



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

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 Natural Bridges National Monument. 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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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:

- The visitor center is open year-round during the core hours of 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. These hours may be extended depending on staffing levels. The visitor center is closed on the federal holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's days.
- The Monument is a day-use area only. Trails are open daily from sunrise to sunset. These times will be determined by the *Skywatcher's Almanac for Hovenweep National Monument, 37° 22' North Latitude, 109° 7' West Longitude*, published annually by Astronomical Data Service, P.O. Box 26180, Colorado Springs, CO 80936.
- Overnight camping/parking is only allowed in the campground which is open year-round.

Closures:

- Public use is restricted to established trails, roads and parking areas, the campground and visitor center. At the Square Tower Unit, the Petroglyph Panel Trail is open only when accompanied by a park employee or through obtaining a Special Use Permit from the Superintendent.
- The service access roads to the water tank, sewage lift station and Horseshoe/Hackberry Ruins are open to government vehicles and/or contractors for official business purposes only.

These restrictions serve to protect the Monument's fragile archaeological resources and their surrounding natural features from damage due to concentrated use and to protect sensitive infrastructure.

ATVs, Off Road Vehicles and Non-Powered Flight:

- All vehicles operated within the boundaries of Hovenweep National Monument must have a valid state registration, display a valid state license plate(s), and meet any other requirements for motor vehicles operated on highways within the States of Utah and Colorado. 36 CFR 4.2.
- Any off highway vehicle (OHV), all terrain vehicle (ATV), or other motorized conveyance manufactured for recreational non-highway, off road, or all terrain travel (all-terrain type I or type II vehicles, as defined by Utah State Code Annotated 41-22-2) is prohibited. 36 CFR 1.5
- No use of vehicles is allowed off designated roads. 36 CFR 4.10(a), (b).

These restrictions are intended to protect fragile archaeological sites, soil crusts, native vegetation and wildlife in both back- and front-country areas.

- Hovenweep National Monument is closed to the use of all forms of non-powered flight including hang gliders, paragliders, and parachutes.

This restriction is intended to protect visitors and natural/cultural resources from injury or damage due to the use of various forms of powerless flight.

Passenger Carrying Buses:

- Operators of passenger-carrying buses are prohibited from idling their engines in parking lots and developed areas within the boundaries of Hovenweep National Monument.

This restriction serves to protect visitors from unnecessary noise and exhaust fumes while visiting the Monument.

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:

- **§2.4(d)** Carry or possess a weapon trap, or net that is readily accessible (i.e. not cased, broken down, or rendered inoperable or inaccessible), anywhere within the Monument.

This restriction serves to protect visitors as well as natural resources, specifically wildlife, within the Monument.

- **§2.5(a)** Specimen collection (The taking of plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)

This restriction is intended to protect natural resources that should be available for the enjoyment of future generations.

- **§2.12(a)** Audio Disturbance
- **§2.50(a)** Conducting a sports event, 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 material that is not solely commercial advertising

These restrictions serve to maintain a natural, peaceful and enjoyable atmosphere for visitors.

- **§2.60(b)** Livestock use.

This restriction is intended to protect the fragile soil crusts and vegetation found within the boundaries of the Monument.

- **§2.62** Memorialization:
 - (a) Erection of monuments (requires approval from Regional Director)
 - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation

These restrictions serve to ensure positive visitor experience as well as the protection of natural resources in the Monument.

- **§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.

These restrictions are intended to ensure a natural, tranquil and unimpaired experience for visitors to the Monument.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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

(a)(4) It is unlawful to gather or cut firewood anywhere within the Monument

This restriction serves to protect the desert ecosystem within the Monument. Dead and downed wood is part of the natural and scenic landscape and an essential survival component for many species.

(a)(5 & 6) No archeological sites in Hovenweep National Monument may be entered, walked on or otherwise disturbed.

This restriction is intended to further protect the irreplaceable cultural resources within the Monument that were the basis for its original designation.

(c)(1), (c)(2) Reasonable small quantities of fruits, berries and nuts may be gathered for immediate personal consumption. The use of bush rakes or other harvesting devices is prohibited.

This restriction serves to protect natural ecological processes within the Monument as harvesting fruits, berries and nuts depletes food supplies for wildlife.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(e) All lands within the boundary of the monument are closed to viewing wildlife with an artificial light.

This restriction serves to protect the natural and peaceful habitat of wildlife.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) Camping in the Monument has the following restrictions:

- Camping is only permitted in the designated campground.
- The campground will be operated on a first-come, first-served basis. Campsites may not be held for parties arriving later.
- Occupancy of each campsite is limited to 8 persons, 2 tents, and 2 vehicles.
- Campsites may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours.
- All motor vehicles must be parked on designated vehicle pads and must not extend into the roadway. Vehicle barriers may not be moved to enlarge the available parking space and natural resources must not sustain damage from a parked vehicle.
- Campground ‘Quiet Hours’ are from 10:00 pm until 8:00 am. Generators may not be operated during these hours.
- Visitors are prohibited from soliciting other campers to allow them to share campsites.
- Checkout time is 10:00 am daily. Persons still occupying sites, including vehicles and/or equipment, after checkout time, will be required to pay the campground fee for an additional day.

- Camping fees are to be paid and deposited within thirty (30) minutes of occupying a campsite. Camping permit stubs must be displayed on the campsite marker immediately after payment is deposited. Sites not paid for within thirty minutes will be considered unoccupied and available for use.
- It is prohibited to dispose of grey water on the ground. Grey water must be disposed of in toilets.

