



Knox Farm State Park Equestrian Permit and Agreement

[Name of Individual]

[Phone]

[Street]

[City]

[State]

[Zip Code]

- (a) I understand and agree to assume all responsibilities arising from horseback riding in **Knox Farm State Park**.
- (b) I further understand and agree to bring only horses certified to be free of Equine Infectious Anemia into the park; to bring a NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Equine Anemia Test Record for each horse brought into the park. **I agree to provide the park office with a legible copy of a current negative Coggins Certificate** issued in accordance with the Agriculture and Markets Rules and Regulations, Part 64. **This permit is only valid as long as the Coggins Certificate is in effect and on file with the park office.**
- (c) I shall promptly report any and all unusual incidents directly to the Park Police 716 (278-1777). Unusual incidents include but are not limited to: damage to park property, accidents, personal injuries, death, and/or damages of any kind whatsoever.
- (d) I release **Knox Farm State Park**, its agents, servants and/or employees, as well as the **State of New York**, from any and all liability for personal injuries, death and/or damages of any kind whatsoever.
- (e) I agree to assume all risk in connection with this permit and will be solely responsible and answerable in damages for all accidents or injuries to person or property and agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the People of the State of New York; New York State Executive Department; Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Knox Farm State Park; their commissioners; officers; agents and employees from any claims, suits, actions, damages and costs of every nature and description in connection with equestrian activity while riding at the park.
- (f) I acknowledge that this agreement will be binding upon me, my heirs, legal representatives and assigns forever.
- (g) I further agree that this permit is not valid until the attached copy is signed by rider, guardian or parent of minors under 18 yrs of age and park manager. After completion, return by mail to: Park Manager's Office, Fort Niagara State Park, 1 Maintenance Ave., Youngstown, NY 14174.
- (h) In addition to the above conditions, I agree to abide by all riding rules whether written or spoken by any NYS Parks and Recreation employee. I also acknowledge receipt of a copy of Knox Farm State Park's Riding Rules and agree to comply with same.

This permit may be revoked at any time for failure to adhere to park rules and regulations.

I am of legal age and agree to the conditions as outlined.

[Signature of Individual]

[Date]

I am the parent or guardian of the minor identified above and agree to the conditions as outlined.

[Signature of Parent or Guardian]

[Date]

PERMIT IS IN EFFECT FROM APRIL 15 – DECEMBER 31, 2011 WEATHER PERMITTING. THIS PERMIT MUST BE CARRIED AT ALL TIMES WHILE RIDING. A SECOND COPY WITH PERMIT NUMBER VISIBLE MUST BE CONSPICUOUSLY PLACED ON THE DASH OF THE TOWING VEHICLE.

[Signature of Park Manager]

[Date]

PERMIT NUMBER



EQUESTRIAN RIDING RULES OF KNOX FARM STATE PARK

- All riders are required to wear ASTM certified riding helmets.
- **Stay out of restricted areas.** This includes the old stable, surrounding pastures, and mansion lawn areas.
- Stay on designated equestrian trails and grass areas. Avoid blacktop areas wherever possible.
- Do not clean trailers or leave manure in parking areas. Keep staging areas clean and free of litter and loose hay.
- Keep off polo and soccer fields.
- Ride at a walk, trot or cantor. – Galloping is prohibited anywhere in park.
- Jumping any obstacle is prohibited.
- Horses must be properly saddled and bridled.
- Riding double or bareback is prohibited.
- Meet and pass other horses or hikers at a walk and in single file. Keep in mind, trails are shared by all.
- Smoking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Load and unload horse(s) at the Chur equestrian field parking area (Knox Rd @ Gypsy Ln) weather permitting.
- Certain dates may conflict with other scheduled activities. Therefore, certain horseback riding black out dates will be put in force. Whenever possible, signage will be posted in advance at equestrian field and at informational kiosks located within park indicating these dates.
- Riding permits are non transferrable and State Parks reserves the right to revoke permit due to any violation of the above rules or other acts of misconduct.

RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM WITH A LEGIBLE COPY OF THE COGGINS CERTIFICATE TO:

KNOX FARM EQUESTRIAN PERMIT
c/o Fort Niagara State Park
1 Maintenance Avenue
Youngstown, NY 14174

Or Scan the completed form and Coggins Certificate and return via e-mail to:

Susan.Fleming@oprhp.state.ny.us

(716)745-7273

TWO COPIES OF PERMIT MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE PARK BY EACH RIDER. ONE COPY MUST BE KEPT WITH RIDER AND SURRENDERED TO ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS OR A POLICE OFFICER UPON REQUEST. THE SECOND COPY MUST BE VISIBLY DISPLAYED ON DASH OF TOWING VEHICLE. THIS WILL ALERT US TO A POSSIBLE EMERGENCY IN THE EVENT THAT A RIDER DOES NOT RETURN TO THEIR VEHICLE.