



WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OPERATIONS

Public Use Permit - Special Activity

Location(s): Columbia Hills Historical State Park

Group Name & Activity: Oregon Trail Rally - Oregon Trail Rally Car Race

Dates: 5/16/2026 to 5/16/2026

Contact Name & Number: Renee Damm, Mike Shaw, and Casey Jones (406) 581-9028

Event Organizer: Same as above

The signed permit must be at the event site and available for inspection by park personnel at all times.

PARK SPECIFIC TERMS & CONDITIONS

- (1) *Event equipment, (tents, tables, chairs, etc.), must be anchored using above ground methods, (sandbags/weights). No ground disturbance permitted.*
- (2) *Canopies, tables, aid stations, and toilets must be stationed within developed day use areas. No vegetation clearing or ground disturbance is allowed while setting up this equipment.*
- (3) *Special care must be taken to not remove historic or archaeological objects. Do not remove any natural objects from their location. If removed, the object must be returned to the location in which it was found.*
- (4) *Do not cut or pick vegetation. No markings/signage on trees, (paint, nails, staples, liquid chalk, etc.).*
- (5) *The following items may not be used to mark the course: rebar, stakes, nails, paint, liquid chalk, thermoplastic trail markers, plastic or fabric ribbons, or any type of fixture or material that modifies any aspect of the facility or environment or poses a threat to wildlife. **Acceptable course markers include cones, clothespins with biodegradable ribbons, or pure calcium carbonate powdered chalk.*
- (6) *Event participants must stay on established trails and day use areas. No off-trail access is allowed under this permit.*
- (7) *Equestrian use must stay in equestrian designated areas.*
- (8) *Clean all gear, including running shoes and hiking boots prior to the event to prevent the continued spread of invasive plants. Ensure any watersport equipment, such as kayaks and paddleboards, is properly cleaned to prevent the transport of aquatic invasive species. Here is a link to the Washington Invasive Species Council Guidance: <https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/campaigns/clean-drain-dry/>*
- (9) *All course setup materials must be removed and all trails and Park areas returned to their pre-event state following the event.*
- (10) *SEPA exempt per WAC 197-11-800(13)(c)*

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES: Activities having the potential to significantly impact alter or damage park resources are prohibited. The following are also prohibited: (1) altering, damaging or removing vegetation, park property, or park facilities, (2) vehicle use off established roads and parking areas, (3) use of insecticides, herbicides, or pesticides, (4) loud noises (160 decibels or higher), between 10:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m., (5) smoking in buildings, on boardwalks, or in vegetated areas, (6) disrobing in public or nudity, (7) use of meadow areas except on trails or already disturbed areas as determined by State Parks, not the Permittee, (8) harassment of wildlife (filming of wildlife is permitted if there is no disturbance, feeding, teasing, or manipulation of resident or free-roaming animals). The use of domesticated dogs and cats is permitted if humane treatment is accorded the animal at all times and State Park regulations are strictly observed. For example, domesticated animals must be under physical control at all times. Wildlife captured elsewhere may not be used in any in-park filming, whether trained or not. Animals may not be tethered to trees at any time.

USE AREA: The specific extent of the use area shall be subject to the approval of the area manager or their designee and may be adjusted at their discretion. Special activities will be conducted only in approved locations and/or facilities noted in the Public Use Permit Application.

ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY: The Permittee assumes responsibility for all activities conducted by Permittee in the performance of the Permit, including but not limited to negligent supervision and control of the activities to prevent injury or damage. Permittee shall maintain the cleanliness of all the use area during the Permittee's use including cleanup of litter and debris. Permittee shall provide surveillance and security to preserve order.

RULE COMPLIANCE: The Permittee and its officers, agents, and employees shall comply with all applicable codes, rules, regulations, and laws, including compliance with all Discover Pass requirements, and any lawful order of the area manager or designee.

DAMAGES: Any damages to property of State Parks caused by the Permittee while acting under the Permit shall be repaired at the Permittee's expense. Any such damages not repaired to the satisfaction of State Parks may be repaired by State Parks and the costs thereof charged to the Permittee.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES: Geological and archaeological resources must not be disturbed. No materials, adhesives, paints, etc. may be used on any of these park resources. No devices may be driven into the rocks, or cliff areas. Any damage to park resources may result in closing the area to future activities.

PERMIT DISPLAY: The Permittee shall have a copy of the Permit in their possession at the time of the activity and display upon request of the Area Manager and/or their designee.

CHECK-OUT REQUIREMENTS: Before leaving the park, the Permittee or his/her representative will make arrangements for an inspection of the assigned area by the Area Manager or the Area Manager's representative to insure, if in the judgement of the Area Manager/representative that the area is left in a clean and orderly condition.

PERMIT ASSIGNMENT: The Permit is non-transferable and non-assignable. Any attempt to transfer or assign an issued permit shall cause immediate cancellation of the Permit.

Signature: _____

Colleen M. Foster

Printed Name: _____

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Title: _____

Regional Operations Coordinator