

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD01-02-018]

**Drawbridge Operation Regulations:
Hackensack River, NJ**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations for the Witt-Penn (Route 7) Bridge, mile 3.1, across the Hackensack River at Jersey City, New Jersey. This temporary deviation will allow the bridge to remain closed to navigation from 9 a.m. on March 5, 2002 through 6 a.m. on March 7, 2002. This temporary deviation is necessary to facilitate repairs at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from March 5, 2002 through March 7, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Schmied, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (212) 668-7195.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Witt-Penn (Route 7) Bridge has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 35 feet at mean high water and 40 feet at mean low water. The existing regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.5.

The bridge owner, New Jersey Department of Transportation, has requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operating regulations to facilitate necessary maintenance, power and communication cable replacement, at the bridge. The nature of the required repairs will require the bridge to remain in the closed position.

During this deviation the bridge will not open for vessel traffic from 9 a.m. on March 5, 2002 through 6 a.m. on March 7, 2002.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35, and will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible.

Dated: February 13, 2002.

G.N. Naccara,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, First Coast Guard District.

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**Drawbridge Operation Regulations:
Hampton River, NH**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations for the SR1A Bridge, mile 0.0, across the Hampton River in New Hampshire. This deviation from the regulations, effective from February 20, 2002 through March 31, 2002, allows the bridge to remain in the closed position for vessel traffic. This temporary deviation is necessary to facilitate scheduled maintenance repairs at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from February 20, 2002 through March 31, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John McDonald, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (617) 223-8364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing drawbridge operating regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.697.

The bridge owner, New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operating regulations to facilitate necessary structural repairs at the bridge.

This deviation to the operating regulations, effective from February 20, 2002 through March 31, 2002, allows the SR1A Bridge to remain in the closed position for vessel traffic. There have been only two or three opening at this bridge each year during the requested time period scheduled for these structural repairs in past years. The Coast Guard coordinated this closure with the mariners effected and no objections were received.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35, and will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible.

Dated: February 13, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

36 CFR Part 7

RIN 1024-AC67

**Special Regulations; Areas of the
National Park System**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is adopting this final rule to designate as snowmobile routes on NPS administered Appalachian National Scenic Trail lands, portions of snowmobile trails that are part of a State-approved network of snowmobile routes and that cross the Appalachian Trail corridor. Snowmobile use on these routes is established. The Park Manager is also provided the discretion to designate temporary snowmobile crossings in the Compendium of Superintendent's Orders.

DATES: This rule becomes effective March 27, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela Underhill, Park Manager, Appalachian National Scenic Trail, National Park Service, Harpers Ferry Center, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. Telephone 304-535-6278. Email: Pamela_Underhill@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The regulation designates as snowmobile routes on NPS administered Appalachian National Scenic Trail lands, portions of snowmobile trails that are part of a State-approved network of snowmobile routes that cross NPS administered lands in order to connect with other state approved routes. The regulation designates the minimum number of crossings necessary to accommodate statewide snowmobile trail networks.

The Appalachian Trail is a north-south hiking trail that stretches nearly 2,160 miles from Katahdin, Maine, to Springer Mountain, Georgia, along the crest of the Appalachian Mountains. The Trail is administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the NPS, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture through the U.S. Forest Service, as part of the National Trails System. Upon completion of the land protection program, the NPS will have protected approximately 800 miles of the Trail and approximately 100,000 acres of land. Because NPS administered lands are intermingled with private, local, state and other