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Express Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability

I understand that during my participation in this hike, I may be exposed to a number of dangers and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in this hike and which cannot be eliminated without destroying the character of this experience. These dangers and risks include, but are not limited to, slips or falls, whether on the trail or from high places such as rocks or cliffs, bites by venomous snakes or by insects such as ticks, mites, chiggers, and mosquitoes, diseases carried by ticks or other insects, exposure to poison ivy or other poisonous plants, falling trees or limbs, or injuries associated with transportation in motor vehicles to or from the starting or ending points of the hike. These dangers and risks may result in personal injury, damage to property. and death or disfigurement. I know that such injuries may occur from natural causes, or from actions of animals or other persons, hike members, hike leaders, or third parties, either from negligence or because of other reasons. I further understand that I will have to exercise extra care for myself and those around me to provide against such hazards. I further understand that on this hike there may not be the rescue or medical facilities or expertise needed to deal with any injuries I might suffer. Nobody associated with the River-to-River Trail Society has tried to contradict or minimize the risks and dangers to which I will be exposed.

I understand that the officers, directors, and hike leaders of the River-to-River Trail Society are volunteers who offer their time without pay to make this hiking experience available to me. I recognize that my agreement to this waiver of liability is a condition of their accepting me as a participant in this hike, and that without my agreement they will not undergo the risk of including me in this hike.

Accordingly I agree to WAIVE AND DISCHARGE ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE RIVER-TO-RIVER TRAIL SOCIETY, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, LEADERS, AGENTS, MEMBERS, AND EMPLOYEES AND RELEASE THEM FROM ANY LIABILITY on account of any injuries of any kind connected with or resulting from my participation in this outing, EVEN IF RESULTING FROM NEGLIGENCE OF THE RIVER-TO-RIVER TRAIL SOCIETY, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, LEADERS, AGENTS, MEMBERS, OR EMPLOYEES. In addition, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the River-to-River Trail Society, and its officers, directors, leaders, agents, members, and employees from any claims, losses, injuries, or damages caused to others by my actions or conduct while engaging in this hiking experience. I intend this waiver and release to be given the fullest interpretation and application permitted by law.

I have read the three paragraphs directly above, understand the promises set forth in them, and freely and voluntarily assume any and all risks relating to, or arising from, my participation in this hiking experience.

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