet at:  
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/nara/index.html>

**B. What laws and policies allow the Superintendent to develop this Compendium?**

The NPS is granted broad statutory authority in 16 U.S.C. Section 1 *et.seq.* (National Park Service Organic Act of 1916, as amended) to "... regulate the use of the Federal areas known as national parks, monuments, and reservations... by such means and measures as conform to the fundamental purposes of the said parks... which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment for future generations" (16 U.S.C. Section 1). In addition, the Organic Act allows the NPS, through the Secretary of the Interior, to "make and publish such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary or proper for the use and management of the parks, monuments, and reservations under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service" (16 U.S.C. Section 3).

In 1970, Congress amended the NPS Organic Act to clarify its intentions as to the overall mission of the NPS. Through the General Authorities Act of 1970 (16 U.S.C. Sections 1a1-1a8), Congress brought all areas administered by the NPS into one National Park System and directed the NPS to manage all areas under its administration consistent with the Organic Act of 1916.

In 1978, Congress amended the General Authorities Act of 1970 and reasserted System-wide the high standard of protection defined in the original Organic Act by stating, "Congress further reaffirms, declares, and directs that the promotion and regulation of the various areas of the National Park System, as defined by Section 1 of this Title, shall be consistent with and founded in the purpose established by Section 1 of this Title, to the common benefit of all people of the United States."

16 U.S.C. Section 1c defines the National Park System as "... any areas of land and water now or hereafter administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the National Park Service for park, monument, historic, parkway, recreational, or other purposes."

In addition to the above statutory authority, the Superintendent is also guided by established NPS policy as found in the *NPS Management Policies* (2001). As stated in this policy document, the primary responsibility of the NPS is to protect and preserve our national natural and cultural resources while providing for the enjoyment of these resources by visitors and other users, as long as use does not impair specific park resources or overall visitor experience. The appropriateness of any particular visitor use or recreational experience is resource based and will vary from park to park; therefore, a use or activity that is appropriate in one park area may not be appropriate in another. Each park Superintendent is directed to analyze overall park use and determine if any particular use is appropriate. Where conflict arises between use and resource protection, where the Superintendent has a basis to believe a resource is or would become impaired, then that Superintendent is obliged to place limitations on public use.

**C. Does this Compendium comply with applicable Federal law and requirements?**

The Superintendent's Compendium is not considered a significant rule requiring review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866. In addition, this Compendium does not have a significant economic effect on a number of small entities nor impose a significant cost on any local, state or tribal government or private organization and therefore does not fall under the requirements of either the Regulatory Flexibility Act or the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

In compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, the NPS has determined that the implementation of this Compendium will not adversely affect any Federally listed threatened or endangered species, or designated critical habitat.

The actions and requirements described in this Compendium are found to be categorically excluded from compliance with the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in Department of the Interior (DOI) Guidelines 516 DM 6 and as such an Environmental Assessment will not be prepared.

**D. How are the requirements of the Superintendent's Compendium developed?**

As outlined above, the NPS has broad authority and responsibility to determine what types of uses and activities are appropriate in any particular National Park System area. The requirements of the Superintendent's Compendium are developed through an analysis and determination process. The decision criteria used during this process are:

- Is the use or activity consistent with the NPS Organic Act and NPS policy?
- Is the use or activity consistent and compatible with the park's enabling legislation, management objectives, and corresponding management plans?
- Will the use or activity damage or impair the park's protected natural and cultural resources and other protected values?
- Will the use or activity disturb or be in conflict with wildlife, vegetation, and environmental protection actions and values?
- Will the use or activity conflict with or be incompatible with traditional park uses and activities?
- Will the use or activity compromise employee or public safety?

**E. Where does this Compendium apply?**

The regulations contained in this Compendium apply to all persons entering, using, visiting or otherwise within the boundaries of Federally owned lands and waters administered by the NPS as part of Fort Necessity National Battlefield and Friendship Hill National Historic Site.

The regulations contained in this Compendium do not apply on Federally owned lands and waters administered by another department or agency, on lands owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its local political subdivisions, on Indian tribal trust lands, or on private lands, except those lands which are administered by the NPS for public use purposes pursuant to the terms of a written agreement or lease.

