Canoe Rental Waiver and Release of Liability

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Assumption of Risk

Please read this document carefully before signing. It affects your legal rights.

In consideration of being allowed to take part in canoeing, river and lake trips, shuttle transportation and the use of rented canoes, paddles and flotation devices provided by [Your Business Name] (the "Company"), including its owners, employees, contractors, volunteers and agents, I, the undersigned renter, agree to the following.

1. Assumption of risk

I understand that this activity involves inherent risks that cannot be eliminated, even when reasonable care is taken. These risks include, but are not limited to:

- Swamping or tipping the canoe in current or wind
- Strainers, logjams and low-hanging branches
- Foot entrapment when standing in moving water
- Changing river levels after rain
- Injuries during portages and when carrying canoes
- Vehicle travel to and from put-in and take-out points
- Getting lost or missing the take-out
- Poison ivy, insects and wildlife along the banks

I understand that these risks can lead to property damage, serious injury, illness, permanent disability or death. I knowingly and voluntarily accept all of these risks, both known and unknown.

2. My responsibilities

I agree to follow all instructions given by the Company, including these rules:

- Keep your weight low and centered and do not stand up in the canoe
- Wear your life jacket whenever you are on the water
- Walk the canoe around strainers or logjams instead of paddling through them
- Do not bring glass containers onto the river
- Be at the take-out by the time given at check-in
- Stay seated and belted during shuttle rides

I confirm that I am physically and mentally able to take part, and I will stop and tell staff right away if I feel unwell or unsafe.

3. Equipment

I will inspect any equipment before use and tell staff immediately about any defect. I accept responsibility for the equipment while it is in my care and agree to pay for loss of, or damage to, equipment beyond normal wear and tear.

4. Release and waiver

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I release, waive and discharge the Company from any and all claims, demands and liability for injury, illness, death, or loss of or damage to property arising from my participation, including claims arising from the ordinary negligence of the Company.

5. Indemnification

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Company from any loss, liability, damage or cost, including reasonable legal fees, that it may incur because of my participation or my actions.

6. Medical treatment

I authorize the Company to obtain emergency medical treatment for me if I am unable to consent. I agree to pay all costs of that treatment and transport.

7. Minors

If I am signing on behalf of a minor, I confirm that I am the minor's parent or legal guardian, and I agree to all terms of this document on the minor's behalf and on my own behalf.

8. General

This document is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of the place where the activity takes place. If any part is found invalid, the rest remains in full force. I have read this document, I understand it, and I sign it voluntarily.

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Participant full name

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Date of birth

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Parent/guardian name (if participant is a minor)

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Signature

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Date

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