

COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION FOR GUIDED BICYCLE TOURS
OPERATING PLAN - EXHIBIT B

OVERVIEW

The CUA for guided bicycle tours allows the CUA holder to conduct guided road-based bicycle tours with visits to facilities, services, walks on trails less than a ½ mile from trailheads or roadways, and on boardwalks and developed areas.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1) Bicycle tours are permitted in the park only on improved public road segments, parking areas, and routes. Improved road segments are generally areas that have a paved road shoulder.
- 2) The following road segments are currently approved for commercial bicycle tours: (additional roadways may be added to the list as road improvements are made).
 - West Entrance to Madison Junction
 - Madison Junction to Old Faithful
 - Old Faithful to West Thumb Junction (continuing south to Grant Village)
 - West Thumb Junction to Fishing Bridge Junction
 - Fishing Bridge Junction to the East Entrance
 - Fishing Bridge Junction to Canyon Junction
 - Canyon Junction (including the North and South Rim Drives) to Norris Junction
 - Norris to Madison Junction
- 3) Bicycles are prohibited on all boardwalks and backcountry trails. The CUA holder must comply with the information provided at: <https://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/bicycling.htm>.
- 4) Class one and three e-bikes are allowed when the rider is pedaling in Yellowstone National Park where traditional bicycles are allowed. E-Bikes are prohibited where traditional bicycles are prohibited. The motor may not be used to propel an e-bike without the rider also pedaling.
- 5) Commercial bicycle tours are permitted on the bike trails listed on the park's website at: <https://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/bicycling.htm>.
- 6) Commercial bicycle tours may also be permitted on park roads in the spring and fall while roads are closed to motorized, public travel. Please see the website for more information, current conditions, etc.: <https://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/spring-fall-bicycling.htm>.
- 7) CUA holders are limited to 2 tour events per day, with a maximum of 15 clients per event. Participants must be divided into riding groups of 5 people or fewer, including guides, and riding groups must be dispersed with a minimum distance of ½ mile between groups.
- 8) Each tour event must have at least one guide. The guide for any trip within the park must have a basic knowledge of map reading and must have a road map for the area of their trip.
- 9) Cyclist must ride single file, on the right-hand side of the road and to the right of the fog line when possible. Riding bicycles abreast on a public park roadway is prohibited. Riders must pull completely off the roadway or stay in single file when stopping on the side of the road. Cyclists should avoid stopping in areas where they cannot pull completely off the roadway when possible.
- 10) Riders must use pullouts to allow faster vehicles to pass. Impeding traffic or causing unnecessary delays in traffic is prohibited.
- 11) Bicycles are subject to the same traffic rules and regulations as automobiles.
- 12) The park does not allow support vehicles to immediately precede or immediately follow bicyclists. Experience has shown that conditions are safer if the flow of traffic is allowed to adjust itself to existing conditions. One vehicle, however, will be allowed to pull off into designated parking areas and pullouts to provide water and relief to participants only during seasons when roads are open to vehicular traffic.

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- 13) Camping is authorized in designated front-country campgrounds. Overnight backcountry use is not authorized under this CUA.
- 14) Food storage laws apply while camping and while hiking when bikes are left unattended. Trash must be carried out if trash receptacles are not available.
- 15) Park roads are narrow and winding with few shoulders. Bicycles must use flashing lights on both the front and rear of the bicycle.
- 16) All guides and clients are required to wear a bicycle helmet that meets the standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission found at: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Business--Manufacturing/Business-Education/Business-Guidance/Bicycle-Helmets/>. The park also strongly recommends wearing high visibility clothing.
- 17) The CUA holder is responsible for ensuring that all clients are safely equipped and properly clothed prior to the trip. Clients under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult while biking in the park.
- 18) Each guide must carry a minimum of one can of bear spray and be trained in its use. Bear spray for clients is strongly recommended.

I have read and agree to the Guided Bicycle Tour CUA conditions. I hereby confirm that myself, all guides, and all relevant employees will be trained in the requirements of this CUA, the Yellowstone CUA Special Park Conditions, and this Operating Plan.

CUA Holder's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Company Name: _____