§ 7.37 Cave entry. Except for those portions of the caves open to the general public, no person shall enter any cave within the boundaries of the park without first obtaining a permit from the Superintendent. Permits will be issued to persons who are qualified and experienced in cave exploration, who possess the needed equipment for safe entry and travel, and who are engaged in scientific research projects which in the opinion of the Superintendent are compatible with the purpose for which the park was established.

(2) Persons on guided cave tours must stay on the established designated trails and remain with the guides and tour group at all times. Exploration of side passages, going ahead of the lead guide and tour group or dropping behind the following guide or tour group is prohibited.

(3) Persons on “self-guided” or “semi-guided” cave tours must stay in the established, designated trails at all times. Exploration of side passages or taking alternate routes is prohibited.

§ 7.37 Jean Lafitte National Historical Park.

(a) Fishing. (1) Unless otherwise designated, fishing in a manner authorized under applicable State law is allowed.

(2) Within the Barataria Marsh unit, the superintendent may designate times and locations and establish conditions governing the taking of crayfish upon a written determination that the taking of crayfish:

(i) Is consistent with the purposes for which the unit was established; and

(ii) Will not be detrimental to other park wildlife or the reproductive potential of the species to be taken; and

(iii) Will not have an adverse effect on the ecosystem.

(3) Violation of established conditions or designations for the taking of crayfish is prohibited.

§ 7.38 Isle Royale National Park.

(a) Aircraft, designated landing areas. (1) The portion of Tobin Harbor located in the NE¹/₄ of sec. 4, T. 66 N., R. 33 W., the SW¹/₄ of sec. 33, T. 67 N., R. 33 W., and the SW¹/₄ of sec. 34, T. 67 N., R. 33 W.

(2) The portion of Rock Harbor located in the SE¹/₄ of sec. 13, the N¹/₂ of sec. 24, T. 66 N., R. 34 W., and the W¹/₂ of sec. 18, T. 66 N., R. 33 W.

(3) The portion of Washington Harbor located in the N¹/₂ of sec. 32, all of sec. 29, SE¹/₄ of sec. 30, and the E¹/₂ of sec. 31, T. 64 N., R. 38 W.

(b) Underwater diving. No person shall undertake diving in the waters of Isle Royale National Park with the aid of underwater breathing apparatus without first registering with the Superintendent.

(c) Mammals. Dogs, cats, and other mammals may not be brought into or possessed in the park area, except for guide dogs accompanying the blind.

§ 7.39 Mesa Verde National Park.

(a) Visiting of cliff dwellings is prohibited except when persons are accompanied by a uniformed National Park Service employee. However, the Superintendent may issue special written permits to persons engaged in scientific investigations authorizing such persons to visit the cliff dwellings without escort. The Superintendent shall approve issuance of a permit provided:

(1) That the investigation plan proposed, in purpose and in execution, is compatible with the purposes for which the park was established;

(2) That the investigation proposed will not jeopardize the preservation of park resources;

(3) That the study undertaken will have demonstrable value to the National Park Service in its management or understanding of park resources; and

(4) That the permit applicants are adequately experienced and equipped so as to insure that the objectives of paragraphs (a) (1), (2), and (3) of this section will be obtained.

(b) Hiking is permitted only on trails designated for that purpose by the Superintendent by the posting of appropriate signs or by marking on a map which shall be available for inspection by the public at park headquarters and other convenient locations within the park area.
park. Persons hiking on the Pictograph Point or Spruce Canyon Trails must register in advance with the Superintendent.

(c) Commercial automobiles and buses. The prohibition against the admission of commercial automobiles and buses to Mesa Verde National Park, contained in §5.4 of this chapter shall be subject to the following exceptions: Motor vehicles operated on an infrequent and nonscheduled tour on which the visit to the park is an incident to such tour, carrying only round trip passengers traveling from the point of origin of the tour, will be accorded admission to the park upon establishing to the satisfaction of the Superintendent that the tour originated from such place and in such manner as not to provide, in effect, a regular and duplicating service conflicting with, or in competition with, the services provided for the public pursuant to contract authorization with the Secretary.

§ 7.40 Hopewell Village National Historic Site.

(a) Fishing. (1) Fishing between sunset and sunrise is prohibited.

§ 7.41 Big Bend National Park.

(a) Fishing; closed waters. Special ponds and springs reserved for species of rare fish are closed to fishing and bait collecting. The taking or release of any form of fish life in these ponds or springs is prohibited except by special authorization by the Superintendent. These ponds and springs will be posted as closed to fishing and bait collecting and molestation.

(b) Fishing; method. (1) Fishing with pole and line, rod and reel, and trot and throw line is permitted all year from the United States side of the Rio Grande.

(2) Use of seine. The use of seines and nets is prohibited except minnow seines no greater than 20 feet in length may be used for taking of minnows for bait.

(c) Fishing; limit of catch. The limit of catch per person per day or in possession shall be 25 fish, except that minnows caught for bait shall not be accountable for the purpose of this section.

§ 7.42 Pipestone National Monument.

(a) An American Indian desiring to quarry and work “catlinite” pipestone shall first secure a permit from the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall issue a permit to any American Indian applicant, provided, that: (1) in the judgment of the Superintendent, the number of permittees then quarrying or working the pipestone is not so large as to be inconsistent with preservation of the deposit and (2) a suitable area is available for conduct of the operation. The permit shall be issued without charge and shall be valid only during the calendar year in which it is issued.

(b) An American Indian desiring to sell handicraft products produced by him, members of his family, or by other Indians under his supervision or under contract to him, including pipestone articles, shall apply to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall grant the permit provided that (1) in his judgment the number of permittees selling handicraft products is not so large as to be inconsistent with the enjoyment of visitors to the Pipestone National Monument and (2) a suitable area is available for conduct of the operation. The permit shall be issued without charge and shall be valid only during the calendar year in which it is issued.

§ 7.43 Natchez Trace Parkway.

(a)–(b) [Reserved]

(c) Vehicles—(1) Trucks. Trucks over one ton rated capacity are not permitted on the parkway. Trucks, not exceeding one ton rated capacity, are permitted to travel on the Natchez Trace Parkway when used solely for transportation of persons, their baggage, camping equipment and related articles for recreational purposes only. Trucks used for the purpose of hauling