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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: USP HAZELTON

U.S. Penitentiary · Bruceton Mills, WV · Phone 304-379-5000

VISIT CARD · CUT OUT AND KEEP IN THE CAR

WHEN
Saturday and Sunday
The visiting rules list only Saturday and Sunday for the USP and the camp.[1]

HOURS
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
No visitors are processed after 2:00 p.m.[1]

VISITS
7 points a month
Each inmate gets 7 points a month.[1]

WHO CAN COME
6 visitors
No more than 6 visitors at a time, children included, and no more than 4 adults.[1]

BRING
Photo ID
Everyone needs a valid driver's license or a government-issued photo ID card.[1]

CALL FIRST
304-379-5000
Call before you drive, every time.

THE BOP'S OWN PAPERS DISAGREE. Hazelton's handbook is old (updated **September 6, 2022**). Its visiting table for the USP and camp shows Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and also a **federal holidays** row. The newer visiting rules (**June 30, 2026**) list only Saturday and Sunday and do not mention holidays. Go by the newer rules and **call 304-379-5000 before you drive**, especially on a holiday weekend.[1]

BEFORE YOU GO: GET ON THE LIST

1. Your loved one gives their unit team a **List of Requested Visitors** for immediate family when they arrive. Immediate family may visit for **30 days** while the background check is done.
2. Anyone who is not immediate family gets the **Visitor Information Form, BP-A0629**, mailed to them by your loved one. Fill it out and sign it. Staff run a background check. If a check on file is more than **1 year** old, a new form is needed.
3. Friends must have known them before prison. The Warden can approve an exception. Anyone with a criminal record needs the Warden's approval.
4. For a visitor under 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign the form.
5. They tell you if you are approved. Do not drive until you are approved.
6. They can change the list by Inmate Request to Staff Member form **once every 90 days**.[1]

AT THE DOOR

SCREENING	Everyone must pass the **walk-through metal detector** without setting it off. Avoid clothes with metal, such as western shirts with metal buttons or bras with metal supports. There is also a **drug screen (ION scan)**, and a positive test can mean no entry. Metal implant or medical metal? Contact the unit team before you come and bring papers from a doctor.[1]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	Up to **$20.00 in change (quarters only)**. Money for their account cannot be handed over at the visit. Send it by mail.[1]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	One wallet or clear change purse no larger than 5" x 8" x 4". Sanitary products. Heart and epilepsy medicine only. **No keys or electronic devices** (cell phones, pagers, car remotes). Lockers are available. No car seats or strollers.[1]
FOR A BABY	Four diapers, one inch of wipes in a clear bag (same size limit as the change purse), two unopened jars or packs of baby food, three clear half-full bottles and one blanket.[1]
WHAT NOT TO WEAR	No hats, watches, see-through clothes, bib overalls, open-toed shoes or sandals, spike heels, halter tops, sleeveless tops or dresses, shorts, mini-skirts, culottes, capri pants or spandex. Nothing skin-tight or suggestive. Dresses no shorter than the top of the knee. No low-cut or V-neck tops, tank tops, or anything showing the stomach, and no skirts with slits above the knee. No rude, sexual or gang-related logos. No sweat suits or jogging outfits. Women must wear a bra. No khaki-colored clothes. Children under 12 may be allowed shorts. No bare feet (babies excepted). No chewing gum.[1]
NOT ALLOWED IN	Packages, handbags, photos, gifts, papers and written messages. Visitors may not bring anything to give to an inmate. No tobacco of any kind. No cameras or recording equipment.[1]
TOUCHING	A handshake, a kiss and an embrace are allowed when you meet and just before you leave. Excessive contact can end the visit.[1]
WHEN IT GETS CROWDED	Staff end the visits of local and frequent visitors first.[1]

ALL VISITING DAYS AND HOURS

WHERE	DAYS	HOURS
USP (penitentiary)	Saturday and Sunday	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Satellite camp (SPC)	Saturday and Sunday	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Special Housing Unit (SHU)	On the same days as general population. Non-contact, only 2 visitors, 1 hour, finished half an hour before general population visits end.	Within 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Holdover (passing through)	Needs approval at least 48 hours ahead. At the USP, in the non-contact room.	During visiting hours

No visitors are processed after 2:00 p.m. Visits end at 3:00 p.m. Processing normally starts no earlier than 8:00 a.m., and visitors are told not to arrive earlier. **No one may wait on the grounds**, in the lobby or in the parking lot, so line up a ride that can come back if a visit is ended.[1]

The visiting rules list only Saturday and Sunday for the USP and the camp. The rules say any change or cancellation is posted on the BOP website.