The Federally managed portion of Fort Necessity National Battlefield includes the main unit of the battlefield, encompassing the Great Meadows, located in Farmington, PA, as well as the satellite units of the Braddock's Grave parcel and the Jumonville Glen parcel. The Federally managed portion of Friendship Hill National Historic Site is the main unit located between Point Marion, PA and New Geneva, PA.

**F. Who enforces the requirements of this Compendium?**

Only NPS Law Enforcement Park Rangers can enforce the requirements of this Superintendent's Compendium. However, many Federal laws and regulations have similar statutes found in State and local law. Many of the requirements of this Compendium complement existing State and

local law and regulations which are also in effect within the parks and enforced by State and local law enforcement officers.

**G. Is there a penalty for not adhering to the requirements found in this Compendium?**

A person who violates any provision of the regulations found in 36 CFR Parts 1-7, along with this Compendium, is subject to a fine as provided by law (18 U.S.C. 3571) up to \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months (18 U.S.C. 3559), or both, and shall be adjudged to pay all court costs associated with any court proceedings. You may receive a list of collateral forfeiture amounts associated with any particular provision by contacting the Chief Ranger at the park address found below.

**H. How do I provide comment on this Compendium?**

The parks welcome comments about its programs and activities at any time. Comments specific to the 2006 Superintendent's Compendium will be accepted until February 28, 2006. Any comments received after February 28, although welcome, will not be used in the final decision-making process for the 2006 Compendium.

Any changes to this Compendium recommended by the public or others, and accepted by the Superintendent, will be incorporated into this Compendium without further public comment and review.

Please send any written comments to:

Superintendent  
Fort Necessity National Battlefield  
1 Washington Parkway  
Farmington, PA 15437  
ATTN: 2006 Superintendent's Compendium

Or e-mail your comments to: [www.nps.gov/fone/pphtml/contact.html](http://www.nps.gov/fone/pphtml/contact.html)

Please title the subject box: 2006 Superintendent's Compendium.

**I. When will the 2006 Compendium become effective?**

The 2006 FONE and FRHI Superintendent's Compendium will become effective on March 1, 2006 and remain in effect until superceded.

**J. Is there anything else I need to know about this Compendium?**

Some of the terms used in this Compendium may be unclear to you. If you are unsure about a specific term please consult 36 CFR 1.4 *Definitions*. Terms that may be unique to this Compendium will be defined.

**K. Where may I find a copy of this Compendium once it is approved?**

Reference copies of the Compendium are available at:

- Park Headquarters at Fort Necessity National Battlefield, 1 Washington Parkway, Farmington, PA (724) 329-5512
- Park Visitor Information Center at Fort Necessity National Battlefield (724) 329-5805

- Park Visitor Information Center at Friendship Hill National Historic Site, 223 New Geneva Road, Point Marion, PA 15474 (724) 725-9190

Hours of operation vary. Please call ahead to ensure the facility is open.

The FONE and FRHI Superintendent's Compendium may also be found on the parks' web site at: [www.nps.gov/fone/pphtml/documents.html](http://www.nps.gov/fone/pphtml/documents.html)

## **PART 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Are there any closures or public use limits imposed within Fort Necessity NB and Friendship Hill NHS?**

#### **Section 1.5 – Closures and Public Use Limit**

##### **Section 1.5(a)(1)**

##### Closed Areas

The following areas are closed to public use:

- All abandoned surface and underground mine areas
- All construction sites
- Employee residence areas and access roads, maintenance areas and access roads, and pump house and access roads
- All buildings other than Visitor Centers, park headquarters or other identified administrative offices, and public restrooms
- Any or all portions of the parks when deemed necessary to protect the public from unsafe conditions. Signs will be posted to announce such temporary closures
- Areas temporarily closed and signed for a variety of reasons including site restoration, protection of at risk endangered or threatened animal or plant species, and protection of fragile cultural or historic sites
  
- **FONE**
  - The Mount Washington Tavern, except for the first and second floors
  - The Rush property life estate tract and its access roads
  - The areas within 200 feet of the water reservoirs
  
- **FRHI**
  - The Albert Gallatin House, except for the first floor, second floor exhibit areas, and the basement restroom area
  - The area of artificial wetlands used in the acid mine drainage (AMD) study and the AMD facility building
  - The areas within 50 feet of all natural gas wells



## Visiting Hours

The following visiting hours are established:

