

**MARBLE AND FLY CAVES  
CAVE HAZARDS DISCLOSURE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

This disclosure form is to be read and signed by all persons desiring access to any cave on the Blackwell property. The purpose of this document is to help cavers understand the risks and hazards that may be encountered in the caves. The caves on the Blackwell property are wild, semi-developed caves, which present numerous hazards to anyone entering.

- 1. Difficult Terrain** - A normal trip requires crawling, squeezing through constrictions, climbing, skirting and bridging deep pits and canyons, walking on loose rocks, and walking and crawling through mud and water.
- 2. Climate** - Cavers will be exposed to the extremes of wet and dry conditions. Temperatures are normally 54° ± 4°F.
- 3. Rock Falls** - Cave floors, walls and ceilings contain loose rock. Rock falls are normal and a frequent occurrence.
- 4. Complex and Restricted Passages** - Some caves contain extensive, complex, and sometimes restricted passages, some of which are confusing, maze-like, and unmarked. There is a risk of becoming lost, disoriented, or trapped in the cave.
- 5. Poor Light Conditions** - Some caves are totally dark.
- 6. Harmful Organisms, Animals, Mammals, Reptiles, Insects, and Toxic Gases** - Some or all of these may be present in any cave on the property.
- 7. Gate Failure** - Cavers could be temporarily trapped in the cave due to improper use or mechanical failure of the gate or lock.
- 8. Physical and Psychological Stress** - Caving subjects individuals to extreme and abnormal physical stresses. If you have back problems, are recovering from surgery or broken bones or you are or may be pregnant, you should not attempt this trip. Cavers also tend to experience psychological stresses such as claustrophobia, agoraphobia, and acrophobia. If you suffer from any of these, this excursion may not be for you.
- 9. Other hazards** - A trip into any cave on the property will subject a caver to other unknown hazards and risks. This document attempts to list the most commonly encountered hazards and risks. However, it should not be considered as an all-inclusive listing.

**No commercial trips are allowed and trip leaders may not accept payment for trips into the caves.**

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPLORING ANY CAVE, AND I AGREE THAT LAWRENCE AND MARY BLACKWELL AND ALL "RELEASED PARTIES" SHALL BE HELD HARMLESS FROM ANY LIABILITY WHATSOEVER FOR MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DAMAGES, INJURY OR DEATH RESULTING FROM ENTERING AND/OR EXPLORING ANY CAVE, AND THAT LAWRENCE AND MARY BLACKWELL ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY THEREFORE.

In consideration of my being permitted by Lawrence and Mary Blackwell (hereinafter "Owner") to enter premises owned or managed by it for my own purpose of exploring said premises, on behalf of myself, my heirs and personal representatives, I forever waive any claim for injuries, damages or losses which may occur to my person or property while I am in or upon said premises. I acknowledge that I am aware of the risks inherent in exploration and assume any and all risks associated with cave exploration or exploration of property owned or managed by Owner. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless the Owner, and the Owner's agents, employees, shareholders, directors, officers, related entities, heirs, personal representative, affiliates, successors and assigns (collectively, the "released parties") from all liability for any such injuries, damages, losses or death, including but not limited to any liability which might be based on any act, negligence or omission by any of the Released Parties. I agree to be solely responsible for my own safety, to take every precaution to provide for my own safety and well being while participating in activities above or below ground on property owned or managed by Lawrence and Mary Blackwell.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE TERMS OF THIS WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE MEANS FAILURE TO DO AN ACT, WHICH A REASONABLE, CAREFUL PERSON WOULD DO, OR THE DOING OF AN ACT WHICH A REASONABLE, CAREFUL PERSON WOULD NOT DO UNDER THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROTECT THEMSELVES OR OTHERS FROM INJURY OR DEATH. I AM SIGNING THIS WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION VOLUNTARILY, WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS EFFECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT, UNLESS IT IS PREVIOUSLY REVOKED BY ME IN WRITING, IT WILL BE EFFECTIVE FOR ANY AND ALL OCCASIONS WHEN I MAY BE PERMITTED TO ENTER SAID PREMISES OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE OWNER AFTER THIS DATE.

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SIGNATURE AND DATE

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PRINT NAME (Legibly)

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CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS OR PHONE #

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CURRENT CITY AND STATE OF RESIDENCE

**IF THE PERSON WHOSE SIGNATURE APPEARS ABOVE IS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE, THIS DECLARATION MUST BE SIGNED BELOW BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.**

As the parent/guardian of the minor who signed the foregoing Hazards Disclosure and Waiver of Liability statement, I do hereby declare my intent and agreement to be jointly and severally bound by all terms thereof.

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND DATE

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PRINT NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (Legibly)