GETTING THERE

Address	FCC Hazelton, 1640 Sky View Drive, Bruceton Mills, West Virginia 26525. Telephone 304-379-5000. It is off Interstate 68, east of Morgantown and west of Cumberland, Maryland, at exit 29 (Hazelton Road).
From the west on I-68	Take I-68 East to exit 29 (Hazelton Road). Turn left at the end of the exit ramp. After about a half mile, turn right on Casteel Road. The institution is about a half mile on the left. Follow the signs.
From the east on I-68	Take I-68 West to exit 29. Turn right at the end of the ramp. After about 100 yards, turn right on Casteel Road. The institution is about a half mile on the left. Follow the signs.
From Pittsburgh	Take I-279 south to exit 1A, onto I-79 south. Take I-79 south to I-68 East (exit 148, toward Cumberland, Maryland). Take I-68 East to exit 29. Turn left at the end of the ramp, then right on Casteel Road after about a half mile.
Parking at the USP and camp	The 2022 handbook says: follow the institution road. For the camp, turn left into the SPC parking lot. For the USP, follow the road to the top of the hill and turn left into the USP lot. The inmate visitor parking is marked on the left side of that lot.
Getting there	There is no public transportation and no pay phone. The visiting rules list Yellow Cab in Morgantown at 304-292-7441. Plan a ride that can come back.

WHAT TO WEAR TO A VISIT

The BOP beats to its own drum. The front desk has the final say. Keep a spare outfit in the car.

USP HAZELTON

Rules dated **June 30, 2026** (this year)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/haz/haz-visit.pdf) En español (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/haz/haz-visit_sp.pdf)

Skirts and dresses	Dresses not shorter than top of knee (0 inches above); no slits above knee.
Shorts	No shorts (children under 12 may at staff discretion).
Colors to avoid	No khaki-colored clothing resembling inmate clothing. No clothing resembling inmate style or color, at staff discretion.
Leggings, spandex	No spandex. No skin-tight clothing.
Bras and metal	Avoid metal buttons or undergarments with metal supports. Female visitors must wear a bra.
Camouflage, military	No camouflage clothing.
Shoes	No open-toed shoes. No sandals.
Children	Children under 12 may wear shorts at staff discretion; babies barefoot.

ALL 28 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Dresses not shorter than top of knee (0 inches above); no slits above knee.
  BOP wording: "Dresses will not be shorter than the top of the knee."
- No shorts (children under 12 may at staff discretion).
  BOP wording: "sandals, spiked heel shoes, halter tops, sleeveless tops or dresses, shorts,"
- No sleeveless tops or dresses, or tank tops.
  BOP wording: "sandals, spiked heel shoes, halter tops, sleeveless tops or dresses, shorts,"
- No low-cut or V-neck tops.
  BOP wording: "low-cut, V-neck, tank tops, any garment which reveals the mid-section, or"
- No garment that reveals the mid-section.
  BOP wording: "low-cut, V-neck, tank tops, any garment which reveals the mid-section, or"
- No halter tops.
  BOP wording: "sandals, spiked heel shoes, halter tops, sleeveless tops or dresses, shorts,"
- No transparent or sheer clothing.
  BOP wording: "The following items WILL NOT be allowed: Hats, watches, transparent or sheer"
- No skin-tight clothing.
  BOP wording: "Clothing items will not be skin tight or sexually suggestive in nature."
- No spandex.
  BOP wording: "miniskirts, culottes, Capri pants, or spandex."