- The parks are open daily from sunrise to sunset
- Visitor Centers and public buildings are open as scheduled and posted at the facility, and/or through press releases or the park website
- Park Visitor Centers and other public facilities are closed on the following designated Federal holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day
- During periods of severe weather, the Superintendent may adjust visiting hours as needed in the interest of visitor and employee safety
  
- **FONE**
  - Main Park Road: open daily from Sunrise to Sunset
  - Gist Road (Picnic Area Road) and Picnic Area: open daily from Sunrise to Sunset, April 15<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>; closed November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Jumonville Glen: open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>; closed November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Braddock's Grave: Open to foot traffic year-round. Closed to vehicles dependant upon weather
  - Visitor Center open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, unless otherwise posted
  - Visitor Center open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, unless otherwise posted
  
- **FRHI**
  - Gallatin House Gate: open daily from Sunrise to Sunset when park facilities are open
  - Visitor Center open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, unless otherwise posted
  - Visitor Center open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, unless otherwise posted

## **Section 1.5(a)(2)**

### Designated Areas for Specific Use or Activity

The following activities are restricted or prohibited:

- **Motor vehicle use** is prohibited on all trails, pipelines, transmission line rights-of-way, non-designated roadways, or other unimproved surfaces
- except for; management use of pipeline and transmission line rights-of-way as detailed in appropriate agreements between the utility company and the National Park Service, wheeled vehicles used for the accommodation of handicapped individuals on established walkways, and by park employees pursuant to approved uses and methods in conducting park management, maintenance, or law enforcement operations

- **Kite flying, ball playing, Frisbee throwing**, or similar recreational activities are not permitted on or within 50 feet of any walkway, trail, parking lot, road, or within 300 feet of park buildings (including the Fort and stockade)
- **Rock climbing, repelling**, or similar activities are prohibited
- **Washing, waxing, cleaning, lubricating, or performing any mechanical repair** to motor vehicles is prohibited, except in emergencies and at the discretion of park law enforcement rangers
- **Activities or temporary structures** (including, but not limited to, sun canopies or tents) which detract from the visitor experience and are not related to park purpose, themes, or co-sponsored by the park are prohibited
- **Geocaching** is prohibited [*Geocaching is the organized activity of using GPS units to create new or locate existing cache sites posted to the Web, trading items from the cache, and documenting the activity in the cache log book*]
- **Paint-balling**, the possession and/or use of a paint-ball gun, or similar device, is prohibited

## **Do I need a permit to participate in certain activities?**

### **Section 1.6 – Permits**

#### **Section 1.6(f)**

The following activities within the park require a written permit (including, but not limited to):

- Research specimen collection – 36 CFR 2.5(a)
- Camping – 36 CFR 2.10
- Special Events including all sporting events/races, pageants, contests, company picnics, family reunions, ceremonies of any kind or size, partisan political events, and other similar activities – 36 CFR 2.50(a)
- Public assemblies and meetings – 36 CFR 2.51(a)
- Sale and distribution of printed materials – 36 CFR 2.52(a)
- Grazing and agricultural use – 36 CFR 2.60(b)
- Residing on park lands – 36 CFR 2.61(a)
- Memorialization and scattering of human ashes – 36 CFR 2.62(b)
- Advertisements – 36 CFR 5.1
- Business Operations – 36 CFR 5.3
- Commercial filming – 36 CFR 5.5(a)
- Commercial photography – 36 CFR 5.5(b)
- Construction activities including buildings, roads, trails, paths, telephone lines, power lines, and other public and private utilities – 36 CFR 5.7

Engaging in any of the above activities without a permit is prohibited. Permit applications must be filed with the Superintendent at least 14 days before the anticipated activity. Permit applications must be accompanied by a \$50 non-refundable Application Fee. Applications will be reviewed individually. Decisions on whether or not to issue a permit will be made on a case-by-case basis. Additional use and monitoring fees may be charged in accordance with established policy and procedure.

## **PART 2 – RESOURCE PROTECTION, PUBLIC USE AND RECREATION**

### **May I collect and keep natural, cultural and/or archeological resources found in the parks?**

#### **Section 2.1 – Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources**

The collection or possession of any cultural, historic, or archeological resource is prohibited.

