

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

Acadia National Park  
20 McFarland Hill Drive  
Bar Harbor, ME 04609

Park Contact: CUA Program Coordinator

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**COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION**

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF P.L. 105-391 Section 418. (54 U.S.C. 101925)

**1. Authorized Activity:**

Hiking, walking, step on guide, skiing,  
snowshoeing, art/photography workshops,  
kayaking, birding/nature tours, bicycling

**Permit Number:** 1700-23-0469

Park Alpha-Number

**Auth Date/Time:** 1/13/2023

**Expiration Date/Time:** 12/31/2022

**2. Authorization Holder Information:**

The Natural History Center  
Richard MacDonald  
P.O. Box 6  
Bar Harbor, ME 04609  
207-266-9461

**Name of Area:** (If applicable)

info@thenaturalhistorycenter.com

**3. The holder is hereby authorized to use the following described land or facilities in the above named area (area must be restored to its original condition at the end of the authorization):**

**Note 1:** Commercial Activities Are Not Permitted on the Isle au Haut Unit of Acadia National Park.

**Note 2:** There are Special Park Conditions -Specific- to the Schoodic District of Acadia National Park.

**Note 3:** Acadia National Park Roads, Facilities, and Restrooms are Open Seasonally and are subject to Weather and Construction Closures. For current Park Alerts and Conditions, please visit:  
[Current Conditions - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#).

Follow acadianps on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at:

<https://www.facebook.com/AcadiaNPS>

<https://twitter.com/acadianps>

<https://www.instagram.com/acadianps>

**Note 4:** There is limited access to Mobile Networks and Wi-Fi in Acadia National Park.

**Note 5:** Park Programs and Events are posted at:

[Calendar - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

**4. Summary of authorized activity:** (see attached sheets for additional information and conditions)

- Out-of-Park:** The commercial services described above must originate and terminate outside of the boundaries of the park area. This permit does not authorize the holder to advertise, solicit business, collect fees, or sell any goods or services within the boundaries of the park area.

**In-Park:** The commercial service described above must originate and be provided solely within the boundaries of the park area

**5. NEPA/NHPA Compliance:**

Categorical Exclusion     EA/FONSI     EIS     Other Approved Plans    PEPC NUMBER: 70352, 70353, 70354, 70356, 70357, 70359

**6. Reasonable fee:** (Cost recovery required at a minimum)

Application Fee:     Required    Amount \$300.00 Received via pay.gov 12/29/22  
Administrative Fee:     Required     Not Required    Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Management Fee:     Required     Not Required    Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Market Price:     Required     Not Required    Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Fee (Facility Use Fee, Gate Access or Other):     Required     Not Required    Amount \_\_\_\_\_


**7. Insurance:**

Liability:     Required     Not Required    Coverage Amount \$1,000,000  
Auto:     Required     Not Required    Coverage Amount \$1,000,000  
Boat:     Required     Not Required    Coverage Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Airplane:     Required     Not Required    Coverage Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**ISSUANCE of this authorization is subject to the conditions below.** The undersigned hereby accepts this authorization subject to the terms, covenants, obligations, and reservations, expressed or implied herein.

**8. SIGNATURES**

Authorization Holder:

 owner    13 Jan 23  
Signature    Title    Date

Authorizing NPS Official:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature    Title    Date

Authorizing NPS Official:  
(additional if required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature    Title    Date



## CONDITIONS OF THIS AUTHORIZATION

1. **False Information:** The holder is prohibited from knowingly giving false information. To do so will be considered a breach of conditions and be grounds for revocation: [RE: 36 CFR 2.32(a) (3)].
2. **Legal Compliance:** The holder shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the area Superintendent. The holder shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the area and terms and conditions of the authorization. The holder must acquire all permits or licenses of State or local government, as applicable, necessary to provide the services described above, and, must operate in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, including, without limitation, all applicable park area policies, procedures and regulations. All vehicles/vessels/aircraft are required to be registered and the operators are required to have the proper licenses to operate them commercially, as required by law or regulation.
3. **Rates:** The holder shall provide commercial services under this authorization to visitors at reasonable rates satisfactory to the area Superintendent.
4. **Operating Conditions:** The holder shall provide the authorized commercial services to visitors under operating conditions satisfactory to the area Superintendent.
5. **Liabilities and Claims:** This authorization is issued upon the express condition that the United States, its agents and employees shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury, injuries, or death to any person or persons or property of any kind whatsoever, whether to the person or property of the holder, its agents or employees, or third parties, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said premises or any part thereof during the term of this authorization or occasioned by any occupancy or use of said premises or any activity carried on by the holder in connection herewith, and the holder hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the United States, its agents, and employees from all liabilities, charges, expenses and costs on account of or by reason of any such injuries, deaths, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of the same.
6. **Insurance:** Holder agrees to carry general liability insurance against claims occasioned by the action or omissions of the holder, its agents and employees in carrying out activities and operations under this authorization. The policy shall name the United States of America as additional insured. Holder agrees to have on file with the park copies of the above insurance with the proper endorsements.
7. **CUA Fees:** At a minimum, the holder shall reimburse the park for all costs incurred by the park as a result of accepting and processing the application and managing and monitoring the authorized activity. Administrative costs for the application process must be paid when the application is submitted. Monitoring fees and any additional costs incurred by the park to support the commercial activity will be paid annually or on a more frequent basis as determined by mutual agreement between the Holder and the area Superintendent.
8. **Benefit:** No member of, or delegate to, Congress, or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this authorization or to any benefit that may arise from this authorization. This restriction shall not be construed to extend to this Contract if made with a corporation or company for its general benefit.
9. **Transfer:** This authorization may not be transferred or assigned without the written consent of the area Superintendent.
10. **Termination:** This authorization may be terminated upon breach of any of the conditions herein or at the discretion of the area Superintendent.
11. **Preference or Exclusivity:** The holder is not entitled to any preference to renewal of this authorization except to the extent otherwise expressly provided by law. This authorization is not exclusive and is not a concession contract.
12. **Construction:** The holder shall not construct any structures, fixtures or improvements in the park area. The holder shall not engage in any groundbreaking activities without the express, written approval of the area Superintendent.
13. **Reporting:** The holder is to provide the area Superintendent upon request a statement of its gross receipts from its activities under this authorization and any other specific information related to the holder's operations that the area Superintendent may request, including but not limited to, visitor use statistics, and resource impact assessments. The holder must submit annually the CUA Annual Report (NPS Form 10-660) and upon request the CUA Monthly Report (NPS Form 10-660A).