- No jogging or sweat suits; no sweatshirts/sweatpants resembling inmate clothing.
  BOP wording: "inmates wear similar clothing in the institution, jogging and/or sweat suits"

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki-colored clothing resembling inmate clothing.
  BOP wording: "color of inmate clothing (i.e., khaki-colored clothing) will not be allowed"
- No clothing resembling inmate style or color, at staff discretion.
  BOP wording: "Operations Lieutenant or Institution Duty Officer, resembles the style or"
- No camouflage clothing.
  BOP wording: "Camouflage clothing is not allowed to be"

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- Female visitors must wear a bra.
  BOP wording: "All female visitors are required to wear a bra."
- All visitors must wear underclothing.
  BOP wording: "All visitors will wear underclothing garments."
- Avoid metal buttons or undergarments with metal supports.
  BOP wording: "shirt with metal buttons or undergarments with metal supports."
- No watches.
  BOP wording: "The following items WILL NOT be allowed: Hats, watches, transparent or sheer"

SHOES

- No open-toed shoes.
  BOP wording: "clothing, bib overalls (due to clearing security devices), open-toed shoes or"
- No sandals.
  BOP wording: "sandals, spiked heel shoes, halter tops, sleeveless tops or dresses, shorts,"

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No hats.
  BOP wording: "The following items WILL NOT be allowed: Hats, watches, transparent or sheer"
- Approved religious headgear (e.g., yarmulke) allowed after inspection.
  BOP wording: "Approved religious headgear (such as a Yarmulke) may be worn in"

CHILDREN

- Children under 12 may wear shorts at staff discretion; babies barefoot.
  BOP wording: "Institution Duty Officer, children under the age of twelve (12) will be"

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No derogatory, sexually suggestive, or gang-related logos.
  BOP wording: "derogatory, sexually suggestive, or gang-related logos is allowed."
- No bib overalls (metal detector issues).
  BOP wording: "clothing, bib overalls (due to clearing security devices), open-toed shoes or"
- No spiked heel shoes.
  BOP wording: "sandals, spiked heel shoes, halter tops, sleeveless tops or dresses, shorts,"

- No miniskirts, culottes, or Capri pants.
  BOP wording: "miniskirts, culottes, Capri pants, or spandex."
- No bare feet (except babies).
  BOP wording: "No bare feet will be permitted (excluding babies)."

IF THEY SAY NO

- Operations Lieutenant or IDO decides what resembles inmate clothing.
  BOP wording: "Any other clothing that, at the discretion of the"

MAIL AND THE MAILING ADDRESS

Your full name
Your street address
City, State ZIP

STAMP

Their committed name, exactly as the BOP Inmate Locator shows it

Reg. No. _____-___

USP Hazelton

P.O. Box 2000

Bruceton Mills, WV 26525

The envelope, filled in. Their name and number must match the BOP Inmate Locator exactly.[2]

Put their name and register number. The 2022 handbook gives the addresses: **USP: P.O. Box 2000, Bruceton Mills, WV 26525**. **Satellite camp: P.O. Box 2000, Bruceton Mills, WV 26525**. Add their housing unit.[2]

> **USE THE P.O. BOX ONLY.** Never mail to the street address.

THE MAIL RULES

PHOTOCOPIED	They get a photocopy of regular incoming mail. The originals are destroyed. Legal and special mail are opened in front of them.[2]
MAIL DAYS	Mail is handed out Monday through Friday, usually not on weekends or holidays.[2]
PACKAGES	Every package needs approval first.[2]
BOOKS AND MAGAZINES	Hard cover books and newspapers only from the publisher, a book club or a bookstore. At a medium or high-security prison, soft cover books also only from those sources. At a minimum-security camp, soft cover books (not newspapers) may come from any source.[2]
THEIR LETTERS TO YOU	At the USP their outgoing letters stay unsealed, and staff may read them (special mail excepted). At the minimum-security camp they may seal them. The envelope needs their committed name, register number and the full return address.[2]
SPECIAL MAIL	Must say "Special Mail - Open only in the presence of the inmate" or similar, and the sender must be clear on the front.[2]
MONEY	Send money only through the BOP lockbox in Des Moines or Western Union. Never put money in a letter.[2]

Sources

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