##### **Section 2.1(a)(4) – Firewood**

- **FONE:** Dead and down wood may be collected for personal use in the park by park visitors as campfire fuel in the Youth Group Camp area only. Firewood may not be gathered adjacent to any park administrative facility including any park offices, visitor centers, or maintenance facilities or compounds.
- **FRHI:** The collection of firewood by park visitors is prohibited.
- **FONE and FRHI:** Residents occupying federal land within the park boundary under a use and occupancy lease or residing-in-the-park special use permit may collect dead and down wood from these lands in sufficient quantities for their use as heating fuel. Such wood may not be removed from the park. Cutting live or standing dead trees is prohibited except by written agreement of the Superintendent under the terms of a use and occupancy lease, or residing-in-the-park special use permit.

##### **Section 2.1(c)(1) – Collection of Fruits, Berries and Nuts**

The gathering by hand of edible fruits, berries, and nuts for personal use or consumption on site is permitted. This includes the gathering of edible mushrooms or morels, but does not include the tapping of maple trees, or any other tree species, for sap. The collection of wildflowers, conifer branches, or any other vegetation is prohibited.

The following edible fruits, berries and nuts may be gathered by hand for personal consumption in the quantities indicated:

Fruits:	One (1) gallon per person/group per day
Berries:	One (1) gallon per person/group per day
Nuts:	One (1) pound per person/group per day
Mushrooms:	One-half (1/2) pound per person/group per day

### **May I hunt in the parks?**

#### **Section 2.2 – Wildlife Protection**

##### **Section 2.2(b)(1) – Hunting**

Hunting and trapping is prohibited within the boundaries of Fort Necessity NB (including Braddock's Grave and Jumonville Glen units) and Friendship Hill NHS.

**Section 2.2(d) – Transporting Wildlife**

Lawfully taken game that must be retrieved from or transported through the parks is allowable only after prior notification is made and approval granted by the Superintendent or a law enforcement ranger. Approval will be given only if there is no other method or route to transport the wildlife. Hunters are prohibited from entering the park without being accompanied by a park staff member, and may not be in possession of a weapon while being escorted through park property.

**Section 2.2(e) – Shining/Spot Lighting**

All areas of the parks are closed to the viewing of wildlife with an artificial light, including those areas along township roads and state highway routes.

**May I fish in the parks?**

**Section 2.3 – Fishing**

**Section 2.3(a) – Designated Areas and Conditions**

All waters in the parks are open to bait fishing in accordance with applicable State laws.

**May I carry or possess weapons in the parks?**

**Section 2.4 – Weapons, Traps, and Nets**

**Section 2.4(a)(2)(i) – Carrying Weapons**

The public is prohibited from carrying or possessing weapons, traps, or nets within the parks at all times. This does not apply to volunteer groups or individuals who are invited and sponsored by the parks to participate in official and regulated historic weapons living history programs.

**Section 2.4(d)(1) – Resource Management**

The Superintendent may allow identified individuals to carry weapons, traps, or nets when necessary to support research activities in accordance with 36 CFR 2.5 “Research Specimens.”

**Section 2.4(d)(3) – Employees**

Designated park staff may carry weapons in the performance of official duties, including law enforcement purposes, or approved and regulated historic weapons demonstrations.

**Section 2.4(e) – Other Officers**

Sworn officers of other Federal, state or local law enforcement agencies may also carry weapons within the parks in performance of official duties.

## **May I camp in the parks?**

### **Section 2.10 – Camping and Food Storage**

#### **Section 2.10(a) – Designated Areas and Conditions**

- **FONE:** Camping is allowed at the Youth Group Camp only, and requires a permit from the Superintendent.
- **FRHI:** Camping is prohibited.

#### **Section 2.10(d) – Food Storage**

Food must be stored at designated camping areas to adequately protect it from wildlife.

## **May I picnic in the parks?**

### **Section 2.11 – Picnicking**

Picnicking is allowed anywhere in the parks, except:

- **FONE**
  - Within 100 feet of the Mount Washington Tavern, Braddock’s Grave site, and the Jumonville Glen rocks.
  - Anywhere within the Great Meadows battlefield area surrounding the Fort and stockade.
  - Within 100 feet of the Visitor Center, except within designated areas where park-provided picnic tables are located.
  - The use of fires, grills, or stoves for food preparation is prohibited as part of incidental picnicking outside of the designated picnic area containing park-provided fire grills.
- **FRHI**
  - Within 300 feet of the Gallatin House.
  - The use of fires, grills, or stoves for food preparation is prohibited as part of incidental picnicking outside of the designated picnic area containing park-provided fire grills.

