



# Alaska Trail Stewards Volunteer Agreement

Please Read Carefully Before Signing  
This Is a Release of Liability and  
Waiver of Certain Legal Rights

In consideration for my being permitted by the Alaska Trails Inc. to participate in the various activities that take place in the backcountry, wilderness, urban, and/or rural regions of Alaska, I agree to the following waiver and release:

I acknowledge that backcountry, wilderness, urban, and/or rural travel, activities, and work projects have inherent risks, hazards, and dangers that cannot be eliminated, particularly in a natural environment. **I understand that these risks, hazards, and dangers include without limitation** risks arising from any activities in areas where no outside services are available or provided; where rescue and advanced medical care and services are limited and will be slow, if available at all; where trail or road conditions vary, are not maintained or controlled and are unpredictable and changeable; where hazards may not be obvious or visible; where weather is changeable and unpredictable; risks involved in decision making and route finding in a wilderness environment; and such other risks, hazards, and dangers that are integral to wilderness travel and any and all outdoor sports and activities that take place in a wilderness environment such as hiking, climbing, mountaineering, backpacking, working, and trail construction and repair.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial)

I have read and understand the information provided by the Alaska Trails Inc. regarding the activities, work projects, and travel to and from the areas for such activities and projects and also acknowledge that the Alaska Trails Inc. volunteer has been available to more fully explain to me the risks, hazards, and dangers of the subject activities and projects. I understand that participation in the travel, activities, and projects in a wilderness environment may require good physical conditioning and a degree of skill and knowledge different from other activities. I understand that I have responsibilities as a backcountry user. **I am voluntarily participating in the activities and projects of the Alaska Trails Inc. with full knowledge of the inherent risks, hazards, and dangers involved and hereby assume and accept any and all risks of injury, paralysis, or death.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial)

For myself, my heirs, successors and executors, I hereby **knowingly and intentionally waive and release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Alaska Trails Inc.**, its directors, officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all claims, actions, causes of action, liabilities, suits, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees), and **negligence** of any kind or nature, whether foreseen or unforeseen, arising directly or indirectly out of any damage, loss, injury, paralysis, or death to me or my property as a result of my participation in the activities and projects of the Alaska Trails Inc., the use of its information services and traveling in a wilderness, rural, or urban environment from **negligence** of the Alaska Trails Inc., its directors, officers, agents or employees, or from some other cause. I further agree not to sue the Alaska Trails Inc. as a result of any injury, paralysis, or death that may occur while participating in its activities or projects.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial)

I further agree that Alaska Trails Inc. can use any pictures or videos taken of me or my children/dependents during my volunteer activity for future promotional or educational campaigns.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial)

**I have carefully read, clearly understand, and voluntarily sign this participation, waiver, and release agreement.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This Agreement made on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 by and between the individual (signed above) and Alaska Trails and is valid from the date above through December 31, 2019.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**USE THIS PAGE ONLY IF YOU ARE THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN  
OF A PARTICIPANT UNDER 18**

Page 2: Participation, Waiver, and Release Agreement for participants under the age of eighteen years

**INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

In consideration for the above minor being permitted by the Alaska Trails Inc. to participate in its various activities that take place in the backcountry and wilderness of Alaska, I agree to the following waiver, release, and modification:

The undersigned parent or guardian of the above minor, for themselves and on behalf of said minor, hereby joins in and agrees to the provisions of the foregoing Participation, Waiver, and Release Agreement and hereby stipulates and agrees to save harmless, indemnify, and forever defend the Alaska Trails Inc., its directors, officers, agents, and employees, from and against any claims, actions, demands, expenses, liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees) and **negligence** made or brought by said minor or by anyone on behalf of said minor, as a result of said minor's participation in the activities of the Alaska Trails Inc. including, without limitation, his or her use of the property and facilities of the Alaska Trails Inc., his or her participation in specific activities and projects of the Alaska Trails Inc., or his or her travel to and from the site of such activities and projects.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Please initial)

**I have carefully read, clearly understand, and voluntarily sign this indemnification agreement in consideration for the above named minor to participate in the activities of the Alaska Trails Inc.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian of Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## What is the Alaska Trail Stewards Volunteer Handbook?

The handbook provides information that will help orient you to the organization and inform you on what to expect while volunteering on a trail crew, as well as how to plan and prepare for your project. We will provide you with the necessary training and your crew leader will provide additional information about your specific project and job duties.

Before you join the team, please review the handbook and certify below you have read and that you understand the handbook. If you have questions, please contact Steve Cleary of Alaska Trails at: [office@alaska-trails.org](mailto:office@alaska-trails.org) or 907-334-8049.

### Steps:

Access the volunteer handbook online or read a hardcopy

Review the content

Sign and submit the bottom half of this page in person or to [office@alaska-trails.org](mailto:office@alaska-trails.org)

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### Acknowledgement and Receipt

#### Alaska Trails Steward Program

#### Volunteer Handbook Statement of Certification

I certify that I have received and reviewed the Alaska Trails Volunteer Handbook. I further understand that, by signing this statement as requested that I am indicating that I have read the Volunteer Handbook and understand its contents, or have discussed questions I have with my crew leader or the Volunteer Program Manager. I also acknowledge that this statement will become a permanent part of my volunteer personnel file.

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Name (Please Print)

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Signature

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Date