



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

**Blackstone River Valley**  
**National Historical Park**

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

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## **A. INTRODUCTION**

### **1. Superintendent's Compendium Described**

The Superintendent's Compendium is the summary of park specific rules implemented under 36 Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR). It serves as public notice, identifies areas closed for public use, provides a list of activities requiring either a special use permit or reservation, and elaborates on public use and resource protection regulations pertaining specifically to the administration of the park. The Superintendent's Compendium does not repeat regulations found in 36 CFR and other United States Code 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 park and to protect visitors and property within the park. 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 the Section, however, requires the Superintendent to comply with the Administrative Procedures Act (6 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 park. 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.

A final example is 36 CFR 2.1(c) (1) Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources, which provides the Superintendent the authority to designate certain fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells which may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption. This activity can occur, however, only if a written determination shows that the allowed activity does not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

This Compendium should be used in conjunction with Title 36 CFR, Parts 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 Title 36, CFR, can be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office at:

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

The CFR is also available on the Internet at: [eCFR :: Home](#)

## 2. Laws and Policies Allowing the Superintendent to Develop This Compendium

The National Park Service (NPS) is granted broad statutory authority under 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1 et.seq. (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 NPS 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 guided by established NPS policy as found in the NPS Management Policies (2006). The Superintendent is also guided by more specific policies promulgated by the Director, National Park Service, in the form of Director’s Orders. As stated in the Management Policies, 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 visitor 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. The 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 reasonable basis to believe a resource is or would become impaired, then that Superintendent is obliged to place limitations on public use.

### 3. Consistency of This Compendium 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 will 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.

The actions and requirements described in this Compendium are found to be categorically excluded from further 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.

### 4. Development of the Requirements of the Superintendent’s Compendium

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 there 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 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?

## 5. Applicability of the Compendium

The rules contained in this Compendium apply to all persons entering, using, visiting or otherwise present on Federally owned lands, including submerged lands, and waters administered by the NPS within the legislative boundaries of the park. This includes all waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, including all navigable waters.

## 6. Enforcement of Compendium Requirements

NPS Law Enforcement Park Rangers enforce the requirements of the United State Code, 36 CFR, and this Superintendent's Compendium.

## 7. Penalties for Not Adhering to the Compendium Requirements

A person who violates any provision of the regulations found in 36 CFR, Parts 1-7, or provisions of 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 fines associated with any particular provision by contacting the Chief Ranger at the park address found below.

## 8. Comments on the Compendium

The Compendium is reviewed annually and revised as necessary. The park welcomes comments about its program and activities at any time.

## 9. Effective Date of the Superintendent Compendium

The Superintendent's Compendium is effective on the approval date listed on the first page of this document, and remains in effect until revised for a period up to one year.

## 10. Additional Information

Some of the terms used in this Compendium may have specific meaning defined in 36 CFR 1.4 *Definitions*.

## 11. Availability

Copies of the Compendium are available at 67 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860. It may also be found at <https://www.nps.gov/blrv>.

# B. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENDIUM

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 Blackstone River Valley 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.

## PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### **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:

- The superintendent may temporarily close all or portions of the park during or as a result of emergency situations or hazardous conditions, which includes inclement weather. Closures will be online and may be identified by posted signs, maps, media notifications and by barriers and/or gates as appropriate. All permanent closures will be in accordance with the rulemaking procedures in the Federal Register.

*Park roads, areas and facilities may be closed during periods of inclement weather or other hazardous conditions in order to provide for visitor safety. Areas of new construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation may be closed to visitors for safety reasons and to avoid conflicts with authorized work.*

### **Visiting Hours:**

- The Visitor Contact Station is closed December through April.
- The Park grounds remain open from dawn until dusk every day.

*These visiting hours were determined to be in the best interests of the park and park visitors, and to allow for the proper management of the park, considering its location, character, physical facilities, and staffing.*

### **Public Use Limits**

- The Visitor Contact Station has a maximum capacity of 40 people.
- The Old Slater Mill Museum has a maximum capacity of 100 people on the first floor and 100 people on the second floor.

*This condition was established to ensure safe and comfortable movement throughout the building and the ability for all visitors and staff to exit the building safely.*

- The Park parking lot is limited to 2 hours per vehicle in designated non-City of Pawtucket Police Department vehicle areas. Vehicles left unattended for over 2 hours, when the operator/owner is not on park grounds, in the visitor contact station, the museum, or on National Park Service business, may be towed away at the owner's expense. See also 36 CFR § 2.22 of this document.

