

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE OR GIVE UP CERTAIN
LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR
TO CLAIM COMPENSATION FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Signature of Guest

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| Name | Last | First | Middle Initial(s) |
| Address | Street | | |
| | City | Prov/State | Postal/Zip Code |
| Email Address | | Telephone | Home Work |
| Date of Birth | Year Month Day | Age | |
| Trip Dates | Year Month Day | to | Year Month Day |

TO: Kootenay Mountain Holidays Inc., HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, HIGHLAND HELICOPTERS LTD., and their directors, officers, employees, guides, agents, independent contractors, subcontractors, representatives, successors and assigns (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as "**the Releasees**")

DEFINITION

In this Agreement, the term "**wilderness activities**" shall include but is not limited to: hiking, nature study, sliding on any type on snow or ice, touring, mountaineering, rock or ice climbing, expeditions, trekking, glacier travel, mountain biking, horseback riding, swimming, boating, water sports, and all activities, services and use of facilities either provided by or arranged by the Releasees including orientation and instructional sessions or classes, transportation, accommodation, food and beverage, water supply, rescue and first aid services, and all travel by or movement around helicopters, other aircraft, all terrain vehicles, watercraft, or other vehicles.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS – UNSTABLE SLOPES, ALPINE TERRAIN, WILDERNESS TRAVEL, WEATHER

I am aware that participation in wilderness activities, involves many risks, dangers and hazards. Rock, snow, or ice falls and mudslides occur frequently in the terrain used for wilderness activities and may be caused by natural forces or by persons travelling through the terrain. I am aware that the Releasees may fail to predict whether the terrain is safe or whether such a slope failure may occur. The terrain used for wilderness activities is uncontrolled, unmarked, not inspected, and involves many risks, dangers and hazards in addition to that of slope failure. These may include, but are not limited to: snow cornices; crevasses; cliffs; falling trees, rushing water, cold water, high winds; loose or unstable rocks, ice, or snow; boulders; roots; fallen logs; slippery and difficult ground and travel conditions; hypothermia; effects of high altitude including pulmonary edema and cerebral edema; equipment failure; encounters with domestic and wild animals; slips, falls and impacts or collision with other persons; becoming lost or separated from one's party or guide; negligence of other persons; and **NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES, INCLUDING THE FAILURE BY THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.** Communication in the alpine terrain may be difficult, and in the event of an accident or illness, rescue, medical treatment and evacuation may not be available or may be delayed. Alpine weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly and without warning.

I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES AND I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.

NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS IN WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES - INCREASED RISK

Unlike outdoor and recreational activities close to settlements, wilderness activities because of their isolated locations and often difficult access, are subject to increased risk of serious injury or death as a result of your isolation and lack of services.

NON-SCHEDULED OR EMERGENCY EVACUATION, RESCUE OR FIRST AID

I acknowledge and agree that all expenses associated with non-scheduled or emergency evacuation, rescue or first aid will be my responsibility and will not be covered by the Releasees.

NOTICE TO SELF-GUIDED PARTIES

1. All wilderness activities at Mount Carlyle Lodge will be entirely self-guided. Guiding services will not be provided by the Releasees.
2. By not using the services of a guide, the risks, dangers and hazards of wilderness activities may be increased.

3. Self-guided parties must have experience in travel over mountainous terrain. It is the self-guided party's responsibility to learn about the nature and degree of challenge of the terrain at Mount Carlyle Lodge and ensure that all members of the self-guided party are capable of backcountry travel in such terrain.
4. Self-guided parties must be completely self-sufficient and be capable and experienced in alpine route finding, rescue, and wilderness first aid.
5. All self-guided parties must have the following equipment and be experienced in its use:
 - Compass or GPS
 - Bear Spray
 - Bear Bangers
 - Topographical maps
 - First aid equipment
 - Emergency communication equipment
6. Emergency communication equipment may be provided by Kootenay Mountain Holidays Inc., however it is the self-guided party's responsibility to ensure that these radios are operational and that back-up radios are provided by the party. Radio communication in the alpine terrain may be difficult or not possible.
7. Kootenay Mountain Holidays Inc. may provide a Lodge Attendant to assist in the running and maintenance of the Lodge. The Lodge Attendant is not permitted to provide self-guided parties with guiding services or advice. By invitation of the self-guided party, the Lodge Attendant may join the party for backcountry travel; however in no such case will the Lodge Attendant serve in the role of guide to the self-guided party.
8. Self-guided parties must leave a daily trip plan at the Lodge before departing each morning.
9. Self-guided parties are responsible for maintaining a call-in schedule as previously arranged with the Lodge.

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In consideration of the Releasees allowing me to participate in wilderness activities as defined in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

1. **TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may in the future have against the Releasees and **TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in wilderness activities, DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE **OCCUPIERS' LIABILITY ACT**, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 337, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES, AND FURTHER INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE;

2. TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in wilderness activities;
3. This Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity;
4. This Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction; and
5. Any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.

In entering into this Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of wilderness activities, other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

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| Witness's Signature |
| Witness's Printed Name |

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| Guest's Signature |
| Guest's Printed Name |
| Date |
| Signature of Parent or Guardian if guest is under age 19 |