



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

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

**Fort Necessity National
Battlefield & Friendship
Hill National Historic Site**

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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 Fort Necessity National Battlefield (FONE) and Friendship Hill National Historic Site (FRHI). 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 parks, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the parks to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours (General):

- 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, 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

Fort Necessity NB:

- Main Park Road is open daily from sunrise to sunset
- Gist Road (Picnic Area Road) and Picnic Area is open daily from sunrise to sunset, April 15th through October 31st, closed November 1st through April 14th
- Jumonville Glen is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., May 1st through October 31st, closed November 1st through April 30th
- Braddock's Grave is open to foot traffic year-round. Closed to vehicles dependant upon weather
- Visitor Center is open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted or closed for holiday observance as noted

Friendship Hill NHS:

- Gallatin House Gate is open daily from sunrise to sunset when park facilities are open

- Visitor Center is open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from April 1st through October 31st, unless otherwise posted
- Visitor Center open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, November 1st through March 31st, unless otherwise posted

Closures (General):

- All abandoned surface and underground mine areas

This closure is established to protect the health and safety of park visitors, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

- All construction sites

This closure is established to protect the health and safety of park visitors, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

- Employee residence areas and access roads, maintenance areas and access roads, and pump house and access roads

This closure is established to protect the privacy of park residents and the integrity of safe park operations, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

Motor Vehicles:

- Motor vehicles are 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 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

This condition is established to protect park resources from unnecessary damage and erosion due to off-road motor vehicle use, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

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 surrounding the Fort and stockade; within 100 feet of the Visitor Center, except within designated areas where park-provided picnic tables are located
- FRHI: Within 300 feet of the Gallatin House

This condition is established to preserve and honor the integrity of battlefield areas, grave sites, and other areas of solemn value, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

Fort Necessity NB:

- The Mount Washington Tavern, except for the first and second floors

This closure is established to protect the health and safety of park visitors and the fragile nature of historic structures, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

- The Rush property life estate tract and its access roads

This closure is established to protect the privacy of resident park in-holders, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

- The areas within 200 feet of the water reservoirs

This closure is established to protect the quality of the park's water supply, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

Friendship Hill NHS:

- The Albert Gallatin House, except for the first floor, second floor exhibit areas, and the basement restroom area

This closure is established to protect the health and safety of park visitors and the fragile nature of historic structures, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

- The area of artificial wetlands used in the acid mine drainage (AMD) study and the AMD facility building

This closure is established to protect the health and safety of park visitors, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

- The areas within 50 feet of all natural gas wells

This closure is established to protect the health and safety of park visitors, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

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

Trails:

- All trails, either paved or unpaved, are open to foot traffic only, except for wheeled vehicles used for accommodation of handicapped individuals on established walkways
- FONE: established walkways for wheeled vehicles, including Segways, used for handicapped accommodation, includes the paved path from the Visitor Center to the Fort
- FRHI: established walkways for wheeled vehicles, including Segways, used for handicapped accommodation, includes the paved path from the parking lot to the Gallatin House, and the area between the handicapped parking on the knoll to the Gallatin House

This condition is established to protect park resources from unnecessary damage and erosion due to off-road vehicle use, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

Bicycles:

- Bicycles are open to use on established park roads and parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic. Bicycle use is prohibited on all trails in the parks
- Roller skates, scooters, skate boards, and other wheeled recreational equipment are prohibited in all areas of the parks

This condition is established to protect the health and safety of park visitors, and to protect park resources from unnecessary damage and erosion due to off-road vehicle use, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

Camping:

- Please refer to §2.10 for detailed camping area designations

This condition is established to minimize conflict between user groups and protect areas containing natural or cultural resources, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

Kite Flying, Ball Playing, Frisbee Throwing:

- Recreation activities of these or similar types 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)

This condition is established to protect the health and safety of park visitors and to minimize conflict between user groups, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

(a)(3) The following restrictions, limits, closures, designations, conditions, or visiting hour restrictions imposed under §§(a)(1) or (2) have been terminated: None.

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:

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
 - No Public Use Limits at this time
- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
- §2.10(a) The following camping activities:
 - FONE: camping at the Youth Group Camp and picnic area (refer to Section III, General Regulations of this Compendium for further details)
 - FONE: camping related to park-sponsored Living History encampments (refer to Section III, General Regulations of this Compendium for further details)
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
 - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
 - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-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(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 printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.60(b) Livestock Use
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Memorialization:
 - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director)
 - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation

- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits

- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution)

- §5.2(b) Sale of intoxicants on private lands

- §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.

- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.

Applications for permits for the above-listed activities may be obtained by accessing the park web sites at:

Fort Necessity NB: www.nps.gov/fone/planyourvisit/permits

Friendship Hill NHS: www.nps.gov/frhi/planyourvisit/permits

Or by calling Fort Necessity National Battlefield at 1-724-329-2013

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- Fort Necessity: dead and down wood may be collected for personal use in the park by park visitors as campfire fuel in the Picnic Area only
- Friendship Hill: the collection of firewood by park visitors is prohibited

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

- FONE: Climbing or walking on the earthworks surrounding the Fort is prohibited
- Braddock's Grave Site: Climbing on the Braddock Grave memorial is prohibited
- Jumonville Glen: Climbing, ascending, descending, traversing or rappelling the Jumonville Glen rock bluffs is prohibited

(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail or walkway as listed in Section 1.5 of this document.

