

Responsible Travel Agreement

As an outdoor recreation enthusiast and responsible traveller, I take very seriously my role as steward of the wilderness and also of the small communities that make upstate NY such an amazing place. I understand that rural, upstate NY has a very basic, limited, and dispersed healthcare network that is unable to cope with an outbreak of COVID-19.

I understand that I may be travelling from an area with a high number of cases and that my actions may, if irresponsible through oversight, ignorance, or neglect, create an unnecessary risk.

I understand that upstate NY has seen an unprecedented increase in visitors from other parts of NY and across the Northeast and that increased visitation by less experienced travellers has led to mass overcrowding of the most well known and popular spots. I agree that I will disperse my use responsibly.

I understand that many local SAR and DEC personnel are still on COVID-19 related duty and know that this cuts into my margin of error, so I will travel within my skill level and adjust according to current conditions.

I understand that not everyone I encounter will be well versed in trail etiquette, outdoor ethics, conservation, park regulations, and the like. I will make an effort to understand that this might be a person who has turned to the outdoors for solace in times of crisis, and I can help expand their enjoyment and educate with empathy.

While travelling to/from the region, I agree that I will stop as infrequently as possible and use all safety protocols while in public en route.

_____	_____	_____
Participant Signature	Printed Name	Date

_____	_____	_____
Parent Signature(for minor participant)	Printed Name	Date