*This condition was established to ensure adequate parking for visitors, considering the limited space available for off-street parking.*

### **Closures:**

- Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

**Definition:** *The term “unmanned aircraft” means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links.) This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g. model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.*

*The use of unmanned aircraft within the boundaries of Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park has the potential to harm visitors, disturb wildlife, impact view sheds, cause excessive noise, and interfere with other visitors' enjoyment of the area. This prohibition is implemented as an interim measure while this new use can be properly evaluated. A less restrictive approach is not appropriate at this time due to the impacts the devices could potentially present to visitor safety, park values, and to park resources. The interim prohibition will safeguard these values while the NPS considers how to address this new use on a long-term basis.*

*NPS Management Policies (1.5) require Park Superintendents to use caution when a park is confronted with a new park use such as unmanned aircraft. This type of activity is completely foreign to the historical nature of the park. Less restrictive measures will not suffice due to the historically inaccurate presence of motorized flying objects in the vicinity of the park Visitor Center and Museum and sites with the noise that they may produce.*

*This closure will prevent conflict among visitor use activities while maintaining the primary purpose of the park: to preserve the location, resources, and stories associated with the political and cultural events that occurred at and around the site of Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park and to provide opportunities for visitor understanding, appreciation and stewardship.*

- The park area is closed to all activities that have the potential to impair or derogate the resources, values, or purposes of the park.
  - Glass containers, prohibited at all times
  - Fires or any other combustibles, prohibited at all times See 36 C.F.R. § 2.13.
  - Grills, barbecues, prohibited at all times See 36 C.F.R. § 2.13.
  - Power Generators or inverters, prohibited at all times, except by permit. See 36 C.F.R. § 2.12.
  - Swimming or accessing Blackstone River from park property is prohibited. See 36 C.F.R. § 2.16.
  - Entering rail races and headraces is prohibited.

- Unless otherwise identified, all structures, buildings, houses and remnants are closed to the public.

*Some non-public structures are only for park administrative purposes while other structures and remnants may be unsafe. These historic structures are in various conditions of repair, some may be hazardous.*

- The following roads and areas are closed to public motorized vehicle use:
  - Slater Avenue
  - Hodgson Rotary Park
  - All landscaped and grassed areas of the park

*These roads are closed to protect park visitors, staff and resources, to limit conflicts with pedestrians, or because they do not meet highway standards.*

- Parking Restrictions:
  - Parking is only allowed in designated parking spaces; Parking on sidewalks, grassed areas, natural areas prohibited.
  - All Roadsides (shoulders) are closed to parking and stopping
  - Parking after park hours requires permit

*Parking restrictions are in place for park resources and visitor safety. Roadside parking damages road shoulders and creates safety hazards for vehicle traffic and pedestrians. Illegal parking damages resources and creates unsafe conditions.*

- The park area is closed to all activities that have the potential to disrupt normal visitor use of the park and/or endanger the visiting public.
  - Balloons are prohibited from use.
  - Golfing, including the use of whiffle golf balls is prohibited.
  - Passenger buses may not idle in the park when not underway.
- Geocaching - Activities such as geocaching that involve hiding and/or hunting physical containers are prohibited with the exception of containers placed by park personnel for educational purposes.

- All forms of camping on or near the park grounds are prohibited unless done as part of an historical/educational interpretive program sponsored by the National Park Service.
- All skateboards, in-line skates, roller skates, scooters and bicycles to include “E-Bikes” are not allowed on the park sidewalks or walkways, except those clearly marked as part of the Blackstone River Bikeway/City of Pawtucket bike path.

*These closures and any prohibitions in addition to those listed in 36 C.F.R. were established to protect the health and safety of park staff and visitors, to facilitate proper management of the park, and to promote the park’s use as a park site. These are the minimum restrictions 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:**

**Areas Designated for a Specific Use or Activity:**

**Special uses and activities are managed through the Special Use Permit process. When applying for a permit, the applicant must specify what area of the park they would like to use for the intended special use. Each application will be handled individually. In the instance that two separate applicants are requesting use of the same area on the same day, they will be handled on a “first come, first served” basis. See section 36 CFR § 1.6**

*The permit process allows NPS to protect park resources and guarantees groups a priority for a space when multiple groups or individual demonstrators want to use a designated first amendment area in a park.*

## Designated First Amendment Area



## CCTV Policy Statement

In accordance with National Park Service Law Enforcement Reference Manual 9 (RM-9), notice is hereby given that **Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park** uses Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) security camera monitoring.

