

# QUEEN ROSE HIKING TRAILS

## Solo Hiker Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability Form

SOLO HIKER'S PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

On these two pages, you will find vital information about the potential risks involved in hiking solo on any of the trails associated with Queen Rose Hiking Trails. Please read this information carefully, ask us any questions you might have and do not sign this agreement if you do not want to be exposed to these potential risks. Please know that hiking solo involves risk.

My signature below represents that I, as a solo hiker, have read and understand the contents of this release. In consideration for being allowed to hiking solo on any of the trails associated with Queen Rose Hiking Trails, I hereby understand and agree to the following:

- I understand that although Queen Rose Hiking Trails has taken precautions to provide proper care of our trails, it is impossible for Queen Rose Hiking Trails to guarantee absolute safety
- I understand that I share the responsibility for safety during solo hiking, and I accept that responsibility.
- I will make the staff of Queen Rose Hiking Trails aware of any questions or concerns I might have regarding safety standards, guidelines, procedures, and my ability to participate in solo hiking.
- I understand that participation in solo hiking involves risk.
- I admit that I have done previous hikes and are physically able to complete long hiking trips

The following is a partial list of the potential risks associated with solo hiking. This list does not include all inherent risks but serves to provide examples and promote an understanding of the risks, any of which could result in injury, mental stress, permanent disability, or even death.

- a) Complications associated with exposure to weather (including extreme cold, wet, or icy conditions, heat, sun, lightning), altitude and physical exertion.
- b) Perils and hazards arising from unintended contact with others, including members of the general public.
- c) Perils and hazards arising from unintended contact with natural features such as rocks, trees, plants, and animals, as well as man-made features such as posts and bridges.

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- d) Perils and hazards arising from equipment failure or malfunction, including two-way radios.
- e) Risks are amplified in solo hiking as there is no-one to assist the solo hiker should the solo hiker be rendered unconscious or separated from the two-way radio for any reason.
- f) Increased risk of harm due to delays in the delivery of emergency medical services in remote locations or due to reasons beyond Queen Rose Hiking Trails control.

I assume all the foregoing risks, as well as similar unforeseen risks, and accept personal responsibility for the damages due to injury, permanent disability or death resulting from participating in hiking solo.

I hereby release Queen Rose Hiking Trails, its successors, representatives, assigns, volunteers, employees, officers, and other hikers from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action, whether resulting from negligence or otherwise, of every nature and in conjunction with solo hiking and solo camping.

I have read this Agreement, understand its contents, am aware this document has legal consequences and I sign it voluntarily.

I agree to the above terms and conditions.

SOLO HIKER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin Contact Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_