

WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

By signing this document you will waive certain legal rights.
Please read carefully before signing.

The Lethbridge Naturalists Society offers a program of outdoor field trips to its members and guests. I/we, the undersigned, understand that participation in these trips has certain inherent risks, including but not limited to: vehicular transportation to, from or during the trip, inclement weather, unstable footing, creek crossings and wild animals.

I hereby acknowledge:

1. that the trip leader has orally informed me of such inherent risks as might be specifically associated with the trip in which I am taking part and that I have freely accepted these hazards and risks;
2. that I have read and will abide by the rules and guidelines set out on the reverse side of this paper;
3. that in exchange for the opportunity to participate in the club program, I (and my legal heirs, next-of-kin or executors) waive the right to seek legal recourse in the event of injury or loss, however caused, including injuries or loss which might result from the negligence of the Lethbridge Naturalists Society, its executive members or its trip leaders;
4. that, even though I may not live in Alberta, this waiver and release will be governed by the laws of Alberta and will be enforceable in any court of law.

I affirm, with my signature, that I have read and understand the conditions stipulated in this document.

SIGNED AT _____ ON THE ____ DAY OF _____, 201__

(name of participant; please print)

(signature of participant)

(name of participant; please print)

(signature of participant)

(name of parent or guardian if applicable)

(signature of parent or guardian)

IN THE PRESENCE OF: _____
(signature of witness)

FIELD TRIP RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. The term “field trip” refers to any activity carried out with the authorization of the Lethbridge Naturalists Society, including, but not limited to regular field trips and nature walks.
2. Members, friends and visitors are responsible for being adequately equipped, provisioned and prepared for the type of outing offered. Adequate clothing must be worn and any necessary equipment provided by the participant. The field trip leader has the right to refuse to take anyone he/she considers not adequately equipped and prepared for the outing planned.
3. When a person joins a group he/she relinquishes individual preferences for the good of the party, and must act on the directions of the trip leader.
4. Members must not detach themselves from the main group unless the trip leader gives his/her consent.
5. The trip leader has the prerogative to disclaim, in presence of witnesses, responsibility for certain or all actions of participants.
6. Participants must sign the waiver and release form. A parent or legal guardian must sign for all participants under 18 years of age.
7. Minors (under 18 years) shall be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult, and go at the discretion of the trip leader.
8. Participants must advise the trip leader of any medical conditions which may affect their participation in any event, and should participate in only those trips within their physical capacity.
9. Participants should register for outings by phoning the trip leader before 8:00 p.m. on the day previous to the outing, or as directed in the outings schedule in order to receive confirmation of the outing arrangements, and so that the leader may plan for the size and ability of the party.
10. Members are responsible for their own transportation to and from the meeting place, and although car pools are usually formed, a member must be prepared to drive to the meeting place unless other arrangements have been made with the leader or another group member.
11. Field trips and other outings are normally one-day (or less), but overnight trips may also be arranged.