14. **Accounting:** The holder is to maintain an accounting system under which its accounts can be readily identified within its system of accounts classification. This accounting system must be capable of providing the information required by this authorization. The holder grants the United States of America access to its books and records at any time for the purpose of determining compliance with the terms and conditions of this authorization.
15. **Minimum Wage:** The holder must comply with all provisions of Executive Order 14026 of April 27, 2021, (Increasing the Minimum Wage for Federal Contractors) and its implementing regulations, including the applicable contract clause, codified at 29 C.F.R. part 23, all of which are incorporated by reference into this authorization as if fully set forth in this authorization.
16. **Visitor Acknowledgment of Risks (VAR):** The holder is not permitted to require clients sign a waiver of liability statement or form, insurance disclaimer, and/or indemnification agreement waiving the client's right to hold the CUA holder responsible for accidents or injury occurring on NPS property. The holder is permitted to request or require a client to sign a form or statement acknowledging risk and/or indicating that certain prerequisite skills may be needed to participate in the commercial activity. The holder must provide the park with the current copy of all forms and/or statements used for this purpose and obtain written approval by the park to use the form and/or statement. A sample Acknowledgment of Risk form may be obtained by contacting the CUA office at (207) 288-8735 or by going to the park CUA webpage at [Do Business With Us - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)
17. **Intellectual Property of the National Park Service:** Except with the written authorization of the Director of the National Park Service, the Holder shall not assert any legal claim that the Holder or any related entity holds a trademark, tradename, servicemark or other ownership interest in the words "National Park Service", the initials "NPS", or official name of any unit or part thereof, including but not limited to any facility, logo, distinctive natural, archaeological, cultural, or historic site, within the National Park System, or any colorable likeness thereof, or the likeness of a National Park Service official uniform, badge, logo, or insignia.
18. **Nondiscrimination:** The holder must comply with Applicable Laws relating to nondiscrimination in providing visitor services to the public and with all equal employment opportunity provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended.
19. **Notification of Employee Rights:** The holder must comply with all provisions of Executive Order 13496 of January 30, 2009, (Notification of Employee Rights Under Federal Labor Laws) and its implementing regulations, including the applicable contract clause, codified at 29 CFR part 471, appendix A to subpart A, all of which are incorporated by reference into this authorization as if fully set forth in this authorization.

## SPECIAL PARK CONDITIONS 2023

### Guided Bicycle Tours; Drop off and Pick up Bike Service

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Initial each numbered item. By initialing each item, you, your employees, representatives, or subordinate operating entities (CUA Holder) agree to the authorization conditions while operating in Acadia National Park.

CUA Holder by reference includes their employees, their representatives, or subordinate operating entities.

#### **Section A - Guided Bicycle Tours; Drop off and Pick up Bike Service**

1. Rm Check the following website for COVID-19 updates:

[NPS Public Health Update \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

2. RM The CUA Holder is required to submit a trip itinerary, including dates, times, locations, and routes to the Acadia National Park Commercial Use Program Coordinator. Any changes to the itinerary must be submitted at least seven (7) dates prior to the proposed trip.



Send itinerary to: [acad\\_cua\\_program@nps.gov](mailto:acad_cua_program@nps.gov)

3. RM Group size on **Mount Desert Island** is **limited** to Twenty (20) per group (including guides). To limit resource damage, congestion, and to provide for a high-quality experience, groups with more than ten participants are required to split into smaller groups and avoid grouping together along trails, parking areas, and overlooks. Carpooling is encouraged.

Provide Number of Participants including Guides typically 7; max 20

4. RM Group size in the **Schoodic District** is limited to 15 participants including the guide(s) unless the groups are participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus. Additional restrictions may apply for group size in excess of 15 participants including the guides.

5. RM Only Class 1 **Electric Bicycles (E-Bikes)** are authorized on the historic carriage roads. All classes of E-Bikes are authorized on roads open to motor vehicle traffic.

6. RM **Support Vehicles & Snack Stops**

- a. The following areas are designated for Support Vehicles & Snack Stops: Fabbri Picnic Area, Bear Brook Picnic Area, Seawall Picnic Area, Pretty Marsh Picnic Area, and Thompson Island Picnic Area.
- b. Non-picnic areas suitable include (1) paved pullout on State Route (SR) 3 across from the Kane Path/Cannon Brook Trailhead, (2) Schooner Head Overlook Parking Lot, or (3) Otter Point Parking Lot.
- c. Support vehicles shall not pace group and shall use designated paved pullouts.
- d. All vehicles and trailers must stay on established roadways.

7. RM Bicycles are not permitted on hiking trails.

8. RM **Trailers:**

- a. CUA Holders' transporting bicycles and equipment on trailers are prohibited from using dead end roads.
- b. For **guided bicycle tours**, long-term parking (more than 1/2 hour) of trailers and vehicles is only authorized at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center and in designated signed parking spaces for trailers.
- c. For bike drop-off and pick up services, there is a time limit of not more than 30 minutes at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center for parking, loading, and unloading of bicycles and equipment in designated signed parking spaces for trailers. Long-term parking is prohibited at all other access points to the historic carriage roads.

9. RM **Private carriage roads** located between Northeast Harbor and Seal Harbor, concentrated around Little Long Pond are located outside of the park and are closed to bicycle use.

10. RM **Safety:** Guides must brief all riders on the proper and safe procedures for controlling bicycles. The wearing of bicycle safety helmets while riding is mandatory.

11. RM **Paved Roads:**

- a. Cyclists must obey all traffic laws and have all required safety equipment including lights.
- b. Cyclists must ride single file to the right and observe one-way traffic regulations.
- c. Cyclists must not bunch up in groups blocking paved roads or impeding traffic

12. RM **Historic Carriage Roads:**

- a. Speeding and reckless operations are prohibited. The speed limit for any use on the carriage roads is 20 MPH.
- b. Traditional pedal bicycles and Class 1 E-Bikes are authorized.
- c. Cyclists are required to maintain control and be prepared to stop at all times.
- d. Keep to the right.
- e. Warn others when passing from behind and give them plenty of space.
- f. Ride or walk your bike no more than two abreast.
- g. Do not obstruct the road.
- h. Move to the side when stopping.
- i. Cyclists must yield to walkers and horses.
- j. When approaching horses or carriages from the front, cyclists must keep to the far right and be prepared to stop.
- k. When passing horses/carriages from behind:
  - i. Slow down
  - ii. Make contact with the rider to alert the horse of your presence
  - iii. Wait until it is safe to pass (watch for oncoming riders, curves, and hills)
  - iv. Pass on the far left, allowing plenty of space ("passing on your left")
  - v. Respect equestrian requests
  - vi. For carriages, wait for a signal from the driver to pass.



13. RM **Park Entrance Fees are required to enter Acadia National Park (Park):** Clients will pay the per person rate if they don't already possess any park entrance pass. Please refer to the following website for additional information:

<https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/fees.htm>

- a. The drivers and the guides have free entry into the park and shall not use their own passes to cover the clients' fee.
- b. Clients may use their annual or federal recreational lands passes according to the parameters of the pass.
- c. Only clients 16 years old and over are required to pay the park entrance fee.
- d. Regardless of the portion of the park visited, park entrance fees are applicable and are in accordance with current regulations.
- e. As a condition of this CUA, the CUA Holder is responsible for ensuring that their clients know that fees are required prior to entering any portion of Acadia National Park and they must inform their clients where entrance fees can be purchased.
- f. The CUA Holder may be cited for failure to comply with this CUA condition, and the client may be cited for failure to pay the park entrance fee.
- g. All operators must obtain the Park entrance pass.
- h. Fees can be paid at (1) Sand Beach Entrance Station and (2) Hulls Cove Visitor Center. For dates and hours of operations particularly in the off season please check the following website:

<https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/hours.htm>

- i. Park entrance passes or the complete CUA must be displayed and clearly visible in the vehicle.

