

NOTICE OF RISKS OF CAMPING

Camping is a lot of fun. It offers the chance to get outdoors, experience fresh air and play in open spaces. We are proud of our campground. We have worked hard to make a high-quality experience available to our guests.

But we need to inform our guests that there are risks in camping. It's the outdoors itself and the experiences and attractions which come with the outdoors which make camping enjoyable – and they bring with them an element of risk. If you're outside, you can be rained on. There are many delights to the natural world, but there are also hazards. We have always found the rewards, emotional and recreational, far outweigh the risks. We believe that training, patience and prudence are the way to avoid problems. We do want to be sure all of our guests are aware of the risks posed by camping-related activities.

Where nature, outdoors and camping activities are involved, it is possible to manage and reduce the risk of injury. It is not possible to eliminate risk. For that reason, the State of Wisconsin has adopted laws which limit the liability of businesses like our campground. We are not liable for injuries and damages which result from the inherent risks of camping. We want to be sure our customers are aware of those laws. Customers should not participate in our recreational activities if they are uncomfortable with the limitations on our liability resulting from the law.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing my name below, I agree that I have been given this "NOTICE OF RISKS OF CAMPING." I have been asked to read the entire Notice by Campground. I have had the chance to ask questions about the Notice. This Notice has informed me that there are risks associated with camping and related recreation. I have decided that the benefits to me of participating in camping and related recreation outweigh the risks. I have asked the Campground to allow me to participate in camping despite being aware of those risks. As a result, I agree to assume all risks in camping and that the Campground is immune from liability to the extent provided by Wisconsin Law.

I HAVE READ THIS NOTICE. I AM SIGNING FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY. I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE I CANNOT SUE OR RECOVER DAMAGES FROM CAMPGROUND IF I AM INJURED WHILE PARTICIPATING IN CAMPING ACTIVITIES.

Guest Name: _____

Signature: _____ (parent or legal guardian if under 18)

Date: _____

The text of the Wisconsin law is below:

895.519 Civil liability exemption; private campgrounds.

(l) In this section:

(am) "Inherent risk of camping" means a danger or condition that is an integral part of camping, including dangers posed by any of the following:

1. Features of the natural world, such as trees, tree stumps, roots, brush, rocks, mud, sand, and soil.
2. Uneven or unpredictable terrain.
3. Natural bodies of water.
4. Another camper or visitor at the private campground acting in a negligent manner, where the campground owner or employees are not involved.
5. A lack of lighting, including lighting at campsites.
6. Campfires in a fire pit or enclosure provided by the campground.
7. Weather.
8. Insects, birds, and other wildlife.

(bm) "Private campground" means a facility that is issued a campground license under s. [97.67](#) and that is owned and operated by a private property owner, as defined in s. [895.52 \(1\) \(e\)](#).

(2) Except as provided in sub. [\(3\)](#), a private campground, an owner or operator of a private campground, and any

employees and officers of a private campground or private campground owner or operator are immune from civil liability for acts or omissions related to camping at a private campground if a person is injured or killed, or property is damaged, as a result of an inherent risk of camping.

(3) The immunity of sub. [\(2\)](#) does not apply if the person seeking immunity does any of the following:

(a) Intentionally causes the injury, death, or property damage.

(b) Acts with a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the party or the property damaged. In this paragraph, "willful or wanton disregard" means conduct committed with an intentional or reckless disregard for the safety of others.

(c) Fails to conspicuously post warning signs of a dangerous inconspicuous condition known to him or her on the property that he or she owns, leases, rents, or is otherwise in lawful control or possession of.

(4) This section does not limit the immunity created under s. [895.52](#).

(5) Nothing in this section affects the assumption of risk under s. [895.525](#) by a person participating in a recreational activity including camping