

SANTA CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY HIKING USE PERMIT

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITIES

PERMITTEE acknowledges that the area over which this permit is granted is a wild lands area, containing, without limitation, wild bison, rattlesnakes, and other wildlife, rough terrain, trails and roads, and other conditions, which are intrinsic to the environment and locale, all of which may be dangerous and/or hazardous to life, limb and property. **PERMITTEE** voluntarily accepts and assumes all such risks of personal injury, wrongful death, or property damage. **PERMITTEE** as consideration for the granting of this permit, for himself/herself, his/her heirs, executors, successors and assigns, waives and releases any and all claims, demands or rights of action, in law or in equity, known or unknown against SANTA CATALINA ISLAND CO., SANTA CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY, TWO HARBORS ENTERPRISES, and THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, LOS ANGELES COUNTY and their officers, directors, members, agents and employees for any loss, damage or injury of any kind whatsoever, to himself/herself or to his/her property or to the property of others, occurring from any cause whatsoever, arising directly or indirectly out of the exercise of any right granted by this permit, unless the same be attributable to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of SANTA CATALINA ISLAND CO., SANTA CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY, TWO HARBORS ENTERPRISES or DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, their officers, directors, members, agents or employees. **PERMITTEE** understands that this is a release of **PERMITTEE'S** right to sue.

Failure to comply with the rules and regulations shall forfeit right of use of the Santa Catalina Island Conservancy property for a minimum of 1 year.

Santa Catalina Island Conservancy

Hiking Rules and Regulations

1. No smoking or open fire is allowed anywhere on Conservancy land except at designated campgrounds or facilities pursuant to Los Angeles County Fire ordinances and Conservancy regulations. Los Angeles County Code Section 17.12.370 prohibits fires on beaches in Los Angeles County.
2. Pack out all trash. Limited waste collection is available at some campgrounds. Littering is a violation of Conservancy regulations and state and county laws.
3. Tree cutting or gathering of wood, including driftwood, for fires is prohibited.
4. Do not disturb, excavate, damage or deface archaeological or historical sites (middens, habitation sites, rock art, historical structures, etc.). Leave all artifacts (bowls, shells, tools, mortars, jewelry, lithic materials, etc.) in the places where they are presently located. If you believe an artifact is at risk, contact a Conservancy ranger or staff person immediately with exact location information.
5. No person shall play or utilize any sound amplifying system.
6. Collecting, harvesting, hunting, trapping or otherwise exploiting plants, animals, rocks or minerals on Conservancy lands is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Conservancy and in conformance with local, state and federal laws.
7. Do not spread invasive plants to Catalina Island. Before coming to the Island, and when you leave, check your clothing and shoes carefully for seeds, dirt and mud. Remove all seeds or soil and dispose of them properly.
8. Do not feed or disturb wildlife, especially Island foxes, deer, bison, squirrels or ravens. Feeding wildlife is a violation of California Fish and Game laws and Conservancy regulations. Maintain a safe distance from bison. Bison are large animals that can cause serious injury and even death. Do not approach or harass bison and other wildlife on Catalina and always maintain a safe distance.
9. Hunting on Conservancy lands is only allowed during established hunting seasons and in accordance with the Conservancy's Private Land Management Program and the State of California's Fish and Wildlife Laws. No person who is not authorized by the Conservancy shall hunt or trap on Conservancy lands, or carry firearms, traps or other hunting equipment onto Conservancy lands.
10. Hitchhiking is prohibited.
11. Dogs and horses are allowed on Conservancy trails and roads. Dogs must be leashed at all times, with collar and tags. Cats or other non-native animals are not allowed. All dog waste must be collected and removed. All dogs over 4 months must be fully vaccinated and licensed (LAMC 53.21, 53.51 and LAMC 53.28). Current vaccinations include: tri-annual rabies; annual distemper combination (DLHPCC) and kennel cough (Bordetella).
12. Adhere to all regulations that govern your travel in the backcountry. As a visitor you have the responsibility to "leave no trace" of your presence on the natural environment.
13. Stay on roads and trails that are open for public use. When hiking on roads with vehicle traffic hike in a single file and approach blind curves cautiously.

CAUTION- Be alert for rattlesnakes, ticks, and poison oak + Stay on roads and trails + Watch your step + Take plenty of fluids per person + Do not disturb any snakes, bison, fox, or other wildlife.