



## Visitor Acknowledgment of Risk

In consideration of the services of Hiawatha Hiking Company LLC, their officers, agents, employees, and stockholders, and all other persons or entities associated with those businesses (hereafter collectively referred to as “HHC”) I agree as follows:

Although HHC has taken reasonable steps to provide me with appropriate equipment and skilled guides so I can enjoy an activity for which I may not be skilled, HHC has informed me this activity is not without risk. Certain risks are inherent in each activity and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity. These inherent risks are some of the same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity and can be the cause of loss or damage to my equipment, or accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. HHC does not want to frighten me or reduce my enthusiasm for this activity, but believes it is important for me to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks.

The following describes some, but not all, of those risks.

**Hiking:** Hikes vary in difficulty, and slipping, tripping, or falling are possible. Some hikes climb over steep hills and follow cliffs and ledges where falls could result in serious injury or death. Exposure to natural elements can be uncomfortable and/or harmful.

**Camping:** Sleeping on the ground and spending nights in the wilderness may cause exposure to wind, dehydration, heat stroke, stomach cramps, dietary problems, diarrhea, and other illness. Mammals, reptiles, insects, and other wildlife may bite, sting, be poisonous or otherwise pose a threat.

**Swimming:** Swimming is not a scheduled part of the tour, but I may wish to swim during free time. This may expose me to drowning, hypothermia, shock, and even death.

I am aware that participation in a tour entails risks of injury or death to any participant. I understand the description of these inherent risks is not complete and that other unknown or unanticipated inherent risks may result in injury or death. I agree to assume and accept full responsibility for the inherent risks identified herein and those inherent risks not specifically identified. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary; no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of and with full knowledge of the inherent risks.

I acknowledge that engaging in this activity may require a degree of skill and knowledge different from other activities and that I have responsibilities as a participant. I acknowledge that the staff of HHC has been available to more fully explain to me the nature and physical demands of this activity and the inherent risks, hazards, and dangers associated with this activity.

I certify that I am fully capable of participating in this activity. Therefore, I assume and accept full responsibility for myself, including all minor children in my care, custody, and control, for bodily injury, death, or loss of personal property and expenses as a result of those inherent risks and dangers identified herein and those inherent risks and dangers not specifically identified, and as a result of my negligence in participating in this activity.