14. RM **Loading and Unloading:**

- a. Loading and unloading are authorized at the Thompson Island Regional Chamber of Commerce and Park Information, Hulls Cove Visitor Center, Eagle Lake Boat Launch Parking, Jordan Pond Boat Launch Parking, Norumbega Parking, and Brown Mountain Parking area and is limited to thirty minutes or less. CUA Holders are prohibited from loading and unloading in the Island Explorer Bus Stop.
- b. Authorized in designated paved parking spaces
- c. Prohibited on shoulder roadways

15. RM **Island Explorer Bus Stop:** No vehicle is authorized to park in the designated stop for the Island Explorer.

16. RM **Designated Bus Zones/Spaces:** No vehicles except for busses and motor coaches are authorized to park in designated bus parking zones/spaces

17. RM **A Temporary Stop:** A temporary stop without loading and unloading of passengers is authorized at these locations:

- a. The right lane of the Park Loop Road between Bear Brook Picnic Area and the Stanley Brook Road, unless otherwise posted.
- b. Paved Pull Outs

18. RM **Unpaved Roads:** Vehicle travel on unpaved surfaces is prohibited with the exception of the gravel access road (Stable Lane) to Wildwood Stables.

### Section B: Schoodic District Special Park Conditions

1. RM **Motor vehicles** are **restricted** to vehicles with a capacity of 15 passengers or less unless the groups are (1) participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus.

2. RM **Motor vehicles** with the capacity of 15 passengers or less are authorized to load and unload participants, guides, and equipment at Frazer Point and Schoodic Woods Day Use Area except in an emergency situation other locations may be authorized.

3. RM **Motor vehicles** must park in designated parking spaces. No right lane parking is authorized. No parking, loading, or unloading in the Island Explorer Designated Bus Stops/Spaces is authorized.

4. RM **Group size** is limited to 15 participants including the guide(s) unless the groups are participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus. Additional restrictions may apply for group size in excess of 15 participants including the guides.

5. RM **Staging** location for the Schoodic District of the Acadia NP is the Schoodic Woods Day Use Parking Lot.

6. RM **Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC):** Commercial Use Activity is prohibited from **SERC** campus unless the commercial use activity is (1) participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus.

7. RM **Frazer Point Dock** cannot be used for commercial use activity.

8. RM **Trailers:**

- a. Trailers are permitted only at the Schoodic Woods Day Use area.



- b. **An exception:** Trailers are authorized to travel on Schoodic District Loop Road beyond Frazer Point for the purpose of transport to the SERC Campus if the commercial use activity is (1) participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus. SERC is the only area for unloading, loading, and parking of a trailer when the commercial use activity meets the condition of the exception.
9. RM **All islands** are closed to commercial use activity to include, Little Moose Island, Rolling Island, Schoodic Island, West Pond Island, Sargeant Island, and Isle of Or.
10. RM **Raven's Nest** is closed to commercial use activity.
11. RM **All financial transactions** conducted under this CUA shall begin and end outside the Schoodic District.
12. RM **All park entrance and commercial tour fees** apply and are available for purchase at the Schoodic Woods Campground Ranger Station from the Wednesday before Memorial Day through Indigenous People's Day in October.

**Section C: Additional Special Park Conditions for All Activities Conducted under this CUA**

1. RM **Be Prepared:** The CUA Holder is required to show the complete and fully executed CUA while operating within Acadia National Park.
2. RM A Time Entry Vehicle Reservation to access Cadillac Summit Road is required between mid-May to mid-October. Please visit the following web site for information:  
  
[Cadillac Summit Road Vehicle Reservations for Commercial Use Authorization Holders - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/acad/learn/management/sc.htm)
3. RM CUA Holder including the operator of the vehicle is responsible for knowing and adhering to park regulations. Please visit the following websites at:  
  
<https://www.nps.gov/acad/learn/management/sc.htm>  
  
[36 CFR § 5.3 - Business operations. | CFR | US Law | LII / Legal Information Institute \(cornell.edu\)](https://www.law.cornell.edu/ulc/)
4. RM This CUA is only applicable for the activity and use of the area(s) and terms designated in this CUA.
5. RM **Wetlands:** Commercial Use Authorization Holders are prohibited from leading tours or permitting their passengers to enter all freshwater wetlands.
6. RM **Wildlife:** Observe wildlife from a distance; viewing of wildlife with an artificial light or using wildlife vocalization is prohibited; Disturbing or feeding wildlife is prohibited.
7. RM **Collecting** natural or cultural objects is prohibited.
8. RM **Trails:** Stay on designated trails, Step on durable rock surfaces; Look up for blazes and cairns that mark the trail; Take breaks on durable rock surfaces that accommodate your entire group;

To add or build cairns or other rock objects is prohibited.

9. **RM** **CUA Holders must not impede traffic.**
10. **RM** **Parking:** Parking is authorized in designated paved parking spaces.
11. **RM** **Acknowledgement:** Facilities including restrooms located in the park may not be open and available to the public during winter and shoulder seasons. Please check the ACAD website for details: <https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/hours.htm>; or follow acadianps on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
- <https://www.facebook.com/AcadiaNPS>  
<https://twitter.com/acadianps>  
<https://www.instagram.com/acadianps/>
12. **RM** **Provision of Services:** Only the CUA Holder registered under this CUA is authorized to provide services specified in this CUA. The CUA Holder shall not subcontract or otherwise allow outside entities and/or non-registered employees to provide any services under the auspices of this CUA. The CUA Holder registered under this CUA shall not provide any services other than those specified within the Specific Conditions of this CUA unless specifically authorized by prior written agreement and approval by the National Park Service (NPS).
13. **RM** CUA Holder shall provide necessary first aid supplies appropriate for the activity and size of the group. A first aid kit is required to be available and adequate for responding to minor injury situations and insect stings. Refer also to the CUA Application Form, Attachment B – List of Approved Service, Additionally Required Documentation, and Fee Information
14. **RM** This CUA does not guarantee, reserve, or otherwise give preference for parking and no vehicles used in conjunction with activities authorized by this CUA shall be driven or temporarily left in any areas not authorized for motor vehicle travel. Oversized vehicle and trailer parking are limited throughout Acadia National Park.
15. **RM** **Engine Idling, Stopping, and Safety:**
- a. Engine idling is prohibited throughout the park; vehicle engines must be turned off when parked.
  - b. Stopping or parking in an area that creates an impediment to vehicle movement or endangers pedestrian safety is prohibited.
  - c. In accordance with Maine state law motorists must give at least 3 feet (0.9 m) clearance when passing cyclists and pedestrians.
  - d. Yield to pedestrians, cyclists, and horses at crosswalks.
  - e. Obey all posted speed limits.
  - f. Unless an emergency, there is absolutely no stopping allowed in the Left Lane of either the one-way or two-way sections of the Park Loop Road.



16. RM **Violations:**

- a. Traffic violations shall be written to the driver.
- b. Non-traffic violations of this CUA shall be written to the CUA holder.
- c. Three violations within the year of this authorization by the CUA Holder shall result in revocation of this CUA or additional monitoring at the CUA Holder's expense.

