

Policy for Commercial Vehicle Entry into Fawn Lake

In accordance with an easement between Fawn Lake Community Association (FLCA) and the National Park Service (NPS), all commercial vehicles must enter and exit the community using the Construction gate.

The Main Gate of Fawn Lake is located at Longstreet Drive and Orange Plank Road. The Construction Gate of Fawn Lake is located at Harper's Drive and Orange Plank Road. The Construction gate is staffed and open Monday through Saturday, between the hours of 6:30 am and 7:00 pm. It is closed on Sundays and holidays. Entrance during Sundays, holidays and between the hours of 7PM and 6:30 AM is covered later in this document.

Commercial vehicles shall include, but not be limited to trucks, station wagons, pickups, passenger cars or other vehicles when used in transporting movable property for a fee or profit, either as a direct charge to another person, or otherwise, or used as an incident to providing services to another person or used in connection with any business.

The start of Longstreet Drive at Orange Plank Road is federal property, managed as a unit of the National Park Service, and as such is subject to certain laws and regulations governing federally managed park land. Although nothing in this policy is intended to negate the law, it is understood that the NPS and FLCA are in a partnership with the sole intent to adhere and maintain Longstreet Drive in a park like setting. Any activity that is contrary to that objective is not permitted without the expressed written consent of the NPS.

NPS rangers are law enforcement officers who have the authority to enforce all laws, rules, and regulations. They also have the latitude for discretion on enforcement of these regulations on a case by case basis. It is understood that personal or unmarked vehicles would not be stopped unless there is an observed infraction.

According to Title 36 of the Code of Federal regulations, Section 5.6 (b) the use of government roads within park areas by commercial vehicles when such use is in no way connected with the operation of the park area is prohibited. Health and safety vehicles are permitted access through the main gate when the commercial entrance is closed

Administrative exceptions to the commercial vehicle prohibition include:

- Emergency Services (Fire, Law, EMS)
- Utility Workers (Electric, Gas, Phone)
- Government Vehicles (Local, County, State, Federal, U.S. Mail)
- Residents using commercial vehicles as their primary means of travel
- Fawn Lake landscape maintenance and security vehicles

Although the Main Gate may be used sparingly by commercial vehicles when the construction gate is closed, it is strongly recommended that those who routinely need access should apply for a Park Service Special Commercial Vehicle Permit.

The Superintendent of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park has the authority to issue special Commercial Vehicle Permits. The Fawn Lake Manager of Resident Services should be contacted for further information on these permits.

Severe penalties could be faced should the Fawn Lake Community Association disregard these Federal Regulations.

The Fawn Lake Chief of Security will implement procedures to ensure that all Federal Regulations are adhered to and are strictly enforced and that all commercial vehicles utilize the Construction Gate at all times while noting the exceptions outlined in this policy.

Construction and lawn maintenance type vehicles will not be allowed through the Construction Gate on Sundays and Holidays, as is now the current practice. Special cases shall be referred to the Fawn Lake Manager of Resident Services for coordination with Security personnel. Entrance to Fawn Lake by other Commercial vehicles on Sundays, holidays and between the hours of 7 PM and 6:30 AM will be conducted by Security personnel utilizing remote control of the Construction Gate from the Command Center at the Longstreet Gatehouse. The Director of Community Safety will develop and implement procedures for these off-hour entrances within the next thirty days, including for situations in which prior approval for off hour access was not possible. Upon approval by the FLCA Board of Directors, those procedures will thereafter be shared with the FLCA membership.

The full enforcement of this policy will begin sixty days after adoption by the Fawn Lake Community Association Board of Directors. The sixty-day interval will be used to inform and educate both the Fawn Lake community and the various commercial entities that the policy will affect.