The park's use of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) for law enforcement and security purposes will only be to visually monitor public park areas and public activities where no constitutionally protected reasonable expectation of privacy exists. Such CCTV use – which will have adequate privacy and First Amendment safeguards – will be to help ensure public safety and security; facilitate the detection, investigation, prevention, and deterrence of terrorist attack and crime; help ensure the safety of citizens and officers; help assist in the proper allocation and deployment of law enforcement and public safety resources; and help facilitate the protection of the innocent and the apprehension and prosecution of criminals. (RM-9, 26.1)

This policy does not restrict the official use of CCTV in government administrative areas, including administrative buildings, jail holding facilities (RM-9, 26.3.7), revenue collection sites, etc., where the government may record/monitor its facilities. For example, the government may perform unrestricted video/audio recording at revenue collection points (entrance stations, Visitor Contact Station and Museum counters, etc.). This policy does not restrict the use of an Audio/Visual Recording Device (AVRD) in patrol vehicles or officer-worn recording devices used by commissioned rangers.

Operation of CCTV cameras, maintenance of recorded images and use of recorded images will be in accordance with NPS and Department policy and applicable laws and regulations. (RM-9, 26.1-26.4) No person will be targeted or monitored merely because of race, religion, gender, sex, disability, national origin, or political affiliation or views.(RM-9, 26.4.2)

Nothing in this policy statement is intended to create any rights, privileges, or benefits not otherwise recognized by law.

## **36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

**Activities requiring a permit are listed above under Public Use Limits and throughout this document under the specific 36 CFR Section that authorizes or requires the issuance of a permit.**

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

Special Use Permits may be obtained by accessing an application at [www.nps.gov/blrv](http://www.nps.gov/blrv) and clicking on "permits" on the main page, or by calling the Park at 401-521-7266.

Activities requiring a permit are listed above under Public Use Limits and throughout this document under the specific 36 CFR Section that authorizes or requires the issuances of a permit.

### §1.5 - Public Use Limits

- Entering or remaining in the park after Park Hours of Operation, except for third party occupants authorized by a government instrument

### 36 CFR §1.5 (d)

- Events, social gatherings, activities with 25 persons or more, whether organized through social media or other means shall be considered special events and require a permit be issued to the group through proper application prior to the event. (This does not include school groups).

### §2.4 – Weapons, Traps or Nets

- Using traps for fur bearing game species requires a permit. (NPS Scientific Research and Collection Permit required).

#### §2.5 – Research Specimens

- Collecting Specimens of plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals (NPS Scientific Research and Collection Permit required).

#### §2.12 - Audio Disturbances

- Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine without an approved permit or other legal instrument.
- Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event.

#### §2.22 – Property

- Leaving Property Unattended.

#### §2.37 – Noncommercial Soliciting

- Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services.

#### §2.38 – Explosives

- Use, possession, store, transport explosives, blasting agents.
- Use or possession of fireworks.

#### §2.50 – Special Events

- Sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectators, attractions, entertainments, ceremonies, large gatherings, and similar events.

#### §2.51 – Demonstrations

- Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other activities for public expressions of views.
- Groups of less than 25 persons do not require a permit within designated areas.

#### §2.52 - Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter

- Groups of less than 25 persons do not require a permit within designated areas.

#### §2.61 - Residing on Federal Lands

- Permit, lease or contract required.

#### §2.62 - Memorialization

- Erection of monuments (Requires approval from the Regional Director or designation by Congress).
- Scattering ashes from human cremation.

#### §4.11 – Load, Weight and Size Limits

- Exceeding vehicle load, weight, length and width limitations as established by State law.

#### §5.1 – Advertisements

- Commercial notices or advertisements.
  - Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement. Can only be goods and services within park.

#### §5.2 – Alcoholic Beverages; Sale of Intoxicants

- Sale of alcoholic, spirituous, vinous or fermented liquor (more than 1% of alcohol by weight) requires Regional Director approval.

#### §5.3 – Business Operations

- Engaging in or soliciting any business requires a permit, contract or other written agreement

#### §5.5 - §5.5 – Commercial Filming, Photography and Audio Recording

- All commercial filming requires permit
- Still photography requires a permit if conditions of 43 CFR 5.2(b) are met.
- Audio recording requires a permit if conditions of 36 CFR 5.5(b) are met.

#### §5.6 – Commercial Vehicles

- Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads requires a permit.

