Great Parks of Hamilton County

Guidelines:

- Show proper courtesy and respect for other riders, staff and horses at all times.
- WWRC staff members and/or volunteers are designated to direct traffic flow and monitor safe riding habits. These people are your hosts and safety authority; please respect their decisions as final.
- Helmets (WWRC provides) and long pants must be worn when riding, as well as protective, close-toed shoes.
- In case of inclement weather, please follow the instructions of the designated WWRC personnel, in terms of whether or not the Trail Ride will continue.
- The WWRC has a minimum age requirement of 7 years and a maximum weight allowance of 220 pounds (dependent upon availability of horses).

Warnings and Assumption of Risk Agreement

Horseback riding is classified as ADVENTURE RECREATIONAL SPORT ACTIVITY and that there are inherent elements of risk always present in any such Activity despite all safety precautions. I fully accept such risk, some examples of which are listed as follows:

1. The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;
2. The unpredictability of an equine’s reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
3. Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions;
4. A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object;
5. The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including, but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

CAUTION

1. It is not possible for any person or establishment to predict exactly how a horse will behave when it is frightened, angry or under stress. It may react according to its natural instincts, which are to jump sideways, forward or backward.
2. Upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins, the rider is in primary control of the horse. If a rider falls from a horse to the ground, it will be a fall of from three to five feet and impact will be according to physical law, possibly resulting in injury, disability, or even death to the rider.

I/ We understand and agree to accept full responsibility for bodily injury which is sustained by me (or my child or the minor whom I have represented myself as the guardian by signing this release) or in relationship to the premises and operations of Winton Woods Riding Center, and/or while riding or handling horses or other animals owned by the Great Parks of Hamilton County; and that I/we hereby, for myself, do hereby release and discharge the owners, operators, sponsors of the premises and their respective servants, agents, officers, and all other participants of and from all claims, demands, actions, and causes of actions for same injuries.

- I have read and fully understand the above Warning and Assumption of Risk Agreement.
- I give my full permission for Great Parks of Hamilton County and sponsors to use any photographs, videotapes or other recordings of me (and/or the child that I am representing myself as the guardian of by signing this waiver) that are made during the time leading up to, during the course of, and following this program.

Rider’s Name (printed): ____________________________ Rider’s Weight: ________________

Rider’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

(If rider is under 18)

Emergency Contact Name/Number: ____________________________ ____________________________

Relationship to Rider: ____________________________

For staff use only:

Date/ time of ride: ____________________________