

COTTON VALLEY RAIL TRAIL CLUB, INC.

General Release

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By signing this release, you acknowledge that railroading in general (and riding on a railroad motorcar in particular) is potentially dangerous. **You agree to accept all risks associated with your voluntary participation in this excursion, and release the COTTON VALLEY RAIL TRAIL CLUB, INC** (and its Officers, Members, and Guests – hereafter collectively referred to as “CVRTC.”) and the State of New Hampshire and it's Trails Bureau **from all liability for any property damage and/or personal injury.**

In consideration of the CVRTC (including its officers, agents, employees, and members) granting the undersigned permission to enter into its property on the date(s) of _____ for the purpose of motorcar excursions hereinafter, the undersigned agrees that:

- 1. ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I know and understand the scope, nature, and extent of the risks associated with motor car excursions, including (1) those attendant to riding in motor cars generally and specifically on track which may not be maintained to any particular level or standard; (2) related motor car activities such as set-on and set-off procedures, and (3) in general, the risks **and** dangers of the working railroad environment in which the motor car will be operated. I willingly and knowingly accept those risks, which I understand could result in destruction of my property and/or my injury or death.
- 2. RULES COMPLIANCE:** As **a passenger**, I confirm that the rules applicable to my conduct have been explained to me, I understand them, and I agree to abide by them.
- 3. RELEASE FROM LIABILITY:** I release CVRTC. from any liability for any claim, loss, damage, injury, or death, regardless of the cause, including the active or passive negligence of CVRTC. sustained by me or my property while participating in the excursions covered by this Release. I agree and understand that AFFILIATE/CVRTC/RR accept no responsibility for my safety, nor for the acts or safety of other operators and guests during motorcar excursions. By signing this Release, I understand that I am surrendering legal rights which I may otherwise have against the CVRTC.
- 4. COVENANT NOT TO SUE CVRTC or its MEMBERS for DAMAGES:** I will not make any claim or bring any legal action or voluntarily assist in any legal action against AFFILIATE/CVRTC/RR, nor permit anyone else to do so on my behalf, for any claim, loss, damage, or injury sustained by me or my property during excursions covered by this Release.
- 5. COVENANT NOT TO SUE EXCURSION COORDINATORS AND/OR THEIR ASSISTANTS AND/OR PARTICIPANTS FOR DAMAGES:** I shall not make any claim or bring any legal action or voluntarily assist in any legal action against any other excursion participant, excursion coordinators, and/or their assistants for their actions or conduct (a) arising from their activities in managing or assisting with the managing of any excursion covered by this Release, or (b) as an official **of CVRTC**
- 6. INDEMNIFICATION AGAINST CLAIMS:** I will indemnify and hold harmless CVRTC., and persons covered by paragraph 5, from any liability including claims and any attorney's fees, costs, losses, or actions which may be presented or initiated by me or on my behalf in contravention of the covenants I have given in paragraphs 4 and 5.
- 7. SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS:** Any and all obligations assumed and promises made by me under this Release shall be binding on my heirs, and the executors and administrators of my estate. I further instruct my heirs, administrators, and executors to honor this Release and make no claim against **CVRTC.** for any claim, loss, damage, or injury which this Release purports to cover.

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8.VALIDITY OF WAIVER: If I institute any suit or action or make any claim for any loss or damages to my person or property for causes covered by this Release, the releases, waivers and promises I have given in this Release shall be enforceable against me.

9. POLICY ON ALCOHOL/DRUG USE OR POSSESSION:

CVRTC excursion participants are prohibited from:

- (1) Use of alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription medications, OTC medications or any other substance that may adversely affect safe performance while participation in a CVTRC excursion/event.
- (2) Possession of alcohol or illegal drugs in open or unopened containers aboard any motorcar or on railroad property.
- (3) Prohibit the use of alcohol or illegal drugs while on or off railroad property during the 8 hour period prior to entering railroad property and while on railroad property.

CVRTC officers, CVRTC affiliate officers, excursion officials and officials of the host railroad retain the right to inspect equipment and personal effects to enforce this rule. Excursion participants who are found to be in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol or drugs during a CVRTC excursion will be requested to immediately leave the excursion and railroad property. Those failing to do so will be in violation of trespassing laws. Registration fees (if any) will be forfeited. Violations will be referred to the Safety Committee.

10.POLICY ON WEAPONS: I will abide by CVRTC.'s policy to prohibit participants from having firearms or other deadly weapons, including knives larger than 3 inch or other weapons. Persons may be authorized to have the above in performance of their duties by officials of the railroad.(Normal kitchen/ cooking/ picnic implements are exempt.)

11.ARBITRATION: Any disputes arising from the excursions covered by this Release will be decided under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and shall be **submitted** to arbitration in accordance with the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association, or such alternate arbitration forum as the parties to the dispute may mutually agree.

12.SEVERABILITY OF INVALID PROVISIONS: If arty provision, or application thereof, in this Release is held invalid, that shall not affect any other provisions or applications of the Release which can be given effect without those held invalid.

READ THE ABOVE CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

I am 18 years of age or older and understand that I am assuming for myself and for all minor children accompanying me or riding on my motor car the provisions set forth above.

MOTORCAR OPERATOR

Name (Printed)_____Date_____Signature_____

PASSENGERS

Name(Printed)_____Date_____Signature_____

Name(Printed)_____Date_____Signature_____

Name(Printed)_____Date_____Signature_____

For Minor Child(ren) under 18 years of age, Adult assuming responsibility for Minor(s):

(must be signed above and below)

Name(Printed)_____Date_____Signature_____

Minor Name(s) (Printed)_____Age_____

Minor Name(s) (Printed)_____Age_____

Minor Name(s) (Printed)_____Age_____