#### §5.7 - Construction of Buildings and Other Facilities

- Any building, structure, boat dock, road, trail, path, telephone line, power line, or public or private utility over, upon, across, under, or through any park areas.

*Permits are required per the provision found in 36 CFR and are intended to protect the visitor, protect the resource, reduce user conflicts, provide for an equitable visitor experience and help manage the operations of the Park.*

Additionally, any activity that would otherwise violate operating hours, closures or limits listed in this compendium requires a permit.

## **PART II. RESOURCE PROTECTION, PUBLIC USE and RECREATIONS**

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

**Under, (a) destroying, injuring, defacing, removing, digging, or disturbing wildlife, plants and products thereof, cultural resources, and mineral resources is prohibited.**

- This section prohibits climbing trees. All trees are part of the cultural landscape and as such need protection from harm. Climbing trees is also a safety hazard.
- This section also prohibits nailing or tying objects to trees, plants, or other park structures.
- This section prohibits any form of hanging any items from trees on the grounds e.g., tightropes, slacklines, or hammocks.

**Under, §2.1(a) collecting natural materials from the park is generally prohibited. However, pursuant to §2.1(c), 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 possession and consumption restrictions:**

- Leaves and pinecones may be collected from the ground for personal use.

*The gathering of leaves and pinecones will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.*

### **36 CFR § 2.3 FISHING**

In accordance with §2.3(c), the superintendent, under the authority of §1.5, may restrict or close park areas to the taking of fish. The following restrictions have been established:

In consultation with state officials, fishing is allowed in park areas, with the exception of Blackstone River and mill raceway structures; no person or persons shall fish in, or take fish from, the Blackstone River or any of the mill raceway structures within the park without a NPS Scientific Research and Collection Permit required from the superintendent.

### **36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS**

Individuals are authorized to possess, carry, and transport concealed, loaded, and operable firearms within NPS areas in accordance with applicable state and federal law.

Possession of firearms is prohibited in Federally-owned or leased buildings. The law regarding discharge of firearms remains unchanged.

*This wording reflects implementation of 512, P.L. 111-24, Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act of 2009, 123 Stat. 1764-65 § 512 effective February 22, 2010.*

*Title 18 of the United States Code §930 prohibits the possession of firearms and dangerous weapons in federal facilities and shall be conspicuously posted at each public entrance. Federal facilities are defined as buildings or parts thereof owned or leased by the federal government, where federal employees are regularly present for the purpose of performing their official duties. A dangerous weapon is a weapon, device, instrument, material, or substance, animate or inanimate, which is used for, or is readily capable of causing death or serious bodily injury, except that such term does not include a pocket knife with a blade of less than 2 ½ inches in length.*

## **36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE**

**(a) Camping is allowed in the following designated sites or areas and is subject to the following established conditions:**

- Camping is generally prohibited in the park area. Camping may be allowed if it is done a part of an historical/educational interpretive program sponsored by the National Park Service.

## **36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING**

**Conditions for Picnicking:**

- Food and non-alcoholic beverages are allowed on park grounds.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on park grounds. See 36 C.F.R. § 2.35.
- Grills, smokers, and open flames are prohibited. See 36 C.F.R. § 2.13.

## **36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES**

**(a) The following are prohibited:**

**(1) Operating motorized equipment or machinery such as an electric generating plant, motor vehicle, motorized toy, or an audio device, such as a radio, television set, tape deck or musical instrument, in a manner: (i) That exceeds a noise level of 60 decibels measured on the A-weighted scale at 50 feet; or, if below that level, nevertheless; (ii) makes noise which is unreasonable, considering the nature and purpose of the actor's conduct, location, time of day or night, purpose for which**

the area was established, impact on park users, and other factors that would govern the conduct of a reasonably prudent person under the circumstances.

**(a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(a)(3) Operating any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in no developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

**(a)(4) Operating a public address system is prohibited, except in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.**

## **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:**

- The use of stoves, grills, charcoal, or other open fire is prohibited except for use during an interpretive demonstration sponsored by the National Park Service.

**(a)(2) The following restrictions are in effect for the use of stoves or lanterns:**

- The use of stoves and lanterns is prohibited except for use during an interpretive demonstration sponsored by the National Park Service.

*The use of fire is regulated to protect structures, natural resources, and the public.*

## **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:**

- Visitors are responsible for their own trash management, collection, and disposal of trash generated strictly from their lawful use and enjoyment of the park. All other use of government refuse and recycling receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property, is strictly prohibited.

