

2018 Risk Acknowledgement and Indemnity Agreement

Nova Scotia Provincial Parks Event Management Guidelines

Event leaders should advise registered participants of any known risks, or of any equipment requirements.

At the beginning of each event, event leaders should review and identify risks to the participants in a group discussion. Risks that could cause harm or injury include, but are not limited to, swimming in unknown or known water, eating non or apparently edible plants, variable trail conditions, participants not respecting their personal fitness limits, unexpected or harsh weather conditions, participants lacking adequate water, food and suitable equipment. Leaders should also determine any medical conditions which put individuals at risk (i.e. allergies, heart conditions, etc.) or any other conditions that would prevent a person from participating safely.

It is important participants are fully aware of what the event entails so they can opt out if they do not feel up to the challenge. As well, event leaders, where circumstances require, may refuse to take along a participant if the participant is not properly equipped or not able to withstand the risks.

Event leaders should also provide instructions on behaviour during the event. These may include matters such as staying with the group (leave the trail at your own risk), advising the leader of any problems, the buddy system, or other procedures for leaving the group mid-event should be discussed.

Event leaders should prepare a list of participants and do a count of the number of participants at the beginning of the event and occasionally during the event.

For high risk events such as canoe trips and wilderness walks, these procedures and advice are of even greater importance. Event leaders should consider having participants sign a waiver form.

Event leaders must advise participants that the Department of Natural Resources or its agents, may take photographs or videos during this event for potential use in advertising, print materials, displays or on its website. As this is a public event, participants' presence here is deemed as consent to have their image recorded digitally or on film.

Indemnity Agreement

I acknowledge, by signing this form, that the 'Parks Guide **Important Information** (separate enclosure) and **Event Management Guidelines** (outlined above), provided to me by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources have been received, read and understood and that I must strictly observe and ensure compliance with the requirements and controls detailed in the [Occupational Health & Safety Act and Regulations and Guidelines](http://www.novascotia.ca/just/regulations/rxam-z.htm#ohs) (<http://www.novascotia.ca/just/regulations/rxam-z.htm#ohs>).



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Each group is responsible for any specific risks associated with the activity, ensuring the safety of participants, and their general well-being. The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources assumes no responsibility for any accident or mishap that may occur during the course of an event, and shall not be liable for any injury or damage (including death) or for the loss of or damage to property. Each Group shall at all times indemnify and save harmless the Minister of Natural Resources from and against all claims demands, losses, costs, debts, damages, actions, suits, or other proceedings by whomever made, sustained, brought or prosecuted in any manner based upon, occasioned by, arising out of or attributed in any way to the performance of purported performance of any group in carrying out all events.

To signify acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein, you must sign below and return it to the address below.

I, _____ on behalf of _____ (organization)

hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this signed agreement with your event application to:

Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources
Attention: Pam Grace, Outdoor Recreation Specialist
15 Arlington Place, Suite 7,
Truro, NS B2N 0G9
Fax 902-893-5613

Questions? Call 902-893-5371 or 902- 662-3030 (main line) or email
pamela.grace@novascotia.ca.