

APPLICATION AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FOR AFTER HOURS BICYCLE USE

“BICYCLE COMMUTING”

This form is an application and waiver of liability/assumption of risk for after-hours bicycle use (“Bicycle Commuting”) for commuting within the Avalon/Glen Artney area of Patapsco Valley State Park.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) and the Maryland Park Service (“MPS”) support green alternatives in commuting. As such, DNR/MPS recognizes people interested in commuting by bicycle as an alternative to heavily traveled roadways. However, most areas of Patapsco Valley State Park were not designed for night time use. There is no lighting - either walk-way lights or street lights - in most of the day-use areas. Staffing levels do not allow staff on duty 24 hours a day; therefore, there is no commitment or guarantee by DNR/MPS for response to injuries or incidents after hours. In addition, the Avalon/Orange Grove/Glen Artney areas of Patapsco have very poor cell phone coverage and only one pay phone is located along the route that most bicycle commuters would travel. DNR/MPS cannot guarantee or ensure road and trail conditions nor ensure road and trail conditions during inclement weather that occurs outside of normal operating hours for the park. The Grist Mill Trail does not have ice or snow removal as part of routine maintenance.

Anyone wishing to commute after-hours through this area is required to obtain a permit and sign a waiver of liability. The following safety equipment must be used by all after-hours commuters: Headlights, reflectors, and helmets. In addition all Bicycle commuters will be required to use the paved portion of the Avalon, Orange Grove, Glen Artney areas of Patapsco to commute via bicycle between South Street (Baltimore County) or River Rd. (Howard County) and Illchester Rd.(Howard County). Map of acceptable routes are attached. Further, due to poor cell phone coverage you are responsible to alert a family member or co-worker of your intended route and travel time frame and provide them with the Park Watch number 800-825-7275 or 410-260-8888, for emergency assistance.

Applicant’s Name

Applicant’s Address Street address
City, State ZIP

Telephone # Day Night

E-mail Address

Must be at least 18 years of age.

I agree to comply with safety instructions given by the Maryland Park Service staff and to be responsible for my personal safety and well-being.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date:_____

Waiver of Liability: (Release)

I, First Name Last Name, agree to hold the Maryland Natural Resources, the Maryland Park Service its contractors, employees, and agents harmless from any and all liability, action, causes of action, losses, damages, debts, claims and demands of any and every kind which may occur during my participation in Bicycle Commuting after hours within the Avalon/Glen Artney area of Patapsco Valley State Park.

The terms of this Agreement shall also serve as a release and assumption of risk in the event of any losses or damages that may occur during my participation in The Bicycle Commuting. I, my assignees, heirs, legal representatives, administrators, family members (including minors), and guardians agree to hold harmless and not make any claim against, or file any suit against, or attach any claims to property of the State of Maryland, the Maryland Park Service, its affiliates, directors, agents, employees, contractors, instructors or guides for any and all losses, injuries or damages I may suffer as a result of the acts of omission, including negligent acts or omissions, of any employee, agent, contractor or staff.

I have carefully read this Agreement for Assumption of Risk and Liability Waiver and Release for The Bicycle Commuting after-hours within the Avalon/Glen Artney area of Patapsco Valley State Park. I fully understand the contents of this Agreement and agree to abide by the terms and policies specified herein. I am aware that this is a binding legal document for release of liability and a contract between the State of Maryland, the Maryland Natural Resources Police and me.

I sign this Agreement with my full understanding, knowledge and consent:

Signature X _____ Date _____

- *This contract agreement will be null and void if it has been altered in any way.*

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LEGAL DOCUMENTS:

- **DRIVER'S LICENSE**
- **BIRTH CERTIFICATE**
- **OTHER PROOF OF AGE**

MAIL TO:

**PATAPSCO VALLEY STATE PARK
8020 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE
ELLCOTT CITY, MD 21043**