



## Trail Ride Agreement and Release

Please read the following carefully as it is an agreement. It releases Double H Stable/Highlander Horses, William T. Burke, and their employees from all liability to you.

Horses are unpredictable and horseback riding is inherently risky. Double H Stable/Highlander Horses carefully selects and monitors their horses to minimize the risk of injury. Double H Stable/Highlander Horses request that all riders follow the rules below. Even so, unforeseen accidents can occur.

*I do hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless Double H Stable/Highlander Horses, William T. Burke, and their employees from and against any and all claims for damages of whatever nature which might arise in the stable area, during a trail ride, lesson, or any other horseback riding activity at Double H Stable/Highlander Horses. I further agree to indemnify the above for any and all cost, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in defending against any suit claims. I have read the rules below, which are part of this agreement, and agree to abide by them.*

*It is understood that by signing this agreement either for myself or as parent or legal guardian for the minor child below, release Double H Stable/Highlander Horses from all liability.*

### Name(s) and age(s) of minor child/children (if applicable):

Name(s)	Age(s)
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### Trail Ride Rules

1. DO NOT leave the trail. Stay behind the trail guide or the rider in front of you. Ride single file, facing forward, one leg on either side of the horse. DO NOT pull along side or pass another horse. Obey the instructions of the trail guide(s) at all times.
2. Keep a safe distance between horses. We recommend keeping at least one to two horse lengths behind the horse in front of you.
3. If you have a medical condition such as asthma, severe allergy, heart condition, are pregnant or have any other condition for which we would need to modify your ride, please inform your trail guide(s) prior to departure.
4. You must wear a shirt, long pants, and shoes at all times.
5. All riders under the age of 18 are required to wear a stable provided equestrian helmet for the duration of the ride. Riders over the age of 18 are encouraged to, but not required to wear a riding helmet.

If you are a rider over the age of 18, and you DO NOT want to wear a riding helmet,  
please initial here \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**Waiver of Rights to Sue and Assumption of Risks Pursuant to Virginia's Equine Activity Liability Act**  
**(Virginia Code 3.1-796.130.ET SEO.)**

My signature on this agreement indicates that I understand horses are unpredictable animals, that horses are sometimes dangerous, and that activities related to horseback riding and care pose particular risks. Including but not limited to (1) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the participant, (2) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movement, objects, persons or animals, and (3) hazards of surface and subsurface conditions. I understand and agree that Double H Stable/Highlander Horses, William T. Burke, or their employees has made no representation to me of any kind or character concerning the suitability, gentleness, or habits of any horse owned by Double H Stable/Highlander Horses, or William T. Burke, that I may ride. Nor has Double H Stable/Highlander Horses, William T. Burke, or their employees made any representation of any kind or character concerning the suitability of Double H Stable/Highlander Horses property for riding purposes. I hereby assume full risk and responsibility and agree not to sue Double H Stable/Highlander Horses, William T. Burke or their employees for any accident that may occur to me, to any minor in my care, or to any horse I own or use while on Double H Stable/Highlander Horses owned or leased premises. I hereby further certify that I knowingly and voluntarily assume the risk of any accident or injury that might occur to me or to a horse owned or used by me in the course of riding, walking, or driving on Double H Stable/Highlander Horses owned or leased property. I also certify that I knowingly and voluntarily assume the risk of any accident or injury that might occur to me or to a horse owned or used by me going in proximity to horses, or by any other activities on Double H Stable/Highlanders Horses owned or leased property. I do hereby remise, release, and forever discharge, and release for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, Double H Stable/Highlander Horses, William T. Burke, their employees, agents, servants, of and from any and all manners and cause of actions, suits, recognizance, controversies, damages, claims, and demands whatsoever in law or in equity. I hereby release Double H Stable/Highlander Horses, William T. Burke, and their employees from and all manner and cause of actions, suits, recognizance, controversies, damages, claims, and demands whatsoever in law or in equity which I or anyone may now have or hereafter in the future can or may have. I release Double H Stable/Highlander Horses, William T. Burke, and their employees from anything arising that is contained in this agreement, or arising out of or in connection with riding, being, or participating in any activity on Double H Stable/Highlander Horses owned or leased property. I agree that the foregoing obligations shall be binding on me personally and for all members of my family including any minors, accompanying me or sponsored by me. I further agree to indemnify the above for any and all costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in defending against any suit claims. I have carefully read this entire agreement and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and an agreement between Double H Stable/Highlander Horses, William T. Burke, their employees, and myself, and I have signed it of my own free will. Witness whereof, I have executed this agreement in Front Royal, Virginia, on the day indicated below. This agreement shall continue in full effect until cancelled in writing by both signatures.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_