17. RM This CUA does not guarantee, reserve, or otherwise give preference for parking and is subject to park closures.

18. RM Tour routes, tour frequency, and other operational matters are subject to review and revised as circumstances arise. This CUA is subject to change per National Park Service discretion.

19. RM All financial transactions conducted under this CUA shall begin and end outside of Acadia National Park.

20. RM **Marketing/Publicity:** The CUA Holder shall not publicize, or otherwise circulate, promotional material (such as advertisements, sales brochures, press releases, speeches, still and motion pictures, articles, manuscripts or other publications, or social media outlets ) which state or imply United States Governmental, Departmental, Bureau, or United States Government employee endorsement of a product, service, or position which the CUA Holder represents. No release of information relating to this authorization shall state or imply that the United States Government approves of the CUA Holder's work product or considers the CUA Holder's work to be superior to other products, or services.

21. RM **The 2023 Annual Survey Report 10-660** must be completed after the authorized CUA Holder's 2023 operating season and prior to **December 31, 2023**.

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**Guided Hiking, Walking, Nature Tours, Birding, Yoga, Running, Snowshoe, and Cross-Country Skiing**

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- e. As a condition of this CUA, the CUA Holder is responsible for ensuring that their clients know that fees are required prior to entering any portion of Acadia National Park and they must inform their clients where entrance fees can be purchased.
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6. RM **Loading and Unloading:**

- a. Authorized in designated paved parking spaces
- b. Prohibited in the designated Island Explorer Bus Stop



- c. Prohibited in bus parking areas
- d. Prohibited on shoulder roadways

7. RM **Island Explorer Bus Stop:** No vehicle is authorized to park in the designated stop for the Island Explorer

8. RM **Designated Bus Zones/Spaces:** No vehicles except for busses and motor coaches are authorized to park in designated bus parking zones/spaces

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- b. Long-term parking (more than 1/2 hour) of trailers and vehicles is only authorized at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center and in designated signed parking spaces for trailers. Long-term parking of trailers is prohibited at all other access points to the historic carriage roads.

11. RM **Unpaved Roads:** Vehicle travel on unpaved surfaces is prohibited with the exception of the gravel access road (Stable Lane) to Wildwood Stables.

## **Section B – Specific Park Conditions for Winter Activities**

1. RM **Road Closures:** Based on road conditions and specific times, the Park Loop Road is closed including Cadillac Summit Road. Please check for Park Alerts on the Park website <https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/>

Or follow acadianps on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram  
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<https://www.instagram.com/acadianps/>

2. RM Itineraries are required to be submitted 24-hour in advance to: [acad\\_cua\\_program@nps.gov](mailto:acad_cua_program@nps.gov)

3. RM **Park Entrance Fees:** Entrance fee requirements are posted at: [Fees & Passes - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#); [Do Business With Us - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

4. RM Vehicles must fit in a standard parking space and use designated parking spaces. Carpooling is highly recommended.

5. RM **Plowing:** Be prepared, parking lots may not be plowed, sanded, and salted.
6. RM **CUA Holder** is required to be prepared and to be able to respond to cold weather emergencies.

### **Section C: Schoodic District Special Park Conditions**

1. RM **Motor vehicles** are **restricted** to vehicles with a capacity of 15 passengers or less unless the groups are (1) participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus.
2. RM **Motor vehicles** with the capacity of 15 passengers or less are authorized to load and unload participants, guides, and equipment at Frazer Point and Schoodic Woods Day Use Area except in an emergency situation other locations may be authorized.
3. RM **Motor vehicles** must park in designated parking spaces. No right lane parking is authorized. No parking, loading, or unloading in the Island Explorer Designated Bus Stops/Spaces is authorized.
4. RM **Group size** is limited to 15 participants including the guide(s) unless the groups are participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus. Additional restrictions may apply for group size in excess of 15 participants including the guides.
5. RM **Staging** location for the Schoodic District of Acadia NP is the Schoodic Woods Day Use Parking Lot
6. RM **Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC):** Commercial Use Activity is prohibited from SERC campus unless the commercial use activity (1) participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus.
7. RM **Frazer Point Dock** cannot be used for commercial use activity.
8. RM **Trailers:**
  - a. Trailers are permitted only at the Schoodic Woods Day Use area.
  - b. **An exception:** Trailers are authorized to travel on Schoodic District Loop Road beyond Frazer Point for the purpose of transport to the SERC Campus if the commercial use activity is (1) participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus. SERC is the only area for unloading, loading, and parking of a trailer when the commercial use activity meets the condition of the exception.



9. RM **All islands** are closed to commercial use activity to include, Little Moose Island, Rolling Island, Schoodic Island, West Pond Island, Sargeant Island, and Isle of Or.
10. RM **Raven's Nest** is closed to commercial use activity.
11. RM All financial transactions conducted under this CUA shall begin and end outside the Schoodic District.
12. RM All **park entrance** and **commercial tour fees** apply and are available for purchase at the Schoodic Woods Campground Ranger Station from the Wednesday before Memorial Day through Indigenous People's Day in October.

**Section D: Additional Special Park Conditions for All Activities Conducted under this CUA**

1. RM **Be Prepared:** The CUA Holder is required to show the complete and fully executed CUA while operating within Acadia National Park
2. RM A Time Entry Vehicle Reservation to access Cadillac Summit Road is required between mid-May to mid-October. Please visit the following web site for information:

[Cadillac Summit Road Vehicle Reservations for Commercial Use Authorization Holders - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

3. RM CUA Holder including the operator of the vehicle is responsible for knowing and adhering to park regulations. Please visit the following websites at:

[Superintendent's Compendium - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

[36 FR § 5.3 - Business operations. | CFR | US Law | LII / Legal Information Institute \(cornell.edu\)](#)

4. RM This CUA is only applicable for the activity and use of the area(s) and terms designated in the CUA.
5. RM **Wetlands:** Commercial Use Authorization Holders are prohibited from leading tours or permitting their passengers to enter all freshwater wetlands.
6. RM **Wildlife:** Observe wildlife from a distance; viewing of wildlife with an artificial light or using wildlife vocalization is prohibited; Disturbing or feeding wildlife is prohibited.
7. RM **Collecting** natural or cultural objects is prohibited.
8. RM **Trails:** Stay on designated trails, Step on durable rock surfaces; Look up for blazes and cairns that mark the trail; Take breaks on durable rock surfaces that accommodate your entire group. To add or build cairns or other rock objects is prohibited.
9. RM CUA Holders are **not authorized** to **impede traffic**.
10. RM **Parking:** Parking is authorized in designated paved parking spaces.

11. **RM Acknowledgement:** Facilities including restrooms located in the park may not be open and available to the public during winter and shoulder seasons. Please check the ACAD website for details: <https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/hours.htm>; or follow acadianps on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

<https://www.facebook.com/AcadiaNPS>  
<https://twitter.com/acadianps>  
<https://www.instagram.com/acadianps/>

12. **RM Provision of Services:** Only the CUA Holder registered under this CUA is authorized to provide services specified in this CUA. The CUA Holder shall not subcontract or otherwise allow outside entities and/or non-registered employees to provide any services under the auspices of this CUA. The CUA Holder registered under this CUA shall not provide any services other than those specified within the Specific Conditions of this CUA unless specifically authorized by prior written agreement and approval by the National Park Service (NPS).

