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from a thermal spring or pool is prohibited.

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§ 7.14 Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

(a) *Fishing*—(1) *License*. A person fishing within the park must have in possession the proper State fishing license issued by either Tennessee or North Carolina. A holder of a valid resident or nonresident license issued by either State may fish throughout the park irrespective of State boundaries, except in *Closed and Excluded Waters*.

(2) *Closed and Excluded Waters*. All waters of Mingus Creek, Lands Creek, Chestnut Branch and that portion of LeConte Creek as posted through the park residential area of Twin Creeks, are closed to and excluded from fishing.

(3) *Open Waters*. (i) All of the waters of the Oconaluftee River downstream from where it joins with Raven Fork to the park boundary and that portion of Raven Fork from its junction with the Oconaluftee River upstream and paralleling the Big Cove Road to the park boundary are open to fishing in accordance with the Cherokee Fish and Game Management regulations.

(ii) All other park waters are open to fishing in accordance with National Park Service regulations.

(4) *Season*. Open all year for rainbow and brown trout, smallmouth bass, and redeye (rockbass). All other fish are protected and may not be taken by any means.

(5) *Time*. Fishing is permitted from sunrise to sunset only.

(6) *Fish and equipment and bait*. Fishing is permitted only by use of one handheld rod and line.

(i) Only artificial flies or lures having one single hook may be used.

(ii) The use or possession of any form of fish bait other than artificial flies or lures on any park stream while in possession of fishing tackle is prohibited.

(7) *Size limits*. All trout or bass caught less than the legal length shall be

immediately returned unharmed to the water from which taken.

(i) No trout or bass less than 7" in length may be retained.

(ii) No size limit on redeye (rockbass).

(8) *Possession limit*. (i) Possession limit shall mean and include the number of trout, bass or redeye (rockbass) caught in park waters which may be in possession, regardless of whether they are fresh, stored in ice chests, or otherwise preserved. A person must stop and desist from fishing for the remainder of the day upon attaining the possession limit.

(ii) Five, fish, trout, bass, or redeye, or a combination thereof, is the maximum number which a person may retain in one day or be in possession of at any one time.

(9) The superintendent may designate certain waters as Experimental Fish Management Waters and issue temporary and special rules regulating fishing use by posting signs and issuance of official public notification. All persons shall observe and abide by such officially posted rules pertaining to these specially designated waters.

(b) *Beer and alcoholic beverages*. The possession of beer or any alcoholic beverages in an open or unsealed container, except in designated picnic, camping, or overnight lodging facilities, is prohibited.

[24 FR 11041, Dec. 30, 1959, as amended at 31 FR 5827, Apr. 15, 1966; 32 FR 21038, Dec. 30, 1967; 33 FR 18156, Dec. 6, 1968; 40 FR 16315, Apr. 11, 1975; 40 FR 25590, June 17, 1975; 48 FR 30294, June 30, 1983; 48 FR 31022, July 6, 1983]

§ 7.15 Shenandoah National Park.

(a) *Fishing*—(1) *Open Waters*. All streams are closed to fishing except those designated by the superintendent as trout streams.

(2) *Applicability*. The provisions of paragraphs (a)(3) through (a)(7) and (a)(9) of this section apply to all designated trout streams except fish-for-fun streams and portions of streams that form the park boundary line. Fishing in fish-for-fun streams is subject to the provisions of paragraphs (a)(4), (a)(8) and (a)(9) of this section and fishing in portions of streams that form the park boundary is governed solely by applicable State law.

(3) *Season.* The opening date of the trout season and the hours during which trout fishing is allowed are those established by applicable State law. Trout season closes October 15 except for designated fish-for-fun streams.

(4) *License.* Fishing license requirements imposed by applicable State law apply to persons fishing in park waters.

(5) *Size limit.* Trout eight (8) inches or longer may be retained. Trout under eight (8) inches in length shall be immediately and carefully returned to the water. There is no size limit on other species of game fishes.

(6) *Creel limits.* No person may retain more than five (5) trout per day nor have more than five (5) trout in possession. Creel limits on other species of game fishes are those established by applicable State law.

(7) *Lures; bait.* Fishing is restricted to an artificial fly or lure having a single hook.

(8) *Fish-for-fun.* Trout streams managed in the fish-for-fun program are designated by the superintendent. These streams are open to trout fishing all year. Fishing is governed by applicable State law except as follows:

(i) Fishing is restricted to an artificial fly or lure having a single barbless hook;

(ii) No trout of any size may be retained. All trout caught shall be handled carefully and returned immediately to the water; and

(iii) All other species of game fishes may be kept. The season and creel limit for species other than trout are governed by applicable State law.

(9) The following are prohibited:

(i) Violating a fishing closure, designation, use or activity restriction or condition or limit established in this paragraph;

(ii) Violating a provision of applicable State law.