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries 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:

- All fruits, limited to one (1) gallon per person/group per day
- All berries, limited to one (1) gallon per person/group per day
- All nuts, limited to one (1) pound per person/group per day
- Mushrooms, limited to one-half (1/2) pound per person/group per day

This condition is established to allow for collection of fruits, nuts, berries, and mushrooms by hand and for personal consumption in the quantities outlined above, which will not adversely affect park resources, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

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

- 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 granted only if there is no other method or route to transport the wildlife. Hunters are prohibited from retrieving game unless accompanied by a park staff member, and may not be in possession of a weapon while being escorted through park property

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

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

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

(a)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations:

- Historic weapons may be carried, possessed or used by appropriate staff members and/or volunteer individuals or groups who are invited and sponsored by the parks to participate in official and regulated historic weapons living history programs
- Traps and nets may be carried, possessed, or used by appropriate staff members and/or authorized researchers while conducting natural resources studies, and requires a permit from the Superintendent

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

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

- Fort Necessity: camping is allowed at the picnic area only, and requires a permit from the Superintendent. Camping is by tent only, no trailers or other recreational vehicles are allowed
- Friendship Hill: camping is prohibited
- Living History encampments are allowed in areas designated by the Superintendent other than those listed above, in support of interpretive programs or special events. A permit is required from the Superintendent

(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:

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

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Certain areas have been closed to picnicking and are listed in section 1.5(a)(1) "Closures".

Conditions for Picnicking:

- The use of fires, grills, or stoves for food preparation is prohibited as part of incidental picnicking outside of the designated picnic areas containing park-provided fire grills

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

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

Designated Areas:

- Wood fires are permitted only in park-provided grills or fire pits within designated picnic areas or group camp sites

Receptacles Allowed:

- Other than park-provided grills or fire pits, fires may be maintained in portable gas or charcoal grills brought to the parks by visitors. See "Established Conditions" below

Established Conditions for Fires:

- Portable gas or charcoal grills 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
- Fires used in conjunction with approved historic demonstrations may be permitted
- Fires may be lit by park employees or other approved officials in support of resource management activities as outlined by the approved park Fire Management Plan
- No fire (gas, charcoal, or wood) may be left unattended
- Only dead and down firewood collected from within the Fort Necessity National Battlefield, or firewood collected or purchased within the confines of Fayette County, PA may be used or possessed within the park

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

- Charcoal and wood fires must be extinguished with water immediately after their use, and any cold ashes or other extinguished materials placed in proper trash receptacles (not provided by the parks... see "Sanitation and Refuse" below)

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property is allowed under the following conditions:

- FONE and FRHI are "trash free" parks. Visitors are responsible for their own trash management, collection, and removal from the parks. Disposal of refuse in restroom vaults or port-a-johns is prohibited

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 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

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

- Pet excrement shall be removed from picnic areas, trails, and all areas of frequent public use by the pet owner

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

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

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:

- Horse or pack animal use is prohibited in the parks, except by Special Use Permit

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

(a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, innertubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:

- FONE: On the picnic loop road, on park trails closed to motor vehicle traffic, and on other park roads only at designated trail crossings
- FRHI: On park trails closed to motor vehicle traffic, and on park roads only at designated trail crossings

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 prohibited within all public buildings, park offices, visitor facilities, multi-occupancy or dormitory government quarters, and government vehicles

This condition is established to protect park resources and prevent conflicts among visitor use activities, park employees, and residents of government quarters, pursuant to 36 CFR §2.21(a), and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:

- Unattended property is prohibited in the parks, including that property associated with the activity known as “Geocaching”

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:

- FONE: entrance fee is \$5.00 per person, excluding those visitors 15 years old or younger, and any pass holder
- FRHI: no entrance fee is charged
- FONE & FRHI: an Interpretive Fee of \$2.00 per person is charged during certain Special Events and Living History Programs, as allowed for in 16 U.S.C. 1a-2(g)

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:

- All government buildings are closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages, with the exception of buildings occupied as government quarters
- The possession of an open container containing an alcoholic beverage, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, is prohibited within the Fort Necessity NB Great Meadows, Braddock's Grave unit, and Jumonville Glen unit
- The possession of an open container containing an alcoholic beverage, 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

These conditions are established in order to prevent inappropriate activities related to these specific locations, and are the minimum restrictions necessary to achieve such protection.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

(b) Fireworks and firecrackers may be possessed and/or used in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- Fireworks, firecrackers, and explosives are prohibited in the parks

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

- **(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains**
- No teeth or identifiable bones shall be included in the ashes

36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

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

- The ponds located adjacent to the Great Meadows Center
- The detention pond within the Fort Necessity visitor center parking loop
- Any stream flowing through Fort Necessity NB or Friendship Hill NHS

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicles, are those indicated below:

- FONE: The main park road, the picnic area road (Gist Road), the Mount Washington Tavern parking loop, the Braddock Grave Site parking loop, and the Jumonville Glen parking loop [see Section 1.5 for seasonal closures]
- FRHI: The main park road, and the Knoll Road for handicapped access/parking only [see Section 1.5 for seasonal closures]

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

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

- Speed limit on the Friendship Hill NHS Gallatin House knoll road is 5 mph
- Speed limit on all other roadways designated for vehicle travel at both Fort Necessity NB and Friendship Hill NHS is 20 mph

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) Park roads and parking areas that are closed to bicycle use are listed in section 1.5 of this document