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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: USP MCCREARY

U.S. Penitentiary · Pine Knot, KY · Phone 606-354-7000

VISITING

VISITING HOURS AND DAYS

WHO	DAYS	HOURS
Penitentiary (USP)	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Satellite camp (SCP)	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays. Outside visiting is allowed only at the camp.	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

No one is let in after 2:00 p.m. Visitors are told at 2:45 p.m., and all visits end at 3:00 p.m. There is a recorded line about visiting status: call 606-354-7000, extension 7002.

The visiting rules list no other regular visiting days. [1]

The BOP's own papers disagree. The visiting rules are from **January 24, 2022** and the handbook from **January 2013**. Both are old. Call the visiting status line (606-354-7000, extension 7002) or the prison before you drive.

THE RULES AT THE DOOR: ID, POINTS, WHAT YOU CAN BRING

HOW MANY PEOPLE	No more than **4 visitors at a time, including children under 16**. Ordinarily a visit involves one inmate; a visitor related to more than one inmate needs written approval from the Unit Manager. [1]
CHILDREN	Children under 16 must be with a responsible adult who is an authorized visitor. A 16 or 17-year-old without a parent, guardian or immediate family member (18 or older, on the approved list) needs that person's written approval, mailed to the prison before the visit. [1]
ID	Everyone **16 or older** needs valid government photo ID. [1]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	One clear quart-size zip-top bag with no more than **$40.00 in change**. [1]

WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	A clear quart-size zip-top bag with change, diapers, clear baby bottles and sanitary supplies. Only unopened store-bought baby food. No other food, juice or water bottles. **No diaper bags.** Purses, food, hats, pictures and games stay in your car. Lockers are available in the front lobby on request. [1]
DRESS CODE	Women must wear a bra and other undergarments. No sexually provocative clothes. Women may not wear skirts ending more than two inches above the knee, halter tops, sleeveless shirts, tank tops, backless shirts or dresses, body suits, yoga or exercise pants, hip huggers, wrap-around skirts or see-through clothes. Men and women may not wear shorts, sweat pants, athletic jump suits, camouflage or khaki clothes, or open-toe shoes such as flip flops. Anyone dressed wrong is asked to leave. [1]
TOUCHING	A kiss and an embrace only at the beginning and at the end of the visit. [1]
SEARCH	Everything entering the penitentiary is searched by the front lobby officer. Visitors may also be asked to submit to a pat search. [1]
LEAVING	Once the visit starts, you may not leave the facility and come back to the visiting room. [1]
WHEN IT GETS CROWDED	Visits may be cut to two hours a day. Distance traveled and how often someone visits are among the factors. [1]
CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA	There is a children's play room with board games to check out. Inmates are never allowed in it. [1]

HOW TO GET ON THE VISITING LIST

1. At admission they give staff a list of people they want to visit. Staff review it with them and tell them who is approved or denied. If someone is denied, they are told the reason.
2. Normally all **immediate family** (wife, children, parents, brothers and sisters) are approved. Friends with a criminal history are not ordinarily approved.
3. The rules say a form is mailed to each visitor. The form name and number are not given in the McCreary papers (the BOP national form is BP-A0629; unconfirmed here).
4. They tell you if you are approved. Do not drive until you are approved.
5. No more than **10 friends and associates** can be on the list, and friends must have known them before prison.
6. They can ask to change the list **once every 3 months**. Unit Managers can approve extra changes case by case.

Fill out the visiting form for McCreary

[1]

DRIVING DIRECTIONS (FROM THE BOP)

FROM US 27	Turn onto KY-92 and travel east. Turn left on KY-1044. A green road sign saying "United States Penitentiary" is just before this turn. Go about one mile on KY-1044 and the penitentiary is on your left. On the grounds, the penitentiary parking area is the second right. The camp parking area is straight ahead past the penitentiary, on your left. The institution phone number is 606-354-7000.

Street address for your GPS: 330 Federal Way, Pine Knot, Ky 42635. [2]

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 MCCREARY

Rules dated **January 24, 2022** (4 years old)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/mcr/mcr_visiting.pdf) No Spanish version posted

4 years old. Ask your loved one to check the copy posted in the unit before you drive.