(b) *Backcountry camping.* For purposes of clarification at Shenandoah National Park, "backcountry camping" is defined as any use of portable shelter or sleeping equipment in the backcountry. "Backcountry" is defined as those areas of the park which are more than 250 yards from a paved road, and more than one-half mile from any park facilities other than trails, unpaved roads and trail shelters. The Su-

perintendent may designate areas where backcountry camping is prohibited if there would be potential damage to park resources or disruption to other park uses. Such areas will be marked on maps available in the Superintendent's office, visitor centers and ranger stations. A person or group of persons may camp overnight at any other backcountry location within the park, except:

(1) No person or group of persons travelling together may camp without a valid backcountry camping permit. The issuance of this permit may be denied when such action is necessary to protect park resources or park visitors, or to regulate levels of visitor use in legislatively-designated wilderness areas;

(2) No person may camp in or with a group of more than nine (9) other persons;

(3) No person or group may backcountry camp:

(i) Within 250 yards or in view from any paved park road or the park boundary;

(ii) Within one-half mile or in view from any automobile campground, lodge, restaurant, visitor center, picnic area, ranger station, administrative or maintenance area, or other park development or facility except a trail, an unpaved road or a trail shelter;

(iii) On or in view from any trail or unpaved road, or within sight of any sign which has been posted by park authorities to designate a no camping area;

(iv) Within view of another camping party, or inside or within view from a trail shelter: *Provided, however,* That backcountry campers may seek shelter and sleep within or adjacent to a trail shelter with other camping groups, during periods of severely unseasonable weather when the protection and amenities of such shelter are deemed essential;

(v) Within 25 feet of any stream; and

(4) No person shall backcountry camp more than two (2) consecutive nights at a single location. The term "location" shall mean that particular campsite and the surrounding area within a two hundred fifty (250) yard radius of that campsite.

(c) *Powerless flight.* The use of devices designed to carry persons through the air in powerless flight is allowed at times and locations designated by the superintendent, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(d) *Sanitation.* (1) The possession of food or beverage in discardable glass containers is prohibited in the backcountry.

(2) Except in comfort facilities provided therefor, no person in the backcountry shall urinate or defecate within ten (10) yards of any stream, trail, unpaved road or park facility. Fecal material must be placed in a hole and be covered with not less than three (3) inches of soil.

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§ 7.16 Yosemite National Park.

(a) *Fishing—(1) Open season and limit of catch.* The open season for fishing and the daily bag limit and possession limit shall conform to that of the State of California for the Central Sierra Region, except as otherwise provided by paragraph (k) of this section.

(2)–(3) [Reserved]

(4) *Fishing from horseback.* Fishing from horseback in any lake or stream is prohibited.

(5) *Gathering or securing grubs.* Gathering or securing grubs for bait through the destruction or tearing apart of down trees or logs within sight of roads, trails or inhabited areas is prohibited.

(b) *Closed roads.* (1) The road between Hetch Hetchy Dam and Lake Eleanor is closed to all motor vehicle travel except vehicles belonging to the United States Government, the State of California, or the City of San Francisco, California.

(2) [Reserved]

(c) *Powerless flight.* The use of devices designed to carry persons through the air in powerless flight is allowed at times and locations designated by the superintendent, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(d) [Reserved]

(e) *Camping.* (1) Camping is permitted in Yosemite National Park for not

more than a total of 30 days in any calendar year: *Provided, however,* That during the period from June 1 to September 15, inclusive, camping within the Yosemite Valley is limited to not more than a total of 7 days and camping within all other portions of the park, during the same period, is limited to not more than a total of 14 days.

(2) Quiet shall be maintained at all camps between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

(f)–(g) [Reserved]

(h) *Regulations governing eating and drinking establishments and sale of food and drink.* (1) No restaurant, coffee shop, cafeteria, short order cafe, lunch room, tavern, sandwich stand, soda fountain, or other eating and drinking establishment, including kitchens, or other place in which food and drink is prepared for sale elsewhere, may be operated on any privately-owned lands within Yosemite National Park unless a permit for the operation thereof has first been secured from the Superintendent.

(2) The Superintendent will issue such a permit only after an inspection of the premises to be licensed by the County Health Officer and written notice that the premises comply with the substantive requirements of State and County health laws and ordinances which would apply to the premises if the privately-owned lands were not subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(3) The Superintendent or his duly authorized representative shall have the right of inspection at all reasonable times for the purpose of ascertaining whether eating and drinking establishments are being operated in a sanitary manner.

(4) No fee will be charged for the issuance of such a permit.

(5) The applicant or permittee may appeal to the Regional Director, National Park Service, from any final action of the Superintendent refusing, conditioning or revoking the permit. Such an appeal, in writing, shall be filed within twenty days after receipt of notice by the applicant or permittee of the action appealed from. Any final decision of the Regional Director may be appealed to the Director of the National Park Service within 15 days