



## **Special Park Conditions**

### **Activity: Bicycle Tours**

#### **A. Authorized Services**

1. The commercial activity authorized by this permit is frontcountry bicycle tours during daylight hours on designated roads.
2. Bicycles are permitted in the park on established roadways, parking areas and designated routes only. They are prohibited on trails and boardwalks.
3. Use of Bear Lake Road Corridor is not authorized.
4. Old Fall River Road is excluded from use during periods of road maintenance, generally during the month of June. Signs will be posted to indicate the status of the road.
5. Areas recommended/encouraged for bicycle touring are:
  - a. Horseshoe Park
  - b. Upper Beaver Meadows Road
  - c. Kawuneeche Valley
  - d. Loop route: Beaver Meadows Entrance to Fall River Entrance via Deer Ridge Junction, entering through either entrance

#### **B. Tour Leaders and Guide Certification**

1. One guide of the Permittee, designated as tour leader, must ride at the front of the group to maintain safe speed, identify interpretive stops, and assist the group as needed.
2. Guides on the ride must:
  - a. Be familiar with the park, know and obey park regulations and area closures, and assure compliance with regulations and area closures from participants.
  - b. Understand the hazards involved and prepare participants for conditions and situations which may be encountered.
  - c. Be currently certified in standard first aid and CPR and carry a basic first aid kit.
  - d. Assure that all members of the group are properly clothed and equipped for the trip.
3. A written list of guides, with description of basic qualifications, must be provided to the park prior to beginning operations. Copies of all certifications must be on file at the base of operations and may be requested by the Superintendent at any time.
4. Must employ a staff with the expertise, training, and experience to operate all services authorized under the CUA permit.
5. Guides are required to take the Online Awareness course on Leave No Trace. It is free. [Leave No Trace: Take Action to Protect the Outdoors - Overview \(lnt.org\)](#)

#### **C. Equipment**

1. The guide shall inspect and assure that each bicycle is mechanically sound and in safe operating condition before each trip.
2. The guide shall provide all riders and employees with safety gear, including helmets, gloves, and rain gear. Wearing of helmets shall be required.
3. The guide is required to carry basic bike tools to fix a bike during the ride such a flat tire, lose chain, adjusting a seat, etc.

#### **D. Conduct of Trip**

1. All bicycles shall commence from the starting point of the tour prior to following times to mitigate concerns of unpredictable weather and congestion due to traffic in the afternoon.
  - a. **Downhill Tours:** Before 10 AM at Rock Cut
  - b. **Uphill Tours:** Before 8 AM at base of Old Fall River Road i.e. Endovalley Picnic Area as drop-off location.

2. The guide will provide time for stops, and information to interpret Rocky Mountain National Park's natural features.
3. The ratio of qualified guides to participants shall be one (1) guide to no more than eight (8) participants. Total group size on a tour may not exceed eighteen (18).
4. The guide shall regulate participant riders on its bicycle tours so that the entire group is broken into strings of no more than nine riders per string. Each group shall be spaced apart by 10-minute intervals or distance of approximately one-quarter mile.
5. Should more than six motor vehicles be following a bicycle rider, group of riders, or support vehicles, the individual or group shall pull safely to the side and allow the vehicles to pass.
6. Support vehicles need to be easily identifiable with company name on the vehicle.
7. Cyclist must ride single file in the park.
8. All groups must honor the rights of others and conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times.
9. The guides are responsible for adhering to Leave No Trace practices at all times while in the park.

## **E. General Provisions for All Permits**

### **1. Guide Passes and Entrance Fees for Clients**

- a. Guide Passes are to be used solely by the Permittee and designated employees to conduct official business under a Commercial Use Authorization/Special Use Permit or Concessions Contract and are not for personal use. **Guides must carry this pass at all times while in the park.**
  - b. Guide Passes must be kept with guides at all times in the park, to be presented as requested to park staff to confirm appropriate use and entry to the park. Permittee is responsible for ensuring that its guides comply with this requirement. ID is required.
  - c. Guides are required to present the guide card at the entrance stations along with their driver's license when entering the park to show that they are on official business. The guides are required to inform the entrance station staff on clients entering for the trips for example which vehicle, number of clients, etc.
  - d. Clients of the Permittee are not admitted free entrance to the park. The clients' options are:
    - i. Buy an entrance pass – pay when they enter with the Permittee
    - ii. Have a Current Entrance Receipt
    - iii. Have a Current Pass (Rocky Mountain National Park Annual Pass, Interagency Annual Pass, Senior, or Access Pass) (pass is valid & in the name of the client)
2. CUA Permit Holders and their clients are not authorized to use the fast pass lane for any commercial activities in the park. All CUA Permit Holders (i.e. guides) and clients must enter via a staffed entrance kiosk. Use of the fast pass lane by a CUA Permit Holder may result in revocation of their CUA permit.
  3. Frontcountry camping is available on a first-come, first-serve basis at Longs Peak Campground and by advanced reservation at Moraine Park, Glacier Basin, Aspenglen, and Timber Creek Campgrounds. Normal camping fees and regulations, including length of stay, will apply to the Permittee and its participants.
  4. Prior to initiating each trip, guides are encouraged to contact Park Headquarters (970) 586-1206 for information on current conditions.
  5. Proof of adequate general liability and automobile insurance coverage must be provided to the park prior to operating under this permit.
    - a. Commercial General Comprehensive Liability coverage is required in the amount of \$500,000 per person per accident.
    - b. Commercial Vehicle Insurance coverage is required for all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles used by the Permittee who transport clients.
    - c. Minimum limits for Commercial Vehicle Insurance are 15 or fewer passengers, \$1,500,000 and 16 or more passengers, \$5,000,000. Rocky Mountain National Park must be listed as additional insurer.
  6. All incidents involving overdue parties or accidents involving property damage or personal injury must be reported to park dispatch at (970) 586-1203 within 24 hours of incident and to the Commercial Services Office.
  7. All advertisements/brochures which make reference to Rocky Mountain National Park must be approved by the Superintendent prior to publication, distribution, or broadcasting. All such publications must

include a statement that the operator is authorized by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, to conduct services in Rocky Mountain National Park.

8. Prior to engaging in any commercial filming or still photography using model(s) (posed or on camera talent), set(s), or prop(s) that are not a part of the location's natural or cultural resources or administrative facilities consultation with the Commercial Services Office is required. This activity may be subject to a separate permit.
9. Violation of park regulations or the terms of this permit may result in the suspension of privileges granted by this permit and could lead to appropriate fines or citations, as well as non-renewal.