

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.

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:

Individual Membership: In mid-2019 all memberships were converted to individual memberships. When these memberships expire the individuals will renew with the individual member dues rate.

WTC Website: All club information is viewable by members on the website. This includes event information (calendar and bulletin format), members directory, forum communication, documents, and much more. Members can download and print the events bulletin and the members directory.

Website Access: Members must have a unique valid e-mail address to access the members portions of the website or to receive forum and e-mail communications

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 of each year.

Renew: Members must renew before their membership expires to continue to participate in club events, get access to the events bulletin, and get continued access to the WTC members portions of the WTC website. The system will promptly cancel nonrenewed memberships right after the due date.

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

STEP 1 Print Clearly:

Name _____

Email _____

Primary Phone _____ Phone2 _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Applicant's Signature: X _____ Date _____

STEP 2 DUES:

MEMBERSHIP DUES

New Member Current Member - **\$18**

Checks payable to: Wilmington Trail Club

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*

How did you first hear about the club?

Brochure or Poster--- Internet Search
 Social Media ----- Word of Mouth-----
 WTC Information Table-- YMCA Agency-----

Other: _____

STEP 4 MAIL THIS ENTIRE PAGE ALONG WITH CHECK TO

WTC - Membership ~ c/o Jeanne-Marie Yohe ~ 2717 Landon Dr. ~ Wilmington, DE, 19810