

Hang Gliding/Paragliding Permit – Roanoke Mountain

- **Fill out both forms**
- **Include Self Addressed Stamped envelope**
- **Include *Copy Of* current USHGA rating card**
- **Mail to: Ranger Steve Buxton, NPS - 2551 Mountain View Rd - Vinton VA 24179**
- **Carry permit with you along with copy of e-mail from District Ranger Jon Murphy**

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE - BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Hang Gliding Rules and Regulations

1. Hang gliding is permitted at the following approved sites only;
 - a. Roanoke Mountain at the top of the Loop Road, Milepost 120.3
 - b. Raven's Roost Overlook, Milepost 10.7
2. An annual Hang Gliding Permit is required to launch from all approved sites on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The permit must be in the possession of the participant when exercising the privileges contained herein and surrendered upon the request of a Park Ranger.
3. Each person must possess a valid USHGA license with a rating of Intermediate or better. In addition, a High Altitude with Assisted Windy Cliff Launch or Cliff Launch rating is also required for the Raven's Roost Site. These rating card must be displayed upon the request of a Park Ranger and when obtaining a Park Hang Gliding Permit.
4. Persons under the age of 18 years must present written permission from a parent or guardian before a permit will be issued. While exercising the privileges of this permit, all persons under the age of 18 years must have a responsible adult (over 18) present and display the written permission slip upon request from a Park Ranger.
5. It is essential for hang gliders to land on property where permission has been obtained so the Parkway and permit holders can maintain the good will and consent of neighboring landowners. Access and egress to these sites must be made using only the property designated by the cooperating landowner. Hang gliders must have either individual or blanket written permission for landing on neighboring property. This must be renewed annually.
6. Flights can only be initiated only when the landing site is visible from the launch area.
7. Helmets must be worn.
8. No aerobatic/stunt flying, commercialization, advertising, publicity, meets or contests will be permitted.
9. All hang gliding incidents will be reported to a Park Ranger. These would include difficulties at either launching or landing sites, conflicts with visitors or landowners, accidents, near misses, etc.
10. Space at the launch site is limited. Only two open kites will be permitted at any given time.
11. No auxiliary power skill flights, towing or tandem flights will be allowed from either site.
12. Launches are permitted from one hour after sunrise to one hour before sunset at Raven's Roost and from 10 AM to one hour before sunset at Roanoke Mountain.
13. Individuals using Roanoke Mountain must call the Vinton Ranger station at 540-857-2490 prior to conducting hang gliding activities.
14. The Superintendent reserves the right to close these areas any time he or his representative feels that conditions warrant such closure. These sites will be closed during Memorial Day Weekend, Independence Day, Labor Day Weekend, and Fall Color period (October 1 through October 31, inclusive).

THE ABOVE REGULATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR BOTH HANG GLIDING ENTHUSIASTS AND OTHER PARKWAY VISITORS. THESE REGULATIONS ARE ENFORCEABLE BY PARK RANGERS UNDER TITLE 36 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, SECTIONS 1.5, 2.17 AND 7.34(c).

- PERMIT -

NPS Permit# _____ Rating _____ No. _____ Date Issued _____

Name _____ Expires _____ NPS Permit Expires _____

Address _____
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Launch Location _____ Issuing Location _____
Good only at site specified

Signature of Flyer

Signature of Issuing Official

REPORT ALL EMERGENCIES TO PARKWATCH - 1-800-PARKWATCH (1-800-727-5928)

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-WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS-

NPS Permit # _____ Rating _____ Exp. Date _____

Date Issued _____

In consideration for obtaining the privileges granted herein, the permittee agrees to indemnify and save harmless the United States from any loss to it, including not only damage to government property and injury to government employees but also judgement, settlements, or compromises for property damage or injury to all persons for which the United States may be liable, resulting in the exercise by the permittee of the privileges granted herein.

Name (please print)

Signature of Flyer

Person to contact in emergency (print)

Address of Flyer

Address

City

State

ZIP

Telephone Number

Telephone Number

*Retain waiver at Issuing Office

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<SMoreland@wsis.com

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11/18/2004 08:47 AM
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To: <Steve_Buxton@nps.gov>

cc:

Subject: FW: Roanoke Mountain Hang Gliding and Paragliding

Steve,

Here you go.

Thanks, Shane .

-----Original Message-----

From: Jon_Murphy@nps.gov [mailto:Jon_Murphy@nps.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2004 6:19 PM

To: Moreland, Shane G.

Cc: Steve_Buxton@nps.gov; John_Garrison@nps.gov; G_Tom_Davis@nps.gov;
Chris_Ulrey@nps.gov; Bruce_Bytnar@nps.gov

Subject: RE: Roanoke Mountain Hang Gliding and Paragliding

Paragliding has been approved for Roanoke Mtn. You may do clearing of the site as long as you use hand tools, sign up as a volunteer, and do not expand the site. Please advise Steve Buxton (540-767-2493 xt 21) or me before starting any clearing of the site. Each person involved in hangliding or paragliding must have a permit issued by Steve Buxton at our Vinton office. Steve will check for proper certification before the permit will be issued.

I emphasize you can not expand the site with out permission from me. If the trees at the lower end of the take off run become a hazard contact me and we will discuss what needs to be done.

If you have questions feel free to call me at 540-745-9681 or e mail.