



**Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation, Inc. Release And Assumption of Risks
(for non-standard access and use)**

This form describes the most common hazards you face when accessing and using Grandfather Mountain as other than our typical tourist guest. Please read it carefully. If any part is confusing, please call the Administrative Office for clarification (828-733-2013).

I realize that I will be accessing and/or using the property of the Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation (“GMSF”) in a manner different from that of the typical guest. I understand that GMSF is allowing my access and use as an accommodation to me or my group, and that GMSF is not fully knowledgeable about the details and methods of my use and access. Furthermore, since my use and access will be to natural, unimproved (and maybe even remote) mountain areas, I realize there will be certain risks to my safety, health and life that are part and parcel of my use and access and that cannot be eliminated. Specifically, I understand that by using and accessing such areas, I risk encountering hazards such as the following:

- Narrow, brushy, slick, rocky unmarked and unpopulated trails, “off-trail” routes, and other terrain
- Steep and/or slippery slopes, cliffs, and ledges, boulder fields, streams and stream banks, and other uneven surfaces that provide insecure footing
- Wild animals, venomous snakes and stinging insects, such as yellow jackets and spiders
- Poisonous plants such as poison ivy and thorny barbed plants such as briars
- Storms, wind, lightning, falling trees or rocks, snow, ice and other dangerous “acts of nature”
- Extremes of cold or hot or windy weather

If GMSF personnel offer any suggestions, cautions or restrictions, to my access or use, I agree to follow them fully or to leave the applicable areas, and I agree that I have no expectation that GMSF will provide any such suggestions or cautions. If I get injured or ill during my access or use, I grant GMSF full authority to authorize medical treatment for me and if necessary to authorize the evacuation of me from the area.

Therefore, in view of all of the above, I further certify and agree that: 1. I have carefully read this Release and Assumption of Risk and fully recognize the hazards it describes; 2. I understand that it is impossible for GMSF to guarantee my safety, health and life for my access and use and I assume the risk of doing it myself; 3. I am physically capable of performing the activities I undertake, and my health is good enough to undertake them; 4. Adequate financial resources and/or medical insurance is available to me or on my behalf to cover any injury I may suffer or evacuation I may require while participating in this activity, and I will not look to GMSF to bear any of such costs.

*Inspiring conservation of the natural world by helping guests explore,
understand and value the wonders of Grandfather Mountain.*

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