

Hiking Backpack Kit Borrower Agreement & Guidelines

GUIDELINES FOR BORROWING AND RETURNING

- Seven (7) day loan period to a borrower that is 18 years or older with an MHLS library card in good standing.
- The Hiking Backpack Kit is non-renewable. If not available, Borrowers may place a hold on the kit.
- The Hiking Backpack Kit is checked out and back in, in the same condition it was checked out (all items intact and backpack free of garbage), during business hours at the Patterson Library by a staff member at the Circulation Desk.
- Borrower and Library Staff sign and date this Agreement and Guidelines, and complete the Agreement Form's checks, using the Hiking Backpack Kit Inventory, to mark the Kit's contents at check-out and at check-in.

WHAT ARE THE FEES AND LIABILITY?

- \$5 per day for every late day after the due date will be charged to the Borrower's MHLS library card.
- \$20 fee will be charged if the Kit is returned in the Book Drop or outside the entrance of any library.
- If the items in the Hiking Backpack Kit are damaged, stolen, or lost, the Borrower is charged the replacement cost of that item.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE HIKING BACKPACK KIT?

- Daypack
- Rain cover
- First Aid Kit
- Headlamp/batteries
- Compass
- Binoculars
- Trekking pole/Carabiner w/ instructions and feet (3 total)
- Rain Poncho
- Emergency Blanket
- *Peterson Field Guide to Wildflower*
- *Trees Guide*
- *What's That Bird?*
- *Wildlife Guide*
- *Appalachian Trail maps (2)*
- *50 Hikes in the Lower Hudson Valley*

WHAT DO YOU, THE BORROWER, NEED TO PROVIDE?

- Please review the hiking information provided on our website for tips, and what to bring such as plenty of water, food, good walking shoes, extra socks, insect spray, sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, appropriate clothing, and a bag for collecting your trash to hike out with.
- Follow "*Leave No Trace Principles*" for day hikes, picnicking, or overnight camping.

The Borrower, by signing below, acknowledges that they are responsible for charges accrued, and for damages, or lost items in the Hiking Backpack Kit. The Borrower also acknowledges that there are risks involved in hiking and will take the precautions to avoid injury. If the Borrower is negligent, injured, or hurt in anyway, or does not follow federal, state, or local laws regarding hiking and private property rights, that the Patterson Library is removed from any legal liability for the Borrower's failure to not know or observe the laws and regulations, or if they physically injure themselves or others, while using the Kit.

BORROWER NAME (PRINT): _____

BORROWER SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

LIBRARY CARD #: _____

DUE DATE: _____

BORROWER PHONE #: _____

LIBRARY STAFF SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____