



Special Park Conditions

Activity: Non-Motorized Boat Tours

A. Authorized Services

1. The commercial activity authorized by this permit is front-country non-motorized boats: only kayak or pack-rafts tours during daylight hours on Lily Lake and Sprague Lake.
2. Special Conditions E, for after dark tours.

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 safety, identify interpretive facts, 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.

C. Equipment

1. The guide shall inspect and assure that each kayak or pack raft is in safe and serviceable condition before operating in the park.
2. The Permittee shall provide all guides and boaters (clients) with safety gear, including paddle, paddle leash, US Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD).
3. Both guides and clients must wear Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) that are properly sized, in serviceable condition, and US Coast Guard approved.
4. All vehicles and trailers must be parked in a designated pull-off or parking areas or along the edge of the road as long as the vehicle and trailer are completely off the fog line, not obstructing the roadway and not on vegetation. Vehicles may not park across marked parking spots.
5. To prevent Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), the Permittee must ensure that all equipment such as paddles, paddle leashes, PFDs, waders, and kayaks are cleaned and dried before entering waters in the park. Additional information may be found here: [Boating Decontamination | Colorado Parks and Wildlife \(state.co.us\)](#)
6. 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 \(Int.org\)](#)
7. The CUA holder is responsible for ensuring that all clients are safely equipped and properly clothed prior to the trip. This includes but is not limited to the following:
 - a. a bailing device is required for sit-in kayaks such as a bilge pump
 - b. throwable rescue device required in guide boat ("throw-bag" recommended, not Type IV PFD)
 - c. spare paddle or rope recommended in guide boat for towing boat
 - d. whistle for guide use during emergency
 - e. USCG approved visual distress signal for guide use during emergency

D. Conduct of Trip

1. Guides must provide a safety orientation before entering the water.
2. Guides and clients enter and exit the water with kayaks or pack rafts where the shore is devoid of vegetation to prevent trampling.

3. The guide will provide information to interpret Rocky Mountain National Park's natural features.
4. The ratio of qualified guides to clients shall be one (1) guide to no more than five (5) clients. Total group size on a tour may not exceed (6) per lake.
5. The maximum number of tours/ groups per lake is no more than 2 any one time.
6. All groups must honor the rights of others and always conduct themselves in an orderly manner.
7. The guides are responsible for adhering to Leave No Trace practices at all times while in the park.

E. Additional Conditions for Non-Motorized Tours After Dark

1. No overnight camping/ spending the night on the kayak or pack raft on Lily or Sprague Lake or in the area.
2. Glowing boats are not authorized.
3. Small emergency waterproof light attached to each boat for safety is **required**.
4. Guide is required to have a light source for emergencies.
5. All participants are required to always wear a Type 3 Coast Guard approved life vest with a whistle on the lake.

F. 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.