

PIONEER VALLEY HIKING CLUB

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THIS IS A RELEASE AND AGREEMENT. READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

The Pioneer Valley Hiking Club (“PVHC”) is a social and recreational club for people who enjoy participation in outdoor activities centered around hiking with others. Our officers and event leaders are enthusiastic amateurs who volunteer to serve without compensation. The event leader(s) will attempt to provide a good faith description of the event and its difficulty and will answer questions concerning it based on whatever level of personal knowledge the leader(s) may have. Leaders may deny the right to participate in the event to any person, including club members, if the leader has a good faith belief that the person’s participation in the event will be unsafe or detract from the safety or enjoyment of other participants or the timely completion of the event or the person fails or refuses to sign this form. However, no representation is made that the PVHC or its members or leader(s) have any particular level of knowledge, experience, training or ability with respect to this event or situations that may arise during it. Each participant in this and other PVHC events acknowledges his/her agreement with the statements made above and further acknowledges and agrees that each participant is responsible for his/her own safety, determination of fitness to participate in the event and determination of what food, water, clothing and equipment is necessary to safely participate in the event.

During the period of the Covid-19 pandemic, PVHC has imposed certain conditions upon individuals who wish to participate in club -sponsored activities. By signing this agreement, and participating in a PVHC sponsored event, individuals agree to adhere to the following rules:

- members will not participate in PVHC events if they know or believe they have an active covid-19 infection or symptoms of such an infection, or have been in recent contact with a person who has developed symptoms of, or tested positive for Covid-19;
- participants will not drive to hike locations with non-household members;
- participants will adhere to social distancing guidelines during events when it’s safely possible and not environmentally destructive to do so, including remaining a minimum of six feet from all other individuals; moving off the hiking trail when passing other groups and individuals; and avoiding all physical contact with non-household members at the event, except in an emergency.
- participants will bring a face mask to all events to use in the event social distancing is not reasonably possible;
- participants agree to notify the hike leader if after their participation in an event, they suffer symptoms of, or test positive, for Covid-19 or learn they have recently been in close contact with a person who has developed symptoms of, or tested positive for Covid-19.
- participants agree to permit hike leaders to provide their name, contact information, and the fact of their participation, to contract tracers from a department of public health seeking to track infections of Covid-19.
- participants will adhere to state and local government rules or recommendations for the area where the hike is taking place and all additional rules for individual events that may be imposed by the leader of the hike.

In consideration for the services of the PVHC and the event leader(s) in organizing this event, each participant hereby releases the event leader(s), the PVHC, its members, officers, agents, servants, employees, volunteers and the other participants from any and all claims and liabilities, of every kind and nature, for bodily injury, personal injury, property damage or other form of loss or damage arising from or relating to any involvement in this event. This agreement is valid for participation in all events between June 17, 2020 and December 31, 2020. _____

Electronic Signature.