



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
**45<sup>TH</sup> SPACE WING (AFSPC)**

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: Det 1/CC, 45 MSG  
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SUBJECT: Fishing and Beach Access for Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS)

1. CCAFS is open to fishing and walking, with a permit, on the beach during daylight hours and within one half mile of the authorized access point only. Properly badged personnel may escort two un-badged guests onto CCAFS to fish or walk on the beach. Escorts must possess (on their person) an operational and turned-on cell phone.
2. Beach access points: Personnel accessing the CCAFS beach must do so at one of only 3 authorized locations: 1) Dune crossover Camera Road A, 2) Camera Road B, or 3) Complex 34. Canoe or boat access is limited to the east side of the Banana River at the Hangar AF boat ramp. Personnel using Hangar AF ramp must park in the parking lot just south of Bldg 60740 near the Picnic Pavilion. No vehicles will be allowed to park in the boat ramp area.
3. Beach and Banana River access will be closed for launch safety as follows:
  - a) **Beach:** Atlas/Delta/SpaceX, and Shuttle - On day of launch
  - b) **Banana River:** Atlas/Delta/SpaceX, and Shuttle – Three days prior to and day of launch
4. Beach and river access may be suspended at any time and without prior notification.
5. Beach Access and Fishing Rule:
  - a) Adhere to all federal and state fishing regulations, including those pertaining to size, season, limits, licensing, and fishing equipment.
  - b) Protect endangered species. Do not disturb sea turtles, turtle nests (nesting season is May through October), nest markers (numbered wooden stakes), predator screens, light shields, traps, driftwood raceways, or sea turtle skeletal remains. These animals are state and federally protected and violators are subject to prosecution.
  - c) Fishermen and walkers must protect the delicate ecological environment. Do not pick up or remove plants, animals, or historical artifacts. A small number of shells may be removed for personal use only. No collection for commercial use will be allowed. Any violators will be prosecuted.
  - d) Use of umbrellas above high tide is prohibited.
  - e) Digging above high tide or metal detector use will not be allowed without written approval from the 45 SW Conservation Law Enforcement Officer.

- f) Keep off dunes and beach vegetation.
- g) Stay out of posted bird nesting areas.
- h) Beach and River access is authorized between 1/2 hour after sunrise and 1 hour prior to sunset, port fishing hours extend to 10:00 PM (2200 hours).
- i) Remove your own trash.
- j) Do not clean fish on CCAFS property.
- k) Fishing poles are limited to two poles per fisherman.
- l) Fishermen and walkers may fish and walk on the beach at their own risk but assume responsibility for the actions and safety of any guests. Alligators, snakes, sharks, feral hogs and other wild animals inhabit CCAFS so be cautious.
- m) Swimming and wading is not allowed.
- n) Firearms, explosives, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- o) Fishing is prohibited:
  1. While standing on or anchoring to any portion of the Banana River Bridge
  2. From any CCAFS Banana River Bank
  3. North of the NASA Causeway
  4. For commercial purposes
  5. Anywhere outside of the authorized fishing locations
- p) Each fisherman and escort shall have an operational and turned-on cell phone in their possession. (Should the fisherman or escort not comply with the above, they will be asked to leave the beach and may be barred from access in the future).
- q) Personnel should report any injured/dead animal to Cape Support at 853-5211, who will then notify the appropriate personnel.

6. Vehicle and Boat Restrictions:

- a) Only non-motorized boat use is permitted in Banana River adjacent to CCAFS (i.e. Canoes/kayaks/rowboats).
- b) Boats are not permitted north of NASA Causeway. Boats are not allowed into any island water entrances along the west side of the Banana River.
- c) Stay out of areas marked “restricted,” “no entry” or hazardous operational areas and stay off all islands.
- d) Vehicles must be parked in designated areas only.
- e) Trailers for boats launched at Hangar AF must be parked in the lot south of bldg 60740 near the Picnic Pavilion.

7. Authorized access to fishing areas:

- a) Camera Road A: Located 1/2 mile south of Cape Canaveral Lighthouse (Directions: Travel north on Phillips Parkway from the South Gate (Gate 1) to Pier Road. Turn right (east) onto Pier Road. Follow Pier Road and merge northeast onto Lighthouse Road. Turn right (east) on Camera Road A to the beach).
- b) Camera Road B: Located 1/10 mile north of Cape Canaveral Lighthouse (Directions: Same as for Camera Road A - 3/4 Mile further north).
- c) Complex 34: Located approximately 9 miles north of the South Gate just off Phillips Parkway. The beach access is located northeast of the blockhouse and the pad.
- d) CCAFS side of the Banana River: Fishing boundary is South of NASA Causeway, north of the power lines at the south end of the river, and East of the marked ship canal and "Boundary" signs. Entry into this fishing area is at Hangar AF ramp ONLY. Do not enter the area near FSA #1. It is marked: **RESTRICTED ACCESS: Do not cross the marked channel from east to west.**
- e) Navy Port Area: Fishing is controlled by the Commanding Officer, Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU) and may be closed at anytime without notice. Fishing hours are from 1/2 hour after sunrise to 10:00PM (2200 hours).

8. Fishing and Guest permits issuance/authorized times:

- a) During the weekdays, fishing and beach walking permits are issued at CCAFS Pass & ID to properly badged Air Force, CCAFS and KSC personnel (at the CCAFS South Gate Security Facility on weekends and holidays).
- b) The placard/permits must be displayed on the vehicle dash at all times.
- c) No foreign nationals are allowed.
- d) Guest permits are valid for the day of issue only. The guest permit must be worn by the guest at all times. The escort must stay with their guest at all times. Issuing of guest permits may be suspended at any time and without notice. The permit will be dropped off upon exiting the installation at the South Gate.

9. Violation of any of the above stated rules and requirements may result in suspension of all fishing and beach access privileges for the violator.

10. The 45 SW Conservation Law Enforcement Officer will periodically patrol fishing areas to ensure compliance with above rules.

11. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mabel O'Quinn at 853-6516, or Sonny Witt at 853-3900.

  
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