Skirts and dresses	Skirts no more than two inches above the knee.
Shorts	Adult visitors may not wear shorts.
Colors to avoid	No khaki colored clothing.
Leggings, spandex	No yoga/exercise pants (attachment version). No body suits or hip huggers.
Bras and metal	Undergarments must be made of material that passes screening. Female visitors must wear a brassiere, no exceptions.
Camouflage, military	No camouflage clothing.
Shoes	No open toe shoes. No flip flops.
Children	Shorts/sweats/khaki ban stated for adult visitors only.

ALL 20 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Skirts no more than two inches above the knee.
  BOP wording: "may not wear skirts ending ~ore than two inches above the knee, halter tops,"
- Adult visitors may not wear shorts.
  BOP wording: "Adult visitors (r:,ale/female) will net be permitted to wear shorts,"
- No sleeveless shirts or tank tops for women.
  BOP wording: "s1eeveless shirts, tank tops, bacidess sh.jrts/dresses, body suits, hip huggers,"
- No halter tops or backless shirts/dresses.
  BOP wording: "halter tops, s1eeveless shirts, tank tops, bacidess sh.jrts/dresses, body suits, hip huggers,"
- No see-through clothing.
  BOP wording: "wrap-around skirts, or see-through clot:iing."
- No body suits or hip huggers.
  BOP wording: "body suits, hip huggers,"
- No yoga/exercise pants (attachment version).
  BOP wording: "shirts/dresses, body suits, yoga/exercise pants, hip huggers, wrap-around skirts, or see-"
- No sweat pants or athletic jump suits.
  BOP wording: "sweat pants, athletic jump suits, camoufJ.age or khaki"

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki colored clothing.
  BOP wording: "camoufJ.age or khaki colored clothing,"
- No camouflage clothing.
  BOP wording: "sweat pants, athletic jump suits, camoufJ.age or khaki colored clothing,"

BRAS, UNDERWEAR AND METAL

- Female visitors must wear a brassiere, no exceptions.
  BOP wording: "Female visitors must wear a brassiere and other undergarments without exception."
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  BOP wording: "brassiere and other undergarments without exception."
- Undergarments must be made of material that passes screening.
  BOP wording: "These items must be made of a material that will allow the visitor to pass the screening process."

SHOES

- No open toe shoes.
  BOP wording: "or open toe shoes (i.e., flip flops)."
- No flip flops.
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HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- Hats should be left in the vehicle.
  BOP wording: "Purses, food, hats, pictures, games, etc., should be secured in your vehicle."

CHILDREN

- Shorts/sweats/khaki ban stated for adult visitors only.
  BOP wording: "Adult visitors (r:,ale/female) will net"

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No sexually provocative clothing.
  BOP wording: "Visitors wearing sexually provocative clothing will be"
- No wrap-around skirts.
  BOP wording: "wrap-around skirts, or see-through clot:iing."

IF THEY SAY NO

- Anyone not appropriately dressed will be asked to leave.
  BOP wording: "Any individual not appropriately dressed will be asked to leave the institution."

MAIL AND THE MAILING ADDRESS

Use their committed name exactly as the BOP Inmate Locator shows it. The name and number below are examples (JOHN ANTHONY SMITH-JONES, 12345-678).

JOHN ANTHONY SMITH-JONES
Reg. No. 12345-678
USP McCreary
P.O. Box 3000
Pine Knot, Ky 42635

The mailing address is on the Mail tab. Ask your loved one if they are at the penitentiary or the camp, and for their unit. [2]

The **camp uses the same P.O. Box**.

Use the P.O. Box only. Never mail to the street address (330 Federal Way, Pine Knot, Ky 42635).

MONEY	Never put money in a letter to the prison. Use the BOP lockbox in Des Moines (see the Money tab). [2]
OTHER MAIL RULES	The McCreary handbook is from 2013 and we did not find current envelope, card or paper rules. Call the prison before you send photos, cards or packages. [2]

Books and magazines: at a high security prison, books and magazines must come straight from a publisher, book club or bookstore (Amazon, for example), never from home.

Sources

1. MCR-5267.09e, Visiting (January 24, 2022) bop.gov/locations/institutions/mcr/mcr_visiting.pdf
2. USP/SCP McCreary Admission and Orientation Handbook (revised January 2013) bop.gov/locations/institutions/mcr/mcr_ao-handbook.pdf