## **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(1) Possessing pets in public buildings, public transportation vehicles, swimming beaches, and the following structures and/or areas is prohibited:**

- This prohibition does not apply to service dogs or dogs used by authorized Federal, State and local law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties.

**(a)(2) Failing to crate or restrain on a leash a pet is prohibited.**

**(a)(3) Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object is prohibited.**

**(a)(3) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:**

- Pet excrement must be collected and disposed of by the pet owner in the refuse receptacles located on the park grounds.

*Proper disposal of pet waste eliminates a water quality, health, and aesthetic problem.*

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

**The use of horses or pack animals is prohibited.**

*Restriction is intended to protect natural resources and reduce possible visitor use conflicts.*

## **36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES**

**Snowmobiles are prohibited.**

*Activity detracts from the historic setting of the park and poses a significant risk to visitor safety.*

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

**Using roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices is prohibited.**

*Restrictions are intended to protect the health and safety of visitors.*

## **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 in all park buildings.

*This designation is based on Executive Order 13058, published in the August 13, 1997 Federal Register. It is also designed to protect park resources and reduce the risk of fire.*

## **36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY**

**(a)(2) Leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours is prohibited, except in the following locations or under the following conditions:**

- Leaving property unattended is prohibited on park grounds.
- Leaving property on park grounds for the purpose of “geocaching” is prohibited except as approved by the Superintendent or designee.
- Vehicles left unattended for over 2 hours in the park parking lot, when the operator/owner is not on park grounds, in the Visitor Contact Station and Museum, or on National Park Service business, may be towed away at the owner’s expense.

**(b)(2) Unattended property that interferes with visitor safety, orderly management of the park area, or presents a threat to park resources may be impounded by the Superintendent at any time. Such property will be impounded for inspection. Inspection may be destructive.**

## **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:**

- There are no entrance fees for Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park.
- Special Use Permit Application fees are \$75.00

Note: Special Use Permits may have additional costs associated with cost recovery for park supplied services.

## **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:**

- The sale, possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all areas of the park except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a special use permit.
- Dispensing of alcoholic beverages pursuant to a special use permit must be duly licensed and controlled according to state and city codes. The permit holder is responsible for acquiring the proper license and proof must be submitted to the Special Use Permit Coordinator before the event is allowed to take place. Additionally, beverages must be dispensed in recyclable containers or paper cups.

*The general prohibition on public consumption of alcohol was established in consideration of the other uses of the park and the purpose for which the park was established and is maintained. The Park is a park and as such an inappropriate place for the consumption of alcohol unless properly limited through special use permit conditions.*

(b)(2) The possession of a controlled substance, unless such substance was obtained by the possessor directly, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order, from a practitioner acting in the course of professional practice or otherwise allowed by Federal or State Law.

- Despite RI and MA state laws on recreational marijuana, The National Park Service rules follow United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) rules and the DEA prohibits the use of marijuana and therefore the Park prohibits the use of marijuana.
- In regards to permits or first amendment activities, Blackstone River Valley NHP will not issue permits to allow use of marijuana for any events or First Amendment activities.

## **36 CFR §2.37 – NONCOMMERCIAL SOLICITING**

**Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions or a permit that has been issued under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52.**

## **36 CFR §2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS**

**(a) Sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events are allowed, provided there is a meaningful association between the park area and the events, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area, and a permit therefor has been issued by the Superintendent.**

## **36 CFR §2.51 -- DEMONSTRATIONS**

**(b) Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2) when the Superintendent has issued a permit for the activity. Demonstrations involving 25 persons, or fewer may be held without a permit in designated park areas, provided that the requirements in §2.51(b) are met.**

**(b)(2) The organizer of events involving 25 persons, or fewer is requested to provide reasonable notice of the proposed event to the park Superintendent, including whether there is any reason to believe that there may be an attempt to disrupt, protest, or prevent the activity.**

- The Superintendent requests that reasonable notice be received at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed event.

**(c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for demonstrations:**

The area defined between the Cogswell Fountain, the flagpole, Main Street, Roosevelt Avenue, and the Blackstone River at the southern end of Hodgson Rotary Park

**(f) The Superintendent will act upon a permit request within 10 days of receiving a complete and fully executed application.** Accordingly, permit applications must be received at least 30 days before the anticipated activity.

