

**MT. ASCUTNEY STATE PARK
COMMUNICATION SITE ACCESS POLICY**

(Revised, October 2016)

Year-Round Requirements

- The communications site License Holders (VPT and ECA) are responsible for disseminating this information to sub-agreement holders, and ultimately responsible for their adherence and actions.
- One week prior to each planned site access, users must notify the State Park Regional Manager, State Lands Forester, and Administrative Assistant via email (see staff contact information below) to inform Park management of the date, and the primary contact person's cell phone and email.
- On the morning of each site access, users must notify the State Park Regional Manager, State Lands Forester, and Administrative Assistant via email or phone (see staff contact information below) to confirm the site access and the primary contact person's cell phone and email.
- Gate combination must be obtained through the License Holder. The Park or Regional Office will not give out the gate combination to a sub-agreement holder or subcontractor.
- ATV, UTV and Snowmobile use: ATV, UTV, snowmobile and other off road vehicle use is limited to the paved road used by over-the-road wheeled vehicles and shall only be used when the road is impassable to over-the-road vehicles. ATV's, UTV's and snowmobiles will only be allowed to operate on the paved mountain road, and certain access points to the utility line. No ATV, UTV, or snowmobile use will be permitted on hiking trails to the summit or on park roads in the campground.
- Obtain prior permission via email from the State Park Regional Manager (see staff contact information below) before transporting or using any type of equipment other than vehicles registered for on-highway use. This includes ATVs.
- If equipment or vehicles damage the road surface, users must immediately report via phone or email, the location and extent of damage to the State Park Regional Manager, State Lands Forester, and the Administrative Assistant at the Regional Office.
- Notify the Parks Regional Manager, State Lands Forester, and Administrative Assistant at the Regional Office via email of any helicopter lifts with as much advanced notice as possible. If lift schedules change at the last minute, notify the Regional Office Staff via phone or email and during the operating season also notify on-site Park Staff by phone.

Park Operating Season (One week before Memorial Day through Sunday following Columbus Day)

- On the day of each planned site access, check in with on-site Park Staff before going up the road. If the Park Ranger or assistant is not at the Park Office or if the Park office is closed, use the sign-in book located just outside the Park Office.
- Keep gates as you find them: if closed and locked, close and lock it immediately after passing through.

Off Season Use (Sunday following Columbus Day until the week before Memorial Day)

- Use four -wheel drive on-highway vehicles until road conditions deteriorate. This is never a set date but dependent on weather conditions, especially freezing precipitation. FPR has the right to limit use of the roadway based on safety.
- Use snowmobiles or tracked ATVs/UTVs in winter (ATV/UTV use still requires prior notification of intent to use).
- The mountain road shall not be plowed or sanded/salted.
- Keep gates as you find them. The main gate is kept locked and closed for the off season except the period of time of the November rifle and muzzle loader deer season (mid-November through mid-December). During the hunting seasons, the main gate is left open and the yellow mountain road gate is closed and locked. This is to allow hunters access to the camping areas.

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