13. **RM** CUA Holder shall provide necessary first aid supplies appropriate for the activity and size of the group. A first aid kit is required to be available and adequate for responding to minor injury situations and insect stings. Refer also to CUA Application Form, Attachment B – List of Approved Service, Additionally Required Documentation and Fee Information

14. **RM** This CUA does not guarantee, reserve, or otherwise give preference for parking and no vehicles used in conjunction with activities authorized by this CUA shall be driven or temporarily left in any areas not authorized for motor vehicle travel. Oversized vehicle and trailer parking are limited.

15. **RM Engine Idling, Stopping, and Safety:**

- g. Engine idling is prohibited throughout the park; vehicle engines must be turned off when parked.
- h. Stopping or parking in an area that creates an impediment to vehicle movement or endangers pedestrian safety is prohibited.
- i. In accordance with Maine state law motorists must give at least 3 feet (0.9 m) clearance when passing cyclists and pedestrians.
- j. Yield to pedestrians, cyclists, and horses at crosswalks.
- e. Obey all posted speed limits.
- f. Unless an emergency, there is absolutely no stopping allowed in the Left Lane of either the one-way or two-way sections of the Park Loop Road.

16. **RM Violations:**

- d. Traffic violations shall be written to the driver.
- e. Non-traffic violations of this CUA will be written to the CUA holder.
- f. Three violations within the year of this authorization by the CUA Holder may result in revocation of this CUA and or additional monitoring at the CUA Holder's expense.

17. **RM** This CUA does not guarantee, reserve, or otherwise give preference for parking and is subject to park closures.



18. RM Tour routes, tour frequency, and other operational matters are subject to review and revision as circumstances arise. This Authorization is subject to change per National Park Service discretion.
19. RM All financial transactions conducted under this CUA shall begin and end outside of Acadia National Park.
20. RM **Marketing/Publicity:** The CUA Holder shall not publicize, or otherwise circulate, promotional material (such as advertisements, sales brochures, press releases, speeches, still and motion pictures, articles, manuscripts or other publications, or social media outlets) which state or imply United States Governmental, Departmental, Bureau, or United States Government employee endorsement of a product, service, or position which the CUA Holder represents.
- No release of information relating to this authorization shall state or imply that the United States Government approves of the CUA Holder's work product or considers the CUA Holder's work to be superior to other products, or services.
21. RM **The 2023 Annual Survey Report 10-660** must be completed after the authorized CUA Holder's 2023 operating season and prior to **December 31, 2023**.

**SPECIAL PARK CONDITIONS**  
**2023**  
**Photography /Art / Writing Workshops/Tours**

Initial each numbered item. By initialing each item, you, your employees, representatives, or subordinate operating entities (CUA Holder) agree to the authorization conditions while operating in Acadia National Park.

CUA Holder by reference includes their employees, their representatives, or subordinate operating entities.

**Section A – Photography/ Art / Writing Workshops/Tours**

1. RM Check the following website for COVID-19 Updates:  
[NPS Public Health Update \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)
2. RM The CUA Holder is required to submit a trip itinerary, including dates, times, locations, and routes to the Acadia National Park Commercial Use Program Coordinator. Any changes to the itinerary must be submitted at least seven (7) dates prior to the proposed trip.
- Send itinerary to: [acad\\_cua\\_program@nps.gov](mailto:acad_cua_program@nps.gov)
3. RM Group size on **Mount Desert Island** is limited to Twenty (20) per group (including guides). To limit resource damage, congestion, and to provide for a high-quality experience, groups with more than ten participants are required to split into smaller groups and avoid grouping together along trails, parking areas, and overlooks. Carpooling is encouraged.

Provide Number of Participants including Guides max. 10

4. RM Group size in the **Schoodic District** is limited to 15 participants including the guide(s) unless the groups are participating in pre- arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus. Additional restrictions may apply for group size in excess of 15 participants including the guides.
5. RM Sale of photography equipment, gear, or other items, as well as photographs is prohibited within Acadia National Park.
1. RM The activities of **Photography/ Art / Writing Workshops/Tours** conducted under this Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) shall be undertaken in the spirit that preserves resources and does not interrupt visitors or impede traffic.
2. RM **Park Entrance Fees** are required to enter Acadia National Park (Park): Clients will pay the per person rate if they don't already possess a park entrance pass. Please refer to the following website for additional information:  

<https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/fees.htm>

  - a. The drivers and the guides have free entry into the park and shall not use their own passes to cover the clients' fee.
  - b. Clients may use their annual or federal recreational lands passes according to the parameters of the pass.
  - c. Only clients 16 years old and over are required to pay the park entrance fee.
  - d. Regardless of the portion of the park visited, park entrance fees are applicable and are in accordance with current regulations.
  - e. As a condition of this CUA, the CUA Holder is responsible for ensuring that their clients know that fees are required prior to entering any portion of Acadia National Park and they must inform their clients where entrance fees can be purchased.
  - f. The CUA Holder may be cited for failure to comply with this CUA condition, and the client may be cited for failure to pay the park entrance fee.
  - g. All operators must obtain a Park entrance pass.
  - h. Fees can be paid at (1) Sand Beach Entrance Station and (2) Hulls Cove Visitor Center. For dates and hours of operations please check the following website:  

<https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/hours.htm>
  - i. Park entrance passes or the complete CUA must be displayed and clearly visible in the vehicle.
3. RM Loading and Unloading:



- a. Authorized in designated paved parking spaces
- b. Prohibited in the designated Island Explorer Bus Stop
- c. Prohibited in bus parking areas
- d. Prohibited on shoulder roadways

4. RM **Island Explorer Bus Stop:** No vehicle is authorized to park in the designated stop for the Island Explorer

10. RM **Designated Bus Zones/Spaces:** No vehicles except for busses and motor coaches are authorized to park in designated bus parking zones/spaces

11. RM **A Temporary Stop:** A temporary stop without loading and unloading of passengers is authorized at these locations:

- a. The right lane of the Park Loop Road between Bear Brook Picnic Area and the Stanley Brook Road, unless otherwise posted.
- b. Paved Pull Outs

12. RM **Trailers:**

- a. Prohibited on dead end roads located within the park.
- b. Long-term parking (more than 1/2) of trailers and vehicles is only authorized at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center and in designated signed parking spaces for trailers. Long-term parking of trailers is prohibited at all other access points to the historic carriage roads.

13. RM **Unpaved Roads:** Vehicle travel on unpaved surfaces is prohibited with the exception of the gravel access road (Stable Lane) to Wildwood Stables.

#### **Section B – Specific Park Conditions for Winter Activities**

1. RM **Road Closures:** Based on road conditions and specific times, the Park Loop Road is closed including Cadillac Summit Road. Please check for **Park Alerts** on the Park website <https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/>

Or follow acadianps on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

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### **Section C: Schoodic District Special Park Conditions**

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7. RM **Frazer Point Dock** cannot be used for commercial use activity.
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staff at the SERC campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus. SERC is the only area for unloading, loading, and parking of a trailer when the commercial use activity meets the condition of the exception.