## **May I have a fire in the parks?**

### **Section 2.13 – Fires**

#### **Section 2.13(a)(1) – Conditions**

Fires are permitted only in park-provided grills or fire pits within designated picnic areas or group camp sites, or in portable gas or charcoal grills brought to the parks by visitors, and then must be

located on or adjacent to park-provided picnic tables in designated picnic areas. Constructing a rock-ring, or lighting a fire in a rock-ring is prohibited. Where picnic tables are provided adjacent to the Visitor Centers, fires are restricted to portable gas or charcoal grills brought to the parks by visitors (no wood-fuel fires).

Other fires may be lit and maintained under the terms of a Special Use Permit, or by park employees in support of resource management activities as outlined by an approved Fire Management Plan.

#### **Section 2.13(a)(4) – Unattended Fires**

No fire (charcoal, gas, or wood) shall be left unattended.

#### **Section 2.13(b) – Extinguishing Fires**

Charcoal and wood fires must be extinguished with water immediately subsequent to their use, and any cold ashes or other extinguished materials placed in proper trash receptacles.

#### **Section 2.13(c) – Fire Closures**

During periods of elevated fire danger open fires will be prohibited in accordance with appropriate State and local fire bans. Notice of any fire restriction will be posted at all visitor centers, picnic areas, camp areas, and other major public use facilities. Smoking will not be allowed in undeveloped areas during posted fire bans.

### **What do I do with my trash after I visit or use the parks?**

#### **Section 2.14 – Sanitation and Refuse**

##### **Section 2.14(a)(1) – Disposing of Refuse**

FONE and FRHI are “Trash Free” parks. Public trash cans are not provided. Visitors are responsible for their own trash management, collection, and removal from the parks. Disposing of refuse in restroom vaults or port-a-johns is prohibited.

##### **Section 2.14(a)(2) – Use of Refuse Containers, where provided**

Small refuse containers, such as those located at park visitor centers, are for disposal of incidental refuse associated with a visit to the parks. Dumping of household, commercial, or industrial trash in government refuse containers is prohibited.

### **May I have pets in the parks?**

#### **Section 2.15 – Pets**

##### **Section 2.15(a)(1) – Park Buildings and Other Public Use Facilities**

Pets are not allowed in any public building or office except for service animals. Pets are permitted in all other areas of the parks, provided they are equipped with collars, identification and vaccination tags, and under control on a leash.

**Section 2.15(a)(3) – Unattended Pets**

Leaving pets unattended while tied to objects is prohibited.

**Section 2.15(a)(5) – Excrement Control**

Pet excrement shall be removed from picnic areas, trails, and all areas of frequent public use.

**Section 2.15(e) – Government Quarters**

Pets are prohibited from government multi-occupancy or dormitory quarters. Pets are allowed in single-family government quarters only by written permission from the Superintendent.

**May I ride a horse in the parks?**

**Section 2.16 – Horses and Pack Animals**

**Section 2.16(b) – Designated Areas and Conditions**

Horses and other pack animals are prohibited in the parks, except under conditions of a Special Use Permit.

**May I ride a snowmobile in the parks?**

**Section 2.18 – Snowmobiles**

**Section 2.18(c) – Designated Areas**

The operation of snowmobiles is prohibited in the parks, except under conditions of a Special Use Permit.

**What other winter activities are available in the parks?**

**Section 2.19 – Winter Activities**

**Section 2.19(a) – Designated Areas**

Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, and tubing are permitted in the following areas:

- **FONE:** On the picnic loop road, on park trails, and on other park roads only at designated trail crossings
- **FRHI:** On park trails, and on park roads only at designated trail crossings

## **May I roller-skate or skateboard in the parks?**

### **Section 2.20 – Skating and Skateboards**

The use of roller-skates, skateboards, and similar devices is prohibited in the parks.

## **May I smoke in the parks?**

### **Section 2.21 – Smoking**

#### **Section 2.21(a) – Designated Areas**

Smoking is prohibited within all public buildings, park offices, visitor facilities, multi-occupancy or dormitory government quarters, and government vehicles. Smoking is allowed in all other outside areas within the parks, except during times of posted fire bans as detailed in Section 2.13(c).

