



TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SPRING WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE IN THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK APRIL 26 - 29, 2023

The Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage (“the Pilgrimage”) is an annual, educational event held in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. All leaders and organizers are volunteers for this event and work to ensure the safety of all participants. By signing this waiver, you acknowledge that there is an inherent level of risk involved in navigating outdoor terrain and that weather, wildlife, and conditions throughout the Park are not under the control of the Pilgrimage. Conditions include encountering trees, limbs, brush, rocks, structures, ropes, barriers, or other man made or naturally occurring obstacles; encountering unpredictable terrain, such as varying steepness, mud, holes, cliffs, gravel, narrow trails, and/or lack of trails; and/or negligence of other attendees.

Outdoor activities involve a certain amount of risk and can potentially be hazardous. Encounters with wildlife are a part of the educational experience, but they can also be unpredictable. It is incumbent upon you to determine the suitability of each activity in regard to your capability. Risks of the Pilgrimage include death, paralysis, broken bones, cuts scrapes, and/or damage to gear and clothing. Depending on the activity, medical assistance may not be immediately available or accessible.

Your acceptance of Liability Waiver indicates that:

- you understand these risks and assume full personal responsibility for your safety and the safety of those in your guardianship.

-agree that you have assessed the suitability to engage in these activities based on your personal medical health and agree that in light of the information provided, that you want to participate.

- you hold harmless and release from liability the leaders and organizers for any accident, loss or damage to property, injury, or illness which might be sustained as a result of participation in Pilgrimage activities. This includes traveling to and from meeting sites and trailheads.

- you accept the authority of the leaders and organizers to remove a participant from the activity that they determine is acting in a manner that poses risks to the other participants.

Date: 1/30/2023