

# WILMINGTON TRAIL CLUB ~ Membership Application/Renewal

## Liability Release:

I am aware that there are risks involved in hiking, cross-country skiing, paddling, and cycling. I have read the information below. In consideration of my being permitted to participate in these events, and in further consideration of being allowed to enter onto any private lands over which the events may pass, I, RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Wilmington Trail Club (WTC), its officers, and members and the owners of such private lands, as well as their respective agents, representatives, and successors (hereinafter referred to as RELEASEES) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me or any of my minor children during or as a result of these events. I further hereby AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, that may incur due to my participation in said activities, whether caused by negligence of RELEASEES or otherwise.

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## Responsibilities of Participants:

Because risks are involved in hiking, cross-country skiing, paddling and cycling you are accepting all risks and release the Wilmington Trail Club from any liability. You should consider the following before participating in Club events:

1. The Wilmington Trail Club desires to conduct events in a safe manner and expects your cooperation. Therefore, when participating in Wilmington Trail Club events, you must follow certain basic safety rules: Hikers cyclists, and skiers will not go ahead of the leader unless they first inform the leader, are experienced and know the trail or location.
  - Maintain contact with the person behind you. If you lose contact, call ahead to stop the group until the participant appears.
  - Watch your footing.
  - When using roads, hikers should stay on the left side facing traffic, and cyclists should ride with traffic on the right.
  - Keep your skis under control at all times and walk down dangerous narrow trails.
  - Paddlers must wear an approved life jacket at all times while on the river, stay between the lead and sweep boats, keep a safe distance from the boat in front of them, and know and respect their limitations and paddle accordingly.
  - Closed boaters and cyclists must wear helmets at all times. Open boaters must wear helmets on water rated Class II and above. Recreational kayakers (*boats not equipped with thigh braces or skirts*) are exempt from using helmets on Class 0-1.
2. **By signing up for Club events, you indicate that you have the experience and the ability to complete the events safely.** You should determine the difficulty of the event, possible hazards and probable weather/water/road conditions before participating. If at the start, you find conditions more difficult than you were prepared for, arrange with the trip leader to end your participation.
3. You are responsible for outfitting yourself with appropriate clothing, shoes and equipment, and for taking adequate food and water.
4. **Wilmington Trail Club leaders are amateurs – not paid professionals – who volunteer to lead activities for the benefit of all.** You must follow the trip leader's instructions and observe the above safety precautions in order to be considered a participant. If any participant is asked by the leader to leave an event for any violation of these rules or the leader's instructions, or chooses to leave, the leader will help with appropriate transportation arrangements consistent with the resources and welfare of the group. If you continue with the group after being asked to leave, you do so entirely at your own risk.

## Membership – Dues Details:

**Household Membership:** This covers all members of a household who wish to join. But, it only includes one login account on the new website. If two household members each want their own login account, they need to join with two individual memberships.

**Individual Membership:** The individual membership allows members to view and/or download and print the monthly Bulletin from the WTC Members' website, and to receive the printed annual WTC Directory by mail. It does NOT include the mailed bulletin or event list.

**Monthly Printed Bulletin:** The monthly bulletin or event list is a separate item in the dues. Members who wish to receive a paper copy of the bulletin or event list mailed to their homes each month must add a fee to reflect the cost of the printing and mailing. This fee may be increased as costs escalate.

**Membership Year:** For members who joined after January 1, 2017, the membership year ends on the anniversary of the joining date; for members who joined before then, the Membership year ends on March 15.

**Renew:** Members must renew before their membership expires to participate in club events, get delivery or access to the WTC Bulletin, and get continued access to the WTC Members Section of the WTC website. Printed copies of the WTC directory will only be sent to members at the time it is issued.

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**\*\* PLEASE READ ALL THE INFORMATION ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE BEFORE COMPLETING \*\***

**STEP 1 Print Clearly:**

**PRIMARY MEMBER:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone2 \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECOND MEMBER IN HOUSEHOLD:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone2 \_\_\_\_\_

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**OTHER MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**STEP 2 DUES:**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

New Member    Current Member   - Individual:   \$18   Household:   \$30   \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL PAPER BULLETIN OR EVENT LIST**

Monthly Paper Copy of Bulletin or Event List, Add   \$30   \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL**   \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks payable to: Wilmington Trail Club**

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**STEP 3** Indicate your interest:    Cycling    Hiking    Paddling    Skiing (*cross-country*)

I can assist the club by    Leading Events    Event Volunteer  
 Trail Maintenance    Welcoming Members  
 Park Clean-Up    Governance Position

*\*Adult members are expected to assist in club work*

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**STEP 4 MAIL THIS ENTIRE PAGE ALONG WITH CHECK TO**

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