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- o. Obey all posted speed limits
- p. Unless an emergency, there is absolutely no stopping allowed in the Left Lane of either the one-way or two-way sections of the Park Loop Road.

16. **RM Violations:**



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19. RM All financial transactions conducted under this CUA shall begin and end outside of Acadia National Park.
20. RM **Marketing/Publicity:** The CUA Holder shall not publicize, or otherwise circulate, promotional material (such as advertisements, sales brochures, press releases, speeches, still and motion pictures, articles, manuscripts or other publications, or social media outlets) which state or imply United States Governmental, Departmental, Bureau, or United States Government employee endorsement of a product, service, or position which the CUA Holder represents.
- No release of information relating to this authorization shall state or imply that the United States Government approves of the CUA Holder's work product or considers the CUA Holder's work to be superior to other products, or services.
21. RM **The 2023 Annual Survey Report 10-660** must be completed after the authorized CUA Holder's 2023 operating season and prior to **December 31, 2023**.

**SPECIAL PARK CONDITIONS  
2023**

**GUIDED WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES: PADDLEBOARDING, BOATING, INCLUDING KAYAKING**

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CUA Holder by reference includes their employees, their representatives, or subordinate operating entities.

**Section A - Guided Water Related Activities: Paddleboarding, Boating, including Kayaking**

1. RM Please check the following website for the latest COVID-19 Updates:

[NPS Public Health Update \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

2. RM At least 7 days or more prior to each water activity, the CUA Holder is required to provide the park with date, time, location, and number of participants including guides to the Acadia National Park CUA Program Coordinator at: [acad\\_cua\\_program@nps.gov](mailto:acad_cua_program@nps.gov). And if necessary, provide an update as the itinerary changes during the duration of the water activity program.

Send itinerary to: [acad\\_cua\\_program@nps.gov](mailto:acad_cua_program@nps.gov)

3. RM **Ikes Point** - The CUA Holder is authorized to use Ikes Point Boat Launch area outside of the hours of 11:00 am and 4:00 pm from May 15, 2023, through September 15, 2023. Ike's Point Boat Launch Area has no time restrictions from September 16, 2023, through May 14, 2024. Maximum daily trips authorized is 2; Maximum number of clients authorized is 8.

4. RM **Echo Lake Beach** – The CUA Holder is authorized to use Echo Lake Beach area outside of the dates May 15, 2023, through September 15, 2023, when it is a designated swim beach. Maximum daily trips authorized is 2; Maximum number of clients authorized is 8. Echo Lake gate opens approximately on April 15, 2023, and closes December 1, 2023, weather permitting.

5. RM **Long Pond**: The CUA Holder is authorized to use Long Pond with no time constraints. Maximum daily trips authorized is 2; Maximum number of clients authorized is 6.

6. RM **Seal Cove Pond**: The CUA Holder is authorized to use Seal Cove Pond with no time constraints. Maximum daily trips authorized is 1; Maximum number of clients authorized is 6.

7. RM The Following Restrictions Apply:

- a. The CUA Holder is not allowed to block water access or parking for other users.
- b. The CUA Holder is not allowed to instruct at boat launch or parking areas.
- c. The CUA Holder is not allowed to block fire road access at any time.
- d. There is no parking of trailers at Seal Cove Pond and Long Pond Road

8. RM The CUA Holder should encourage participants to carpool, take public transportation, or transport groups to avoid parking congestion.

9. RM **Safety**: The CUA Holder must brief all participants on the proper and safe procedures involved in controlling the vessel prior to commencement of the activity. CUA Holder will provide and ensure all required personal floatation devices are worn by participants and will provide other safety equipment customarily required for such water-related activities.

10. RM The CUA Holder must comply with all U.S. Coast Guard regulations regarding safety, certification, and reporting requirements.

11. RM The CUA Holder must comply with all applicable state and local laws, regulations, ordinances, etc. with respect to activities conducted on any body of water within the State of Maine. It is the CUA Holder's responsibility to be knowledgeable of and comply with any special prohibitions in place on bodies of water used as municipal drinking water sources.

12. RM The CUA Holder is **prohibited** from boating, canoeing, kayaking, Paddleboarding, and sailing within 100 yards from loon nesting sites on Echo Lake and Long Pond.

13. RM The CUA Holder is prohibited from operating boats within local water company intake zones (marked by buoys.)

14. RM Trailers:

1. The CUA Holder will not use trailers to launch or recover vessels except at designated launch sites.



2. CUA Holder's transporting equipment on trailers are prohibited from using dead end roads.
3. Long-term parking (more than 1/2 hour) of trailers and vehicles is only authorized at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center and in designated signed parking spaces for trailers. Long-term parking of trailers is prohibited at all other access points to the historic carriage roads.

15. RM **Park Entrance Fees are required to enter Acadia National Park (Park):** Clients will pay the per person rate if they don't already possess a park entrance pass. Please refer to the following website for additional information:

<https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/fees.htm>

The drivers and the guides have free entry into the park and shall not use their own passes to cover the clients' fee.

- a. Clients may use their annual or federal recreational lands passes according to the parameters of the pass.
- b. Only clients 16 years old and over are required to pay the park entrance fee.
- c. Regardless of the portion of the park visited, park entrance fees are applicable and are in accordance with current regulations.
- d. As a condition of this CUA, the CUA Holder is responsible for ensuring that their clients know that fees are required prior to entering any portion of Acadia National Park and they must inform their clients where entrance fees can be purchased.
- e. The CUA Holder may be cited for failure to comply with this CUA condition and the client may be cited for failure to pay the park entrance fee.
- f. All operators must obtain a Park entrance pass.
- g. Fees can be paid at (1) Sand Beach Entrance Station and (2) Hulls Cove Visitor Center. For dates and hours of operations please check the following website:

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- h. Park entrance passes or the complete CUA must be displayed and clearly visible in the vehicle.

16. RM **Loading and Unloading:**

- a. Authorized in designated paved parking spaces
- b. Prohibited in the designated Island Explorer Bus Stop
- c. Prohibited on shoulder roadways

17. RM **Island Explorer Bus Stop:** No vehicle is authorized to park in the designated stop for the Island

Explorer

18. RM **Designated Bus Zones/Spaces:** No vehicles except for busses and motor coaches are authorized to park in designated bus parking zones/spaces

19. RM **A Temporary Stop:** A temporary stop without loading and unloading of passengers is authorized at these locations:

- a. The right lane of the Park Loop Road between Bear Brook Picnic Area and the Stanley Brook Road, unless otherwise posted.
- b. Paved Pull Outs

**Section B: Schoodic District Special Park Conditions – Water Related Activities**

1. RM **Motor vehicles** are **restricted** to vehicles with a capacity of 15 passengers or less unless the groups are participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus.

2. RM **Motor vehicles** with the capacity of 15 passengers or less are authorized to load and unload participants, guides, and equipment at Frazer Point and Schoodic Woods Day Use Area except in an emergency situation other locations may be authorized.