## **May I park my car or leave other items in the parks for more than 24 hours, or keep items I find in the parks?**

### **Section 2.22 – Property**

#### **Section 2.22(a)(2) – Unattended Property**

No property shall be left in the parks unattended for more than 24 hours.

#### **Section 2.22(a)(3) – Found Property**

Found property must be immediately turned in to park employees.

## **May I consume alcoholic beverages in the parks?**

### **Section 2.35 – Alcoholic Beverages**

#### **Section 2.35(a)(3)(i) – Prohibited Areas**

All government buildings are closed to the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, except:

- Buildings occupied as government quarters
- As allowed under a permit from the Superintendent



The possession of an open container or consumption of alcoholic beverages is also prohibited on or within 10 feet of all roads, trails, walkways, and parking lots, and within 300 feet of visitor centers, headquarters, and other visitor use facilities and buildings. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is also prohibited as follows:

- **FONE:** Within the Great Meadows, Braddock's Grave unit, and Jumonville Glen unit
- **FRHI:** No further restrictions

### **Are public assemblies, including demonstrations and other expressions of First Amendment rights allowed in the parks?**

#### **Section 2.51 – Public Assemblies**

##### **Section 2.51(e) – Designated Areas and Conditions**

Public assemblies and meetings may be held in several areas which provide historic sites as visual backgrounds, providing reasonable opportunity to attract the attention of visitors, while not unduly compromising the visitors' enjoyment of prime park resources. A Special Use Permit is required for all public assemblies. Maps of public assembly sites are available at park headquarters. Designated First Amendment areas are as follows:

- **FONE:**
  - a.) *Prior to completion of the new Visitor Center:* the grassy area contained within the visitor center loop road
  - b.) *After completion of the new Visitor Center:* the grassy area on the West side of the park entrance road at the road split between the Mount Washington Tavern and the Administrative Offices.
  - c.) the grassy area West of the Mount Washington Tavern, adjacent to State Route 40
- **FRHI:**
  - a.) the grassy area 100 feet South and 50 feet off the Gallatin House Road
  - b.) the grassy area directly across from site (a), 50 feet off the Gallatin House Road

### **May I sell or distribute in the parks printed materials in association with public assemblies and other First Amendment activities?**

#### **Section 2.52 – Sale and Distribution of Printed Materials**

##### **Section 2.52(e) – Locations and Conditions**

The sale or distribution of printed materials in association with properly permitted public assemblies or other First Amendment activities is allowed within the designated First Amendment areas only.

### **May I scatter human ashes in the parks?**

#### **Section 2.62 – Memorialization**

### **Section 2.62(b) – Conditions**

The scattering of human ashes is permitted within the park under the terms and conditions of a Special Use Permit. No teeth or identifiable human bones shall be included in the ashes.

## **PART 3 – BOATING AND WATER USE ACTIVITIES**

In and along that portion of the Monongahela River which borders the boundary of Friendship Hill NHS, State boating and water use regulations apply.

## **PART 4 – VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SAFETY**

### **May I drive off-road in the parks?**

#### **Section 4.10 – Travel on Park Roads and Designated Routes**

##### **Section 4.10(a) – Designated Areas**

Off-road travel is prohibited in the parks. Motor vehicles are permitted only on designated roads and parking areas.

### **What is the speed limit in the parks?**

#### **Section 4.21 – Speed Limits**

##### **Section 4.21(b) – Designations**

The speed limit on all designated park roads is 20 mph, with the following exception:

- **FRHI:** The speed limit on the Gallatin House knoll road is 5 mph.

### **May I bicycle in the parks?**

#### **Section 4.30 – Bicycles**

##### **Section 4.30(a) – Designated Areas and Conditions**

Bicycles and other non-motorized means of conveyance are permitted on established park roads and parking lots in accordance with applicable State and local laws and regulations. Operation of a bicycle or similar non-motorized conveyance on park trails is prohibited.

## **PART 5 – COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE OPERATIONS**

### **May I conduct a business operation in the parks?**

#### **Section 5.3 – Business Operations**

A permit, contract, or other written agreement from the Superintendent or the National Park Service is required to engage in business operations in the parks.

