

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY – ADULT**  
**Binding Legal Document**  
**Read Carefully And Only Sign if You Agree**

I request permission to participate in cross-country riding at Oatlands Historic House & Gardens (“Oatlands”) and in consideration of such permission agree to the terms as expressed in this Release and Waiver of Liability (“Release”).

I fully understand that cross-country horseback riding, which may include encountering obstacles and rough or unpredictable terrain, is a dangerous activity and includes many inherent risks, including but not limited to:

1. The propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the rider;
2. The inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons or animals;  
and,
3. Hazards of surface or subsurface conditions and riding over unknown terrain where hazards may be hidden by vegetation or development.

I wish to participate in these activities knowing they are dangerous. I accept and assume all the risks of injury (including death) to me or my property. In exchange for being permitted to participate in these activities, for myself, my heirs, guardians, and legal representatives, I RELEASE and agree not to make or bring any claim of any kind against Oatlands, including its officers, directors, agents, and employees, for any injury (including death), to me or any damage to my property whether from anyone’s negligence or not, or any other cause, arising out of my participation in these activities. I also agree if anyone makes any claim because of any injury to me (including death), or for any damage to my property, I will INDEMNIFY and keep all those released by this agreement free of any damages or costs because of those claims.

I also agree to the Rider’s Code of Conduct:

- Wear a hard hat while riding at all times.
- Ride during the hours of daylight.
- Ride only on trails designated for horse use.
- Cast or carry out all manure in the equine parking area.
- Maintain control of my horse, and provide my horse sound and humane treatment on the trail.
- Where applicable, attend an orientation ride to become familiar with the trail and the rules applying to the trail.
- Not smoke, litter, bring/or consume alcoholic beverages or controlled substances on the trail or in the parking area.
- Not bring dogs (except authorized Service Dogs), cats or firearms with me on the trail or to the parking area.
- Be safe and courteous when encountering others on the trail. Larger groups have right of way.

- Minimize damage to the trail, especially during wet periods where riding may not be allowed in certain areas.
- Securely close any gates or road barriers I am permitted to open.
- Not damage crops.
- Supervise children at all times.

Report to the Trail Master, Landowner, or authorities, apparent or possible vandalism, illegal acts, fires, trespassing by others, or injured livestock observed while on the trail, including apparent violations of this Code of Conduct by other riders.

**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY – MINOR**  
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I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor whose name appears below (“Minor”). On behalf of Minor, I request permission for Minor to participate in cross country riding at Oatlands Historic House & Gardens (“Oatlands”) and in consideration of such permission agree to the terms as expressed in this Release and Waiver of Liability (“Release”). I have complete authority to make this Release and Waiver of Liability on behalf of Minor and I understand that but for such apparent authority, Oatlands would not have allowed Minor to participate in the activities noted below. I fully understand that cross-country horseback riding, which may include encountering obstacles and rough or unpredictable terrain, is a dangerous activity and includes many inherent risks, including but not limited to:

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2. The inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons or animals; and,
3. Hazards of surface or subsurface conditions and riding over unknown terrain where hazards may be hidden by vegetation or development.

Knowing these activities are dangerous, I wish for Minor to participate. On behalf of Minor, I accept and assume all the risks of injury (including death) to Minor or property.

In exchange for Minor being permitted to participate in these activities, for Minor, myself, Minor’s heirs, guardians, and legal representatives, I and on behalf of Minor RELEASE and agree not to make or bring any claim of any kind against Oatlands, including its officers, directors, agents, and employees, for any injury (including death), to Minor or any damage to property whether from anyone’s negligence or not, or any other cause, arising out of Minor’s participation in these activities. I also agree if anyone makes any claim because of any injury to Minor (including death), or for any damage to property, I, on behalf of Minor will INDEMNIFY and keep all those released by this agreement free of any damages or costs because of those claims.

I also agree to the Rider's Code of Conduct:

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- Ride during the hours of daylight.
- Ride only on trails designated for horse use.
- Cast or carry out all manure in the equine parking area.
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