3. RM **Motor vehicles** must park in designated parking spaces. No right lane parking is authorized. No parking, loading, or unloading in the Island Explorer Designated Bus Stops/Spaces is authorized.

4. RM **Group size** is limited to 15 participants including the guide(s) unless the groups are participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus. Additional restrictions may apply for group size in excess of 15 participants including the guides.

5. RM **Staging** location for the Schoodic District of Acadia NP is the Schoodic Woods Day Use Parking Lot

6. RM **Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC):** Commercial Use Activity is prohibited from **SERC** campus unless the commercial use activity is (1) participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus.

7. RM **Frazer Point Dock** cannot be used for commercial use activity.

8. RM **Trailers:**

- i. Trailers to transport kayaks can only be used to unload and load the kayaks at the Frazer Point picnic area. Once loading/unloading is complete the trailer is required to be parked



at the Schoodic Woods Day Use Parking area. If the commercial activity is sponsored by or is a pre-arranged program with the National Park Service or the Schoodic Institute the trailer may travel to and be parked on the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus.

9. RM Launching of watercraft within the Schoodic District is only authorized at Frazer Point and to hand-carry vessels only.
10. RM One (1) kayak per person is authorized at Frazer Point.
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[36 FR § 5.3 - Business operations. | CFR | US Law | LII / Legal Information Institute \(cornell.edu\)](https://www.cornell.edu/litweb/litweb.cfm)

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**2023  
SPECIAL PARK CONDITIONS  
FOR**

**Transportation Operators** (to Include Motor Coaches, Buses, Taxis, Limousines, Vans, and Passenger Vehicles); **Tour Operators; Shore Excursions, Limousine/Van/Taxi Tour Operators, Step-on-Guides**

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Initial each numbered item. By initialing each item, you, your employees, representatives, or subordinate operating entities (CUA Holder) agree to the authorization conditions while operating in Acadia National Park.

**CUA Holder by reference includes their employees, their representatives, or subordinate operating entities.**

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[NPS Public Health Update \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

### **Section A. Vehicles with Capacities Greater Than 15 Passengers**

1. RM **Height Restrictions:** Plan your route carefully. Many park roads feature historic bridges constructed with lower than conventional clearances. The shortest underpass on the One-Way Section of the Park Loop Road is 11 feet 8 inches (3.56m). Any vehicle exceeding 11 feet 8 inches tall must exit the One-Way section of the Park Loop Road using Otter Cliff Road at the Fabbri Picnic Area.

**If damage to a bridge overpass occurs, the driver will be cited, and the Park will seek restitution.**

2. RM **Authorized Park Entrances to the Park Loop Road include:**

- a. Hulls Cove Entrance off State Route (SR) 3
- b. Cadillac Mountain Entrance off SR 233
- c. Sieur de Monts Entrance off SR 3

3. RM **Unauthorized Access to the Park Loop Road includes:**

- a. Kebo Street
- b. Great Meadow Road
- c. Schooner Head Road
- d. West Street Extension

4. RM **Unpaved Roads:** Vehicle travel on unpaved surfaces is prohibited with the exception of the gravel access road (Stable Lane) to Wildwood Stables.

5. RM **Loading and Unloading of Passengers and Bus/Motor Coach Parking**

- a. Loading and unloading of passengers is authorized only in the locations listed below:
  - 1) Chambers of Commerce - Island Information Center at Thompson Island designated bus parking
  - 2) Hulls Cove Visitor Center designated bus parking
  - 3) Sieur de Monts designated bus parking
  - 4) Parking at the designated bus space just before Sand Beach is authorized
  - 5) Thunder Hole designated bus parking spaces on the One-Way section of the



Park Loop Road

- 6) Fabbri Picnic Area designated bus parking space
- 7) Fabbri Memorial pull-out
- 8) Otter Cove Causeway; Right Lane of Park Loop Road
- 9) The paved pull-outs between Otter Cove and Wildwood Stables
- 10) Wildwood Stables
- 11) Jordan Pond House Restaurant and Gift Shop bus parking area
- 12) Cadillac Summit designated bus area zones
- 13) Buses/Motor Coaches are prohibited in the Sand Beach parking lot

- b. Motor Coaches/Buses must park in designated bus parking zones
- c. Parking is prohibited in spaces designated for the Island Explorer Bus Stops.
- d. Parking at Sieur De Mont is only authorized at designated spaces for oversized/bus vehicles. If there are no oversized vehicle spaces, the driver is required to vacate the Sieur De Mont parking lot and cannot impede vehicle movement or pedestrians.

6. RM **A Temporary Stop without loading and unloading of passengers is authorized at these locations:**

- a. The right lane of the One-Way section of the Park Loop Road between the Bear Brook Picnic Area and the Stanley Brook Road, unless otherwise posted.
- b. Paved Pull-Outs.

7. RM **Unattended Vehicles:** Drivers are required to remain with their vehicles at all times.

8. RM **Transportation Operators**, including Tour operators, are authorized to operate only a total of 2 busses at a **single** location and at the **same** time. When a mix of vehicle types are being used no more than 2 busses and 1 additional vehicle that fits in a standard parking space are permitted at the same time and at the same location. The Cadillac Summit Road and Cadillac Summit Parking Area are managed as a single location.

9. RM **Jordan Pond House Restaurant and Gift Shop Parking Lot**

- a. There are only three (3) designated bus parking spaces
- b. Loading, unloading, and parking are only authorized in the three designated bus parking spaces
- c. No More than One (1) bus/motor coach, associated with a single tour operator, can be parked at this location at any one time.
- d. Parking is prohibited in the Island designated Explorer designated Bus Stop.
- e. If there is no designated bus parking available, the Bus/Motorcoach operator is required to exit back to the Park Loop Road and is not authorized to stop and unload passengers as this will impede vehicle movement) and could endanger pedestrian safety.

- f. Bus parking at Jordan Pond House Restaurant and Gift Shop is limited to thirty (30) minutes unless a restaurant reservation has been made.

10. RM **Wildwood Stables**

- a. Parking is prohibited in the Island Explorer designated bus stop.

11. RM **Restrooms:** If a restroom is on the vehicle (bus, motor coach, limousine, etc.) it must be open and available to passengers including the driver and step on guide.

**Section B. Vehicles with Capacities Less Than 15 Passengers**

1. RM **Authorized Park Entrances to the Park Loop Road:**

- a. Hulls Cove Entrance off State Route (SR) 3
- b. Cadillac Mountain Entrance off (SR) 233
- c. Sieur de Monts Entrance off (SR) 3
- d. Stanley Brook Entrance

2. RM **Authorized Access to the Park Loop Road includes:**

- a. Kebo Street
- b. Great Meadow Road
- c. Schooner Head Road
- d. West Street Extension
- e. Otter Cliff Road

3. RM **Transportation Operators**, including Tour operators, are restricted to a total of **3 vehicles** at a single location and at the same time while operating in Acadia National Park. In addition, the following applies:

- a. The Cadillac Summit Road, Blue Hill Overlook Parking Area, and Cadillac Summit Parking Area are managed as a single location.