(b)(9) Length of stay is limited to seven (7) consecutive days from May 1st through October 31st, and fourteen (14) consecutive days from November 1st through April 31st, with a total of no more than fourteen (14) days per year (consecutive or non-consecutive)

(b)(10) All food must be kept out of the reach of wildlife at all times. Food and other camping supplies must be kept in a vehicle or otherwise contained when the campsite is not occupied.

These restrictions serve to protect natural resources in the Monument by limiting group size and prescribing a camping location. The restrictions also protect the recreational experience of all visitors by limiting the time and manner of use by any one group occupying a site. They also serve to ensure the proper disposal of human waste to protect water quality, natural habitat and visitor safety.

36 CFR 2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES

(a)(1)(ii) Any noise level from a radio, tape deck, compact disk or other mechanical device which is more audible than conversational voice at a distance of 50 feet from the source is prohibited.

This restriction is intended to ensure the natural and peaceful enjoyment of the Monument for its visitors.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is permitted only under the following conditions:

- Fires are restricted to the campground and only in metal fire grills provided.
- Gathering wood and making ground fires are prohibited.
- Burning trash or other waste is prohibited.
- During periods of extreme fire danger, as established by fire weather data, all fires within the Monument will be prohibited with the exception of gas-burning stoves.

These requirements are intended to ensure that the visual and environmental impacts of campfires and cooking fires are limited in high use areas. Fire rings attract trash and food residue from campers attempting to burn trash before leaving an area. High temperatures from ground fires negatively impact soils and impair plant growth. These restrictions also serve to minimize the risks of wildland fires during extreme weather conditions.

36 CFR 2.14 – Sanitation and Refuse.

(2.14) In non-developed areas, toilet paper must be carried out. Burning or burying toilet paper is prohibited.

This restriction serves to protect public health, natural resources and water quality.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) Dogs (except guide dogs), cats and other pets are prohibited on any monument land, including buildings, except for those locations identified below:

- Pets on a leash (max.6') are allowed on/in all hiking trails, all monument roads open for public vehicular use, parking areas, picnic areas and the campground.
- (a)(3) Pets may be left unattended if they are secured in a location where they will not become a nuisance, interfere with wildlife, impede normal travel by visitors or cause other resource damage. Pets may not be left unattended overnight, nor when weather or other conditions could endanger the pet's health.
- (a)(5) Pet excrement must be immediately collected by the pet handler and disposed of in the nearest trash receptacle or toilet.
- (e) Monument residents may keep pets in compliance with the current pet policy for the Southeast Utah Group Superintendent's Directive 2006 F-3.

These restrictions serve to protect park natural/cultural resources, wildlife and visitors from the negative impacts of domestic animals.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

- (a) Horses, mules, burros, llamas, and other animals used as pack stock are not permitted within the boundaries of Hovenweep National Monument with the following exceptions:
- Removal of trespassing livestock
 - Search and rescue activities
 - Law enforcement incidents
 - Other emergency operations

These restrictions serve to protect biological soil crusts and other natural resources from excessive large animal impacts.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, rollerblades, roller skis, skateboards, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed on paved roads only. Use of these devices must comply with the same traffic regulations that apply to bicycles.

This restriction serves to provide for visitor safety and to protect biological soil crusts and other natural resources.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in all government buildings and around the fuel and flammable materials storage area.

Smoking is not permitted in government vehicles.

During periods of extreme fire danger, as established by fire weather data, all smoking within the Monument will be prohibited.

These restrictions are intended to protect public/employee health and government property from the effects of smoking and minimize the risk of fire/explosions in fuel storage areas. They also serve to minimize the risks of wildland fires during extreme weather conditions.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Geocaching is prohibited. Geocaching is defined as the placement of a concealed cache within the park boundaries and then disseminating the coordinates/location, or clues to the coordinates/location, for the purpose of enticing third parties to search for the cache at a later date.

This restriction serves to protect natural and cultural resources within the Monument from unnecessary impacts.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or permits, 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:
 - Vehicle Pass - 7 days \$ 6.00
 - Individual Pass (Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walking) – 7 Days \$ 3.00/Person
 - National Parks Pass \$80.00
 - SE Utah Group Pass \$25.00
 - Golden Age Passport \$10.00
 - Golden Access Passport Free
- Campground Fees
 - One Campsite \$10.00/Night
 - One Campsite w/Golden Age or Access Pass \$ 5.00/Night

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all public use buildings when the building is open to the general public with the exception of officially sanctioned activities.

This restriction serves to protect visitors in public use buildings from the effects of alcoholic beverage consumption.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

(b) The possession or use of fireworks is not permitted in the Monument.

This restriction serves to eliminate unnecessary fire danger and ensure peaceful and safe enjoyment of the Monument for visitors.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS AND NETS

(a)(2)(i) Traps, nets and unloaded weapons may be possessed within a temporary lodging or mechanical mode of conveyance when such implements are rendered temporarily inoperable or are packed, cased or stored in a manner that will prevent their ready use.

This restriction serves to eliminate tools used in hunting practices from the Monument

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A Special Use Permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
- The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any archaeological site, trail, road, developed facility, or body of water.

These restrictions are intended to protect natural resources as well as the visitor experience.

36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

- (a)(1) All springs, seeps, and other natural water sources are closed to swimming, bathing, wading, or immersion of humans or domestic animals.

This restriction serves to protect the natural water quality within the Monument.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

- (c) The use of bicycles is permitted on all public roads within the park. The possession of a bicycle off a public roadway is prohibited.

This restriction is intended to protect fragile soil crust and other natural resources within the monument.