**(h) The permit may contain conditions reasonably consistent with the requirements of public health and safety, protection of park resources, and the use of the park area for the purposes for which it was established. It may also contain reasonable limitations on the equipment used and the time and area within which the event is allowed.**

**(k) The Superintendent may revoke a permit or order a small group permit exception activity to cease for reasons outlined in 36 CFR 2.51(k).** These reasons include, but are not limited to, a finding that the event will present a clear and present danger to public health or safety or the event cannot be accommodated in the particular location because it would damage park resources, impair a protected area's atmosphere of peace and tranquility, interfere with program activities, or impair public use facilities.

## **36 CFR §2.52 -- SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

**(b) The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within park areas designated as available under §2.51(c)(2) (see above) when the Superintendent has issued a permit. Sale or distribution activity by 25 persons or**

fewer may be conducted without a permit in designated park areas, provided that the requirements in § 2.52(b) are met.

## **36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION**

(a) The installation of a monument, park, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area without the authorization of the Director is prohibited.

(b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

## **PART III: BOATING AND WATER USE ACTIVITIES**

### **36 CFR §3.8 – VESSEL OPERATION**

(a)(2) Launching or recovering a vessel, except at a launch site designated by the Superintendent.

- No launching or recovering sites have been designated.

### **36 CFR §3.16 – SWIM or WADE IN PARK WATERS**

In accordance with 36 CFR §1.5 and §1.7, accessing and/or swimming in the Blackstone River from park property is prohibited. Accessing and/or swimming in the mill raceway structures within the park is prohibited.

## **PART IV: VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC SAFETY**

### **36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES**

- Off-road motor vehicle use is prohibited

*To ensure the safety of park visitors and to protect cultural landscapes.*

### **36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

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

- 5 mph within the parking area

## **36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES**

*(a) The use of a bicycle is prohibited except on park roads, in parking areas, and on routes designated for bicycle use. Park roads and parking areas that are closed to bicycle use are listed in §1.5 of this document.*

### **e-Bikes**

*The term “e-bike” means a two- or three-wheeled cycle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts (1 h.p.).*

*The following additional routes, in developed areas or special use zones, have been designated for bicycle use:*

- Bicycles are not permitted on the brick and stone sidewalks and walkways within the park boundaries.

*To avoid adverse environmental impact and honoring the historical significance of the sites.*

## **PART V: COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE OPERATIONS**

### **36 CFR §5.1 – ADVERTISEMENTS**

*Commercial notices or advertisements shall not be displayed, posted, or distributed on federally owned or controlled lands within a park area unless prior written permission has been given by the Superintendent.*

### **36 CFR §5.3 – BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

*Engaging in or soliciting any business in park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States, except as such may be specifically authorized under special regulations applicable to a park area, is prohibited.*

### **36 CFR §5.4 – COMMERCIAL PASSENGER-CARRYING MOTOR VEHICLES**

*(a) The commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicle except as authorized under a contract or permit from the Secretary or his authorized representative is prohibited in certain parks. See §5.4(a) for more information.*

## **36 CFR §5.5 – COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

**(a) Commercial filming and still photography activities are subject to the provisions of 43 CFR part 5, subpart A. Contact permit office with questions.**

eCFR :: 43 CFR Part 5 -- Commercial Filming and Similar Projects and Still Photography on Certain Areas Under Department Jurisdiction

43 CFR 5.2 (b) Still photography does not require a permit unless:

- (1) It uses a model, set, or prop as defined in 43 CFR § 5.12; or
- (2) The agency determines a permit is necessary because:
  - (i) It takes place at a location where or when members of the public are not allowed; or
  - (ii) The agency would incur costs for providing on-site management and oversight to protect agency resources or minimize visitor use conflicts.

## **36 CFR §5.6 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

*(b) & (c) Using commercial vehicles on government roads within park areas when such use is in no way connected with the operation of the park is generally prohibited, and requires permission or a permit from the Superintendent.*

## **36 CFR §5.7 – CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR OTHER FACILITIES**

Such activities are prohibited, except in accordance with the provisions of a valid permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States.

## **36 CFR §5.1 – EATING, DRINKING, OR LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS**

*(a) In certain parks, establishments offering food, drink, or lodging for sale on privately owned lands may only be operated with a permit from the Superintendent. See §5.10 for more information.*

## **PART VI: SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITES**

## **36 CFR §§6.4, 6.5, 6.8, 6.9 – WASTE DISPOSAL SITES**

A person proposing to operate a solid waste disposal site must submit a request for a permit to the proper Superintendent for review by the Regional Director.