4. RM **Loading and Unloading:**

- a. Authorized in designated parking spaces
- b. Prohibited in the designated Island Explorer Bus Stop
- c. Prohibited in bus parking areas



- d. Prohibited on shoulder roadways
  
- 5. RM **Island Explorer Bus Stop:** No vehicle is authorized to park in the designated stop for the Island Explorer
  
- 6. RM **Designated Bus Zones/Spaces:** No vehicle is authorized to park in designated bus parking zones/spaces
  
- 7. RM **A Temporary Stop:** A temporary stop without loading and unloading of passengers is authorized at these locations:
  - a. The right lane of the Park Loop Road between Bear Brook Picnic Area and the Stanley Brook Road, unless otherwise posted.
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- 8. RM **Trailers** are prohibited on dead end roads located within the park.
  
- 9. RM **Unpaved Roads:** Vehicle travel on unpaved surfaces is prohibited with the exception of the gravel access road (Stable Lane) to Wildwood Stables.

### **Section C: Schoodic District Special Park Conditions**

- 1. RM **Motor vehicles** are **restricted** to vehicles with a capacity of 15 passengers or less unless the groups are (1) participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus.
  
- 2. RM **Motor vehicles** with the capacity of 15 passengers or less are authorized to load and unload participants, guides, and equipment at Frazer Point and Schoodic Woods Day Use Area except in an emergency situation other locations may be authorized.
  
- 3. RM **Motor vehicles** must park in designated parking spaces. No right lane parking is authorized. No parking, loading, or unloading in the Island Explorer Designated Bus Stops/Spaces is authorized.
  
- 4. RM **Group size** is limited to 15 participants including the guide(s) unless the groups are participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus. Additional restrictions may apply for group size in excess of 15 participants including the guides.
  
- 5. RM **Staging** location for the Schoodic District of Acadia NP is the Schoodic Day Use Parking lot.

6. RM **Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC):** Commercial Use Activity is prohibited from **SERC** campus unless the commercial use activity (1) participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus.
7. RM **Frazer Point Dock** cannot be used for commercial use activity.
8. RM **Trailers:**
  - a. Trailers are permitted only at the Schoodic Woods Day Use area.
  - b. **An exception:** Trailers are authorized to travel on Schoodic District Loop Road beyond Frazer Point for the purpose of transport to the SERC Campus if the commercial use activity is (1) participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus. SERC is the only area for unloading, loading, and parking of a trailer when the commercial use activity meets the condition of the exception.
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- a. All operators must obtain the Park entrance pass.
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<https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/hours.htm>

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Bus/Motorcoach	26+ Capacity	\$150

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- d. For Transportation Providers Non-Commercial Tours please visit - [Fees & Passes - Acadia National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)
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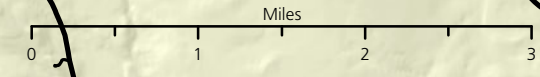
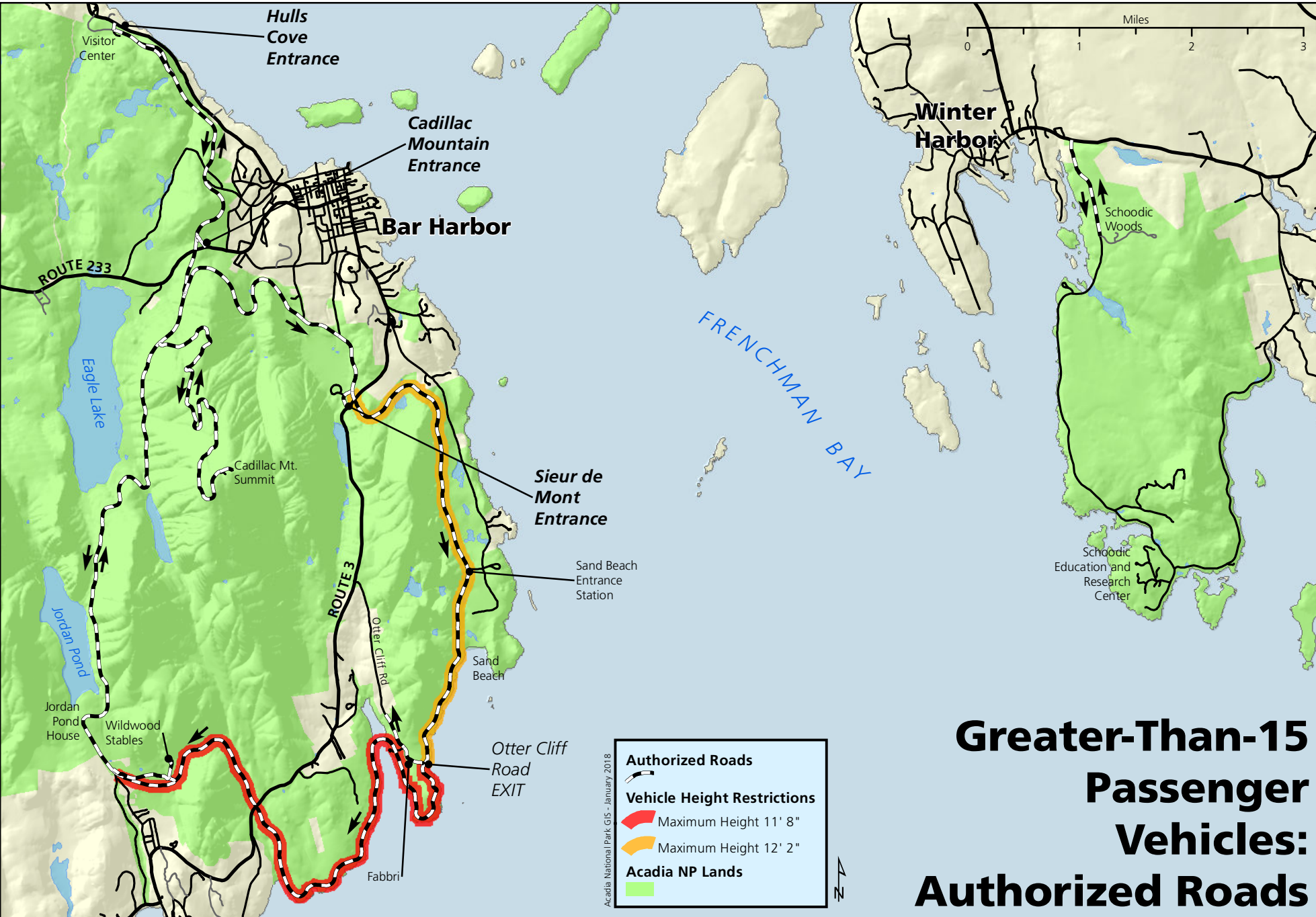
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Winter Harbor

Bar Harbor

FRENCHMAN BAY

Schoodic Woods

Schoodic Education and Research Center

Hulls Cove Entrance

Cadillac Mountain Entrance

Sieur de Mont Entrance

Sand Beach Entrance Station

Otter Cliff Road EXIT

Visitor Center

ROUTE 233

Eagle Lake

Cadillac Mt. Summit

Jordan Pond House

Wildwood Stables

ROUTE 3

Otter Cliff Rd

Sand Beach

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